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Student Voting Rates for Lone Star College System

NSLVE Campus Report

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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to share this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for several recent election cycles. For the first time ever, this report contains *four* years of relevant topline data: the midterm elections of 2014, 2018, and 2022, along with contextual data from the 2020 presidential election year. As we build the NSLVE data over time, the additional years of data may help your institution to begin to understand longer-term trends and considerations for practice.

This month, we are also looking forward to the release of Democracy Counts 2022, our national report on our most recent midterm elections. The results from 2022 were mixed – some encouraging trends and some signs of more work to do. We are excited to dive into the results with you and share what we see as the major takeaways in the coming weeks, so stay tuned.

You've heard this from us before: we urge you to share this report widely and strategically across your campus community. NSLVE data is an important resource for not only understanding your institution but also building a culture of political learning in higher education. We also invite you to invite you to lean on our team's resources, including our Election Imperatives report series, which provides data-backed practical recommendations for centering civic and political learning and participation.

Other resources that you might find helpful in your work include our forthcoming national report (keep an eye on our homepage!) , our report on how institutions use NSLVE reports, and our discussion guide on how to talk about your NSLVE reports on campus.

Finally, we always encourage you to reach out to us for support and with any questions that you may have. Email NSLVE@tufts.edu to get in touch with our team, and as always, watch your inbox (or sign up!) for our periodic newsletter, announcements about upcoming releases, and new resources.

Remember, student political learning is a constant effort, requiring year-round strategic building. Elections may be episodic, but student engagement in democracy should not be.

All the Best,
Adam, Duy, Mari, and Victoria
The NSLVE Team

In This Report

This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut charts, and tables.

Tables

The tables show the numbers of students and the rates from 2014, 2018, 2020, and 2022,when available. The change column represents difference between comparable counts and rates. The change in rates are in terms of percentage points. A red down arrow indicates a decrease, a green up arrow indicates an increase, and a yellow arrow pointing to the right indicates no change. "-" in these tables indicates that the data is unavailable/missing, or is available for 10 or less students.

Vessel Chart

This chart shows rates out of 100%, with arrows to the right of each bar representing relevant national averages (medians), which you can find in Democracy Counts, our national report series.

Overlapping Donut Chart

This chart is used to show the breakdown of vote method utilization (page 9), with the inner ring showing your campus's method utilization and the outer ring showing the national level utilization. These are described in percentages.

Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

28.0%
2022 Voting Rate

-8.9
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE
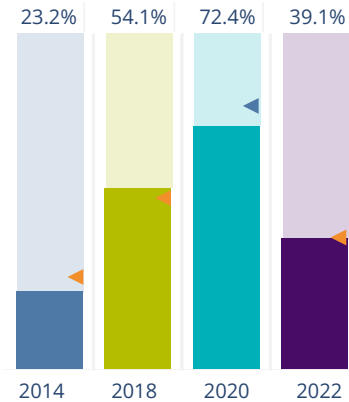
| 55.1%	68.2%	72.0%	71.6%
2014	2018	2020	2022
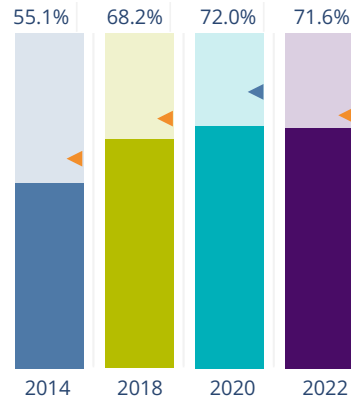
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

23.2%	54.1%	72.4%	39.1%
2014	2018	2020	2022

The **Voting Rate of Registered Students** is the percent of registered students who voted on Election Day. We often refer to this as the "yield" rate.

VOTING RATE

12.8%	36.9%	52.1%	28.0%
2014	2018	2020	2022
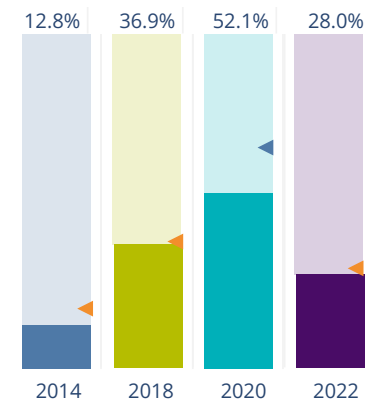
The **Voting Rate** is the percentage of eligible students who voted on Election Day. The voting rate is also the product of the registration and yield rates.

