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Student Voting Rates for Mesa Community College

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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

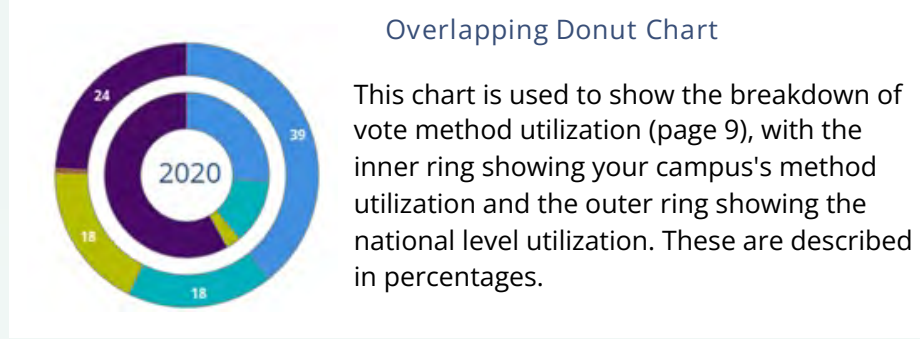
In This Report

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.



Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

34.4%

2022 Voting Rate

+0.5

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



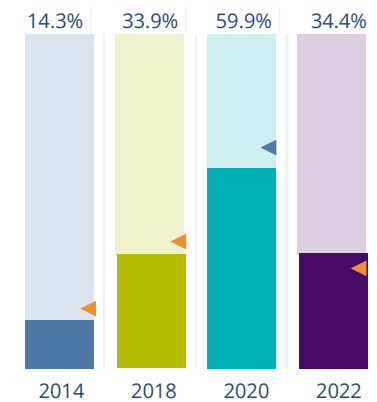
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	19,588	17,072	13,619	11,854	↓ -5,217
Age under 18/Unknown	105	189	214	669	↑ 480
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	332	254	166	162	↓ -91
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	5,133	3,655	2,769	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	-	-	-	-
Total eligible voters	14,017	12,973	10,469	11,022	↓ -1,951
Number of students who registered	8,680	8,557	8,122	8,019	↓ -538
Number of students who voted	2,006	4,392	6,272	3,792	↓ -600
Registration Rate %	61	65	77	72	↑ 6
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	23	51	77	47	↓ -4
Voting Rate %	14	33	59	34	→ 0

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.

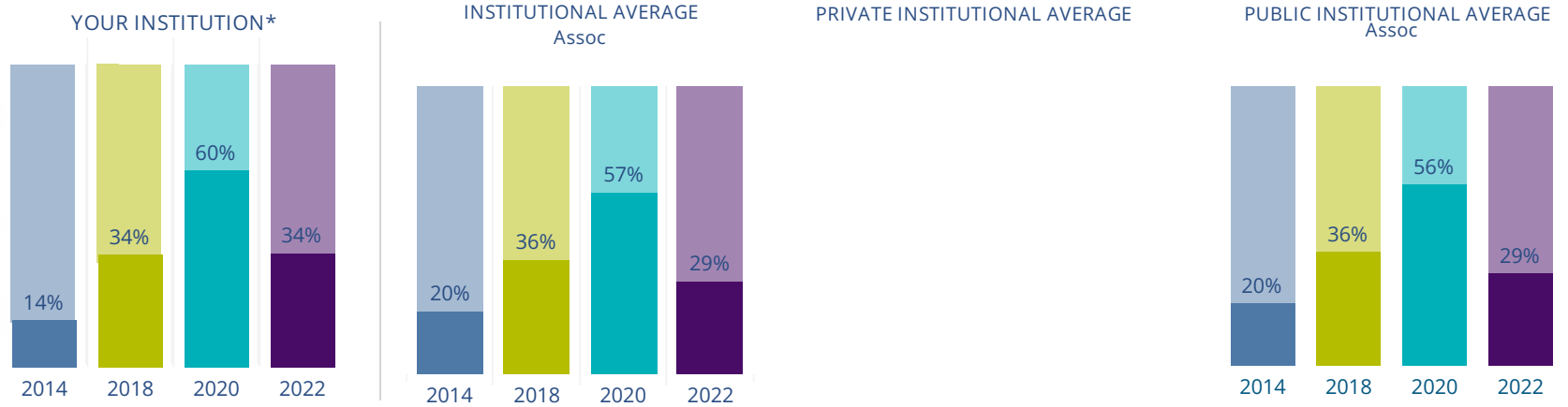
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to 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.

