







#### June 2024 **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 All the Best, to dive into the results with you and share what we see as the major takeaways in the Adam, Duy, Mari, and Victoria 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.

The NSLVE Team

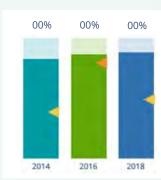
## In This Report

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.

		2014			2018		2014-2018
	Errolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p.)
Asian	14.	-	- 9	-	-		-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Black	14.1	1-1	-	-	100	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	12	4	-	-

#### **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

30.0%

2022 Voting Rate

-4.4

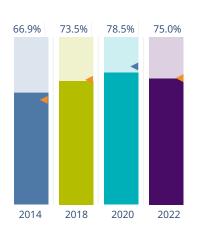
Change From 2018

**ALL INSTITUTIONS** 

30.6%

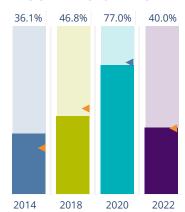
2022 Voting Rate





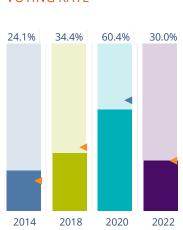
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

## 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.

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#### **Voting and Registration Rates**

	2014	2018	2020	2022	2018-2022 Change
Total Student Enrollment	3,124	2,512	2,195	1,978	<b>-</b> 534
Age under 18/Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	44	87	83	217	<b>1</b> 30
Datasource	IPEDS	NSC	IPEDS	IPEDS	
FERPA records blocked	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	97	48	31	-	-
Total eligible voters	2,976	2,371	2,074	1,751	<b>4</b> -619
Number of students who registered	1,991	1,742	1,628	1,314	<b>4</b> -428
Number of students who voted	718	816	1,254	526	<b>-</b> -290
Registration Rate %	66	73	78	75	<b>★</b> 1
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	36	46	77	40	<b>-</b> 6
Voting Rate %	24	34	60	30	<b>4</b> -4

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.

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### **By Institution Types**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH **7**9%

LOW 7%

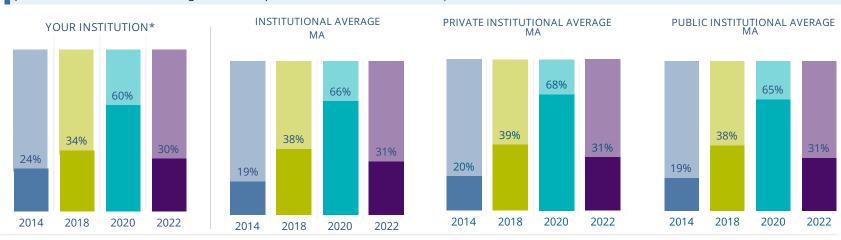
2022 Voting Rate for All Institutions

30.6%

HIGH 68%

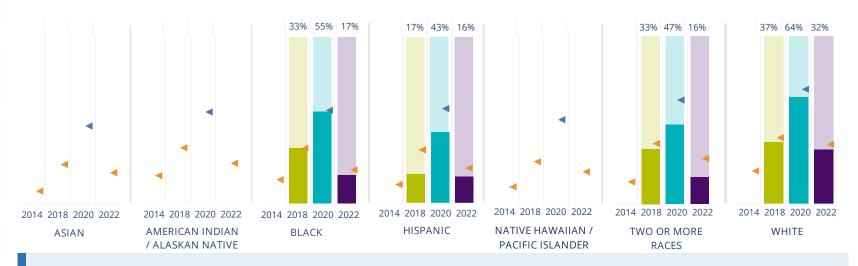
LOW 4%

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.



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## 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: <a href="https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq">https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq</a>

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

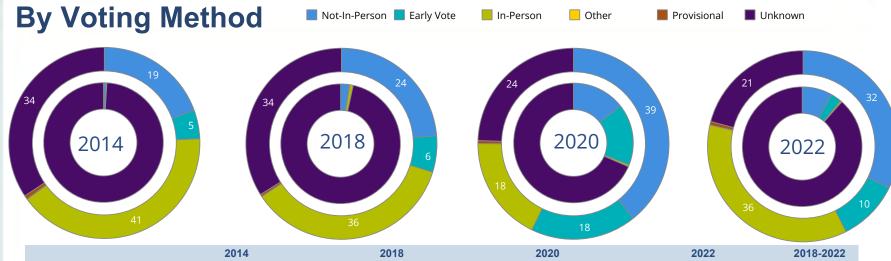
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#### By Race/Ethnicity

