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Student Voting Rates for University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

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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

44.3%

2022 Voting Rate

-3.8

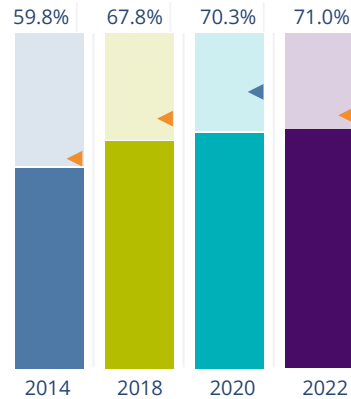
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



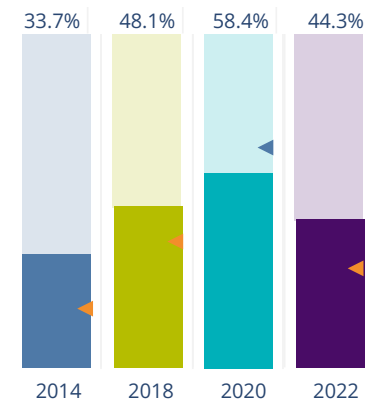
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	26,005	23,514	23,533	21,328	↓ -2,185
Age under 18/Unknown	104	133	392	409	↑ 276
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,431	1,170	958	1,152	↓ -18
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	30	11	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	583	-	-	-	-
Total eligible voters	23,856	22,199	22,175	19,766	↓ -2,432
Number of students who registered	14,257	15,059	15,588	14,032	↓ -1,027
Number of students who voted	8,029	10,678	12,954	8,758	↓ -1,920
Registration Rate %	59	67	70	70	↑ 3
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	56	70	83	62	↓ -8
Voting Rate %	33	48	58	44	↓ -3

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.

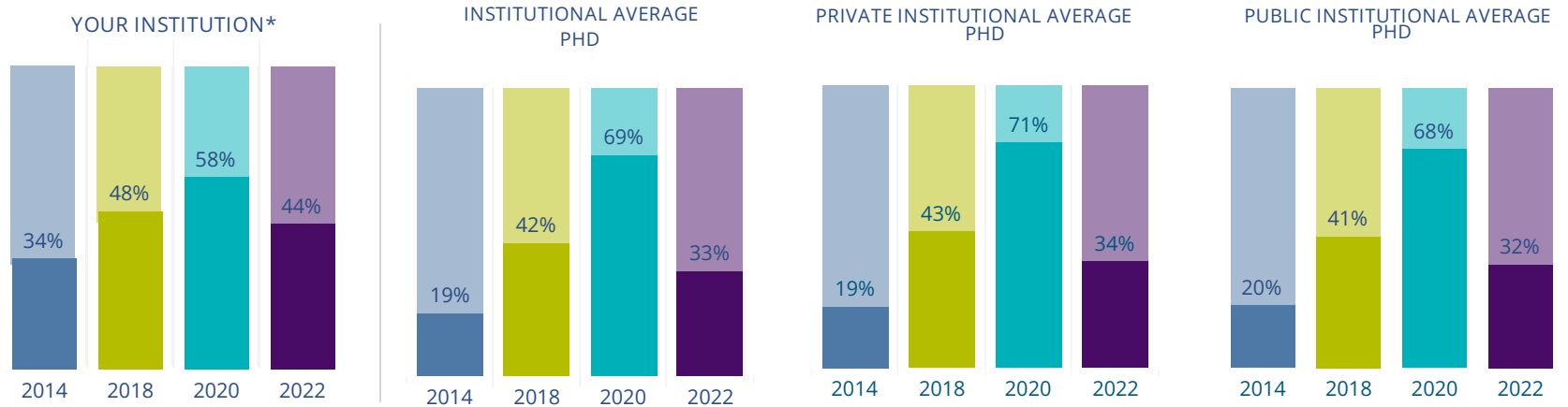
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

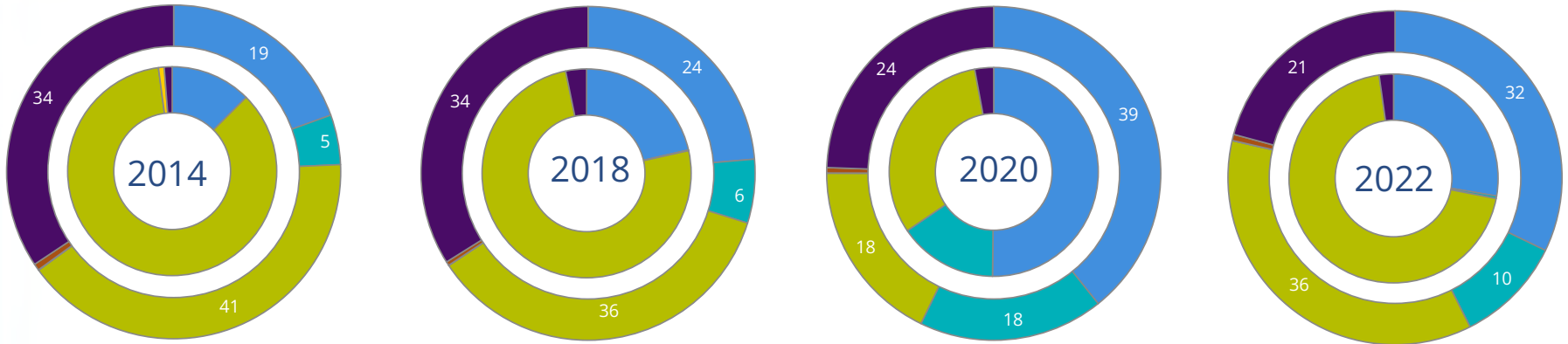
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Race Unknown	25,255	8,029	31	23,370	10,678	45	23,134	12,954	55	20,919	8,758	41	↓ -3

