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Student Voting Rates for University Of Michigan-Dearborn

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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

50.3%

2022 Voting Rate

+0.1

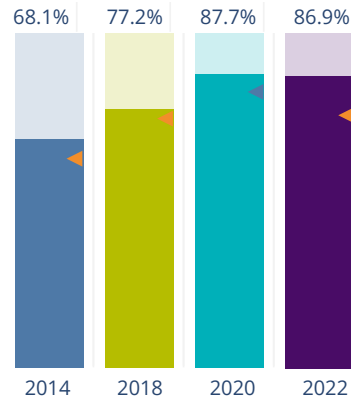
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



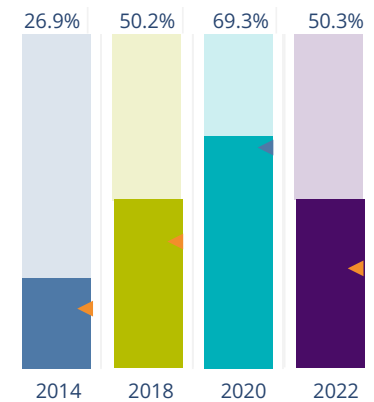
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	8,761	9,243	8,539	7,922	↓ -1,321
Age under 18/Unknown	68	87	90	85	↓ -2
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	707	803	601	1,003	↑ 200
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	43	29	13	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	279	172	115	-	-
Total eligible voters	7,663	8,151	7,719	6,833	↓ -1,318
Number of students who registered	5,221	6,295	6,767	5,937	↓ -358
Number of students who voted	2,059	4,094	5,352	3,439	↓ -655
Registration Rate %	68	77	87	86	↑ 9
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	39	65	79	57	↓ -7
Voting Rate %	26	50	69	50	→ 0

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.

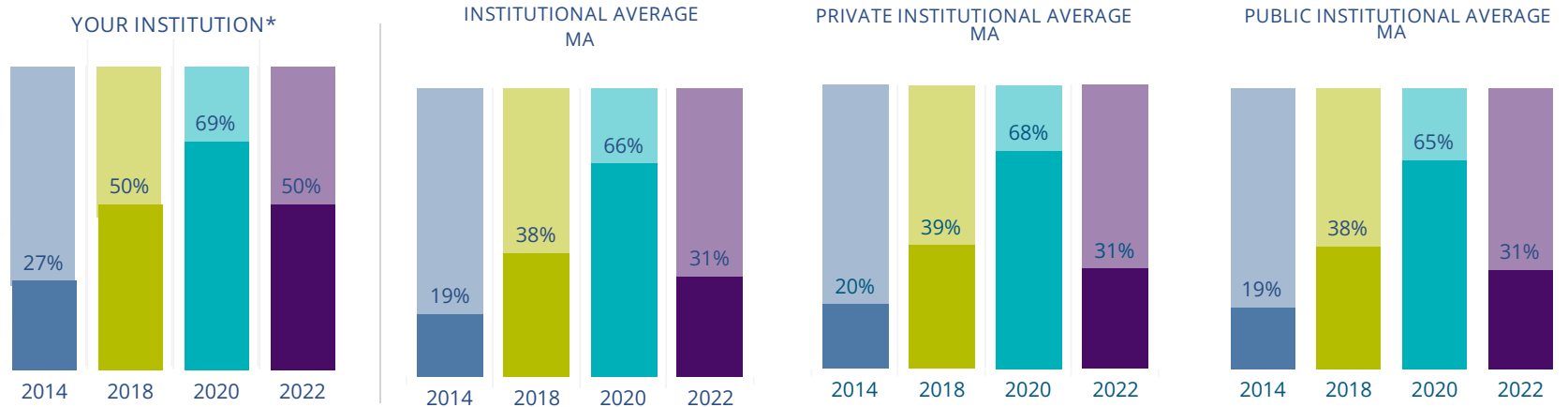
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

