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# Student Voting Rates for The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

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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](mailto: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

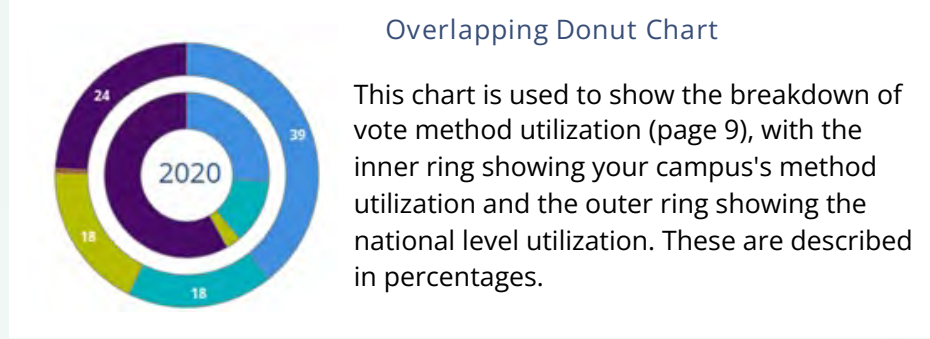
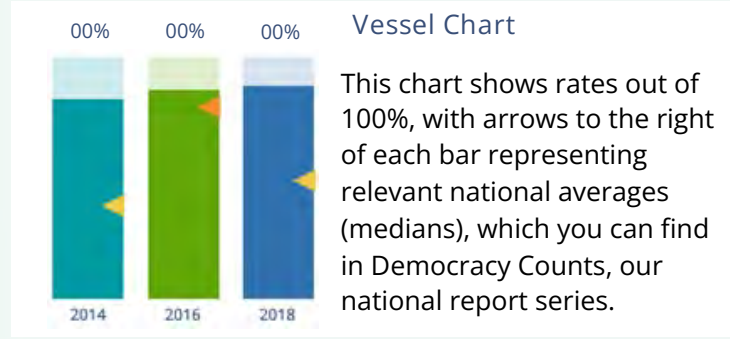
# In This Report

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
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p.)
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

-7.7

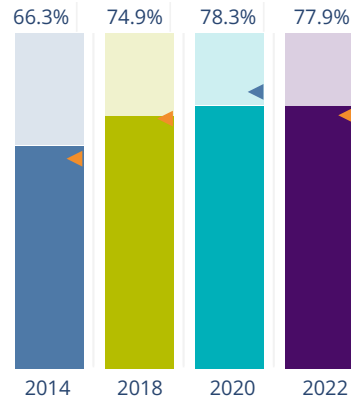
Change From 2018

## ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

### REGISTRATION RATE



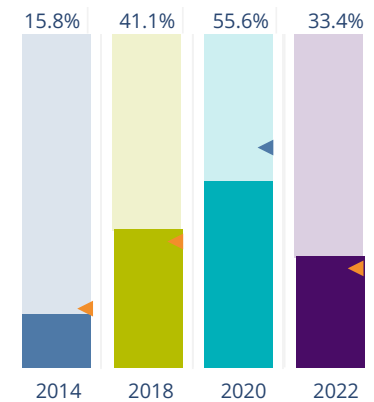
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

### 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	20,826	28,384	32,303	30,923	↑ 2,538
Age under 18/Unknown	134	646	817	755	↑ 109
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	534	738	694	785	↑ 47
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	159	170	196	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	398	424	-	-
Total eligible voters	19,998	26,431	30,171	29,382	↑ 2,950
Number of students who registered	13,250	19,795	23,637	22,887	↑ 3,092
Number of students who voted	3,156	10,862	16,765	9,826	↓ -1,036
Registration Rate %	66	74	78	77	↑ 3
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	23	54	70	42	↓ -11
Voting Rate %	15	41	55	33	↓ -7

**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.

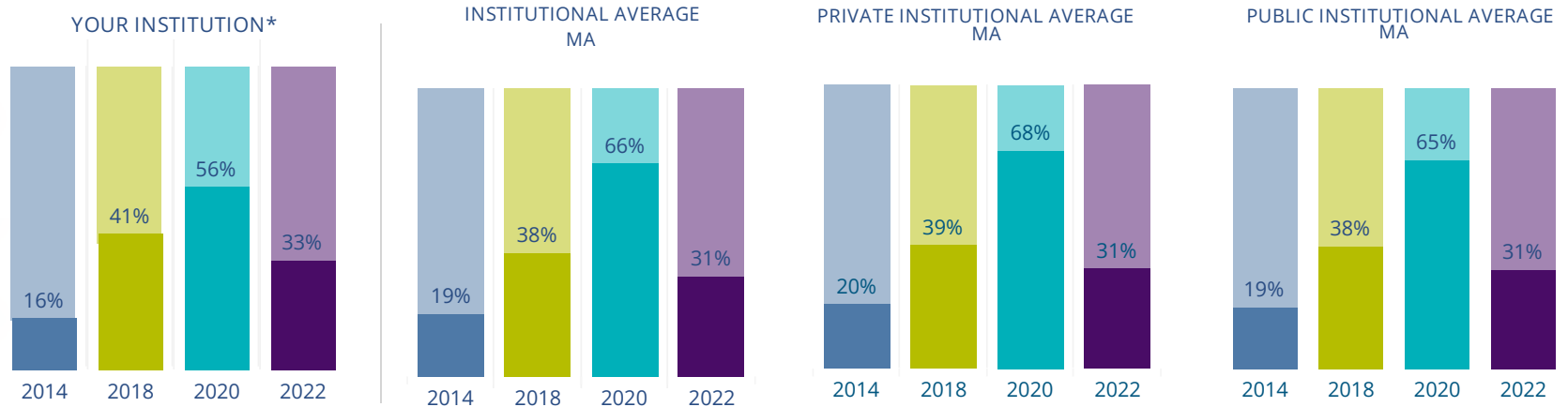
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

