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# Student Voting Rates for Otterbein 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](mailto: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

35.7%

2022 Voting Rate

-9.2

Change From 2018

## ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

### REGISTRATION RATE



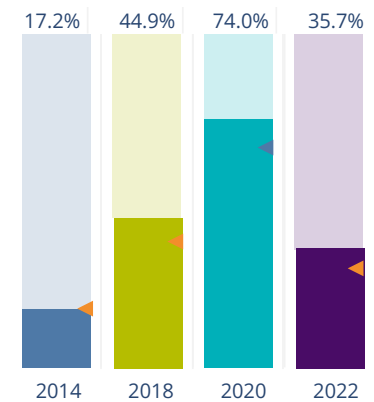
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

### 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	2,773	3,061	2,757	2,537	↓ -524
Age under 18/Unknown	50	104	85	58	↓ -46
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	53	20	-	-	-
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	NSC	NSC	
FERPA records blocked	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	-	-	-	-
Total eligible voters	2,661	2,934	2,671	2,479	↓ -455
Number of students who registered	1,817	2,341	2,296	1,801	↓ -540
Number of students who voted	459	1,318	1,976	885	↓ -433
Registration Rate %	68	79	85	72	↓ -7
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	25	56	86	49	↓ -7
Voting Rate %	17	44	73	35	↓ -9

**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.

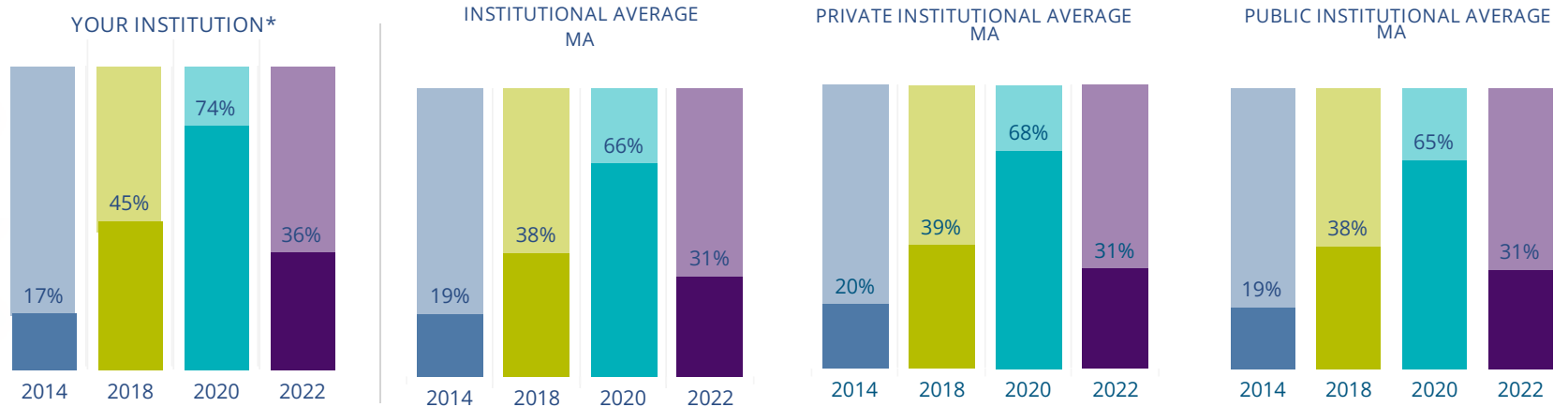
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

