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Student Voting Rates for University Of Utah

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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

32.9%

2022 Voting Rate

-12.7

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

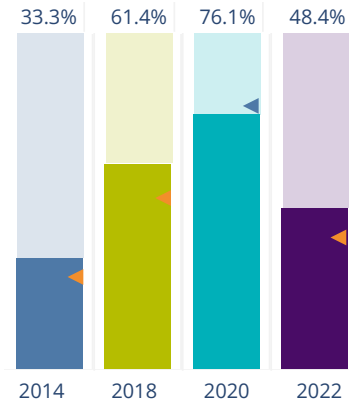
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



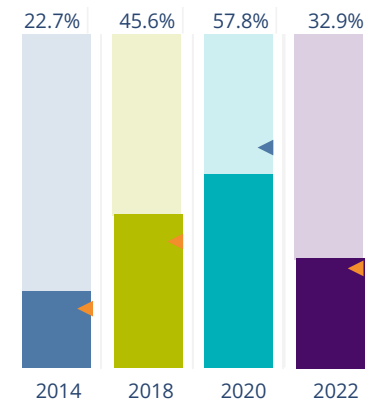
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	34,786	33,017	33,119	33,604	↑ 587
Age under 18/Unknown	293	278	345	340	↑ 62
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	2,863	2,049	2,190	2,921	↑ 872
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	2,308	2,305	1,620	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	1,059	835	-	-
Total eligible voters	29,321	27,325	28,128	30,342	↑ 3,016
Number of students who registered	20,054	20,306	21,342	20,616	↑ 310
Number of students who voted	6,668	12,459	16,251	9,982	↓ -2,477
Registration Rate %	68	74	75	67	↓ -6
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	33	61	76	48	↓ -12
Voting Rate %	22	45	57	32	↓ -12

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.

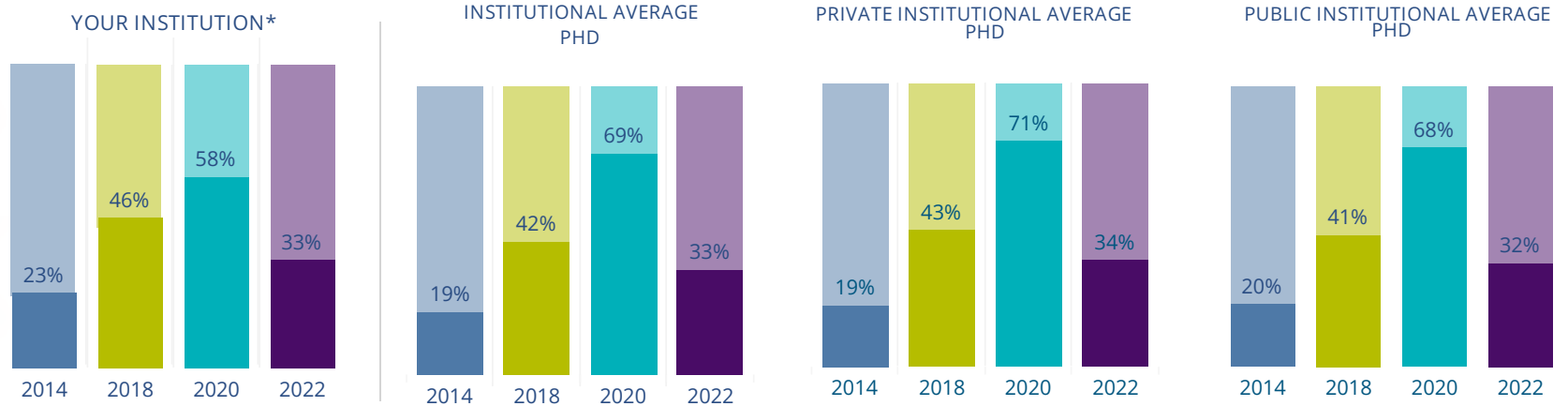
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

