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Student Voting Rates for University Of Rochester

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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

28.7%

2022 Voting Rate

-9.1

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

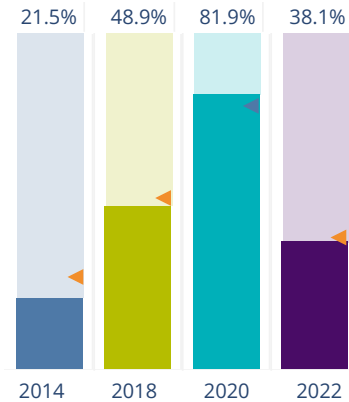
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



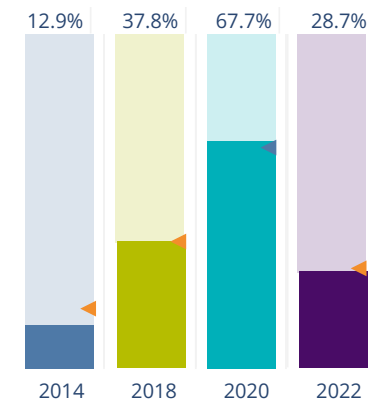
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	9,555	11,148	11,234	11,665	↑ 517
Age under 18/Unknown	78	85	64	79	↓ -6
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	2,213	3,499	3,281	3,619	↑ 120
Datasource	IPEDS	NSC	IPEDS	IPEDS	
FERPA records blocked	13	-	45	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	69	158	238	-	-
Total eligible voters	7,181	7,401	7,605	7,966	↑ 565
Number of students who registered	4,302	5,727	6,285	6,010	↑ 283
Number of students who voted	926	2,799	5,145	2,289	↓ -510
Registration Rate %	59	77	82	75	↓ -1
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	21	48	81	38	↓ -10
Voting Rate %	12	37	67	28	↓ -9

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.

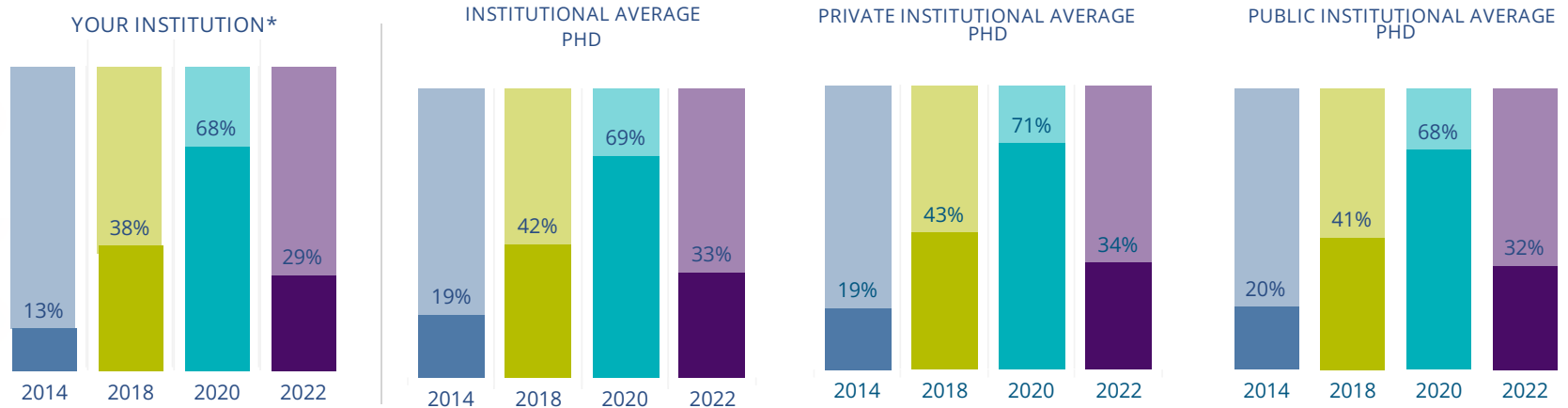
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

