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Student Voting Rates for Michigan State University

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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

46.4%

2022 Voting Rate

+7.4

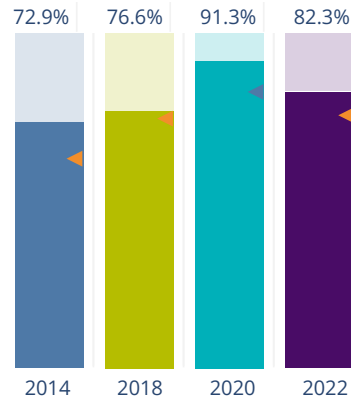
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



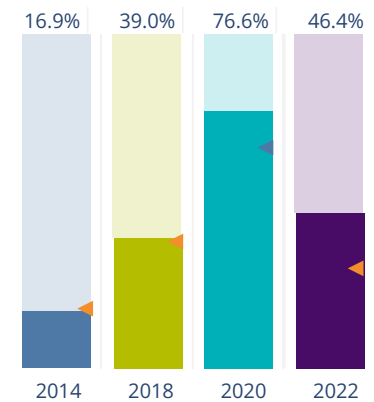
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	44,119	49,630	49,178	45,161	↓ -4,468
Age under 18/Unknown	256	345	380	324	↓ -21
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	6,261	5,800	4,412	3,917	↓ -1,882
Datasource	IPEDS	NSC	NSC	IPEDS	
FERPA records blocked	2,827	1,519	557	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	1,084	950	-	-
Total eligible voters	34,775	40,882	42,879	40,919	↑ 37
Number of students who registered	25,366	31,317	39,169	33,684	↑ 2,367
Number of students who voted	5,882	15,958	32,840	18,990	↑ 3,032
Registration Rate %	72	76	91	82	↑ 5
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	23	50	83	56	↑ 5
Voting Rate %	16	39	76	46	↑ 7

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.

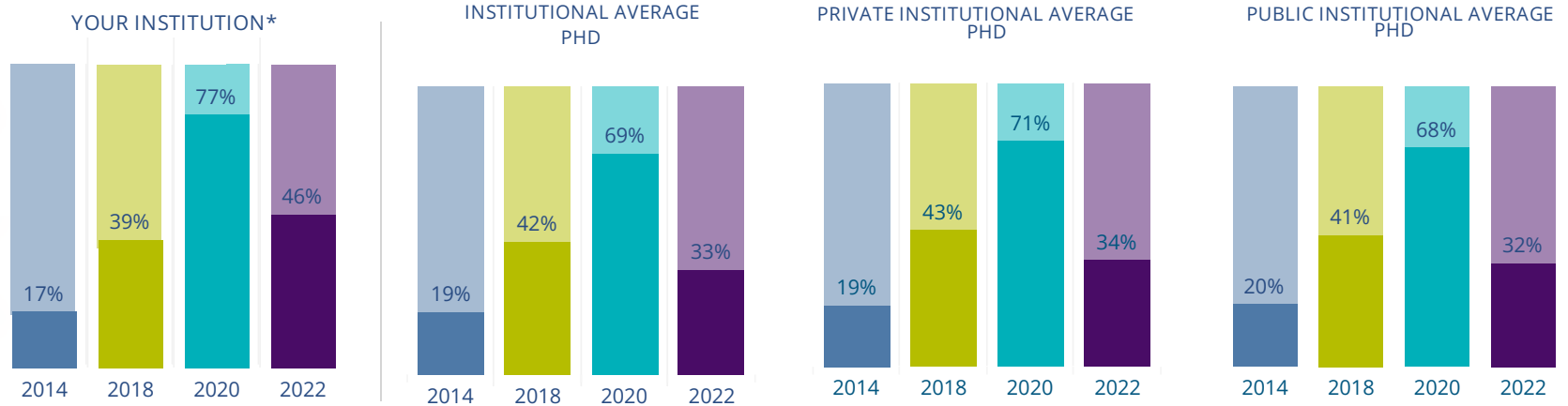
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