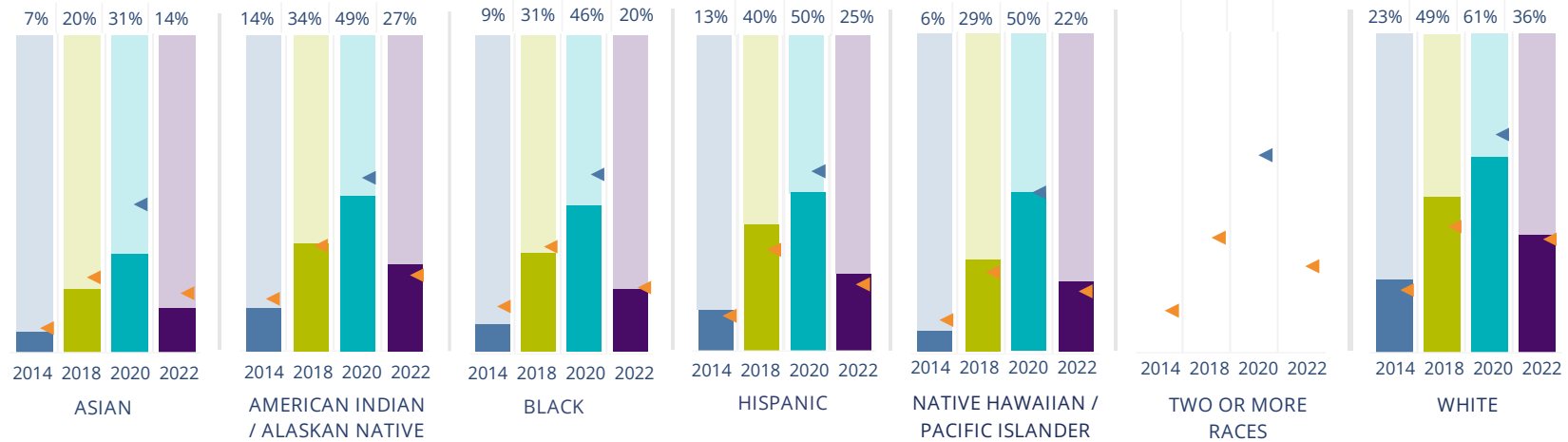
By Institution Types



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

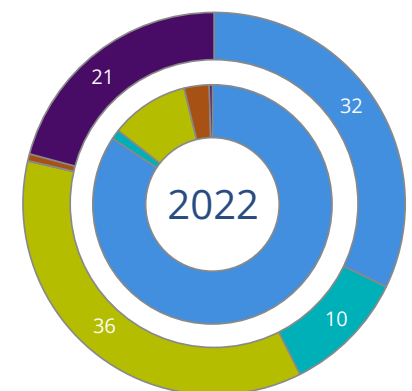
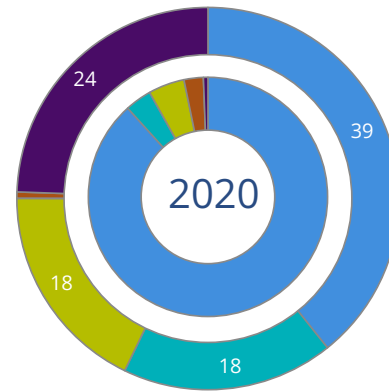
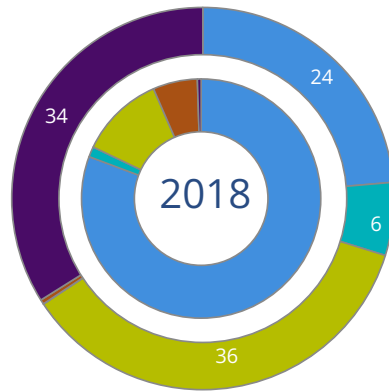
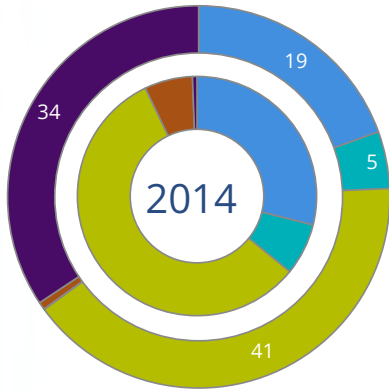
By Race/Ethnicity

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	3,177	209	6	3,758	743	19	4,013	1,226	30	4,844	676	13	↓-5
American Indian/ Alaska Native	326	45	13	445	153	34	396	195	49	398	109	27	↓-6
Black	518	45	8	589	183	31	643	296	46	767	151	19	↓-11
Hispanic	2,673	347	12	3,377	1,358	40	3,857	1,924	49	4,361	1,071	24	↓-15
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	233	15	6	297	86	28	295	147	49	310	68	21	↓-7
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	21,333	4,895	22	19,606	9,527	48	19,904	12,094	60	20,599	7,506	36	↓-12
Race Unknown	3,925	1,112	28	1,216	409	33	1,133	369	32	1,985	401	20	↓-13

