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Student Voting Rates for Wayne State University

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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

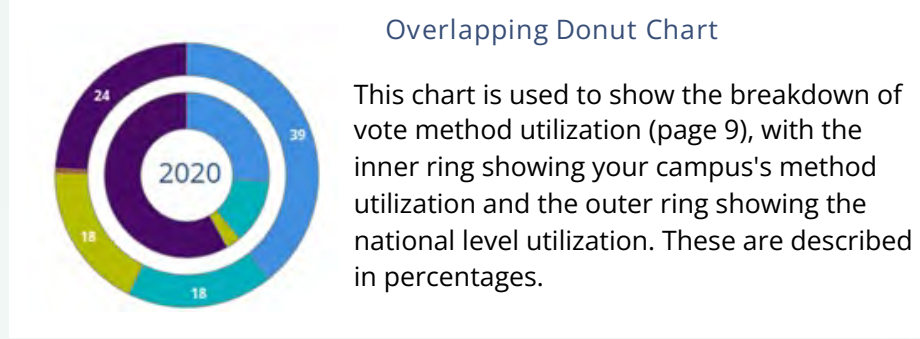
In This Report

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

56.6%

2022 Voting Rate

+4.4

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



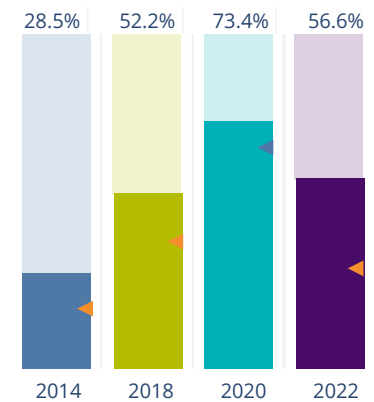
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	23,857	25,156	24,937	23,346	↓ -1,810
Age under 18/Unknown	239	226	244	233	↑ 7
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,919	1,509	1,020	1,189	↓ -320
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	NSC	
FERPA records blocked	354	109	83	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	-	640	-	-
Total eligible voters	21,344	23,311	22,949	21,924	↓ -1,387
Number of students who registered	16,014	18,865	20,646	19,092	↑ 227
Number of students who voted	6,079	12,178	16,840	12,402	↑ 224
Registration Rate %	75	80	89	87	↑ 6
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	37	64	81	64	→ 0
Voting Rate %	28	52	73	56	↑ 4

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.

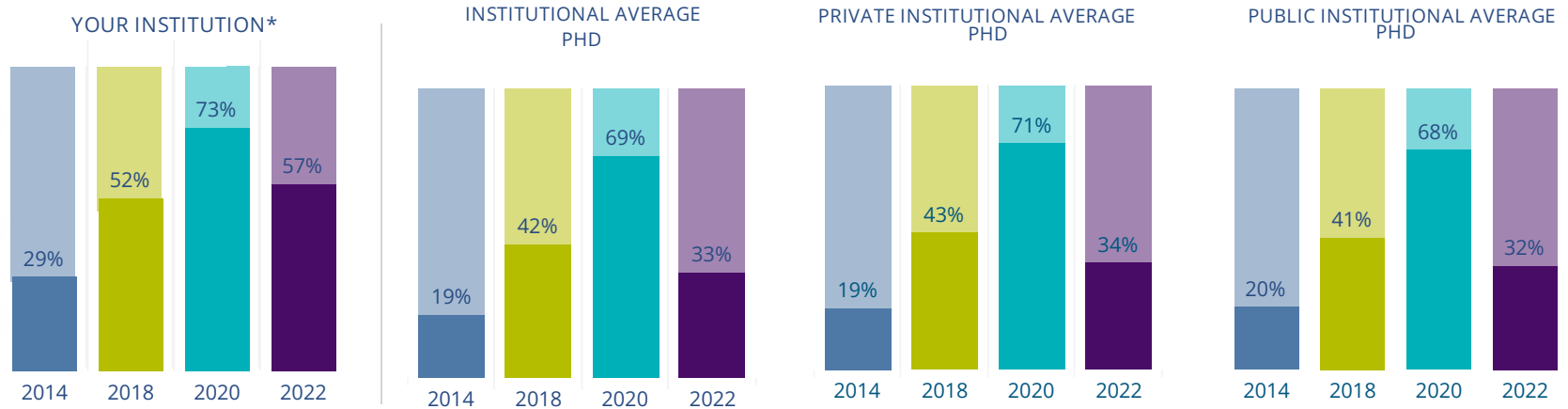
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

