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Student Voting Rates for University Of Southern California

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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

32.7%

2022 Voting Rate

-11.3

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



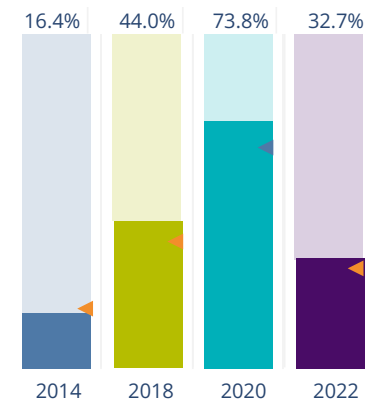
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	41,977	46,883	46,076	48,641	↑ 1,758
Age under 18/Unknown	186	173	142	161	↓ -12
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	9,344	10,817	10,024	12,931	↑ 2,114
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	-	-	19	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	752	1,170	1,070	-	-
Total eligible voters	31,688	34,719	34,820	35,548	↑ 828
Number of students who registered	20,528	26,917	29,683	28,599	↑ 1,682
Number of students who voted	5,196	15,277	25,706	11,618	↓ -3,659
Registration Rate %	64	77	85	80	↑ 2
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	25	56	86	40	↓ -16
Voting Rate %	16	44	73	32	↓ -11

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.

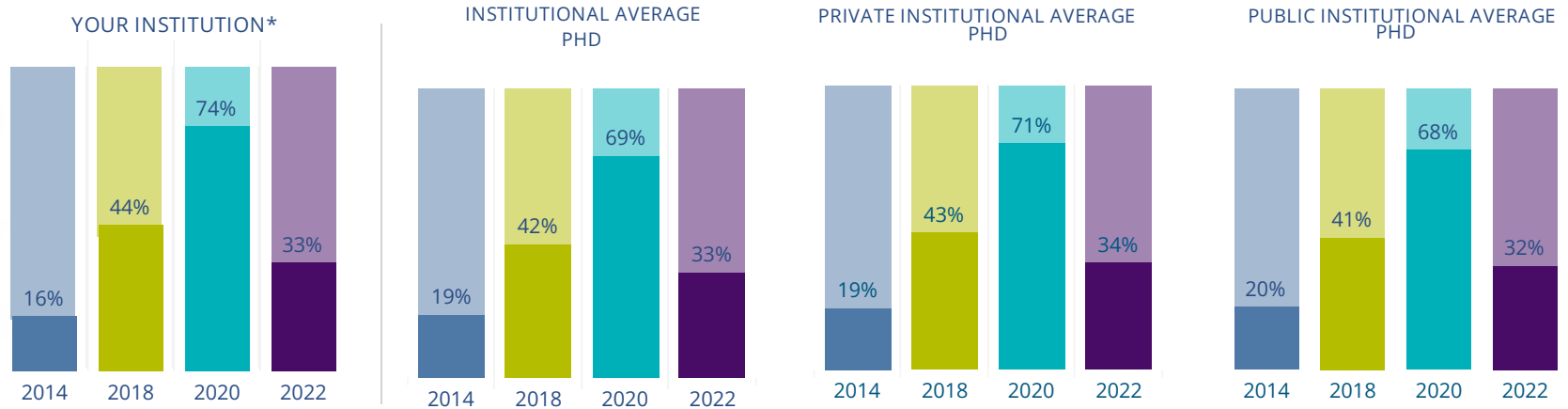
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

