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# Student Voting Rates for Western Oregon 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](mailto: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

44.9%

2022 Voting Rate

-6.5

Change From 2018

## ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

### REGISTRATION RATE



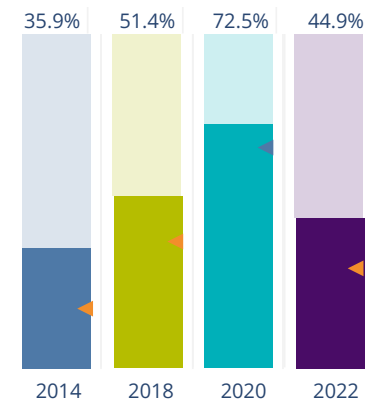
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

### 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	5,966	5,111	4,467	3,663	↓ -1,448
Age under 18/Unknown	50	23	19	-	-
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	353	274	109	41	↓ -232
Datasource	IPEDS	NSC	NSC	IPEDS	
FERPA records blocked	11	-	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	79	-	-	-	-
Total eligible voters	5,472	4,805	4,330	3,615	↓ -1,189
Number of students who registered	3,512	4,033	3,775	3,112	↓ -921
Number of students who voted	1,966	2,468	3,138	1,623	↓ -845
Registration Rate %	64	83	87	86	↑ 2
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	55	61	83	52	↓ -9
Voting Rate %	35	51	72	44	↓ -6

**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.

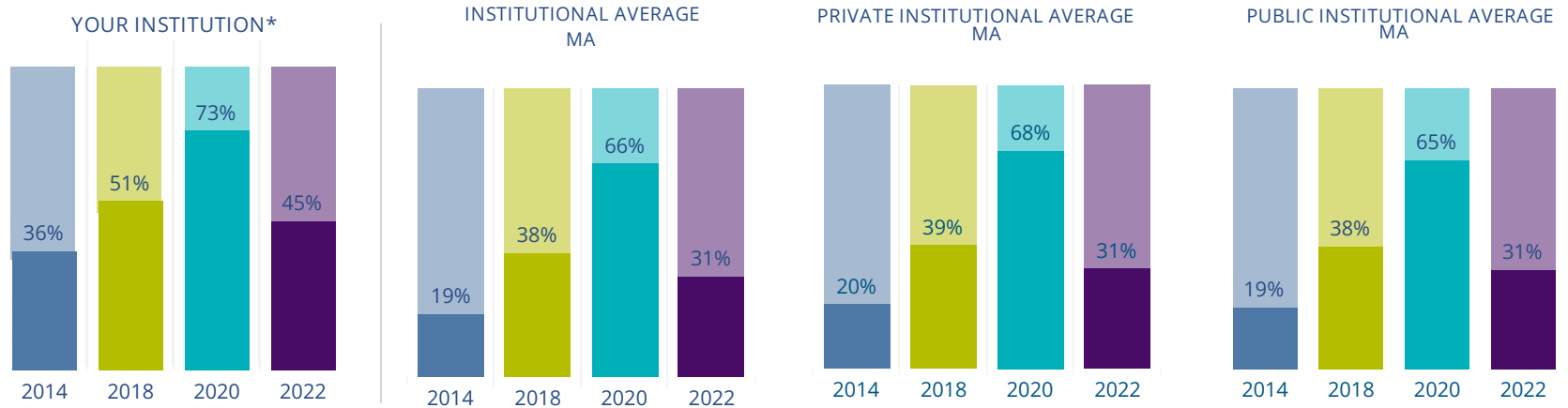
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