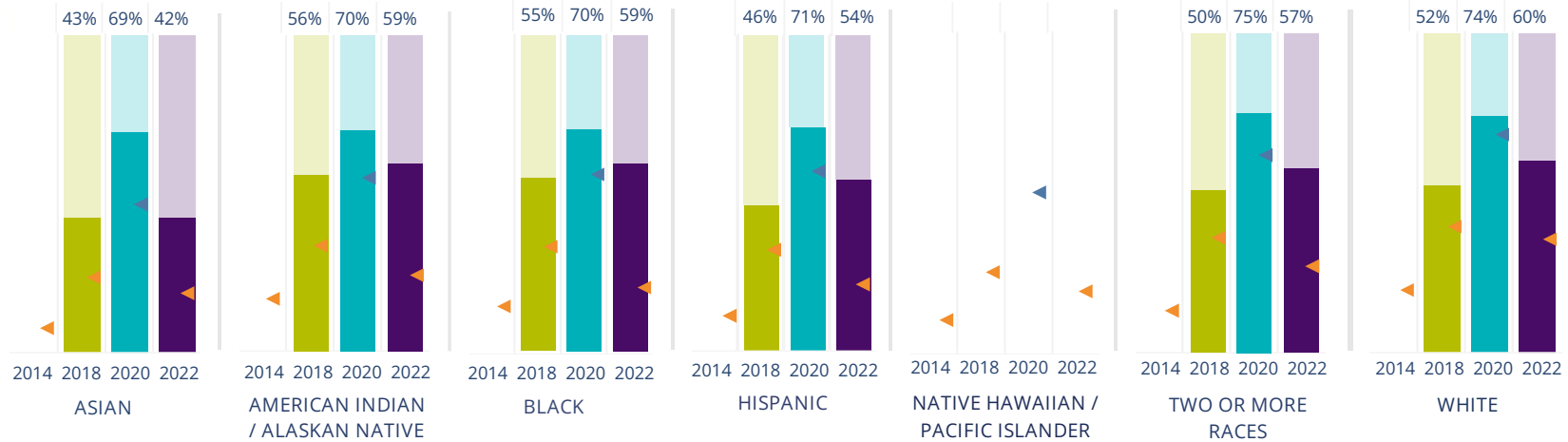
By Institution Types



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

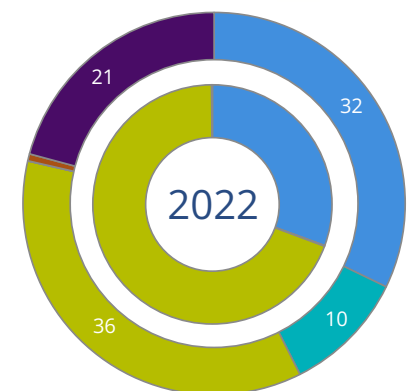
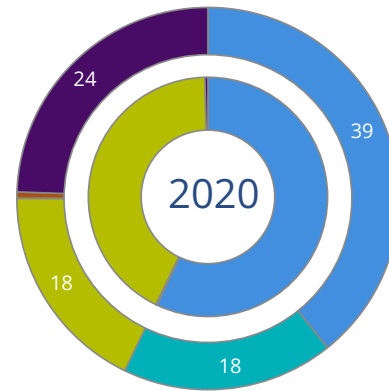
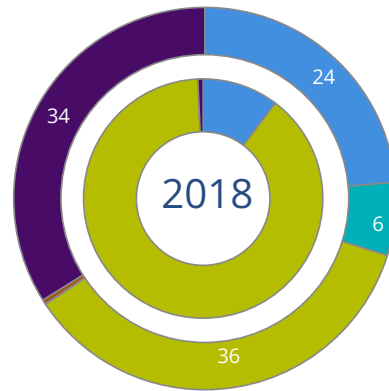
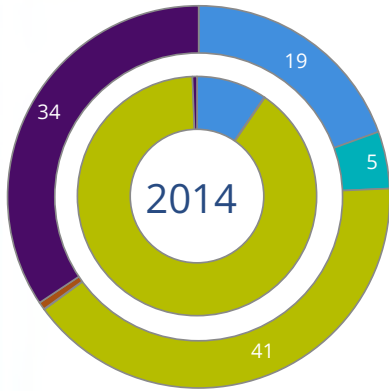
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	2,184	929	42	2,498	1,727	69	2,805	1,180	42	→ 0
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	59	33	55	63	44	69	44	26	59	↑ 3
Black	-	-	-	3,807	2,081	54	3,566	2,490	69	3,332	1,967	59	↑ 4
Hispanic	-	-	-	1,177	542	46	1,343	950	70	1,389	751	54	↑ 8
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	16	-	-	12	-	-	11	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	919	463	50	997	744	74	874	500	57	↑ 6
White	-	-	-	14,924	7,733	51	14,214	10,469	73	12,962	7,745	59	↑ 7
Race Unknown	23,264	6,079	26	1,735	392	22	1,250	410	32	507	228	44	↑ 22

