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Student Voting Rates for Metropolitan State University Of Denver

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,
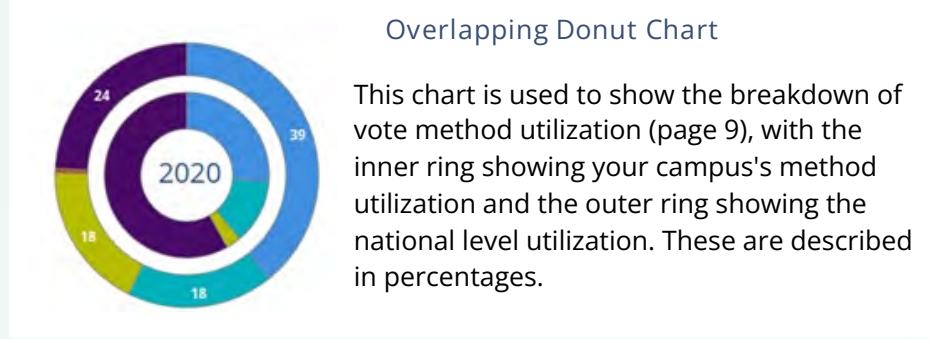Adam, Duy, Mari, and Victoria
The NSLVE Team

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

46.0%
2022 Voting Rate

-8.8
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

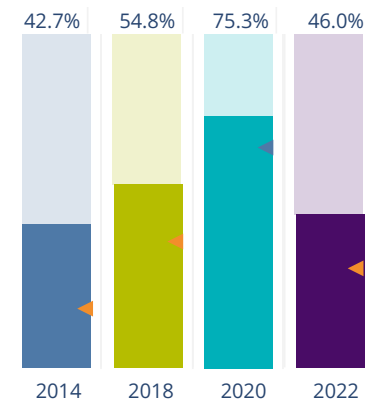| 75.2%	80.4%	85.1%	83.5%

| 2014 | 2018 | 2020 | 2022 |

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

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

56.7%	68.1%	88.5%	55.1%

| 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

42.7%	54.8%	75.3%	46.0%

| 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	20,938	20,007	18,824	16,389	⬇ -3,618
Age under 18/Unknown	46	111	272	438	⬆ 327
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	104	124	127	113	⬇ -11
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	15	-	11	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	328	199	176	-	-
Total eligible voters	20,444	19,562	18,237	15,837	⬇ -3,724
Number of students who registered	15,372	15,720	15,525	13,226	⬇ -2,494
