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Student Voting Rates for University Of Kansas

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

33.1%
2022 Voting Rate

-12.1
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE
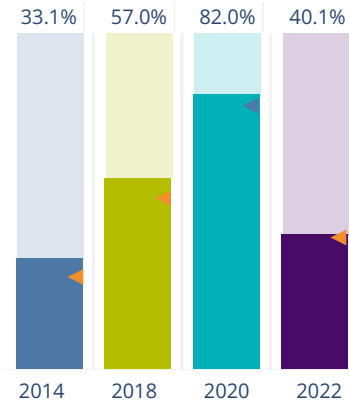
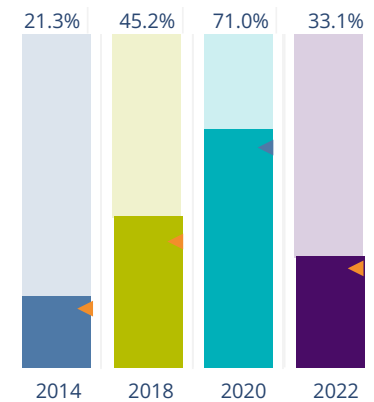| 2014	2018	2020	2022
64.6%	79.3%	86.5%	82.6%

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

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

2014	2018	2020	2022
33.1%	57.0%	82.0%	40.1%

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
21.3%	45.2%	71.0%	33.1%

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	26,701	27,171	26,475	26,202	⬇ -968
Age under 18/Unknown	65	180	351	332	⬆ 152
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	2,368	2,140	1,713	1,790	⬇ -350
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	NSC	
FERPA records blocked	155	92	64	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	45	361	219	-	-
Total eligible voters	24,067	24,397	24,127	24,080	⬇ -317
Number of students who registered	15,538	19,348	20,878	19,892	⬆ 544
Number of students who voted	5,137	11,033	17,125	7,977	⬇ -3,056
Registration Rate %	64	79	86	82	⬆ 3
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	33	57	82	40	⬇ -16
Voting Rate %	21	45	70	33	⬇ -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.
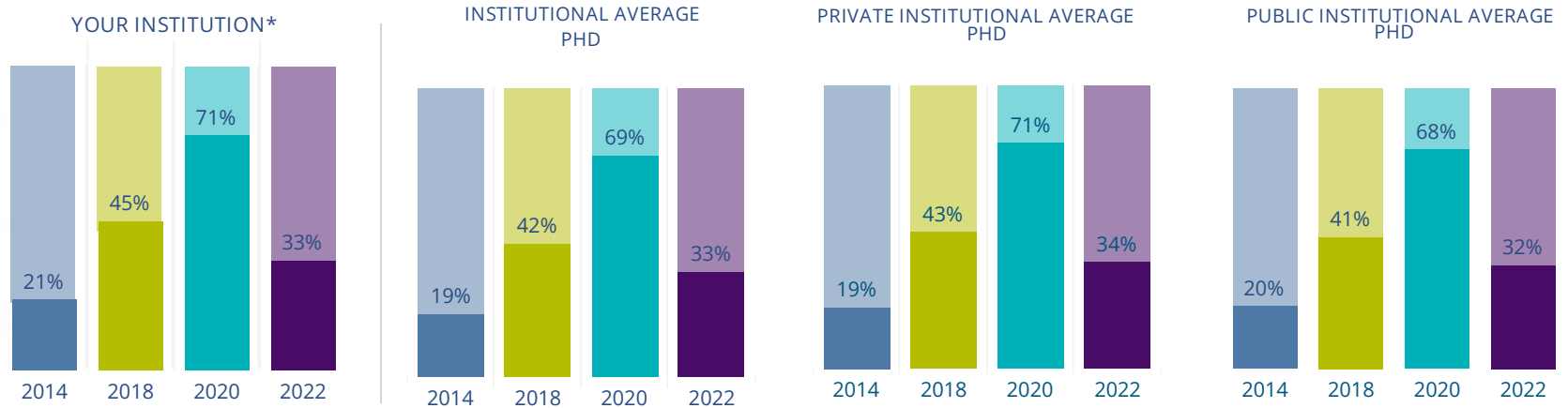
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to 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.
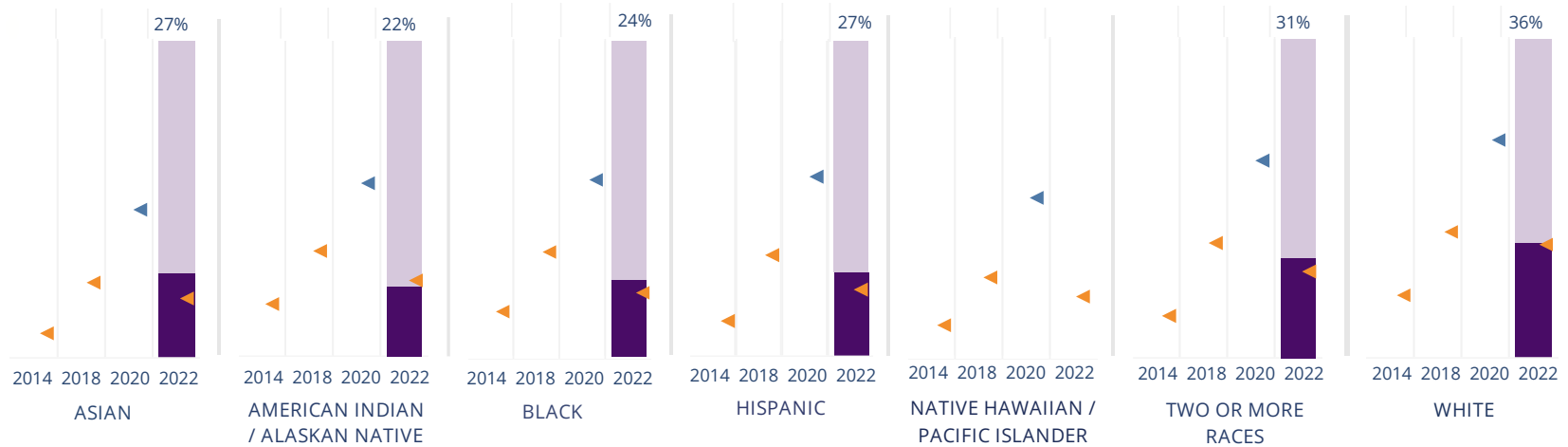
By Institution Types

