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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

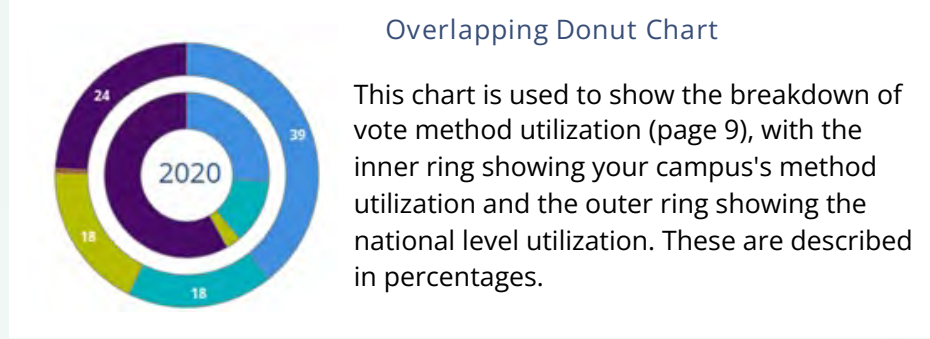
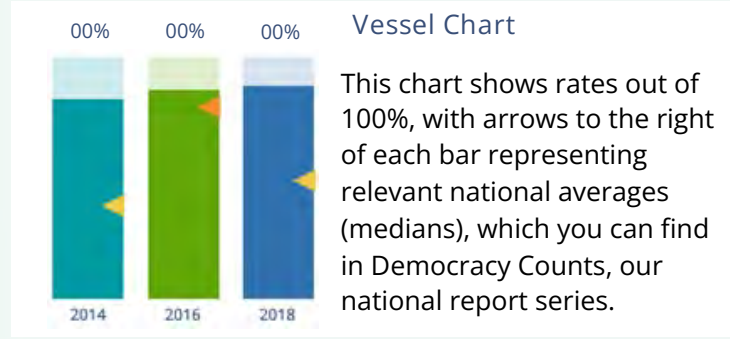
In This Report

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

44.1%

2022 Voting Rate

-9.9

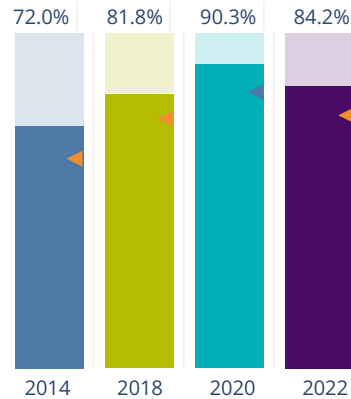
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



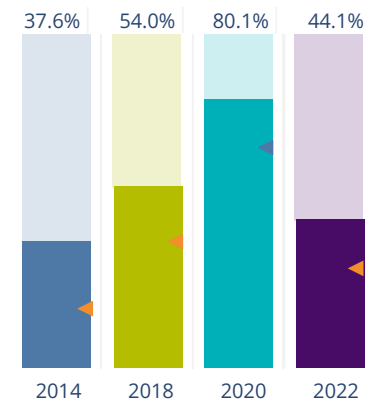
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	32,181	36,334	36,954	39,053	↑ 2,718
Age under 18/Unknown	187	149	151	137	↓ -12
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	2,185	3,023	2,239	3,027	↑ 4
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	35	18	13	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	1,360	1,267	1,561	-	-
Total eligible voters	28,414	31,876	32,989	35,888	↑ 4,011
Number of students who registered	20,451	26,081	29,797	30,223	↑ 4,142
Number of students who voted	10,684	17,204	26,420	15,824	↓ -1,380
Registration Rate %	71	81	90	84	↑ 2
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	52	65	88	52	↓ -13
Voting Rate %	37	53	80	44	↓ -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.

