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Student Voting Rates for Ohio 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

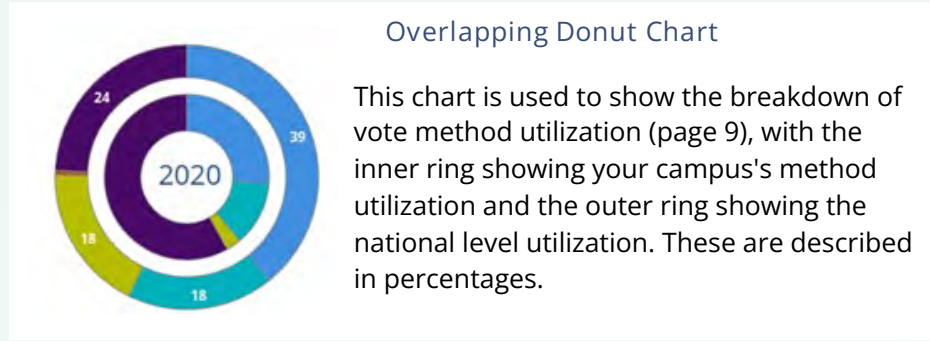
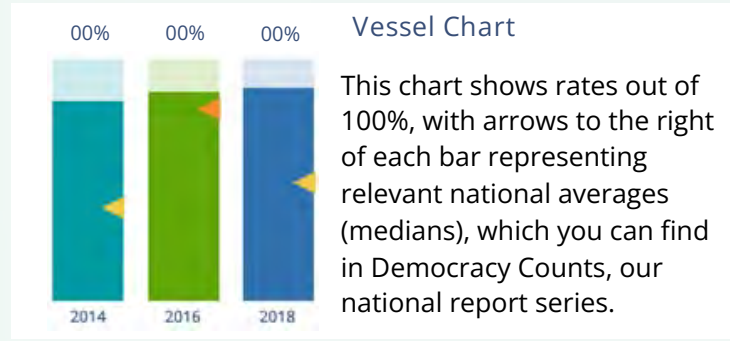
In This Report

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

30.7%

2022 Voting Rate

-8.7

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

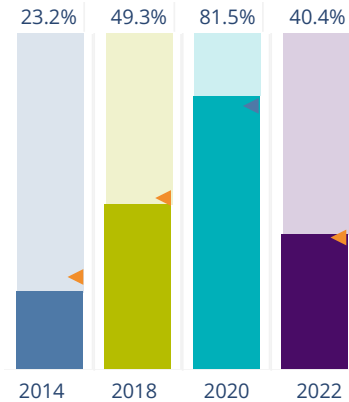
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



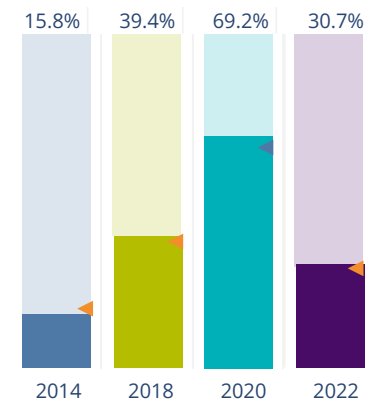
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	34,181	34,224	30,268	27,449	↓ -6,774
Age under 18/Unknown	507	662	852	936	↑ 274
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,628	1,180	222	817	↓ -362
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	45	54	89	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	-	-	-	-
Total eligible voters	32,000	32,327	29,104	25,695	↓ -6,632
Number of students who registered	21,755	25,838	24,689	19,496	↓ -6,342
Number of students who voted	5,049	12,740	20,131	7,876	↓ -4,864
Registration Rate %	67	79	84	75	↓ -4
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	23	49	81	40	↓ -8
Voting Rate %	15	39	69	30	↓ -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.