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	467	7	175	1	585	3	133	1	↔	0
In-Person	3,802	57	1,417	11	791	4	1,063	10	↔	0
Not-In-Person	1,930	28	10,057	80	14,356	88	8,413	84	↑	3
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	434	6	746	6	424	2	340	3	↓	-2
Voting Method Unknown	35	0	64	0	95	0	33	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	11%	38%	54%	26%
22-24	14%	42%	53%	28%
25-29	18%	41%	51%	31%
30-39	27%	48%	52%	36%
40-49	38%	59%	64%	47%
50+	70%	70%	70%	65%

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	9,823	1,084	11	11,910	4,643	38	13,473	7,299	54	16,453	4,379	26	↓-12
22-24	7,176	1,073	14	6,408	2,743	42	6,269	3,333	53	6,786	1,943	28	↓-14
25-29	7,070	1,305	18	6,084	2,522	41	5,801	2,983	51	5,307	1,668	31	↓-10
30-39	4,741	1,294	27	3,575	1,734	48	3,418	1,791	52	3,166	1,159	36	↓-11
40-49	1,427	543	38	996	596	59	985	637	64	1,026	488	47	↓-12
50+	1,948	1,369	70	315	221	70	295	208	70	526	345	65	↓-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	13,981	2,964	21	13,567	6,125	45	14,530	8,137	56	16,258	5,104	31	↓ -13
Male	16,672	3,148	18	15,503	6,243	40	15,543	8,032	51	16,646	4,730	28	↓ -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	12,579	2,266	18	21,431	8,992	41	22,121	12,031	54	24,343	6,825	28	↓-13
Graduate	7,119	1,707	23	7,855	3,465	44	8,117	4,218	51	8,052	2,776	34	↓-9
Class Unknown	12,487	1,374	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	869	39	4	-
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	6,697	1,737	25	3,914	1,225	31	4,224	2,193	51	6,214	1,481	23	↓-7
Sophomore	3,556	415	11	4,069	1,577	38	4,382	2,285	52	5,143	1,286	25	↓-13
Upperclassman	14,769	2,812	19	13,575	6,256	46	13,607	7,609	55	13,840	4,435	32	↓-14
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	21,568	3,521	16	23,306	9,613	41	25,112	13,395	53	28,113	8,094	28	↓-12
Part-time	10,617	3,147	29	5,982	2,846	47	5,129	2,856	55	5,151	1,888	36	↓-10

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	240	27	11	267	98	36	283	145	51	237	69	29	↓ -7
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	111	24	21	171	97	56	156	93	59	177	66	37	↓ -19
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,314	210	15	1,305	544	41	1,509	795	52	2,095	629	30	↓ -11
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,090	613	14	4,007	1,559	38	4,175	2,262	54	4,662	1,256	26	↓ -11
Communication and Journalism	834	154	18	856	350	40	833	385	46	752	152	20	↓ -20



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	1,359	198	14	2,178	758	34	2,629	1,144	43	3,304	685	20	↓-14
Education	650	155	23	632	358	56	622	398	63	579	242	41	↓-14
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	3,309	527	15	3,460	1,322	38	3,609	1,814	50	3,568	1,062	29	↓-8
English Language and Literature	456	111	24	415	249	60	376	234	62	420	170	40	↓-19
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	418	80	19	357	156	43	341	184	53	338	94	27	↓-15
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	417	86	20	334	162	48	244	126	51	286	91	31	↓-16
Health Professions	3,732	662	17	3,949	1,688	42	3,848	2,218	57	3,742	1,175	31	↓-11
History	241	89	36	178	113	63	199	118	59	194	83	42	↓-20
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,083	162	14	1,084	434	40	1,238	715	57	1,308	342	26	↓-13

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	369	111	30	314	179	57	328	205	62	333	160	48	 -8
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	4,045	1,266	31	1,909	756	39	1,467	824	56	2,361	770	32	 -6
Mathematics and Statistics	499	96	19	455	196	43	461	227	49	375	124	33	 -10
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	369	70	18	428	192	44	719	415	57	850	344	40	 -4
Philosophy and Religious Studies	113	20	17	113	51	45	109	55	50	108	30	27	 -17
Social Sciences	1,946	460	23	1,828	886	48	1,855	1,040	56	1,931	700	36	 -12
Visual and Performing Arts	1,753	259	14	1,734	759	43	1,743	965	55	1,957	575	29	 -14
Unknown	1,785	664	37	28	11	39	23	-	-	37	-	-	-

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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