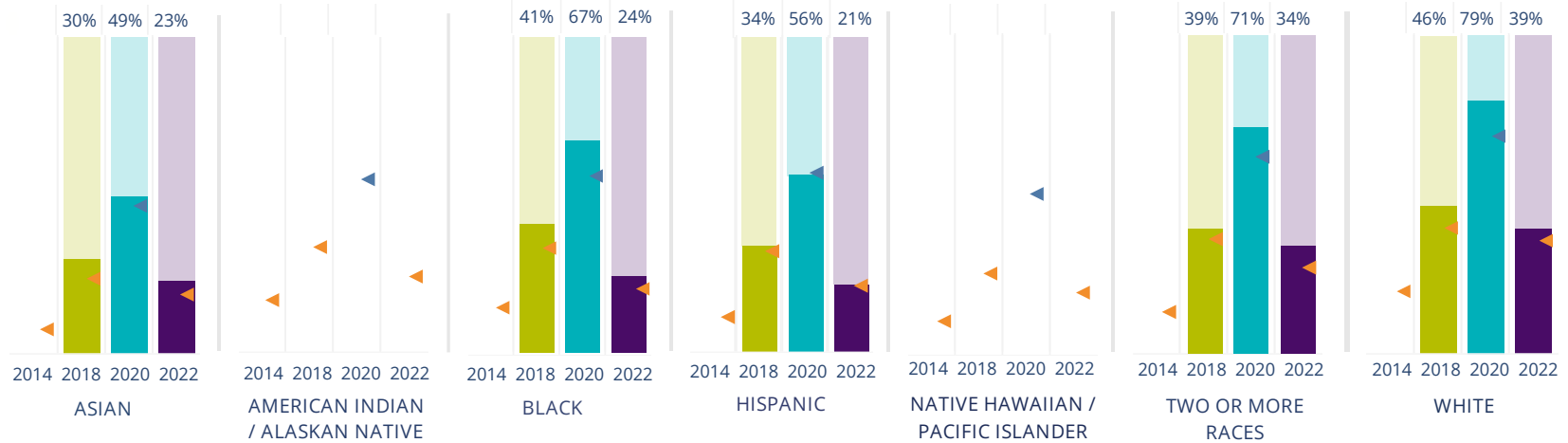
## By Institution Types



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

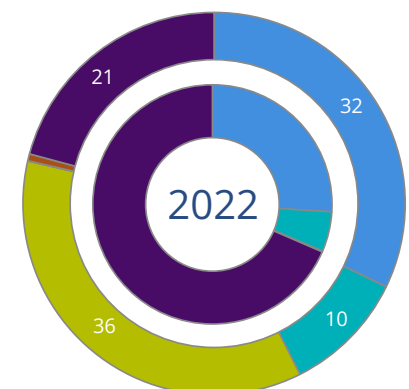
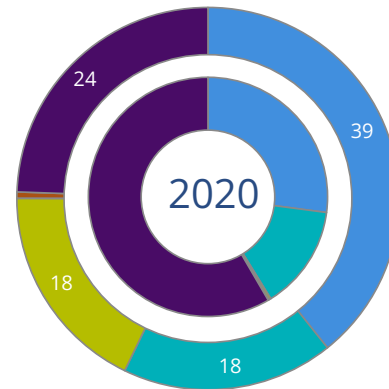
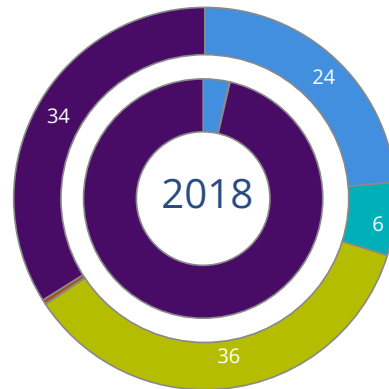
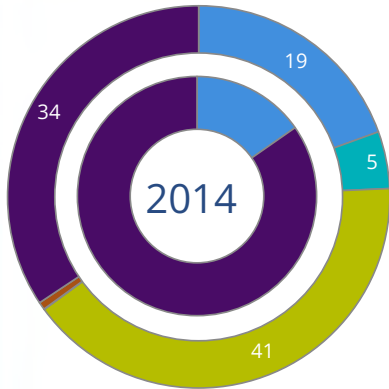
**This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates.** We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your 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	-	-	-	64	19	29	69	34	49	74	17	22	↓-6
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	202	82	40	163	109	66	195	47	24	↓-16
Hispanic	-	-	-	116	39	33	152	85	55	159	34	21	↓-12
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	113	44	38	109	77	70	110	37	33	↓-5
White	-	-	-	2,069	947	45	1,678	1,327	79	1,517	593	39	↓-6
Race Unknown	2,715	459	16	380	179	47	490	336	68	424	157	37	↓-10