Number of students who voted	8,723	10,712	13,741	7,285	⬇ -3,427
Registration Rate %	75	80	85	83	⬆ 3
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	56	68	88	55	⬇ -13
Voting Rate %	42	54	75	45	⬇ -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.
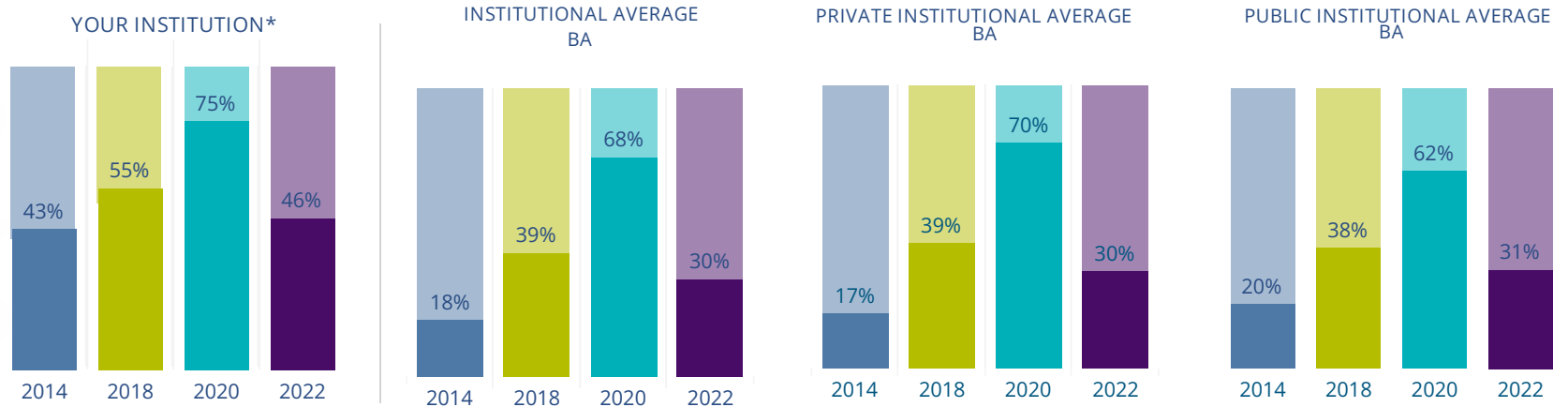
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to 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.
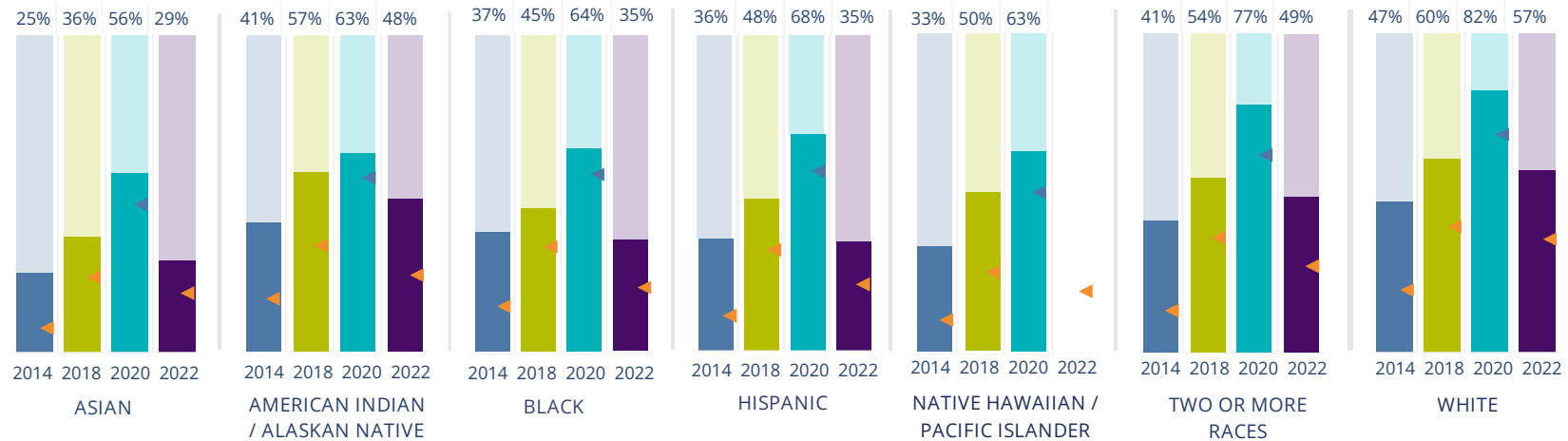
By Institution Types

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
43%	55%	75%	46%

INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE BA

2014	2018	2020	2022
18%	39%	68%	30%

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE BA

2014	2018	2020	2022
17%	39%	70%	30%

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE BA

2014	2018	2020	2022
20%	38%	62%	31%

By Race / Ethnicity

ASIAN — 2014: 25%, 2018: 36%, 2020: 56%, 2022: 29%

AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE — 2014: 41%, 2018: 57%, 2020: 63%, 2022: 48%

BLACK — 2014: 37%, 2018: 45%, 2020: 64%, 2022: 35%

HISPANIC — 2014: 36%, 2018: 48%, 2020: 68%, 2022: 35%

NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER — 2014: 33%, 2018: 50%, 2020: 63%

