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Student Voting Rates for Ohio 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

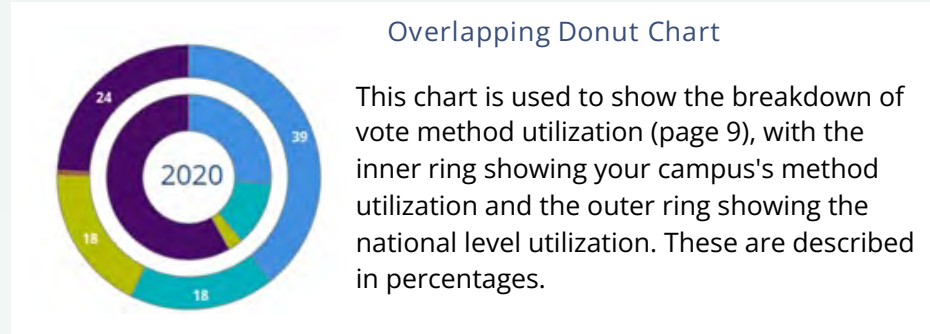
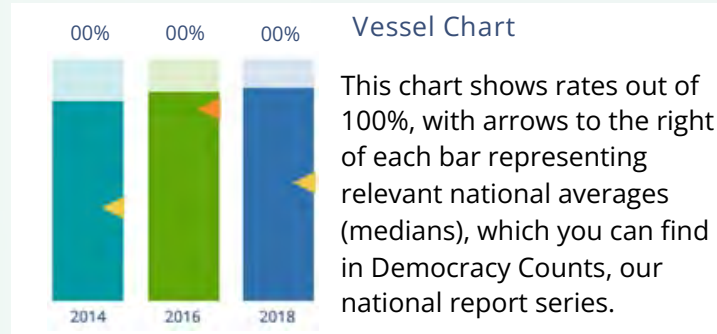
In This Report

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

36.2%

2022 Voting Rate

-10.2

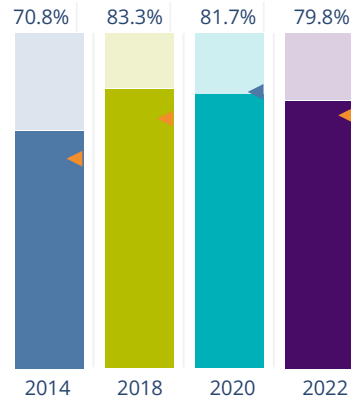
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



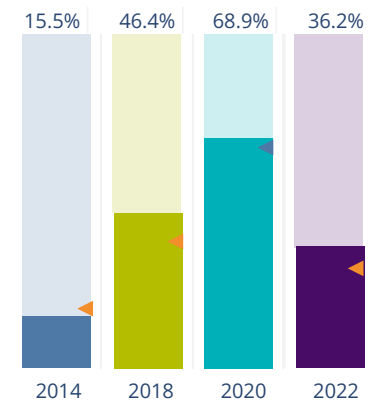
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	64,736	67,024	67,504	65,022	↓ -2,002
Age under 18/Unknown	556	771	919	869	↑ 98
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	5,895	6,376	120	5,711	↓ -665
Datasource	NSC	NSC	IPEDS	NSC	-
FERPA records blocked	205	230	152	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	1,559	744	395	-	-
Total eligible voters	56,521	58,903	65,917	58,442	↓ -461
Number of students who registered	40,015	49,094	53,854	46,638	↓ -2,456
Number of students who voted	8,753	27,348	45,439	21,159	↓ -6,189
Registration Rate %	70	83	81	79	↓ -3
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	21	55	84	45	↓ -10
Voting Rate %	15	46	68	36	↓ -10

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.