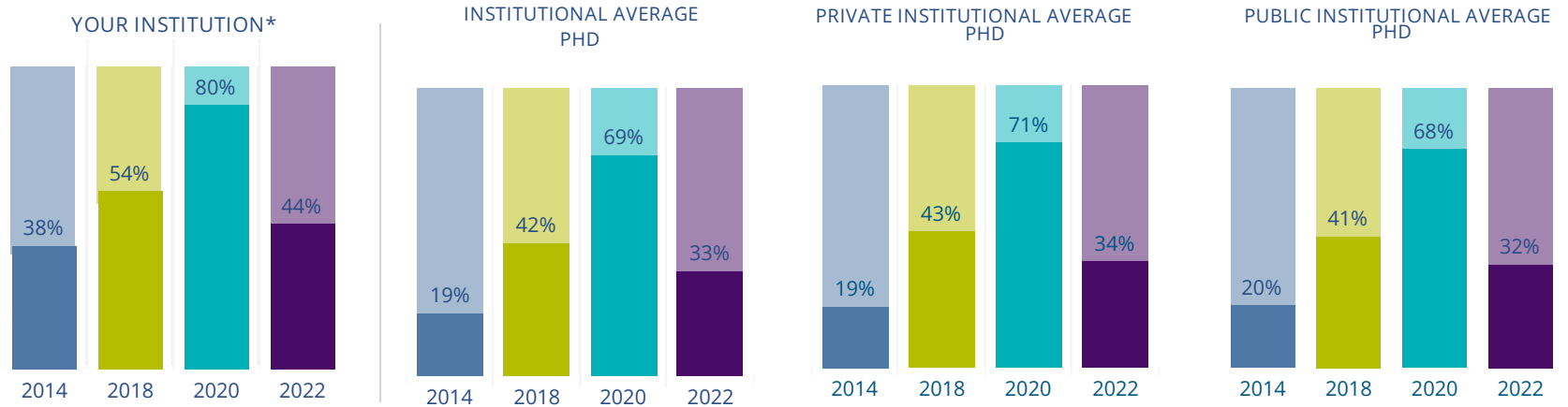
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

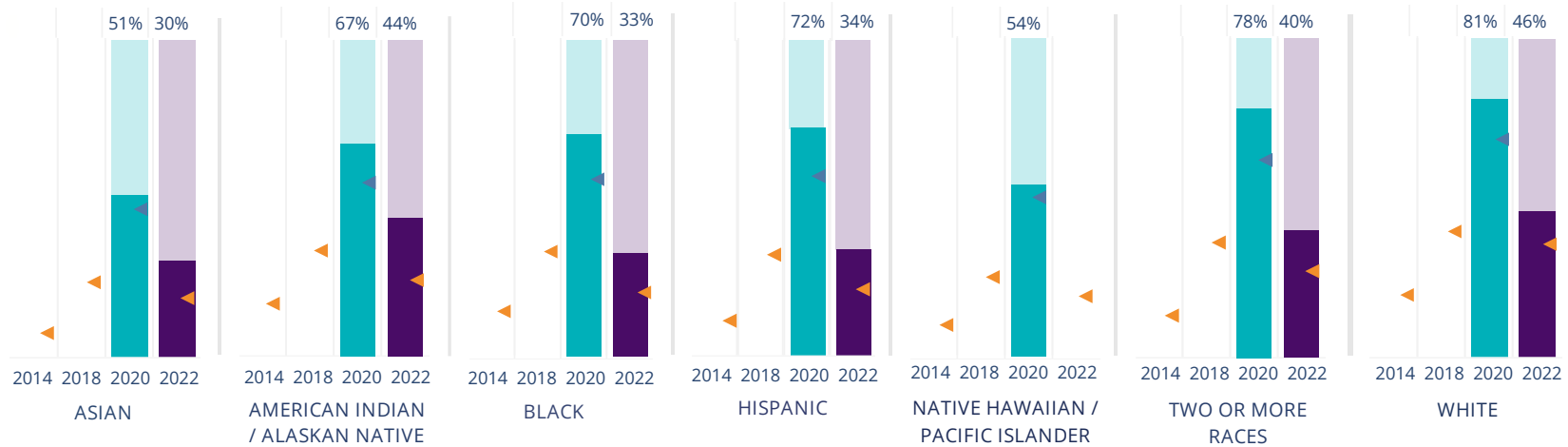
By Institution Types



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

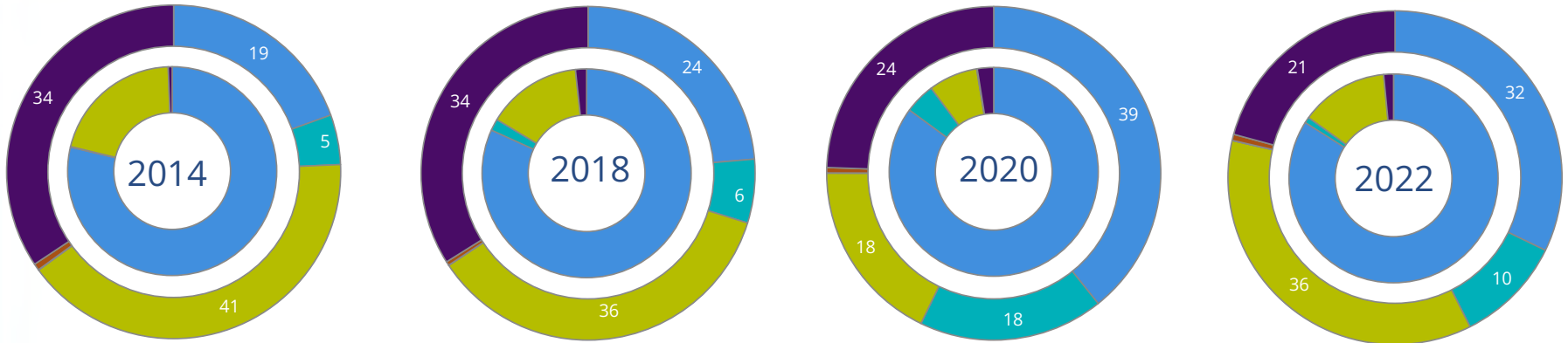
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,927	1,481	50	2,933	893	30	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	67	45	67	85	37	43	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	602	422	70	685	223	32	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	698	502	71	610	205	33	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	14	53	35	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,931	4,613	77	6,615	2,634	39	-
White	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,711	19,083	80	25,562	11,663	45	-
Race Unknown	30,499	10,684	35	34,787	17,204	49	1,164	260	22	2,391	161	6	↓42

