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Student Voting Rates for Weber State University

NSLVE Campus Report

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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,
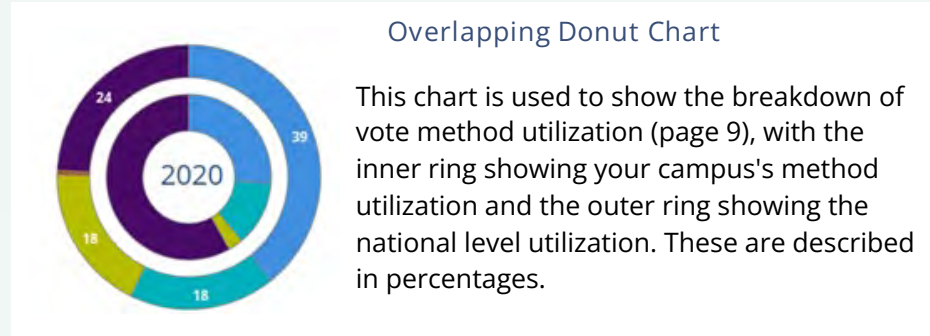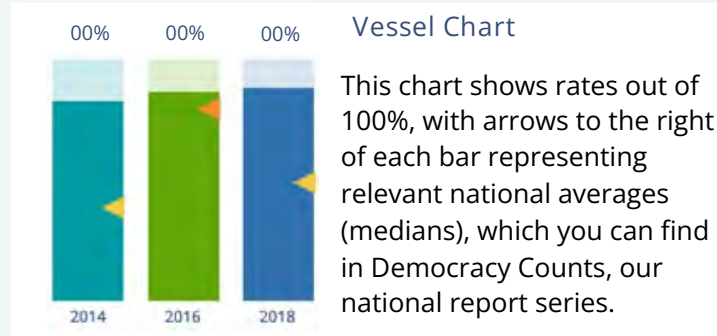Adam, Duy, Mari, and Victoria
The NSLVE Team

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

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

27.3%
2022 Voting Rate

-8.6
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

58.3%	64.2%	69.0%	64.7%

2014 2018 2020 2022
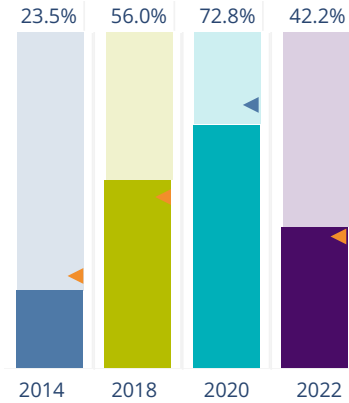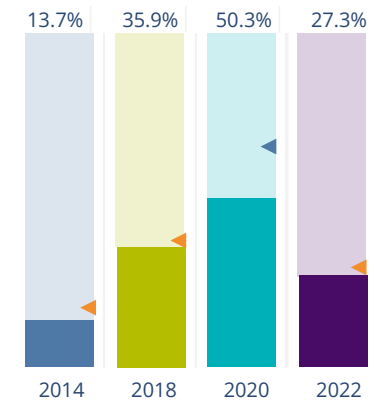
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

23.5%	56.0%	72.8%	42.2%

2014 2018 2020 2022

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

13.7%	35.9%	50.3%	27.3%

2014 2018 2020 2022

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	25,490	28,092	29,325	18,827	⬇ -9,265
Age under 18/Unknown	6,562	8,933	10,614	2,078	⬇ -6,855
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	289	231	166	184	⬇ -47
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	145	144	89	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	152	226	273	-	-
Total eligible voters	18,341	18,557	18,182	16,564	⬇ -1,992
Number of students who registered	10,688	11,921	12,553	10,713	⬇ -1,208
Number of students who voted	2,516	6,670	9,143	4,520	⬇ -2,150
Registration Rate %	58	64	69	64	⇨ 0
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	23	55	72	42	⬇ -13
Voting Rate %	13	35	50	27	⬇ -8