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		2014			2018			2020			2022		2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change									
Asian	-	-		17	-	-	19	-	-	25	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Black	-			326	108	33	279	153	54	232	40	17	<b>↓</b> 15
Hispanic	-	-		115	20	17	136	58	42	145	23	15	<b>↓</b> -1
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-		83	27	32	94	44	46	106	17	' 16	<b></b> 16
White	-	-		1,745	638	36	1,498	951	63	1,323	427	32	<b>-</b> 4
Race Unknown	3,020	718	3 23	69	18	26	131	43	32	132	14	10	<b>4</b> 15

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	2014	2014		8	202	20	202	22	2018-2022	
	Voted	Rate (%)	Ch	ange						
Early Vote	-	-	-	-	208	16	15	2		-
In-Person	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Not-In-Person	-	-	19	2	181	14	43	8	1	5
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Voting Method Unknown	712	99	788	96	859	68	466	88	+	-8

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. <a href="https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-faq#CampusReports.">https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-faq#CampusReports.</a>. 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	8%	25%	53%	18%
22-24	15%	30%	52%	20%
25-29	25%	30%	56%	21%
30-39	33%	48%	64%	44%
40-49	47%	57%	71%	54%
50+	62%	65%	85%	68%

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.

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	2	2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change									
18-21	1,181	104	8	1,123	282	25	1,067	570	53	1,094	205	18	<b>↓</b> -6
22-24	432	67	15	328	99	30	335	177	52	314	63	20	<b>↓</b> -10
25-29	366	93	25	259	78	30	197	112	56	114	25	21	<b>4</b> -8
30-39	497	167	33	337	164	48	282	183	64	215	96	44	<b>4</b> -4
40-49	361	173	47	221	126	57	178	128	71	153	83	54	<b>↓</b> -2
50+	183	114	62	103	67	65	98	84	85	79	54	68	<b>1</b> 3

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#### By Sex

		2014			2018			2020			2022		2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change									
Female	-	-	-	1,361	517	37	1,141	743	65	1,071	354	33	<b>-</b> 4
Male	-	-	-	1,010	299	29	1,016	511	50	898	172	19	<b>-</b> 10

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

#### By Education Level / Undergraduate Class Year

	Enrolled	2014 Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	2018 Voted Ra	te (%)	Enrolled	2020 Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	2022 Voted	Rate (%)	2018-2022 Rate Change
EDUCATION	LEVEL												
Undergraduate	2,438	463	3 18	1,861	541	29	1,679	907	7 54	1,511	30	7 20	0 4 -8
Graduate	581	255	5 43	510	275	53	478	347	7 72	426	19	9 4	5 👢 -7
Class Unknown	-			-	-	-	-			32		-	
CLASS YEAR	R												
Freshman	409	25	5 6	334	71	21	342	170	) 49	415	3	9 9	<b>-</b> 11
Sophomore	451	40	8	340	72	21	331	156	5 47	258	5	6 2	<b>□</b> • 0
Upperclassman	1,567	394	1 25	1,165	389	33	1,006	581	57	839	21	1 25	5 👢 -8
ENROLLMEN	T STAT	US											
Full-time	-			1,706	500	29	1,576	848	3 53	1,551	31	5 20	0 4 -8
Part-time	-			665	316	47	581	406	5 69	418	21	1 50	2

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 (%)	Change									
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	119	-	-	100	24	24	59	31	52	57	-	-	-
Business, Management, and Marketing	989	278	28	674	214	31	605	331	54	524	104	19	<b>1</b> 11
Communication and Journalism	41	-	-	44	12	27	40	27	67	25	-	-	-

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

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# By Field of Study

FIELDS		2014			2018			2020			2022		2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change									
Computer and Information Sciences	131	31	23	86	25	29	76	32	42	57	-	-	-
Education	407	149	36	369	197	53	334	255	76	319	140	43	<b>-</b> 9
English Language and Literature	37	-	-	34	12	35	-	-	-	12	-	-	-
Health Professions	581	162	27	268	118	44	232	166	71	207	90	43	<b>□</b> 0
History	15	-	-	15	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	100	-	-	154	32	20	192	83	43	208	25	12	-8

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# By Field of Study

FIELDS		2014			2018			2020			2022		2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change									
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	91	-	-	86	22	25	69	32	46	132	38	28	3
Mathematics and Statistics	59	-	-	53	11	20	41	23	56	24	-	-	-
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	-	71	19	26	73	44	60	44	-	-	-
Social Sciences	178	28	15	170	57	33	153	79	51	136	29	21	<b>-</b> 12
Visual and Performing Arts	22	-	-	11	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	27	-	-	29	-	-	26	13	50	28	-	-	-

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### **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: <a href="https://nslve.tufts.edu">https://nslve.tufts.edu</a>.

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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