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Student Voting Rates for San Francisco 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

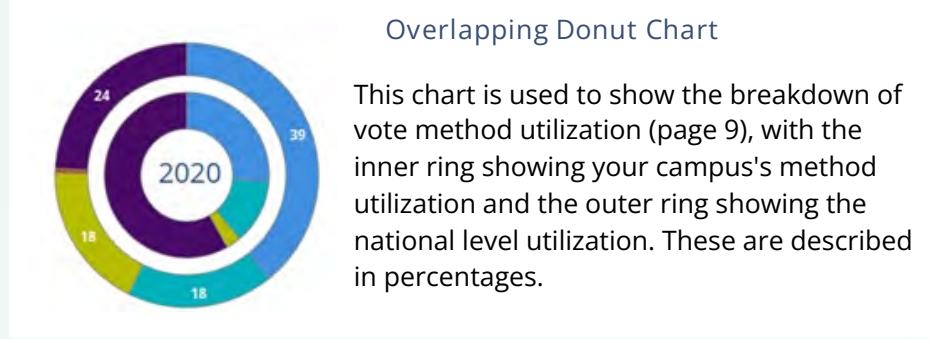
In This Report

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

29.1%

2022 Voting Rate

-11.9

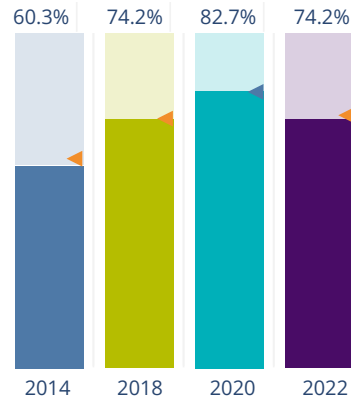
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

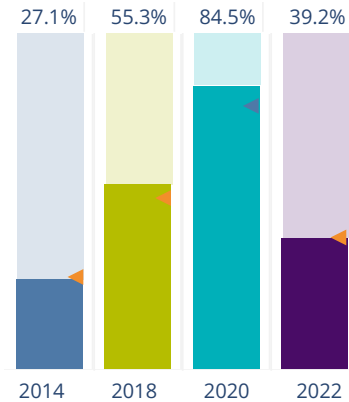
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



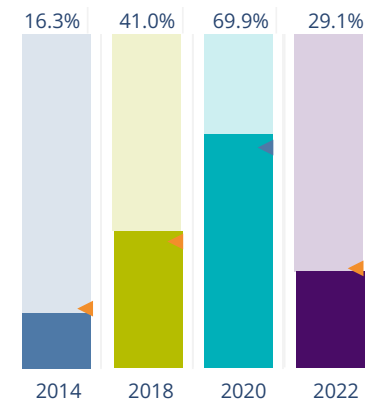
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	30,487	30,411	27,817	25,830	↓ -4,581
Age under 18/Unknown	659	621	674	721	↑ 100
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	2,218	2,270	1,817	1,313	↓ -956
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	558	603	531	-	-
Total eligible voters	27,049	26,914	24,792	23,795	↓ -3,119
Number of students who registered	16,305	19,961	20,506	17,658	↓ -2,303
Number of students who voted	4,414	11,047	17,325	6,926	↓ -4,121
Registration Rate %	60	74	82	74	→ 0
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	27	55	84	39	↓ -16
Voting Rate %	16	41	69	29	↓ -11

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.

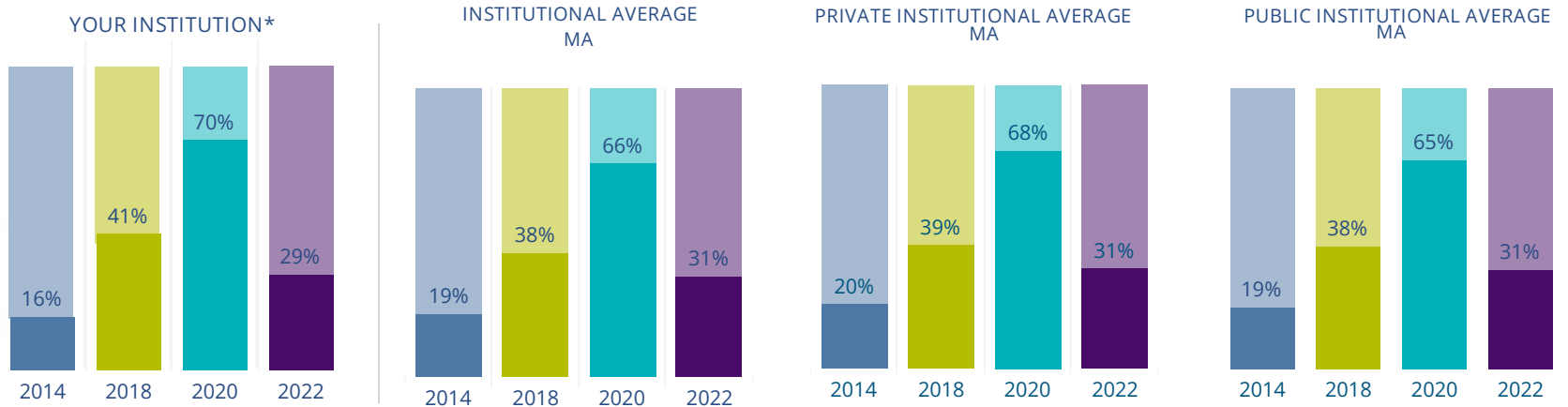
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

