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Student Voting Rates for Owens Community College

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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

27.3%

2022 Voting Rate

-4.1

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



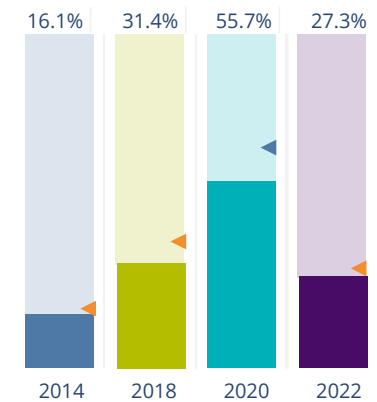
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	12,354	8,956	7,070	7,210	↓ -1,746
Age under 18/Unknown	951	1,143	1,030	1,245	↑ 102
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	102	89	51	38	↓ -51
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	NSC	NSC	
FERPA records blocked	224	100	58	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	422	-	-	-	-
Total eligible voters	10,654	7,623	5,931	5,927	↓ -1,696
Number of students who registered	7,185	5,616	4,683	4,185	↓ -1,431
Number of students who voted	1,716	2,392	3,302	1,620	↓ -772
Registration Rate %	67	73	78	70	↓ -3
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	23	42	70	38	↓ -3
Voting Rate %	16	31	55	27	↓ -4

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.

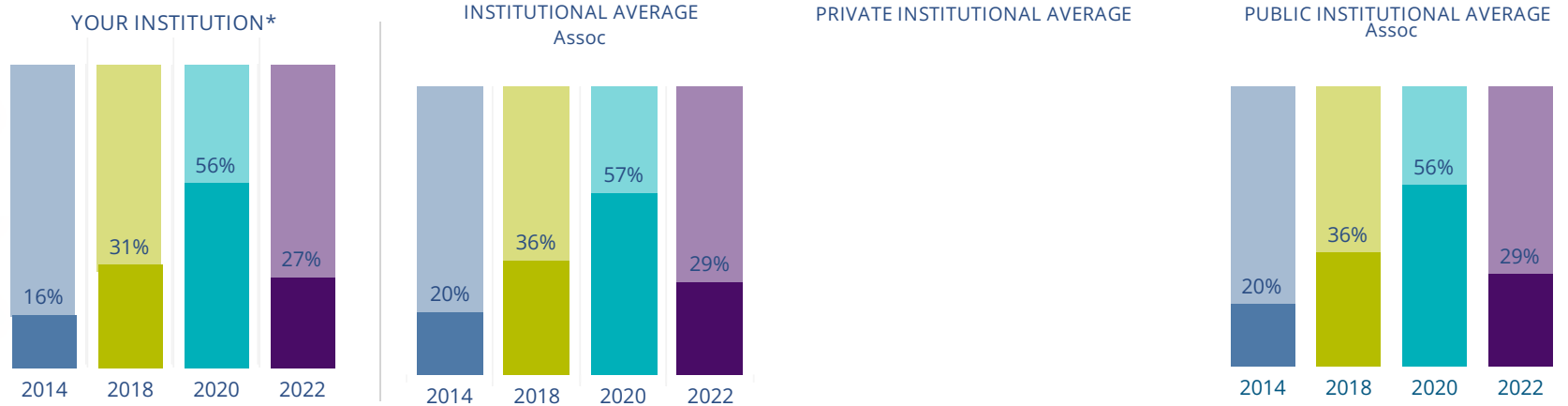
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