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	-	-	14	0	1,985	15	37	0	→	0
In-Person	6,854	85	8,038	75	4,095	31	6,105	69	↓	-5
Not-In-Person	1,001	12	2,288	21	6,497	50	2,425	27	↑	6
Other	74	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	95	1	338	3	377	2	191	2	↓	-1

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	25%	43%	58%	44%
22-24	32%	44%	48%	34%
25-29	32%	45%	51%	36%
30-39	42%	47%	57%	42%
40-49	59%	60%	71%	60%
50+	69%	75%	79%	71%

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	11,009	2,787	25	10,649	4,607	43	11,300	6,581	58	10,152	4,514	44	↑ 1
22-24	6,162	1,992	32	5,303	2,373	44	4,989	2,426	48	4,762	1,621	34	↓ -10
25-29	4,097	1,312	32	3,552	1,623	45	3,204	1,654	51	2,683	966	36	↓ -9
30-39	2,692	1,131	42	2,572	1,231	47	2,448	1,407	57	2,201	946	42	↓ -4
40-49	882	522	59	878	530	60	813	583	71	806	485	60	→ 0
50+	413	285	69	416	314	75	380	303	79	315	226	71	↓ -3

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	21,057	6,411	30	18,163	8,101	44	18,021	10,091	55	16,350	6,735	41	↓ -3
Graduate	4,191	1,613	38	3,917	1,880	47	3,862	2,111	54	3,482	1,484	42	↓ -5
Class Unknown	-	-	-	1,290	377	29	1,251	392	31	1,087	301	27	↓ -1
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	4,295	894	20	3,572	1,545	43	2,798	1,790	63	3,159	1,340	42	→ 0
Sophomore	4,543	1,260	27	4,027	1,795	44	3,791	2,132	56	3,425	1,496	43	→ 0
Upperclassman	11,672	4,008	34	10,332	4,669	45	9,841	5,231	53	8,838	3,450	39	↓ -6
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	19,851	5,822	29	19,053	8,429	44	18,984	10,478	55	17,039	6,956	40	↓ -3
Part-time	5,404	2,207	40	4,317	2,249	52	4,150	2,476	59	3,880	1,802	46	↓ -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	-	-	-	582	232	39	601	343	57	650	266	40	↑ 1
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	-	-	-	107	55	51	71	42	59	85	41	48	↓ -3
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	-	-	-	977	418	42	755	390	51	673	257	38	↓ -4
Business, Management, and Marketing	-	-	-	3,941	1,658	42	3,382	1,777	52	3,087	1,127	36	↓ -5
Communication and Journalism	-	-	-	773	395	51	709	386	54	605	265	43	↓ -7
Communications Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	32	68	74	36	48	-



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
Communications Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	32	68	74	36	48	-
Computer and Information Sciences	-	-	-	1,153	512	44	1,125	577	51	1,124	373	33	↓ -11
Education	-	-	-	1,777	934	52	1,608	996	61	1,353	634	46	↓ -5
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	-	-	-	1,660	641	38	1,403	641	45	1,121	372	33	↓ -5
English Language and Literature	-	-	-	352	197	55	314	181	57	302	142	47	↓ -8
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	-	-	-	233	113	48	194	107	55	203	90	44	↓ -4
Health Professions	-	-	-	3,309	1,401	42	2,976	1,692	56	2,809	1,072	38	↓ -4
History	-	-	-	198	105	53	192	121	63	201	101	50	↓ -2
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	-	-	-	533	238	44	570	325	57	491	175	35	↓ -9
Library Science	-	-	-	343	226	65	355	268	75	385	258	67	↑ 1
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	-	-	-	386	135	34	312	168	53	324	116	35	→ 0

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	-	-	-	1,385	666	48	2,999	1,805	60	2,192	996	45	 -2
Mathematics and Statistics	-	-	-	158	58	36	136	69	50	128	45	35	 -1
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	-	354	179	50	248	134	54	200	92	46	 -4
Philosophy and Religious Studies	-	-	-	75	37	49	77	45	58	61	35	57	 8
Social Sciences	-	-	-	871	426	48	794	416	52	790	361	45	 -3
Visual and Performing Arts	-	-	-	1,573	819	52	1,554	919	59	1,481	716	48	 -3
Unknown	25,255	8,029	31	75	40	53	151	86	56	113	47	41	 -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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