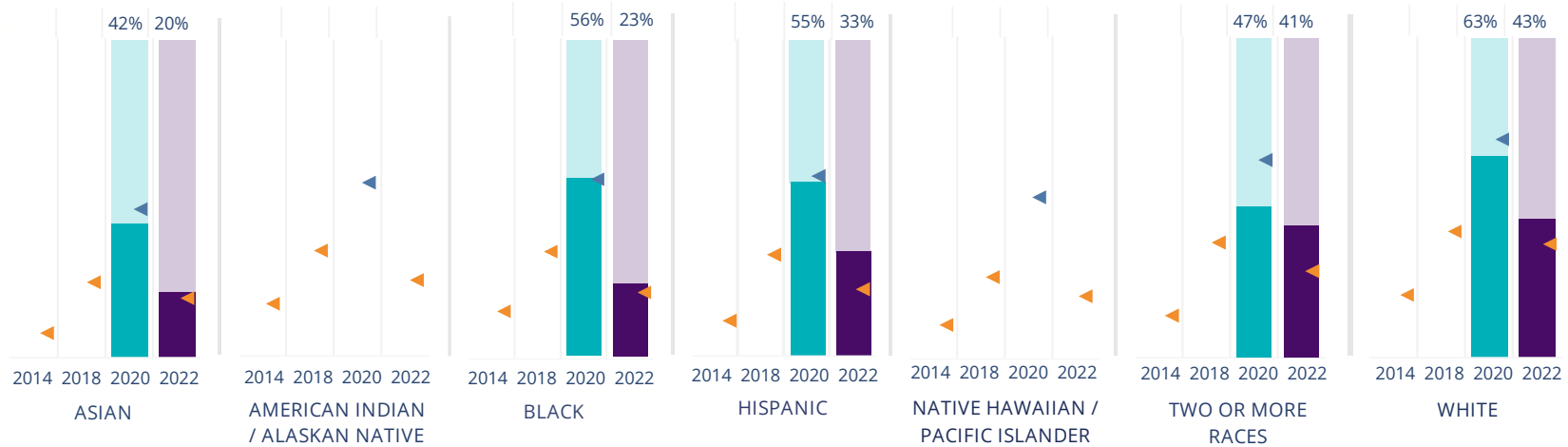
## By Institution Types



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

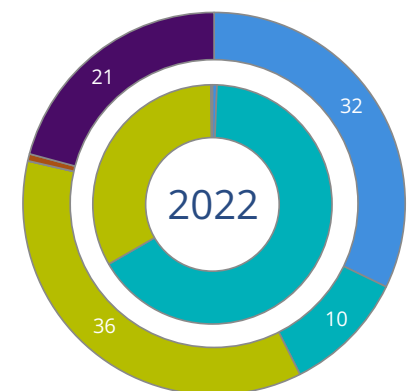
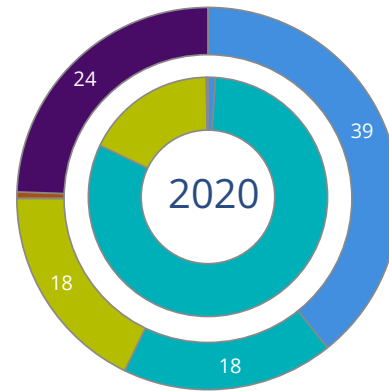
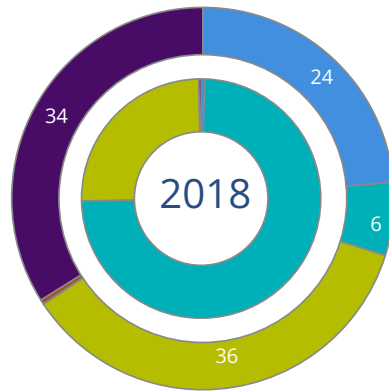
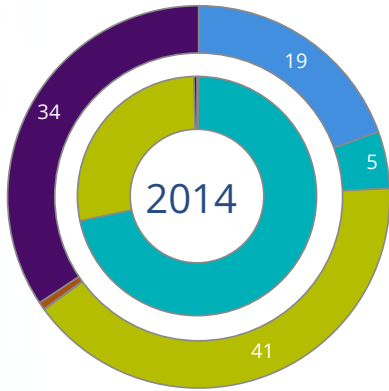
**This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates.** We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	538	224	41	553	112	20	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	15	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	338	190	56	324	74	22	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,066	15,397	54	27,751	9,118	32	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	66	31	46	44	18	40	-
White	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,084	684	63	980	423	43	-
Race Unknown	20,533	3,156	15	27,159	10,862	39	752	233	30	501	76	15	↓24



