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Student Voting Rates for Washington University in St Louis

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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

34.4%

2022 Voting Rate

-16.7

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



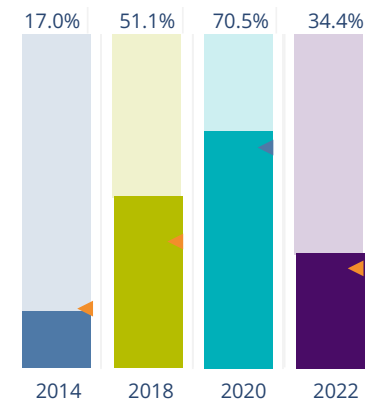
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	14,426	15,992	16,214	17,116	↑ 1,124
Age under 18/Unknown	90	53	67	59	↑ 6
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	2,264	3,262	3,317	4,653	↑ 1,391
Datasource	IPEDS	NSC	IPEDS	NSC	-
FERPA records blocked	878	269	137	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	145	178	205	-	-
Total eligible voters	11,048	12,230	12,487	12,404	↑ 174
Number of students who registered	7,606	9,777	10,315	9,697	↓ -80
Number of students who voted	1,876	6,245	8,809	4,261	↓ -1,984
Registration Rate %	68	79	82	78	↓ -1
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	24	63	85	43	↓ -19
Voting Rate %	16	51	70	34	↓ -16

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.

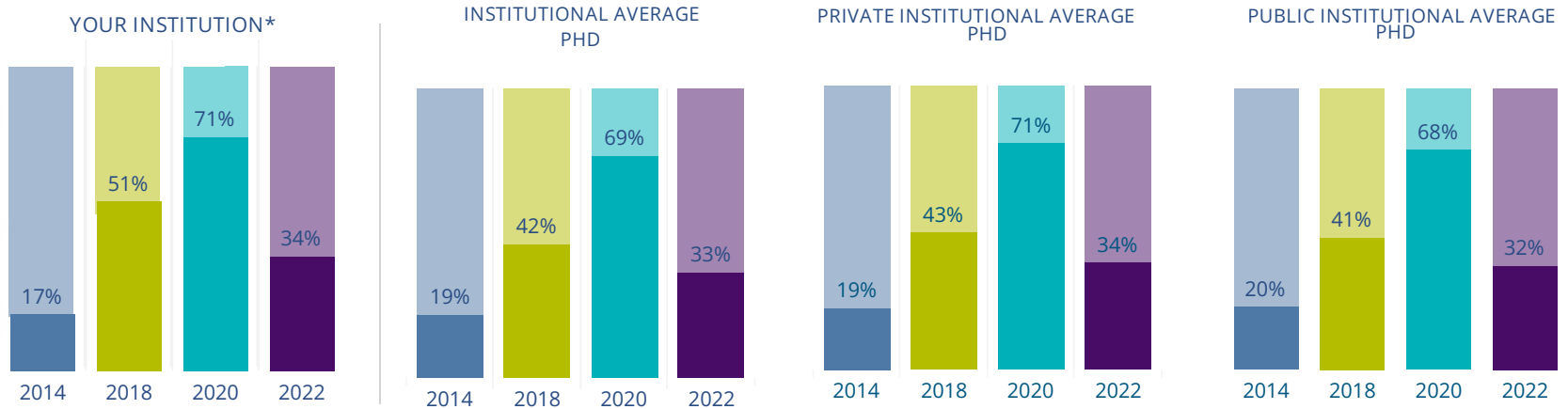
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

