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Student Voting Rates for Mississippi 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

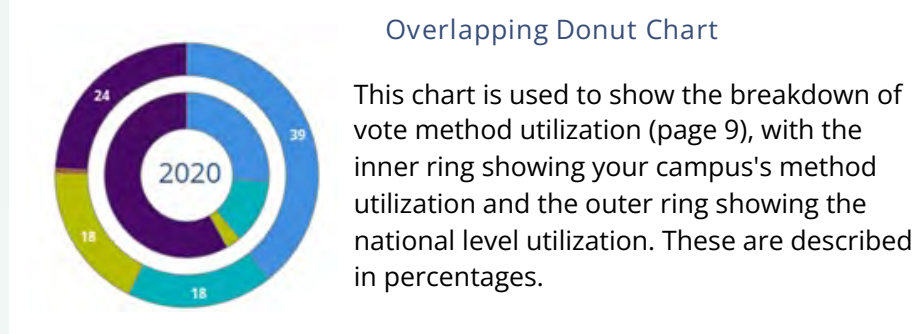
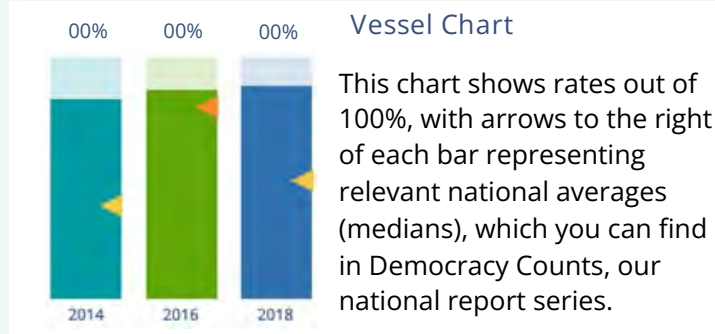
In This Report

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

8.1%

2022 Voting Rate

-8.7

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

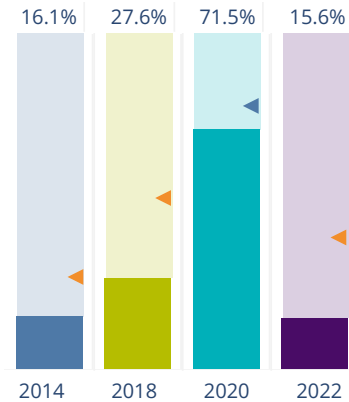
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



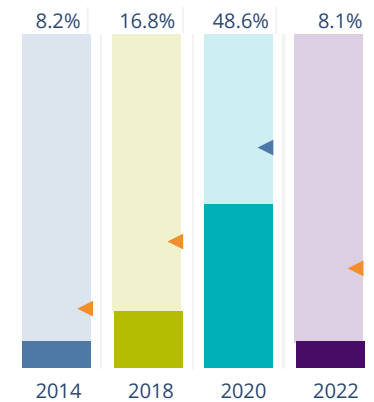
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	19,787	21,790	22,845	22,561	↑ 770
Age under 18/Unknown	65	71	58	92	↑ 21
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	713	747	710	801	↑ 54
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	1,254	738	721	-	-
Total eligible voters	17,746	20,232	21,352	21,667	↑ 1,434
Number of students who registered	9,099	12,338	14,508	11,253	↓ -1,085
Number of students who voted	1,463	3,403	10,378	1,755	↓ -1,648
Registration Rate %	51	60	67	51	↓ -9
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	16	27	71	15	↓ -11
Voting Rate %	8	16	48	8	↓ -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.

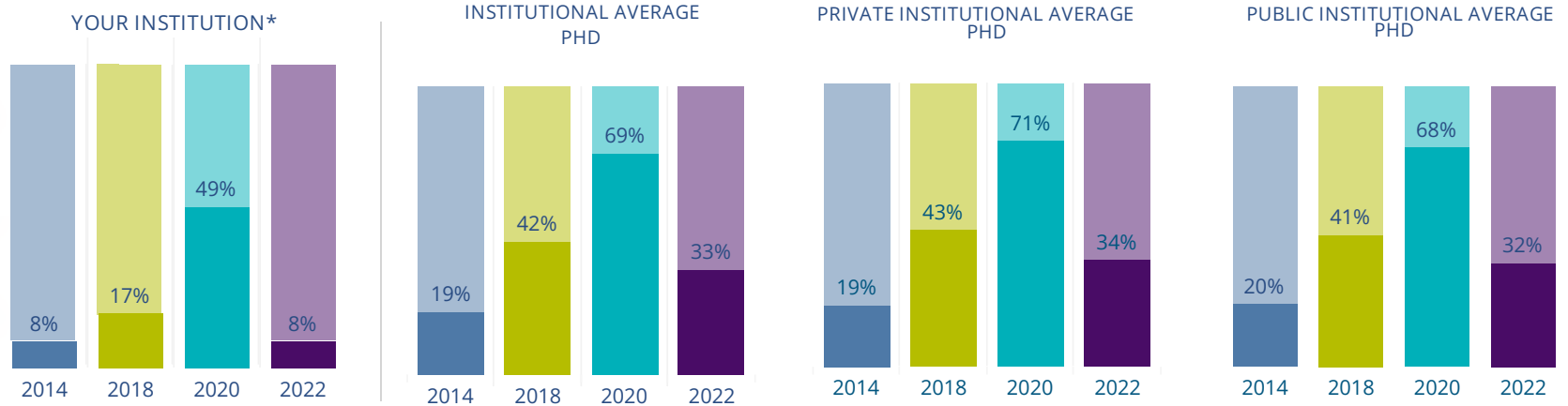
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

