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Student Voting Rates for University of Maine

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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

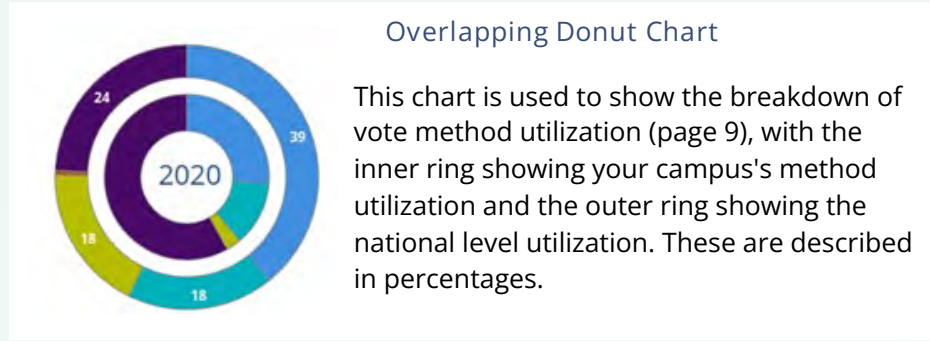
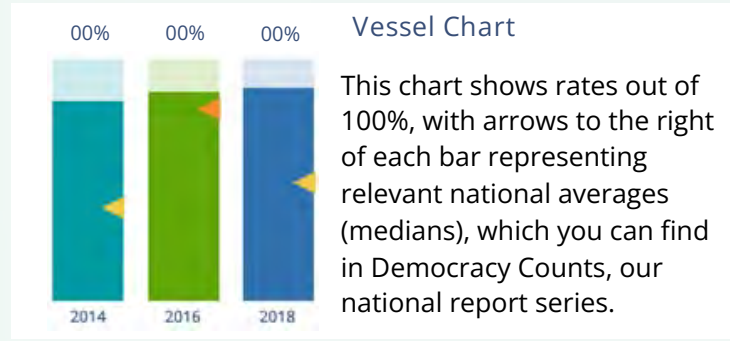
In This Report

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

40.8%

2022 Voting Rate

-2.9

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



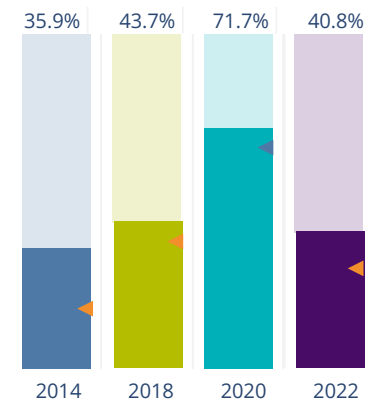
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	11,954	11,917	12,265	12,028	↑ 111
Age under 18/Unknown	351	313	644	771	↑ 458
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	552	395	237	486	↑ 91
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	176	113	93	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	116	229	-	-
Total eligible voters	10,874	10,979	11,061	10,770	↓ -209
Number of students who registered	7,709	8,058	9,263	8,168	↑ 110
Number of students who voted	3,905	4,793	7,931	4,389	↓ -404
Registration Rate %	70	73	83	75	↑ 2
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	50	59	85	53	↓ -5
Voting Rate %	35	43	71	40	↓ -2

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.

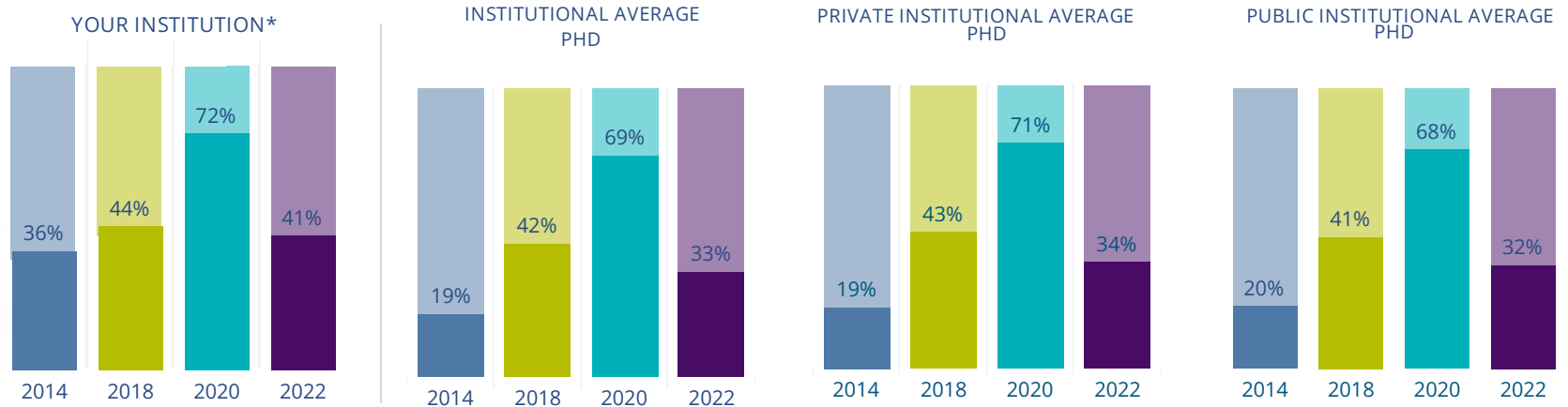
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

