

June 2024



Student Voting Rates for University Of Missouri-St Louis

NSLVE Campus Report

Tufts
UNIVERSITY | Jonathan M. Tisch
College of Civic Life

NSLVE THE NATIONAL STUDY
OF LEARNING, VOTING,
AND ENGAGEMENT

June 2024

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

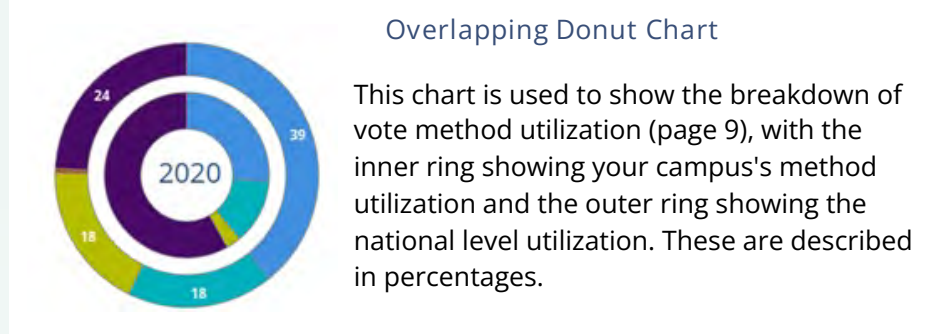
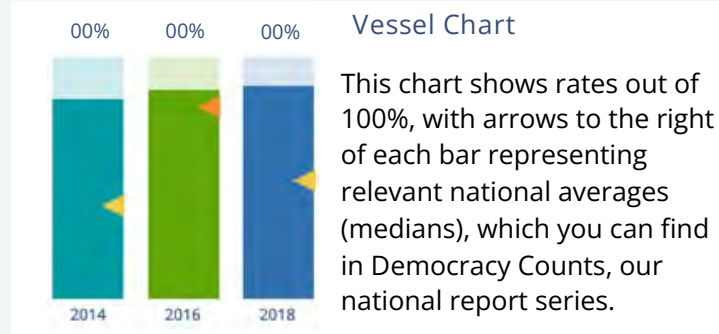
In This Report

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

40.6%

2022 Voting Rate

-15.0

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



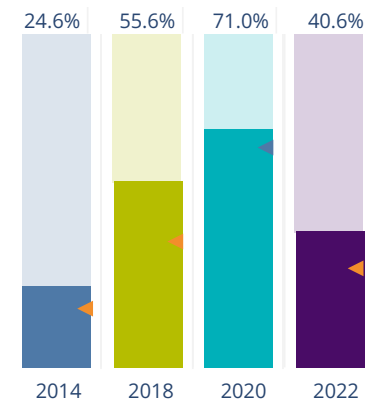
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	12,368	10,231	9,428	8,203	↓ -2,028
Age under 18/Unknown	12	35	23	37	↑ 2
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	342	269	219	200	↓ -68
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	525	299	251	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	572	262	229	-	-
Total eligible voters	10,916	9,365	8,705	7,965	↓ -1,400
Number of students who registered	8,549	7,835	7,626	6,737	↓ -1,098
Number of students who voted	2,687	5,210	6,185	3,234	↓ -1,976
Registration Rate %	78	83	87	84	→ 0
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	31	66	81	48	↓ -18
Voting Rate %	24	55	71	40	↓ -15

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.

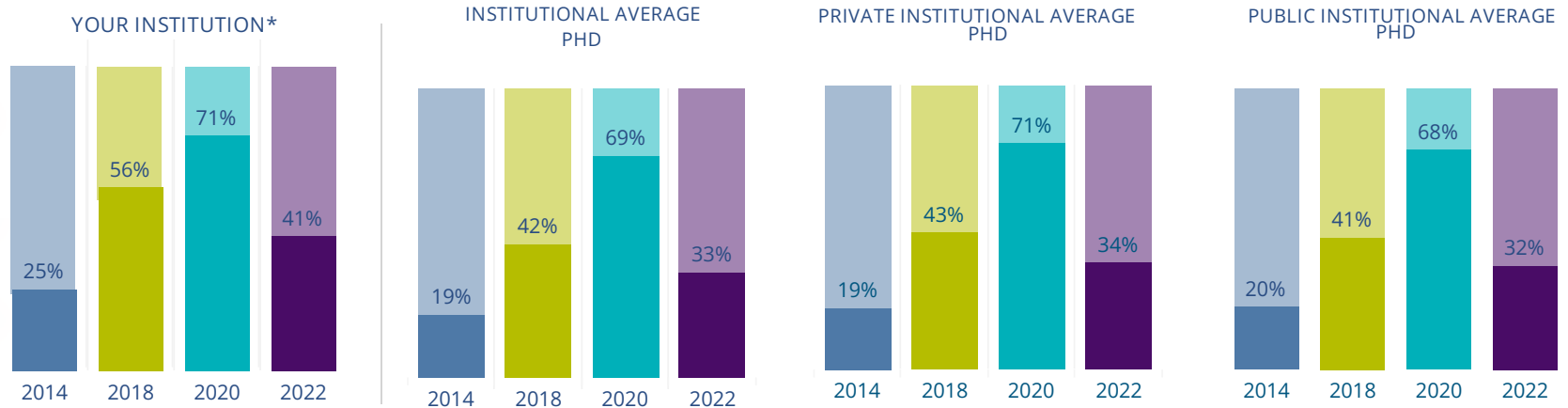
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

