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Student Voting Rates for University Of Delaware

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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

27.7%

2022 Voting Rate

-11.0

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

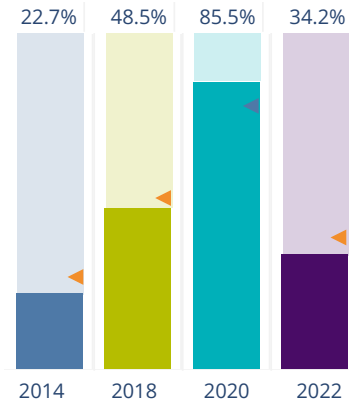
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



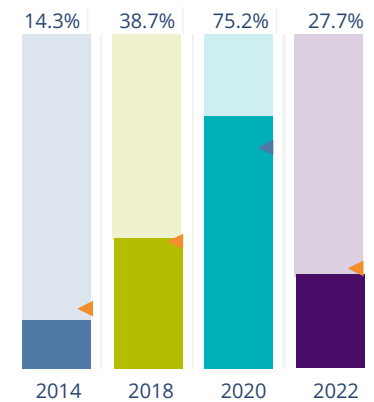
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	22,680	23,964	23,430	23,448	↓ -516
Age under 18/Unknown	304	341	321	219	↓ -122
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,923	2,217	2,201	2,461	↑ 244
Datasource	IPEDS	NSC	NSC	NSC	-
FERPA records blocked	563	332	283	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	94	75	109	-	-
Total eligible voters	19,795	20,999	20,516	20,768	↓ -231
Number of students who registered	12,449	16,765	18,023	16,858	↑ 93
Number of students who voted	2,828	8,123	15,418	5,763	↓ -2,360
Registration Rate %	62	79	87	81	↑ 1
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	22	48	85	34	↓ -14
Voting Rate %	14	38	75	27	↓ -10

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.

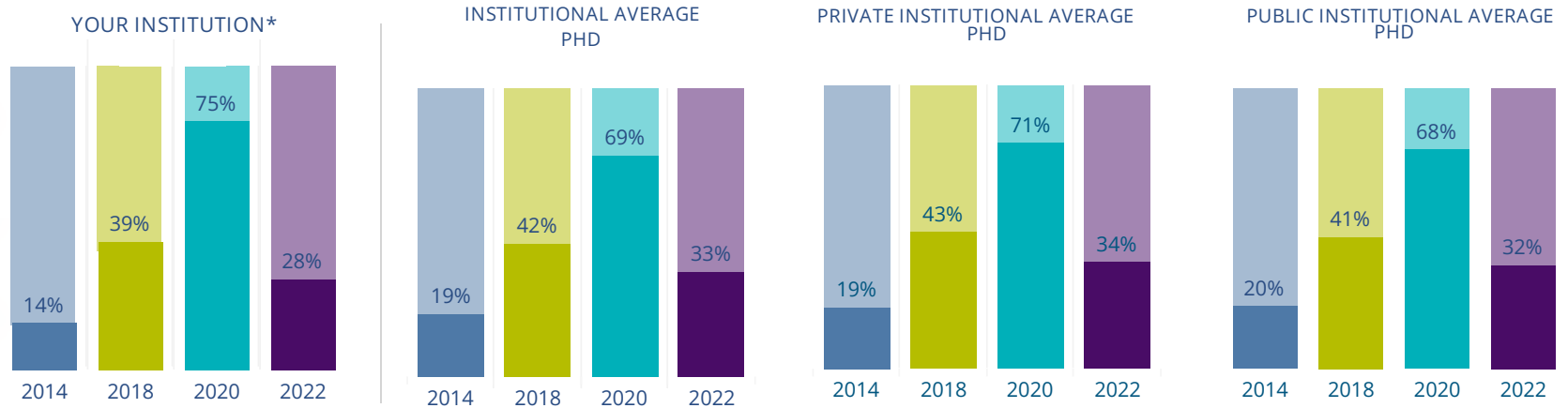
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

