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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

30.7%

2022 Voting Rate

-3.1

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

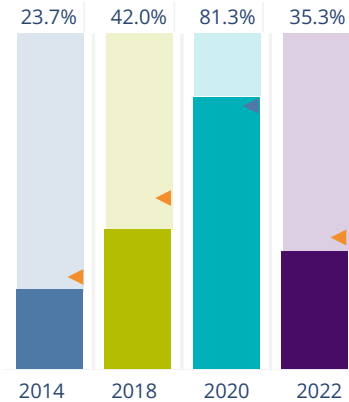
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



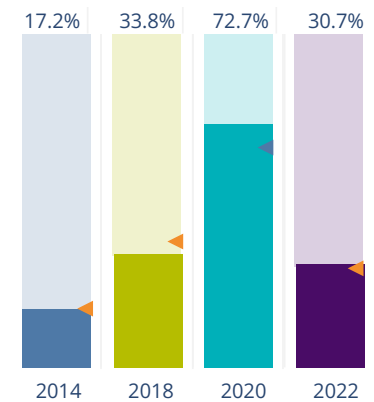
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	25,501	29,328	29,678	29,119	↓ -209
Age under 18/Unknown	91	82	106	276	↑ 194
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,506	1,938	1,454	1,862	↓ -75
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	50	261	284	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	1,059	1,103	1,492	-	-
Total eligible voters	22,794	25,943	26,342	26,980	↑ 1,036
Number of students who registered	16,510	20,908	23,569	23,420	↑ 2,512
Number of students who voted	3,911	8,774	19,163	8,272	↓ -502
Registration Rate %	72	80	89	86	↑ 6
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	23	41	81	35	↓ -6
Voting Rate %	17	33	72	30	↓ -3

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.

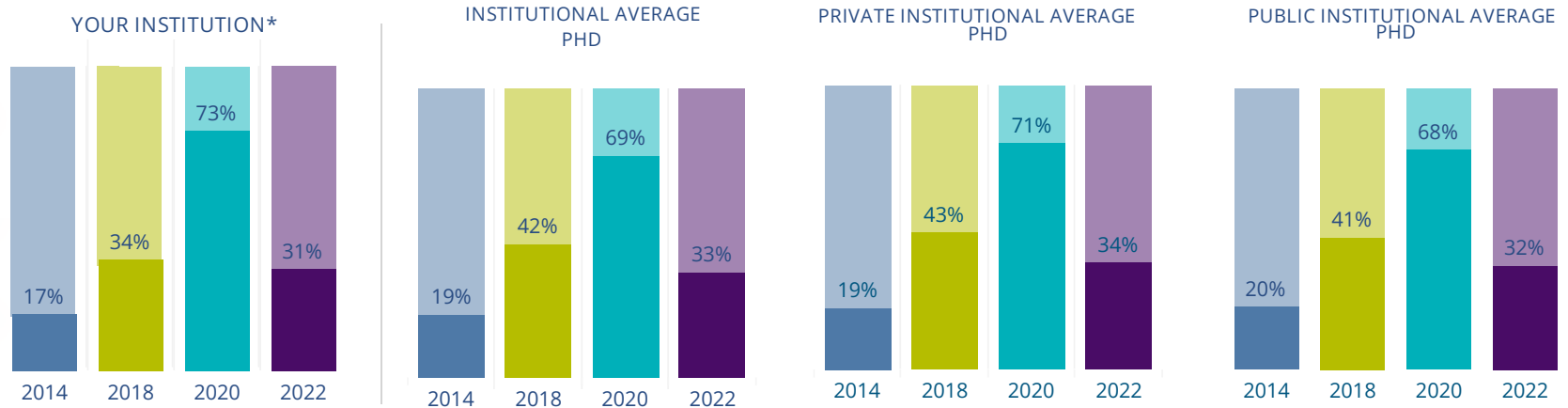
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

