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Student Voting Rates for University Of St Thomas

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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

53.4%

2022 Voting Rate

-9.1

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



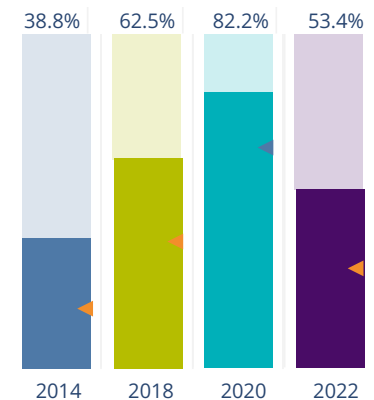
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	10,455	9,837	9,863	9,035	↓ -802
Age under 18/Unknown	-	16	21	15	↓ -1
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	496	528	504	512	↓ -15
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	NSC	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	36	-	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	478	685	612	-	-
Total eligible voters	9,437	8,602	8,725	8,507	↓ -95
Number of students who registered	6,970	7,105	7,771	7,085	↓ -20
Number of students who voted	3,664	5,374	7,171	4,544	↓ -830
Registration Rate %	73	82	89	83	→ 0
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	52	75	92	64	↓ -11
Voting Rate %	38	62	82	53	↓ -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.

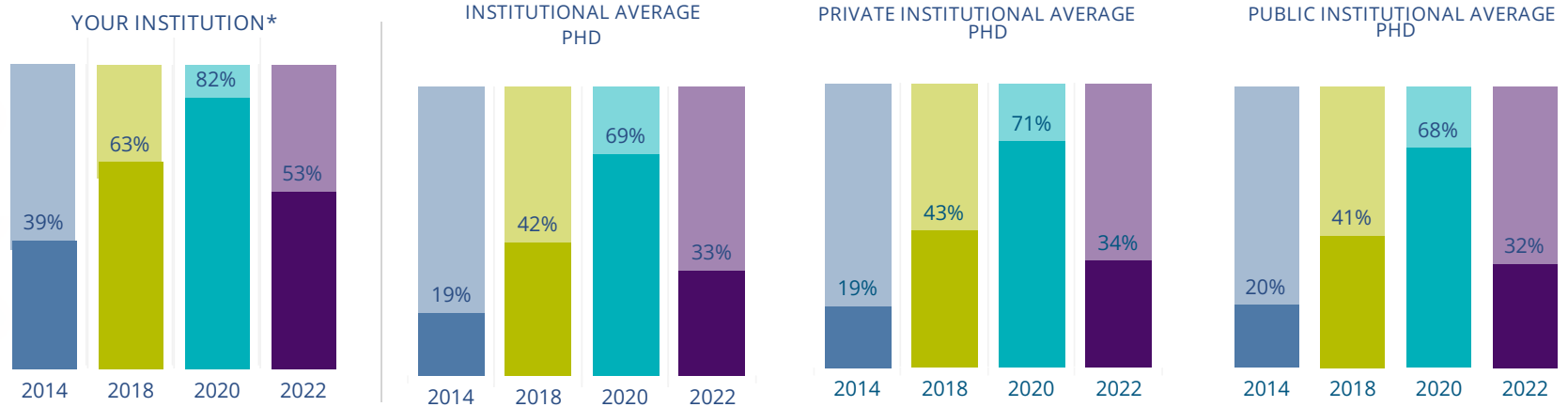
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

