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Student Voting Rates for University Of Georgia

NSLVE Campus Report

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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

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.

Vessel Chart

This chart shows rates out of 100%, with arrows to the right of each bar representing relevant national averages (medians), which you can find in Democracy Counts, our national report series.

Overlapping Donut Chart

This chart is used to show the breakdown of vote method utilization (page 9), with the inner ring showing your campus's method utilization and the outer ring showing the national level utilization. These are described in percentages.

Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

41.8%

2022 Voting Rate

-6.4

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

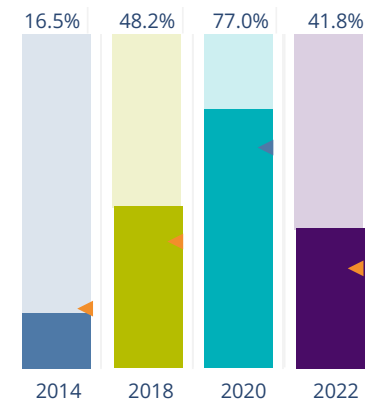| 2014	2018	2020	2022
66.3%	84.9%	90.4%	86.2%
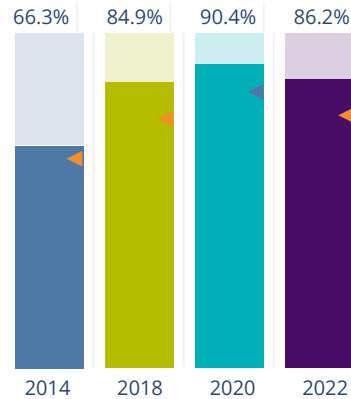
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

2014	2018	2020	2022
24.9%	56.8%	85.2%	48.5%

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

2014	2018	2020	2022
16.5%	48.2%	77.0%	41.8%

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	35,122	38,205	38,857	40,189	⬆ 1,984
Age under 18/Unknown	113	107	113	121	⬆ 14
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,618	1,949	1,699	2,025	⬆ 75
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	2,185	299	161	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	56	109	135	-	-
Total eligible voters	31,149	35,740	36,748	38,042	⬆ 2,302
Number of students who registered	20,659	30,332	33,209	32,778	⬆ 2,446
Number of students who voted	5,148	17,226	28,295	15,907	⬇ -1,319
Registration Rate %	66	84	90	86	⬆ 1
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	24	56	85	48	⬇ -8
Voting Rate %	16	48	76	41	⬇ -6

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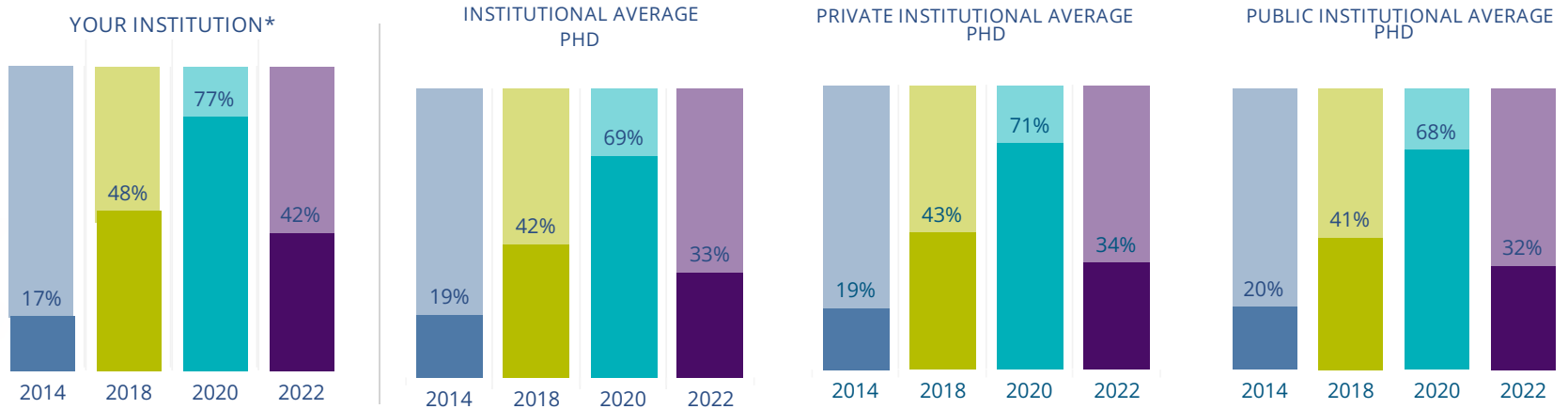
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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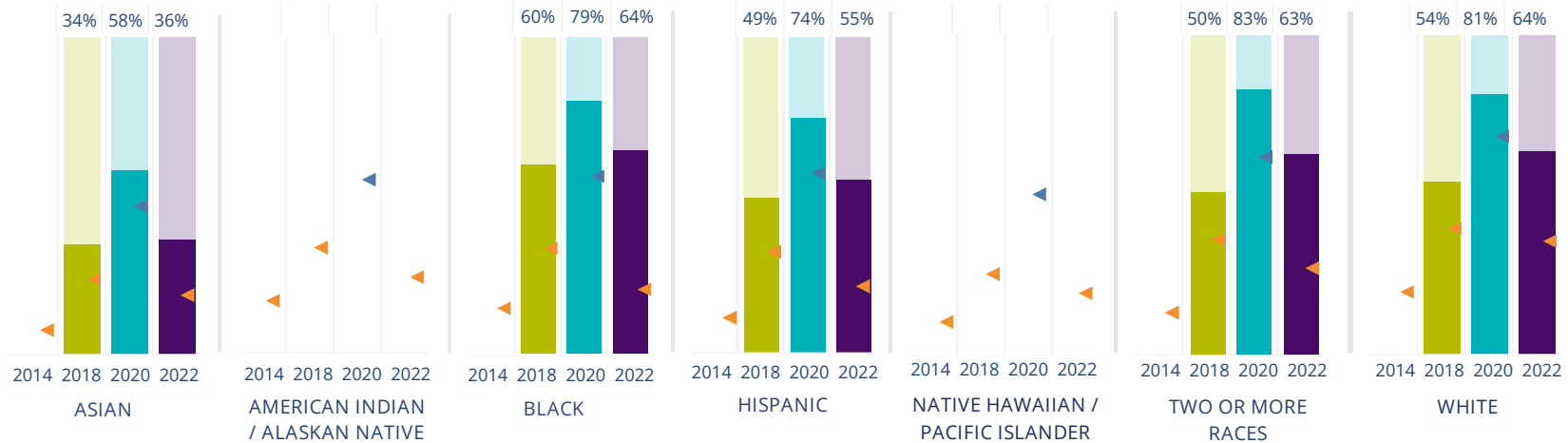
By Institution Types