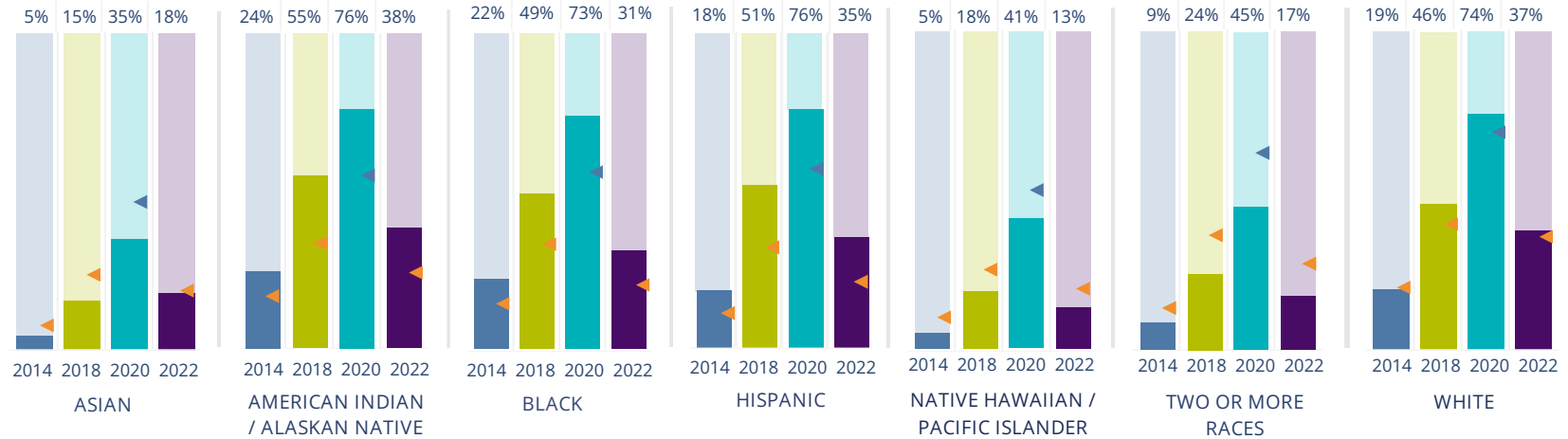
By Institution Types



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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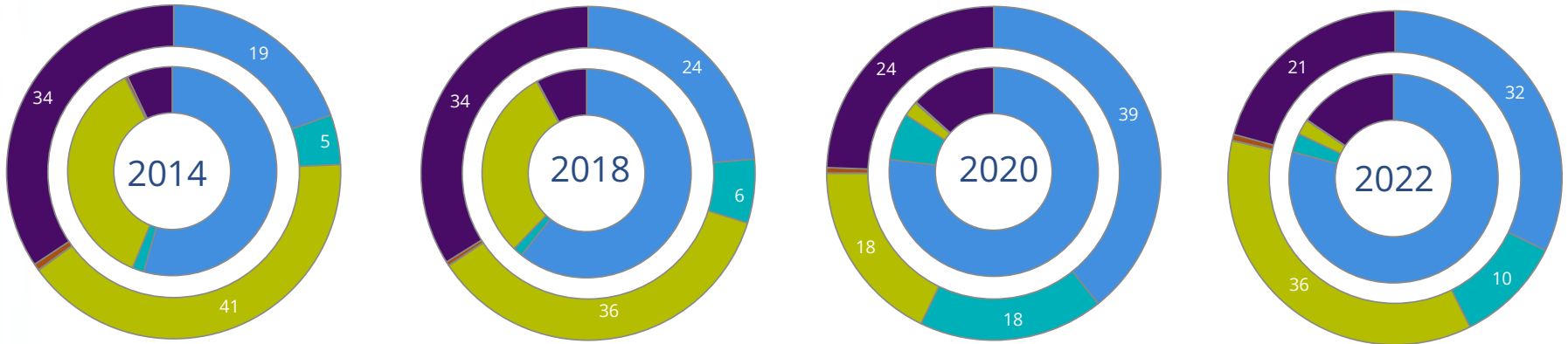
By Race/Ethnicity

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	6,304	290	4	1,909	291	15	713	248	34	442	80	18	↑ 2
American Indian/ Alaska Native	90	22	24	82	45	54	74	56	75	81	31	38	↓ -16
Black	2,211	483	21	2,621	1,288	49	2,510	1,839	73	2,948	907	30	↓ -18
Hispanic	3,331	609	18	3,605	1,848	51	3,155	2,389	75	3,303	1,162	35	↓ -16
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	5,421	270	4	5,407	978	18	4,969	2,030	40	6,782	865	12	↓ -5
2 or More Races	6,450	552	8	13,798	3,286	23	16,807	7,475	44	19,263	3,190	16	↓ -7
White	13,851	2,579	18	13,620	6,228	45	13,348	9,852	73	12,493	4,629	37	↓ -8
Race Unknown	3,203	391	12	4,215	1,313	31	3,029	1,817	59	3,168	754	23	↓ -7

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	94	1	236	1	1,873	7	340	2	↑	1
In-Person	1,890	36	4,564	29	597	2	279	2	↓	-27
Not-In-Person	2,827	54	9,275	60	19,758	76	9,195	79	↑	18
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	23	0	-	-	43	0	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	362	7	1,194	7	3,432	13	1,795	15	↑	7