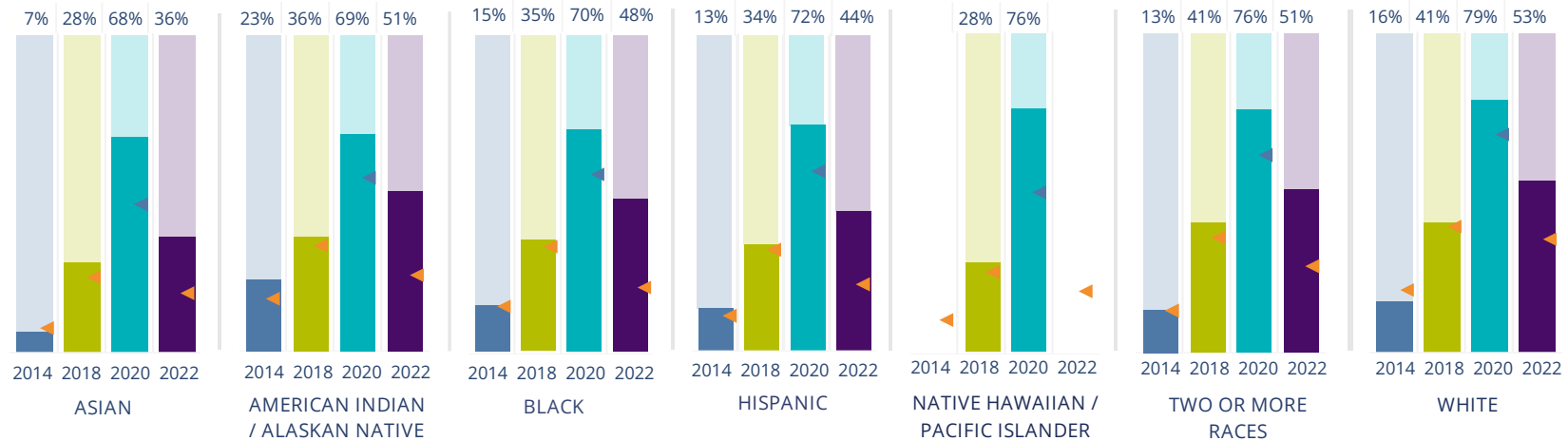
By Institution Types



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>

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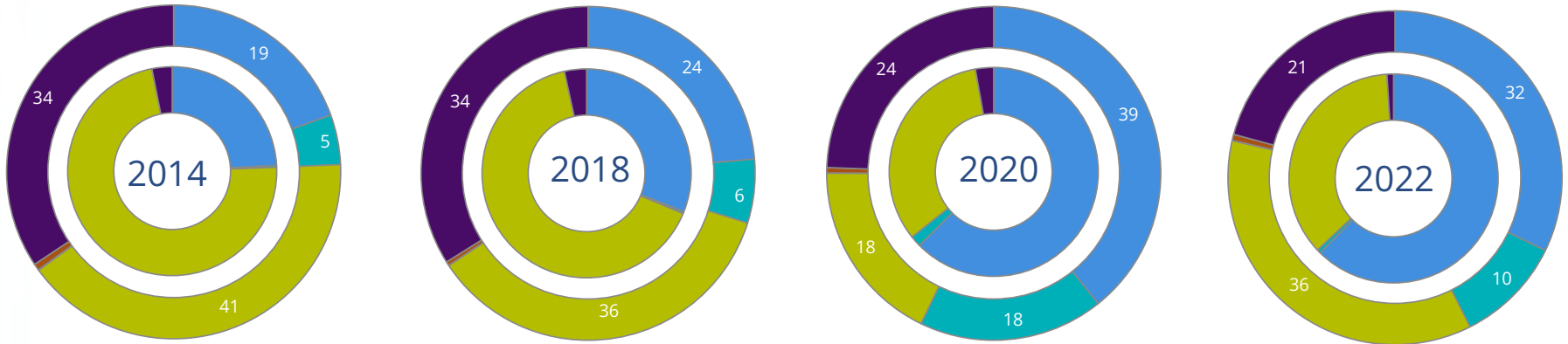
By Race/Ethnicity

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	1,889	126	6	2,593	734	28	3,086	2,082	67	1,589	574	36	↑ 7
American Indian/ Alaska Native	119	27	22	97	35	36	118	81	68	57	29	50	↑ 14
Black	2,746	402	14	3,149	1,106	35	3,309	2,323	70	1,424	687	48	↑ 13
Hispanic	1,716	230	13	2,200	738	33	2,626	1,880	71	1,249	550	44	↑ 10
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	41	-	-	47	13	27	25	19	76	14	-	-	-
2 or More Races	1,087	143	13	1,377	557	40	1,572	1,188	75	772	392	50	↑ 10
White	30,788	4,864	15	30,963	12,616	40	31,495	24,837	78	14,835	7,911	53	↑ 12
Race Unknown	2,651	86	3	456	159	34	648	430	66	24,897	8,841	35	→ 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	15	0	45	0	568	1	105	0	→	0
In-Person	4,264	72	10,420	65	10,811	32	6,841	36	↓	-29
Not-In-Person	1,415	24	4,951	31	20,559	62	11,856	62	↑	31
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	11	0	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	186	3	539	3	891	2	186	1	↓	-2

