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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

47.8%

2022 Voting Rate

-10.7

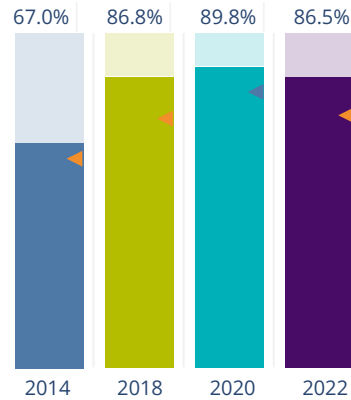
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



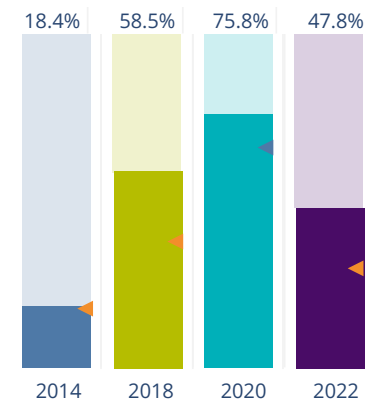
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	52,387	52,901	52,041	55,369	↑ 2,468
Age under 18/Unknown	190	213	217	197	↓ -16
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	4,494	4,864	4,095	5,389	↑ 525
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	4,768	4,641	2,260	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	39	28	-	-
Total eligible voters	42,927	43,143	45,440	49,782	↑ 6,638
Number of students who registered	28,780	37,465	40,820	43,051	↑ 5,586
Number of students who voted	7,878	25,237	34,444	23,780	↓ -1,457
Registration Rate %	67	86	89	86	→ 0
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	27	67	84	55	↓ -12
Voting Rate %	18	58	75	47	↓ -10

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.

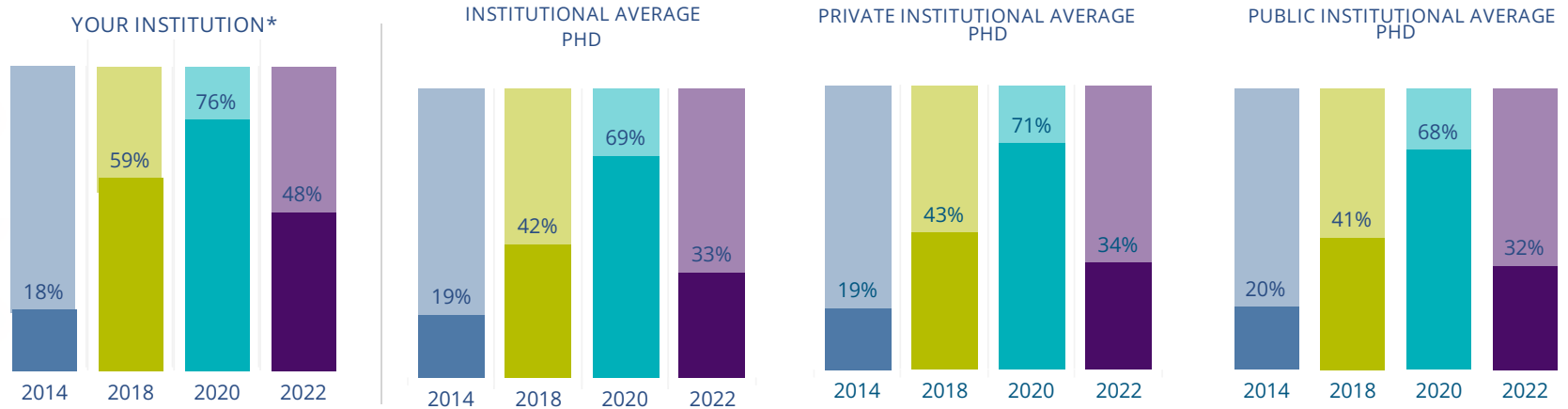
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

