

Student Voting Rates for University Of Wyoming NSLVE Campus Report



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#### June 2024 **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 All the Best, to dive into the results with you and share what we see as the major takeaways in the Adam, Duy, Mari, and Victoria 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.

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.

		2014			2018		2014-2018
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Chang (p.p
Asian	1.1	-		1	-	-	
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	÷	-	-	-	-	
Black		-	-	-		-	
Hispanic	-	4	-	1	14	-	

#### Tables

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.



#### Vessel Chart

This chart shows rates out of 100%, with arrows to the right of each bar representing relevant national averages (medians), which you can find in Democracy Counts, our national report series.

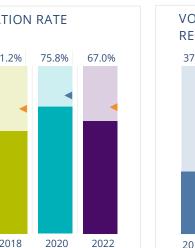


#### **Overlapping Donut Chart**

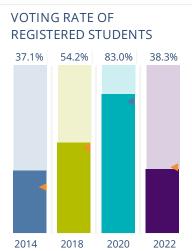
This chart is used to show the breakdown of vote method utilization (page 9), with the inner ring showing your campus's method utilization and the outer ring showing the national level utilization. These are described in percentages.

#### Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

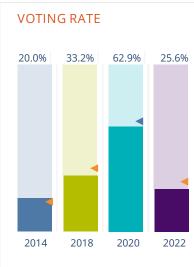
YOUR INSTITUTION **REGISTRATION RATE** 54.0% 61.2% 75.8% 25.6% 2022 Voting Rate -7.6 Change From 2018 2014 2018 2020 ALL INSTITUTIONS 30.6% students who registered to vote. 2022 Voting Rate



The Registration Rate is the percent of your voting-eligible



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.



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.

Voting and Registration Rates

	2014	2018	2020	2022	2018-2022 Change
Total Student Enrollment	13,231	12,240	11,686	10,888	<b>-</b> 1,352
Age under 18/Unknown	40	45	38	44	<b>4</b> -1
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	885	671	482	485	🖊 -185
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	24	25	19	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	318	400	-	-
Total eligible voters	12,281	11,180	10,746	10,358	+ -822
Number of students who registered	6,626	6,844	8,145	6,942	<b>†</b> 98
Number of students who voted	2,460	3,707	6,761	2,656	<b>↓</b> -1,051
Registration Rate %	53	61	75	67	<b>†</b> 5
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	37	54	83	38	<b>-</b> 15
Voting Rate %	20	33	62	25	<b>-</b> 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.

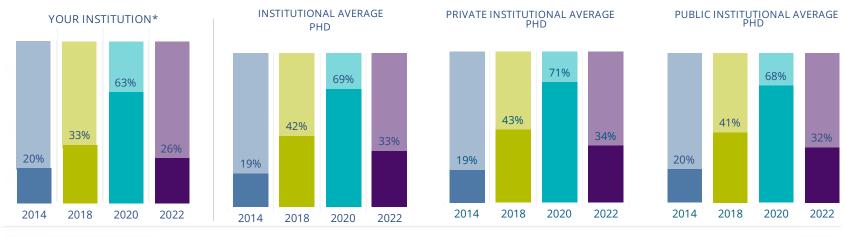
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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



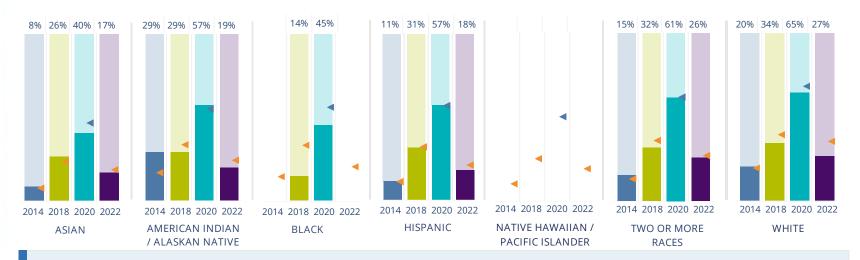
These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. For Associate institutions, we only share public associate institutional averages due to sample size. \*"Your Institution" chart is presented at a different scale.



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#### **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 : <u>https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq</u>

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

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 (%)	Change									
	Asian	276	23	8	152	40	26	149	60	40	158	27	17	<b>-</b> 9
	American Indian/ Alaska Native	76	22	28	62	18	29	75	43	57	62	12	19	<b>4</b> -9
	Black	138		-	112	16	14	120	54	45	107	-	-	-
is i)	Hispanic	725	82	. 11	722	226	31	688	391	56	848	152	17	<b>4</b> 13
	Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	33	-	-	14	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	2 or More Races	368	56	15	581	185	31	521	319	61	475	122	25	<b>4</b> -6
	White	9,872	2,018	20	8,316	2,826	33	8,254	5,332	64	8,156	2,166	26	<b>4</b> -7
	Race Unknown	1,679	244	14	1,874	390	20	1,393	556	39	1,029	169	16	<b>4</b> -4

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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. <u>https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-faq#CampusReports</u>. The inner ring in these charts show your campus's method utilization and the outer ring show the national level utilization.