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 79%
39.1%	LOW 7%

2022 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 68%
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	2018	2020	2022
21%	45%	71%	33%

INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

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

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

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

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

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

By Race / Ethnicity

Chart showing estimated voting rates by race/ethnicity for years 2014, 2018, 2020, 2022:

- **ASIAN** — 27%
- **AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE** — 22%
- **BLACK** — 24%
- **HISPANIC** — 27%
- **NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER**
- **TWO OR MORE RACES** — 31%
- **WHITE** — 36%

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.
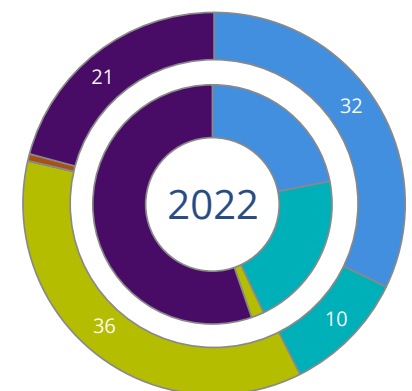
*https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/report-your-data/race-ethnicity-collecting-data-for-reporting-purposes

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.
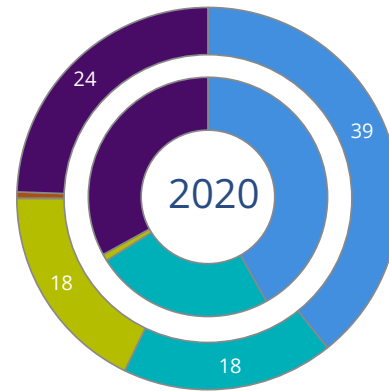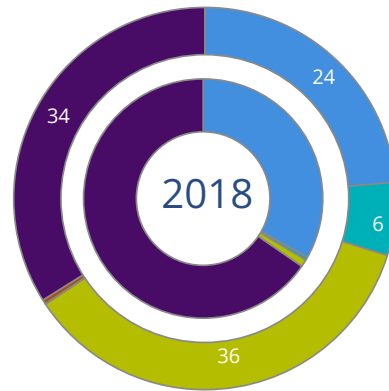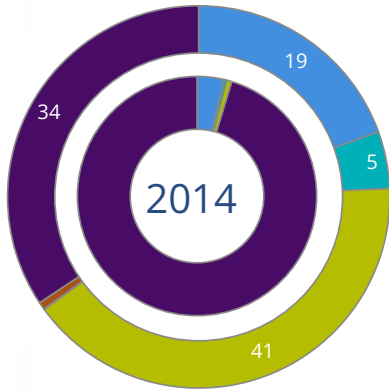
| | 2014 | | | 2018 | | | 2020 | | | 2022 | | | 2018-2022 |
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,560	414	26	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	126	28	22	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,145	276	24	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,318	620	26	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,344	420	31	-
White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,364	6,162	35	-
Race Unknown	26,432	5,137	19	26,509	11,033	41	25,826	17,125	66	204	51	25	⬇-16