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%	79%	41%
22-24	14%	40%	72%	45%
25-29	20%	46%	68%	42%
30-39	30%	52%	63%	39%
40-49	45%	66%	73%	54%
50+	64%	73%	76%	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	26,122	2,710	10	28,303	10,207	36	29,701	23,614	79	31,072	12,924	41	↑	5
22-24	7,392	1,083	14	6,454	2,613	40	6,578	4,774	72	7,000	3,166	45	↑	4
25-29	4,133	849	20	3,480	1,613	46	3,904	2,661	68	3,980	1,672	42	↓	-4
30-39	2,376	724	30	1,778	928	52	1,877	1,183	63	2,015	791	39	↓	-12
40-49	712	322	45	625	418	66	570	417	73	577	317	54	↓	-11
50+	302	194	64	242	179	73	249	191	76	193	120	62	↓	-11

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	21,149	3,259	15	21,510	9,091	42	22,959	18,210	79	11,590	6,176	53	 11
Male	19,888	2,623	13	19,372	6,867	35	19,920	14,630	73	10,598	4,145	39	 3

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	31,586	3,546	11	33,338	12,142	36	34,326	26,742	77	27,114	12,082	44	↑ 8
Graduate	8,304	1,987	23	7,336	3,713	50	8,324	5,932	71	8,407	3,759	44	↓ -5
Class Unknown	1,147	349	30	208	103	49	229	166	72	9,316	3,077	33	↓ -16
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	7,277	610	8	8,035	2,739	34	7,912	6,343	80	3,441	1,145	33	→ 0
Sophomore	7,142	690	9	7,873	2,510	31	8,060	6,329	78	4,809	1,964	40	↑ 8
Upperclassman	17,211	2,254	13	17,472	6,919	39	18,471	14,175	76	18,364	8,737	47	↑ 7
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	35,228	4,494	12	36,464	13,839	37	37,936	29,317	77	39,711	16,452	41	↑ 3
Part-time	5,809	1,388	23	4,418	2,119	47	4,943	3,523	71	5,126	2,538	49	↑ 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	1,487	246	16	1,204	470	39	1,254	916	73	2,064	888	43	 3
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	65	12	18	33	20	60	19	14	73	27	12	44	 -16
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	3,718	470	12	4,431	1,721	38	4,919	3,799	77	4,715	2,072	43	 5
Business, Management, and Marketing	6,310	648	10	6,728	2,241	33	6,954	5,360	77	7,362	2,710	36	 3
Communication and Journalism	2,986	305	10	3,036	1,106	36	3,029	2,297	75	2,841	1,175	41	 4

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	702	75	10	1,223	417	34	1,428	1,032	72	2,106	644	30	-3
Construction Trades	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	20	48	-
Education	2,292	619	27	1,404	707	50	1,429	1,117	78	1,548	805	52	1
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	4,492	400	8	4,673	1,601	34	4,698	3,607	76	4,789	1,760	36	2
English Language and Literature	637	109	17	445	242	54	357	280	78	366	201	54	0
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	479	77	16	412	160	38	385	277	71	259	100	38	0
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	327	50	15	251	101	40	196	154	78	238	121	50	10
Health Professions	5,258	855	16	5,038	2,096	41	4,665	3,406	73	3,896	2,010	51	9
History	159	40	25	189	103	54	183	145	79	147	82	55	1
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	751	103	13	693	240	34	907	637	70	1,035	432	41	7
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,116	103	9	1,379	441	31	1,195	942	78	1,433	545	38	6

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	267	39	14	362	165	45	1,087	867	79	1,007	532	52	7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,029	169	16	652	208	31	560	443	79	832	285	34	2
Mathematics and Statistics	426	43	10	509	185	36	450	324	72	470	137	29	-7
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,360	212	15	1,317	590	44	1,590	1,307	82	1,772	819	46	1
Philosophy and Religious Studies	78	18	23	57	25	43	55	39	70	35	18	51	7
Social Sciences	2,803	598	21	2,440	1,191	48	2,557	2,054	80	2,361	1,151	48	0
Visual and Performing Arts	933	119	12	958	421	43	1,094	857	78	1,575	661	41	-1
Unknown	28	-	-	207	102	49	253	178	70	164	42	25	-23

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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