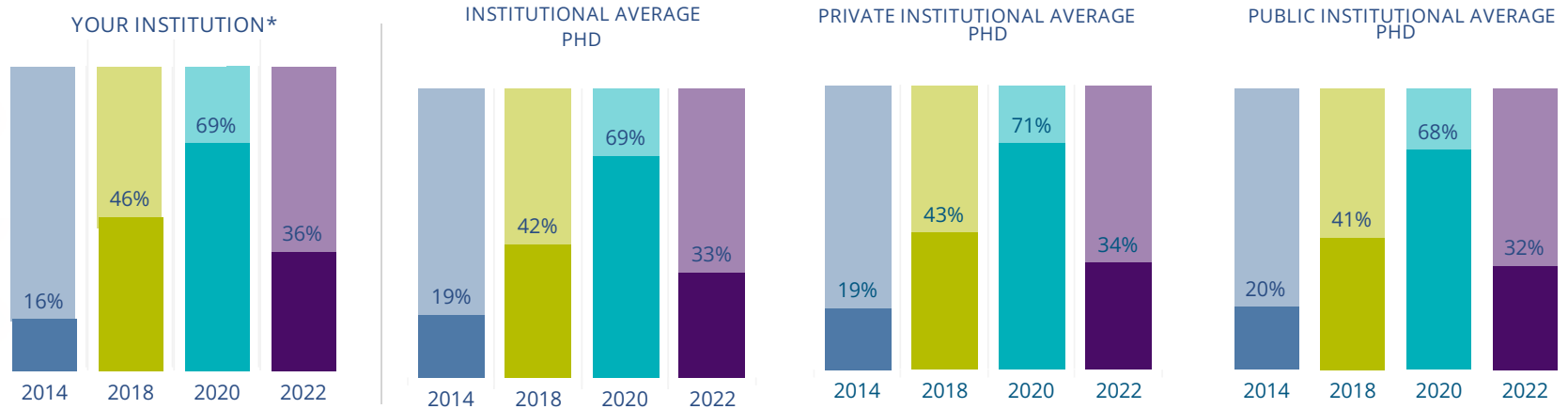
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

