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Student Voting Rates for University Of California-Davis

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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

32.8%

2022 Voting Rate

-9.3

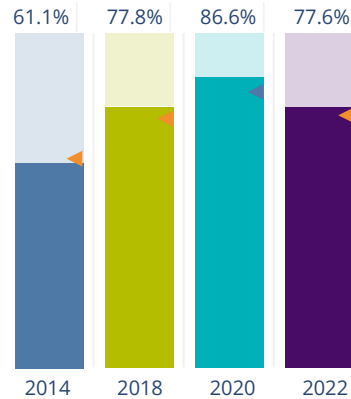
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



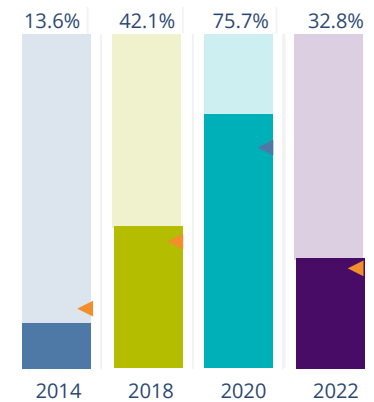
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	33,843	38,006	38,883	39,441	↑ 1,435
Age under 18/Unknown	374	385	413	379	↓ -6
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	3,460	6,928	6,726	6,039	↓ -889
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	18	19	15	-	-
Total eligible voters	29,990	30,672	31,726	33,022	↑ 2,350
Number of students who registered	18,315	23,877	27,460	25,620	↑ 1,743
Number of students who voted	4,067	12,898	24,025	10,835	↓ -2,063
Registration Rate %	61	77	86	77	→ 0
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	22	54	87	42	↓ -11
Voting Rate %	13	42	75	32	↓ -9

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.

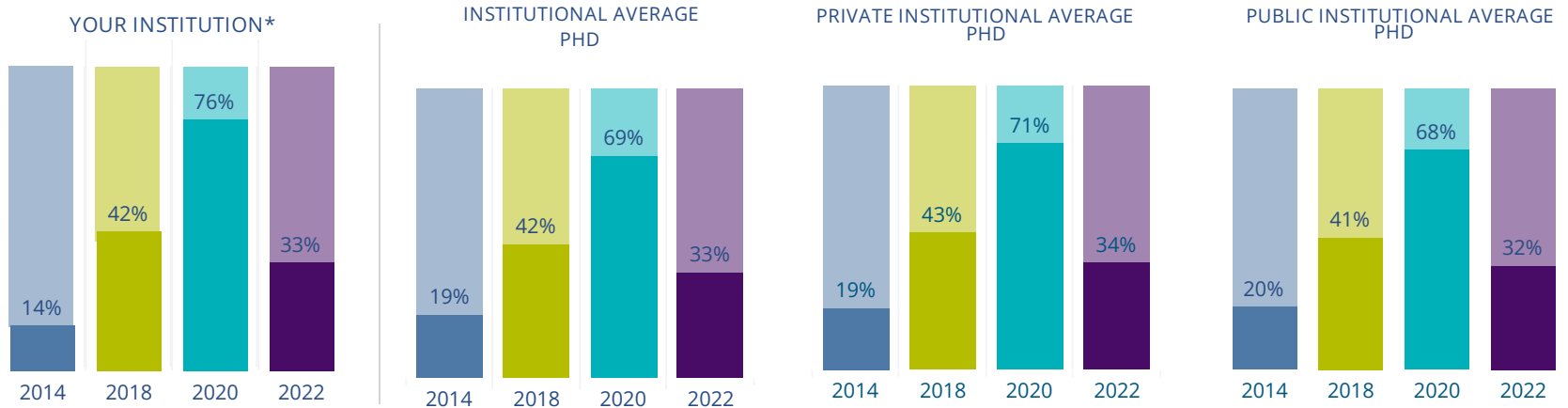
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