Looking Closer

Voting and Registration Rates

	2014	2018	2020	2022	2018-2022 Change
Total Student Enrollment	68,826	71,983	71,296	68,252	⬇ -3,730
Age under 18/Unknown	8,706	14,052	17,647	18,778	⬆ 4,726
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,110	2,830	2,020	1,982	⬇ -848
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	772	633	865	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	-	-	-	-
Total eligible voters	58,237	54,467	50,764	47,491	⬇ -6,975
Number of students who registered	32,060	37,147	36,565	33,995	⬇ -3,152
Number of students who voted	7,449	20,084	26,465	13,285	⬇ -6,799
Registration Rate %	55	68	72	71	⬆ 3
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	23	54	72	39	⬇ -14
Voting Rate %	12	36	52	27	⬇ -8

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates. The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged, students who are not pursuing degrees.
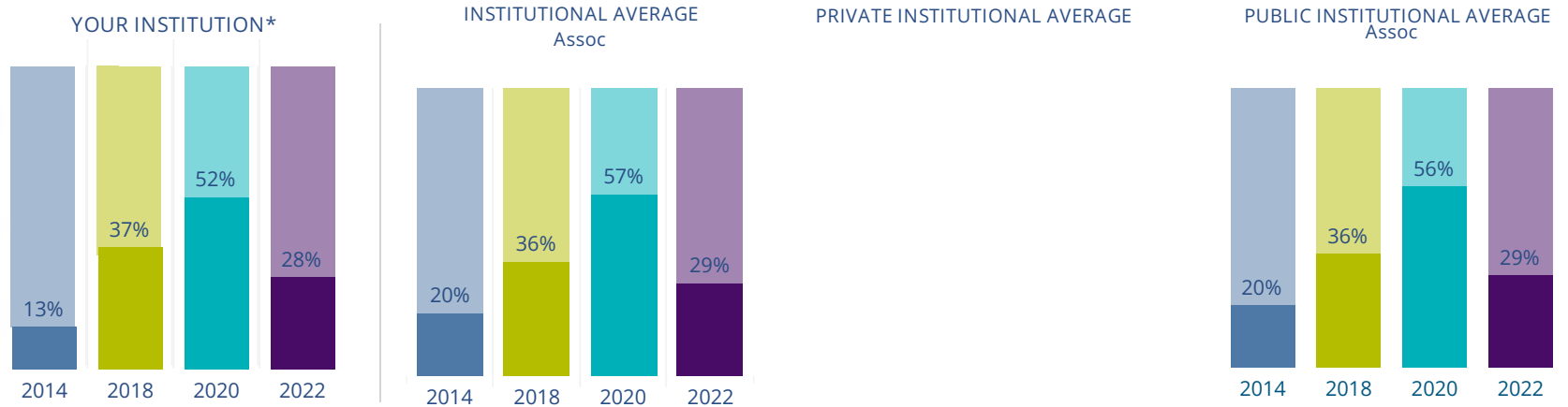
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to NSC, or we cannot verify the accuracy of the reported counts. This is indicated by IPEDS in the data source.

In the following pages with tables, **Enrolled** represents the eligible voters when we have used NSC as the data source. When we have used IPEDS as the data source, **Enrolled** includes non-resident aliens who are ineligible to vote, and for whom we are unable to account due to the lack of data from your institution.
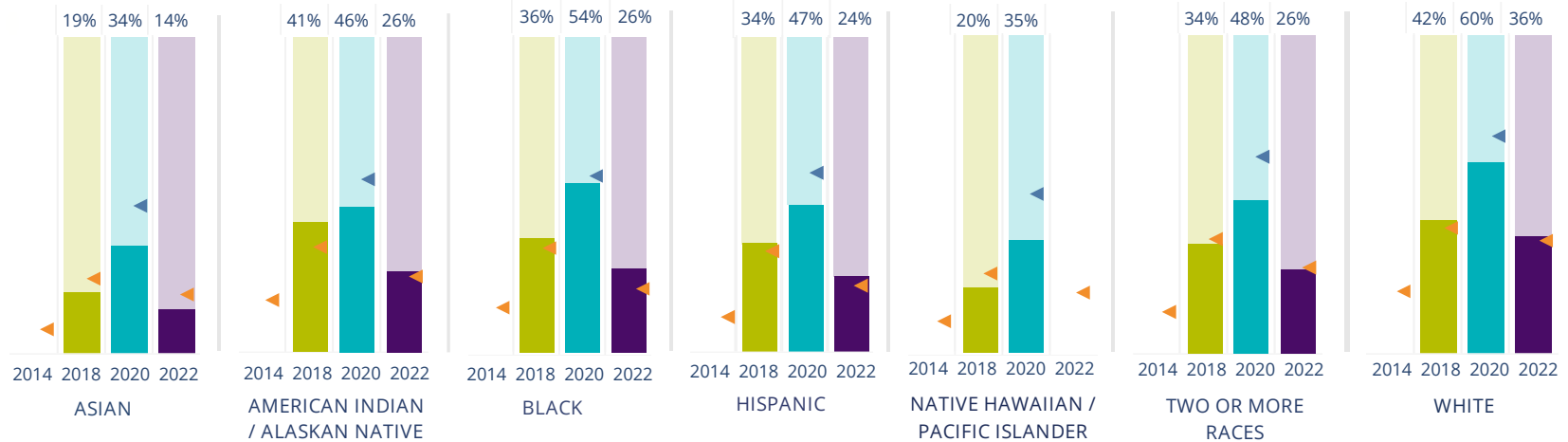
By Institution Types