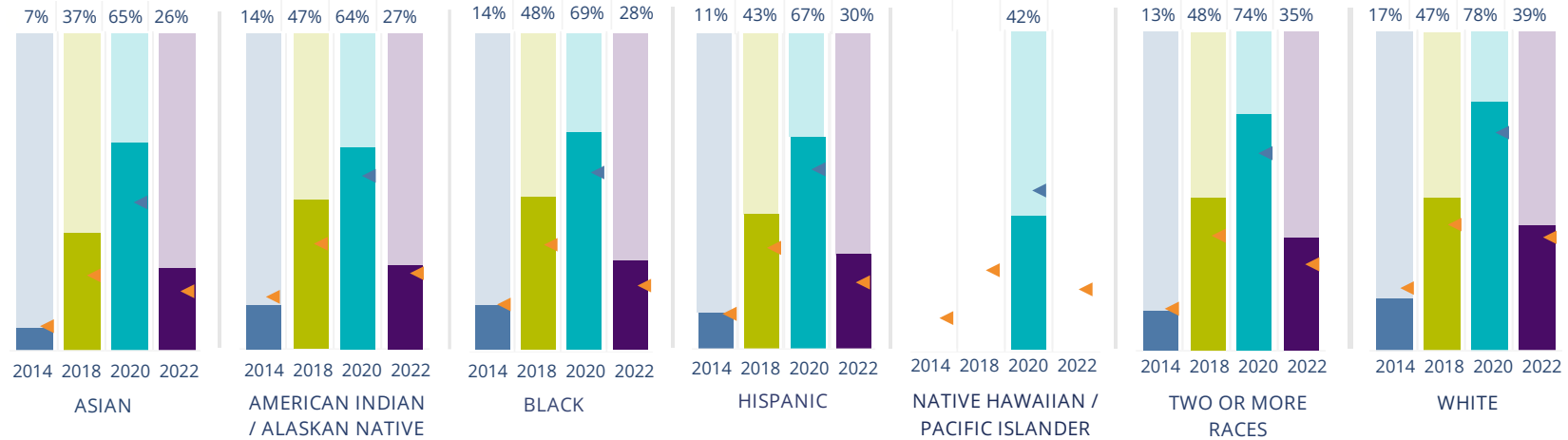
By Institution Types



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>

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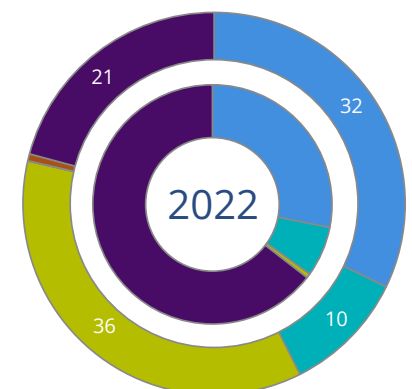
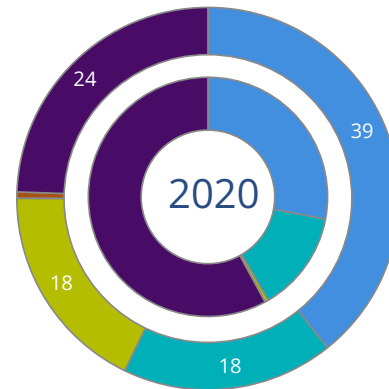
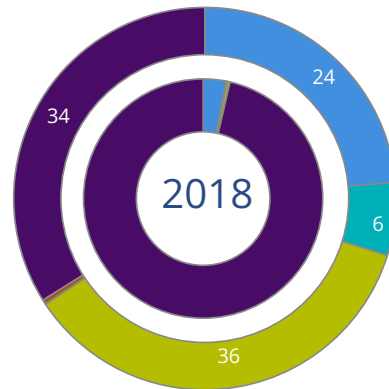
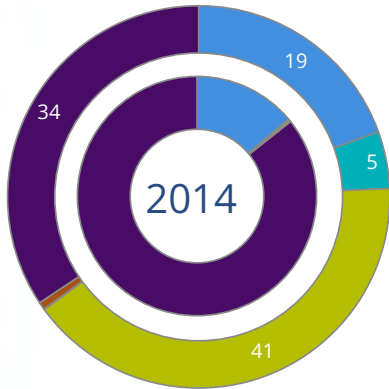
By Race/Ethnicity

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	3,342	232	6	4,173	1,537	36	4,656	3,041	65	5,268	1,364	25	↓-10
American Indian/ Alaska Native	92	13	14	55	26	47	47	30	63	41	11	26	↓-20
Black	3,424	474	13	4,035	1,943	48	4,808	3,294	68	4,915	1,388	28	↓-19
Hispanic	2,180	249	11	2,909	1,242	42	3,460	2,321	67	3,549	1,056	29	↓-12
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	39	-	-	26	-	-	31	13	41	27	-	-	-
2 or More Races	1,661	209	12	2,355	1,118	47	2,650	1,950	73	2,725	959	35	↓-12
White	43,976	7,277	16	43,102	20,413	47	42,840	33,281	77	39,850	15,620	39	↓-8
Race Unknown	1,807	291	16	2,248	1,060	47	7,545	1,509	20	2,067	756	36	↓-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	-	-	17	0	6,177	13	1,439	6	↑	6
In-Person	25	0	97	0	217	0	134	0	→	0
Not-In-Person	1,216	13	846	3	12,703	28	5,937	28	↑	25
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	15	0	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	7,506	85	26,387	96	26,326	57	13,645	64	↓	-31

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	11%	41%	69%	31%
22-24	15%	48%	68%	38%
25-29	22%	56%	64%	45%
30-39	32%	61%	64%	53%
40-49	39%	65%	77%	62%
50+	60%	75%	84%	70%

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	34,235	3,998	11	35,969	15,065	41	39,798	27,703	69	36,663	11,486	31	↓ -10
22-24	11,945	1,812	15	12,105	5,829	48	13,100	9,010	68	11,126	4,230	38	↓ -10
25-29	6,160	1,411	22	6,397	3,642	56	7,617	4,911	64	5,925	2,715	45	↓ -11
30-39	2,945	957	32	3,118	1,912	61	3,880	2,503	64	3,067	1,651	53	↓ -7
40-49	839	335	39	928	608	65	1,139	886	77	1,117	694	62	↓ -3
50+	397	240	60	386	292	75	503	426	84	544	383	70	↓ -5

