Student Voting Rates for University Of Louisville

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

32.6%
2022 Voting Rate

-6.4
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

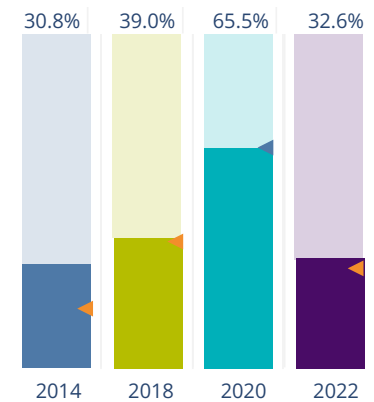|	2014	2018	2020	2022
	68.1%	78.6%	86.0%	74.3%

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

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

	2014	2018	2020	2022
	45.3%	49.7%	76.1%	43.8%

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
	30.8%	39.0%	65.5%	32.6%

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	19,877	20,944	21,686	21,636	⬆ 692
Age under 18/Unknown	353	679	1,175	1,614	⬆ 935
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	547	573	551	684	⬆ 111
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	22	-	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	348	245	443	-	-
Total eligible voters	18,606	19,437	19,508	19,337	⬇ -100
Number of students who registered	12,665	15,272	16,783	14,364	⬇ -908
Number of students who voted	5,733	7,588	12,774	6,298	⬇ -1,290
Registration Rate %	68	78	86	74	⬇ -4
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	45	49	76	43	⬇ -5
Voting Rate %	30	39	65	32	⬇ -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.
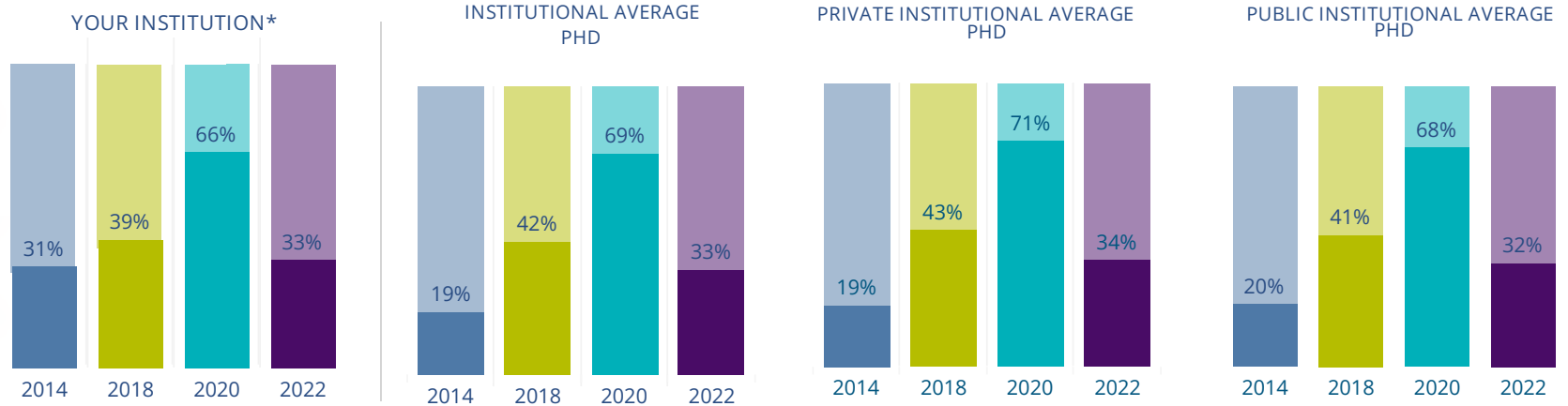
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to 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.
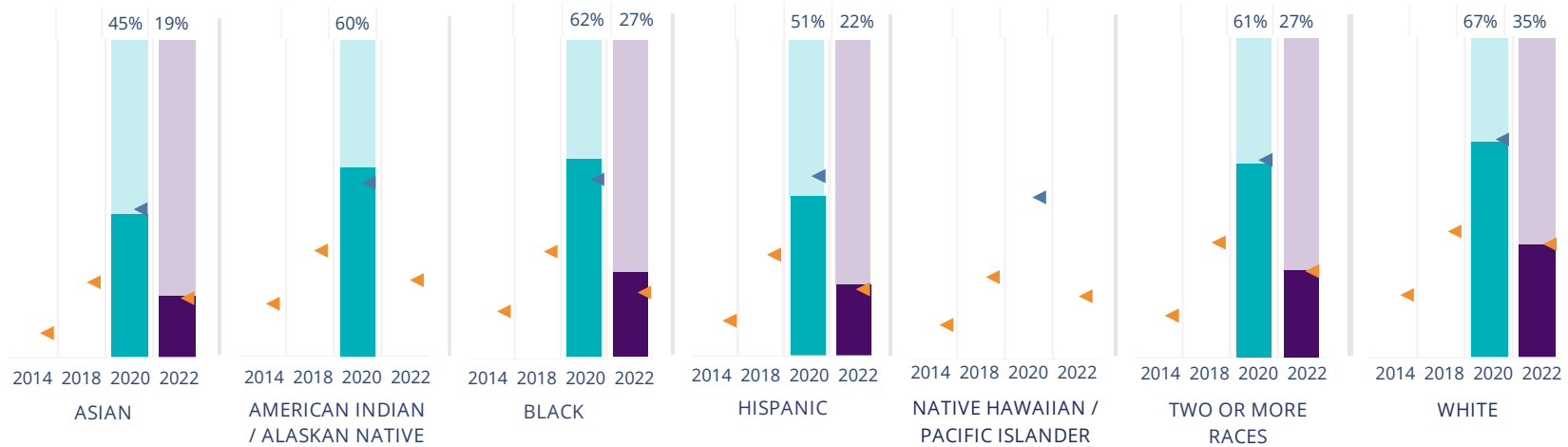
By Institution Types