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 79%
39.1%	LOW 7%

2022 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 68%
30.6%	LOW 4%

These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. For Associate institutions, we only share public associate institutional averages due to sample size. *"Your Institution" chart is presented at a different scale.

YOUR INSTITUTION*

2014	2018	2020	2022
13%	37%	52%	28%

INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE
Assoc

2014	2018	2020	2022
20%	36%	57%	29%

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE
Assoc

2014	2018	2020	2022
20%	36%	56%	29%

By Race / Ethnicity

Chart showing estimated voting rates by race/ethnicity for years 2014, 2018, 2020, 2022:

- **ASIAN:** 19% (2018), 34% (2020), 14% (2022)
- **AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE:** 41% (2018), 46% (2020), 26% (2022)
- **BLACK:** 36% (2018), 54% (2020), 26% (2022)
- **HISPANIC:** 34% (2018), 47% (2020), 24% (2022)
- **NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER:** 20% (2018), 35% (2020)
- **TWO OR MORE RACES:** 34% (2018), 48% (2020), 26% (2022)
- **WHITE:** 42% (2018), 60% (2020), 36% (2022)

These are estimated voting rates for race / ethnicity groups. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following race reporting procedures* defined by the National Center for Education Statistics of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Please see our FAQ for more detail : https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq

If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data or reports this data as unknown; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

*https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/report-your-data/race-ethnicity-collecting-data-for-reporting-purposes

Looking Closer

By Race/Ethnicity

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates. We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data or reports this data as unknown; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Asian	-	-	-	3,720	720	19	3,599	1,213	33	3,459	485	14	⬇ -5
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	114	47	41	89	41	46	117	30	25	⬇ -15
Black	-	-	-	8,415	3,030	36	7,537	4,032	53	7,068	1,864	26	⬇ -9
Hispanic	-	-	-	22,251	7,665	34	21,588	10,074	46	21,288	5,123	24	⬇ -10
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	158	32	20	96	34	35	46	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	3,208	1,095	34	3,780	1,809	47	4,086	1,076	26	⬇ -7
White	-	-	-	16,982	7,051	41	14,841	8,912	60	12,411	4,513	36	⬇ -5
Race Unknown	59,348	7,449	12	2,450	444	18	1,255	350	27	999	185	18	➡ 0

