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Student Voting Rates for SUNY at Albany

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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

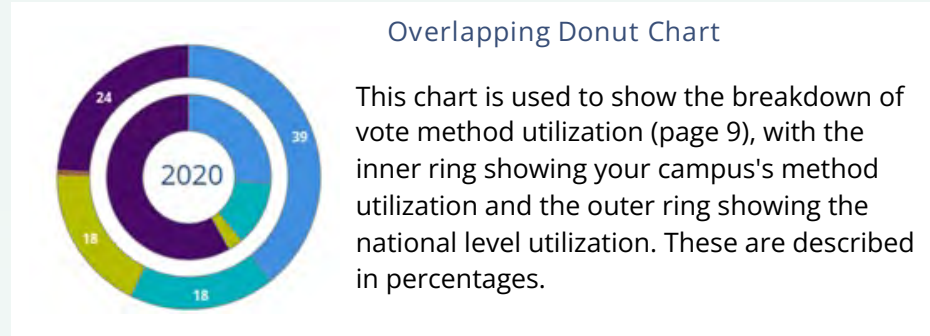
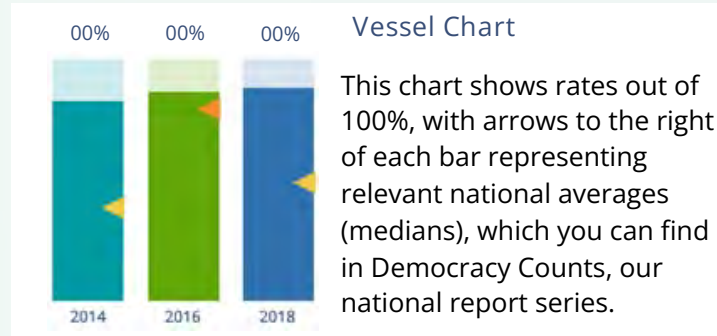
In This Report

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

23.2%

2022 Voting Rate

-0.7

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

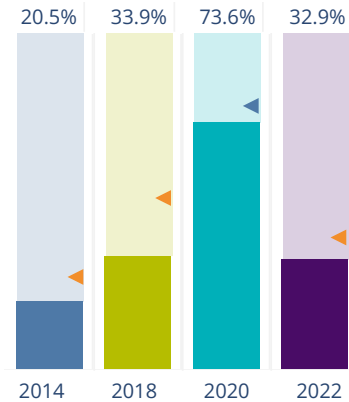
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



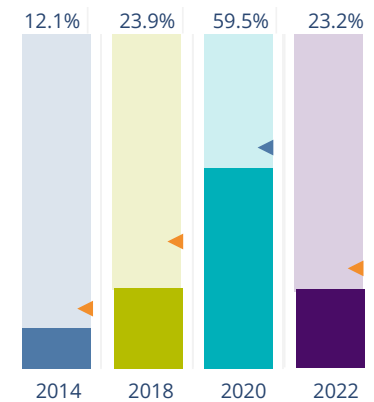
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	17,283	17,866	17,583	16,571	↓ -1,295
Age under 18/Unknown	254	275	269	268	↓ -7
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,503	1,573	1,271	1,305	↓ -268
Datasource	IPEDS	NSC	NSC	NSC	-
FERPA records blocked	12	-	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	225	435	371	-	-
Total eligible voters	15,288	15,578	15,667	14,998	↓ -580
Number of students who registered	9,019	10,979	12,674	10,552	↓ -427
Number of students who voted	1,852	3,720	9,328	3,474	↓ -246
Registration Rate %	58	70	80	70	→ 0
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	20	33	73	32	→ 0
Voting Rate %	12	23	59	23	→ 0

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.

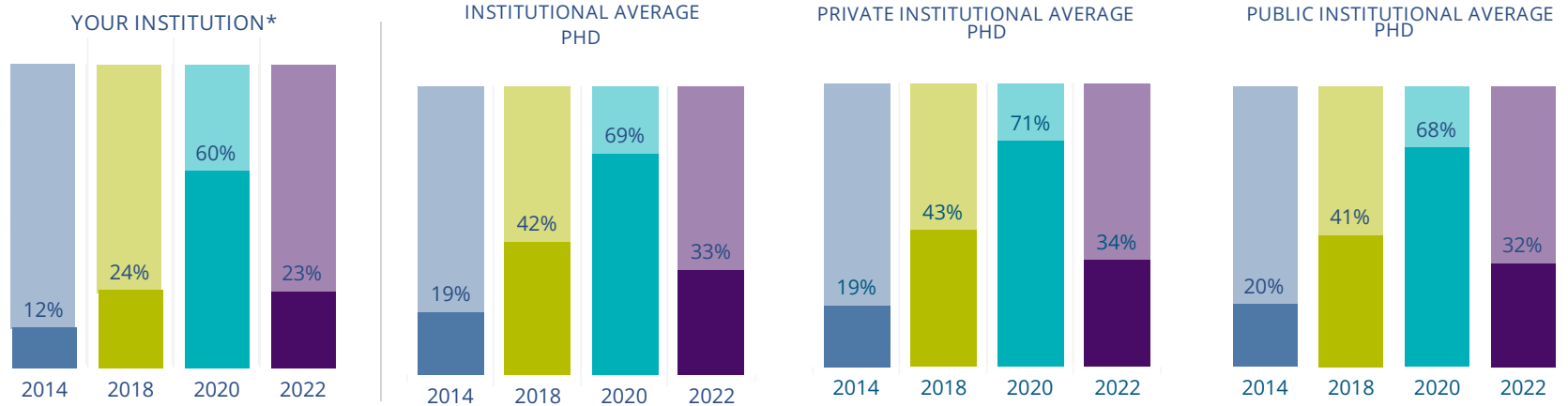
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