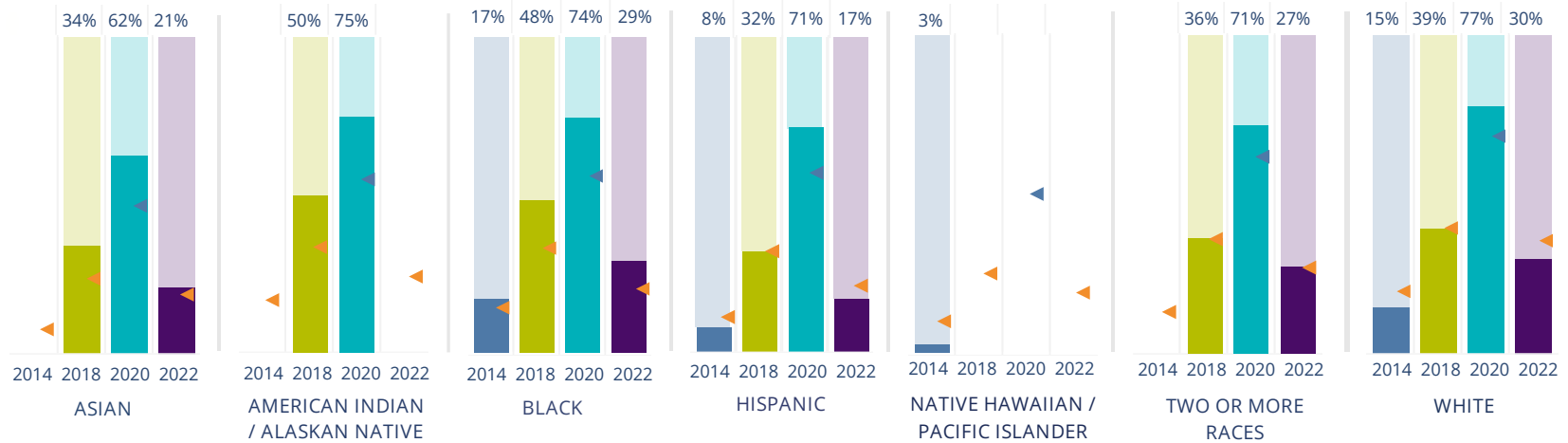
By Institution Types



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

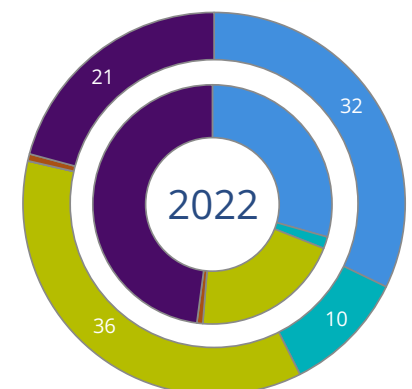
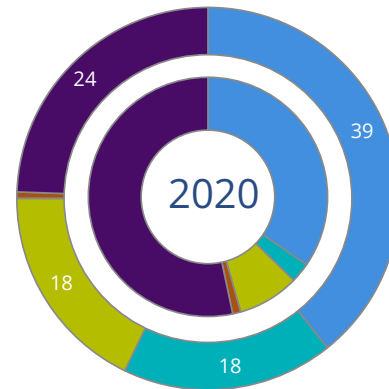
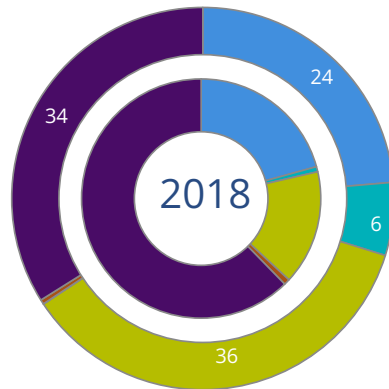
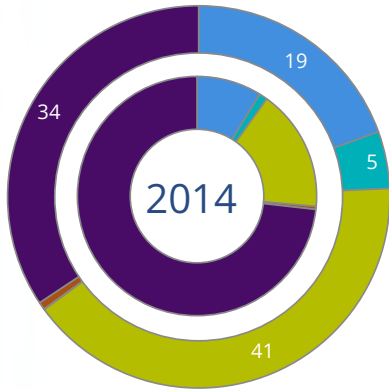
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	1,174	397	33	1,176	732	62	1,240	262	21	↓-12
American Indian/ Alaska Native	33	-	-	26	13	50	24	18	75	21	-	-	-
Black	1,225	209	17	1,294	623	48	1,410	1,042	73	1,434	414	28	↓-19
Hispanic	641	52	8	1,757	564	32	1,851	1,313	70	2,000	339	16	↓-15
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	2,490	67	2	17	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	687	247	35	786	561	71	817	223	27	↓-8
White	15,288	2,230	14	15,643	6,130	39	14,643	11,311	77	14,774	4,379	29	↓-9
Race Unknown	2,034	265	13	401	144	35	615	432	70	474	135	28	↓-7

