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Student Voting Rates for Ridgewater College

NSLVE Campus Report

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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

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

38.8%
2022 Voting Rate

-0.8
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%
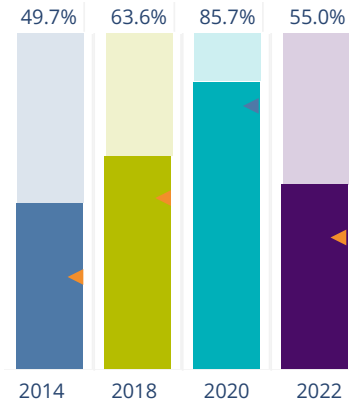2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

57.8%	62.2%	78.0%	70.5%
2014	2018	2020	2022

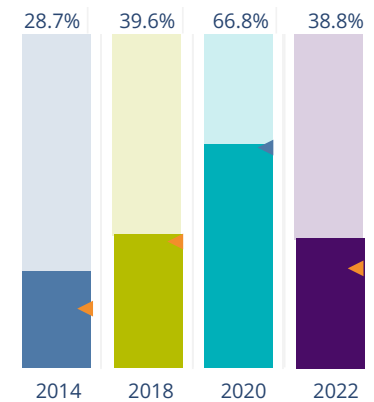The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

49.7%	63.6%	85.7%	55.0%
2014	2018	2020	2022

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

28.7%	39.6%	66.8%	38.8%
2014	2018	2020	2022

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	3,631	3,202	3,096	2,792	⬇ -410
Age under 18/Unknown	251	397	451	538	⬆ 141
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	-	-	-	-	-
Datasource	NSC	NSC	IPEDS	NSC	-
FERPA records blocked	611	276	111	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	-	-	-	-
Total eligible voters	2,769	2,529	2,527	2,247	⬇ -282
Number of students who registered	1,601	1,574	1,971	1,585	⬆ 11
Number of students who voted	796	1,001	1,689	871	⬇ -130
Registration Rate %	57	62	77	70	⬆ 8
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	49	63	85	54	⬇ -8
Voting Rate %	28	39	66	38	➡ 0

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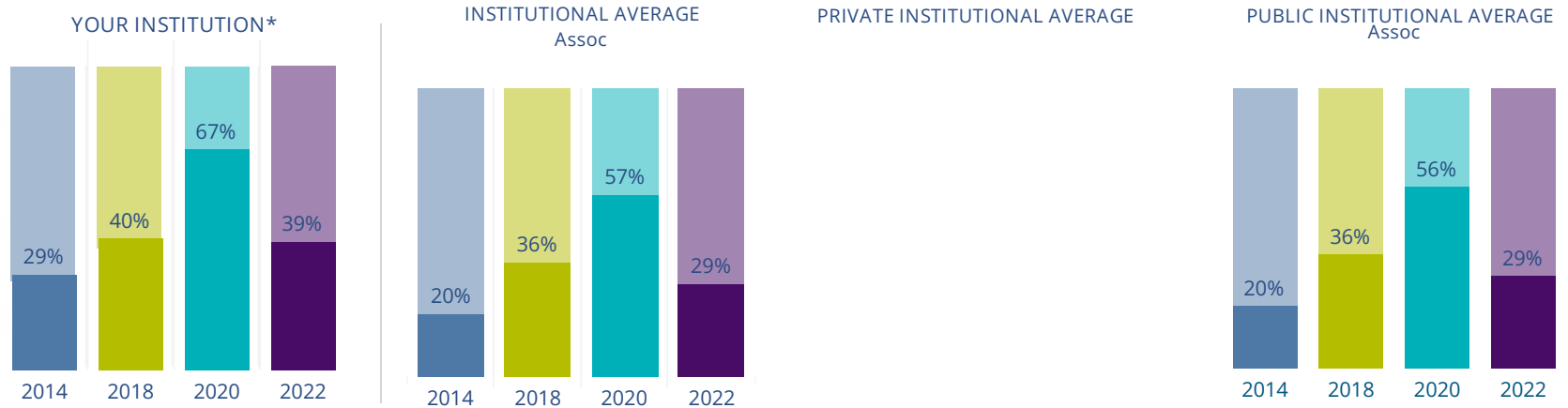
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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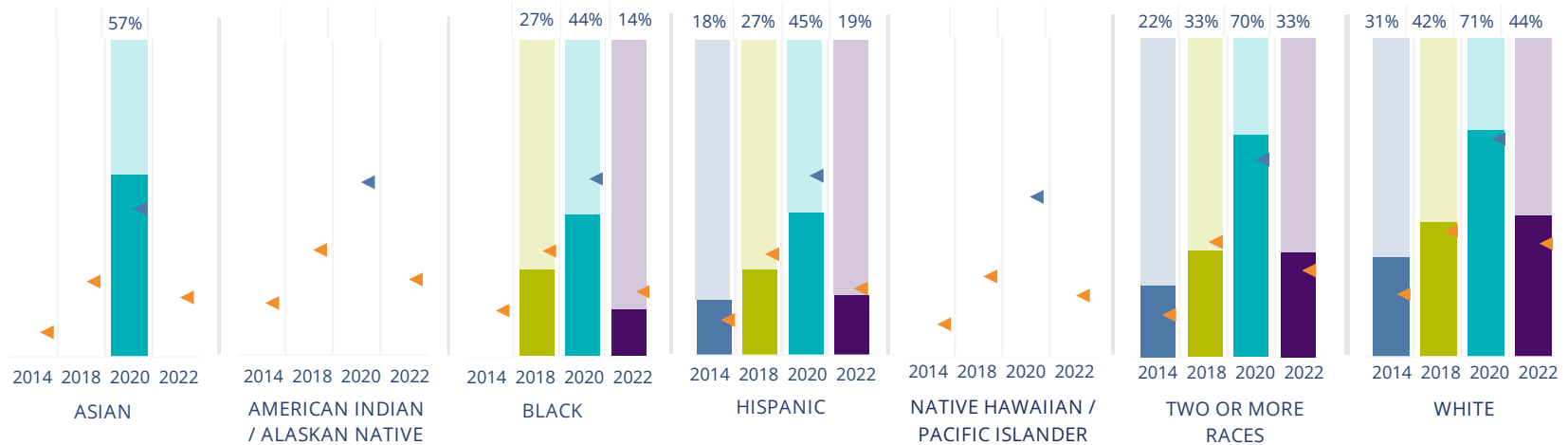
By Institution Types