By Voting Method

Legend: ■ Not-In-Person ■ Early Vote ■ In-Person ■ Other ■ Provisional ■ Unknown
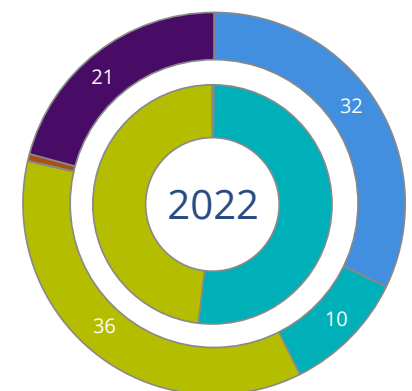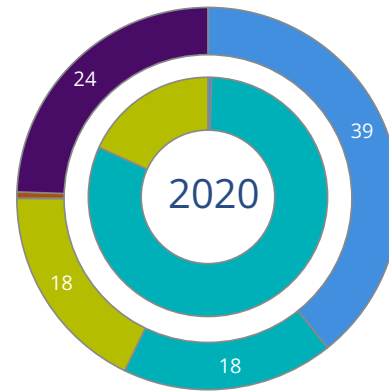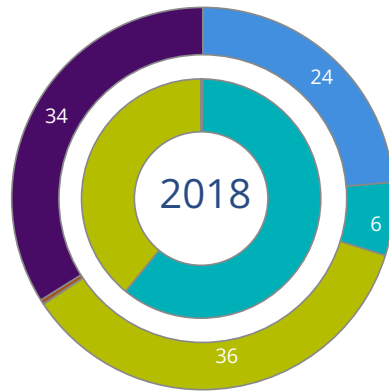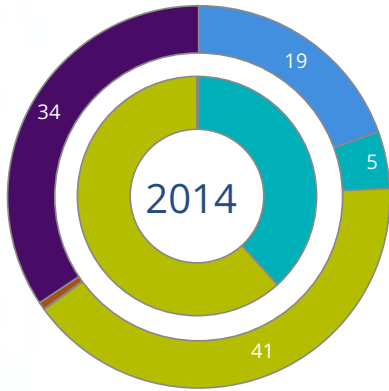
	2014		2018		2020		2022		2018-2022
	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Early Vote	2,835	38	12,183	60	21,504	81	6,866	51	⬇ -9
In-Person	4,593	61	7,847	39	4,820	18	6,384	48	⬆ 9
Not-In-Person	12	0	48	0	129	0	27	0	➡ 0
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	-	-	-	-	12	0	-	-	-

These are estimated rates for vote method utilization, the number of students utilizing each method, and the percent of students utilizing each method. Not all U.S. states provide information on vote method; voting method for voter files from these states are classified "Voting Method Unknown." For a list of these states, see our FAQ. https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-faq#CampusReports. The inner ring in these charts show your campus's method utilization and the outer ring show the national level utilization.

By Age Group

	2014	2018	2020	2022
18-21	10%	36%	50%	26%
22-24	9%	30%	46%	25%
25-29	10%	28%	44%	22%
30-39	15%	34%	50%	26%
40-49	25%	45%	61%	36%
50+	39%	58%	71%	52%

Voting is habit-forming and young voters will often continue as voters in subsequent elections. Also, elected officials and public opinion polls solicit opinions from people they can locate - people in the voter files. Our 2020 data showed a surge among the youngest voters on college campuses, yet 2022 saw a return to past trends, with older students voting at higher rates than their younger counterparts. This change underscores the importance of continued need for institutionalized learning -- working with students to help them understand their political voice and power as they arrive on campus.

Looking Closer

By Age Group

Here, we provide the numbers of students in each age category and the voting rates for each group. These are based on the student's age on the day of the election, as calculated by the National Student Clearinghouse using data from student enrollment records.

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
18-21	28,122	2,965	10	30,107	10,890	36	28,338	14,354	50	27,539	7,217	26	⬇ -9
22-24	9,893	900	9	9,001	2,784	30	8,154	3,808	46	7,696	1,992	25	⬇ -5
25-29	8,094	824	10	7,399	2,122	28	6,664	2,937	44	5,612	1,275	22	⬇ -5
30-39	8,048	1,226	15	6,724	2,295	34	6,065	3,081	50	5,323	1,427	26	⬇ -7
40-49	3,643	928	25	2,876	1,298	45	2,580	1,581	61	2,280	833	36	⬇ -8
50+	1,548	606	39	1,191	695	58	984	704	71	1,024	541	52	⬇ -5

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	35,195	4,476	12	33,883	12,214	36	32,537	16,502	50	29,361	8,046	27	⬇ -8
Male	24,150	2,973	12	23,413	7,869	33	20,247	9,963	49	20,109	5,239	26	⬇ -7

These are estimated voting rates for sex groups and the numbers we used to calculate their voting rates. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following the reporting procedures defined by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Presently, NCES requires institutions to report students as "Male" or "Female" only.*

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*https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/public/survey-materials/faq?faqid=11

Looking Closer

By Education Level / Undergraduate Class Year

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022 Rate Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
EDUCATION LEVEL													
Undergraduate	56,475	7,089	12	54,203	18,947	34	48,489	24,192	49	45,368	11,953	26	⬇ -8
Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Class Unknown	2,873	360	12	3,095	1,037	33	4,296	2,146	49	4,106	1,253	30	⬇ -2
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sophomore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Upperclassman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	15,505	1,891	12	18,334	6,599	35	17,768	8,831	49	16,287	4,367	26	⬇ -9
Part-time	43,843	5,558	12	38,964	13,485	34	35,017	17,634	50	33,187	8,918	26	⬇ -7

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (under-graduate/graduate), Class Year, and Enrollment Status (full-time/part-time), and the numbers we used to calculate these rates.