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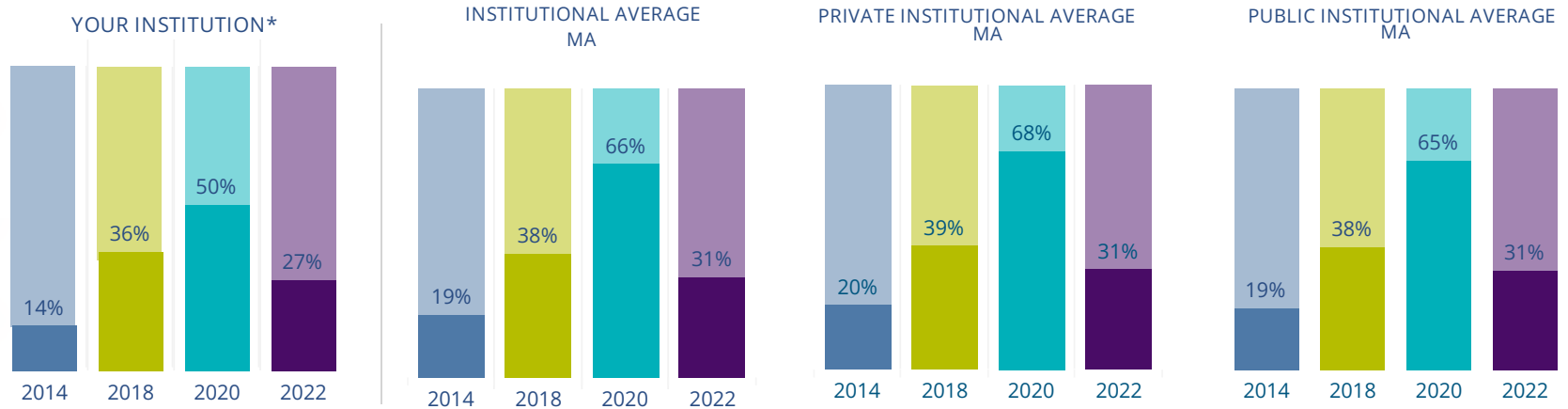
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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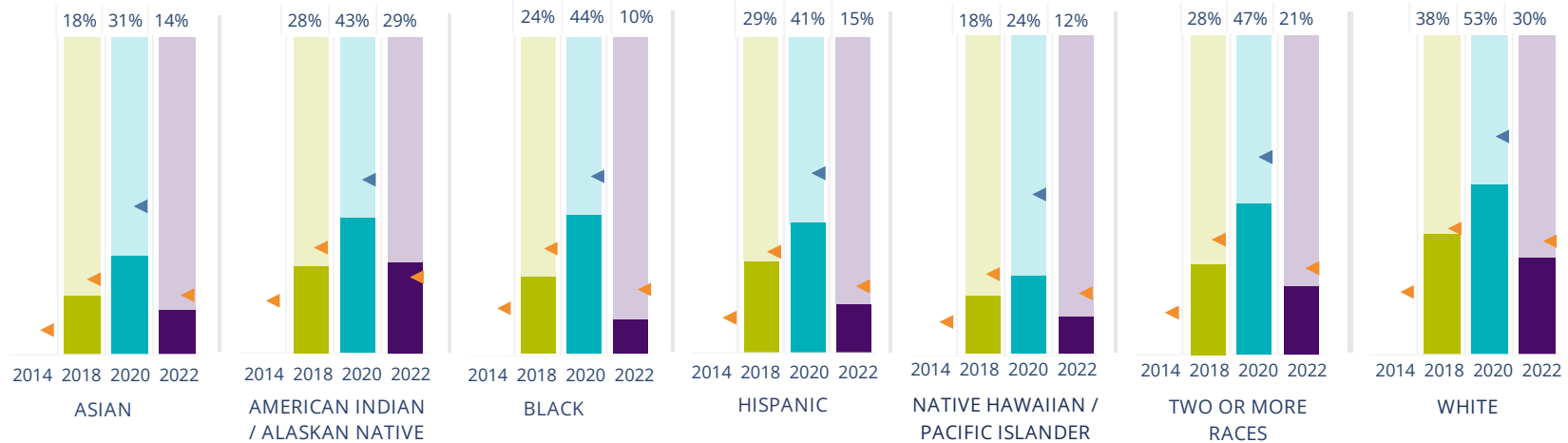
By Institution Types

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 79%
39.1%	LOW 7%

2022 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 68%
30.6%	LOW 4%

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.

