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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

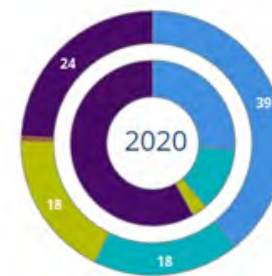
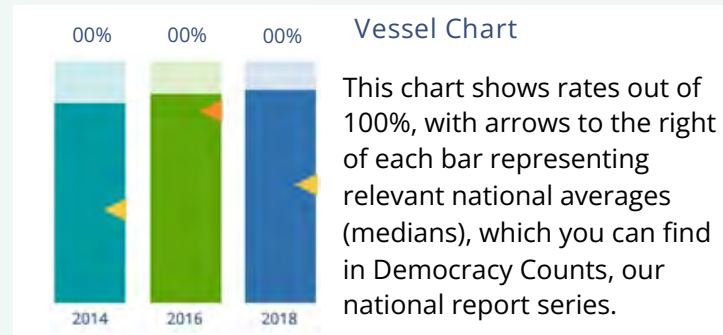
In This Report

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.



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

16.8%

2022 Voting Rate

-17.8

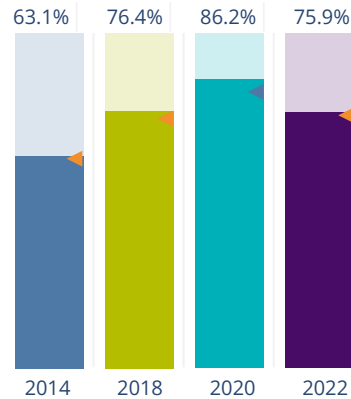
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

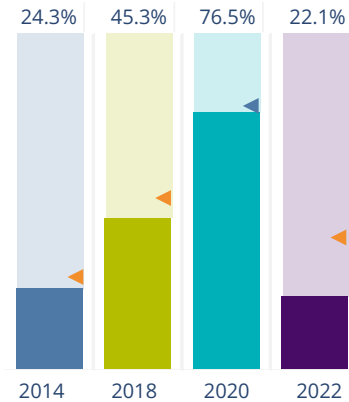
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



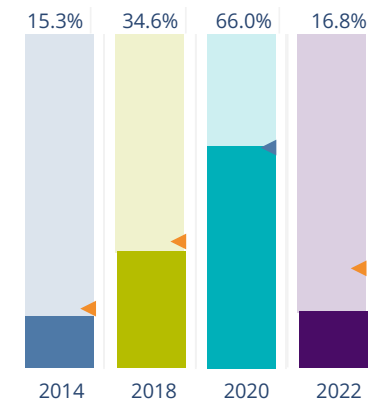
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	29,083	28,791	31,223	33,635	↑ 4,844
Age under 18/Unknown	74	56	72	78	↑ 22
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,272	1,138	950	1,160	↑ 22
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	60	12	16	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	122	264	321	-	-
Total eligible voters	27,554	27,320	29,863	32,396	↑ 5,075
Number of students who registered	17,398	20,885	25,757	24,575	↑ 3,690
Number of students who voted	4,227	9,466	19,709	5,436	↓ -4,030
Registration Rate %	63	76	86	75	→ 0
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	24	45	76	22	↓ -23
Voting Rate %	15	34	65	16	↓ -17

