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Student Voting Rates for Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College

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

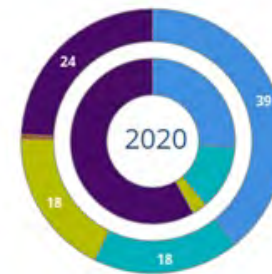
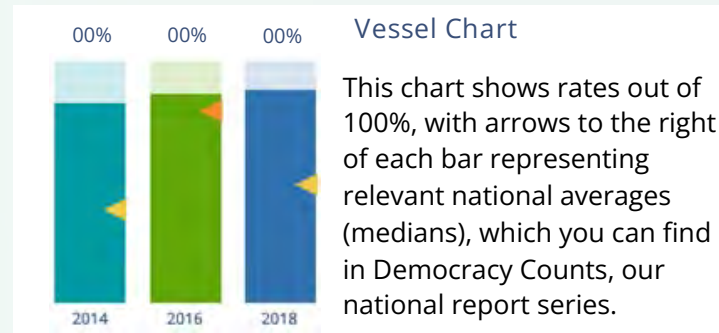
In This Report

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

	2014			2018			2014-2018 Change (p.p.)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.



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

18.8%

2022 Voting Rate

-6.9

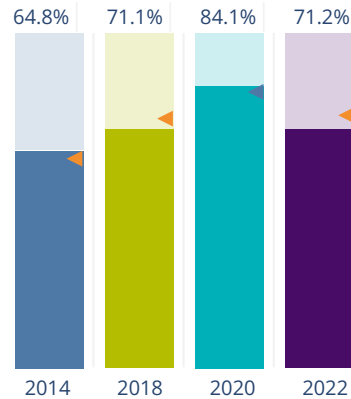
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

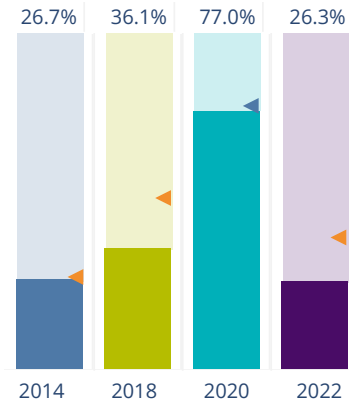
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



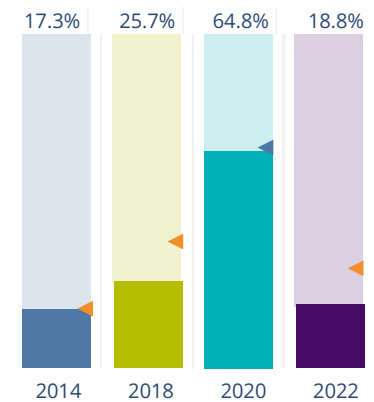
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS



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



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	31,069	29,434	31,892	34,256	↑ 4,821
Age under 18/Unknown	802	74	118	131	↑ 57
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,597	1,612	1,240	1,435	↓ -176
Datasource	NSC	NSC	IPEDS	IPEDS	
FERPA records blocked	21	-	11	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	3,324	279	638	-	-
Total eligible voters	25,325	27,464	29,884	32,689	↑ 5,225
Number of students who registered	16,408	19,533	25,133	23,283	↑ 3,750
Number of students who voted	4,375	7,055	19,364	6,133	↓ -922
Registration Rate %	64	71	84	71	→ 0
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	26	36	77	26	↓ -9
Voting Rate %	17	25	64	18	↓ -6

