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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

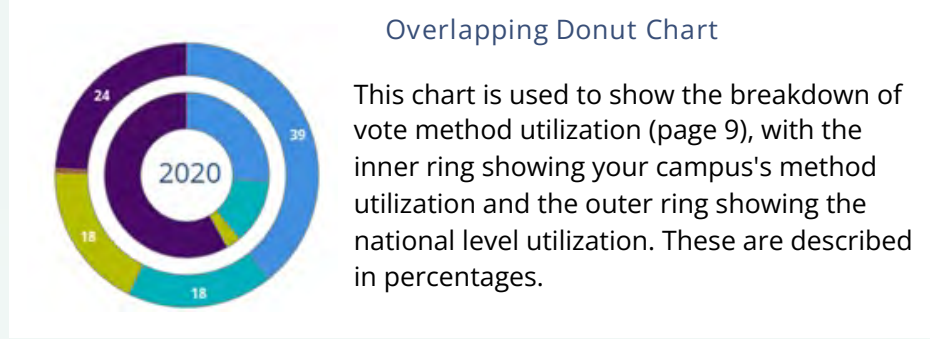
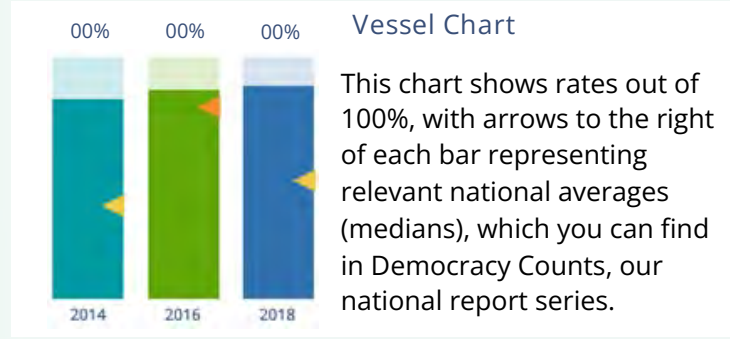
In This Report

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

40.4%

2022 Voting Rate

-16.7

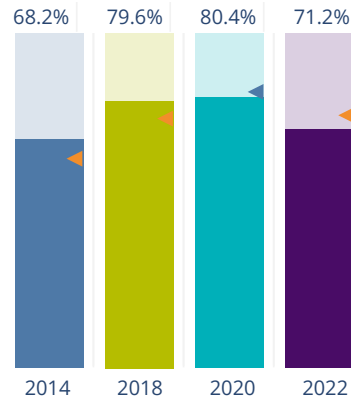
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



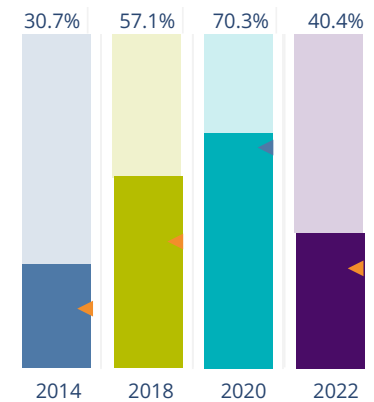
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	13,116	10,688	9,583	9,592	↓ -1,096
Age under 18/Unknown	47	26	16	15	↓ -11
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	578	368	217	195	↓ -173
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	184	78	48	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	11	-	-	-	-
Total eligible voters	12,295	10,215	9,301	9,381	↓ -833
Number of students who registered	8,390	8,133	7,479	6,681	↓ -1,452
Number of students who voted	3,780	5,832	6,540	3,793	↓ -2,039
Registration Rate %	68	79	80	71	↓ -8
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	45	71	87	56	↓ -14
Voting Rate %	30	57	70	40	↓ -16

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.

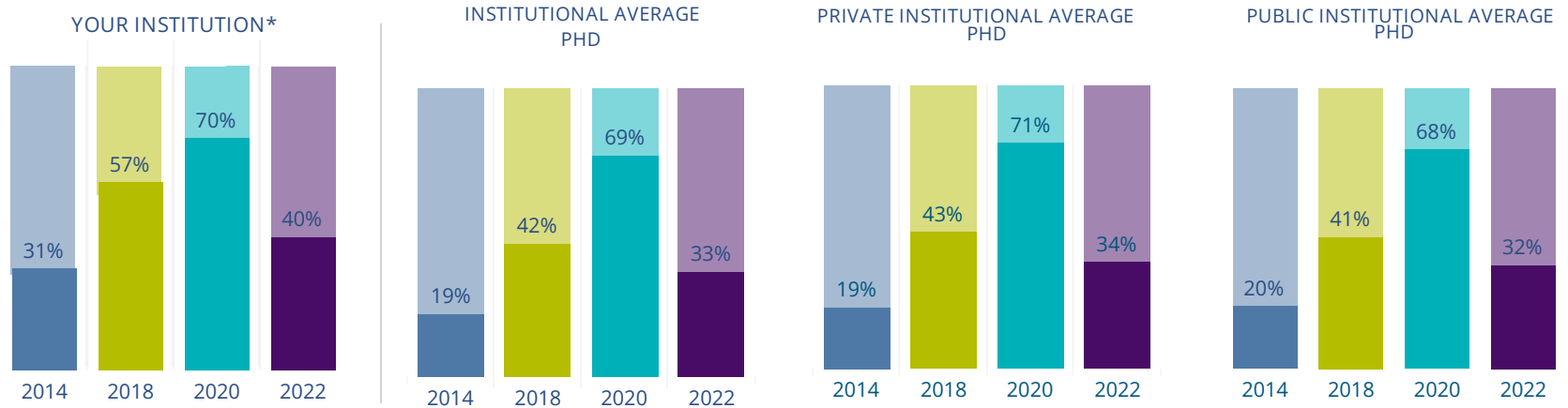
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