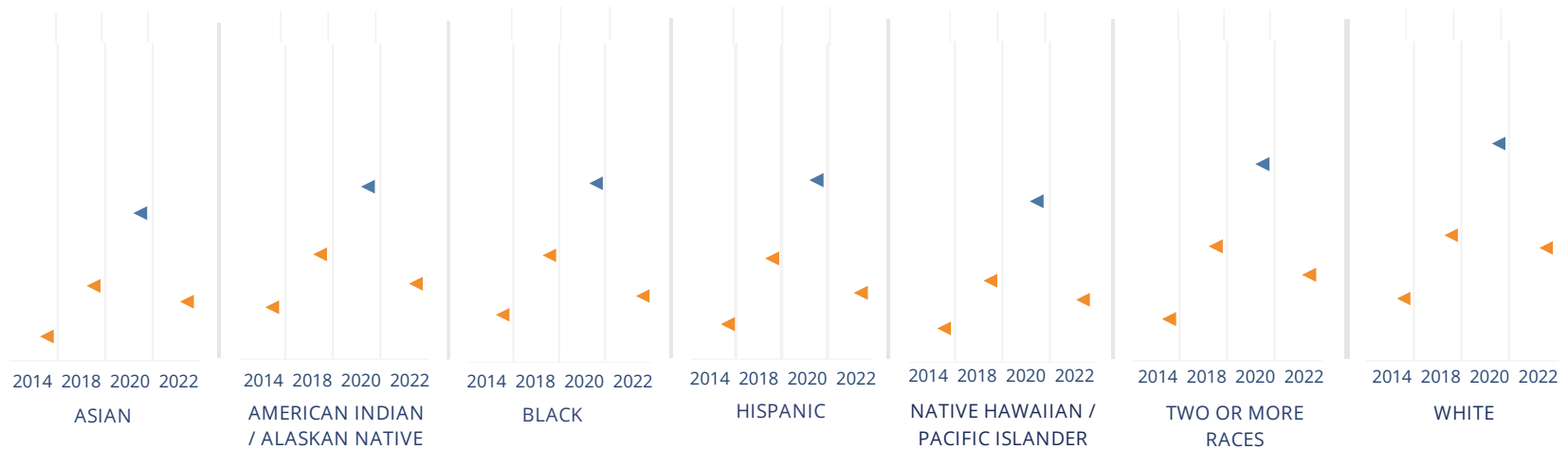
By Institution Types



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.

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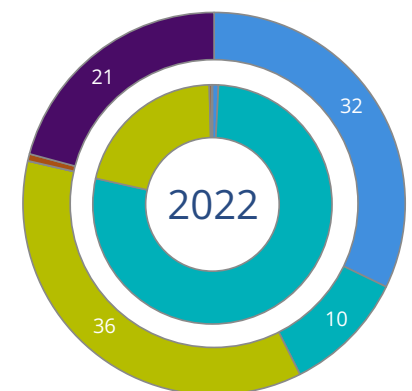
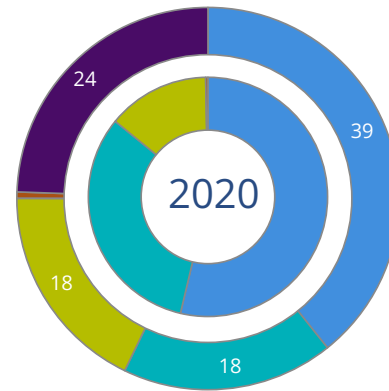
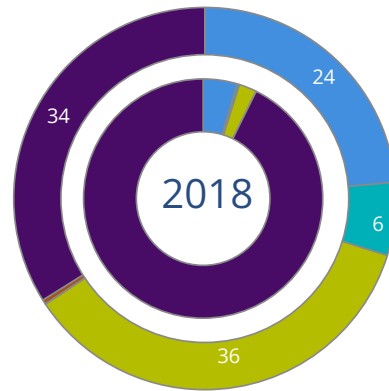
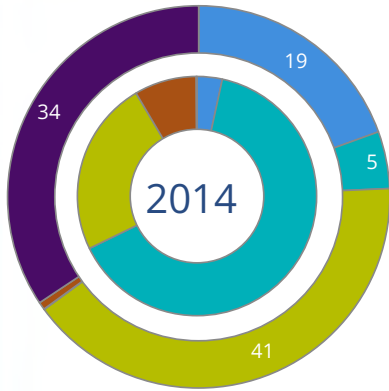
reported for 10 or fewer