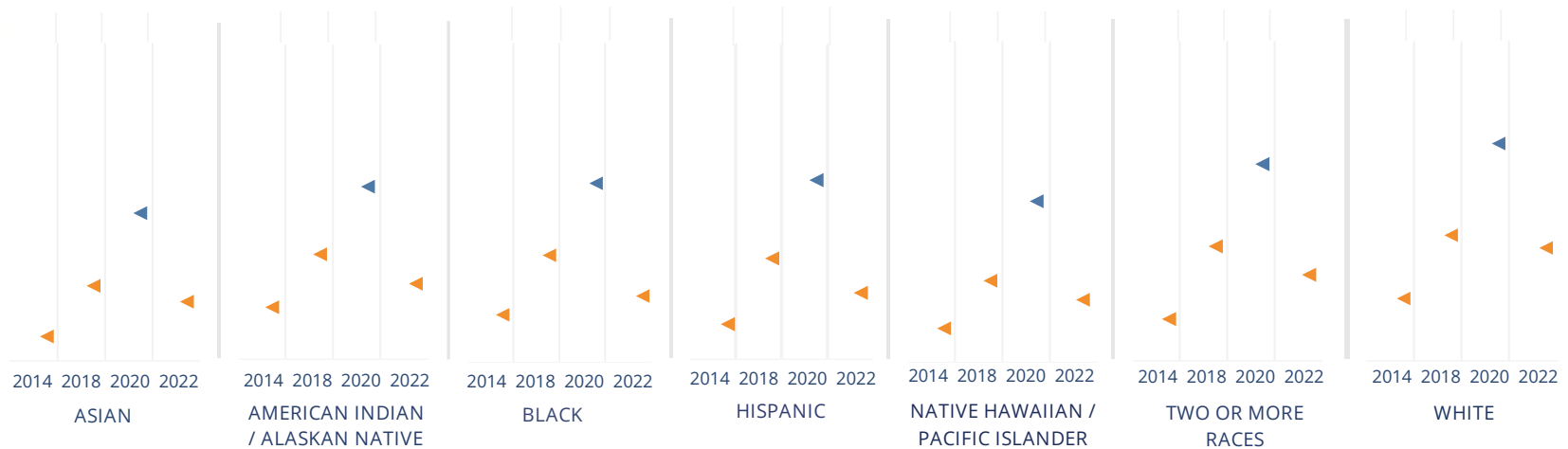
By Institution Types



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

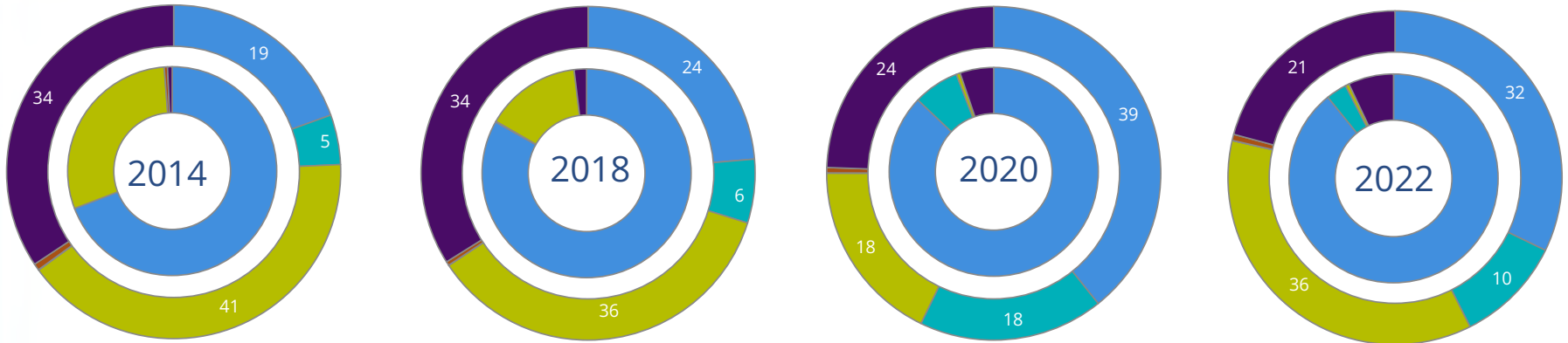
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Race Unknown	33,449	4,067	12	37,597	12,898	34	38,450	24,025	62	39,062	10,835	27	↓ -6