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

39.1%

HIGH
79%

LOW
7%

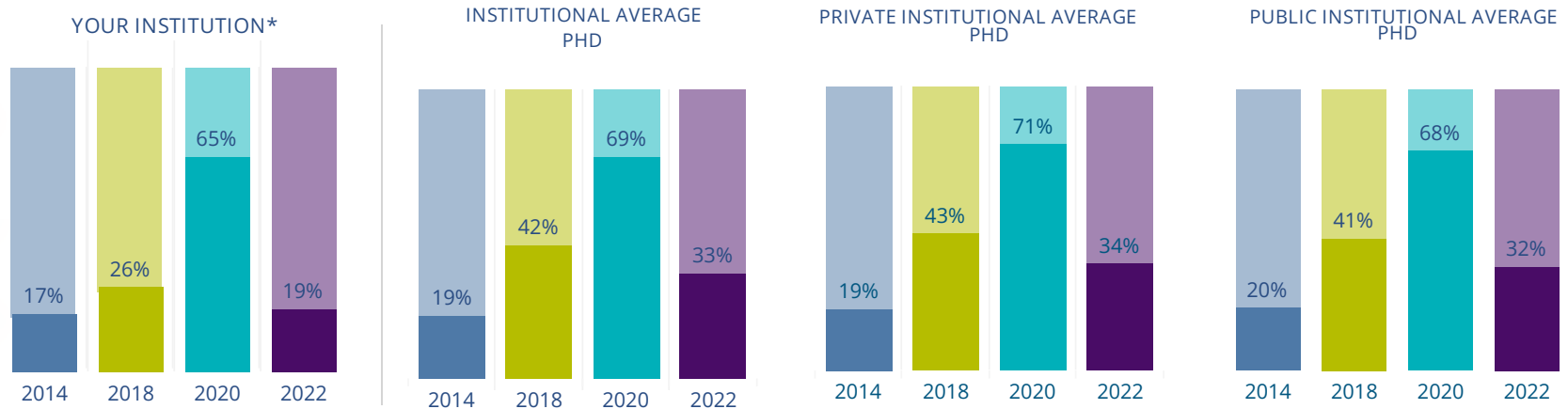
2022 Voting Rate for
All Institutions

30.6%

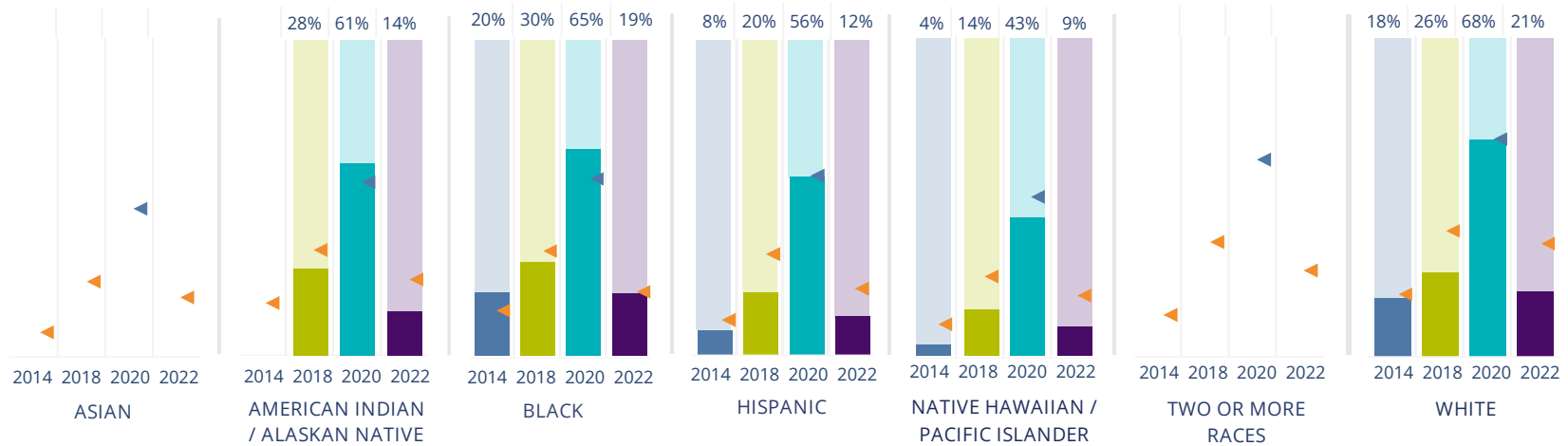
HIGH
68%

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.



By Race / Ethnicity



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-nsive-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

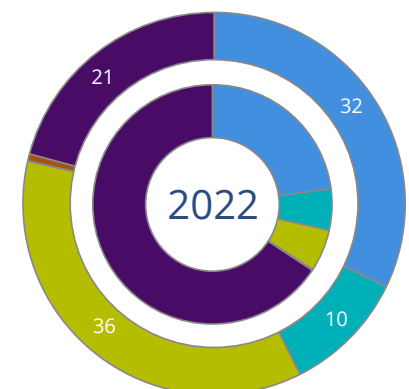
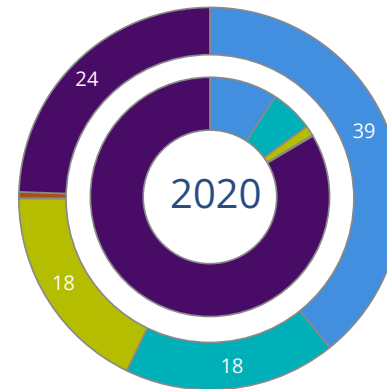
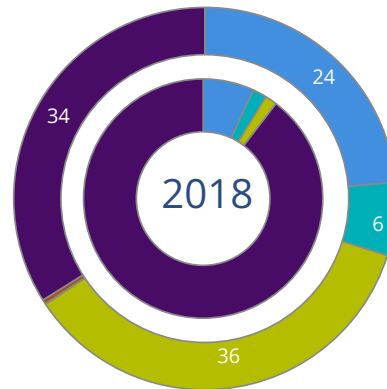
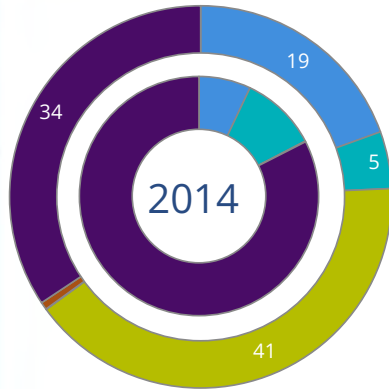
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	67	-	-	108	30	27	142	86	60	169	24	14	↓-13
Black	2,973	597	20	3,621	1,075	29	4,539	2,958	65	5,596	1,078	19	↓-10
Hispanic	1,456	120	8	1,906	380	19	2,293	1,291	56	2,951	363	12	↓-7
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	968	34	3	1,228	175	14	1,359	590	43	1,574	138	8	↓-5
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	19,107	3,509	18	19,643	5,157	26	20,312	13,783	67	20,956	4,306	20	↓-5
Race Unknown	754	105	13	958	238	24	2,455	656	26	2,879	224	7	↓-17