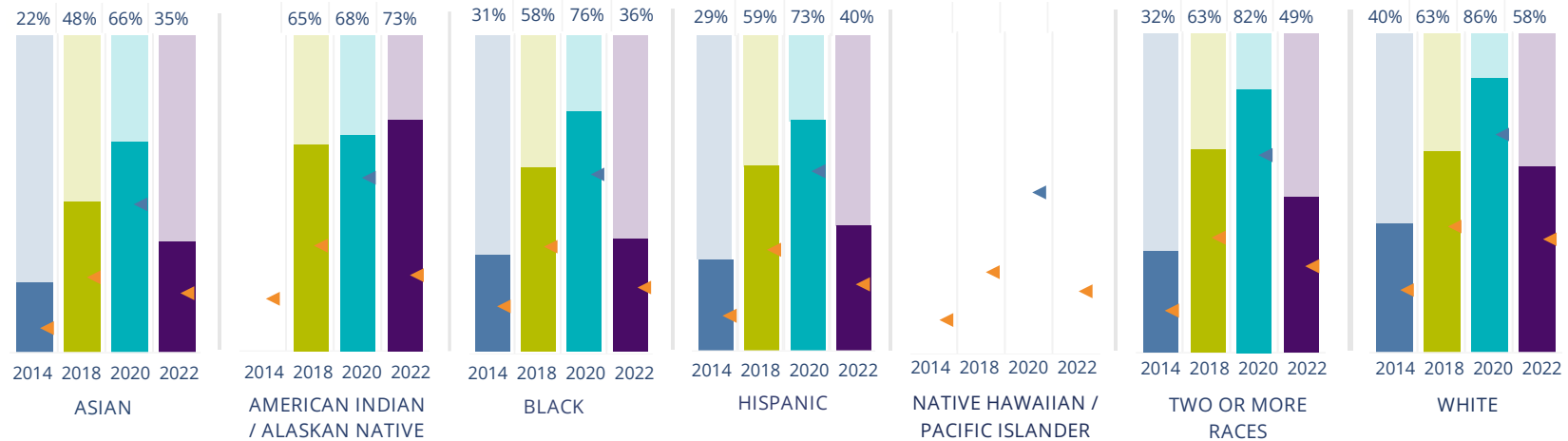
By Institution Types



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>

Looking Closer

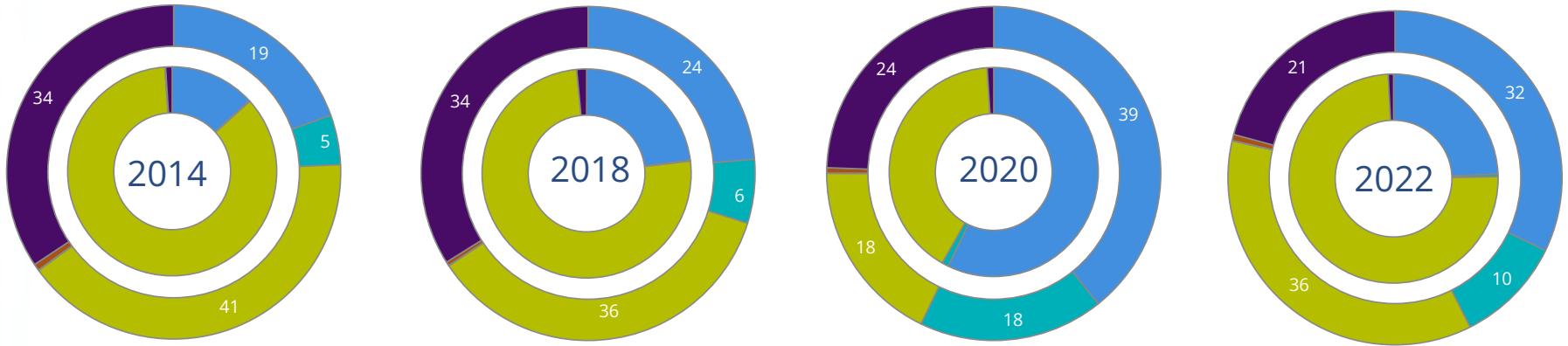
By Race/Ethnicity

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	423	93	21	482	229	47	558	369	66	529	183	34	↓12
American Indian/ Alaska Native	15	-	-	26	17	65	22	15	68	15	11	73	↑7
Black	346	106	30	384	222	57	436	329	75	537	191	35	↓22
Hispanic	360	104	28	422	247	58	578	421	72	666	264	39	↓18
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	282	90	31	229	145	63	261	214	81	301	146	48	↓14
White	7,896	3,152	39	6,537	4,127	63	6,312	5,397	85	5,933	3,441	57	↓5
Race Unknown	588	112	19	1,011	387	38	558	426	76	1,034	306	29	↓8