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	31	1	55	0	415	2	90	1	→	0
In-Person	466	16	1,258	15	1,278	8	1,169	20	↑	4
Not-In-Person	250	8	1,682	20	5,330	34	1,693	29	↑	8
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	61	0	172	1	47	0	→	0
Voting Method Unknown	2,071	73	5,067	62	8,223	53	2,764	47	↓	-14

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%	34%	75%	23%
22-24	15%	44%	74%	32%
25-29	17%	52%	72%	41%
30-39	22%	56%	68%	45%
40-49	41%	66%	75%	55%
50+	62%	81%	87%	76%

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	15,541	1,561	10	15,891	5,500	34	15,558	11,760	75	15,721	3,731	23	↓-10
22-24	2,975	461	15	2,564	1,137	44	2,548	1,886	74	2,698	888	32	↓-11
25-29	1,624	284	17	1,145	597	52	1,069	778	72	1,076	447	41	↓-10
30-39	995	227	22	812	458	56	762	525	68	708	323	45	↓-10
40-49	318	133	41	329	220	66	308	233	75	283	158	55	↓-11
50+	258	162	62	258	211	81	271	236	87	282	216	76	↓-5

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	12,136	1,536	12	12,045	4,958	41	11,946	9,397	78	12,257	3,585	29	 -11
Male	9,565	1,291	13	8,949	3,162	35	8,565	6,019	70	8,505	2,177	25	 -9

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	17,581	1,960	11	17,747	6,348	35	17,218	12,966	75	17,417	4,286	24	↓-11
Graduate	3,516	691	19	2,763	1,510	54	2,874	2,156	75	2,909	1,278	43	↓-10
Class Unknown	614	177	28	489	265	54	424	296	69	442	155	35	↓-19
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	3,750	316	8	3,748	1,129	30	3,368	2,566	76	4,095	830	20	↓-9
Sophomore	4,209	352	8	4,332	1,390	32	4,186	3,159	75	4,285	982	22	↓-9
Upperclassman	9,694	1,306	13	9,671	3,842	39	9,749	7,312	75	9,147	2,516	27	↓-12
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	19,243	2,142	11	19,298	7,173	37	18,882	14,240	75	19,282	5,087	26	↓-10
Part-time	2,468	686	27	1,701	950	55	1,634	1,178	72	1,486	676	45	↓-10

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	330	46	13	284	125	44	286	226	79	619	160	25	↓ -18
Architecture	20	-	-	31	11	35	57	41	71	50	11	22	↓ -13
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	44	12	27	52	27	51	44	33	75	58	26	44	↓ -7
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,420	161	11	1,485	569	38	1,477	1,080	73	1,541	445	28	↓ -9
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,188	298	9	3,172	973	30	3,108	2,331	75	3,179	738	23	↓ -7
Communication and Journalism	581	53	9	571	210	36	628	491	78	807	220	27	↓ -9





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	402	45	11	395	167	42	480	348	72	640	200	31	↓-11
Education	1,487	247	16	1,434	655	45	1,368	1,104	80	1,350	451	33	↓-12
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,586	277	10	2,165	814	37	2,108	1,585	75	2,010	549	27	↓-10
English Language and Literature	386	74	19	314	154	49	268	207	77	182	59	32	↓-16
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	396	34	8	387	128	33	301	240	79	323	75	23	↓-9
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	215	37	17	164	90	54	147	116	78	110	50	45	↓-9
Health Professions	2,229	297	13	2,577	884	34	2,653	2,040	76	2,420	567	23	↓-10
History	259	68	26	196	107	54	195	144	73	166	62	37	↓-17
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	24	-	-	26	20	76	21	14	66	23	14	60	↓-16
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	847	67	7	781	244	31	705	525	74	741	140	18	↓-12

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	1,881	247	13	1,834	679	37	1,697	1,201	70	1,517	370	24	 -12
Mathematics and Statistics	313	26	8	190	74	38	236	165	69	203	80	39	 0
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	330	37	11	348	135	38	407	311	76	468	133	28	 -10
Philosophy and Religious Studies	28	-	-	20	-	-	15	11	73	23	-	-	-
Social Sciences	1,678	301	17	1,695	695	41	1,541	1,113	72	1,309	394	30	 -10
Visual and Performing Arts	477	43	9	409	184	44	396	299	75	496	177	35	 -9
Unknown	647	187	28	522	289	55	459	327	71	411	176	42	 -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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