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Student Voting Rates for Middle Georgia 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

40.6%

2022 Voting Rate

-7.4

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



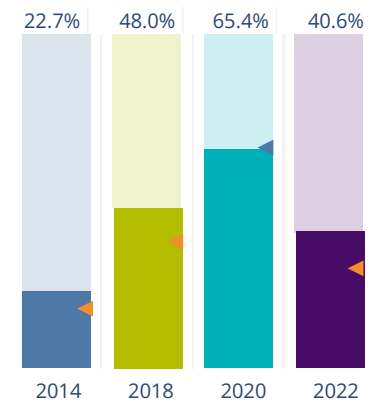
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	7,702	7,463	8,015	7,308	↓ -155
Age under 18/Unknown	297	501	459	456	↓ -45
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	44	107	113	118	↑ 10
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	24	-	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	62	71	87	-	-
Total eligible voters	7,274	6,774	7,347	6,733	↓ -40
Number of students who registered	4,642	5,563	6,650	5,637	↑ 74
Number of students who voted	1,648	3,251	4,802	2,737	↓ -514
Registration Rate %	63	82	90	83	↑ 1
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	35	58	72	48	↓ -9
Voting Rate %	22	47	65	40	↓ -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.

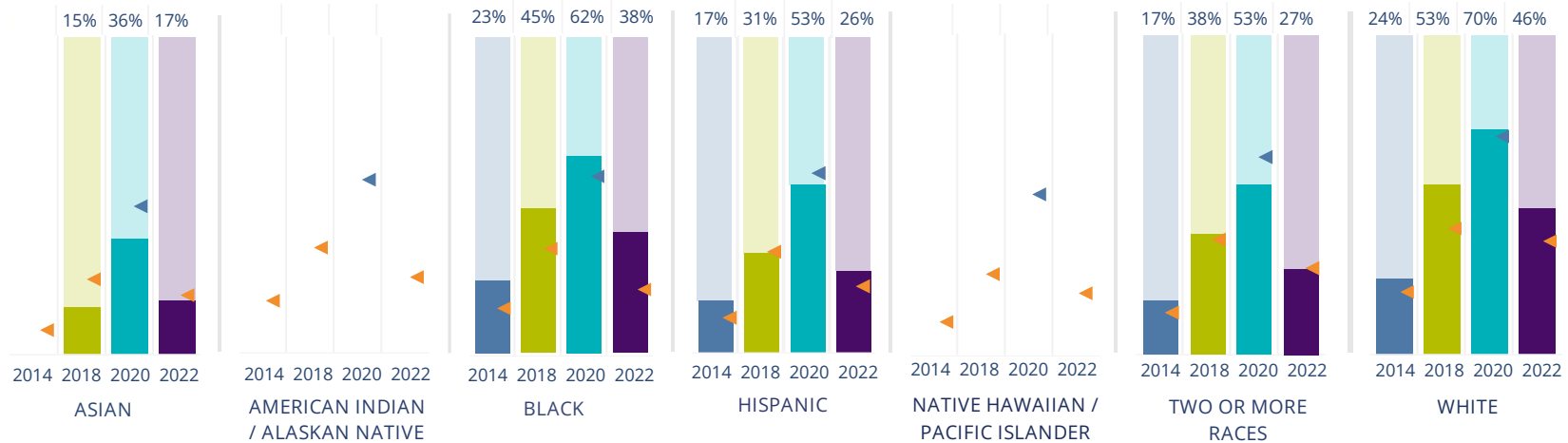
By Institution Types



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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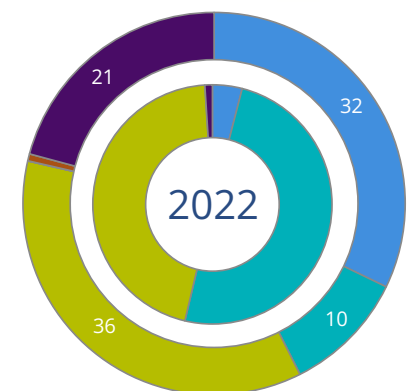
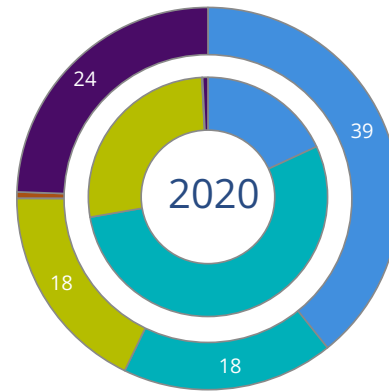
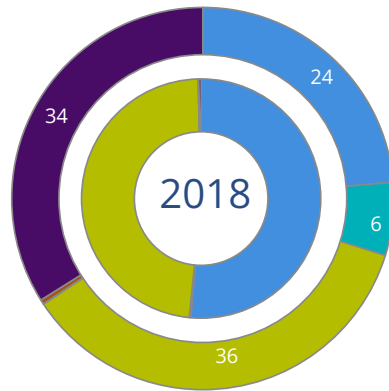
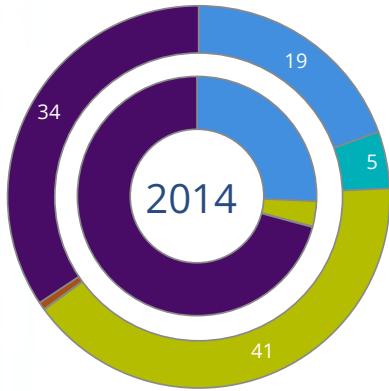
By Race/Ethnicity