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 79%
39.1%	LOW 7%

2022 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 68%
30.6%	LOW 4%

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.

YOUR INSTITUTION*

2014	2018	2020	2022
29%	40%	67%	39%

INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE
Assoc

2014	2018	2020	2022
20%	36%	57%	29%

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE
Assoc

2014	2018	2020	2022
20%	36%	56%	29%

By Race / Ethnicity

ASIAN	AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE	BLACK	HISPANIC	NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER	TWO OR MORE RACES	WHITE

ASIAN: 2020 57%

BLACK: 2018 27%, 2020 44%, 2022 14%

HISPANIC: 2014 18%, 2018 27%, 2020 45%, 2022 19%

TWO OR MORE RACES: 2014 22%, 2018 33%, 2020 70%, 2022 33%

WHITE: 2014 31%, 2018 42%, 2020 71%, 2022 44%

(Years shown under each group: 2014 2018 2020 2022)

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-nslve-report-faq

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*https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/report-your-data/race-ethnicity-collecting-data-for-reporting-purposes
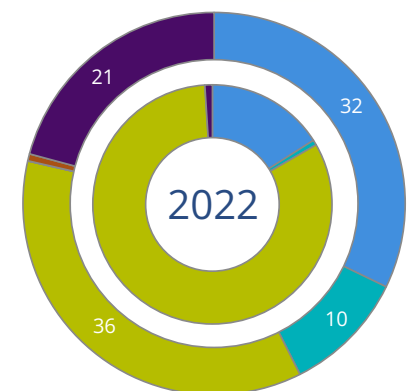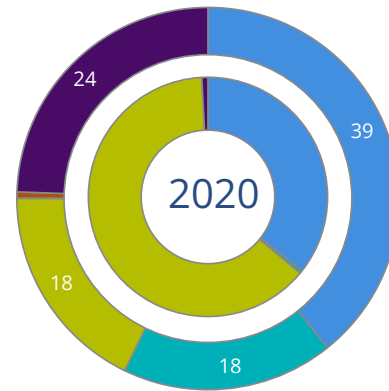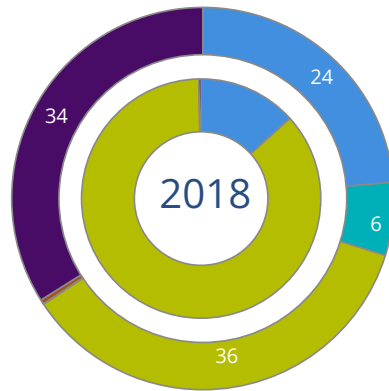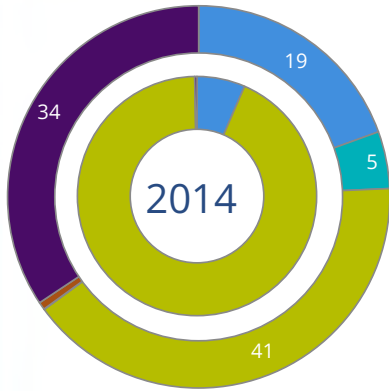
Looking Closer

