Student Voting Rates for University Of San Francisco

NSLVE Campus Report

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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

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.

Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

34.5%
2022 Voting Rate

-13.5
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

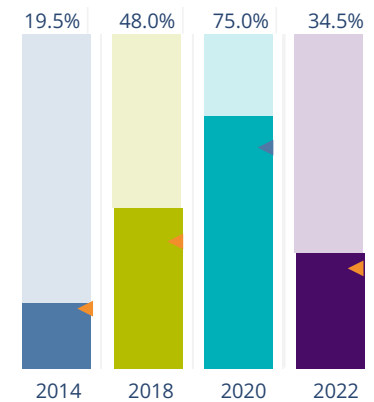|	62.0%	78.5%	85.1%	76.9%
	2014	2018	2020	2022

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

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

	31.4%	61.2%	88.1%	44.9%
	2014	2018	2020	2022

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

	19.5%	48.0%	75.0%	34.5%
	2014	2018	2020	2022

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	10,573	10,608	10,097	9,587	⬇ -1,021
Age under 18/Unknown	72	88	70	89	⬆ 1
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,664	1,440	1,248	1,281	⬇ -159
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	133	126	101	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	49	76	-	-
Total eligible voters	8,703	8,904	8,601	8,216	⬇ -687
Number of students who registered	5,393	6,991	7,323	6,321	⬇ -670
Number of students who voted	1,693	4,276	6,450	2,835	⬇ -1,441
Registration Rate %	61	78	85	76	⬇ -1
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	31	61	88	44	⬇ -16
Voting Rate %	19	48	74	34	⬇ -13

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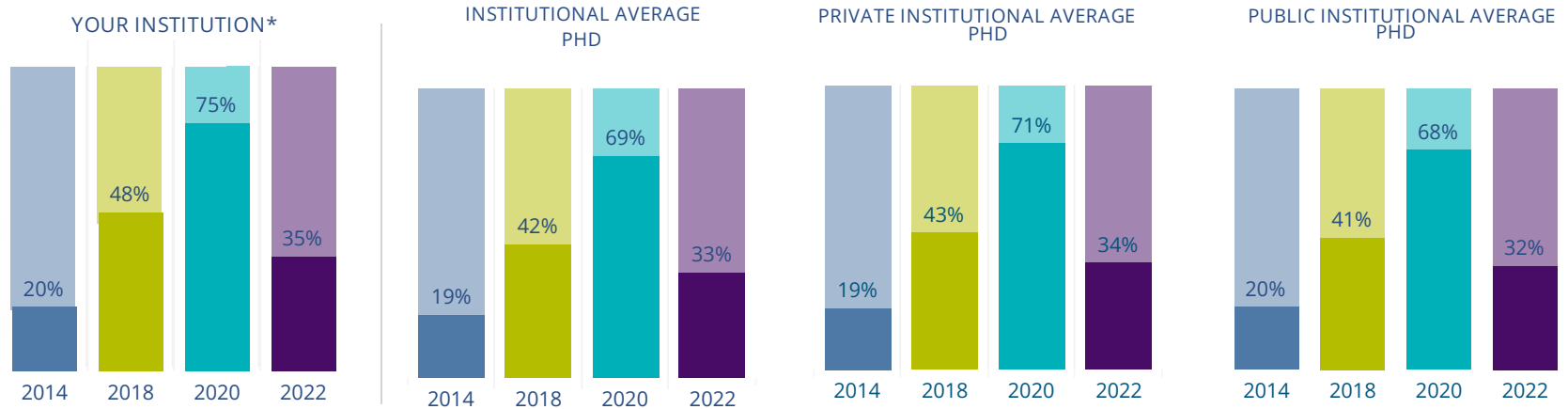
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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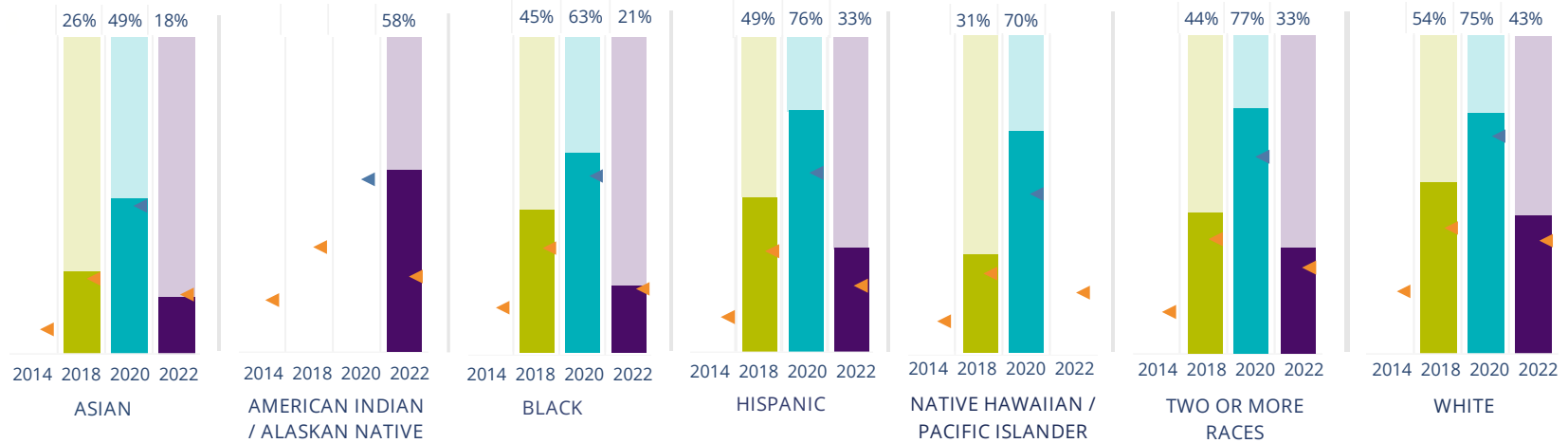
By Institution Types