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By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	-	-	-	908	305	33	702	344	49	555	165	29	⬇ -3
Business, Management, and Marketing	-	-	-	3,907	1,301	33	4,601	2,259	49	6,089	1,451	23	⬇ -9
Communication and Journalism	-	-	-	166	74	44	211	124	58	184	58	31	⬇ -13

These are estimated voting rates by field of study, and the numbers we used to calculate the field of study rates. For an explanation of CIP codes, please see our FAQ.* There are roughly 8,000 fields of study among U.S. colleges and universities, so we provide rates for condensed categories.

*https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Computer and Information Sciences	-	-	-	1,509	498	33	2,002	963	48	2,641	692	26	⬇ -6
Construction Trades	-	-	-	123	28	22	153	63	41	155	40	25	⬆ 3
Education	-	-	-	2,320	774	33	2,317	1,175	50	2,317	684	29	⬇ -3
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	-	-	-	1,745	533	30	1,759	810	46	1,576	355	22	⬇ -8
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	-	-	-	169	75	44	101	53	52	85	26	30	⬇ -13
Health Professions	-	-	-	2,010	711	35	2,085	1,101	52	1,989	571	28	⬇ -6
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	-	-	-	1,079	376	34	1,118	559	50	1,009	251	24	⬇ -9

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Legal Professions and Studies	-	-	-	205	87	42	258	136	52	228	84	36	⬇ -5
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	-	-	-	40,075	14,198	35	33,523	16,788	50	27,693	7,357	26	⬇ -8
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	445	117	26	372	150	40	428	80	18	⬇ -7
Personal and Culinary Services	-	-	-	116	31	26	109	59	54	95	27	28	⬆ 1
Precision Production	-	-	-	387	94	24	288	130	45	252	55	21	⬇ -2
Science Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	229	85	37	254	120	47	156	34	21	⬇ -15
Social Sciences	-	-	-	46	27	58	34	22	64	294	91	30	⬇ -27
Visual and Performing Arts	-	-	-	270	117	43	232	134	57	473	165	34	⬇ -8
Unknown	59,348	7,449	12	1,589	653	41	2,666	1,475	55	2,961	997	33	⬇ -7

About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement.

Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, nearly 1,200 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2022 federal elections.

Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database representing an average of well over 10 million students for each election year, that serves as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

The National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement (NSLVE, "en-solve") is a service offered to colleges and universities that provides a tailored report on their students' voting rates and other metrics. Launched in 2013 at Tufts University's Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life, NSLVE represents more than 1,200 campuses in all 50 states + D.C. and now serves as a widely impactful resource for the work of understanding and fostering student political learning.

About the Data

The voter registration and voting rates in this report reflect the percentage of your institution's students who were eligible to vote and who actually voted in the 2014, 2018, 2020, and 2022 elections.

These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) and publicly available voting files collected by L2 Political.

Enrollment lists are adjusted by deducting students under age 18 (at the time of the election), people identified as non-degree seeking and those identified by campuses as "nonresident aliens" (NRAs) (the federal government's category for mostly international students). Unfortunately, not all campuses report NRAs to NSC. For those campuses, we use IPEDS to calculate the number of NRA students on each campus and adjust NSC enrollment numbers to estimate the number of students to remove. We also quality check NRA removals by verifying that there is little to no discrepancy between the number of international students reported by the campus to IPEDS and to NSC. We cannot adjust subgroup analyses absent identification of NRAs verified by the process above. We welcome closer partnerships with individual colleges and universities to provide more accurate rates. For more on the data and the matching process, see our FAQ on Campus Reports.

Thank you for the work you do to improve your students' political learning and engagement. We hope that you find your NSLVE report useful. For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources, and to sign up for our newsletter visit: https://nslve.tufts.edu.

References: NSLVE encourages report recipients to share this report as broadly as possible, including posting it on the college or university's website. When doing so, please use the following citation: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2024). 2022 report for _____ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.

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