# 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	2,257	71	8,065	74	13,591	81	6,494	66	↓	-8
In-Person	879	27	2,717	25	2,968	17	3,257	33	↑	8
Not-In-Person	-	-	58	0	175	1	55	0	→	0
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	13	0	22	0	30	0	20	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	12%	39%	51%	29%
22-24	13%	38%	55%	33%
25-29	17%	39%	54%	32%
30-39	21%	41%	60%	37%
40-49	30%	51%	70%	50%
50+	41%	60%	76%	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	10,600	1,377	12	14,005	5,520	39	15,837	8,151	51	16,225	4,767	29	↓ -10
22-24	4,578	631	13	6,377	2,434	38	6,843	3,766	55	6,295	2,115	33	↓ -4
25-29	2,550	445	17	3,493	1,397	39	4,129	2,253	54	3,760	1,240	32	↓ -7
30-39	1,891	398	21	2,176	913	41	2,660	1,597	60	2,477	940	37	↓ -4
40-49	693	214	30	824	426	51	1,034	729	70	1,019	515	50	↓ -1
50+	221	91	41	284	172	60	353	269	76	392	249	63	↑ 2

# Looking Closer

## By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	11,609	1,793	15	15,583	6,658	42	18,397	10,479	56	18,151	6,257	34	 -8
Male	8,923	1,363	15	11,558	4,195	36	12,436	6,271	50	12,013	3,567	29	 -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(%)	
<b>EDUCATION LEVEL</b>													
Undergraduate	14,218	2,016	14	23,633	9,257	39	25,538	13,388	52	25,156	7,699	30	↓ -8
Graduate	2,794	626	22	3,517	1,601	45	5,315	3,374	63	4,578	1,933	42	↓ -3
Class Unknown	3,521	514	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	434	-	-	-
<b>CLASS YEAR</b>													
Freshman	3,933	421	10	4,670	1,573	33	4,907	2,003	40	5,954	1,328	22	↓ -11
Sophomore	3,741	503	13	4,462	1,716	38	4,950	2,553	51	4,163	1,259	30	↓ -8
Upperclassman	9,737	1,521	15	14,666	6,048	41	15,703	8,848	56	15,047	5,114	33	↓ -7
<b>ENROLLMENT STATUS</b>													
Full-time	13,931	2,011	14	20,072	8,023	39	23,555	12,575	53	22,124	6,934	31	↓ -8
Part-time	6,602	1,145	17	7,087	2,839	40	7,301	4,190	57	8,044	2,892	35	↓ -4

**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	17	-	-	31	17	54	15	-	-	16	11	68	 +13
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,985	295	14	3,005	1,318	43	3,122	1,784	57	2,623	872	33	 -10
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,532	363	14	3,181	1,093	34	3,914	1,963	50	3,915	1,130	28	 -5
Communication and Journalism	507	92	18	530	277	52	545	365	66	468	205	43	 -8




**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	452	63	13	723	269	37	902	436	48	1,267	391	30	↓ -6
Education	697	158	22	912	475	52	1,372	939	68	1,170	576	49	↓ -2
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,769	144	8	2,340	704	30	2,706	1,235	45	2,688	664	24	↓ -5
English Language and Literature	550	111	20	588	318	54	663	416	62	617	254	41	↓ -12
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	52	-	-	173	66	38	305	144	47	415	124	29	↓ -8
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	177	24	13	249	81	32	231	113	48	281	87	30	↓ -1
Health Professions	3,686	506	13	3,842	1,532	39	3,873	2,146	55	4,229	1,376	32	↓ -7
History	209	69	33	321	169	52	326	215	65	370	194	52	→ 0
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	1,264	204	16	1,854	693	37	2,198	1,095	49	2,031	547	26	↓ -10
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	716	94	13	1,605	569	35	1,740	928	53	1,619	452	27	↓ -7

## 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	349	41	11	648	220	33	581	256	44	337	103	30	 -3
Mathematics and Statistics	244	26	10	368	155	42	432	227	52	408	127	31	 -10
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,024	161	15	2,016	747	37	2,361	1,227	51	2,235	712	31	 -5
Philosophy and Religious Studies	52	11	21	62	36	58	71	47	66	94	41	43	 -14
Social Sciences	688	177	25	549	308	56	655	424	64	588	282	47	 -8
Visual and Performing Arts	909	120	13	1,240	526	42	1,358	774	56	1,487	489	32	 -9
Unknown	201	54	26	23	-	-	20	-	-	17	-	-	-



## 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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