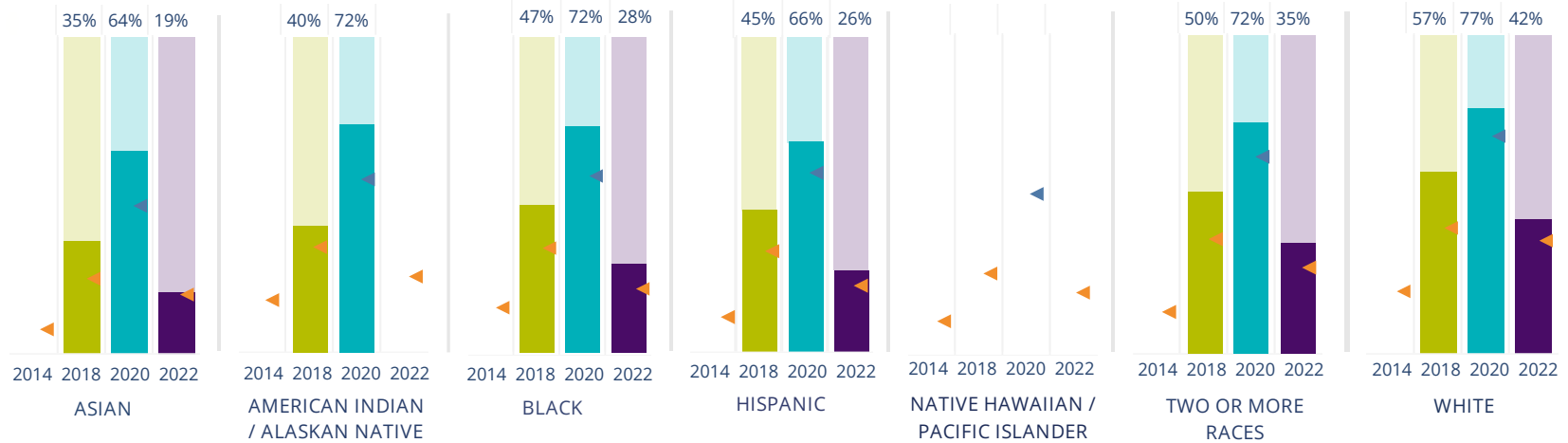
By Institution Types



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

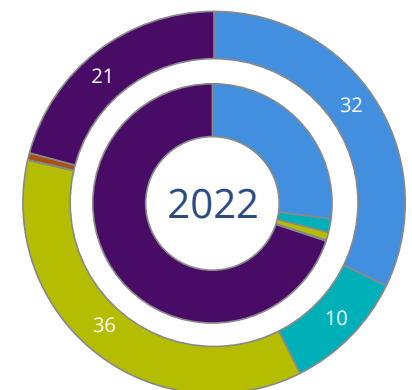
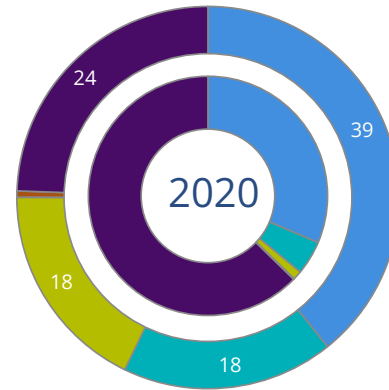
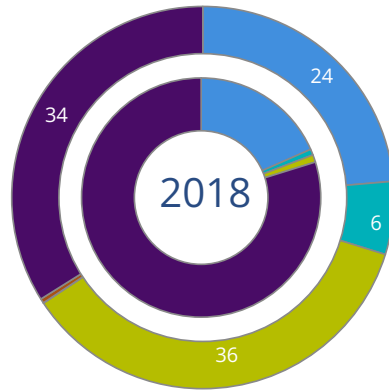
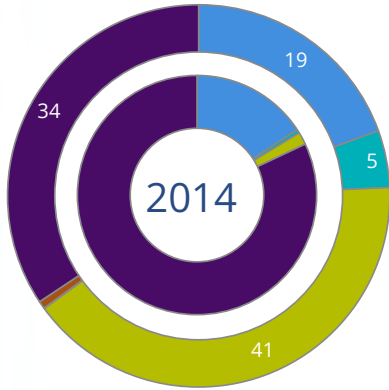
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	1,761	622	35	1,926	1,228	63	2,236	434	19	↓15
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	30	12	40	29	21	72	25	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	1,134	527	46	1,163	833	71	1,177	327	27	↓18
Hispanic	-	-	-	1,012	453	44	1,142	757	66	1,329	346	26	↓18
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	12	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	504	254	50	607	438	72	765	267	34	↓15
White	-	-	-	7,156	4,063	56	6,790	5,215	76	6,483	2,727	42	↓14
Race Unknown	13,288	1,876	14	626	313	50	4,094	309	7	377	150	39	↓10