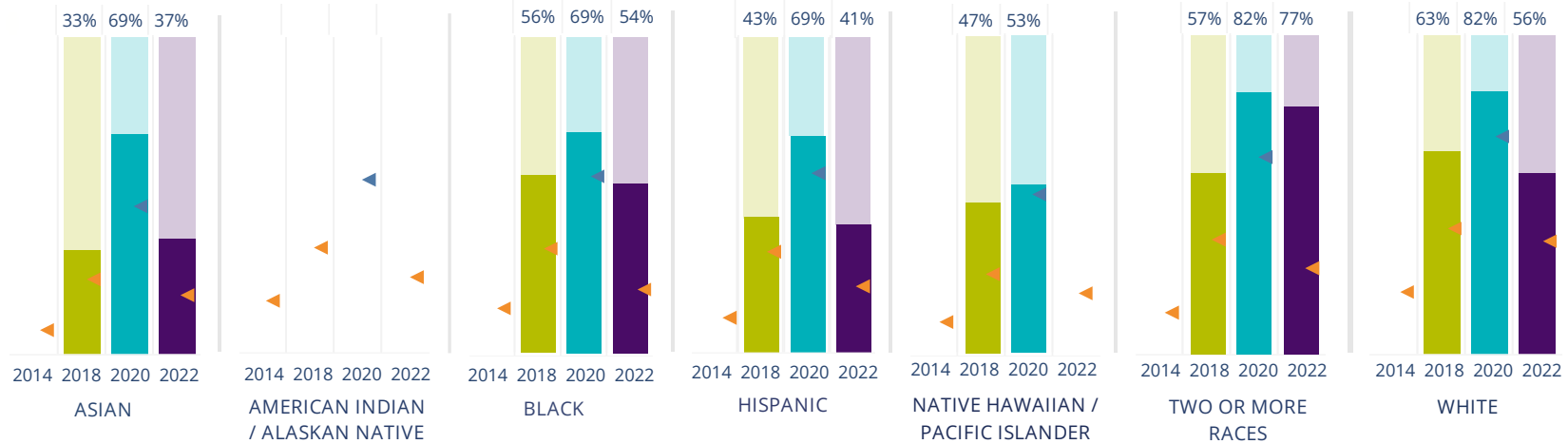
By Institution Types



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

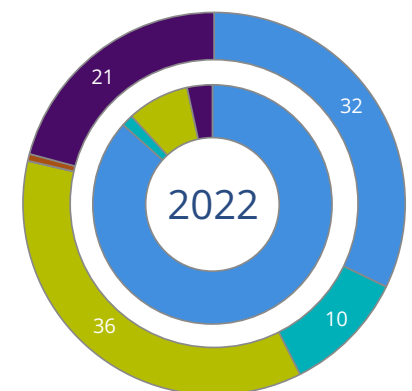
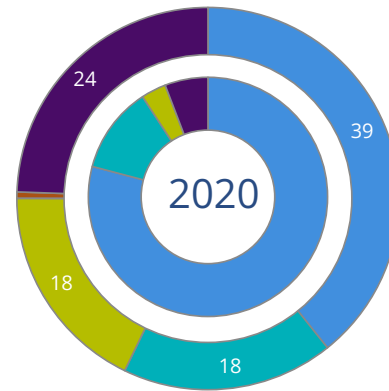
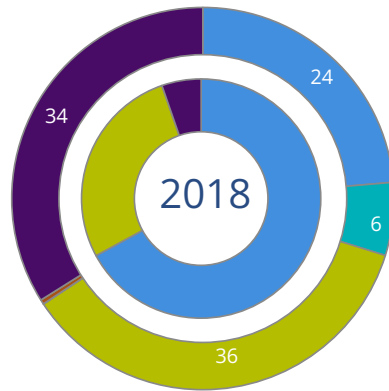
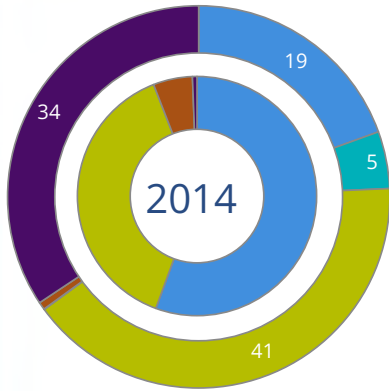
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	448	148	33	173	120	69	74	27	36	↑ 3
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	116	65	56	62	43	69	28	15	53	↓ -2
Hispanic	-	-	-	428	183	42	166	114	68	96	39	40	↓ -2
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	57	27	47	34	18	52	26	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	99	56	56	54	44	81	22	17	77	↑ 20
White	-	-	-	337	213	63	164	135	82	101	57	56	↓ -6
Race Unknown	29,226	4,414	15	27,644	10,351	37	25,916	16,848	65	24,762	6,762	27	↓ 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	-	-	-	-	2,035	11	108	1	-	
In-Person	1,700	38	3,051	27	592	3	579	8	↓ -19	
Not-In-Person	2,454	55	7,415	67	13,700	79	6,001	86	↑ 19	
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provisional	235	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Voting Method Unknown	24	0	580	5	996	5	238	3	↓ -1	