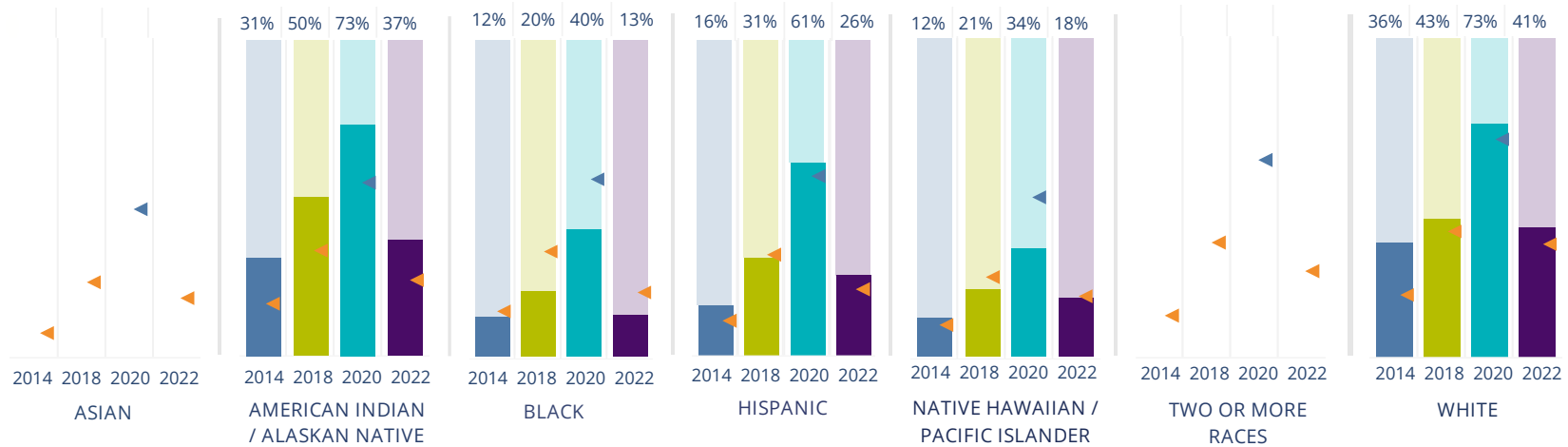
By Institution Types



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>

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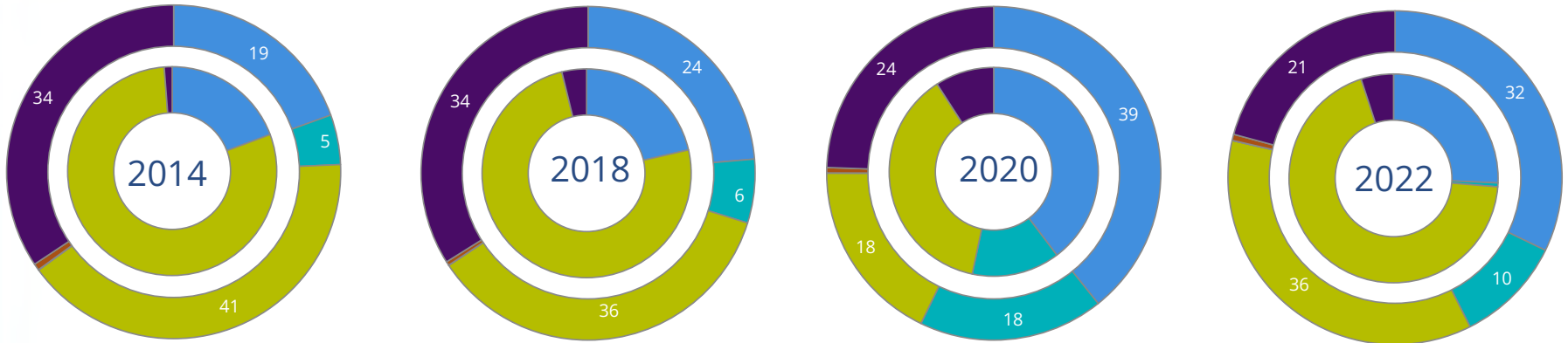
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	194	61	31	139	70	50	120	88	73	117	43	36	↓-13
Black	259	32	12	240	49	20	274	110	40	284	37	13	↓-7
Hispanic	273	44	16	427	133	31	520	318	61	575	148	25	↓-5
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	267	32	11	314	65	20	351	119	33	354	65	18	↓-2
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	9,282	3,326	35	9,693	4,189	43	9,535	6,957	72	9,395	3,837	40	↓-2
Race Unknown	1,152	410	35	558	287	51	494	339	68	532	259	48	↓-2