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 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
31%	39%	66%	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

ASIAN	AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE	BLACK	HISPANIC	NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER	TWO OR MORE RACES	WHITE
45% 19%	60%	62% 27%	51% 22%		61% 27%	67% 35%

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

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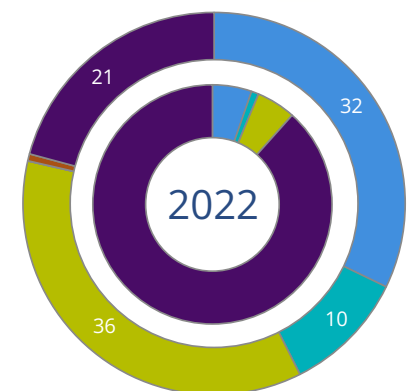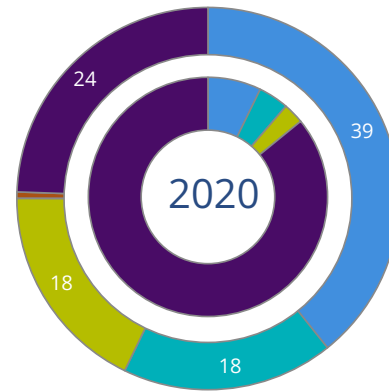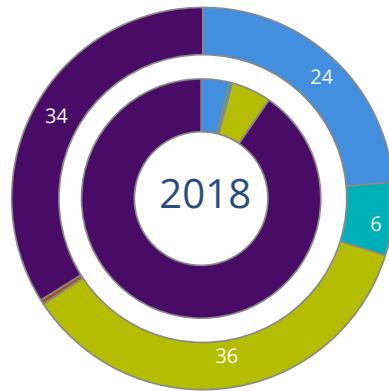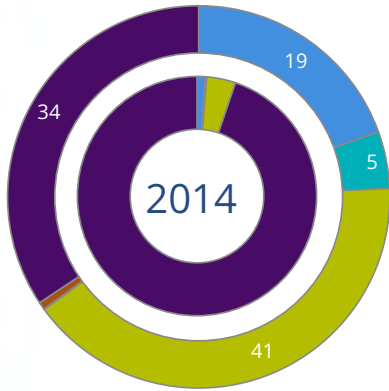
Looking Closer

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,239	556	44	1,434	275	19	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	12	60	27	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,540	1,581	62	2,861	763	26	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,276	645	50	1,494	335	22	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,097	665	60	1,085	296	27	-
White	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,810	9,284	67	13,053	4,606	35	-
Race Unknown	19,144	5,733	29	20,004	7,588	37	56	28	50	58	14	24	⬇-13