YOUR INSTITUTION*

2014	2018	2020	2022
14%	36%	50%	27%

INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE MA

2014	2018	2020	2022
19%	38%	66%	31%

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE MA

2014	2018	2020	2022
20%	39%	68%	31%

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE MA

2014	2018	2020	2022
19%	38%	65%	31%

By Race / Ethnicity

ASIAN — 2014 18% | 2018 31% | 2020 14% | 2022
AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE — 2014 28% | 2018 43% | 2020 29% | 2022
BLACK — 2014 24% | 2018 44% | 2020 10% | 2022
HISPANIC — 2014 29% | 2018 41% | 2020 15% | 2022
NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER — 2014 18% | 2018 24% | 2020 12% | 2022
TWO OR MORE RACES — 2014 28% | 2018 47% | 2020 21% | 2022
WHITE — 2014 38% | 2018 53% | 2020 30% | 2022

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-nslve-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
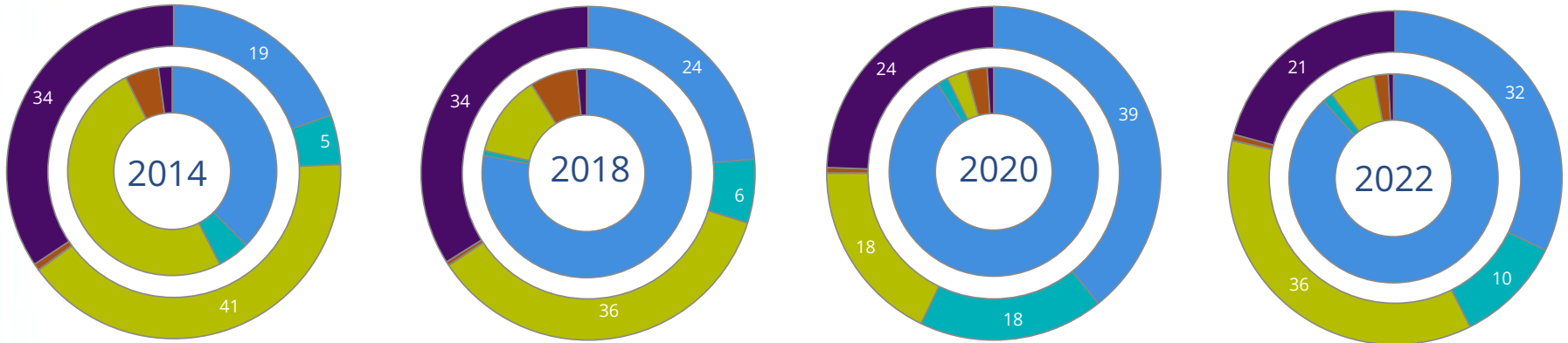
Looking Closer

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	-	-	-	400	73	18	385	119	30	386	53	13	⬇ -4
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	109	30	27	101	43	42	80	23	28	⬆ 1
Black	-	-	-	340	82	24	331	144	43	335	35	10	⬇ -13
Hispanic	-	-	-	2,145	627	29	2,157	882	40	2,201	340	15	⬇ -13
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	106	19	17	99	24	24	113	13	11	⬇ -6
2 or More Races	-	-	-	562	159	28	643	301	46	612	130	21	⬇ -7
White	-	-	-	13,771	5,163	37	13,455	7,100	52	12,080	3,618	29	⬇ -7
Race Unknown	18,629	2,516	13	1,353	517	38	1,176	530	45	942	308	32	⬇ -5

By Voting Method

Legend: ■ Not-In-Person ■ Early Vote ■ In-Person ■ Other ■ Provisional ■ Unknown

2014 — 19, 5, 41, 34
2018 — 24, 6, 36, 34
2020 — 39, 18, 18, 24
2022 — 32, 10, 36, 21

