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Student Voting Rates for The University of Alabama

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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

17.9%

2022 Voting Rate

-11.4

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



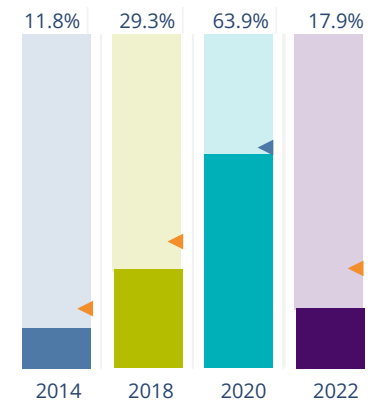
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	35,508	38,289	37,834	38,021	↓ -268
Age under 18/Unknown	609	784	1,145	1,203	↑ 419
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,598	1,179	1,125	1,065	↓ -114
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	-	49	33	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	694	424	386	-	-
Total eligible voters	32,605	35,852	35,144	35,752	↓ -99
Number of students who registered	20,346	28,337	30,845	27,764	↓ -573
Number of students who voted	3,853	10,516	22,463	6,388	↓ -4,128
Registration Rate %	62	79	87	77	↓ -1
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	18	37	72	23	↓ -14
Voting Rate %	11	29	63	17	↓ -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.

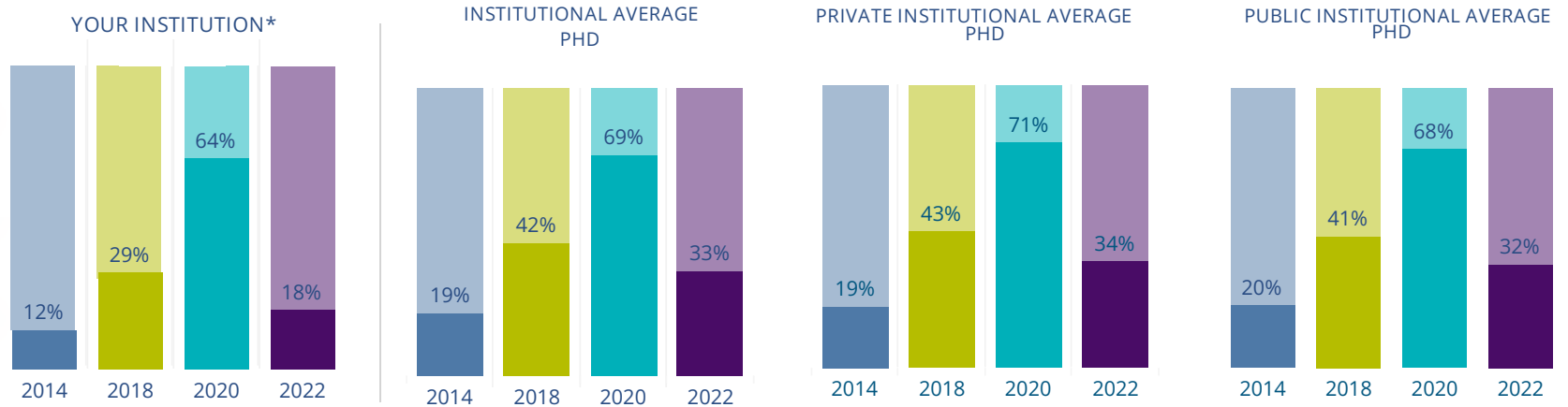
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

