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# Student Voting Rates for Santa Clara 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

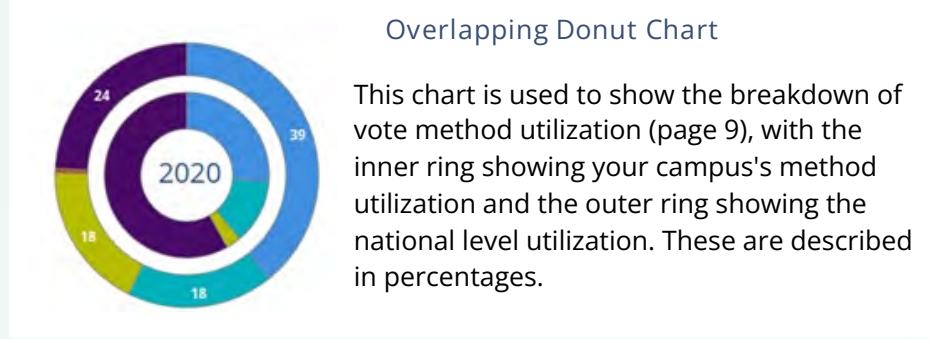
# In This Report

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

34.5%

2022 Voting Rate

-9.8

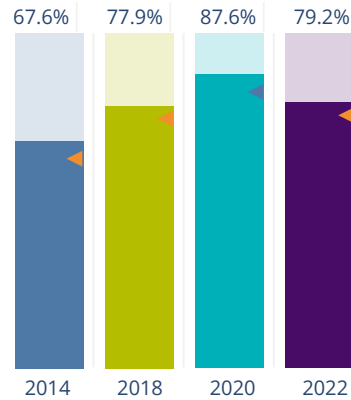
Change From 2018

## ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

### REGISTRATION RATE



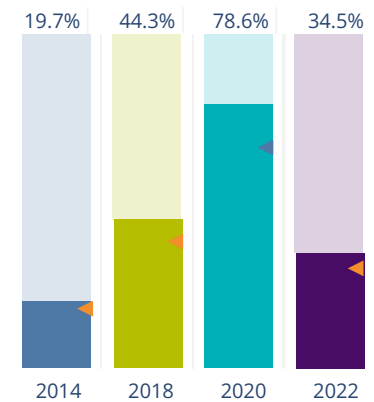
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

### 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	7,994	8,288	8,531	9,129	↑ 841
Age under 18/Unknown	51	47	43	59	↑ 12
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,067	1,085	961	1,288	↑ 202
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	NSC	NSC	
FERPA records blocked	-	-	15	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	79	58	-	-
Total eligible voters	6,869	7,067	7,454	7,782	↑ 714
Number of students who registered	4,646	5,507	6,533	6,167	↑ 660
Number of students who voted	1,356	3,130	5,856	2,687	↓ -443
Registration Rate %	67	77	87	79	↑ 1
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	29	56	89	43	↓ -13
Voting Rate %	19	44	78	34	↓ -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.

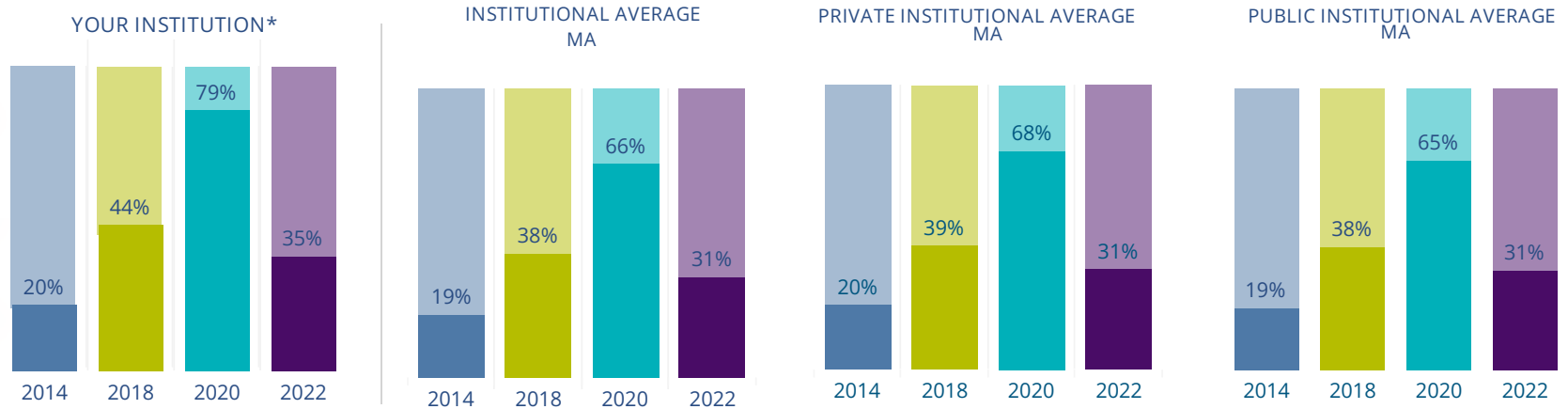
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