	2014		2018		2020		2022		2018-2022
	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Early Vote	127	5	56	0	158	1	71	1	➡ 0
In-Person	1,264	50	845	12	284	3	322	7	⬇ -5
Not-In-Person	943	37	5,183	77	8,322	91	3,991	88	⬆ 10
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	131	5	488	7	296	3	98	2	⬇ -5
Voting Method Unknown	51	2	98	1	83	1	38	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	7%	29%	47%	22%
22-24	12%	35%	48%	26%
25-29	11%	34%	49%	25%
30-39	17%	40%	52%	29%
40-49	29%	52%	61%	44%
50+	53%	67%	65%	57%

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	6,406	502	7	7,651	2,291	29	8,129	3,879	47	6,803	1,558	22	⬇ -7
22-24	4,050	486	12	4,072	1,439	35	3,894	1,899	48	3,939	1,031	26	⬇ -9
25-29	3,535	410	11	3,009	1,040	34	2,840	1,408	49	2,561	659	25	⬇ -8
30-39	3,002	512	17	2,500	1,018	40	2,177	1,141	52	2,019	587	29	⬇ -11
40-49	1,133	335	29	1,099	575	52	969	593	61	1,044	463	44	⬇ -7
50+	503	271	53	455	307	67	338	223	65	383	222	57	⬇ -9

Looking Closer

By Sex

| | 2014 | | | 2018 | | | 2020 | | | 2022 | | | 2018-2022 |
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	-	-	-	10,432	3,774	36	10,502	5,238	49	9,651	2,542	26	⬇ -9
Male	-	-	-	8,348	2,895	34	7,845	3,905	49	7,095	1,977	27	⬇ -6

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	16,656	2,137	12	16,544	5,755	34	16,106	8,115	50	14,839	3,787	25	⬇ -9
Graduate	564	144	25	633	299	47	725	420	57	794	306	38	⬇ -8
Class Unknown	1,409	235	16	1,609	616	38	1,516	608	40	1,116	427	38	➡ 0
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sophomore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Upperclassman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	10,707	1,273	11	10,894	3,700	33	11,093	5,571	50	10,301	2,646	25	⬇ -8
Part-time	7,922	1,243	15	7,892	2,970	37	7,254	3,572	49	6,448	1,874	29	⬇ -8

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (under-graduate/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	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	17	50	44	15	34	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	641	71	11	612	220	35	677	334	49	571	142	24	↓ -11
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,292	273	11	2,175	742	34	2,133	1,056	49	1,982	492	24	↓ -9
Communication and Journalism	455	77	16	485	201	41	421	229	54	379	115	30	↓ -11

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	946	123	13	929	317	34	1,057	515	48	1,064	292	27	⬇ -6
Education	1,612	252	15	935	377	40	996	536	53	970	337	34	⬇ -5
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	992	124	12	994	338	34	950	469	49	997	287	28	⬇ -5
English Language and Literature	304	63	20	261	130	49	292	168	57	286	103	36	⬇ -13
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	202	25	12	248	94	37	299	161	53	258	74	28	⬇ -9
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	117	22	18	184	84	45	152	89	58	150	36	24	⬇ -21
Health Professions	4,404	560	12	4,374	1,410	32	4,568	2,307	50	3,987	955	23	⬇ -8
History	101	35	34	88	49	55	91	56	61	83	33	39	⬇ -15
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	720	102	14	541	176	32	592	284	47	465	112	24	⬇ -8
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	-	-	-	239	66	27	255	130	50	286	52	18	⬇ -9

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	1,968	244	12	2,943	1,019	34	2,086	1,035	49	2,067	524	25	⬇ -9
Mathematics and Statistics	55	-	-	118	50	42	139	75	53	101	23	22	⬇ -19
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	204	17	8	59	19	32	54	27	50	28	-	-	-
Philosophy and Religious Studies	14	-	-	22	-	-	19	-	-	14	-	-	-
Science Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	101	34	33	69	36	52	95	32	33	➡ 0
Social Sciences	395	68	17	326	138	42	289	147	50	268	96	35	⬇ -6
Visual and Performing Arts	575	62	10	561	220	39	612	314	51	659	185	28	⬇ -11
Unknown	1,369	225	16	1,655	635	38	1,557	634	40	886	320	36	⬇ -2

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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