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# Student Voting Rates for William Paterson University Of New Jersey

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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

24.7%

2022 Voting Rate

-11.1

Change From 2018

## ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

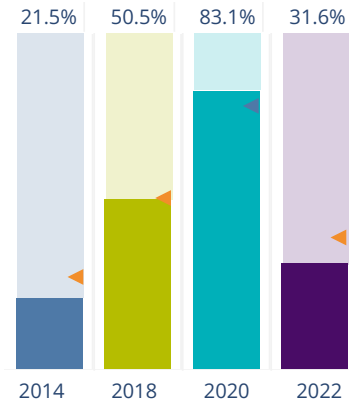
2022 Voting Rate

### REGISTRATION RATE



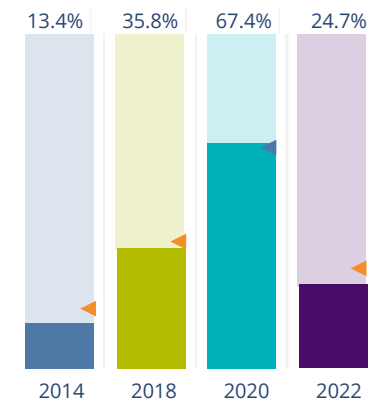
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

### 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	10,885	9,982	9,493	8,862	↓ -1,120
Age under 18/Unknown	98	44	32	22	↓ -22
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	100	76	73	139	↑ 63
Datasource	IPEDS	NSC	IPEDS	IPEDS	
FERPA records blocked	152	27	21	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	509	491	399	-	-
Total eligible voters	10,025	9,344	8,967	8,700	↓ -643
Number of students who registered	6,253	6,631	7,276	6,816	↑ 185
Number of students who voted	1,347	3,347	6,046	2,151	↓ -1,196
Registration Rate %	62	70	81	78	↑ 7
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	21	50	83	31	↓ -18
Voting Rate %	13	35	67	24	↓ -11

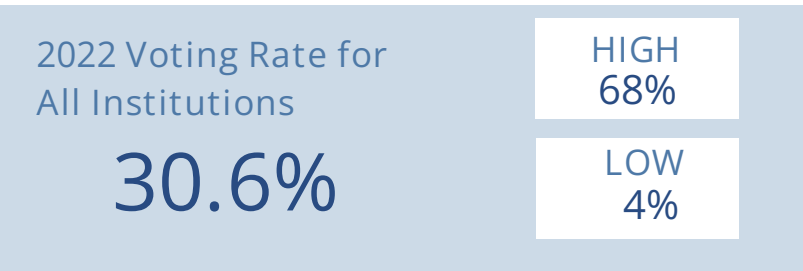
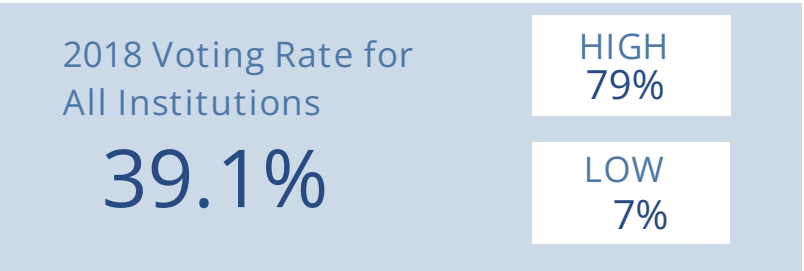
**This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates.** The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we

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.