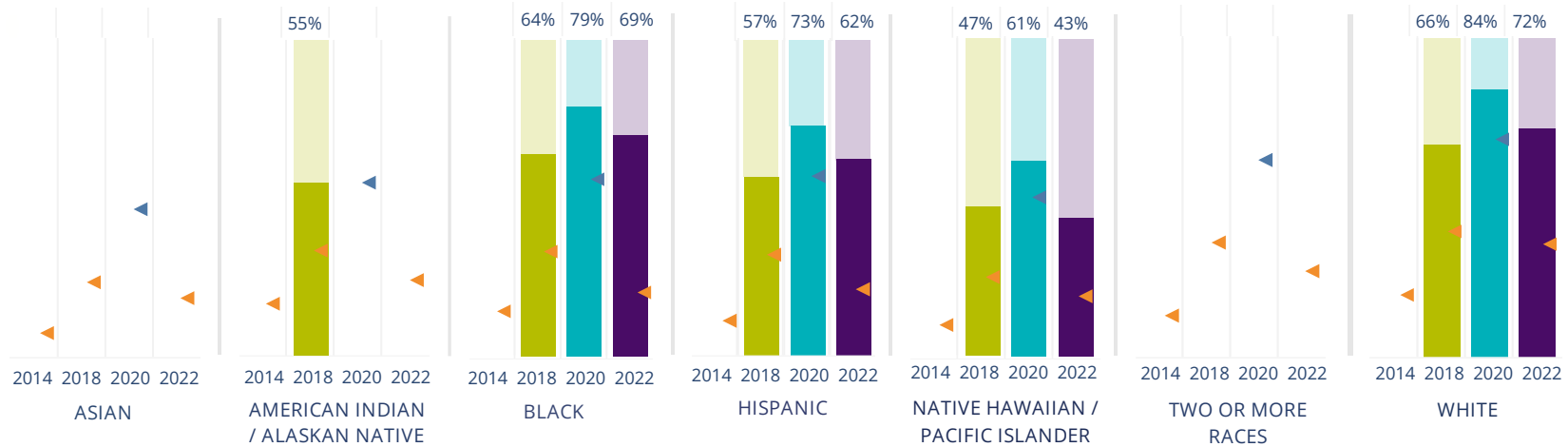
By Institution Types



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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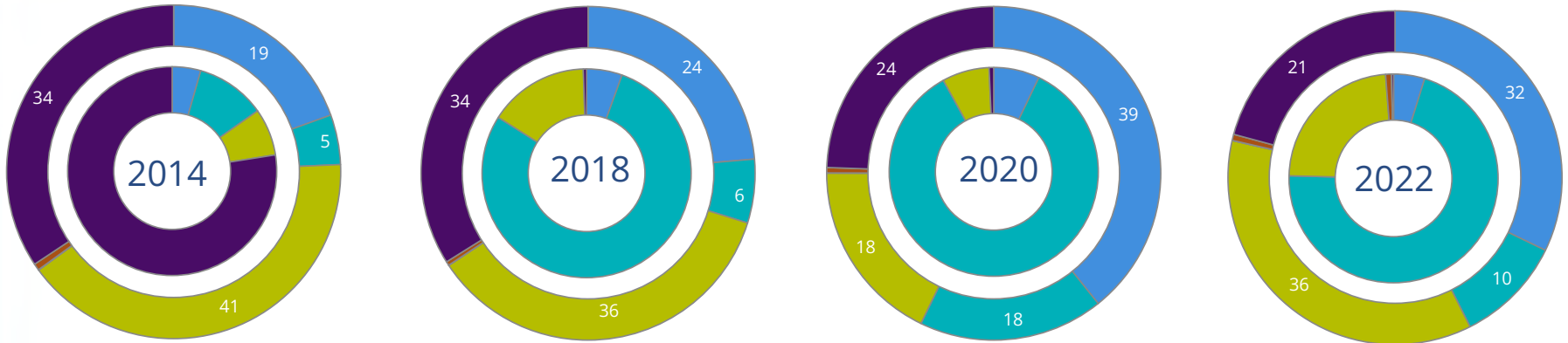
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	51	28	54	13	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	572	364	63	149	117	78	72	50	69	↑ 5
Hispanic	-	-	-	2,729	1,546	56	653	475	72	314	194	61	↑ 5
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	3,078	1,447	47	599	368	61	295	127	43	↓ -3
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	-	-	-	5,578	3,688	66	1,412	1,181	83	754	539	71	↑ 5
Race Unknown	47,421	7,878	16	35,996	18,164	50	46,708	32,293	69	53,737	22,870	42	↓ -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	850	10	19,816	78	29,239	84	16,778	70	↓	-7
In-Person	572	7	3,901	15	2,509	7	5,564	23	↑	7
Not-In-Person	344	4	1,383	5	2,457	7	1,149	4	→	0
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	208	0	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	6,111	77	132	0	231	0	81	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	14%	53%	73%	44%
22-24	14%	48%	65%	40%
25-29	21%	49%	58%	38%
30-39	27%	50%	55%	37%
40-49	42%	64%	75%	53%
50+	62%	76%	81%	69%

