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Student Voting Rates for University Of South Florida

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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

33.4%

2022 Voting Rate

-17.0

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



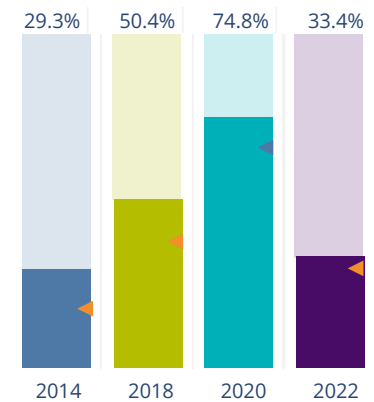
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	47,796	50,776	51,028	47,748	↓ -3,028
Age under 18/Unknown	244	240	776	750	↑ 510
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	3,062	4,702	4,237	5,595	↑ 893
Datasource	IPEDS	NSC	NSC	NSC	-
FERPA records blocked	251	174	1,983	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	2,156	2,158	1,633	-	-
Total eligible voters	42,082	43,502	42,399	41,403	↓ -2,099
Number of students who registered	33,159	36,736	37,632	33,746	↓ -2,990
Number of students who voted	12,337	21,936	31,712	13,826	↓ -8,110
Registration Rate %	78	84	88	81	↓ -2
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	37	59	84	40	↓ -18
Voting Rate %	29	50	74	33	↓ -17

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.

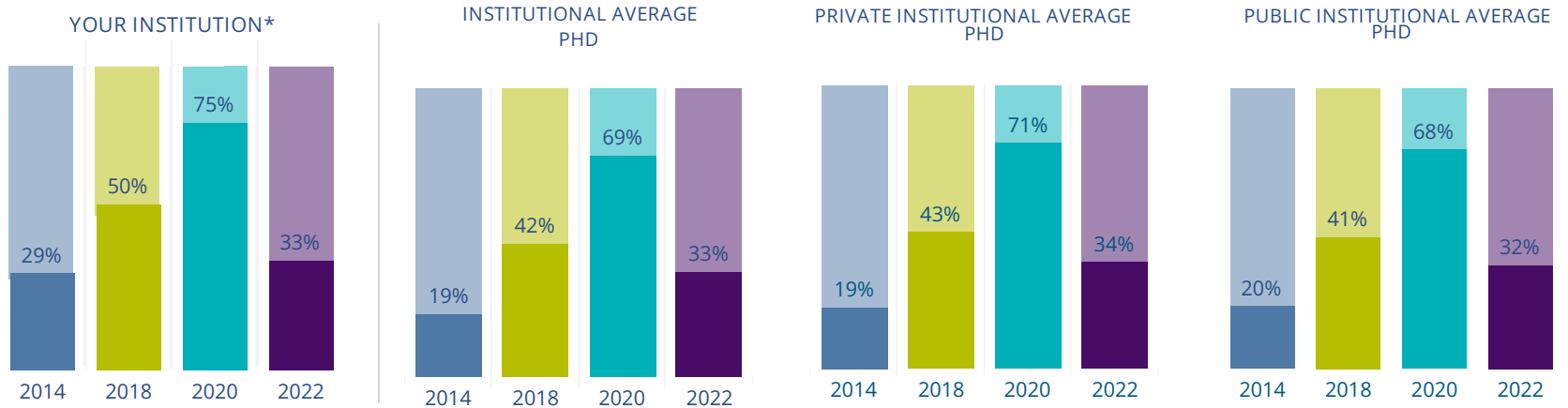
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