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

39.1%

HIGH
79%

LOW
7%

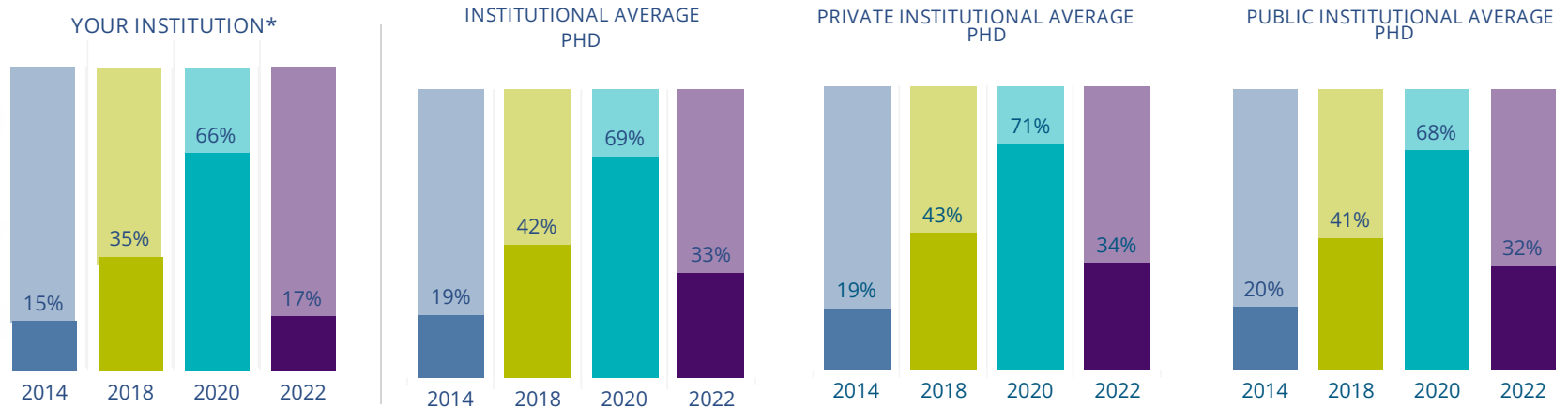
2022 Voting Rate for
All Institutions

30.6%

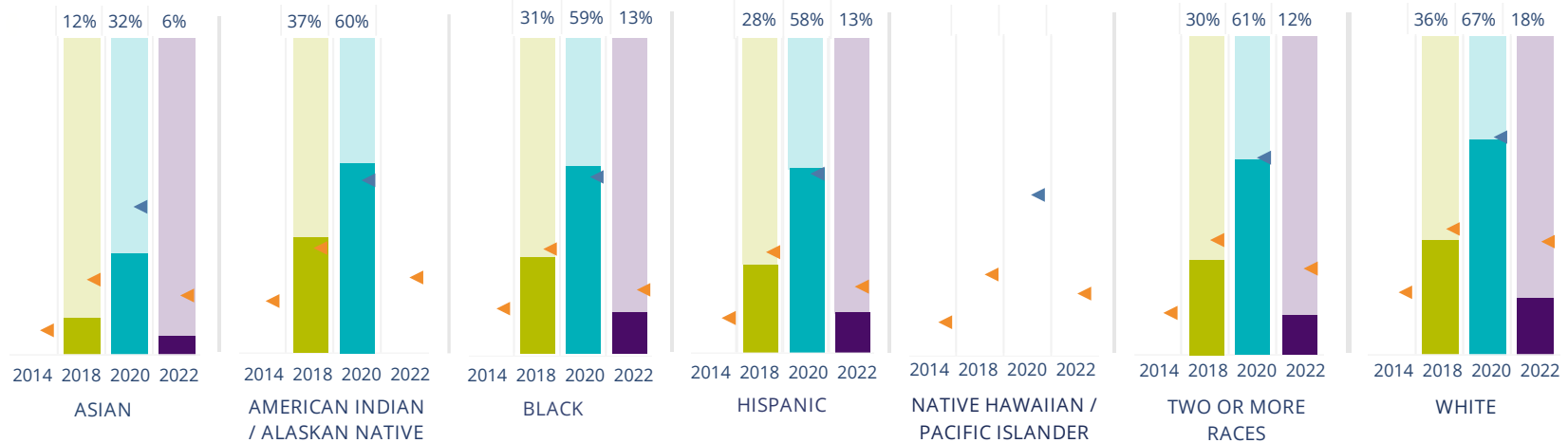
HIGH
68%

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.



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

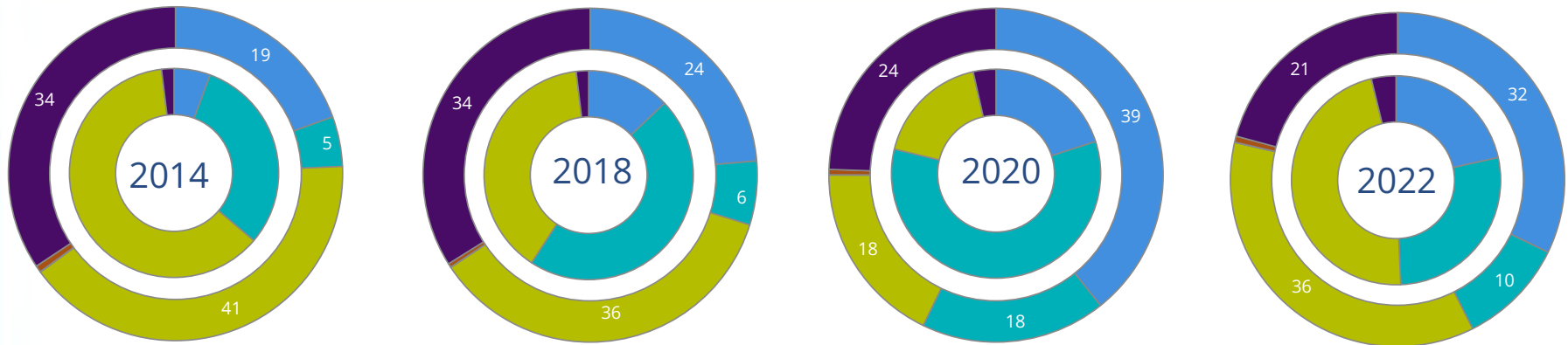
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	1,761	203	11	1,705	546	32	1,850	107	5	↓-5
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	63	23	36	53	32	60	48	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	1,721	529	30	1,765	1,037	58	1,688	220	13	↓17
Hispanic	-	-	-	1,271	359	28	1,558	908	58	1,977	253	12	↓15
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	30	-	-	18	-	-	15	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	897	267	29	1,184	724	61	1,479	184	12	↓17
White	-	-	-	21,902	7,801	35	23,943	16,120	67	26,031	4,582	17	↓18
Race Unknown	28,822	4,227	14	803	278	34	578	333	57	469	79	16	↓17