TWO OR MORE RACES — 2014: 41%, 2018: 54%, 2020: 77%, 2022: 49%

WHITE — 2014: 47%, 2018: 60%, 2020: 82%, 2022: 57%

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
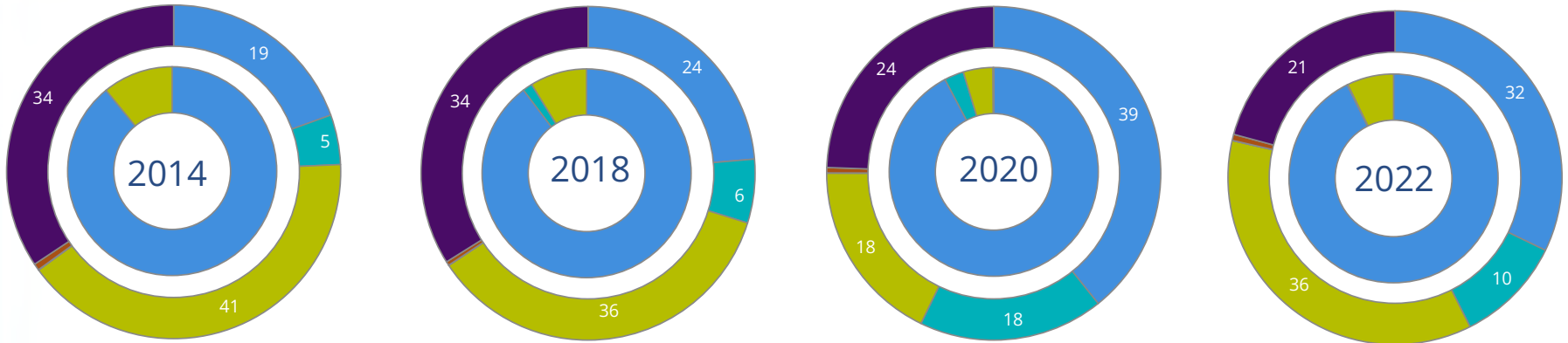
Looking Closer

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	717	177	24	831	301	36	828	464	56	784	228	29	⬇ -7
American Indian/ Alaska Native	130	53	40	90	51	56	91	57	62	114	55	48	⬇ -8
Black	1,182	442	37	1,284	580	45	1,209	772	63	1,145	398	34	⬇ -10
Hispanic	4,369	1,558	35	5,507	2,655	48	5,704	3,901	68	5,517	1,914	34	⬇ -13
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	55	18	32	52	26	50	35	22	62	32	-	-	-
2 or More Races	784	324	41	965	524	54	928	717	77	831	405	48	⬇ -5
White	11,999	5,631	46	10,242	6,187	60	9,201	7,537	81	7,326	4,179	57	⬇ -3
Race Unknown	1,311	520	39	715	388	54	368	271	73	202	98	48	⬇ -5

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	-	-	162	1	419	3	-	-	-
In-Person	948	10	939	8	628	4	522	7	⬇ -1
Not-In-Person	7,772	89	9,604	89	12,687	92	6,753	92	⬆ 3
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	38%	50%	73%	39%
22-24	39%	53%	74%	44%
25-29	41%	53%	73%	43%
30-39	47%	60%	77%	55%
40-49	57%	68%	82%	63%
50+	70%	75%	85%	71%

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	6,375	2,438	38	7,262	3,649	50	6,700	4,894	73	5,989	2,395	39	⬇-10
22-24	4,905	1,951	39	4,448	2,380	53	4,071	3,048	74	3,717	1,657	44	⬇ -8
25-29	4,494	1,843	41	3,986	2,146	53	3,699	2,716	73	2,850	1,247	43	⬇-10
30-39	3,213	1,533	47	2,735	1,648	60	2,723	2,109	77	2,337	1,290	55	⬇ -5
40-49	1,049	600	57	846	581	68	793	651	82	748	473	63	⬇ -5
50+	511	358	70	409	308	75	378	323	85	310	223	71	⬇ -3