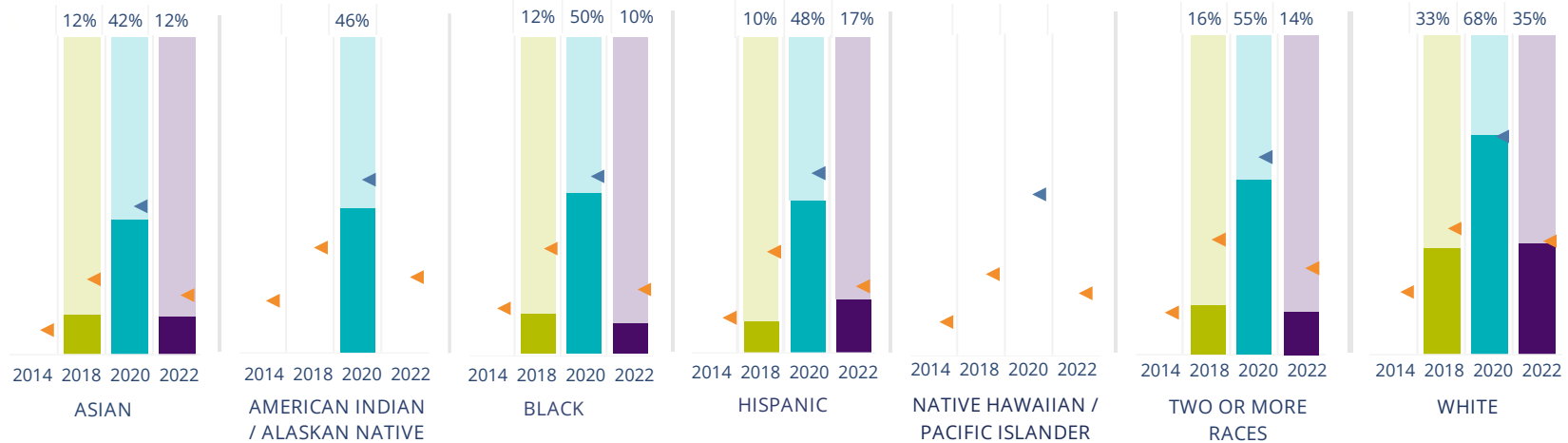
By Institution Types



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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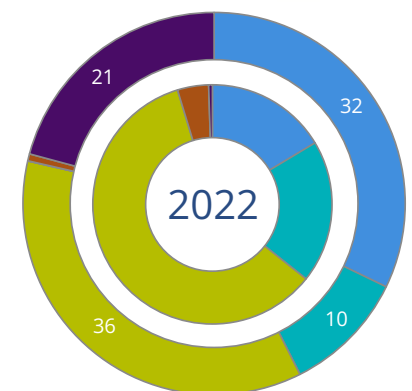
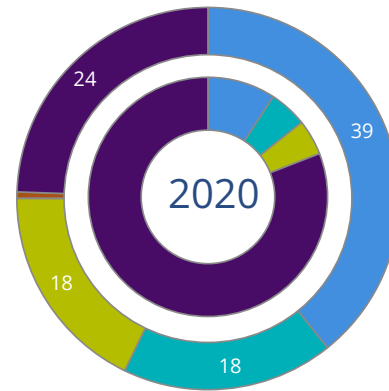
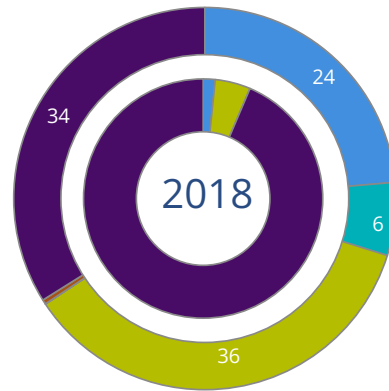
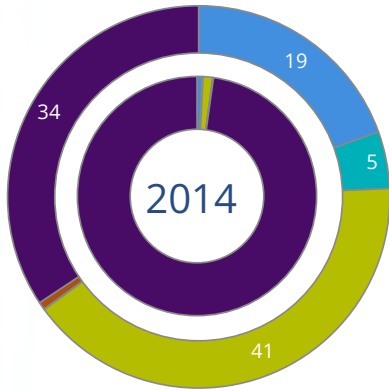
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	1,252	155	12	1,257	532	42	1,330	157	11	→ 0
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	26	-	-	35	16	45	35	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	2,738	337	12	2,780	1,398	50	2,884	280	9	↓ -2
Hispanic	-	-	-	725	73	10	508	244	48	271	46	16	↑ 6
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	15	-	-	14	-	-	11	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	2,386	369	15	2,714	1,482	54	2,981	405	13	↓ -1
White	-	-	-	7,910	2,609	32	7,956	5,419	68	7,164	2,480	34	↑ 1
Race Unknown	16,772	1,852	11	526	171	32	403	230	57	322	94	29	↓ -3