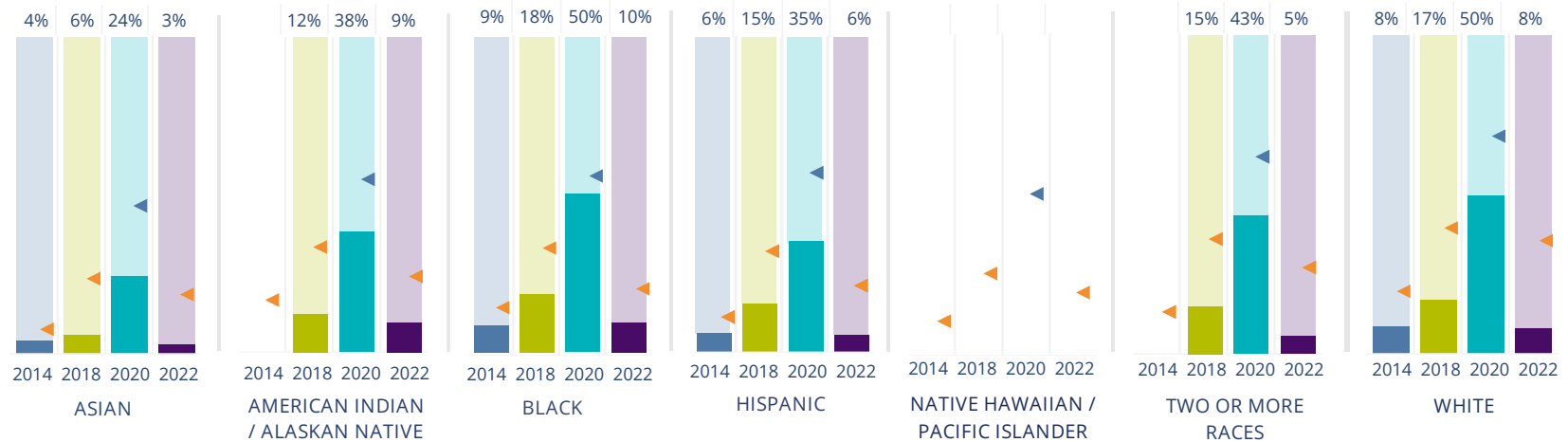
By Institution Types



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

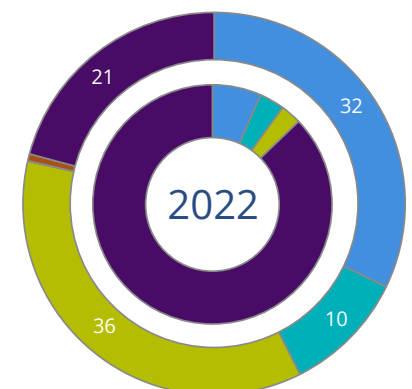
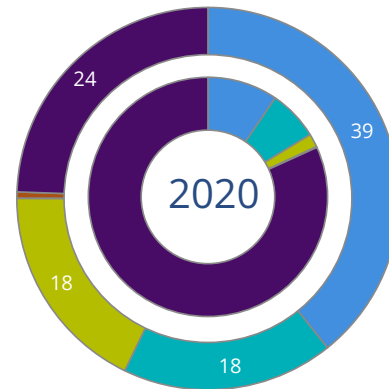
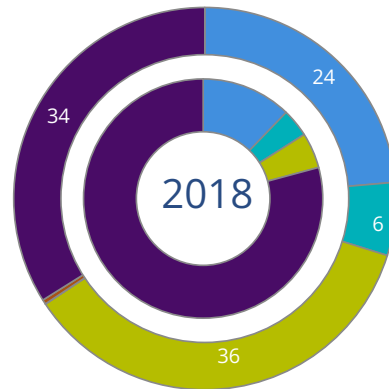
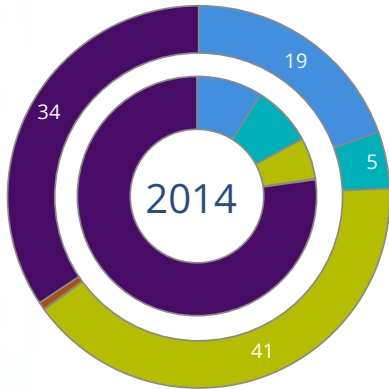
By Race/Ethnicity