Looking Closer

By Sex

| | 2014 | | | 2018 | | | 2020 | | | 2022 | | | 2018-2022 |
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	11,065	4,761	43	10,678	5,959	55	10,416	7,879	75	9,089	4,129	45	⬇ -10
Male	9,482	3,962	41	9,008	4,753	52	7,948	5,862	73	6,862	3,156	45	⬇ -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	19,680	8,244	41	18,710	10,049	53	17,083	12,693	74	14,634	6,489	44	⬇ -9
Graduate	470	275	58	759	528	69	1,061	865	81	1,038	658	63	⬇ -6
Class Unknown	397	204	51	217	135	62	220	183	83	279	125	44	⬇ -17
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	4,994	1,759	35	5,141	2,386	46	4,402	3,073	69	4,172	1,456	34	⬇ -11
Sophomore	3,980	1,550	38	3,769	1,957	51	3,315	2,403	72	2,656	1,158	43	⬇ -8
Upperclassman	11,099	5,140	46	10,020	5,855	58	9,508	7,334	77	8,062	4,004	49	⬇ -8
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	11,899	5,048	42	13,296	7,256	54	11,895	8,904	74	10,246	4,721	46	⬇ -8
Part-time	8,648	3,675	42	6,390	3,456	54	6,469	4,837	74	5,705	2,564	44	⬇ -9

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
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	58	32	55	65	44	67	61	50	81	54	37	68	➡ 0
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,253	514	41	1,166	610	52	1,075	781	72	794	368	46	⬇ -5
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,938	1,547	39	3,808	1,884	49	3,566	2,534	71	3,068	1,195	38	⬇ -10
Communication and Journalism	477	206	43	317	192	60	273	215	78	242	119	49	⬇ -11
Communications Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	-	-	-	72	54	75	82	41	50	-
Transportation	425	199	46	579	287	49	603	473	78	648	327	50	➡ 0

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
Communications Technologies/Tec..	-	-	-	-	-	-	72	54	75	82	41	50	-
Computer and Information Sciences	486	198	40	670	345	51	863	617	71	924	434	46	⬇ -4
Education	471	236	50	1,018	618	60	1,048	852	81	856	437	51	⬇ -9
Engineering and Engineering Techn..	784	295	37	887	430	48	916	622	67	812	345	42	⬇ -5
English Language and Literature	773	368	47	733	450	61	592	469	79	492	286	58	⬇ -3
Foreign Languages, Literatures, an..	209	84	40	169	102	60	164	116	70	149	76	51	⬇ -9
Health Professions	991	404	40	1,052	529	50	885	646	72	845	356	42	⬇ -8
Health-Related Knowledge and Skills	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	18	78	-	-	-	-
History	423	248	58	310	224	72	311	268	86	226	142	62	⬇ -9
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and ..	1,003	402	40	993	519	52	994	722	72	749	284	37	⬇ -14
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitn..	700	256	36	628	304	48	567	414	73	474	185	39	⬇ -9
Transportation	425	199	46	579	287	49	603	473	78	648	327	50	➡ 0

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	2,205	859	38	1,894	930	49	1,599	1,137	71	1,366	494	36	⬇ -12
Mathematics and Statistics	218	102	46	200	116	58	151	116	76	106	62	58	➡ 0
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	865	404	46	731	408	55	411	306	74	294	148	50	⬇ -5
Philosophy and Religious Studies	67	32	47	42	27	64	38	31	81	36	17	47	⬇ -17
Social Sciences	539	277	51	584	371	63	548	424	77	401	237	59	⬇ -4
Visual and Performing Arts	1,381	601	43	1,126	679	60	901	724	80	781	386	49	⬇ -10
Unknown	-	-	-	219	135	61	226	189	83	169	77	45	⬇ -16

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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