

**Student Voting Rates for** Middle Tennessee State University

**NSLVE Campus Report** 



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#### 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

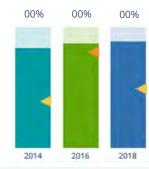
## **In This Report**

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
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Chang (p.p
Asian	-	-	-	1.14	-	-	
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	÷	-	-	-	-	
Black		1	-	-	1.	-	
Hispanic	-	4	-	1	-	-	

#### 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.

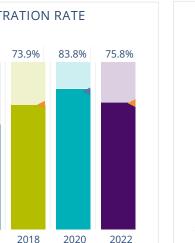


#### **Overlapping Donut Chart**

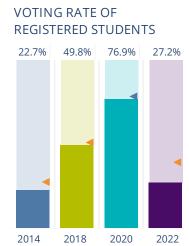
This chart is used to show the breakdown of vote method utilization (page 9), with the inner ring showing your campus's method utilization and the outer ring showing the national level utilization. These are described in percentages.

#### Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

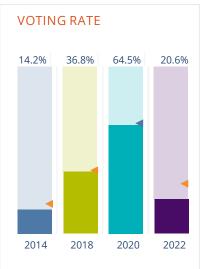
YOUR INSTITUTION **REGISTRATION RATE** 62.7% 73.9% 83.8% 20.6% 2022 Voting Rate -16.2 Change From 2018 2014 2018 2020 ALL INSTITUTIONS 30.6% vote. 2022 Voting Rate



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



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.



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	22,346	21,094	21,393	19,485	<b>4</b> -1,608
Age under 18/Unknown	103	1,009	1,005	948	<b>-</b> 61
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	905	760	462	487	<b>↓</b> -272
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	69	17	18	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	17	54	-	-
Total eligible voters	21,268	19,290	19,853	18,049	<b>↓</b> -1,241
Number of students who registered	13,331	14,258	16,638	13,689	🖊 -569
Number of students who voted	3,021	7,107	12,798	3,724	<b>↓</b> -3,383
Registration Rate %	62	73	83	75	<b>†</b> 1
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	22	49	76	27	<b>-</b> 22
Voting Rate %	14	36	64	20	<b>-</b> 16

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.

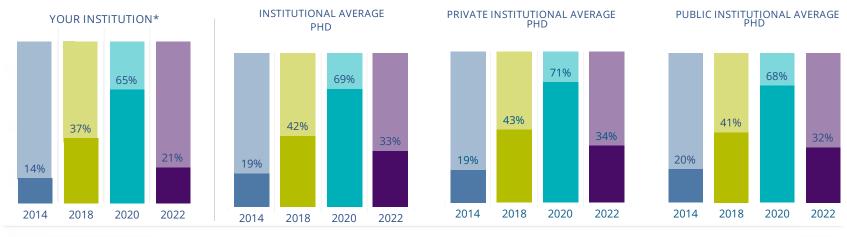
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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



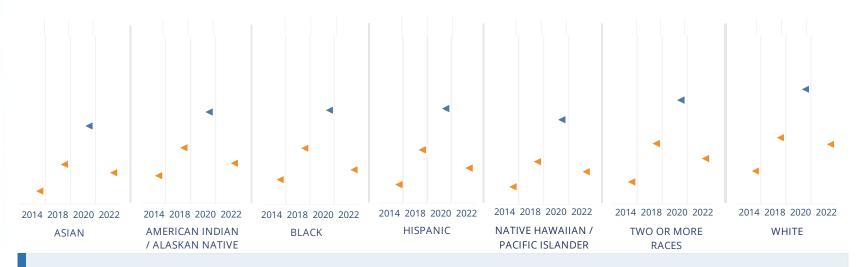
These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. For Associate institutions, we only share public associate institutional averages due to sample size. \*"Your Institution" chart is presented at a different scale.



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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 : <u>https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq</u>

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 V	oted R	ate (%)	Enrolled V	oted	Rate (%)	Enrolled \	Voted I	Rate (%)	Enrolled \	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Race Unknown	22,174	3,021	13	20,050	7,107	35	20,315	12,798	62	18,537	3,724	20	<b>4</b> 15

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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. <u>https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-faq#CampusReports</u>. The inner ring in these charts show your campus's method utilization and the outer ring show the national level utilization.

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## By Age Group

	2014	2018	2020	2022
18-21	8%	31%	62%	15%
22-24	11%	34%	60%	18%
25-29	14%	36%	59%	20%
30-39	24%	46%	66%	32%
40-49	38%	62%	74%	47%
50+	52%	71%	85%	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.