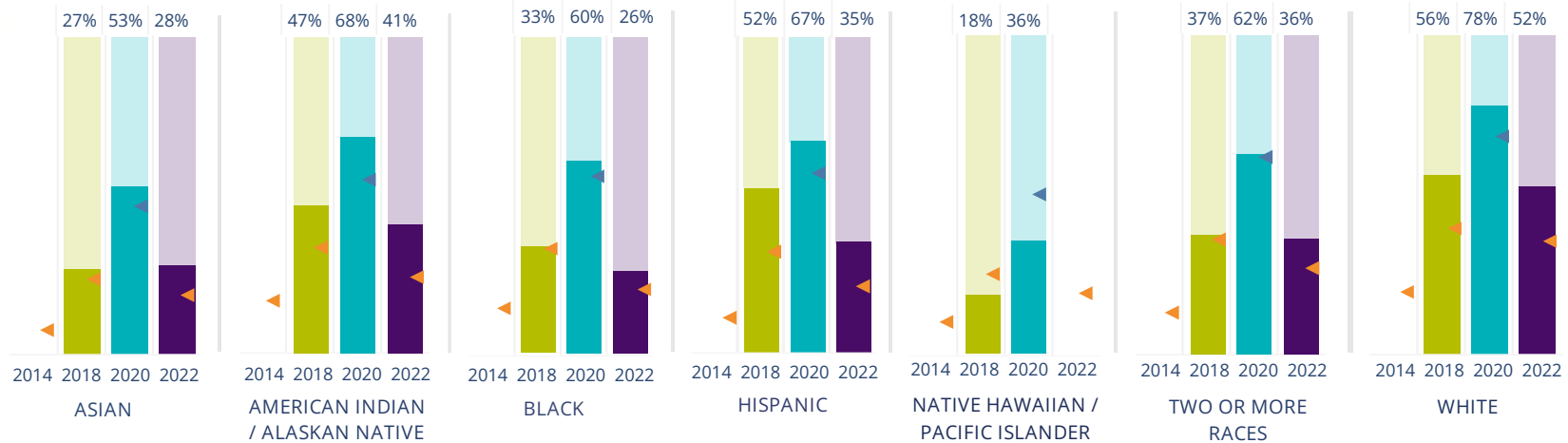
## By Institution Types



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

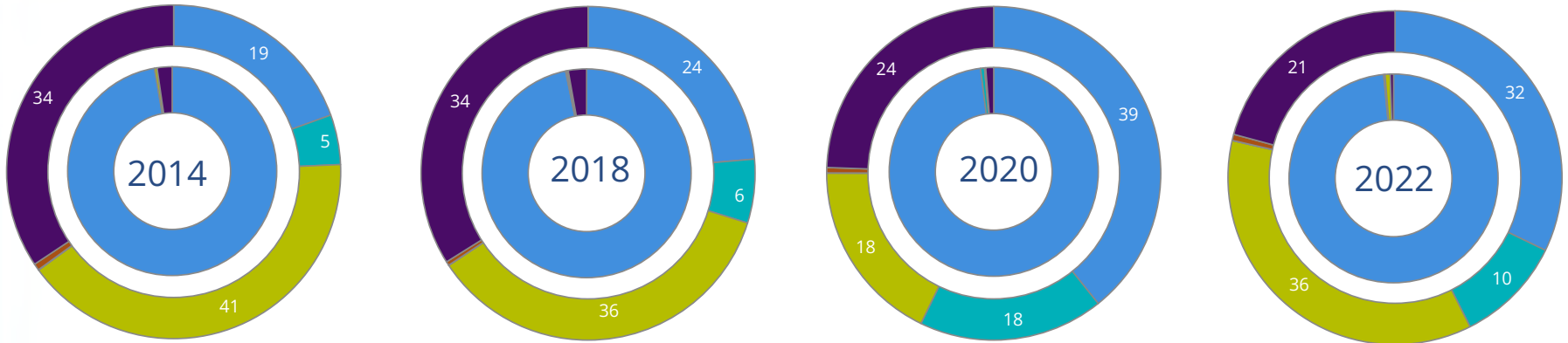
**This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates.** We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your 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	-	-	-	210	57	27	137	72	52	97	27	27	→ 0
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	71	33	46	47	32	68	37	15	40	↓ -5
Black	-	-	-	174	58	33	146	88	60	104	27	25	↓ -7
Hispanic	-	-	-	789	411	52	882	589	66	796	277	34	↓ -17
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	121	22	18	76	27	35	48	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	122	45	36	196	122	62	201	73	36	→ 0
White	-	-	-	3,137	1,752	55	2,727	2,117	77	2,191	1,145	52	↓ -3
Race Unknown	5,821	1,966	33	181	90	49	119	91	76	183	53	28	↓ -20