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	-	-	-	-	31	0	-	-	-	-
In-Person	5,459	89	10,843	89	7,134	42	8,576	69	↓	-19
Not-In-Person	575	9	1,259	10	9,606	57	3,790	30	↑	20
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	36	0	71	0	69	0	28	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	17%	47%	76%	54%
22-24	22%	48%	72%	59%
25-29	25%	47%	62%	56%
30-39	33%	46%	53%	53%
40-49	49%	62%	65%	63%
50+	63%	70%	79%	74%

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	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change	
18-21	7,382	1,289	17	9,309	4,454	47	10,076	7,751	76	9,710	5,275	54	↑	6
22-24	5,833	1,341	22	5,746	2,811	48	5,465	3,967	72	5,174	3,059	59	↑	10
25-29	4,717	1,185	25	5,165	2,446	47	4,569	2,853	62	3,721	2,116	56	↑	9
30-39	3,193	1,082	33	2,910	1,362	46	2,546	1,362	53	2,060	1,100	53	↑	6
40-49	1,312	654	49	1,056	656	62	830	545	65	778	493	63	↑	1
50+	827	528	63	635	449	70	457	362	79	481	359	74	↑	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	13,370	3,727	27	14,316	7,345	51	14,219	10,326	72	13,026	7,888	60	 9
Male	9,894	2,352	23	10,502	4,831	46	9,723	6,513	66	8,710	4,423	50	 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>

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	15,596	3,446	22	15,781	7,615	48	16,097	11,743	72	15,038	8,181	54	↑ 6
Graduate	6,700	2,216	33	8,363	4,140	49	7,843	5,096	64	6,290	3,810	60	↑ 11
Class Unknown	968	205	21	677	265	39	-	-	-	596	276	46	↑ 7
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	3,136	417	13	3,671	1,523	41	3,510	2,549	72	3,055	1,426	46	↑ 5
Sophomore	2,666	507	19	2,787	1,321	47	3,069	2,311	75	2,758	1,491	54	↑ 6
Upperclassman	9,970	2,557	25	9,433	4,811	51	9,669	6,995	72	9,401	5,355	56	↑ 5
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	14,553	3,280	22	17,379	8,268	47	17,632	12,610	71	15,767	8,853	56	↑ 8
Part-time	8,711	2,799	32	7,442	3,910	52	6,310	4,230	67	6,157	3,549	57	↑ 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	51	24	47	60	37	61	66	49	74	51	37	72	↑ 10
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	62	23	37	57	34	59	56	36	64	51	34	66	↑ 7
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,598	270	16	1,676	723	43	1,623	1,115	68	1,451	760	52	↑ 9
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,746	691	25	3,963	2,004	50	4,041	2,856	70	3,611	1,965	54	↑ 3
Communication and Journalism	685	198	28	633	366	57	585	451	77	413	277	67	↑ 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	557	89	15	901	361	40	969	620	63	1,063	459	43	↑ 3
Education	2,397	929	38	2,020	1,094	54	1,491	1,065	71	1,262	812	64	↑ 10
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,936	374	19	2,298	873	37	2,080	1,253	60	1,751	815	46	↑ 8
English Language and Literature	261	80	30	272	153	56	201	132	65	226	137	60	↑ 4
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	527	94	17	626	309	49	628	434	69	568	295	51	↑ 2
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	221	67	30	223	122	54	184	139	75	140	97	69	↑ 14
Health Professions	3,126	603	19	4,028	1,901	47	4,233	3,055	72	4,123	2,334	56	↑ 9
History	140	67	47	111	68	61	102	86	84	98	73	74	↑ 13
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	468	104	22	411	178	43	482	341	70	407	224	55	↑ 11
Library Science	464	248	53	368	264	71	288	243	84	343	265	77	↑ 5
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	63	22	34	118	49	41	355	256	72	470	264	56	↑ 14

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	451	212	47	420	281	66	372	305	81	416	322	77	↑ 10
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,954	439	22	1,263	554	43	1,055	741	70	919	437	47	↑ 3
Mathematics and Statistics	169	33	19	147	53	36	161	96	59	113	79	69	↑ 33
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	36	18	50	34	19	55	-	-	-	11	-	-	-
Personal and Culinary Services	42	-	-	33	22	66	57	40	70	79	42	53	↓ -13
Philosophy and Religious Studies	63	21	33	75	40	53	61	41	67	67	34	50	↓ -2
Social Sciences	794	280	35	892	513	57	828	612	73	709	445	62	↑ 5
Visual and Performing Arts	1,176	298	25	861	483	56	831	659	79	731	496	67	↑ 11
Unknown	69	24	34	74	39	52	49	24	48	57	36	63	↑ 10

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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