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%	32%	67%	22%
22-24	8%	24%	41%	16%
25-29	14%	35%	52%	24%
30-39	20%	42%	60%	32%
40-49	35%	57%	72%	47%
50+	52%	68%	81%	63%

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	14,935	1,230	8	16,148	5,201	32	16,351	11,062	67	17,392	3,885	22	↓ -9
22-24	10,513	933	8	11,476	2,806	24	11,175	4,647	41	13,124	2,220	16	↓ -7
25-29	8,437	1,237	14	9,570	3,389	35	9,249	4,860	52	10,077	2,447	24	↓ -11
30-39	5,049	1,018	20	5,693	2,437	42	5,337	3,251	60	5,416	1,760	32	↓ -10
40-49	1,355	476	35	1,636	943	57	1,673	1,220	72	1,667	798	47	↓ -9
50+	572	302	52	734	501	68	820	666	81	804	508	63	↓ -5

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	21,226	2,971	13	24,149	9,253	38	23,866	14,781	61	25,950	6,830	26	 -11
Male	19,620	2,224	11	20,959	5,953	28	20,558	10,833	52	22,245	4,696	21	 -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	17,757	1,527	8	18,610	6,026	32	18,675	12,393	66	19,401	4,404	22	↓ -9
Graduate	22,258	3,579	16	25,297	9,106	35	25,134	13,094	52	26,934	6,680	24	↓ -11
Class Unknown	846	90	10	1,350	145	10	796	219	27	2,145	534	24	↑ 14
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	6,058	404	6	4,908	1,402	28	5,002	3,405	68	5,173	1,089	21	↓ -7
Sophomore	4,874	384	7	5,557	1,637	29	5,156	3,364	65	6,125	1,347	21	↓ -7
Upperclassman	6,364	685	10	8,415	3,104	36	8,966	5,901	65	8,913	2,174	24	↓ -12
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	35,223	4,124	11	39,164	12,965	33	38,217	22,058	57	42,662	9,738	22	↓ -10
Part-time	5,638	1,072	19	6,093	2,312	37	6,388	3,648	57	5,818	1,880	32	↓ -5

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	1,255	162	12	1,088	315	28	1,039	599	57	1,109	286	25	 -3
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	116	11	9	105	47	44	113	74	65	135	44	32	 -12
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,610	143	8	1,678	488	29	1,772	1,062	59	1,954	445	22	 -6
Business, Management, and Marketing	5,877	500	8	6,788	2,018	29	7,412	4,376	59	7,696	1,687	21	 -7
Communication and Journalism	2,156	253	11	2,246	878	39	2,269	1,397	61	2,778	663	23	 -15





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	2,199	90	4	3,389	391	11	3,689	953	25	4,873	436	8	↓ -2
Education	1,594	453	28	2,268	1,256	55	2,428	1,798	74	2,111	934	44	↓ -11
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	5,257	362	6	5,000	997	19	4,507	1,876	41	4,962	823	16	↓ -3
English Language and Literature	326	82	25	244	125	51	278	214	76	312	118	37	↓ -13
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	315	46	14	308	119	38	334	207	61	643	100	15	↓ -23
Health Professions	4,573	728	15	5,112	2,078	40	5,139	3,419	66	5,438	1,533	28	↓ -12
History	160	32	20	223	107	47	265	200	75	315	95	30	↓ -17
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	102	76	74	127	55	43	-
Library Science	35	13	37	93	53	56	86	61	70	45	24	53	↓ -3
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	38	-	-	-	-	-	17	11	64	21	-	-	-

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	822	149	18	1,109	406	36	936	623	66	1,280	379	29	 -7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	717	43	5	371	79	21	179	105	58	171	26	15	 -6
Mathematics and Statistics	460	27	5	749	144	19	847	294	34	911	105	11	 -7
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,056	146	13	1,681	608	36	1,995	1,305	65	2,211	569	25	 -10
Philosophy and Religious Studies	232	28	12	242	94	38	299	198	66	346	94	27	 -11
Social Sciences	2,510	307	12	2,484	887	35	2,596	1,499	57	2,725	631	23	 -12
Visual and Performing Arts	3,411	341	9	3,413	1,435	42	3,340	2,307	69	3,714	1,009	27	 -14
Unknown	830	91	10	1,385	159	11	843	236	27	573	134	23	 11

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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