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Student Voting Rates for University Of Nebraska-Lincoln

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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

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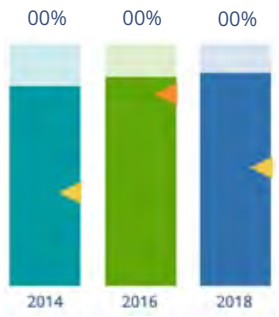
In This Report

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.

	2014			2018			2014-2018
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p.)
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

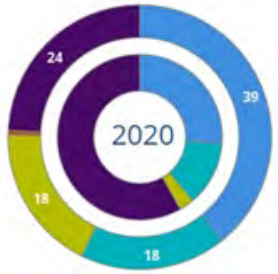
Tables

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.

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Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

31.3%

2022 Voting Rate

-12.9

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

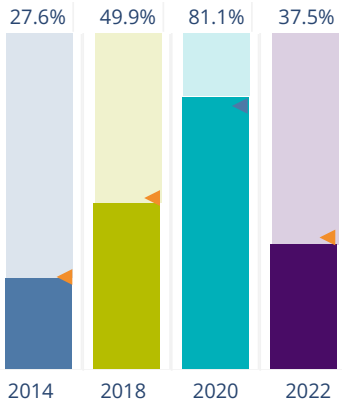
30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

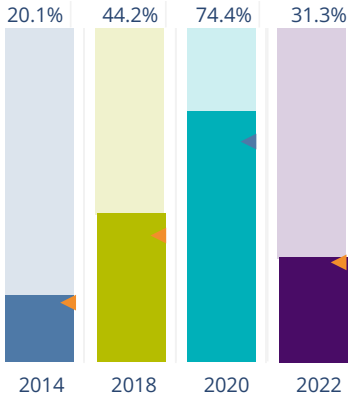
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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.

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Looking Closer

Voting and Registration Rates

	2014	2018	2020	2022	2018-2022 Change
Total Student Enrollment	23,052	23,290	22,888	22,117	↓ -1,173
Age under 18/Unknown	106	142	113	63	↓ -79
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	2,194	2,457	1,890	1,539	↓ -917
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	524	252	162	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	-	-	-	-
Total eligible voters	20,227	20,438	20,722	20,514	↑ 75
Number of students who registered	14,716	18,102	19,011	17,153	↓ -949
Number of students who voted	4,062	9,038	15,413	6,424	↓ -2,614
Registration Rate %	72	88	91	83	↓ -4
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	27	49	81	37	↓ -12
Voting Rate %	20	44	74	31	↓ -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.

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By Institution Types

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH 79%

LOW 7%

2022 Voting Rate for All Institutions

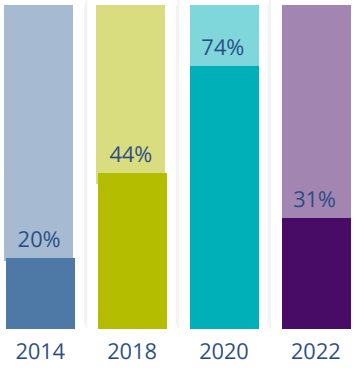
30.6%

HIGH 68%

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*



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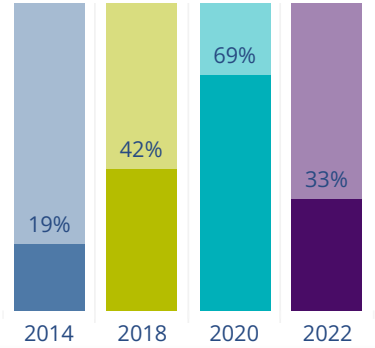

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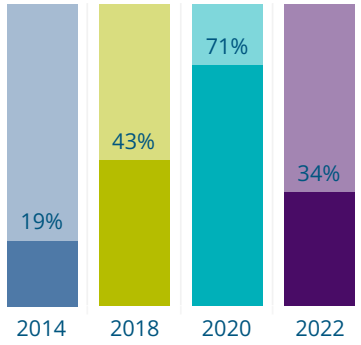

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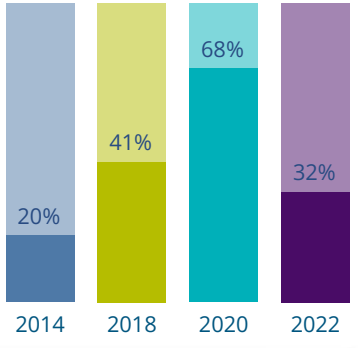