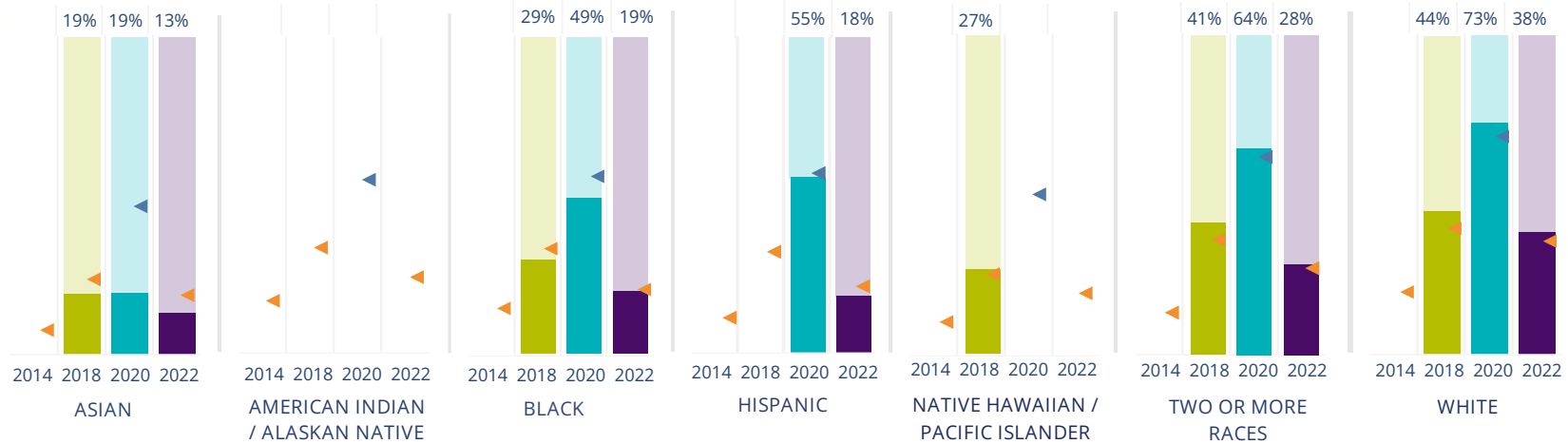
By Institution Types



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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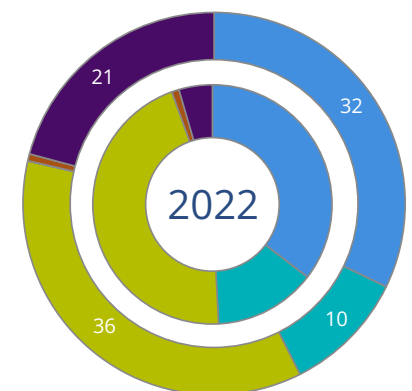
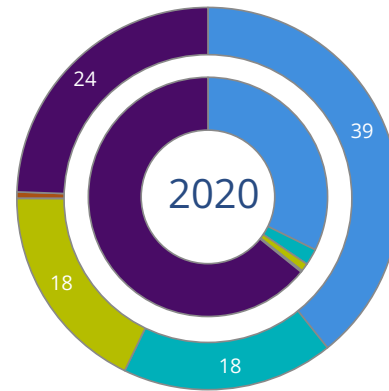
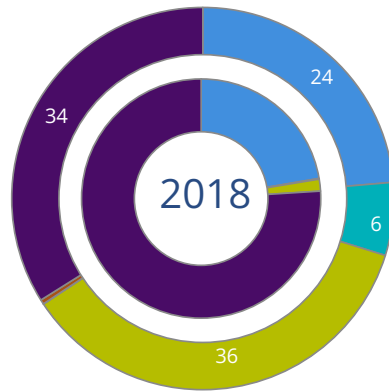
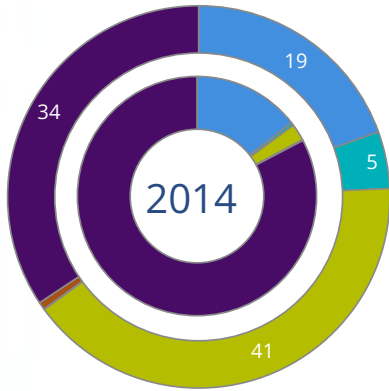
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	907	171	18	2,810	544	19	1,193	152	12	↓ -6
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	13	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	509	149	29	761	372	48	453	88	19	↓ -9
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	235	130	55	731	130	17	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	642	170	26	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	253	104	41	379	244	64	360	102	28	↓ -12
White	-	-	-	4,537	2,015	44	5,045	3,658	72	4,433	1,697	38	↓ -6
Race Unknown	9,379	926	9	544	185	34	1,551	179	11	4,394	115	2	↓ -31