By Voting Method

Legend: ■ 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	18	0	42	0	4,151	24	1,687	21	⬆ 20
In-Person	34	0	114	1	146	0	133	1	➡ 0
Not-In-Person	187	3	3,663	33	7,176	41	1,748	21	⬇ -11
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	4,898	95	7,213	65	5,646	33	4,409	55	⬇ -10

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%	37%	68%	26%
22-24	19%	43%	66%	35%
25-29	25%	48%	63%	42%
30-39	33%	46%	53%	46%
40-49	49%	58%	66%	54%
50+	65%	72%	76%	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	13,360	1,655	12	14,332	5,322	37	14,066	9,671	68	14,091	3,802	26	🔻-10
22-24	5,791	1,103	19	5,327	2,300	43	5,126	3,416	66	4,558	1,627	35	🔻 -7
25-29	3,718	961	25	3,472	1,685	48	3,141	1,992	63	2,491	1,059	42	🔻 -6
30-39	2,489	834	33	2,359	1,088	46	2,468	1,331	53	1,904	884	46	➡ 0
40-49	730	359	49	702	408	58	711	475	66	737	398	54	🔻 -4
50+	344	225	65	317	230	72	314	240	76	299	207	69	🔻 -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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,309	4,752	35	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,737	3,205	29	-

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	18,224	2,778	15	18,579	7,102	38	17,986	12,082	67	17,420	4,939	28	⬇ -9
Graduate	7,531	2,219	29	7,567	3,776	49	7,411	4,798	64	6,160	2,832	45	⬇ -3
Class Unknown	677	140	20	363	155	42	429	245	57	500	193	38	⬇ -4
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	4,497	369	8	4,172	1,273	30	3,883	2,430	62	4,313	877	20	⬇ -10
Sophomore	3,976	486	12	4,284	1,547	36	3,928	2,610	66	3,877	986	25	⬇ -10
Upperclassman	9,752	1,923	19	10,210	4,320	42	10,244	7,095	69	9,032	3,001	33	⬇ -9
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	22,323	3,841	17	22,842	9,111	39	21,730	14,465	66	20,512	6,451	31	⬇ -8
Part-time	4,109	1,296	31	3,667	1,922	52	4,096	2,660	64	3,568	1,526	42	⬇ -9

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
Architecture	11	-	-	572	199	34	606	402	66	569	155	27	↓ -7
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	-	-	-	138	87	63	150	112	74	98	53	54	↓ -8
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	200	41	20	1,499	627	41	1,581	998	63	1,283	440	34	↓ -7
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,281	96	7	2,563	889	34	2,986	2,019	67	3,479	881	25	↓ -9
Communication and Journalism	168	12	7	1,321	574	43	1,245	868	69	1,039	337	32	↓ -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	-	-	-	524	237	45	674	395	58	689	264	38	⬇ -6
Education	55	-	-	1,376	755	54	1,256	898	71	1,236	549	44	⬇ -10
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	304	29	9	2,312	754	32	2,262	1,362	60	1,876	609	32	➡ 0
English Language and Literature	-	-	-	371	203	54	300	223	74	293	131	44	⬇ -10
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	-	-	-	338	164	48	316	217	68	272	109	40	⬇ -8
Health Professions	1,386	118	8	3,376	1,729	51	3,278	2,399	73	3,072	1,194	38	⬇ -12
History	-	-	-	215	140	65	164	129	78	170	82	48	⬇ -16
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	-	-	-	14	-	-	20	-	-	19	-	-	-
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	-	-	-	368	140	38	378	249	65	844	148	17	⬇ -20

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	90	17	18	340	212	62	346	268	77	358	176	49	⬇ -13
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	608	77	12	4,761	1,375	28	4,060	2,406	59	3,043	631	20	⬇ -8
Mathematics and Statistics	-	-	-	283	118	41	280	149	53	203	76	37	⬇ -4
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	-	923	376	40	967	685	70	946	279	29	⬇ -11
Philosophy and Religious Studies	-	-	-	74	35	47	83	55	66	79	35	44	⬇ -2
Social Sciences	144	40	27	963	439	45	786	514	65	600	287	47	⬆ 2
Visual and Performing Arts	14	-	-	1,259	595	47	1,118	791	70	1,006	377	37	⬇ -9
Unknown	21,628	4,586	21	388	163	42	453	253	55	397	160	40	⬇ -1

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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