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	12	0	309	1	1,247	4	149	0	→	0
In-Person	2,196	20	2,523	14	2,021	7	2,146	13	↓	-1
Not-In-Person	8,412	78	14,076	81	22,496	85	13,299	84	↑	2
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	14	0	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	61	0	296	1	641	2	228	1	→	0

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	31%	47%	77%	37%
22-24	36%	48%	70%	41%
25-29	45%	58%	69%	46%
30-39	50%	61%	72%	49%
40-49	54%	65%	72%	51%
50+	73%	76%	83%	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	19,896	6,182	31	23,104	10,964	47	23,333	18,114	77	24,357	9,192	37	↓ -9
22-24	5,413	1,996	36	6,295	3,023	48	6,065	4,257	70	6,732	2,816	41	↓ -6
25-29	3,149	1,442	45	3,393	1,970	58	3,560	2,470	69	4,439	2,070	46	↓ -11
30-39	1,602	802	50	1,612	984	61	1,740	1,255	72	2,512	1,253	49	↓ -11
40-49	311	168	54	280	184	65	310	226	72	635	325	51	↓ -14
50+	128	94	73	103	79	76	118	98	83	241	168	69	↓ -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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	25,309	8,156	32	29,367	14,071	47	29,294	22,325	76	30,196	11,623	38	↓ -9
Graduate	5,189	2,527	48	5,413	3,128	57	5,828	4,092	70	7,000	3,346	47	↓ -9
Class Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,720	378	21	-
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	7,250	1,824	25	7,793	3,088	39	7,362	5,296	71	8,321	2,522	30	↓ -9
Sophomore	5,619	1,778	31	6,696	3,102	46	6,818	5,218	76	6,849	2,543	37	↓ -9
Upperclassman	12,441	4,555	36	14,796	7,834	52	15,099	11,798	78	15,017	6,553	43	↓ -9
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	24,807	8,433	33	30,510	14,840	48	30,447	23,151	76	34,844	13,974	40	↓ -8
Part-time	5,692	2,251	39	4,277	2,364	55	4,679	3,269	69	4,072	1,850	45	↓ -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
Architecture	472	150	31	639	300	46	556	443	79	605	268	44	↓ -2
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	93	40	43	166	94	56	129	94	72	110	56	50	↓ -5
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	3,915	1,465	37	4,089	2,179	53	3,978	3,196	80	4,001	1,699	42	↓ -10
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,524	1,016	28	4,680	2,117	45	4,851	3,693	76	5,092	1,826	35	↓ -9
Communication and Journalism	2,060	577	28	2,153	1,077	50	2,183	1,752	80	2,238	866	38	↓ -11




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	1,046	353	33	2,311	1,002	43	2,320	1,572	67	2,324	863	37	 -6
Education	418	248	59	395	275	69	537	452	84	534	286	53	 -16
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	4,742	1,577	33	5,552	2,649	47	5,697	4,064	71	6,476	2,679	41	 -6
English Language and Literature	628	264	42	525	330	62	416	356	85	435	206	47	 -15
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	606	243	40	450	257	57	365	270	73	282	134	47	 -9
Health Professions	338	131	38	312	191	61	303	258	85	329	168	51	 -10
History	372	176	47	341	188	55	287	240	83	292	162	55	 0

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	508	346	68	506	380	75	526	449	85	541	378	69	 -5
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,207	469	21	1,482	515	34	2,701	1,852	68	3,667	1,078	29	 -5
Mathematics and Statistics	480	185	38	669	313	46	652	456	69	571	264	46	 0
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	752	332	44	972	569	58	585	463	79	2,095	815	38	 -19
Philosophy and Religious Studies	222	104	46	240	133	55	237	172	72	229	96	41	 -13
Social Sciences	2,633	1,024	38	3,138	1,486	47	2,814	2,065	73	2,524	1,149	45	 -1
Visual and Performing Arts	1,474	536	36	1,273	747	58	1,159	955	82	1,245	570	45	 -12
Unknown	-	-	-	21	12	57	25	19	76	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.

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