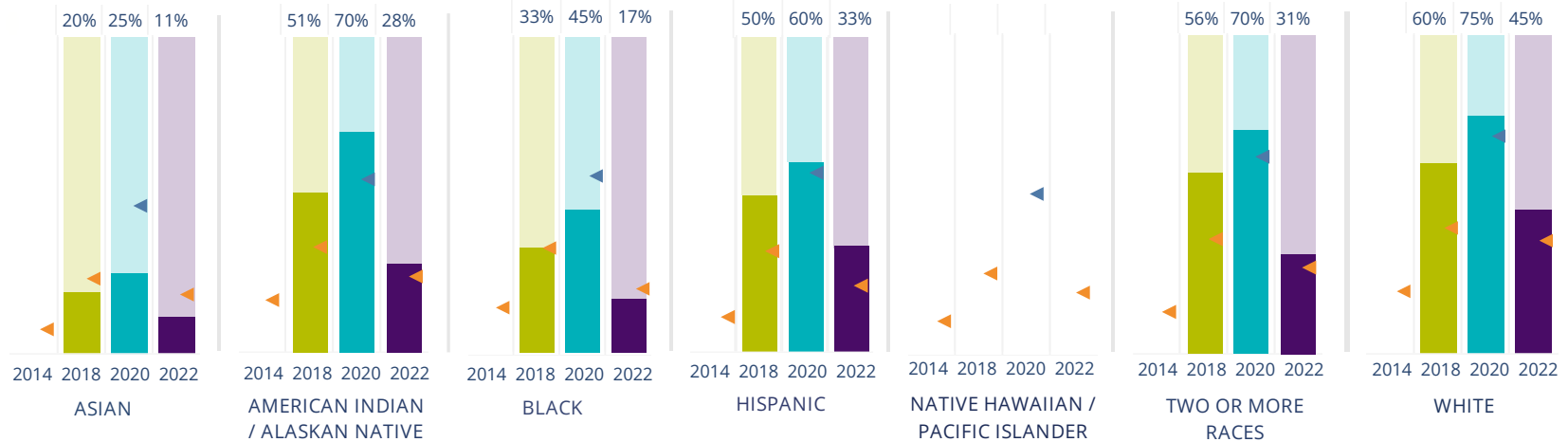
By Institution Types



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

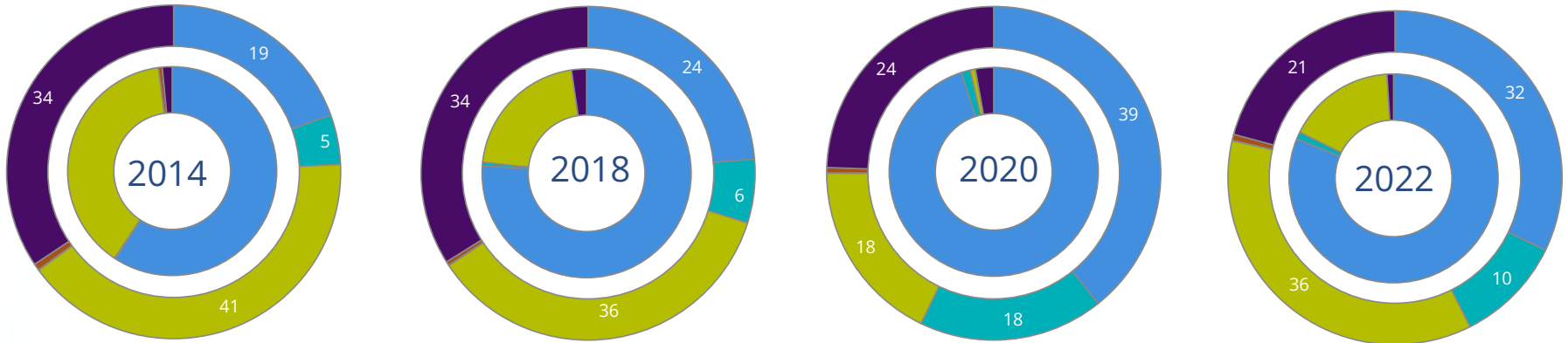
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	627	123	19	817	206	25	666	75	11	↓-8
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	298	152	51	402	281	69	332	93	28	↓22
Black	-	-	-	94	31	32	100	45	45	101	17	16	↓16
Hispanic	-	-	-	475	235	49	465	280	60	596	199	33	↓16
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	26	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	436	245	56	411	286	69	906	282	31	↓25
White	-	-	-	7,884	4,691	59	6,806	5,072	74	6,514	2,937	45	↓14
Race Unknown	12,874	3,780	29	744	347	46	503	363	72	453	189	41	↓-4