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%	66%	22%
22-24	14%	37%	62%	26%
25-29	18%	40%	63%	30%
30-39	30%	51%	63%	38%
40-49	43%	57%	71%	53%
50+	58%	74%	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	13,102	1,204	9	14,078	4,772	33	12,250	8,162	66	11,654	2,603	22	↓ -11
22-24	7,971	1,118	14	7,556	2,800	37	6,811	4,261	62	6,257	1,657	26	↓ -10
25-29	4,737	865	18	4,511	1,817	40	4,238	2,705	63	3,882	1,179	30	↓ -9
30-39	2,371	717	30	2,071	1,070	51	2,260	1,438	63	2,213	860	38	↓ -12
40-49	660	286	43	596	345	57	633	453	71	703	377	53	↓ -4
50+	385	224	58	326	243	74	382	306	80	400	250	62	↓ -12

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	-	-	-	1,024	489	47	500	367	73	276	131	47	 0
Male	-	-	-	755	325	43	345	231	66	179	81	45	 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	24,741	3,119	12	25,347	9,206	36	22,889	14,777	64	20,556	5,142	25	↓-11
Graduate	3,403	1,123	33	2,867	1,579	55	2,800	2,028	72	2,903	1,303	44	↓-10
Class Unknown	1,082	172	15	924	262	28	885	520	58	1,650	261	15	↓-12

CLASS YEAR

Freshman	5,403	363	6	5,954	1,708	28	3,096	1,882	60	3,408	591	17	↓-11
Sophomore	3,303	349	10	3,278	1,160	35	3,310	2,160	65	2,928	678	23	↓-12
Upperclassman	16,077	2,409	14	16,072	6,320	39	16,598	10,824	65	14,297	3,924	27	↓-11





ENROLLMENT STATUS

Full-time	23,562	3,134	13	24,688	9,035	36	22,356	14,547	65	20,170	5,210	25	↓-10
Part-time	5,664	1,280	22	4,450	2,012	45	4,218	2,778	65	4,939	1,716	34	↓-10

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
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	-	-	-	359	176	49	329	224	68	281	118	41	 -7
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	-	-	-	2,042	738	36	2,016	1,324	65	1,983	491	24	 -11
Business, Management, and Marketing	-	-	-	5,193	1,413	27	4,313	2,340	54	4,008	772	19	 -7
Communication and Journalism	-	-	-	2,045	985	48	1,647	1,235	74	1,238	421	34	 -14

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	-	-	-	1,699	441	25	1,834	934	50	1,761	302	17	↓ -8
Education	-	-	-	1,073	577	53	1,477	1,047	70	1,541	606	39	↓ -14
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	-	-	-	1,517	393	25	1,348	757	56	1,198	247	20	↓ -5
English Language and Literature	-	-	-	847	464	54	718	559	77	599	258	43	↓ -11
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	-	-	-	431	161	37	321	231	71	311	99	31	↓ -5
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	-	-	-	357	140	39	232	131	56	217	78	35	↓ -3
Health Professions	-	-	-	1,817	777	42	1,583	1,139	71	1,810	552	30	↓ -12
History	-	-	-	287	159	55	248	201	81	214	101	47	↓ -8
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	-	-	-	891	280	31	871	576	66	666	135	20	↓ -11
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	-	-	-	1,009	321	31	846	580	68	621	138	22	↓ -9

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72	30	41	-
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	-	-	-	1,515	551	36	917	573	62	727	149	20	↓ -15
Mathematics and Statistics	-	-	-	240	88	36	240	134	55	225	70	31	↓ -5
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	-	196	103	52	394	285	72	303	111	36	↓ -15
Philosophy and Religious Studies	-	-	-	229	98	42	191	134	70	160	59	36	↓ -5
Social Sciences	-	-	-	1,915	862	45	1,691	1,217	71	1,454	533	36	↓ -8
Visual and Performing Arts	-	-	-	2,416	1,091	45	2,397	1,708	71	2,307	708	30	↓ -14
Unknown	29,226	4,414	15	870	236	27	903	531	58	1,189	272	22	↓ -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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