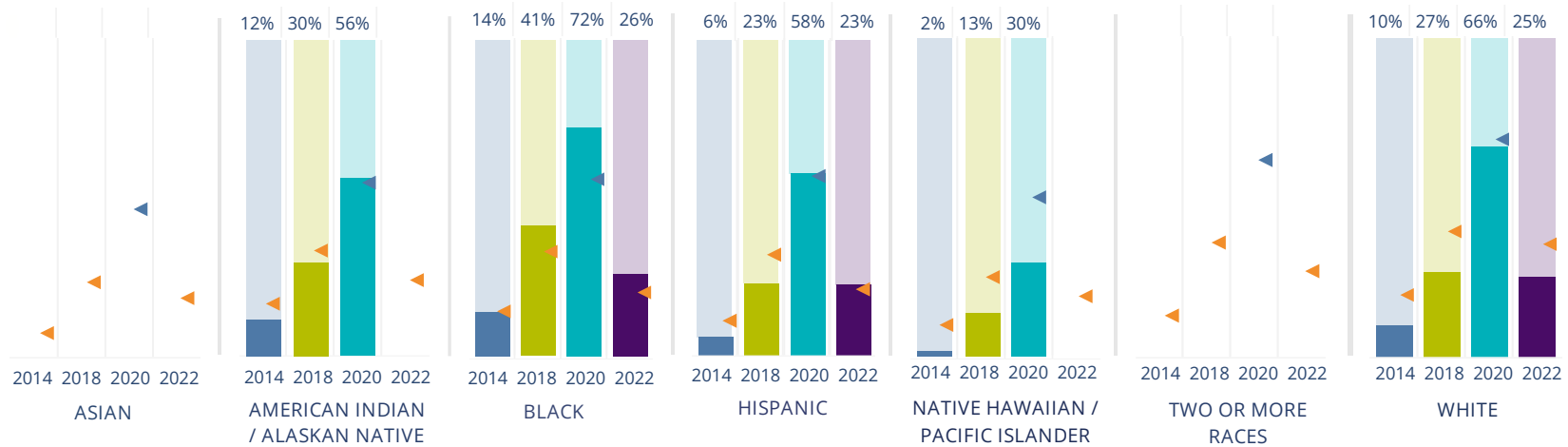
By Institution Types



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>

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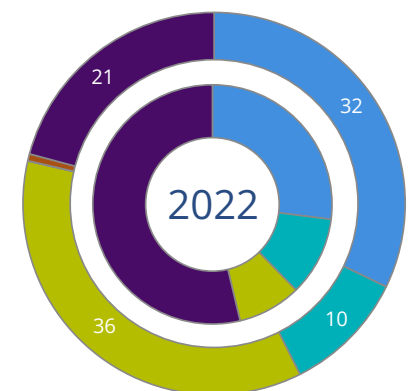
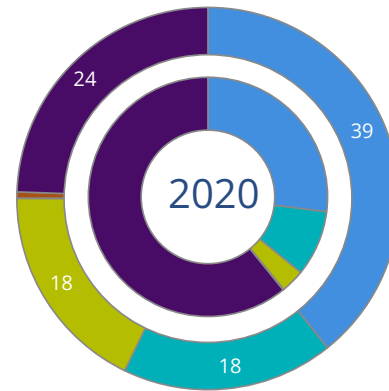
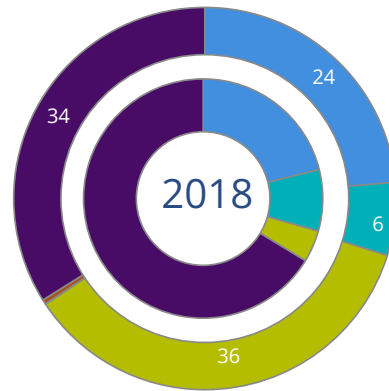
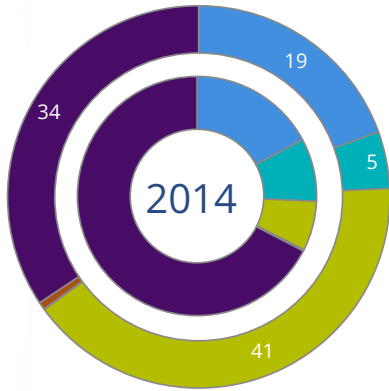
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	144	17	11	98	29	29	39	22	56	18	-	-	-
Black	3,053	426	13	2,724	1,114	40	1,450	1,041	71	499	130	26	↓-14
Hispanic	810	48	5	1,047	242	23	494	285	57	110	25	22	→ 0
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	1,134	19	1	595	80	13	278	82	29	63	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	22,188	2,246	10	21,265	5,690	26	10,681	7,010	65	2,411	606	25	↓-1
Race Unknown	6,819	1,097	16	11,267	3,361	29	23,284	14,023	60	33,717	5,615	16	↓-13

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	327	8	873	8	1,992	8	681	10	↑	2
In-Person	259	6	457	4	723	3	547	8	↑	4
Not-In-Person	661	17	2,216	21	6,074	27	1,724	27	↑	5
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	18	0	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	2,601	67	6,969	66	13,656	60	3,435	53	↓	-12