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	-	-	-	-	69	1	17	0	-	-
In-Person	3,135	85	4,054	75	2,929	40	3,386	74	→	0
Not-In-Person	483	13	1,235	23	4,099	57	1,104	24	↑	1
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	41	1	78	1	74	1	36	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	30%	56%	82%	45%
22-24	32%	59%	83%	50%
25-29	38%	59%	82%	53%
30-39	47%	62%	77%	60%
40-49	60%	75%	79%	61%
50+	75%	82%	88%	78%

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	4,937	1,518	30	5,068	2,852	56	5,248	4,335	82	4,982	2,279	45	↓ -10
22-24	1,457	468	32	1,315	776	59	1,240	1,030	83	1,372	690	50	↓ -8
25-29	1,424	550	38	1,225	727	59	931	767	82	1,081	579	53	↓ -5
30-39	1,313	618	47	899	563	62	765	592	77	949	570	60	↓ -2
40-49	514	311	60	383	290	75	357	284	79	413	252	61	↓ -14
50+	265	199	75	201	166	82	184	163	88	223	174	78	↓ -4

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	4,836	1,819	37	4,392	2,777	63	4,369	3,690	84	4,585	2,387	52	↓ -11
Male	5,070	1,843	36	4,696	2,594	55	4,353	3,479	79	4,433	2,156	48	↓ -6

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	6,110	1,859	30	6,014	3,383	56	6,029	4,954	82	5,834	2,664	45	↓-10
Graduate	3,703	1,742	47	3,016	1,953	64	2,638	2,187	82	2,679	1,588	59	↓-5
Class Unknown	97	63	64	61	38	62	58	30	51	507	200	39	↓-22
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	1,376	424	30	1,659	924	55	1,409	1,146	81	1,550	618	39	↓-15
Sophomore	1,433	418	29	1,415	746	52	1,436	1,169	81	1,316	547	41	↓-11
Upperclassman	3,305	1,019	30	2,999	1,752	58	3,241	2,668	82	3,038	1,519	50	↓-8
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	8,356	2,892	34	8,124	4,711	57	7,897	6,521	82	7,757	3,783	48	↓-9
Part-time	1,554	772	49	967	663	68	828	650	78	1,263	761	60	↓-8

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
Basic Skills Education	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	542	165	30	585	317	54	589	473	80	541	222	41	 -13
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,554	1,180	33	2,948	1,662	56	2,871	2,369	82	3,034	1,477	48	 -7
Communication and Journalism	266	85	31	205	128	62	133	112	84	114	62	54	 -8
Theology	131	69	52	138	91	65	120	100	83	183	113	61	 -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-nsive-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	507	164	32	600	279	46	530	391	73	665	260	39	↓	-7
Education	1,056	528	50	652	466	71	566	479	84	601	409	68	↓	-3
Engineering and Engineering Techn..	664	221	33	860	433	50	775	623	80	795	340	42	↓	-7
English Language and Literature	113	44	38	106	77	72	97	80	82	80	44	55	↓	-17
Family and Consumer/Human Scien..	11	-	-	-	-	-	16	12	75	-	-	-	-	-
Foreign Languages, Literatures, an..	42	17	40	28	17	60	32	26	81	28	14	50	↓	-10
Health Professions	299	67	22	288	154	53	96	80	83	189	80	42	↓	-11
History	40	15	37	43	28	65	35	33	94	30	26	86	↑	21
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and ..	60	37	61	21	18	85	14	13	92	-	-	-	-	-
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitn..	-	-	-	-	-	-	167	139	83	182	77	42	-	-
Theology	131	69	52	138	91	65	120	100	83	183	113	61	↓	-4
Basic Skills Education	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	450	201	44	518	340	65	485	422	87	506	297	58	 -6
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	296	91	30	408	214	52	425	343	80	379	165	43	 -8
Mathematics and Statistics	52	25	48	74	48	64	70	60	85	59	37	62	 -2
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	86	31	36	57	37	64	55	45	81	36	22	61	 -3
Philosophy and Religious Studies	279	116	41	182	117	64	199	164	82	189	135	71	 7
Social Sciences	281	118	41	310	199	64	335	284	84	300	156	52	 -12
Visual and Performing Arts	73	31	42	50	29	58	86	73	84	140	75	53	 -4
Unknown	42	16	38	102	65	63	98	62	63	103	51	49	 -14

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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