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH	2022 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH
	79%		68%
39.1%	LOW 7%	30.6%	LOW 4%

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.

YOUR INSTITUTION*

- 2014: 17%
- 2018: 48%
- 2020: 77%
- 2022: 42%

INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

- 2014: 19%
- 2018: 42%
- 2020: 69%
- 2022: 33%

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

- 2014: 19%
- 2018: 43%
- 2020: 71%
- 2022: 34%

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

- 2014: 20%
- 2018: 41%
- 2020: 68%
- 2022: 32%

By Race / Ethnicity

	ASIAN	AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE	BLACK	HISPANIC	NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER	TWO OR MORE RACES	WHITE
Percentages	34% 58% 36%		60% 79% 64%	49% 74% 55%		50% 83% 63%	54% 81% 64%

Years shown for each group: 2014 2018 2020 2022

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-nslve-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	-	-	-	1,033	354	34	191	110	57	67	24	35	⬆ 1
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	866	516	59	208	165	79	78	50	64	⬆ 4
Hispanic	-	-	-	525	258	49	85	63	74	33	18	54	⬆ 5
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	380	191	50	69	57	82	24	15	62	⬆12
White	-	-	-	6,983	3,765	53	1,347	1,091	80	539	342	63	⬆ 9
Race Unknown	32,765	5,148	15	27,879	12,135	43	36,542	26,809	73	39,327	15,458	39	⬇ -4

By Voting Method

Legend: ■ Not-In-Person ■ Early Vote ■ In-Person ■ Other ■ Provisional ■ Unknown

Donut charts: 2014, 2018, 2020, 2022
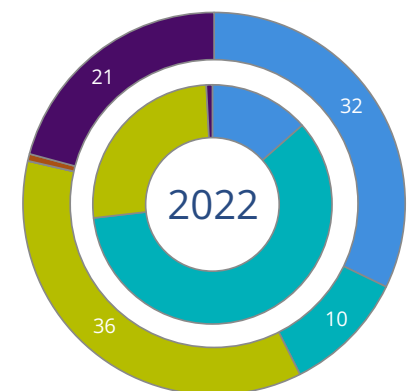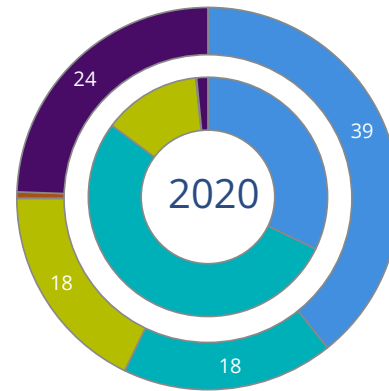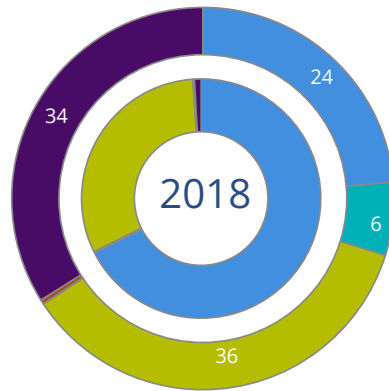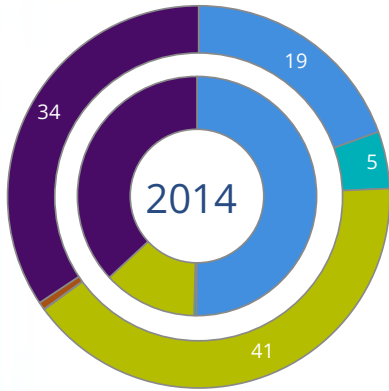
	2014		2018		2020		2022		2018-2022
	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Early Vote	16	0	36	0	14,988	53	9,490	59	⬆ 59
In-Person	655	12	5,382	31	3,736	13	4,142	26	⬇ -5
Not-In-Person	2,581	50	11,619	67	9,111	32	2,149	13	⬇ -54
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	30	0	18	0	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	1,893	36	159	0	442	1	121	0	➡ 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	12%	44%	77%	37%
22-24	14%	47%	71%	40%
25-29	19%	44%	60%	39%
30-39	33%	51%	60%	46%
40-49	50%	70%	78%	67%
50+	64%	78%	85%	81%