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	-	-	-	-	115	2	315	13	-	-
In-Person	21	2	46	1	59	1	1,038	45	↑	43
Not-In-Person	134	14	624	22	1,663	32	810	35	↑	13
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	1	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	766	82	2,125	76	3,299	64	103	4	↓	-71

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	6%	30%	49%	15%
22-24	5%	37%	36%	12%
25-29	11%	47%	47%	23%
30-39	22%	53%	53%	34%
40-49	34%	57%	73%	53%
50+	57%	67%	81%	69%

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	5,062	306	6	3,958	1,200	30	5,211	2,569	49	5,463	844	15	↓ -14
22-24	1,640	88	5	1,128	418	37	2,227	807	36	2,450	317	12	↓ -24
25-29	1,409	160	11	1,250	589	47	1,952	925	47	2,152	506	23	↓ -23
30-39	867	199	22	736	393	53	1,050	559	53	1,106	382	34	↓ -18
40-49	245	84	34	233	134	57	253	186	73	307	165	53	↓ -3
50+	156	89	57	96	65	67	122	99	81	108	75	69	↑ 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,610	2,984	53	6,159	1,390	22	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,186	2,147	41	5,407	895	16	-

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	5,922	392	6	4,548	1,398	30	6,153	2,999	48	6,439	1,025	15	↓-14
Graduate	3,380	523	15	2,814	1,401	49	4,657	2,142	45	4,890	1,129	23	↓-26
Class Unknown	77	11	14	39	-	-	-	-	-	257	135	52	-
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	1,392	76	5	982	284	28	1,368	674	49	1,614	230	14	↓-14
Sophomore	1,495	83	5	1,037	291	28	1,426	677	47	1,529	208	13	↓-14
Upperclassman	3,066	237	7	2,529	823	32	3,375	1,658	49	3,311	594	17	↓-14
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	-	-	-	6,450	2,258	35	9,161	4,199	45	9,947	1,676	16	↓-18
Part-time	-	-	-	951	541	56	1,654	946	57	1,639	613	37	↓-19

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	-	-	-	18	-	-	18	-	-	19	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	988	58	5	1,066	337	31	1,315	748	56	1,514	305	20	 -11
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,322	147	11	616	231	37	1,511	380	25	1,764	140	7	 -29
Communication and Journalism	38	-	-	28	11	39	58	23	39	84	-	-	-



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	373	24	6	363	108	29	643	200	31	715	68	9	↓20
Education	604	159	26	323	199	61	370	247	66	463	229	49	↓12
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,484	91	6	945	289	30	1,331	596	44	1,199	199	16	↓13
English Language and Literature	187	32	17	138	62	44	167	109	65	179	50	27	↓16
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	-	-	-	35	21	60	58	32	55	62	24	38	↓21
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	138	12	8	102	41	40	124	88	70	96	29	30	↓9
Health Professions	526	109	20	1,128	521	46	1,414	1,034	73	1,434	522	36	↓9
History	80	20	25	65	45	69	83	61	73	99	31	31	↓37

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	265	12	4	174	43	24	206	93	45	128	15	11	 -12
Mathematics and Statistics	207	-	-	128	48	37	311	74	23	301	39	12	 -24
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	13	-	-	74	26	35	186	60	32	250	25	10	 -25
Philosophy and Religious Studies	67	12	17	44	18	40	71	27	38	63	11	17	 -23
Social Sciences	819	55	6	445	173	38	683	271	39	768	128	16	 -22
Visual and Performing Arts	969	69	7	744	261	35	913	430	47	948	166	17	 -17
Unknown	62	-	-	77	22	28	48	25	52	64	27	42	 13

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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