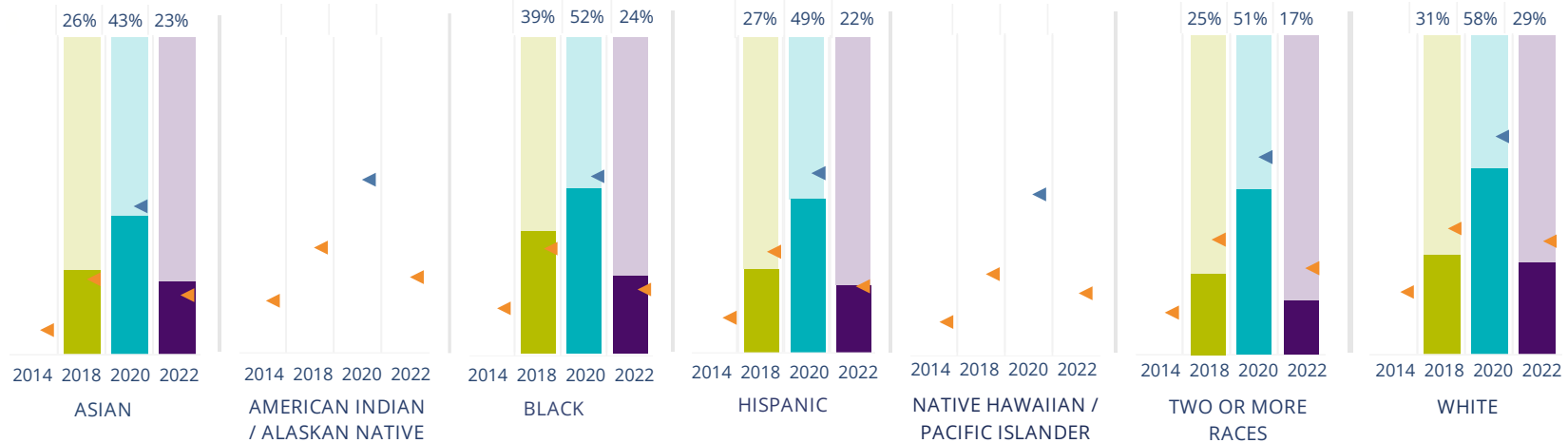
By Institution Types



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

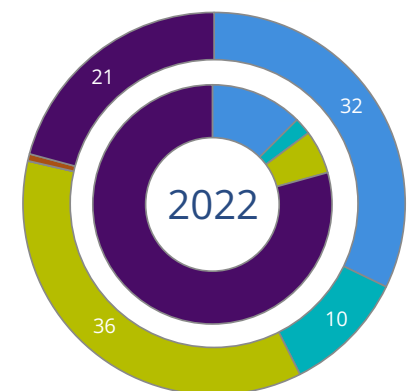
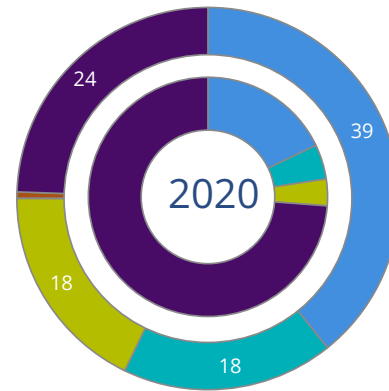
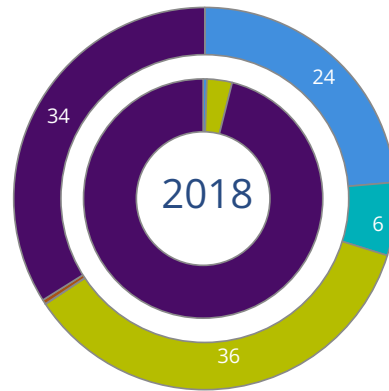
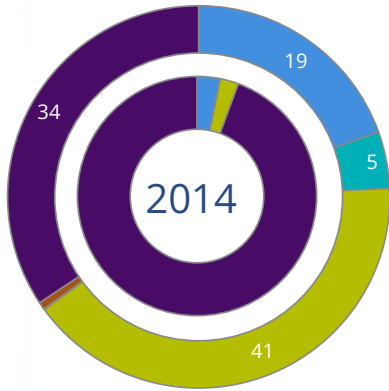
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	80	21	26	74	32	43	61	14	22	↓ -3
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	20	-	-	13	-	-	16	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	733	284	38	558	291	52	545	133	24	↓ -14
Hispanic	-	-	-	600	160	26	487	236	48	519	112	21	↓ -5
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	211	53	25	173	89	51	183	31	16	↓ -8
White	-	-	-	5,593	1,742	31	4,446	2,571	57	4,434	1,282	28	↓ -2
Race Unknown	10,753	1,716	15	470	125	26	174	73	41	163	45	27	↑ 1