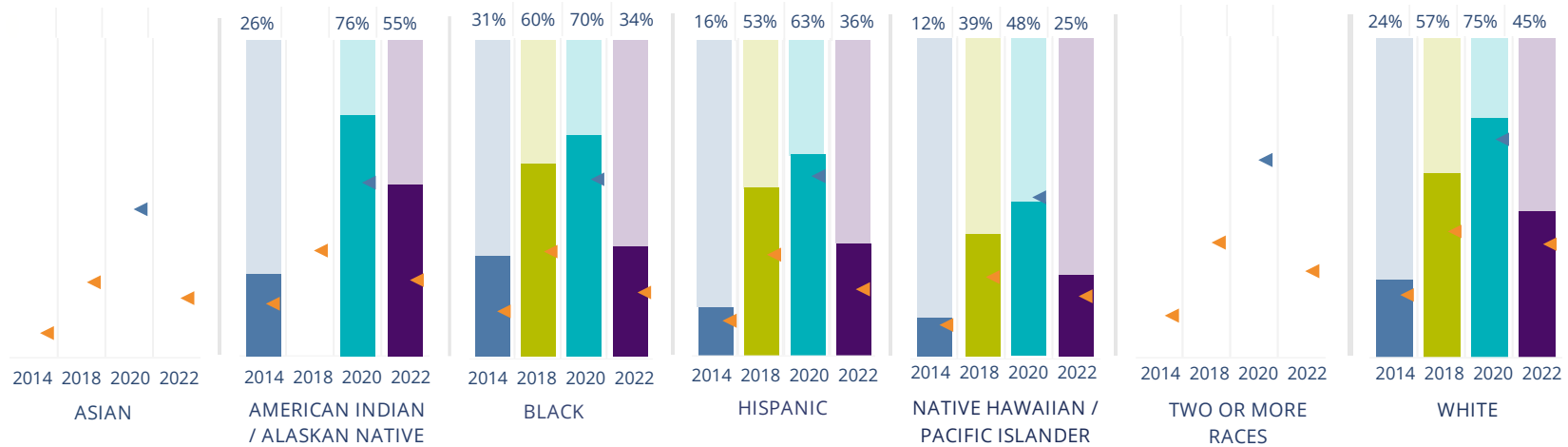
By Institution Types



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

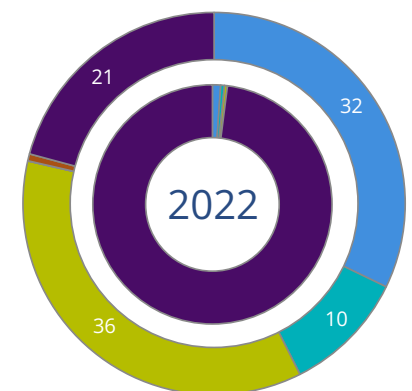
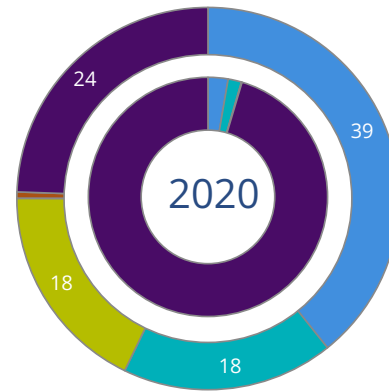
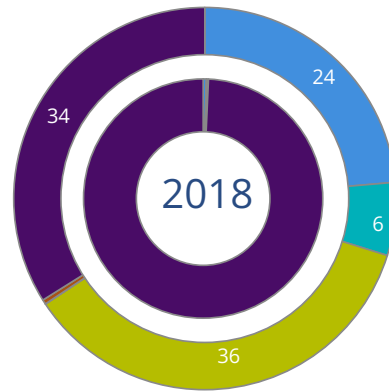
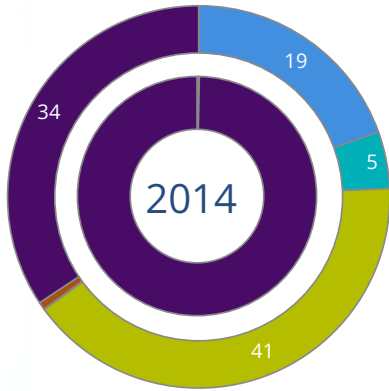
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	46	12	26	25	-	-	21	16	76	22	12	54	-
Black	2,024	634	31	1,551	935	60	1,409	981	69	1,486	510	34	↓25
Hispanic	283	44	15	308	163	52	281	178	63	314	112	35	↓17
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	494	58	11	480	185	38	410	198	48	373	94	25	↓13
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	7,343	1,778	24	6,511	3,722	57	5,929	4,432	74	5,252	2,385	45	↓11
Race Unknown	1,051	161	15	753	198	26	869	380	43	719	121	16	↓9