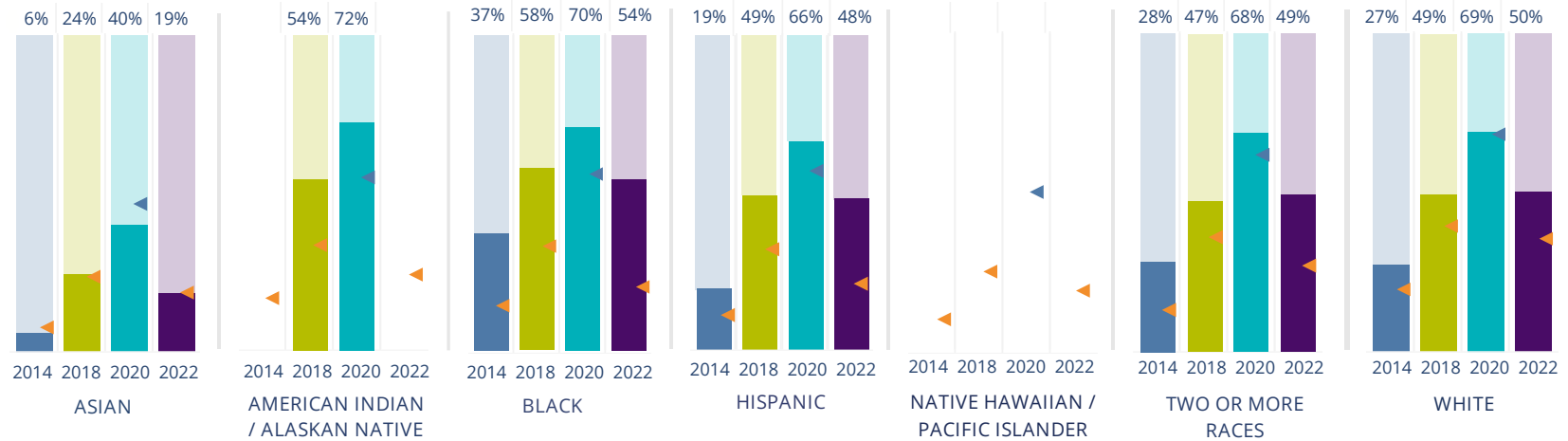
By Institution Types



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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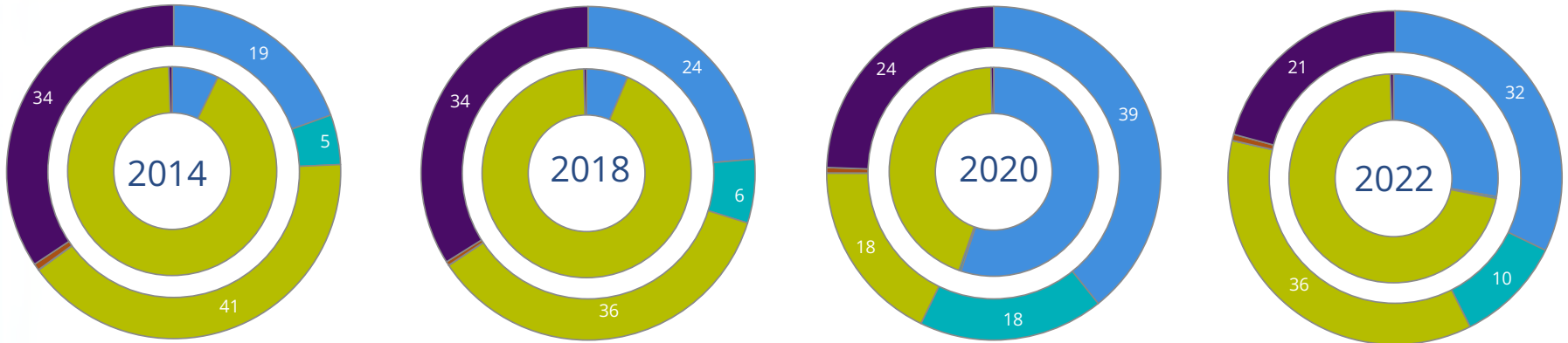
By Race/Ethnicity