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 79%
39.1%	LOW 7%

2022 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 68%
30.6%	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*

2014	2018	2020	2022
20%	48%	75%	35%

INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

2014	2018	2020	2022
19%	42%	69%	33%

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

2014	2018	2020	2022
19%	43%	71%	34%

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

2014	2018	2020	2022
20%	41%	68%	32%

By Race / Ethnicity

			ASIAN			AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE			BLACK			HISPANIC		NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER		TWO OR MORE RACES		WHITE

ASIAN: 26% 49% 18%
AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE: 58%
BLACK: 45% 63% 21%
HISPANIC: 49% 76% 33%
NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER: 31% 70%
TWO OR MORE RACES: 44% 77% 33%
WHITE: 54% 75% 43%

Years: 2014 2018 2020 2022

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

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
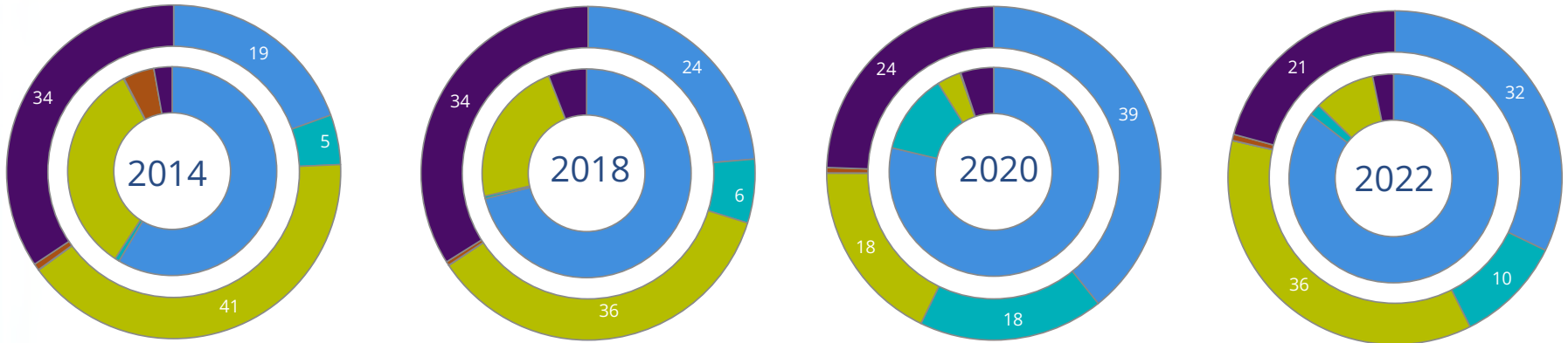
Looking Closer

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	-	-	-	3,009	784	26	3,059	1,486	48	2,998	538	17	⬇-8
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	19	-	-	14	-	-	19	11	57	-
Black	-	-	-	574	258	44	678	428	63	745	155	20	⬇-24
Hispanic	-	-	-	2,297	1,128	49	2,178	1,662	76	2,143	706	32	⬇-16
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	75	23	30	46	32	69	31	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	761	335	44	832	637	76	831	276	33	⬇-10
White	-	-	-	3,012	1,613	53	2,824	2,124	75	2,630	1,129	42	⬇-10
Race Unknown	10,368	1,693	16	591	130	21	209	72	34	101	11	10	⬇-11