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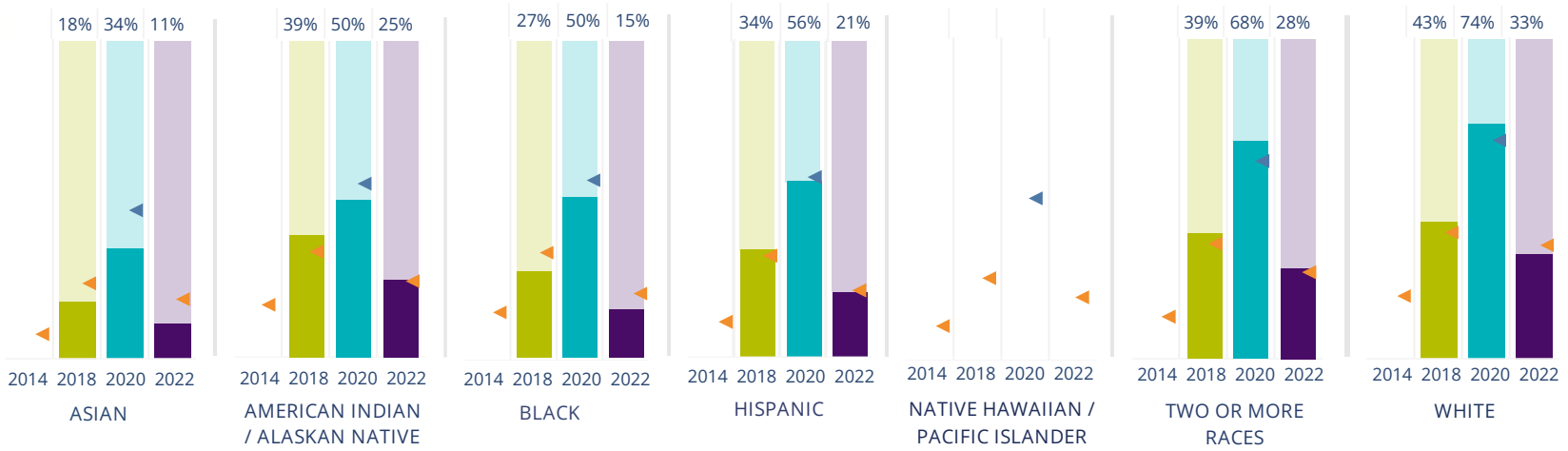
By Race / Ethnicity



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-nslve-report-faq

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

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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	-	-	-	1,158	205	17	1,226	418	34	1,314	144	10	-6
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	57	22	38	48	24	50	53	13	24	-14
Black	-	-	-	687	185	26	697	351	50	754	114	15	-11
Hispanic	-	-	-	1,609	546	33	1,869	1,038	55	1,946	402	20	-13
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	17	-	-	12	-	-	15	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	728	285	39	741	502	67	779	220	28	-10
White	-	-	-	17,916	7,614	42	17,436	12,808	73	16,615	5,417	32	-9
Race Unknown	22,422	4,062	18	724	177	24	584	266	45	578	113	19	-4

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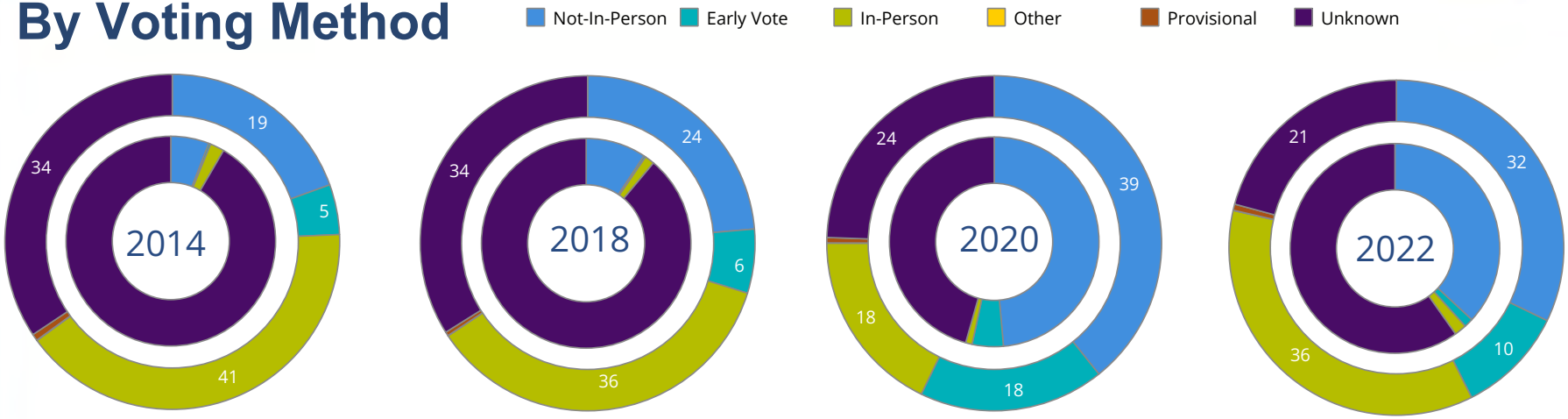
By Voting Method



	2014		2018		2020		2022		2018-2022
	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Early Vote	14	0	25	0	735	4	91	1	↑ 1
In-Person	88	2	139	1	152	1	119	1	→ 0
Not-In-Person	240	5	843	9	7,496	48	2,373	36	↑ 27
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	3,720	91	8,031	88	7,028	45	3,839	59	↓ -29

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.