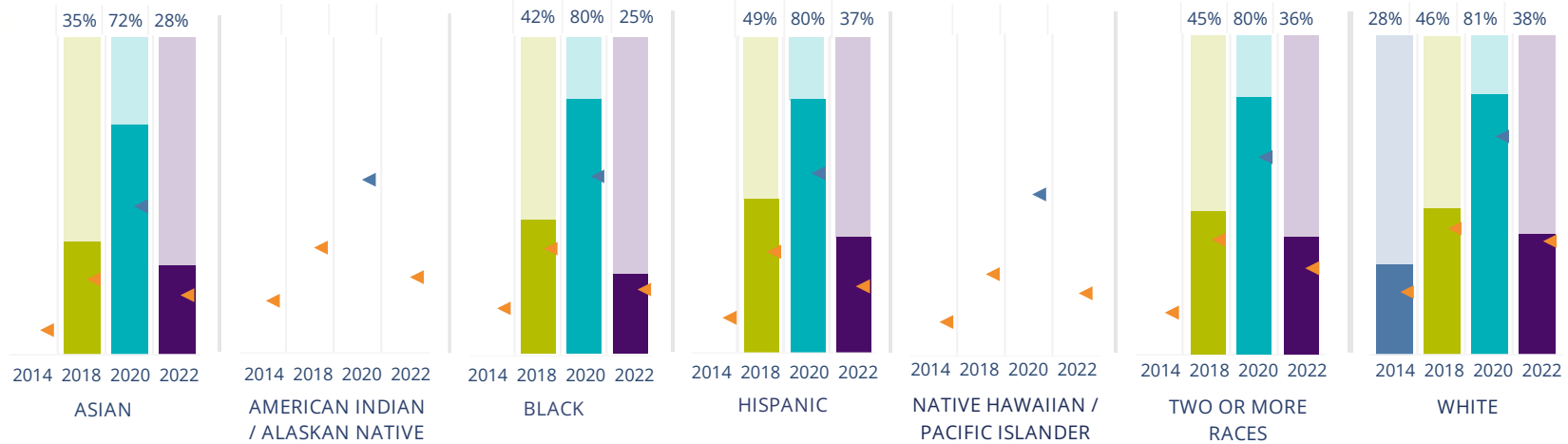
## By Institution Types



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

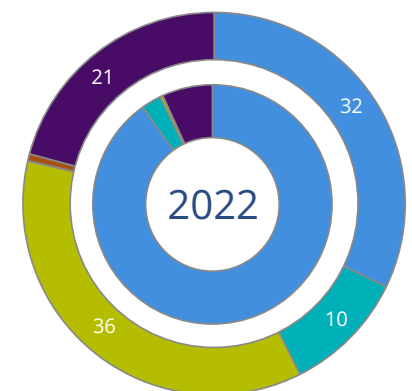
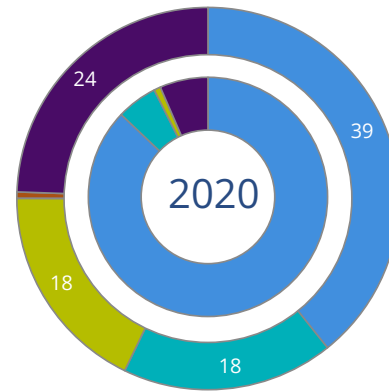
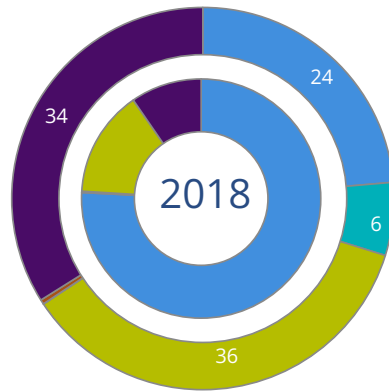
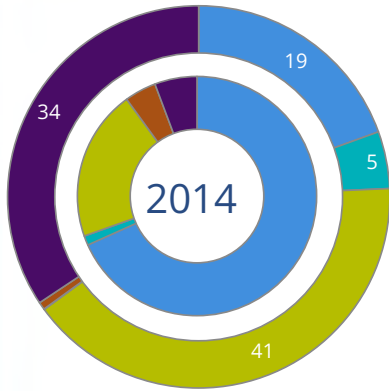
**This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates.** We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your 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	-	-	-	1,403	493	35	1,653	1,188	71	1,841	518	28	↓-7
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	225	95	42	208	166	79	257	64	24	↓-17
Hispanic	14	-	-	1,351	655	48	1,463	1,169	79	1,622	594	36	↓-11
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	14	-	-	18	-	-	14	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	540	242	44	605	484	80	696	253	36	↓-8
White	50	14	28	3,345	1,528	45	3,321	2,699	81	3,151	1,183	37	↓-8
Race Unknown	7,864	1,339	17	1,256	113	8	186	140	75	201	73	36	↑27