By Voting Method

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	457	10	136	1	1,132	5	345	5	↑	3
In-Person	-	-	111	1	280	1	351	5	↑	4
Not-In-Person	305	7	490	6	1,778	9	1,403	22	↑	16
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	12	0	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	3,610	82	6,318	89	16,162	83	4,028	65	↓	-23

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	14%	23%	65%	14%
22-24	18%	25%	60%	20%
25-29	22%	31%	47%	20%
30-39	31%	41%	48%	28%
40-49	50%	53%	68%	46%
50+	64%	64%	77%	62%

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	16,762	2,386	14	18,013	4,146	23	20,441	13,380	65	22,567	3,262	14	↓	-8
22-24	5,013	945	18	5,431	1,382	25	5,164	3,134	60	5,616	1,150	20	↓	-4
25-29	2,055	470	22	2,126	664	31	2,682	1,283	47	2,701	543	20	↓	-11
30-39	1,075	340	31	1,341	550	41	1,954	954	48	2,143	616	28	↓	-12
40-49	272	138	50	396	212	53	614	423	68	777	360	46	↓	-7
50+	148	96	64	157	101	64	245	190	77	321	202	62	↓	-1

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	13,268	2,389	18	14,897	4,195	28	16,871	11,319	67	19,146	3,692	19	 -8
Male	12,057	1,986	16	12,567	2,860	22	14,228	8,045	56	14,979	2,441	16	 -6

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	21,990	3,688	16	22,264	5,277	23	25,038	16,105	64	27,408	4,299	15	↓ -8
Graduate	2,771	546	19	4,973	1,707	34	5,761	3,104	53	5,497	1,510	27	↓ -6
Class Unknown	564	141	25	227	71	31	301	155	51	1,220	207	16	↓ -14
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	5,487	590	10	6,155	1,163	18	7,944	4,941	62	8,939	1,002	11	↓ -7
Sophomore	5,229	722	13	5,181	1,172	22	6,194	4,033	65	6,596	958	14	↓ -8
Upperclassman	9,593	1,720	17	11,708	3,124	26	11,150	7,222	64	12,190	2,408	19	↓ -6
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	22,457	3,611	16	25,486	6,326	24	28,882	18,012	62	30,669	4,894	15	↓ -8
Part-time	2,868	764	26	1,978	729	36	2,218	1,352	60	3,456	1,239	35	↓ -1

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (undergraduate/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
Agriculture	593	99	16	790	185	23	990	568	57	1,470	221	15	↓ -8
Architecture	382	52	13	482	107	22	591	362	61	666	97	14	↓ -7
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,806	266	14	2,122	459	21	2,471	1,542	62	2,495	348	13	↓ -7
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,485	765	17	5,163	1,233	23	5,993	3,845	64	7,014	1,304	18	↓ -5
Communication and Journalism	1,321	237	17	1,288	397	30	1,432	1,015	70	1,527	297	19	↓ -11

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	456	49	10	596	126	21	852	379	44	1,089	140	12	↓ -8
Education	2,642	512	19	2,807	752	26	2,893	1,975	68	2,978	532	17	↓ -8
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	4,199	570	13	3,777	842	22	3,877	2,220	57	3,665	595	16	↓ -6
English Language and Literature	448	84	18	474	165	34	391	251	64	376	74	19	↓ -15
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	204	48	23	358	107	29	394	268	68	372	64	17	↓ -12
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	99	21	21	76	24	31	85	54	63	83	23	27	↓ -3
Health Professions	1,338	159	11	1,462	255	17	1,164	774	66	1,157	154	13	↓ -4
History	308	87	28	287	113	39	307	205	66	295	83	28	↓ -11
Library Science	117	56	47	143	93	65	198	154	77	408	239	58	↓ -6
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	457	50	10	611	95	15	749	445	59	987	128	12	↓ -2

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	544	176	32	549	167	30	591	374	63	612	148	24	↓ -6
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	134	35	26	289	57	19	404	237	58	508	49	9	↓ -10
Mathematics and Statistics	212	43	20	193	66	34	223	98	43	239	37	15	↓ -18
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	783	149	19	840	215	25	935	565	60	921	177	19	↓ -6
Philosophy and Religious Studies	80	15	18	79	20	25	87	50	57	77	13	16	↓ -8
Social Sciences	1,099	264	24	1,365	446	32	1,713	1,104	64	1,860	369	19	↓ -12
Visual and Performing Arts	731	105	14	917	245	26	1,104	656	59	1,221	202	16	↓ -10
Unknown	822	156	18	228	71	31	312	164	52	372	81	21	↓ -9

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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