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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

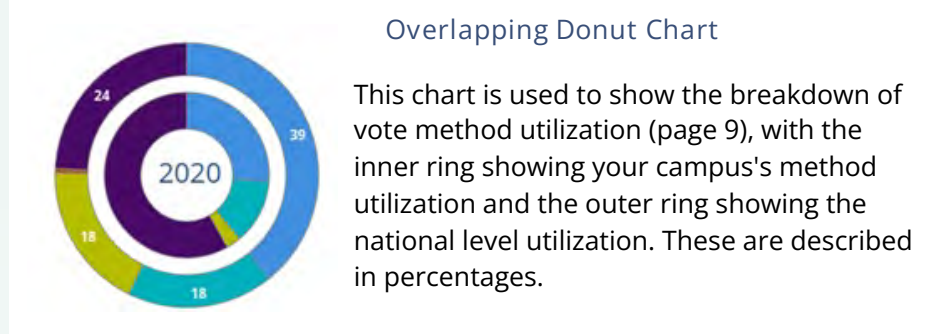
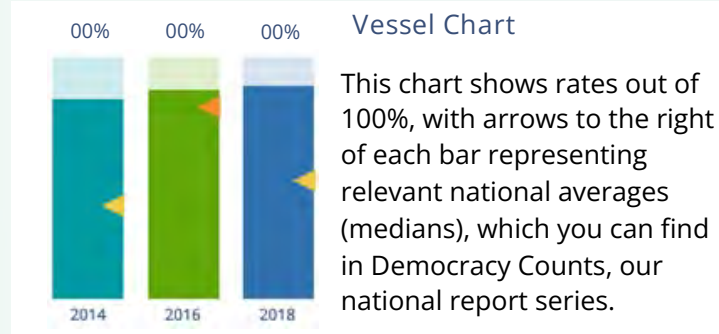
In This Report

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

36.9%

2022 Voting Rate

-12.4

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



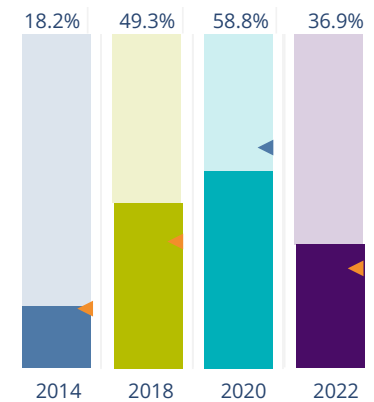
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	14,061	13,953	15,162	14,006	↑ 53
Age under 18/Unknown	55	27	34	26	↓ -1
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	679	772	335	330	↓ -441
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	325	73	93	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	-	623	-	-
Total eligible voters	13,001	13,080	14,076	13,649	↑ 568
Number of students who registered	8,957	10,035	10,679	10,420	↑ 385
Number of students who voted	2,369	6,454	8,283	5,039	↓ -1,415
Registration Rate %	68	76	75	76	→ 0
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	26	64	77	48	↓ -15
Voting Rate %	18	49	58	36	↓ -12

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.

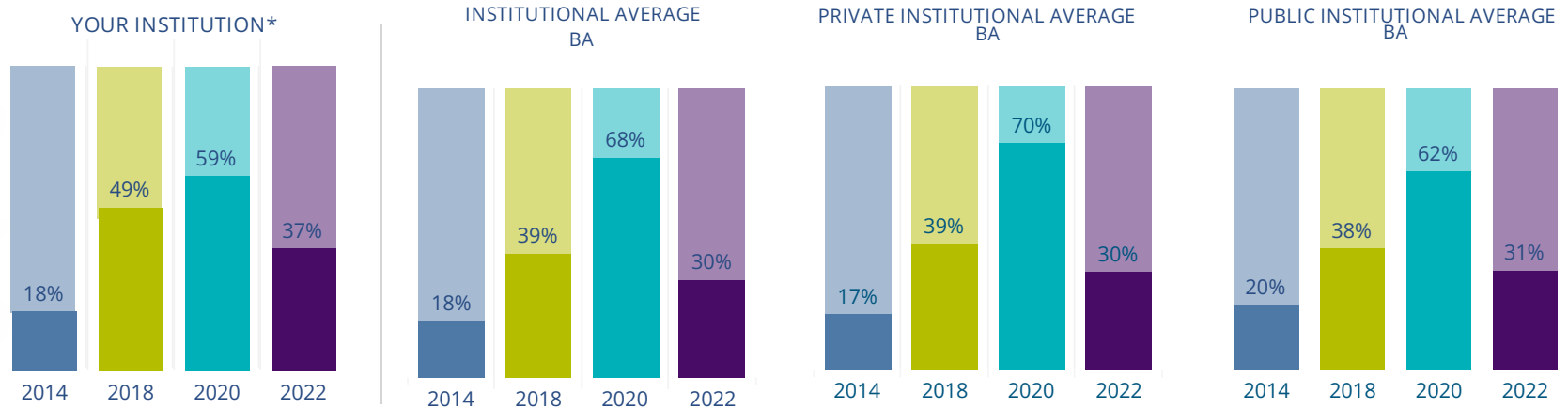
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