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	-	-	-	-	1,713	7	347	3	-	-
In-Person	1,202	29	1,907	14	148	0	67	0	↓	-14
Not-In-Person	2,815	69	10,727	83	20,914	87	9,662	89	↑	6
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	21	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	26	0	257	1	1,250	5	759	7	↑	5

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%	30%	63%	24%
22-24	12%	33%	57%	27%
25-29	21%	44%	62%	37%
30-39	27%	49%	61%	37%
40-49	36%	56%	68%	45%
50+	54%	73%	82%	62%

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	20,296	1,597	7	23,208	7,086	30	23,827	15,209	63	25,246	6,214	24	↓ -5
22-24	6,643	847	12	7,370	2,505	33	7,167	4,130	57	6,393	1,761	27	↓ -6
25-29	4,033	874	21	4,516	2,009	44	4,617	2,878	62	4,539	1,709	37	↓ -6
30-39	2,026	563	27	2,047	1,020	49	2,276	1,402	61	2,301	864	37	↓ -12
40-49	332	121	36	344	196	56	431	297	68	452	205	45	↓ -11
50+	119	65	54	112	82	73	132	109	82	131	82	62	↓ -10

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	26,742	2,281	8	30,155	9,284	30	30,529	18,963	62	30,876	7,599	24	↓ -6
Graduate	6,674	1,778	26	7,387	3,587	48	7,896	5,042	63	8,149	3,224	39	↓ -8
Class Unknown	33	-	-	55	27	49	25	20	80	37	-	-	-

CLASS YEAR

Freshman	5,139	240	4	6,189	1,497	24	5,528	3,279	59	5,815	1,151	19	↓ -4
Sophomore	4,803	347	7	5,395	1,513	28	5,384	3,412	63	6,675	1,467	21	↓ -6
Upperclassman	16,810	1,696	10	18,586	6,282	33	19,631	12,283	62	18,401	4,989	27	↓ -6






ENROLLMENT STATUS

Full-time	32,028	3,792	11	36,463	12,363	33	36,801	22,916	62	37,472	10,226	27	↓ -6
Part-time	1,421	275	19	1,134	535	47	1,649	1,109	67	1,590	609	38	↓ -8

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	2,463	285	11	2,801	962	34	2,713	1,816	66	3,300	974	29	 -4
Architecture	110	-	-	57	-	-	56	25	44	102	19	18	-
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	311	42	13	356	148	41	405	271	66	356	115	32	 -9
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	6,706	726	10	6,950	2,472	35	7,358	5,003	67	7,549	2,065	27	 -8
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,687	205	12	1,996	507	25	2,264	1,182	52	2,158	518	24	 -1
Communication and Journalism	532	43	8	738	221	29	725	430	59	720	221	30	 0

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	895	63	7	1,098	236	21	1,179	498	42	1,483	238	16	↓ -5
Education	486	162	33	498	292	58	463	355	76	408	186	45	↓ -13
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	4,246	414	9	4,561	1,267	27	4,436	2,482	55	4,439	1,081	24	↓ -3
English Language and Literature	694	97	13	714	360	50	656	516	78	617	220	35	↓ -14
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	47	-	-	41	14	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	491	54	10	520	195	37	507	296	58	440	130	29	↓ -7
Health Professions	1,592	366	22	1,783	895	50	1,770	1,348	76	1,093	403	36	↓ -13
History	367	72	19	305	146	47	380	271	71	424	178	41	↓ -5
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	63	-	-	68	26	38	50	39	78	52	18	34	↓ -3

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	544	153	28	575	318	55	658	501	76	690	351	50	-4
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	267	22	8	181	67	37	102	64	62	99	26	26	-10
Mathematics and Statistics	830	71	8	1,346	242	17	1,382	514	37	1,472	266	18	0
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,213	90	7	1,534	481	31	1,425	916	64	1,586	385	24	-7
Philosophy and Religious Studies	140	23	16	231	81	35	281	197	70	269	74	27	-7
Social Sciences	3,977	475	11	4,398	1,443	32	4,502	2,554	56	4,392	1,204	27	-5
Visual and Performing Arts	1,019	102	10	1,291	460	35	1,329	859	64	1,333	360	27	-8
Unknown	18	-	-	67	33	49	37	30	81	34	13	38	-11

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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