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By Age Group

	2014	2018	2020	2022
18-21	14%	36%	70%	25%
22-24	17%	41%	68%	30%
25-29	21%	42%	59%	34%
30-39	30%	48%	54%	40%
40-49	50%	65%	72%	54%
50+	67%	78%	85%	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.

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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	13,843	1,995	14	14,519	5,253	36	14,784	10,361	70	14,623	3,774	25	-10
22-24	4,366	778	17	4,225	1,755	41	3,911	2,682	68	3,662	1,116	30	-11
25-29	2,076	448	21	2,023	856	42	1,887	1,126	59	1,779	615	34	-7
30-39	1,417	437	30	1,455	707	48	1,427	781	54	1,353	545	40	-8
40-49	470	236	50	469	307	65	422	308	72	459	252	54	-10
50+	250	168	67	205	160	78	182	155	85	178	122	68	-9

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By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	-	-	-	11,384	4,909	43	11,501	8,299	72	11,430	3,586	31	-11
Male	-	-	-	11,509	4,129	35	11,110	7,112	64	10,622	2,837	26	-9

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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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	17,930	2,760	15	18,294	6,842	37	18,179	12,688	69	17,761	4,775	26	-10
Graduate	3,844	1,055	27	4,163	1,926	46	4,127	2,494	60	3,930	1,487	37	-8
Class Unknown	648	209	32	439	169	38	307	213	69	363	131	36	-2
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	4,703	541	11	4,493	1,412	31	4,530	2,946	65	4,249	867	20	-11
Sophomore	3,572	464	12	3,756	1,316	35	3,765	2,630	69	3,752	914	24	-10
Upperclassman	9,450	1,735	18	9,730	4,075	41	9,676	7,028	72	9,532	2,966	31	-10
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	-	-	-	20,194	7,583	37	19,938	13,561	68	19,612	5,361	27	-10
Part-time	-	-	-	2,702	1,455	53	2,675	1,852	69	2,442	1,063	43	-10

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	1,706	325	19	1,749	533	30	1,604	1,050	65	1,790	439	24	-5
Architecture	422	60	14	466	186	39	516	396	76	534	150	28	-11
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	27	-	-	33	22	66	22	18	81	19	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,073	175	16	1,148	439	38	1,217	805	66	1,263	360	28	-9
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,741	551	14	4,083	1,350	33	4,207	2,803	66	4,112	1,041	25	-7
Communication and Journalism	1,254	237	18	1,312	575	43	1,248	894	71	1,166	355	30	-13

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.

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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
Computer and Information Sciences	399	57	14	492	184	37	533	319	59	586	158	26	-10
Education	2,136	598	27	2,130	1,027	48	1,863	1,384	74	1,736	649	37	-10
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,341	370	15	2,427	860	35	2,382	1,542	64	2,386	612	25	-9
English Language and Literature	325	77	23	291	188	64	283	223	78	248	116	46	-17
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	1,452	192	13	1,344	427	31	1,287	872	67	1,297	317	24	-7
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	162	32	19	119	57	47	87	53	60	73	29	39	-8
Health Professions	1,179	118	10	1,313	365	27	1,389	886	63	891	164	18	-9
History	209	64	30	190	103	54	165	129	78	142	79	55	1
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	469	48	10	437	156	35	505	326	64	584	137	23	-12

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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
Legal Professions and Studies	368	139	37	419	257	61	436	335	76	503	237	47	-14
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	770	84	10	761	221	29	726	457	62	589	133	22	-6
Mathematics and Statistics	211	36	17	254	118	46	264	170	64	246	82	33	-13
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	160	47	29	210	106	50	147	100	68	121	45	37	-13
Philosophy and Religious Studies	48	12	25	47	25	53	42	27	64	60	23	38	-14
Social Sciences	566	167	29	626	378	60	618	484	78	572	270	47	-13
Visual and Performing Arts	697	128	18	732	369	50	780	574	73	823	268	32	-17
Unknown	837	250	29	306	183	59	310	227	73	348	156	44	-14

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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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