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	20,580	2,567	12	23,862	10,509	44	24,067	18,557	77	25,309	9,448	37	⬇ -6
22-24	6,748	1,007	14	7,457	3,518	47	7,629	5,472	71	7,880	3,228	40	⬇ -6
25-29	2,952	590	19	3,511	1,548	44	3,581	2,166	60	3,532	1,385	39	⬇ -4
30-39	1,753	585	33	1,995	1,024	51	2,221	1,339	60	2,257	1,059	46	⬇ -4
40-49	515	259	50	605	428	70	651	510	78	720	484	67	⬇ -3
50+	217	140	64	254	199	78	293	251	85	370	303	81	⬆ 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	25,169	3,301	13	29,123	13,030	44	29,346	22,396	76	30,266	11,418	37	↓ -7
Graduate	7,188	1,784	24	8,374	4,139	49	9,032	5,853	64	9,519	4,351	45	↓ -3
Class Unknown	408	63	15	187	57	30	64	46	71	283	52	18	↓ -12
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sophomore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Upperclassman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	26,822	3,898	14	34,442	15,331	44	34,661	25,397	73	36,038	13,697	38	↓ -6
Part-time	5,943	1,250	21	3,242	1,895	58	3,781	2,898	76	4,030	2,210	54	↓ -3

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (under-graduate/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	1,163	221	19	1,365	634	46	1,465	949	64	1,883	694	36	⬇ -9
Architecture	245	45	18	210	87	41	211	149	70	205	94	45	⬆ 4
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	28	11	39	113	77	68	104	85	81	90	54	60	⬇ -8
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	3,103	345	11	3,694	1,536	41	3,891	2,772	71	3,905	1,334	34	⬇ -7
Business, Management, and Marketing	7,021	947	13	8,580	3,423	39	8,633	6,366	73	9,418	3,237	34	⬇ -5
Communication and Journalism	2,355	317	13	2,536	1,303	51	2,390	1,895	79	2,402	1,056	43	⬇ -7

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	639	60	9	1,225	416	33	1,285	780	60	1,750	471	26	⬇ -7
Education	2,316	647	27	2,250	1,325	58	2,290	1,784	77	2,058	1,190	57	⬇ -1
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,169	102	8	2,134	877	41	2,288	1,604	70	2,352	841	35	⬇ -5
English Language and Literature	401	61	15	328	182	55	286	236	82	315	162	51	⬇ -4
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	825	121	14	1,041	477	45	1,015	748	73	893	368	41	⬇ -4
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	570	94	16	494	233	47	463	325	70	430	184	42	⬇ -4
Health Professions	2,571	373	14	2,846	1,262	44	2,632	1,959	74	2,177	950	43	➡ 0
History	276	72	26	227	137	60	202	153	75	250	121	48	⬇ -11
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	207	32	15	203	99	48	270	217	80	249	102	40	⬇ -7
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	971	104	10	1,144	427	37	1,150	846	73	1,309	444	33	⬇ -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	563	158	28	779	471	60	811	669	82	704	375	53	🔻 -7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	248	27	10	491	200	40	447	345	77	486	198	40	➡ 0
Mathematics and Statistics	379	35	9	415	133	32	399	217	54	391	132	33	🔼 1
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	749	100	13	972	475	48	1,312	1,005	76	1,441	608	42	🔻 -6
Philosophy and Religious Studies	147	29	19	134	60	44	156	106	67	142	67	47	🔼 2
Social Sciences	1,870	443	23	1,817	1,062	58	1,906	1,536	80	1,886	952	50	🔻 -7
Visual and Performing Arts	1,213	159	13	1,150	571	49	1,127	847	75	1,184	512	43	🔻 -6
Unknown	281	50	17	212	67	31	87	65	74	206	71	34	🔼 2

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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