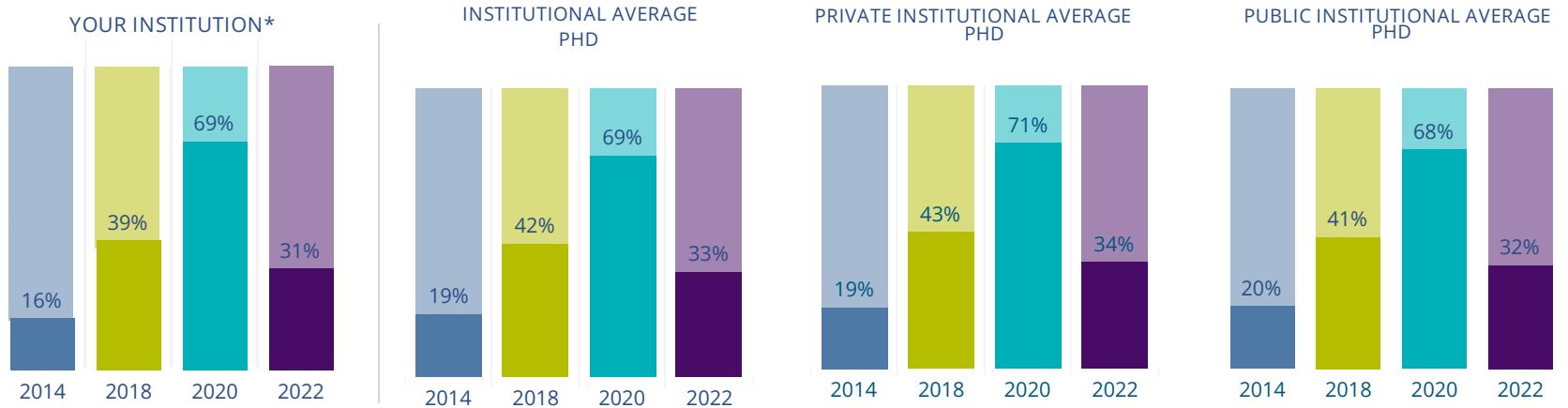
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

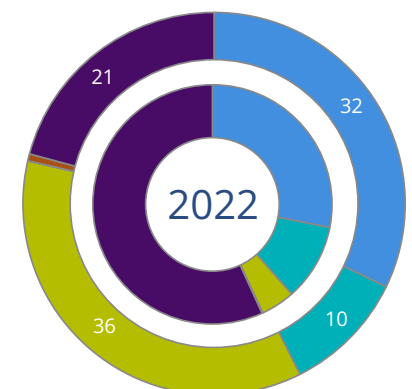
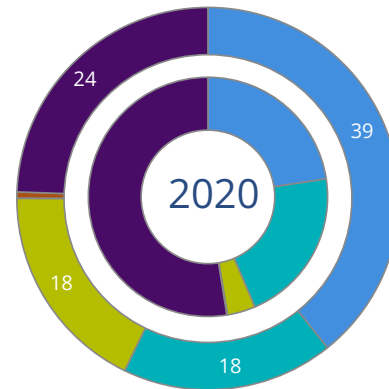
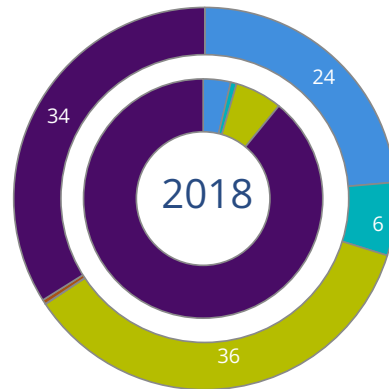
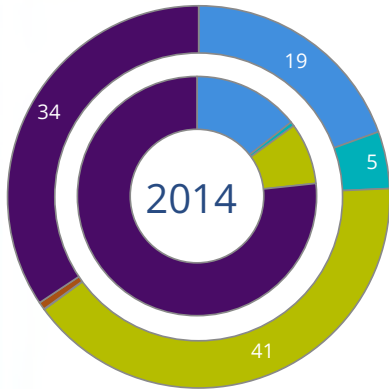
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Race Unknown	33,629	5,049	15	33,508	12,740	38	29,327	20,131	68	26,513	7,876	29	↓ -8

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	28	0	105	0	4,218	21	816	10	↑	9
In-Person	419	8	813	6	768	3	363	4	↓	-1
Not-In-Person	726	14	469	3	4,540	22	2,215	28	↑	24
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	21	0	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	3,875	76	11,351	89	10,584	52	4,478	56	↓	-32