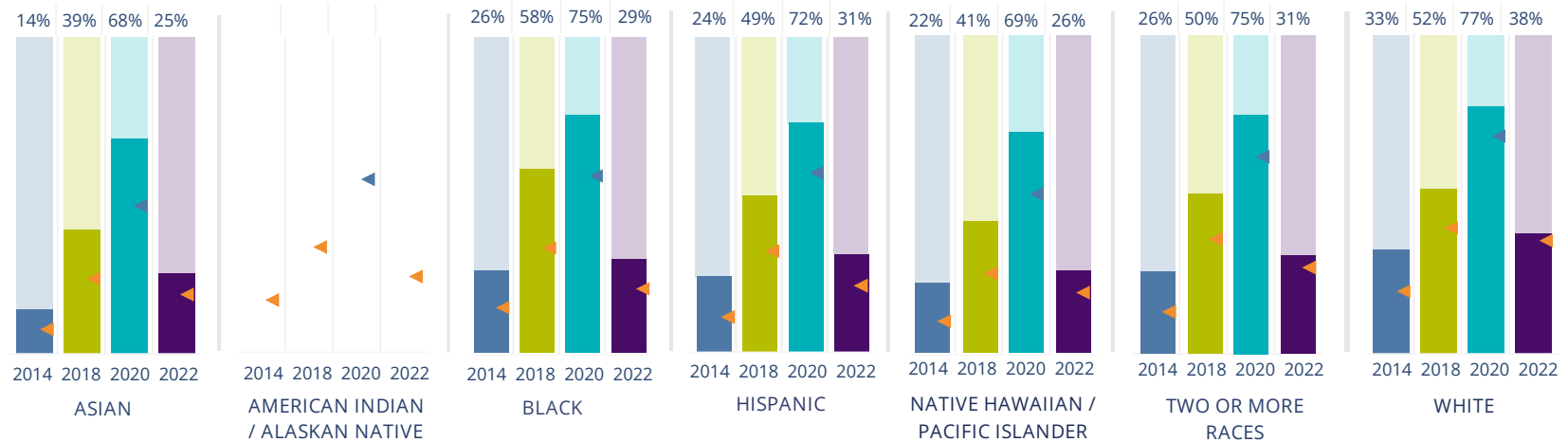
By Institution Types



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

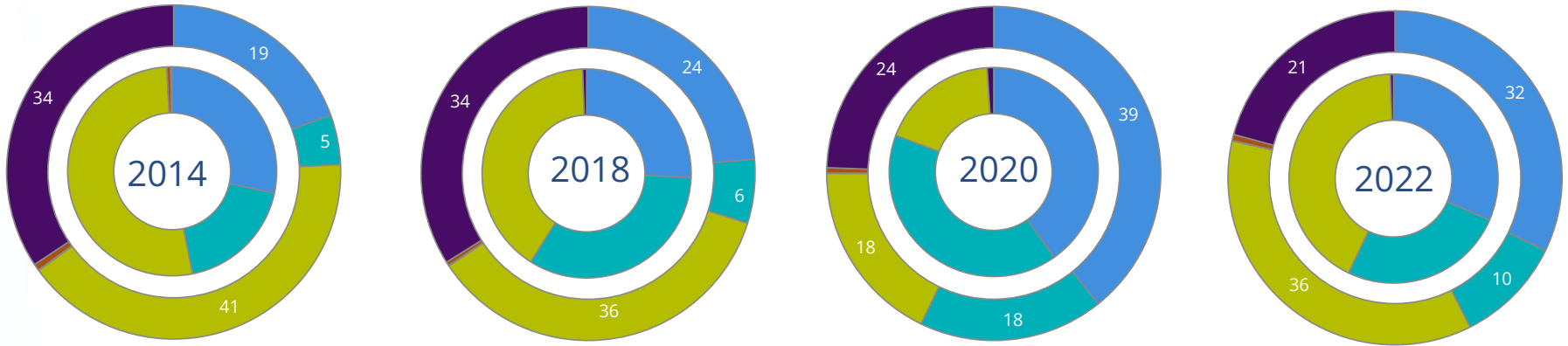
By Race/Ethnicity

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	2,576	363	14	2,976	1,162	39	3,078	2,088	67	3,453	871	25	↓13
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	4,206	1,087	25	4,192	2,425	57	3,945	2,950	74	3,647	1,074	29	↓28
Hispanic	7,905	1,883	23	8,904	4,390	49	9,444	6,829	72	9,549	2,964	31	↓18
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	113	25	22	63	26	41	55	38	69	46	12	26	↓15
2 or More Races	1,355	350	25	1,654	828	50	1,708	1,279	74	1,733	529	30	↓19
White	24,396	7,994	32	23,426	12,064	51	22,036	17,064	77	20,849	7,831	37	↓13
Race Unknown	4,444	635	14	2,287	1,041	45	2,133	1,464	68	2,126	545	25	↓19