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	-	-	29	0	530	4	60	1	➡ 0
In-Person	221	3	410	5	356	2	334	5	➡ 0
Not-In-Person	65	1	290	3	916	7	331	5	⬆ 1
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	5,437	94	6,858	90	10,968	85	5,573	88	⬇ -2

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	22%	32%	67%	28%
22-24	28%	40%	62%	26%
25-29	34%	40%	56%	31%
30-39	43%	45%	54%	36%
40-49	57%	54%	69%	51%
50+	69%	72%	80%	68%

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	9,426	2,120	22	9,869	3,204	32	9,762	6,553	67	9,394	2,705	28	⬇ -3
22-24	4,046	1,156	28	4,318	1,729	40	4,311	2,699	62	4,150	1,111	26	⬇ -13
25-29	2,546	878	34	2,826	1,155	40	2,839	1,610	56	2,902	906	31	⬇ -9
30-39	1,934	848	43	1,935	873	45	1,992	1,082	54	2,241	810	36	⬇ -8
40-49	787	449	57	756	410	54	810	562	69	897	464	51	⬇ -2
50+	405	282	69	300	217	72	334	268	80	438	302	68	⬇ -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	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,758	7,350	68	10,940	3,791	34	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,073	5,323	58	8,874	2,453	27	-

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	14,605	3,900	26	14,180	5,053	35	13,863	8,983	64	13,483	3,907	28	⬇ -6
Graduate	4,083	1,633	39	5,368	2,331	43	5,695	3,456	60	5,617	2,013	35	⬇ -7
Class Unknown	456	200	43	456	204	44	490	335	68	922	295	31	⬇ -12
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	3,170	613	19	3,189	845	26	3,171	1,978	62	2,500	530	21	⬇ -5
Sophomore	3,040	698	22	2,865	950	33	2,850	1,906	66	2,584	709	27	⬇ -5
Upperclassman	7,926	2,442	30	8,082	3,236	40	7,840	5,096	65	8,379	2,661	31	⬇ -8
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	14,421	3,936	27	16,240	5,920	36	15,988	10,286	64	15,532	4,609	29	⬇ -6
Part-time	4,723	1,797	38	3,763	1,667	44	4,060	2,488	61	4,490	1,689	37	⬇ -6

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	26	18	69	13	-	-	13	11	84	13	-	-	-
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	90	42	46	114	55	48	86	64	74	80	32	40	⬇ -8
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,138	266	23	1,213	426	35	1,416	852	60	1,397	446	31	⬇ -3
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,567	408	26	1,989	681	34	1,783	1,154	64	2,367	642	27	⬇ -7
Communication and Journalism	881	244	27	750	302	40	590	355	60	420	126	30	⬇ -10

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	375	210	56	565	154	27	-
Education	2,021	820	40	2,088	973	46	2,138	1,398	65	1,996	809	40	⬇ -6
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,383	586	24	2,569	805	31	2,488	1,547	62	2,202	625	28	⬇ -2
English Language and Literature	370	133	35	274	145	52	215	152	70	188	86	45	⬇ -7
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	189	61	32	114	50	43	81	52	64	76	23	30	⬇ -13
Health Professions	1,692	459	27	2,961	1,052	35	3,119	1,994	63	2,989	887	29	⬇ -5
History	197	87	44	164	89	54	150	119	79	128	64	50	⬇ -4
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	670	237	35	559	195	34	642	405	63	661	176	26	⬇ -8
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,134	231	20	1,029	265	25	1,074	633	58	1,077	188	17	⬇ -8

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	373	202	54	357	199	55	320	232	72	358	169	47	🔻 -8
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,178	509	23	1,736	487	28	1,543	921	59	1,376	350	25	🔻 -2
Mathematics and Statistics	170	50	29	141	60	42	92	57	61	86	30	34	🔻 -7
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	15	-	-	78	43	55	112	79	70	116	46	39	🔻 -15
Philosophy and Religious Studies	49	19	38	52	27	51	35	21	60	35	18	51	➡ 0
Social Sciences	898	386	42	749	392	52	712	507	71	679	302	44	🔻 -7
Visual and Performing Arts	653	169	25	630	278	44	555	396	71	611	230	37	🔻 -6
Unknown	517	224	43	459	206	44	515	352	68	561	234	41	🔻 -3

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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