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	9%	33%	70%	25%
22-24	11%	36%	68%	29%
25-29	14%	38%	61%	31%
30-39	22%	43%	64%	36%
40-49	33%	55%	73%	46%
50+	45%	65%	80%	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 Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
18-21	16,650	1,543	9	16,555	5,548	33	14,300	10,067	70	13,940	3,494	25	↓ -8
22-24	5,051	597	11	5,566	2,048	36	5,027	3,463	68	4,498	1,319	29	↓ -7
25-29	3,834	575	14	4,170	1,586	38	3,835	2,368	61	3,140	980	31	↓ -6
30-39	4,482	997	22	4,309	1,859	43	3,782	2,435	64	2,962	1,072	36	↓ -6
40-49	2,524	837	33	2,075	1,155	55	1,733	1,272	73	1,430	671	46	↓ -8
50+	1,088	500	45	833	544	65	650	526	80	543	340	62	↓ -2

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	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

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022 Rate Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	
EDUCATION LEVEL													
Undergraduate	28,695	3,905	13	27,045	9,773	36	22,648	15,568	68	20,217	5,455	26	↓ -9
Graduate	4,540	1,005	22	6,042	2,772	45	6,263	4,256	67	5,819	2,220	38	↓ -7
Class Unknown	394	139	35	421	195	46	416	307	73	477	201	42	↓ -4
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	-	-	-	5,699	1,653	29	4,412	3,012	68	5,396	1,048	19	↓ -9
Sophomore	-	-	-	4,708	1,561	33	4,093	2,870	70	3,710	986	26	↓ -6
Upperclassman	-	-	-	15,572	6,219	39	13,439	9,286	69	10,642	3,293	30	↓ -8
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	22,558	2,459	10	24,226	8,501	35	20,890	14,312	68	20,019	5,316	26	↓ -8
Part-time	11,071	2,590	23	9,281	4,239	45	8,435	5,817	68	6,493	2,560	39	↓ -6

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	-	-	-	24	-	-	11	-	-	27	-	-	-
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	-	-	-	69	23	33	58	33	56	73	14	19	↓ -14
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	-	-	-	1,851	614	33	1,577	1,105	70	1,657	432	26	↓ -7
Business, Management, and Marketing	-	-	-	3,884	1,256	32	3,522	2,374	67	3,228	836	25	↓ -6
Communication and Journalism	-	-	-	2,195	1,034	47	1,677	1,264	75	1,519	460	30	↓ -16
Communications Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	48	20	41	24	12	50	13	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	-	151	35	23	163	102	62	210	41	19	↓ -3








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
Communications Technologies/Tec..	-	-	-	48	20	41	24	12	50	13	-	-	-
Computer and Information Sciences	-	-	-	546	210	38	432	285	65	414	78	18	↓-19
Education	-	-	-	2,115	876	41	2,245	1,579	70	2,048	621	30	↓-11
Engineering and Engineering Techn..	-	-	-	2,214	668	30	1,814	1,113	61	1,520	364	23	↓-6
English Language and Literature	-	-	-	310	171	55	304	233	76	298	130	43	↓-11
Family and Consumer/Human Scien..	-	-	-	739	235	31	368	266	72	410	90	21	↓-9
Foreign Languages, Literatures, an..	-	-	-	146	81	55	115	84	73	106	27	25	↓-30
Health Professions	-	-	-	9,627	3,929	40	8,798	6,036	68	6,856	2,208	32	↓-8
History	-	-	-	242	136	56	206	153	74	194	81	41	↓-14
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and ..	-	-	-	66	25	37	69	46	66	83	23	27	↓-10
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitn..	-	-	-	962	325	33	687	469	68	585	124	21	↓-12
Transportation	-	-	-	151	35	23	163	102	62	210	41	19	↓-3

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	-	-	-	16	-	-	33	25	75	19	12	63	-
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	-	-	-	3,126	903	28	1,709	1,041	60	1,259	263	20	 -7
Mathematics and Statistics	-	-	-	117	29	24	101	51	50	108	25	23	 -1
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	-	31	12	38	186	121	65	510	188	36	 -1
Philosophy and Religious Studies	-	-	-	36	15	41	37	24	64	33	11	33	 -8
Social Sciences	-	-	-	1,387	606	43	1,106	800	72	806	271	33	 -10
Visual and Performing Arts	-	-	-	999	437	43	1,186	885	74	1,248	399	31	 -11
Unknown	33,629	5,049	15	454	212	46	466	340	72	515	217	42	 -4

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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