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Race Unknown	14,350	2,006	13	13,228	4,392	33	10,636	6,272	58	11,185	3,792	33	➔ 0

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	1,292	64	13	0	2,018	32	2,948	77	↑ 77	
In-Person	476	23	107	2	864	13	800	21	↑ 18	
Not-In-Person	69	3	201	4	3,366	53	29	0	↓ -3	
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provisional	169	8	-	-	17	0	12	0	-	
Voting Method Unknown	-	-	4,069	92	-	-	-	-	-	

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%	34%	65%	31%
22-24	11%	26%	54%	34%
25-29	10%	30%	48%	28%
30-39	15%	32%	51%	31%
40-49	26%	44%	62%	41%
50+	45%	62%	70%	64%

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	5,777	626	10	6,030	2,055	34	4,747	3,122	65	4,652	1,484	31	↓	-2
22-24	2,677	301	11	2,428	637	26	2,095	1,142	54	2,076	706	34	↑	7
25-29	2,447	264	10	2,150	645	30	1,759	860	48	1,663	472	28	↓	-1
30-39	1,958	307	15	1,585	511	32	1,304	668	51	1,607	509	31	→	0
40-49	869	227	26	553	244	44	455	286	62	627	262	41	↓	-2
50+	622	281	45	482	300	62	276	194	70	560	359	64	↑	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	-	-	-	6,840	2,390	34	5,928	3,538	59	6,121	2,080	33	 0
Male	-	-	-	6,309	1,971	31	4,668	2,714	58	5,019	1,691	33	 2

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	11,544	1,503	13	10,691	3,434	32	8,531	4,969	58	8,626	2,786	32	→ 0
Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Class Unknown	2,806	356	12	2,537	631	24	2,105	959	45	2,559	881	34	↑ 9
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sophomore	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Upperclassman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	-	-	-	5,090	1,679	32	4,208	2,602	61	3,794	1,190	31	↓ -1
Part-time	-	-	-	8,138	2,713	33	6,428	3,670	57	7,391	2,602	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 Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
Agriculture	-	-	-	44	18	40	36	19	52	219	62	28	 -12
Basic Skills Education	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-	196	118	60	351	121	34	-
Business, Management, and Marketing	153	16	10	1,571	494	31	1,292	724	56	1,382	378	27	 -4
Communication and Journalism	-	-	-	55	25	45	93	53	56	123	45	36	 -8
Communications Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	63	19	30	45	33	73	121	44	36	 6

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-nsive-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
Communications Technologies/Tec..	-	-	-	63	19	30	45	33	73	121	44	36	↑ 6
Computer and Information Sciences	-	-	-	382	119	31	451	253	56	717	246	34	↑ 3
Construction Trades	-	-	-	69	25	36	110	64	58	207	62	29	↓ -6
Education	-	-	-	232	75	32	258	163	63	330	102	30	↓ -1
Engineering and Engineering Techn..	47	-	-	328	95	28	403	225	55	602	198	32	↑ 3
English Language and Literature	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	24	64	76	35	46	-
Family and Consumer/Human Scien..	-	-	-	14	-	-	32	14	43	39	-	-	-
Foreign Languages, Literatures, an..	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	12	54	49	16	32	-
Health Professions	1,225	164	13	1,703	497	29	1,564	892	57	1,537	446	29	→ 0
History	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	11	78	31	16	51	-
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and ..	83	-	-	257	72	28	221	115	52	344	112	32	↑ 4
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitn..	-	-	-	92	21	22	109	54	49	172	34	19	↓ -3
Basic Skills Education	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	7,399	1,038	14	4,748	1,625	34	2,412	1,447	59	1,160	423	36	↑ 2
Mathematics and Statistics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	-
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	105	35	33	72	38	52	101	20	19	↓ -13
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	-	18	-	-	37	28	75	80	34	42	-
Personal and Culinary Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51	18	35	-
Philosophy and Religious Studies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	13	52	-
Precision Production	98	-	-	122	33	27	79	49	62	121	40	33	↑ 6
Science Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	36	12	33	18	11	61	-	-	-	-
Social Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-	77	49	63	147	69	46	-
Visual and Performing Arts	-	-	-	592	213	35	509	319	62	743	278	37	↑ 1
Unknown	5,026	665	13	1,150	483	42	1,206	784	65	1,571	679	43	↑ 1

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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