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. 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	295	12	4	375	22	5	421	102	24	400	13	3	↓ -2
American Indian/ Alaska Native	95	-	-	116	14	12	128	49	38	118	11	9	↓ -2
Black	3,385	293	8	3,703	678	18	3,717	1,850	49	3,431	328	9	↓ -8
Hispanic	451	27	5	642	99	15	759	264	34	857	49	5	↓ -9
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	16	-	-	16	-	-	17	-	-	11	-	-	-
2 or More Races	247	-	-	379	57	15	466	202	43	534	29	5	↓ -9
White	13,286	1,090	8	15,055	2,507	16	15,781	7,841	49	16,205	1,311	8	↓ -8
Race Unknown	635	23	3	667	24	3	750	66	8	913	14	1	↓ -2

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	120	8	131	3	708	6	59	3	→	0
In-Person	82	5	165	4	189	1	49	2	↓	-2
Not-In-Person	130	8	414	12	981	9	115	6	↓	-5
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	1,130	77	2,693	79	8,493	81	1,532	87	↑	8

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	4%	12%	48%	4%
22-24	6%	14%	45%	7%
25-29	9%	21%	39%	9%
30-39	20%	28%	41%	16%
40-49	35%	47%	60%	27%
50+	42%	59%	68%	37%

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	10,105	452	4	12,533	1,610	12	12,811	6,163	48	13,067	592	4	↓ -8
22-24	4,474	283	6	4,594	656	14	4,803	2,191	45	4,887	390	7	↓ -6
25-29	1,748	168	9	1,810	390	21	1,862	744	39	1,879	187	9	↓ -11
30-39	1,332	274	20	1,282	370	28	1,560	648	41	1,569	254	16	↓ -12
40-49	506	181	35	507	242	47	704	428	60	711	197	27	↓ -20
50+	245	105	42	227	135	59	299	204	68	356	135	37	↓ -21

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	9,014	773	8	10,515	1,873	17	11,252	5,809	51	11,561	993	8	 -9
Male	9,396	690	7	10,438	1,530	14	10,770	4,562	42	10,907	762	6	 -7

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	15,076	890	5	17,609	2,520	14	17,921	8,454	47	17,457	1,063	6	↓ -8
Graduate	3,333	572	17	3,344	883	26	4,096	1,914	46	4,250	631	14	↓ -11
Class Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	762	-	-	-

CLASS YEAR

Freshman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sophomore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Upperclassman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-






ENROLLMENT STATUS

Full-time	15,762	829	5	18,134	2,488	13	18,701	8,719	46	19,003	1,085	5	↓ -8
Part-time	2,648	634	23	2,819	915	32	3,338	1,659	49	3,466	670	19	↓ -13

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	1,071	82	7	1,094	134	12	1,214	541	44	1,713	89	5	 -7
Architecture	358	15	4	419	59	14	454	213	46	413	17	4	 -9
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,427	102	7	1,760	200	11	1,679	803	47	1,506	83	5	 -5
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,590	181	6	3,074	458	14	3,560	1,705	47	3,811	286	7	 -7
Communication and Journalism	592	33	5	561	104	18	545	315	57	508	44	8	 -9


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	291	11	3	424	67	15	513	199	38	598	23	3	↓ -11
Education	1,922	283	14	1,885	430	22	2,286	1,203	52	2,090	312	14	↓ -7
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	3,551	194	5	4,436	608	13	4,555	1,953	42	4,299	289	6	↓ -6
English Language and Literature	139	-	-	138	29	21	123	67	54	94	-	-	-
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	422	30	7	367	57	15	371	191	51	368	34	9	↓ -6
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	43	-	-	211	43	20	182	95	52	144	15	10	↓ -9
Health Professions	501	26	5	555	89	16	551	287	52	95	-	-	-
History	160	18	11	144	41	28	151	81	53	149	25	16	↓ -11
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,368	61	4	1,297	151	11	1,252	570	45	1,171	55	4	↓ -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
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	42	-	-	301	50	16	111	48	43	872	63	7	 -9
Mathematics and Statistics	112	-	-	140	16	11	139	58	41	115	-	-	-
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	412	69	16	585	154	26	544	251	46	717	110	15	 -10
Personal and Culinary Services	11	-	-	20	-	-	12	-	-	18	-	-	-
Philosophy and Religious Studies	41	-	-	27	-	-	30	16	53	26	-	-	-
Social Sciences	624	47	7	691	130	18	732	366	50	629	52	8	 -10
Visual and Performing Arts	289	-	-	266	45	16	257	118	45	240	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	13	46	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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