# 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	17	1	-	-	325	5	72	2	-	-
In-Person	277	20	452	14	54	0	-	-	-	-
Not-In-Person	926	68	2,373	75	5,100	87	2,422	90	↑	14
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	58	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	78	5	297	9	376	6	183	6	↓	-2

**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%	37%	79%	30%
22-24	18%	38%	79%	37%
25-29	20%	38%	77%	42%
30-39	19%	37%	67%	41%
40-49	30%	47%	79%	45%
50+	60%	73%	82%	65%

**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	4,640	647	13	4,828	1,809	37	4,781	3,802	79	5,139	1,580	30	↓ -6
22-24	1,121	204	18	1,193	459	38	1,004	796	79	1,077	403	37	↓ -1
25-29	1,071	216	20	1,137	434	38	795	618	77	693	296	42	↑ 4
30-39	755	148	19	672	249	37	502	339	67	496	208	41	↑ 4
40-49	232	70	30	196	94	47	237	189	79	234	106	45	↓ -2
50+	118	71	60	116	85	73	135	112	82	143	94	65	↓ -7

# Looking Closer

## By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	29	-	-	4,122	1,740	42	3,758	3,082	82	4,015	1,523	37	 -4
Male	57	-	-	4,020	1,390	34	3,693	2,773	75	3,760	1,162	30	 -3

**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	5,035	720	14	5,206	1,964	37	5,207	4,125	79	5,647	1,746	30	↓ -6
Graduate	2,289	473	20	2,878	1,147	39	2,217	1,706	76	2,071	915	44	↑ 4
Class Unknown	613	159	25	58	19	32	30	25	83	64	22	34	↑ 1
<b>CLASS YEAR</b>													
Freshman	1,158	112	9	1,213	391	32	1,151	916	79	1,590	415	26	↓ -6
Sophomore	1,201	168	13	1,381	512	37	1,330	1,047	78	1,395	416	29	↓ -7
Upperclassman	2,633	435	16	2,610	1,061	40	2,709	2,150	79	2,630	908	34	↓ -6
<b>ENROLLMENT STATUS</b>													
Full-time	6,544	1,003	15	7,124	2,646	37	6,533	5,150	78	6,866	2,261	32	↓ -4
Part-time	1,393	353	25	1,018	484	47	921	706	76	916	426	46	↓ -1

**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	-	-	-	25	15	60	28	25	89	19	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	-	-	-	412	166	40	425	343	80	426	144	33	 -6
Business, Management, and Marketing	-	-	-	2,127	724	34	2,127	1,641	77	2,313	693	29	 -4
Communication and Journalism	-	-	-	318	115	36	361	272	75	339	114	33	 -2
Theology	78	17	21	74	14	18	61	41	67	49	18	36	 17



**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	-	-	-	143	14	9	42	33	78	52	15	28	↑ 19
Education	-	-	-	239	135	56	217	172	79	169	84	49	↓ -6
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	-	-	-	1,646	502	30	1,084	831	76	1,229	414	33	↑ 3
English Language and Literature	-	-	-	84	35	41	67	60	89	68	32	47	↑ 5
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	-	-	-	36	21	58	43	38	88	53	18	33	↓ -24
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	-	-	-	22	-	-	17	12	70	12	-	-	-
Health Professions	-	-	-	110	49	44	102	88	86	150	53	35	↓ -9
History	-	-	-	31	14	45	37	33	89	35	13	37	↓ -8
Theology	78	17	21	74	14	18	61	41	67	49	18	36	↑ 17

## 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	-	-	-	696	360	51	692	540	78	625	254	40	 -11
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	-	-	-	262	77	29	202	159	78	165	49	29	 0
Mathematics and Statistics	-	-	-	82	37	45	68	50	73	45	12	26	 -18
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	-	263	100	38	268	205	76	309	81	26	 -11
Philosophy and Religious Studies	-	-	-	92	56	60	108	93	86	89	44	49	 -11
Social Sciences	-	-	-	567	242	42	516	417	80	538	196	36	 -6
Visual and Performing Arts	-	-	-	68	36	52	63	51	80	73	24	32	 -20
Unknown	7,853	1,339	17	65	25	38	50	41	82	42	23	54	 16



## 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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