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	27,965	4,378	15	29,986	15,045	50	34,084	24,782	72	31,088	11,974	38	↓ -11
Male	28,556	4,375	15	28,916	12,303	42	31,952	20,657	64	27,353	9,184	33	↓ -8

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	46,274	5,962	12	47,351	20,327	42	51,243	35,360	69	46,012	14,833	32	↓-10
Graduate	10,225	2,787	27	10,999	6,701	60	13,680	9,218	67	11,202	5,685	50	↓-10
Class Unknown	22	-	-	553	320	57	1,114	861	77	1,228	428	34	↓-23
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	8,953	993	11	8,350	2,934	35	9,399	6,095	64	7,350	1,742	23	↓-11
Sophomore	10,355	1,173	11	10,100	4,109	40	10,767	7,436	69	10,026	2,947	29	↓-11
Upperclassman	26,280	3,692	14	28,141	13,058	46	30,532	21,490	70	28,220	10,053	35	↓-10
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	49,811	7,383	14	53,723	24,547	45	59,797	40,870	68	52,541	18,274	34	↓-10
Part-time	6,710	1,370	20	5,180	2,801	54	6,240	4,569	73	5,901	2,885	48	↓-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	2,350	374	15	1,979	706	35	1,899	1,275	67	2,269	665	29	↓ -6
Architecture	601	81	13	650	341	52	634	450	70	569	203	35	↓ -16
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gende..	107	29	27	85	58	68	82	64	78	63	36	57	↓ -11
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	5,114	597	11	5,459	2,423	44	6,083	4,234	69	5,729	1,889	32	↓ -11
Business, Management, and Mark..	6,477	829	12	7,766	2,987	38	8,485	5,573	65	8,751	2,577	29	↓ -9
Communication and Journalism	1,706	224	13	1,445	682	47	1,695	1,167	68	1,318	455	34	↓ -12
Communications Technologies/Te..	-	-	-	19	11	57	24	12	50	12	-	-	-
Transportation	152	19	12	213	87	40	310	212	68	363	102	28	↓ -12









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-nsive-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	-	-	-	19	11	57	24	12	50	12	-	-	-
Computer and Information Sciences	381	52	13	437	184	42	722	367	50	676	253	37	↓ -4
Education	3,155	622	19	3,106	1,608	51	3,241	2,417	74	3,001	1,227	40	↓ -10
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	8,018	1,052	13	8,128	3,576	43	9,384	6,069	64	8,351	2,792	33	↓ -10
English Language and Literature	834	149	17	714	468	65	643	497	77	550	265	48	↓ -17
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	1,359	151	11	1,096	445	40	1,117	756	67	846	285	33	↓ -6
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	739	140	18	572	329	57	584	391	66	422	193	45	↓ -11
Health Professions	7,929	1,270	16	8,984	4,313	48	9,463	7,196	76	8,356	3,131	37	↓ -10
History	606	161	26	475	303	63	506	400	79	415	233	56	↓ -7
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	693	57	8	713	229	32	732	450	61	730	188	25	↓ -6
Transportation	152	19	12	213	87	40	310	212	68	363	102	28	↓ -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	528	216	40	549	411	74	576	488	84	540	355	65	 -9
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,960	242	12	1,414	610	43	1,304	945	72	1,148	371	32	 -10
Mathematics and Statistics	433	66	15	867	389	44	1,629	706	43	849	324	38	 -6
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	2,788	333	11	2,908	968	33	3,137	1,947	62	2,053	529	25	 -7
Philosophy and Religious Studies	111	23	20	102	57	55	108	75	69	102	36	35	 -20
Social Sciences	3,309	718	21	3,145	1,722	54	3,676	2,416	65	2,834	1,248	44	 -10
Visual and Performing Arts	1,342	207	15	1,257	702	55	1,339	990	73	1,215	523	43	 -12
Unknown	42	-	-	951	486	51	1,555	1,168	75	797	408	51	 0

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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