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	Change
Early Vote	2,277	18	7,316	33	12,842	40	3,540	25	↓ -7	-7
In-Person	6,447	52	8,872	40	5,792	18	5,860	42	↑ 2	2
Not-In-Person	3,502	28	5,621	25	12,758	40	4,350	31	↑ 5	5
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	69	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	42	0	127	0	312	1	75	0	→ 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	19%	46%	74%	28%
22-24	25%	49%	73%	33%
25-29	29%	51%	72%	37%
30-39	39%	59%	77%	47%
40-49	54%	68%	79%	57%
50+	65%	78%	83%	70%

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	19,261	3,835	19	20,314	9,413	46	21,549	16,109	74	23,023	6,469	28	↓-18
22-24	10,640	2,714	25	9,881	4,842	49	9,187	6,753	73	8,448	2,837	33	↓-15
25-29	7,278	2,156	29	6,606	3,418	51	5,685	4,134	72	4,851	1,837	37	↓-13
30-39	4,938	1,951	39	4,266	2,524	59	3,890	3,022	77	3,164	1,495	47	↓-11
40-49	1,900	1,038	54	1,681	1,145	68	1,395	1,112	79	1,223	702	57	↓-10
50+	978	643	65	754	594	78	693	582	83	694	486	70	↓-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	25,478	7,020	27	25,286	13,232	52	25,158	19,391	77	24,808	8,392	33	↓ -18
Male	19,513	5,317	27	18,210	8,699	47	17,239	12,319	71	16,591	5,432	32	↓ -15

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	34,971	8,792	25	34,497	16,530	47	33,997	25,057	73	32,555	9,887	30	↓-17
Graduate	9,871	3,502	35	9,005	5,406	60	8,401	6,655	79	7,580	3,499	46	↓-13
Class Unknown	153	43	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,268	137	10	-
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	3,919	561	14	3,698	1,521	41	3,686	2,597	70	4,320	898	20	↓-20
Sophomore	5,053	879	17	5,237	2,264	43	5,317	3,918	73	5,531	1,315	23	↓-19
Upperclassman	26,119	7,381	28	25,441	12,687	49	24,951	18,508	74	22,673	7,663	33	↓-16
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	30,682	7,176	23	31,290	15,311	48	33,324	24,966	74	30,140	9,349	31	↓-17
Part-time	14,313	5,161	36	12,212	6,625	54	9,075	6,746	74	11,263	4,477	39	↓-14

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	278	55	19	259	112	43	335	242	72	385	100	25	↓ -17
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	67	28	41	44	33	75	38	33	86	25	12	48	↓ -27
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	5,815	1,188	20	5,974	2,767	46	6,116	4,449	72	5,403	1,460	27	↓ -19
Business, Management, and Marketing	7,251	1,908	26	6,889	3,235	46	6,400	4,691	73	6,382	2,031	31	↓ -15
Communication and Journalism	1,072	312	29	1,568	846	53	1,558	1,196	76	1,430	501	35	↓ -18






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	818	232	28	1,756	877	49	2,129	1,517	71	2,372	730	30	↓ -19
Education	3,442	1,238	35	2,583	1,512	58	2,266	1,830	80	1,938	829	42	↓ -15
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	4,521	981	21	3,176	1,439	45	2,955	2,089	70	2,631	806	30	↓ -14
English Language and Literature	1,326	410	30	686	430	62	618	498	80	555	247	44	↓ -18
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	188	64	34	160	98	61	196	144	73	169	53	31	↓ -29
Health Professions	8,293	2,233	26	8,999	4,265	47	8,056	6,075	75	7,932	2,516	31	↓ -15
History	435	195	44	404	266	65	369	305	82	368	183	49	↓ -16
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	95	54	56	265	150	56	234	172	73	105	42	40	↓ -16
Library Science	182	106	58	215	165	76	279	242	86	306	216	70	↓ -6
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	30	-	-	49	15	30	55	32	58	42	12	28	↓ -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	824	273	33	910	489	53	966	744	77	1,952	656	33	 -20
Mathematics and Statistics	378	86	22	337	165	48	284	198	69	233	88	37	 -11
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	461	110	23	255	136	53	460	353	76	178	74	41	 -11
Philosophy and Religious Studies	173	62	35	135	71	52	142	100	70	102	36	35	 -17
Social Sciences	3,756	1,270	33	3,496	1,954	55	3,298	2,513	76	3,219	1,215	37	 -18
Visual and Performing Arts	898	217	24	816	470	57	898	700	77	887	319	35	 -21
Unknown	81	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	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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