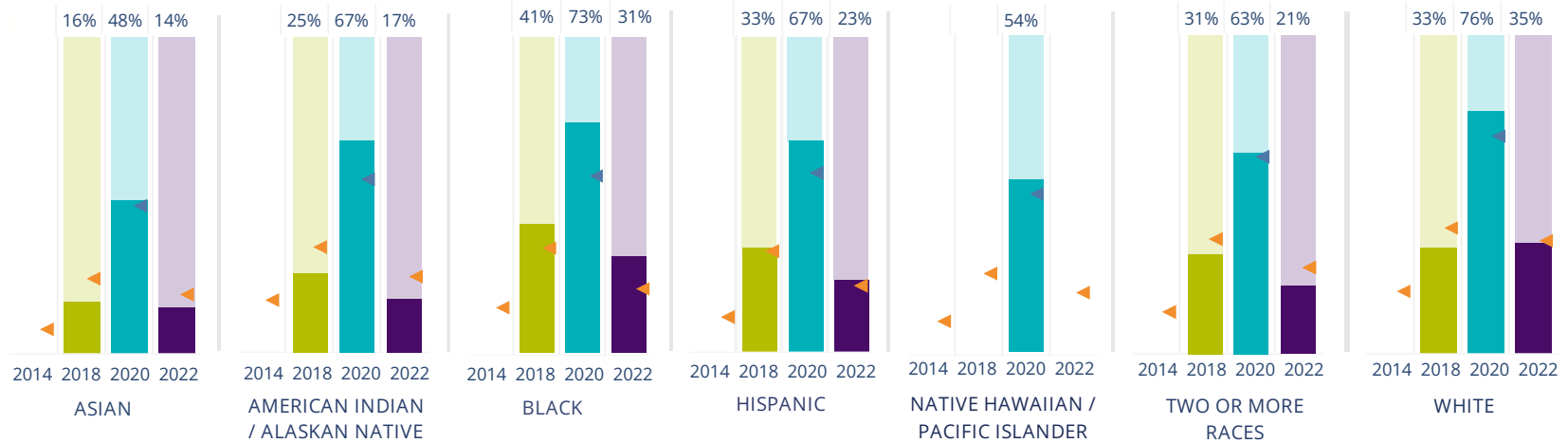
By Institution Types



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

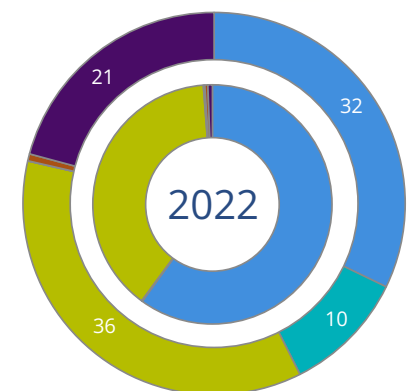
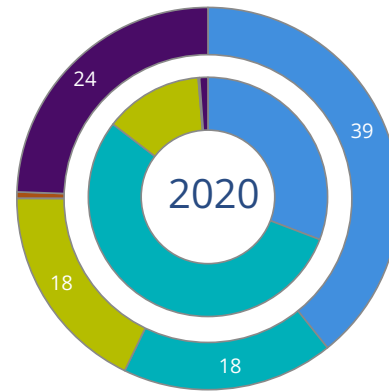
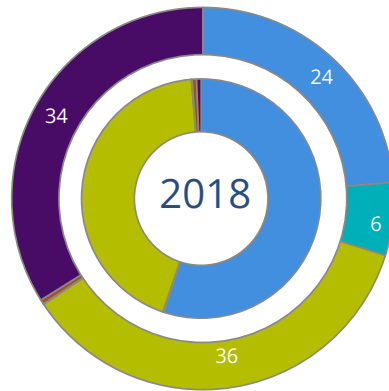
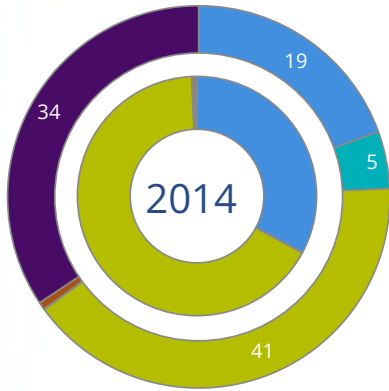
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	2,362	385	16	2,689	1,295	48	2,998	432	14	↓ -1
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	87	22	25	73	49	67	81	14	17	↓ -8
Black	-	-	-	4,338	1,765	40	4,332	3,150	72	4,715	1,442	30	↓ -10
Hispanic	-	-	-	2,717	896	32	3,095	2,067	66	3,599	834	23	↓ -9
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	28	-	-	24	13	54	15	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	1,315	407	30	1,480	932	62	1,705	359	21	↓ -9
White	-	-	-	15,458	5,104	33	14,997	11,345	75	14,504	5,031	34	↑ 1
Race Unknown	24,235	3,911	16	1,500	190	12	1,029	312	30	1,226	157	12	→ 0