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	-	-	-	-	477	5	671	19	-	-
In-Person	24	1	179	4	446	4	2,069	59	↑	54
Not-In-Person	13	0	61	1	854	9	570	16	↑	14
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	146	4	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	1,813	97	3,480	93	7,548	80	18	0	↓	-93

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	5%	13%	55%	13%
22-24	11%	31%	62%	28%
25-29	18%	48%	68%	43%
30-39	26%	54%	70%	51%
40-49	41%	63%	75%	61%
50+	58%	72%	78%	69%

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	10,151	544	5	10,408	1,453	13	9,971	5,514	55	9,671	1,286	13	↔ 0
22-24	3,076	363	11	2,394	763	31	2,726	1,708	62	2,389	691	28	↓ -2
25-29	1,694	317	18	1,317	639	48	1,367	942	68	1,287	558	43	↓ -5
30-39	1,201	319	26	888	484	54	967	680	70	972	505	51	↓ -2
40-49	423	177	41	360	229	63	428	321	75	440	269	61	↓ -2
50+	227	132	58	211	152	72	208	163	78	239	165	69	↓ -3

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	12,311	820	6	12,330	2,017	16	12,086	6,663	55	11,388	1,727	15	↓ -1
Graduate	3,873	911	23	2,956	1,537	51	3,320	2,469	74	3,178	1,521	47	↓ -4
Class Unknown	588	121	20	292	166	56	261	196	75	432	226	52	↓ -4
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	1,965	114	5	2,295	259	11	2,255	1,118	49	2,188	199	9	↓ -2
Sophomore	2,791	139	4	3,110	400	12	2,910	1,612	55	2,853	310	10	↓ -1
Upperclassman	7,453	559	7	6,794	1,416	20	6,817	3,915	57	6,124	1,228	20	→ 0
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	13,833	1,093	7	13,846	2,791	20	13,564	7,855	57	12,920	2,453	18	↓ -1
Part-time	2,939	759	25	1,732	929	53	2,103	1,473	70	2,078	1,021	49	↓ -4

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
Architecture	45	17	37	30	20	66	28	26	92	21	12	57	 -9
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	129	15	11	167	24	14	146	83	56	122	20	16	 2
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,959	115	5	1,983	321	16	1,990	1,103	55	1,854	245	13	 -2
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,732	202	7	2,301	339	14	2,126	1,156	54	2,121	291	13	 -1
Communication and Journalism	210	33	15	872	122	13	727	382	52	607	104	17	 3

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	1,024	92	8	1,107	225	20	1,303	689	52	1,413	311	22	1
Education	716	199	27	585	328	56	779	618	79	813	417	51	-4
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	335	45	13	128	24	18	207	97	46	216	34	15	-3
English Language and Literature	1,205	117	9	455	126	27	386	263	68	346	83	23	-3
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	192	28	14	140	33	23	134	78	58	101	32	31	8
Health Professions	456	91	19	377	169	44	439	303	69	574	211	36	-8
History	425	90	21	340	134	39	326	221	67	314	130	41	1
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	11	-	-	746	123	16	698	353	50	560	103	18	1

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	486	52	10	119	13	10	140	73	52	76	-	-	-
Mathematics and Statistics	458	41	8	348	75	21	291	153	52	239	47	19	 -1
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	83	-	-	53	16	30	29	17	58	22	-	-	-
Philosophy and Religious Studies	89	16	17	75	25	33	86	57	66	62	19	30	 -2
Social Sciences	3,025	290	9	2,598	537	20	2,612	1,532	58	2,349	496	21	 0
Visual and Performing Arts	195	17	8	206	61	29	231	146	63	181	56	30	 1
Unknown	15	-	-	309	170	55	284	212	74	197	109	55	 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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