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	180	-	-	228	34	14	229	83	36	245	42	17	↑ 2
American Indian/ Alaska Native	19	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	14	-	-	-
Black	2,486	570	22	2,475	1,124	45	2,656	1,652	62	2,149	818	38	↓ -7
Hispanic	259	43	16	396	124	31	472	251	53	504	132	26	↓ -5
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	208	35	16	251	94	37	327	173	52	294	79	26	↓ -10
White	4,108	973	23	3,477	1,849	53	3,732	2,619	70	3,604	1,641	45	↓ -7
Race Unknown	50	14	28	38	21	55	25	14	56	33	17	51	↓ -3

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	-	-	-	-	2,601	54	1,360	49	-	-
In-Person	56	3	1,560	48	1,292	26	1,240	45	↓	-2
Not-In-Person	423	25	1,671	51	869	18	109	4	↓	-47
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	1,168	70	-	-	35	0	27	1	-	-

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	15%	41%	62%	33%
22-24	24%	47%	61%	39%
25-29	21%	52%	63%	37%
30-39	33%	54%	70%	51%
40-49	41%	66%	74%	60%
50+	58%	78%	84%	79%

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 Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
18-21	3,535	546	15	3,532	1,466	41	3,735	2,329	62	3,212	1,079	33	↓ -7
22-24	1,388	337	24	1,364	649	47	1,438	879	61	1,447	569	39	↓ -8
25-29	954	208	21	836	440	52	916	584	63	838	311	37	↓ -15
30-39	896	300	33	721	393	54	830	589	70	797	408	51	↓ -3
40-49	381	160	41	265	175	66	345	256	74	375	225	60	↓ -6
50+	165	97	58	163	128	78	196	165	84	183	145	79	→ 0

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	4,269	1,002	23	3,980	1,981	49	4,269	2,765	64	3,785	1,522	40	 -9
Male	3,050	646	21	2,901	1,270	43	3,191	2,037	63	3,067	1,215	39	 -4

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	7,317	1,648	22	6,671	3,129	46	7,101	4,545	64	6,384	2,476	38	↓ -8
Graduate	-	-	-	207	119	57	357	255	71	376	226	60	↑ 2
Class Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	92	35	38	-
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	2,691	385	14	2,334	861	36	2,273	1,285	56	2,034	557	27	↓ -9
Sophomore	1,642	377	22	1,411	682	48	1,444	934	64	1,226	462	37	↓ -10
Upperclassman	2,986	886	29	2,930	1,589	54	3,387	2,329	68	3,192	1,477	46	↓ -7
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	4,596	828	18	4,726	2,039	43	4,834	3,047	63	4,404	1,635	37	↓ -6
Part-time	2,723	820	30	2,155	1,212	56	2,626	1,755	66	2,448	1,102	45	↓ -11

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
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	380	78	20	436	185	42	309	183	59	237	70	29	 -12
Business, Management, and Marketing	848	249	29	900	467	51	1,022	667	65	898	390	43	 -8
Communication and Journalism	91	22	24	169	78	46	137	94	68	91	41	45	 -1
Transportation	324	52	16	534	208	38	845	582	68	965	347	35	 -2




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
Computer and Information Sciences	564	152	26	841	388	46	890	534	60	936	394	42	↓ -4
Education	392	106	27	96	58	60	338	229	67	316	154	48	↓ -11
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	16	66	31	13	41	-
English Language and Literature	115	20	17	88	45	51	145	98	67	180	90	50	↓ -1
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health Professions	1,736	414	23	1,902	899	47	1,852	1,196	64	1,439	563	39	↓ -8
History	98	32	32	83	48	57	90	63	70	83	46	55	↓ -2
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	147	27	18	239	99	41	272	158	58	237	87	36	↓ -4
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	-	-	-	-	-	-	99	42	42	110	24	21	-
Transportation	324	52	16	534	208	38	845	582	68	965	347	35	↓ -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
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,045	359	17	884	432	48	495	324	65	304	139	45	 -3
Mathematics and Statistics	83	19	22	53	20	37	49	29	59	42	14	33	 -4
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	69	11	15	74	28	37	154	99	64	174	50	28	 -9
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	16	76	59	28	47	-
Social Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	16	66	29	15	51	-
Visual and Performing Arts	-	-	-	15	-	-	104	71	68	145	57	39	-
Unknown	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-

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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