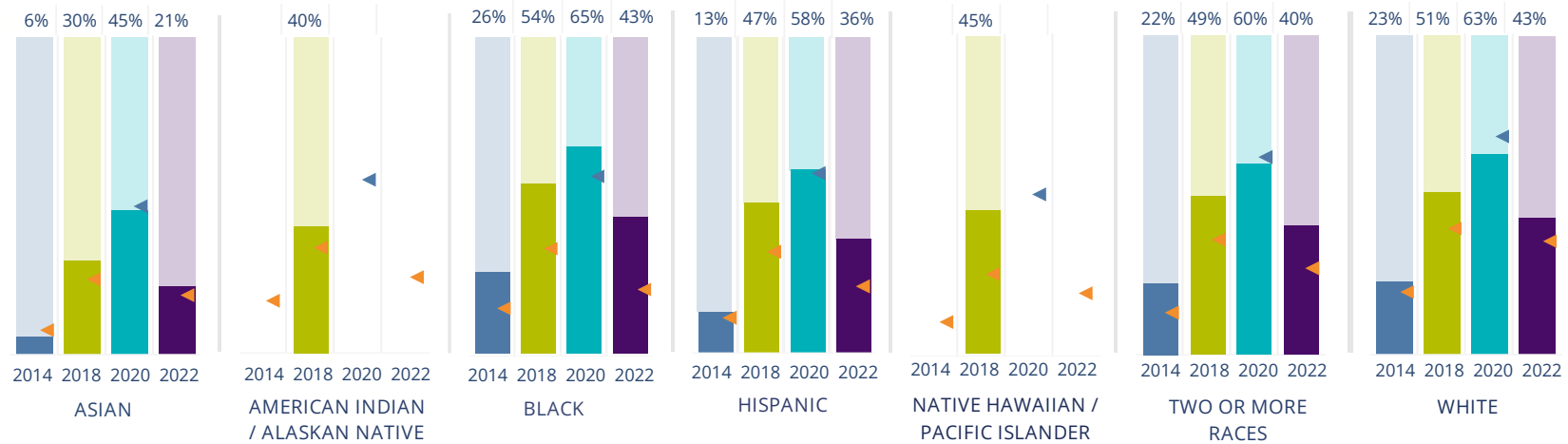
By Institution Types



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

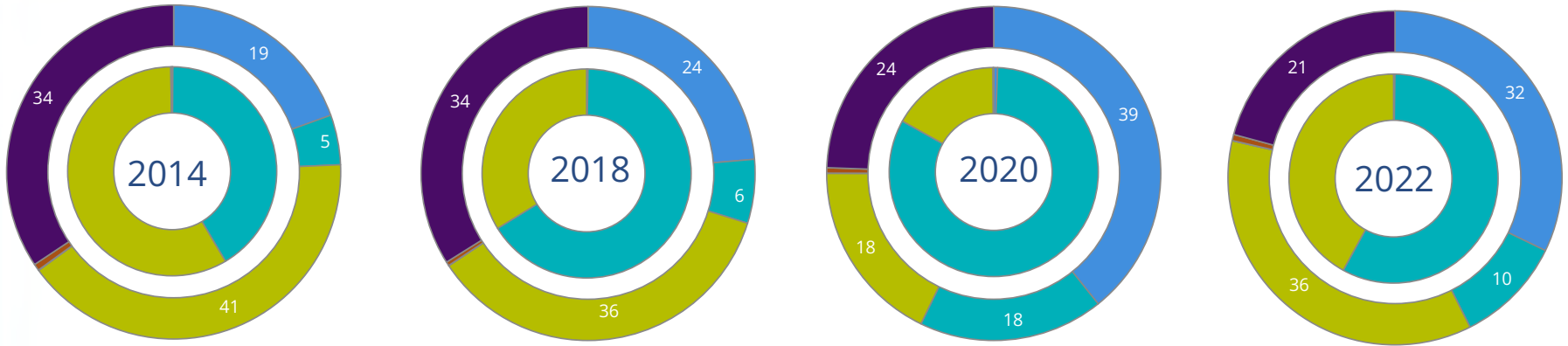
By Race/Ethnicity

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	1,409	81	5	1,299	383	29	1,270	575	45	1,208	258	21	↓-8
American Indian/ Alaska Native	60	-	-	35	14	40	18	-	-	14	-	-	-
Black	3,488	894	25	2,884	1,545	53	2,723	1,764	64	2,612	1,126	43	↓-10
Hispanic	5,815	757	13	6,941	3,284	47	7,696	4,460	57	7,790	2,792	35	↓-11
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	34	-	-	29	13	44	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	161	36	22	150	74	49	322	192	59	334	134	40	↓-9
White	2,457	555	22	2,127	1,079	50	1,951	1,220	62	1,648	705	42	↓-7
Race Unknown	257	35	13	388	62	15	405	57	14	366	20	5	↓-10

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	981	41	4,261	66	6,834	82	2,914	57	↓	-8
In-Person	1,381	58	2,181	33	1,395	16	2,114	42	↑	8
Not-In-Person	-	-	-	-	51	0	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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%	45%	52%	29%
22-24	12%	42%	57%	34%
25-29	14%	42%	54%	33%
30-39	22%	49%	61%	40%
40-49	37%	60%	70%	50%
50+	51%	68%	75%	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	3,103	333	10	3,112	1,406	45	4,189	2,216	52	4,142	1,236	29	↓ -15
22-24	3,235	416	12	2,968	1,258	42	3,044	1,741	57	3,015	1,042	34	↓ -7
25-29	3,424	498	14	3,399	1,429	42	3,116	1,684	54	2,795	934	33	↓ -8
30-39	2,646	601	22	2,952	1,468	49	2,681	1,657	61	2,543	1,018	40	↓ -9
40-49	935	347	37	1,013	612	60	990	701	70	1,053	537	50	↓ -9
50+	338	174	51	409	281	68	377	284	75	432	272	62	↓ -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	8,252	1,541	18	8,394	4,077	48	8,978	5,319	59	8,814	3,262	37	 -11
Male	5,429	828	15	5,459	2,377	43	5,419	2,964	54	5,155	1,774	34	 -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	13,087	2,191	16	12,263	5,622	45	13,347	7,588	56	12,429	4,345	34	↓-10
Graduate	580	176	30	1,590	832	52	1,037	689	66	771	336	43	↓-8
Class Unknown	14	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	780	319	40	-