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	-	-	-	-	1,078	13	25	0	-	-
In-Person	3,105	79	3,586	74	2,985	37	3,014	68	↓	-6
Not-In-Person	755	19	1,025	21	3,149	39	1,130	25	↑	4
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	43	1	180	3	718	9	220	5	↑	1

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	26%	36%	70%	33%
22-24	30%	42%	68%	36%
25-29	42%	49%	65%	44%
30-39	54%	57%	66%	52%
40-49	65%	66%	81%	66%
50+	85%	80%	83%	75%

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	7,044	1,897	26	7,304	2,678	36	7,087	5,017	70	6,712	2,223	33	↓ -3
22-24	1,813	550	30	1,732	736	42	1,801	1,230	68	1,742	633	36	↓ -6
25-29	913	389	42	859	427	49	934	608	65	985	435	44	↓ -5
30-39	801	437	54	784	447	57	861	573	66	964	502	52	↓ -4
40-49	486	317	65	371	248	66	374	304	81	514	340	66	→ 0
50+	370	315	85	321	257	80	237	199	83	340	256	75	↓ -4

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	5,863	2,189	37	5,775	2,711	46	5,629	4,130	73	5,712	2,429	42	 -4
Male	5,550	1,708	30	5,581	2,075	37	5,633	3,777	67	5,468	1,920	35	 -2

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	9,143	2,638	28	9,203	3,522	38	8,973	6,271	69	8,433	2,871	34	↓ -4
Graduate	1,240	632	50	1,546	882	57	1,866	1,325	71	2,030	1,058	52	↓ -4
Class Unknown	1,044	534	51	622	389	62	455	335	73	794	339	42	↓ -19
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	2,539	569	22	2,508	742	29	2,200	1,430	65	2,177	638	29	→ 0
Sophomore	2,318	606	26	2,244	796	35	2,156	1,519	70	2,085	653	31	↓ -4
Upperclassman	4,330	1,479	34	4,379	1,956	44	4,639	3,341	72	4,324	1,675	38	↓ -5
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	9,632	2,943	30	9,913	3,917	39	9,866	6,856	69	9,489	3,411	35	↓ -3
Part-time	1,795	962	53	1,458	876	60	1,428	1,075	75	1,768	978	55	↓ -4

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	484	148	30	403	161	39	309	202	65	339	123	36	 -3
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-
Basic Skills Education	489	84	17	283	64	22	277	175	63	188	35	18	 -3
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	723	201	27	722	304	42	675	468	69	659	265	40	 -1
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,072	267	24	1,328	381	28	1,597	1,071	67	1,641	539	32	 4
Communication and Journalism	395	120	30	351	150	42	341	240	70	325	115	35	 -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-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	171	45	26	186	72	38	291	200	68	358	134	37	↓ -1
Education	1,216	510	41	1,171	590	50	1,170	885	75	1,210	599	49	→ 0
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,927	584	30	2,012	757	37	1,978	1,362	68	1,964	705	35	↓ -1
English Language and Literature	189	71	37	186	96	51	133	100	75	120	54	45	↓ -6
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	140	40	28	198	85	42	164	123	75	134	56	41	↓ -1
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	17	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health Professions	662	201	30	666	265	39	581	435	74	558	200	35	↓ -3
History	110	56	50	114	60	52	114	87	76	120	59	49	↓ -3
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	90	21	23	102	34	33	75	43	57	122	33	27	↓ -6
Basic Skills Education	489	84	17	283	64	22	277	175	63	188	35	18	↓ -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
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	337	139	41	284	114	40	240	141	58	206	76	36	 -3
Mathematics and Statistics	54	21	38	60	25	41	61	39	63	58	25	43	 1
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	398	99	24	346	131	37	511	363	71	492	157	31	 -5
Philosophy and Religious Studies	19	-	-	20	12	60	21	19	90	21	-	-	-
Social Sciences	473	222	46	589	297	50	519	368	70	447	206	46	 -4
Visual and Performing Arts	167	64	38	151	81	53	172	128	74	162	69	42	 -11
Unknown	823	472	57	621	386	62	485	358	73	540	301	55	 -6

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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