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	-	-	-	-	10,466	54	-	-	-	-
In-Person	2,597	66	3,814	43	2,554	13	3,205	38	↓	-4
Not-In-Person	1,283	32	4,831	55	5,894	30	4,965	60	↑	4
Other	-	-	13	0	-	-	13	0	→	0
Provisional	11	0	53	0	40	0	33	0	→	0
Voting Method Unknown	-	-	57	0	205	1	46	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	11%	29%	73%	25%
22-24	14%	29%	64%	24%
25-29	17%	31%	56%	29%
30-39	29%	40%	62%	41%
40-49	44%	61%	78%	59%
50+	60%	70%	84%	71%

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	12,597	1,485	11	15,111	4,410	29	15,423	11,363	73	16,079	4,076	25	↓ -3
22-24	5,482	772	14	6,435	1,895	29	6,216	4,002	64	6,181	1,540	24	↓ -4
25-29	3,106	537	17	3,307	1,043	31	3,066	1,745	56	3,070	901	29	↓ -2
30-39	1,995	595	29	1,959	790	40	2,025	1,258	62	2,142	889	41	↑ 1
40-49	750	336	44	687	421	61	677	531	78	927	549	59	↓ -2
50+	305	186	60	306	215	70	312	264	84	444	317	71	↑ 1

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	-	-	-	13,286	4,775	35	13,339	9,713	72	14,596	4,599	31	 -4
Male	-	-	-	14,519	3,999	27	14,380	9,450	65	14,247	3,673	25	 -1

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	20,948	3,050	14	23,657	7,299	30	23,097	16,362	70	22,685	5,963	26	↓ -4
Graduate	3,271	861	26	4,147	1,475	35	4,622	2,801	60	4,952	1,699	34	↓ -1
Class Unknown	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,206	524	43	-
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sophomore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Upperclassman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	18,675	2,577	13	23,106	6,885	29	23,271	16,100	69	22,856	5,835	25	↓ -4
Part-time	5,560	1,334	23	4,699	1,889	40	4,448	3,063	68	5,987	2,437	40	→ 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
Architecture	297	35	11	298	108	36	314	218	69	348	82	23	↓ -12
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	83	14	16	103	41	39	88	50	56	62	17	27	↓ -12
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,073	122	11	1,232	389	31	1,346	953	70	1,892	459	24	↓ -7
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,754	548	14	4,353	1,257	28	4,500	3,086	68	4,824	1,244	25	↓ -3
Communication and Journalism	1,178	168	14	1,322	436	32	1,021	760	74	772	218	28	↓ -4







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	1,459	199	13	2,897	715	24	3,066	1,760	57	3,754	794	21	-3
Education	1,660	455	27	1,442	640	44	1,562	1,241	79	2,290	1,110	48	4
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,770	325	11	3,503	841	24	3,467	2,262	65	3,232	778	24	0
English Language and Literature	462	93	20	442	208	47	399	307	76	426	169	39	-7
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	49	13	26	42	14	33	39	28	71	29	14	48	14
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	241	38	15	404	166	41	370	260	70	295	93	31	-9
Health Professions	1,769	374	21	2,339	773	33	2,551	1,838	72	2,236	634	28	-4
History	450	121	26	438	231	52	346	269	77	301	136	45	-7
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	948	145	15	809	255	31	780	551	70	651	173	26	-4
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	975	97	9	919	236	25	822	578	70	572	134	23	-2

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	2,305	253	10	2,377	613	25	2,107	1,415	67	2,204	530	24	 -1
Mathematics and Statistics	398	64	16	433	130	30	401	243	60	338	104	30	 0
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	289	58	20	320	109	34	213	134	62	203	57	28	 -5
Philosophy and Religious Studies	115	31	26	141	59	41	122	94	77	94	44	46	 4
Social Sciences	1,104	274	24	1,104	476	43	1,029	762	74	988	376	38	 -5
Visual and Performing Arts	526	72	13	600	211	35	669	512	76	654	238	36	 1
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	11	78	24	12	50	-

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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