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	-	-	28	0	94	1	41	1	↔	0
In-Person	1,460	38	1,225	21	53	0	635	16	↓	-4
Not-In-Person	2,237	59	4,446	76	6,214	95	3,081	81	↑	5
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	24	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	56	1	131	2	177	2	36	1	↓	-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	22%	50%	67%	33%
22-24	26%	53%	72%	39%
25-29	34%	58%	69%	42%
30-39	36%	58%	65%	45%
40-49	47%	58%	64%	49%
50+	60%	72%	83%	64%

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	5,461	1,250	22	4,213	2,148	50	3,737	2,521	67	4,102	1,377	33	↓ -17
22-24	2,818	749	26	2,128	1,147	53	1,763	1,283	72	1,715	679	39	↓ -14
25-29	2,005	691	34	1,743	1,026	58	1,602	1,106	69	1,511	642	42	↓ -16
30-39	1,725	637	36	1,554	914	58	1,447	953	65	1,347	610	45	↓ -13
40-49	535	253	47	663	391	58	694	446	64	641	317	49	↓ -9
50+	330	200	60	283	206	72	276	231	83	261	168	64	↓ -8

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	6,995	2,059	29	6,051	3,428	56	5,625	3,944	70	5,766	2,422	42	↓ -14
Male	5,861	1,715	29	4,531	2,403	53	3,894	2,596	66	3,807	1,371	36	↓ -17

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	10,422	2,741	26	7,439	3,968	53	6,045	4,228	69	6,089	2,214	36	↓-16
Graduate	2,428	1,032	42	2,708	1,624	59	2,831	1,888	66	2,782	1,276	45	↓-14
Class Unknown	24	-	-	437	94	21	643	85	13	706	59	8	↓-13
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	3,170	661	20	2,056	899	43	1,757	1,079	61	2,141	582	27	↓-16
Sophomore	2,131	521	24	1,652	890	53	1,369	983	71	1,389	527	37	↓-15
Upperclassman	5,383	1,637	30	4,220	2,485	58	3,588	2,660	74	3,325	1,427	42	↓-15
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	10,176	2,810	27	7,948	4,425	55	6,848	4,872	71	6,941	2,702	38	↓-16
Part-time	2,697	969	35	2,633	1,407	53	2,671	1,668	62	2,636	1,091	41	↓-12

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	24	-	-	34	24	70	32	21	65	31	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	551	180	32	442	255	57	618	434	70	527	231	43	 -13
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,552	374	24	1,198	622	51	1,233	848	68	1,274	449	35	 -16
Communication and Journalism	554	139	25	372	211	56	284	201	70	224	88	39	 -17
Transportation	20	-	-	13	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	243	68	27	248	114	45	210	147	70	204	77	37	↓ -8
Construction Trades	44	12	27	31	18	58	18	-	-	27	-	-	-
Education	617	203	32	937	552	58	503	383	76	483	229	47	↓ -11
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	69	21	30	21	15	71	32	23	71	16	-	-	-
English Language and Literature	329	123	37	244	157	64	181	135	74	203	87	42	↓ -21
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	98	32	32	89	56	62	62	43	69	76	31	40	↓ -22
Health Professions	1,848	487	26	2,001	920	45	2,008	1,121	55	1,896	605	31	↓ -14
History	219	77	35	150	95	63	125	98	78	147	86	58	↓ -4
Transportation	20	-	-	13	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	298	156	52	245	177	72	255	210	82	269	154	57	↓-14
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,445	361	24	890	450	50	641	438	68	684	213	31	↓-19
Mathematics and Statistics	108	33	30	82	45	54	66	46	69	67	24	35	↓-19
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	58	-	-	27	16	59	26	12	46	20	-	-	-
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	291	92	31	329	179	54	257	177	68	230	87	37	↓-16
Personal and Culinary Services	55	12	21	41	15	36	25	19	76	31	11	35	↓-1
Philosophy and Religious Studies	43	15	34	27	18	66	39	33	84	45	23	51	↓-15
Precision Production	44	13	29	39	17	43	36	25	69	39	12	30	↓-12
Social Sciences	873	311	35	660	413	62	618	464	75	578	268	46	↓-16
Visual and Performing Arts	767	225	29	694	414	59	594	438	73	595	275	46	↓-13
Unknown	39	13	33	49	36	73	78	62	79	69	32	46	↓-27

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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