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	29,128	4,144	14	31,649	17,070	53	33,004	24,129	73	35,290	15,839	44	↓ -9
22-24	9,032	1,341	14	8,103	3,940	48	7,959	5,209	65	9,049	3,632	40	↓ -8
25-29	5,270	1,147	21	4,833	2,401	49	4,932	2,905	58	6,147	2,356	38	↓ -11
30-39	3,214	874	27	2,747	1,375	50	2,869	1,604	55	3,599	1,334	37	↓ -12
40-49	581	249	42	512	328	64	542	411	75	841	448	53	↓ -10
50+	196	123	62	160	123	76	228	186	81	246	171	69	↓ -7

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	-	-	-	24,962	14,682	58	26,621	19,761	74	30,060	15,041	50	 -8
Male	-	-	-	23,042	10,555	45	22,913	14,683	64	25,108	8,736	34	 -11

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	36,594	5,414	14	37,636	20,142	53	38,530	27,786	72	41,114	18,290	44	↓ -9
Graduate	10,713	2,417	22	10,313	5,051	48	10,929	6,598	60	13,956	5,433	38	↓ -10
Class Unknown	114	47	41	55	44	80	75	60	80	102	57	55	↓ -24
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	6,626	819	12	8,031	4,064	50	7,132	5,110	71	7,690	3,364	43	↓ -6
Sophomore	8,033	1,044	12	8,152	4,361	53	8,244	5,934	71	9,118	3,892	42	↓ -10
Upperclassman	22,097	3,569	16	21,451	11,712	54	23,156	16,744	72	24,326	11,045	45	↓ -9
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	-	-	-	44,778	23,528	52	45,824	32,038	69	49,889	21,640	43	↓ -9
Part-time	-	-	-	3,226	1,709	52	3,710	2,406	64	5,283	2,140	40	↓ -12

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	521	106	20	544	296	54	553	397	71	576	267	46	 -8
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	375	100	26	340	191	56	314	201	64	345	152	44	 -12
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	4,458	586	13	4,997	2,651	53	5,351	3,878	72	5,715	2,574	45	 -8
Business, Management, and Marketing	5,738	736	12	5,864	2,855	48	5,744	3,989	69	6,026	2,276	37	 -10
Communication and Journalism	3,119	563	18	3,361	2,042	60	3,427	2,617	76	3,808	1,957	51	 -9



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	1,839	232	12	1,730	820	47	2,588	1,516	58	3,781	1,282	33	↓ -13
Education	762	249	32	567	370	65	513	383	74	581	363	62	↓ -2
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	6,975	899	12	7,154	3,140	43	7,407	4,637	62	8,291	2,894	34	↓ -8
English Language and Literature	1,514	347	22	1,555	918	59	1,307	988	75	1,131	597	52	↓ -6
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	1,458	168	11	1,077	581	53	1,120	825	73	628	323	51	↓ -2
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	624	134	21	512	283	55	472	326	69	484	222	45	↓ -9
Health Professions	2,233	331	14	2,877	1,585	55	3,204	2,376	74	3,424	1,675	48	↓ -6
History	559	158	28	501	314	62	399	272	68	403	212	52	↓ -10
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	838	62	7	911	360	39	1,141	769	67	1,385	442	31	↓ -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
Legal Professions and Studies	1,035	275	26	1,025	622	60	914	729	79	1,045	580	55	 -5
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,509	376	14	2,109	1,049	49	1,930	1,376	71	1,594	712	44	 -5
Mathematics and Statistics	1,015	152	14	998	417	41	1,017	612	60	1,007	389	38	 -3
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	2,267	357	15	1,876	1,128	60	2,118	1,541	72	3,650	1,611	44	 -15
Philosophy and Religious Studies	219	38	17	236	132	55	240	161	67	244	96	39	 -16
Social Sciences	3,452	761	22	3,495	1,829	52	3,392	2,309	68	4,015	1,782	44	 -7
Visual and Performing Arts	1,593	290	18	1,906	1,110	58	2,058	1,502	72	2,082	977	46	 -11
Unknown	17	-	-	73	57	78	83	68	81	85	50	58	 -19

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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