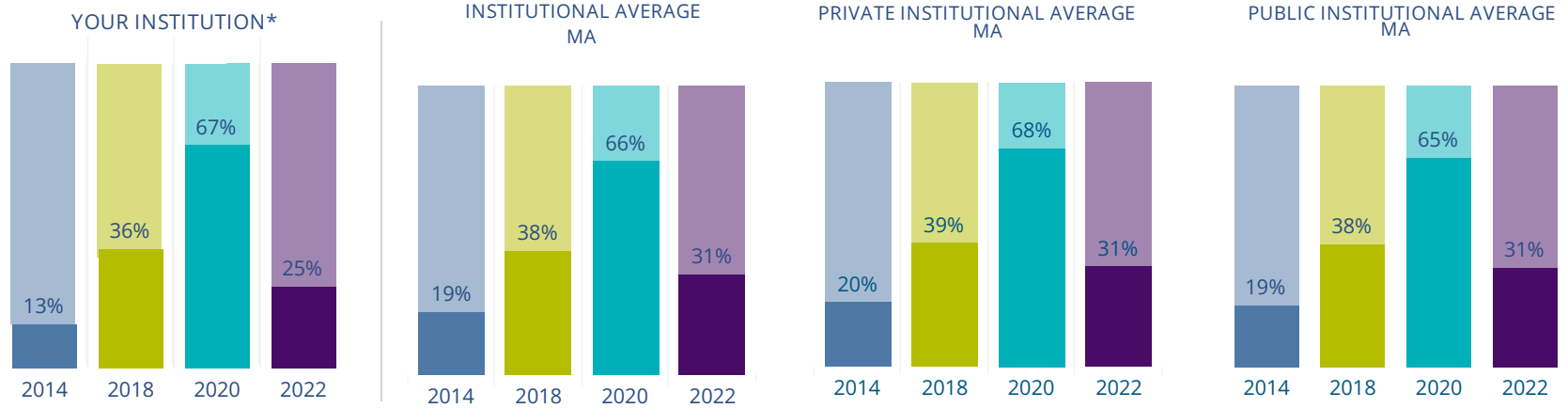
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