# 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	-	-	-	-	279	14	48	5	-	-
In-Person	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not-In-Person	70	15	46	3	536	27	230	26	↑	22
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	389	84	1,271	96	1,155	58	606	68	↓	-27

**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	12%	38%	71%	30%
22-24	15%	47%	77%	36%
25-29	19%	43%	77%	45%
30-39	32%	62%	74%	55%
40-49	48%	73%	89%	67%
50+	57%	85%	84%	85%

**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	1,835	222	12	1,997	776	38	1,864	1,342	71	1,785	552	30	↓ -7
22-24	328	50	15	324	153	47	381	295	77	345	126	36	↓ -10
25-29	193	38	19	204	88	43	163	127	77	115	52	45	↑ 2
30-39	178	57	32	215	135	62	141	105	74	115	64	55	↓ -7
40-49	127	61	48	145	106	73	77	69	89	59	40	67	↓ -5
50+	54	31	57	70	60	85	45	38	84	60	51	85	→ 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	-	-	-	1,884	899	47	1,678	1,264	75	1,480	557	37	 -10
Male	-	-	-	1,062	417	39	983	703	71	960	302	31	 -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(%)	
<b>EDUCATION LEVEL</b>													
Undergraduate	2,234	307	13	2,431	989	40	2,296	1,675	72	2,155	691	32	↓ -8
Graduate	426	140	32	517	326	63	355	284	80	299	171	57	↓ -5
Class Unknown	55	12	21	-	-	-	20	17	85	25	23	92	-
<b>CLASS YEAR</b>													
Freshman	714	75	10	728	254	34	645	414	64	698	177	25	↓ -9
Sophomore	507	62	12	569	221	38	514	379	73	467	133	28	↓ -10
Upperclassman	1,028	170	16	1,120	503	44	1,130	875	77	988	380	38	↓ -6
<b>ENROLLMENT STATUS</b>													
Full-time	2,276	318	13	2,456	1,006	40	2,327	1,719	73	2,218	737	33	↓ -7
Part-time	439	141	32	499	312	62	344	257	74	261	148	56	↓ -5

**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	26	-	-	29	-	-	24	17	70	58	13	22	-
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	12	57	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	99	14	14	170	79	46	181	141	77	147	54	36	 -9
Business, Management, and Marketing	334	55	16	386	147	38	367	250	68	313	92	29	 -8
Communication and Journalism	133	28	21	122	60	49	122	100	81	96	39	40	 -8


**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	30	-	-	38	18	47	50	32	64	52	14	26	↓20
Education	311	79	25	330	155	46	301	231	76	234	91	38	↓8
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	-	-	-	99	45	45	92	63	68	87	29	33	↓12
English Language and Literature	71	-	-	54	38	70	46	32	69	45	26	57	↓12
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-
Health Professions	750	116	15	742	293	39	659	482	73	501	161	32	↓7
History	31	-	-	18	-	-	21	17	80	17	-	-	-
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	138	14	10	102	37	36	102	68	66	129	14	10	↓25

## 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	171	45	26	260	148	56	103	85	82	159	82	51	 -5
Mathematics and Statistics	18	-	-	29	15	51	17	11	64	21	-	-	-
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-
Philosophy and Religious Studies	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social Sciences	80	13	16	101	31	30	112	82	73	95	35	36	 6
Visual and Performing Arts	230	27	11	212	109	51	178	142	79	160	57	35	 -15
Unknown	21	-	-	17	-	-	45	37	82	49	38	77	-



## 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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