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	-	-	-	-	114	1	17	0	-	
In-Person	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	0	-	
Not-In-Person	-	-	21	0	166	2	35	1	→ 0	
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Voting Method Unknown	2,678	99	5,176	99	5,899	95	3,170	98	↓ -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	14%	47%	69%	31%
22-24	18%	50%	68%	35%
25-29	22%	54%	65%	37%
30-39	32%	60%	70%	44%
40-49	43%	66%	75%	59%
50+	53%	72%	82%	66%

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	2,591	388	14	2,395	1,148	47	2,324	1,611	69	1,928	611	31	↓-16
22-24	3,083	573	18	2,709	1,362	50	2,357	1,606	68	2,129	747	35	↓-15
25-29	2,504	561	22	2,064	1,128	54	1,943	1,280	65	1,710	643	37	↓-17
30-39	1,908	623	32	1,505	913	60	1,409	993	70	1,432	635	44	↓-16
40-49	748	325	43	612	410	66	562	427	75	615	365	59	↓ -7
50+	407	217	53	343	249	72	324	268	82	352	233	66	↓ -6

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	6,635	1,626	24	5,542	3,071	55	5,210	3,749	71	4,788	1,909	39	↓ -15
Male	4,606	1,061	23	4,067	2,126	52	3,671	2,409	65	3,320	1,303	39	↓ -13

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.*

If you notice missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data; (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://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	8,490	1,804	21	6,806	3,611	53	6,061	4,140	68	5,202	1,872	35	↓-17
Graduate	2,730	879	32	2,466	1,401	56	2,460	1,758	71	2,353	1,067	45	↓-11
Class Unknown	21	-	-	356	198	55	398	287	72	611	295	48	↓-7
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	864	92	10	721	299	41	611	385	63	665	169	25	↓-16
Sophomore	1,057	165	15	957	465	48	945	623	65	760	241	31	↓-16
Upperclassman	6,566	1,546	23	5,105	2,830	55	4,475	3,108	69	3,774	1,460	38	↓-16
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	6,305	1,209	19	6,122	3,104	50	5,530	3,716	67	4,856	1,661	34	↓-16
Part-time	4,936	1,478	29	3,506	2,106	60	3,389	2,469	72	3,310	1,573	47	↓-12

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.

If you notice missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data; (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.

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	639	107	16	583	275	47	535	359	67	451	158	35	 12
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,477	481	19	2,254	1,069	47	1,781	1,184	66	1,571	573	36	 10
Communication and Journalism	435	92	21	284	167	58	229	182	79	166	58	34	 23

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	328	64	19	419	196	46	686	419	61	784	267	34	↓12
Education	1,925	692	35	1,542	967	62	1,416	1,088	76	1,402	739	52	↓10
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	477	91	19	289	142	49	285	148	51	210	59	28	↓21
English Language and Literature	181	49	27	144	102	70	145	115	79	130	69	53	↓17
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	50	12	24	48	30	62	48	34	70	39	19	48	↓13
Health Professions	1,281	234	18	1,056	510	48	993	674	67	774	208	26	↓21
History	131	41	31	102	75	73	100	80	80	115	69	60	↓13
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	11	47	49	11	22	-

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	237	63	26	146	86	58	133	93	69	82	29	35	 -23
Mathematics and Statistics	105	26	24	107	58	54	88	55	62	89	33	37	 -17
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	246	58	23	315	156	49	209	128	61	225	72	32	 -17
Philosophy and Religious Studies	67	13	19	40	22	55	40	30	75	43	-	-	-
Social Sciences	893	248	27	613	356	58	569	408	71	492	219	44	 -13
Visual and Performing Arts	338	64	18	246	150	60	210	151	71	189	78	41	 -19
Unknown	17	-	-	346	193	55	399	287	71	360	156	43	 -12

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.

Contact us to get more info

 nslve@tufts.edu

 nslve.tufts.edu

 The National Study for
Learning Voting and
Engagement

 TuftsNSLVE