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	1,786	174	9	1,434	600	41	1,609	726	45	751	202	26	↓-14
Sophomore	1,806	243	13	1,362	637	46	1,400	757	54	845	279	33	↓-13
Upperclassman	9,509	1,776	18	9,469	4,386	46	10,083	5,957	59	8,264	3,121	37	↓-8
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	6,986	1,087	15	6,813	3,136	46	7,679	4,325	56	7,084	2,436	34	↓-11
Part-time	6,695	1,282	19	7,040	3,318	47	6,718	3,958	58	6,896	2,603	37	↓-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
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	416	59	14	425	180	42	526	297	56	604	218	36	 -6
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,765	469	16	3,850	1,750	45	3,820	2,269	59	3,790	1,376	36	 -9
Communication and Journalism	355	90	25	350	190	54	352	222	63	280	113	40	 -13





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	313	37	11	493	185	37	527	252	47	543	170	31	 -6
Education	32	13	40	64	31	48	143	80	55	657	258	39	 -9
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	288	47	16	282	125	44	289	154	53	254	78	30	 -13
English Language and Literature	185	49	26	263	139	52	264	169	64	242	130	53	 0
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	54	-	-	38	19	50	37	21	56	42	19	45	 -4
Health Professions	-	-	-	260	145	55	275	165	60	205	62	30	 -25
History	107	30	28	139	84	60	148	105	70	162	78	48	 -12
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	791	181	22	911	424	46	1,000	606	60	961	333	34	 -11

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	5,546	741	13	2,751	1,186	43	2,750	1,405	51	2,949	845	28	 -14
Mathematics and Statistics	131	20	15	323	136	42	304	162	53	80	31	38	 -3
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,344	312	23	2,042	1,005	49	2,021	1,248	61	1,097	470	42	 -6
Philosophy and Religious Studies	31	13	41	24	12	50	32	18	56	16	-	-	-
Social Sciences	250	81	32	311	196	63	321	203	63	274	127	46	 -16
Visual and Performing Arts	85	24	28	176	97	55	186	99	53	199	78	39	 -15
Unknown	16	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	142	61	42	-

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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