# 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	-	-	-	-	20	0	-	-	-	-
In-Person	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	0	-	-
Not-In-Person	1,912	97	2,390	96	3,076	98	1,599	98	↑	1
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	47	2	68	2	36	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	28%	45%	70%	41%
22-24	28%	52%	72%	42%
25-29	35%	57%	72%	43%
30-39	50%	66%	78%	57%
40-49	58%	78%	83%	59%
50+	70%	72%	90%	72%

**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	2,814	793	28	2,693	1,238	45	2,457	1,733	70	1,994	827	41	↓ -4
22-24	1,306	377	28	1,027	535	52	952	688	72	805	340	42	↓ -9
25-29	744	266	35	518	296	57	393	285	72	373	164	43	↓ -13
30-39	535	269	50	343	227	66	328	259	78	280	162	57	↓ -8
40-49	296	172	58	154	121	78	118	99	83	144	86	59	↓ -18
50+	126	89	70	70	51	72	82	74	90	61	44	72	→ 0

# Looking Closer

## By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	3,525	1,274	36	3,041	1,639	53	2,821	2,078	73	2,365	1,089	46	↓ -7
Male	2,295	691	30	1,692	797	47	1,398	978	69	1,227	501	40	↓ -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(%)	
<b>EDUCATION LEVEL</b>													
Undergraduate	4,728	1,414	29	4,257	2,095	49	3,836	2,741	71	3,225	1,365	42	↓ -6
Graduate	510	252	49	386	244	63	397	322	81	387	227	58	↓ -4
Class Unknown	583	300	51	162	129	79	97	75	77	45	31	68	↓ -10
<b>CLASS YEAR</b>													
Freshman	922	209	22	749	273	36	675	419	62	582	206	35	↓ -1
Sophomore	2,659	844	31	2,400	1,231	51	2,135	1,579	73	1,811	785	43	↓ -7
Upperclassman	1,147	361	31	1,041	542	52	966	697	72	781	345	44	↓ -7
<b>ENROLLMENT STATUS</b>													
Full-time	4,481	1,342	29	4,056	1,985	48	3,691	2,653	71	3,166	1,349	42	↓ -6
Part-time	1,340	624	46	749	483	64	639	485	75	491	274	55	↓ -8

**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
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	179	55	30	145	74	51	153	103	67	146	55	37	 -13
Business, Management, and Marketing	602	136	22	426	161	37	383	245	63	381	121	31	 -6
Communication and Journalism	118	38	32	94	53	56	74	52	70	66	21	31	 -24

**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	205	53	25	153	81	52	133	84	63	126	58	46	 -6
Education	976	401	41	1,193	685	57	1,063	817	76	897	473	52	 -4
English Language and Literature	76	31	40	63	41	65	60	47	78	40	23	57	 -7
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	-	-	-	13	-	-	23	18	78	30	15	50	-
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	200	57	28	216	98	45	226	172	76	191	79	41	 -4
Health Professions	273	91	33	215	123	57	141	103	73	122	51	41	 -15
History	61	29	47	36	24	66	39	33	84	25	17	68	 1
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	509	171	33	378	168	44	298	211	70	240	115	47	 3
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	259	52	20	237	91	38	191	125	65	199	62	31	 -7

## 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	16	-	-	177	73	41	393	262	66	229	108	47	 5
Mathematics and Statistics	46	16	34	18	-	-	25	18	72	19	-	-	-
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	453	135	29	424	199	46	187	140	74	166	67	40	 -6
Philosophy and Religious Studies	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social Sciences	282	95	33	175	101	57	136	99	72	92	48	52	 -5
Visual and Performing Arts	280	93	33	226	114	50	185	139	75	210	104	49	 0
Unknown	799	349	43	172	136	79	115	87	75	61	35	57	 -21



# 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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