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	-	-	53	0	402	4	75	1	↑	1
In-Person	31	1	62	1	107	1	47	1	→	0
Not-In-Person	296	15	1,151	18	2,767	31	1,156	27	↑	8
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	1,540	82	4,979	79	5,524	62	2,980	69	↓	-9

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	9%	47%	70%	28%
22-24	10%	45%	38%	29%
25-29	17%	56%	45%	45%
30-39	22%	61%	51%	46%
40-49	35%	62%	60%	44%
50+	53%	69%	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 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	5,809	533	9	6,119	2,935	47	6,657	4,710	70	6,279	1,813	28	↓ -19
22-24	2,850	293	10	2,230	1,018	45	3,942	1,529	38	2,412	717	29	↓ -15
25-29	2,475	427	17	2,155	1,208	56	3,084	1,406	45	2,015	915	45	↓ -10
30-39	1,461	327	22	1,071	658	61	1,426	741	51	1,103	516	46	↓ -14
40-49	416	147	35	384	239	62	419	253	60	377	169	44	↓ -17
50+	277	149	53	271	187	69	234	170	72	218	131	60	↓ -8

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	-	-	-	6,464	3,607	55	8,250	4,926	59	6,930	2,586	37	↓ -18
Male	-	-	-	5,682	2,595	45	7,512	3,883	51	5,471	1,674	30	↓ -15

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	6,342	659	10	6,585	3,227	49	7,220	5,141	71	7,011	2,081	29	↓-19
Graduate	6,049	992	16	5,027	2,712	53	7,975	3,391	42	4,696	1,941	41	↓-12
Class Unknown	897	225	25	618	306	49	567	277	48	697	211	30	↓-19
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	1,602	135	8	1,693	811	47	1,476	1,016	68	1,726	448	25	↓-21
Sophomore	1,494	137	9	1,611	728	45	1,429	1,007	70	1,841	533	28	↓-16
Upperclassman	3,222	385	11	3,258	1,671	51	4,280	3,106	72	3,384	1,088	32	↓-19
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	-	-	-	10,677	5,305	49	13,614	7,743	56	10,703	3,514	32	↓-16
Part-time	-	-	-	1,553	940	60	2,148	1,066	49	1,701	747	43	↓-16

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	449	15	3	234	91	38	380	170	44	254	65	25	 -13
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	106	19	17	124	78	62	124	92	74	110	53	48	 -14
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	979	156	15	997	546	54	1,235	810	65	1,160	470	40	 -14
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,937	262	13	1,362	634	46	2,182	918	42	1,205	360	29	 -16
Communication and Journalism	15	-	-	18	14	77	-	-	-	16	11	68	 -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	515	93	18	513	222	43	834	415	49	597	177	29	 -13
Education	37	-	-	46	34	73	41	31	75	60	36	60	 -13
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,805	173	9	1,216	572	47	1,846	951	51	1,221	406	33	 -13
English Language and Literature	165	31	18	147	96	65	169	131	77	157	71	45	 -20
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	199	25	12	124	72	58	163	76	46	85	36	42	 -15
Health Professions	1,064	140	13	1,019	479	47	1,084	608	56	1,070	357	33	 -13
History	101	30	29	69	46	66	75	57	76	79	38	48	 -18

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	952	134	14	958	507	52	1,253	711	56	932	386	41	 -11
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,910	323	16	1,571	752	47	1,668	1,183	70	1,515	399	26	 -21
Mathematics and Statistics	210	16	7	167	84	50	589	92	15	128	40	31	 -19
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	333	51	15	649	286	44	853	458	53	892	255	28	 -15
Philosophy and Religious Studies	15	-	-	38	16	42	43	33	76	39	18	46	 4
Social Sciences	695	123	17	739	450	60	821	555	67	714	278	38	 -21
Visual and Performing Arts	420	37	8	409	205	50	458	315	68	442	145	32	 -17
Unknown	105	-	-	630	313	49	623	315	50	566	202	35	 -13

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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