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## **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	2	2018-2022	
		Enrolled	Voted F	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted I	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted F	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change	
or	18-21	10,789	963	8	10,759	3,378	31	11,292	7,104	62	10,270	1,611	15	<b>4</b> -15	
lay	22-24	5,245	595	11	4,354	1,483	34	4,241	2,556	60	3,886	702	18	<b>4</b> -15	
ау	25-29	2,795	414	14	2,443	902	36	2,188	1,300	59	1,893	386	20	<b>4</b> -16	
	30-39	2,082	514	24	1,552	728	46	1,549	1,023	66	1,425	466	32	<b>4</b> -14	
	40-49	891	339	38	660	414	62	727	543	74	693	327	47	<b>4</b> -15	
	50+	372	196	52	282	202	71	318	272	85	370	232	62	<b>4</b> -8	

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## **Looking Closer**

By Sex

	2014				2018			2020				2018-2022	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change									
Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**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

	Enrolled	<b>2014</b> Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	<b>2018</b> Voted Ra	ite (%)	Enrolled	<b>2020</b> Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	<b>2022</b> Voted	Rate (%)	2018-2022 Rate Change
EDUCATION	LEVEL												
Undergraduate	15,127	1,89	2 12	17,456	5,894	33	17,334	10,75	3 62	15,685	2,79	3 17	<b>4</b> -15
Graduate	1,943	51	5 26	2,164	1,044	48	2,680	1,84	5 68	2,412	82	0 33	<b>-</b> 14
Class Unknown	5,104	61	4 12	430	169	39	301	200	) 66	440	11	1 25	<b>-</b> 14
CLASS YEAF	ર												
Freshman	4,504	31	0 6	3,834	953	24	3,820	2,172	2 56	3,400	42	4 12	<b>4</b> -12
Sophomore	4,014	37	3 9	3,532	1,136	32	3,600	2,19	5 61	3,020	42	6 14	<b>4</b> -18
Upperclassman	9,461	1,41	7 14	10,096	3,790	37	9,921	6,370	5 64	9,253	1,93	7 20	<b>-</b> 16

#### 16,218 5,387 33 16,307 10,125 62 14,529 2,470 17 Full-time 3,831 1,720 44 4,008 2,673 66 4,008 1,254 31 Part-time

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (undergraduate/graduate), Class Year, and Enrollment Status (fulltime/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									
Agriculture	480	65	13	450	143	31	478	281	58	456	87	19	<b>-</b> 12
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	975	111	11	1,145	371	32	1,136	609	53	969	152	15	<b>-</b> 16
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,172	422	13	3,013	935	31	3,417	2,120	62	3,256	601	18	<b>-</b> 12
Communication and Journalism	1,257	171	13	1,034	496	47	786	541	68	604	135	22	<b>-</b> 25
Communications Technologies/Technicians	33	-	-	195	65	33	248	140	56	234	35	14	<b>-</b> 18
Transportation	667	59	8	865	219	25	1,239	705	56	1,207	154	12	<b>↓</b> -12

**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.

\*<u>https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq</u>

# **By Field of Study**

FIELDS		2014			2018			2020			2022		2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change									
Communications Technologies/Tec	33	-	-	195	65	33	248	140	56	234	35	14	<b>↓</b> -18
Computer and Information Sciences	487	62	12	574	187	32	632	357	56	642	125	19	<b>↓</b> -13
Education	1,741	337	19	1,161	525	45	1,145	834	72	984	314	31	<b>↓</b> -13
Engineering and Engineering Techn	758	68	8	918	239	26	800	438	54	716	105	14	<b>4</b> -11
English Language and Literature	437	95	21	328	159	48	282	205	72	319	97	30	<b>-</b> 18
Family and Consumer/Human Scien	580	53	9	542	169	31	404	241	59	309	64	20	<b>-</b> 10
Foreign Languages, Literatures, an	150	25	16	145	63	43	145	103	71	107	34	31	<b>↓</b> -11
Health Professions	1,442	174	12	997	354	35	1,203	772	64	898	144	16	<b>4</b> -19
History	308	90	29	275	149	54	281	215	76	258	90	34	<b>4</b> -19
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and	790	83	10	660	219	33	691	422	61	596	102	17	<b>-</b> 16
Library Science	-	-	-	44	32	72	62	46	74	41	22	53	<b>4</b> -19
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitn	909	75	8	1,010	265	26	803	446	55	639	85	13	<b>↓</b> -12
Transportation	667	59	8	865	219	25	1,239	705	56	1,207	154	12	<b>-</b> 12

# **By Field of Study**

FIELDS		2014			2018			2020			2022		2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change									
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,552	296	19	1,090	431	39	766	497	64	564	168	29	<b>-</b> 9
Mathematics and Statistics	187	26	13	139	50	35	132	64	48	113	25	22	<b>4</b> -13
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,234	147	11	622	214	34	802	518	64	930	216	23	<b>4</b> 11
Philosophy and Religious Studies	42	-	-	44	22	50	50	27	54	38	-	-	-
Social Sciences	599	162	27	519	265	51	541	365	67	491	174	35	<b>4</b> -15
Visual and Performing Arts	2,086	164	7	2,141	720	33	2,279	1,558	68	2,316	398	17	<b>4</b> 16
Unknown	118	36	30	431	171	39	303	201	66	402	93	23	<b>4</b> -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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