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#### **By Age Group**

	2014	2018	2020	2022	
18-21	13%	30%	66%	21%	
22-24	13%	27%	55%	20%	V of el po
25-29	15%	29%	45%	22%	pe su ca
30-39	26%	36%	50%	29%	ol yc in
40-49	43%	47%	64%	47%	le ur ar
50+	54%	66%	72%	60%	

**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 mportance of continued need for institutionalized earning -- working with students to help them understand their political voice and power as they arrive on campus.

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## **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	2	2018-2022	
		Enrolled	Voted F	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted F	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted R	ate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change	
r	18-21	5,415	740	13	5,998	1,834	30	5,837	3,883	66	5,251	1,144	21	4 -8	
21/	22-24	2,804	378	13	2,664	738	27	2,370	1,318	55	2,372	493	20	<b>4</b> -6	
ay	25-29	2,037	323	15	1,539	447	29	1,320	605	45	1,331	298	22	4 -6	
	30-39	1,702	446	26	1,071	389	36	1,062	539	50	1,159	343	29	<b>4</b> -6	
	40-49	746	322	43	397	190	47	428	276	64	499	238	47	<b>→</b> 0	
	50+	463	251	54	164	109	66	194	140	72	232	140	60	4 -6	

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By Sex

		2014			2018			2020			2022		2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change									
Female	7,025	1,435	20	6,038	2,125	35	5,931	3,793	63	5,843	1,527	26	<b>-</b> 9
Male	6,142	1,025	16	5,795	1,582	27	5,280	2,968	56	5,000	1,128	22	4 -4

**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

#### By Education Level / Undergraduate Class Year

	Enrolled	<b>2014</b> Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	<b>2018</b> Voted Ra	ite (%)	Enrolled	<b>2020</b> Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	<b>2022</b> Voted	Rate (%)	2018-2022 Rate Change
	LEVEL												
Undergraduate	8,305	1,270	0 15	9,596	2,861	29	8,966	5,558	3 61	8,098	1,751	1 21	4 -8
Graduate	2,054	45	2 22	2,237	846	37	2,245	1,203	3 53	2,398	760	) 31	4 -6
Class Unknown	2,808	44	4 15	-	-	-	-			348	53	3 15	-
CLASS YEAR	2												
Freshman	2,148	23	9 11	2,095	626	29	1,705	1,068	3 62	1,847	371	20	<b>4</b> -9
Sophomore	1,632	224	4 13	1,790	534	29	1,783	1,206	5 67	1,514	328	3 21	<b>4</b> -8
Upperclassman	5,652	94	5 16	5,393	1,578	29	5,207	3,125	5 60	4,586	1,024	1 22	4 -6
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Full-time	9,916	1,420	14	10,091	3,041	30	9,400	5,752	61	8,667	1,901	21	4 -8
Part-time	3,251	1,040	31	1,742	666	38	1,811	1,009	55	2,177	755	34	4 -3

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (undergraduate/graduate), Class Year, and Enrollment Status (fulltime/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 (%)	Change									
Agriculture	624	93	14	683	206	30	608	401	65	589	145	24	<b>4</b> -5
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	35	-	-	43	14	32	61	32	52	66	14	21	<b>4</b> 11
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	883	126	14	955	280	29	947	573	60	829	202	24	<b>4</b> -4
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,275	232	18	1,384	434	31	1,348	836	62	1,530	360	23	<b>-</b> 7
Communication and Journalism	278	46	16	222	74	33	197	125	63	175	49	28	<b>-</b> 5

**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 (%)	Change									
Computer and Information Sciences	236	23	9	274	67	24	241	135	56	244	41	16	<b>↓</b> -7
Education	1,354	370	27	1,132	429	37	1,057	702	66	1,237	375	30	<b>-</b> 7
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,590	187	11	1,618	371	22	1,267	668	52	1,092	218	19	<b>-</b> 2
English Language and Literature	176	31	17	162	67	41	146	93	63	171	63	36	4 -4
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	162	26	16	163	60	36	107	67	62	117	26	22	<b>4</b> -14
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	57	13	22	56	22	39	60	34	56	52	19	36	<b>-</b> 2
Health Professions	1,299	237	18	1,156	376	32	1,179	679	57	1,069	267	24	<b>-</b> 7
History	122	24	19	86	29	33	95	63	66	112	30	26	4 -6
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	354	47	13	321	90	28	335	204	60	261	44	16	<b>↓</b> -11
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	365	37	10	365	102	27	402	259	64	342	48	14	<b>-</b> 13

# **By Field of Study**

FIELDS		2014			2018			2020			2022		2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change									
Legal Professions and Studies	227	61	26	206	101	49	214	136	63	214	64	29	<b>4</b> -19
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,768	474	26	703	196	27	617	385	62	563	158	28	<b>■</b> 0
Mathematics and Statistics	100	16	16	89	23	25	101	55	54	87	17	19	<b>-</b> 6
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	203	54	26	150	50	33	125	81	64	104	30	28	4 -4
Philosophy and Religious Studies	38	-	-	24	-	-	29	17	58	30	13	43	-
Social Sciences	470	109	23	496	202	40	441	274	62	371	114	30	<b>-</b> 9
Visual and Performing Arts	350	40	11	312	98	31	276	158	57	258	49	18	<b>↓</b> -12
Unknown	23	-	-	33	13	39	26	17	65	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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