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	7%	23%	61%	12%
22-24	10%	30%	62%	18%
25-29	16%	38%	57%	26%
30-39	28%	47%	61%	32%
40-49	41%	58%	74%	50%
50+	49%	69%	80%	60%

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	22,071	1,653	7	24,617	5,704	23	23,267	14,321	61	24,985	3,113	12	↓ -10
22-24	6,330	654	10	6,341	1,963	30	6,512	4,044	62	5,750	1,071	18	↓ -12
25-29	2,501	403	16	2,508	964	38	2,528	1,459	57	2,223	589	26	↓ -11
30-39	1,831	516	28	2,147	1,024	47	2,401	1,473	61	2,238	738	32	↓ -14
40-49	940	392	41	899	526	58	1,001	749	74	1,064	537	50	↓ -8
50+	475	235	49	484	335	69	517	417	80	558	340	60	↓ -8

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	18,767	2,268	12	20,774	6,517	31	10,691	7,254	67	2,682	769	28	 -2
Male	15,380	1,585	10	16,222	3,999	24	8,552	4,811	56	2,240	455	20	 -4

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	28,977	2,566	8	31,813	8,052	25	30,254	18,460	61	30,023	4,155	13	↓-11
Graduate	5,171	1,287	24	5,183	2,464	47	5,972	4,003	67	6,430	2,124	33	↓-14
Class Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	365	38	10	-
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	8,450	486	5	8,080	1,415	17	7,560	4,282	56	-	-	-	-
Sophomore	6,534	519	7	7,257	1,711	23	6,585	4,002	60	-	-	-	-
Upperclassman	13,701	1,474	10	16,018	4,686	29	15,668	9,918	63	-	-	-	-
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	28,233	2,542	9	32,512	8,407	25	31,094	19,039	61	31,969	4,586	14	↓-11
Part-time	5,915	1,311	22	4,484	2,109	47	5,132	3,424	66	4,849	1,802	37	↓-9

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	135	18	13	83	33	39	65	39	60	53	21	39	0
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,342	117	8	1,533	390	25	1,522	929	61	1,398	154	11	-14
Business, Management, and Marketing	8,279	745	8	9,349	2,201	23	9,596	5,762	60	9,905	1,372	13	-9
Communication and Journalism	2,828	226	7	2,748	763	27	2,819	1,798	63	2,829	518	18	-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-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
Computer and Information Sciences	595	43	7	795	195	24	736	400	54	909	111	12	↓ -12
Education	2,743	491	17	2,450	796	32	2,045	1,421	69	1,808	498	27	↓ -4
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	4,228	378	8	5,112	1,248	24	4,806	2,594	53	3,996	602	15	↓ -9
English Language and Literature	380	43	11	388	167	43	343	246	71	314	61	19	↓ -23
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	1,776	253	14	2,597	866	33	2,276	1,394	61	1,791	431	24	↓ -9
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	137	13	9	112	40	35	92	58	63	95	25	26	↓ -9
Health Professions	4,097	494	12	3,829	1,073	28	3,822	2,561	67	3,669	619	16	↓ -11
History	326	32	9	251	86	34	248	181	72	281	61	21	↓ -12
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	687	35	5	627	174	27	226	135	59	-	-	-	-
Library Science	211	83	39	214	152	71	201	165	82	306	194	63	↓ -7
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	54	-	-	40	11	27	498	300	60	1,032	99	9	↓ -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	656	166	25	501	272	54	484	373	77	486	178	36	↓ -17
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	817	41	5	565	103	18	264	142	53	317	26	8	↓ -10
Mathematics and Statistics	228	14	6	265	60	22	255	139	54	243	38	15	↓ -7
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	334	97	29	331	156	47	340	238	70	494	187	37	↓ -9
Philosophy and Religious Studies	61	-	-	64	25	39	72	40	55	53	11	20	↓ -18
Social Sciences	958	162	16	1,389	501	36	1,844	1,181	64	2,895	524	18	↓ -17
Visual and Performing Arts	892	75	8	977	296	30	894	611	68	942	115	12	↓ -18
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	13	-	-	-

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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