By Voting Method

Legend: ■ 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	12	0	17	0	798	12	50	1	⬆ 1
In-Person	560	33	966	22	237	3	269	9	⬇ -13
Not-In-Person	991	58	3,039	71	5,077	78	2,425	85	⬆ 14
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	81	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	48	2	254	5	334	5	91	3	⬇ -2

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	8%	35%	68%	24%
22-24	12%	36%	60%	28%
25-29	22%	48%	62%	32%
30-39	31%	53%	64%	37%
40-49	37%	56%	68%	48%
50+	51%	75%	75%	57%

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	4,913	407	8	5,194	1,856	35	4,503	3,066	68	4,660	1,161	24	⬇-10
22-24	1,889	243	12	1,699	620	36	1,821	1,107	60	1,728	495	28	⬇ -7
25-29	1,748	395	22	1,782	856	48	1,714	1,075	62	1,466	472	32	⬇-15
30-39	1,152	363	31	1,069	574	53	1,126	722	64	1,030	390	37	⬇-15
40-49	421	159	37	405	227	56	452	311	68	398	192	48	⬇ -7
50+	245	126	51	189	143	75	224	169	75	216	125	57	⬇-17

Looking Closer

By Sex

| | 2014 | | | 2018 | | | 2020 | | | 2022 | | | 2018-2022 |
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	-	-	-	5,885	2,711	46	6,358	4,423	69	6,166	1,958	31	⬇ -14
Male	-	-	-	3,285	1,111	33	3,481	2,026	58	3,324	876	26	⬇ -7

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	6,511	631	9	6,392	2,239	35	5,677	3,723	65	5,773	1,422	24	⬇ -10
Graduate	3,709	1,034	27	3,946	2,037	51	4,162	2,727	65	3,640	1,389	38	⬇ -13
Class Unknown	148	28	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	85	-	-	-
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	1,778	89	5	1,680	561	33	1,182	747	63	1,705	350	20	⬇ -12
Sophomore	1,325	96	7	1,522	512	33	1,245	823	66	1,316	332	25	⬇ -8
Upperclassman	3,458	452	13	3,197	1,171	36	3,252	2,155	66	2,784	743	26	⬇ -9
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	-	-	-	9,624	3,929	40	9,021	5,937	65	8,829	2,570	29	⬇ -11
Part-time	-	-	-	714	347	48	819	513	62	669	265	39	⬇ -8

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (under-graduate/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	82	-	-	102	31	30	111	69	62	151	24	15	⬇ -14
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	67	-	-	85	31	36	59	31	52	64	24	37	⬆ 1
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	437	43	9	464	151	32	496	325	65	479	97	20	⬇ -12
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,719	240	8	2,242	611	27	1,810	953	52	1,653	347	20	⬇ -6
Communication and Journalism	588	72	12	523	232	44	428	292	68	397	114	28	⬇ -15
Theology	18	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	271	30	11	598	148	24	670	284	42	723	117	16	🔻 -8
Education	700	252	36	660	403	61	708	525	74	562	286	50	🔻 -10
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	-	-	-	39	15	38	65	37	56	113	25	22	🔻 -16
English Language and Literature	209	33	15	208	113	54	178	137	76	194	83	42	🔻 -11
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	31	-	-	22	-	-	17	13	76	13	-	-	-
Health Professions	1,406	277	19	1,561	729	46	1,574	1,182	75	1,345	431	32	🔻 -14
History	82	11	13	62	20	32	61	46	75	48	22	45	🔼 13
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	433	51	11	425	171	40	402	276	68	391	104	26	🔻 -13
Theology	18	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	559	172	30	487	263	54	487	352	72	490	184	37	⬇ -16
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	157	23	14	61	22	36	74	50	67	117	41	35	⬇ -1
Mathematics and Statistics	50	-	-	50	17	34	33	15	45	39	-	-	-
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	161	22	13	129	50	38	85	54	63	105	35	33	⬇ -5
Philosophy and Religious Studies	38	-	-	89	37	41	63	46	73	65	13	20	⬇ -21
Social Sciences	729	134	18	772	373	48	764	476	62	655	208	31	⬇ -16
Visual and Performing Arts	255	31	12	234	103	44	218	146	66	250	74	29	⬇ -14
Unknown	37	-	-	21	-	-	14	-	-	15	-	-	-

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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