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	-	-	-	-	154	4	37	2	-	-
In-Person	43	2	81	3	120	3	95	5	↑	2
Not-In-Person	54	3	12	0	590	17	203	12	↑	12
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	1,619	94	2,298	96	2,438	73	1,285	79	↓	-16

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	13%	28%	55%	25%
22-24	13%	27%	53%	22%
25-29	11%	27%	48%	23%
30-39	18%	33%	58%	29%
40-49	27%	46%	68%	44%
50+	40%	62%	75%	64%

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	3,815	513	13	2,821	792	28	2,351	1,310	55	2,452	617	25	↓ -2
22-24	1,883	247	13	1,411	388	27	1,018	549	53	1,054	235	22	↓ -5
25-29	1,884	212	11	1,476	407	27	1,112	538	48	919	220	23	↓ -3
30-39	1,961	367	18	1,279	431	33	1,003	590	58	992	294	29	↓ -4
40-49	858	235	27	494	229	46	337	232	68	365	161	44	↓ -2
50+	352	142	40	232	145	62	110	83	75	145	93	64	↑ 1

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	-	-	-	3,545	1,114	31	2,998	1,671	55	2,822	743	26	 -5
Male	-	-	-	4,166	1,278	30	2,931	1,631	55	3,089	874	28	 -2

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	10,605	1,689	15	7,559	2,339	30	5,695	3,164	55	5,627	1,522	27	↓ -3
Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Class Unknown	148	27	18	154	53	34	236	138	58	300	98	32	↓ -1
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	6,029	806	13	4,390	1,197	27	3,254	1,694	52	3,304	814	24	↓ -2
Sophomore	4,724	910	19	3,316	1,193	35	2,672	1,606	60	2,610	803	30	↓ -5
Upperclassman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	-	-	-	2,260	664	29	1,856	1,062	57	1,628	418	25	↓ -3
Part-time	-	-	-	5,453	1,728	31	4,075	2,240	54	4,299	1,202	27	↓ -3

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	80	-	-	54	21	38	52	33	63	50	17	34	 -4
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	93	13	13	87	28	32	58	32	55	50	18	36	 3
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,512	244	16	843	259	30	526	287	54	406	109	26	 -3
Communication and Journalism	80	17	21	33	13	39	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Communications Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	21	-	-	31	16	51	36	13	36	-


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
Communications Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	21	-	-	31	16	51	36	13	36	-
Computer and Information Sciences	246	54	21	149	58	38	104	63	60	97	28	28	 -10
Construction Trades	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education	447	89	19	235	85	36	188	112	59	154	51	33	 -3
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,233	321	14	828	230	27	453	260	57	461	140	30	 2
English Language and Literature	33	-	-	24	13	54	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health Professions	1,099	191	17	994	326	32	869	527	60	867	230	26	 -6
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	565	98	17	235	80	34	172	97	56	143	31	21	 -12

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	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	3,436	518	15	3,324	966	29	2,760	1,469	53	3,000	776	25	 -3
Mathematics and Statistics	30	-	-	47	15	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	56	11	19	47	22	46	36	12	33	 13
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Personal and Culinary Services	-	-	-	58	16	27	42	19	45	47	17	36	 8
Precision Production	98	18	18	115	42	36	93	54	58	109	39	35	 0
Social Sciences	36	-	-	28	14	50	25	18	72	-	-	-	-
Visual and Performing Arts	318	45	14	191	68	35	111	68	61	119	43	36	 0
Unknown	14	-	-	72	23	31	84	51	60	110	27	24	 -7

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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