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	1,033	63	6	1,287	312	24	1,163	464	39	1,444	267	18	↓ -5
American Indian/ Alaska Native	34	-	-	24	13	54	18	13	72	-	-	-	-
Black	745	277	37	684	393	57	623	438	70	591	319	53	↓ -3
Hispanic	440	85	19	516	254	49	522	345	66	512	245	47	↓ -1
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	212	60	28	255	120	47	344	235	68	330	162	49	↑ 2
White	5,539	1,493	26	5,905	2,893	48	5,451	3,753	68	4,774	2,388	50	↑ 1
Race Unknown	344	72	20	257	102	39	188	101	53	176	52	29	↓ -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	-	-	-	-	18	0	-	-	-	
In-Person	1,901	92	3,814	93	2,366	44	2,457	71	↓ -21	
Not-In-Person	148	7	263	6	2,948	55	957	27	↑ 21	
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Voting Method Unknown	-	-	16	0	18	0	15	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	21%	47%	71%	46%
22-24	20%	42%	61%	42%
25-29	23%	42%	54%	36%
30-39	34%	45%	51%	39%
40-49	43%	64%	68%	57%
50+	64%	71%	75%	67%

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	3,525	745	21	3,856	1,820	47	3,734	2,685	71	3,655	1,707	46	→ 0
22-24	2,111	440	20	2,151	907	42	1,864	1,147	61	1,760	742	42	→ 0
25-29	1,272	303	23	1,604	675	42	1,499	821	54	1,324	489	36	↓ -5
30-39	938	320	34	920	420	45	837	430	51	778	309	39	↓ -5
40-49	351	154	43	276	178	64	267	184	68	228	130	57	↓ -7
50+	150	97	64	132	94	71	112	85	75	92	62	67	↓ -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	3,945	1,030	26	3,861	1,865	48	3,654	2,422	66	3,472	1,642	47	 -1
Male	4,402	1,029	23	5,061	2,223	43	4,655	2,927	62	4,365	1,797	41	 -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	6,685	1,647	24	6,762	3,237	47	6,309	4,317	68	5,717	2,707	47	→ 0
Graduate	1,660	411	24	2,177	857	39	2,004	1,035	51	2,028	682	33	↓ -5
Class Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	92	15	16	-
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	1,111	207	18	1,146	516	45	923	650	70	1,035	432	41	↓ -3
Sophomore	1,344	307	22	1,329	576	43	1,270	877	69	1,124	508	45	↑ 1
Upperclassman	4,222	1,133	26	4,265	2,135	50	4,114	2,790	67	3,557	1,770	49	→ 0
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	4,841	1,018	21	5,751	2,557	44	5,270	3,504	66	5,205	2,167	41	↓ -2
Part-time	3,506	1,041	29	3,188	1,537	48	3,043	1,848	60	2,632	1,272	48	→ 0

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
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	69	28	40	50	29	58	45	34	75	27	18	66	 8
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	756	127	16	734	323	44	559	380	67	502	202	40	 -3
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,608	372	23	1,709	758	44	1,582	1,045	66	1,387	645	46	 2
Communication and Journalism	339	114	33	181	115	63	159	117	73	128	83	64	 1


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	498	94	18	735	333	45	850	500	58	1,017	352	34	 -10
Education	625	222	35	516	285	55	504	344	68	428	233	54	 0
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,763	330	18	2,628	1,047	39	2,435	1,431	58	2,227	893	40	 0
English Language and Literature	154	45	29	62	28	45	49	39	79	46	20	43	 -1
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	29	-	-	29	14	48	17	15	88	-	-	-	-
Health Professions	137	33	24	253	106	41	370	236	63	401	166	41	 0
History	75	26	34	48	30	62	36	23	63	31	23	74	 11
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	262	72	27	213	111	52	199	132	66	-	-	-	-

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	252	97	38	113	58	51	68	43	63	59	31	52	 1
Mathematics and Statistics	108	28	25	96	48	50	85	64	75	65	35	53	 3
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	302	64	21	449	206	45	341	218	63	430	147	34	 -11
Philosophy and Religious Studies	30	-	-	30	13	43	23	21	91	20	13	65	 21
Social Sciences	411	158	38	340	200	58	242	185	76	396	206	52	 -6
Visual and Performing Arts	16	-	-	14	-	-	11	-	-	19	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	23	16	69	41	31	75	38	21	55	 -14

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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