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	15	-	-	22	-	-	28	16	57	33	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	17	-	-	12	-	-	12	-	-	-
Black	108	-	-	126	34	26	115	51	44	104	15	14	⬇ -12
Hispanic	183	32	17	226	61	26	231	104	45	276	53	19	⬇ -7
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	77	17	22	69	23	33	59	41	69	52	17	32	➡ 0
White	2,328	721	30	2,024	854	42	2,050	1,447	70	1,726	757	43	⬆ 1
Race Unknown	58	17	29	45	22	48	39	24	61	38	15	39	⬇ -9

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In-Person	742	93	865	86	1,068	63	717	82	⬇ -4
Not-In-Person	52	6	133	13	602	35	139	16	⬆ 2
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	-	-	-	-	12	0	-	-	-

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	22%	36%	67%	39%
22-24	19%	30%	58%	31%
25-29	25%	35%	58%	32%
30-39	37%	48%	68%	36%
40-49	47%	56%	74%	52%
50+	61%	71%	82%	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
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
18-21	1,415	321	22	1,467	535	36	1,415	956	67	1,290	507	39	⬆ 2
22-24	299	59	19	272	82	30	292	170	58	241	77	31	⬆ 1
25-29	324	82	25	283	101	35	261	152	58	265	85	32	⬇ -3
30-39	366	139	37	255	123	48	326	224	68	270	98	36	⬇ -11
40-49	200	94	47	131	74	56	127	94	74	110	58	52	⬇ -3
50+	165	101	61	121	86	71	113	93	82	71	46	64	⬇ -6

Looking Closer

By Sex

| | 2014 | | | 2018 | | | 2020 | | | 2022 | | | 2018-2022 |
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	1,404	396	28	1,339	513	38	1,503	979	65	1,391	530	38	➡ 0
Male	1,359	397	29	1,172	478	40	1,015	697	68	841	334	39	⬇ -1

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	1,778	467	26	1,768	661	37	1,906	1,249	65	1,711	663	38	⬆ 1
Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Class Unknown	991	265	26	761	290	38	628	375	59	536	161	30	⬇ -8
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	1,167	264	22	910	294	32	832	493	59	736	238	32	➡ 0
Sophomore	1,282	402	31	1,333	551	41	1,435	978	68	1,274	490	38	⬇ -2
Upperclassman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	1,466	345	23	1,530	538	35	1,478	985	66	1,336	509	38	⬆ 2
Part-time	1,303	451	34	999	463	46	1,056	704	66	911	362	39	⬇ -6

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (under-graduate/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	410	188	45	286	164	57	254	201	79	212	71	33	🔻-23
Basic Skills Education	14	-	-	17	-	-	14	-	-	21	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Business, Management, and Marketing	115	33	28	82	28	34	143	96	67	154	61	39	🔼5
Communication and Journalism	-	-	-	23	14	60	45	33	73	29	15	51	🔻-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	20	-	-	35	16	45	37	28	75	57	26	45	⇨ 0
Construction Trades	50	-	-	84	31	36	99	72	72	103	36	34	⬇ -1
Education	59	21	35	50	23	46	78	45	57	78	29	37	⬇ -8
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	204	56	27	170	62	36	200	132	66	180	80	44	⬆ 7
Health Professions	662	180	27	706	245	34	700	430	61	524	183	34	⇨ 0
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	44	12	27	81	30	37	68	39	57	57	26	45	⬆ 8
Basic Skills Education	14	-	-	17	-	-	14	-	-	21	-	-	-

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	892	235	26	685	277	40	647	437	67	576	245	42	⬆ 2
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	55	-	-	51	12	23	44	27	61	47	17	36	⬆ 12
Personal and Culinary Services	31	-	-	38	-	-	43	25	58	70	22	31	-
Precision Production	74	14	18	83	32	38	65	43	66	65	27	41	⬆ 2
Visual and Performing Arts	36	-	-	28	-	-	18	12	66	38	14	36	-
Unknown	62	18	29	98	46	46	74	60	81	22	-	-	-

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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