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	1,292	30	4,383	46	11,590	58	1,512	27	↓ -18
In-Person	2,615	61	3,678	38	3,486	17	2,549	46	↑ 8
Not-In-Person	236	5	1,217	12	3,933	20	1,170	21	↑ 8
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	83	1	188	1	692	3	204	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	10%	28%	65%	11%
22-24	14%	36%	61%	17%
25-29	19%	41%	57%	25%
30-39	29%	50%	59%	32%
40-49	38%	62%	77%	48%
50+	51%	77%	80%	55%

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	16,037	1,623	10	17,854	5,007	28	19,816	12,976	65	21,911	2,584	11	↓-16
22-24	6,364	923	14	5,383	1,960	36	5,550	3,388	61	5,829	1,002	17	↓-19
25-29	3,387	647	19	2,806	1,162	41	2,893	1,665	57	2,930	743	25	↓-16
30-39	1,980	587	29	1,655	837	50	1,701	1,016	59	1,904	611	32	↓-18
40-49	725	278	38	529	328	62	569	443	77	675	325	48	↓-13
50+	329	169	51	221	172	77	275	221	80	308	171	55	↓-22

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	-	-	-	14,544	5,222	35	16,289	11,164	68	18,383	3,251	17	↓ -18
Male	-	-	-	13,904	4,244	30	14,450	8,503	58	15,169	2,182	14	↓ -16

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	21,530	2,585	12	22,661	6,847	30	24,686	15,986	64	26,822	3,490	13	↓-17
Graduate	7,265	1,641	22	5,787	2,619	45	6,051	3,681	60	6,306	1,773	28	↓-17
Class Unknown	27	-	-	-	-	-	67	42	62	429	168	39	-
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	5,605	383	6	6,068	1,318	21	6,572	4,093	62	7,992	752	9	↓-12
Sophomore	4,581	426	9	5,060	1,317	26	5,497	3,546	64	5,999	712	11	↓-14
Upperclassman	9,938	1,517	15	11,414	4,154	36	12,281	8,157	66	12,716	1,989	15	↓-20
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	-	-	-	25,880	8,172	31	27,366	17,468	63	30,616	4,442	14	↓-17
Part-time	-	-	-	2,568	1,294	50	3,438	2,241	65	2,941	994	33	↓-16

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	1,267	174	13	1,262	416	32	1,173	724	61	1,542	247	16	↓ -16
Architecture	326	27	8	488	125	25	592	406	68	614	84	13	↓ -11
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	39	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,378	170	12	1,384	455	32	1,920	1,210	63	2,004	261	13	↓ -19
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,892	535	10	5,860	1,560	26	6,716	4,111	61	8,362	963	11	↓ -15
Communication and Journalism	1,371	174	12	1,381	449	32	1,381	933	67	1,514	268	17	↓ -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	359	59	16	483	167	34	603	378	62	848	125	14	↓-19
Education	828	198	23	540	271	50	507	369	72	935	238	25	↓-24
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	3,454	410	11	3,933	1,236	31	3,899	2,326	59	4,054	631	15	↓-15
English Language and Literature	583	145	24	424	207	48	420	297	70	348	77	22	↓-26
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	682	87	12	405	118	29	428	294	68	391	51	13	↓-16
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	241	46	19	213	84	39	183	128	69	135	34	25	↓-14
Health Professions	2,763	428	15	1,523	543	35	1,704	1,184	69	1,536	251	16	↓-19
History	326	77	23	270	151	55	281	196	69	266	72	27	↓-28
Library Science	171	87	50	222	163	73	308	243	78	277	156	56	↓-17
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,599	114	7	1,531	358	23	1,512	950	62	1,884	161	8	↓-14

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	379	121	31	350	165	47	363	265	73	388	123	31	↓ -15
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,498	172	11	1,124	297	26	1,399	799	57	1,038	140	13	↓ -12
Mathematics and Statistics	354	61	17	343	126	36	364	217	59	301	70	23	↓ -13
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	932	112	12	1,449	433	29	1,076	706	65	1,051	156	14	↓ -15
Philosophy and Religious Studies	93	19	20	108	53	49	96	66	68	80	17	21	↓ -27
Social Sciences	1,419	305	21	1,435	587	40	1,615	1,058	65	1,697	391	23	↓ -17
Visual and Performing Arts	830	119	14	672	281	41	691	478	69	717	136	18	↓ -22
Unknown	33	-	-	-	-	-	68	42	61	50	20	40	-

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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