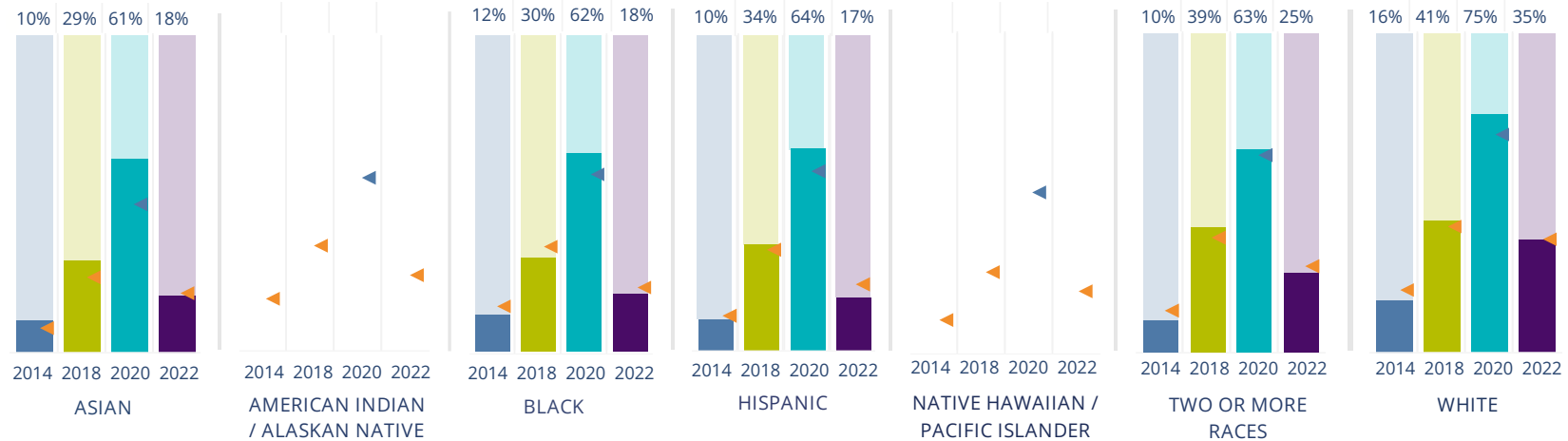
## By Institution Types



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>

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## By Race/Ethnicity

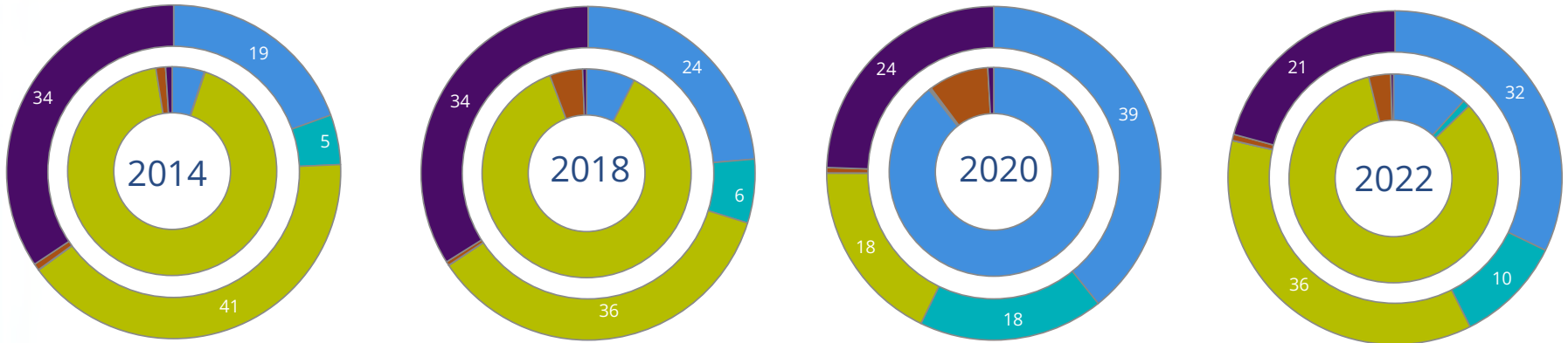
**This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates.** We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your 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	661	65	9	671	193	28	669	406	60	697	125	17	↓10
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	1,414	165	11	1,634	483	29	1,635	1,020	62	1,575	286	18	↓11
Hispanic	2,560	256	10	2,918	984	33	2,879	1,836	63	2,730	470	17	↓16
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	261	26	9	287	112	39	298	189	63	259	64	24	↓14
White	4,687	762	16	3,694	1,525	41	3,366	2,509	74	3,316	1,172	35	↓5
Race Unknown	504	73	14	123	44	35	174	76	43	254	34	13	↓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	-	-	-	-	13	0	24	1	-	-
In-Person	1,245	92	2,905	86	13	0	1,795	83	↓	-3
Not-In-Person	68	5	250	7	5,403	89	252	11	↑	4
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	20	1	170	5	563	9	74	3	↓	-1
Voting Method Unknown	13	1	22	0	54	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	9%	30%	64%	17%
22-24	13%	39%	70%	21%
25-29	14%	40%	67%	24%
30-39	20%	44%	65%	29%
40-49	33%	55%	74%	41%
50+	46%	71%	85%	56%

**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.

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## 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	4,857	471	9	4,917	1,480	30	4,433	2,844	64	3,231	562	17	↓-12
22-24	2,944	404	13	2,209	873	39	2,019	1,421	70	1,927	414	21	↓-18
25-29	1,271	188	14	1,260	508	40	1,278	865	67	1,420	345	24	↓-16
30-39	644	130	20	603	271	44	813	531	65	1,343	402	29	↓-15
40-49	258	86	33	243	135	55	343	255	74	615	256	41	↓-13
50+	147	68	46	112	80	71	152	130	85	304	172	56	↓-14

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## By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	5,702	771	13	5,274	1,999	37	5,418	3,708	68	5,722	1,463	25	↓ -12
Male	4,392	571	13	4,068	1,346	33	3,620	2,338	64	3,112	687	22	↓ -11

**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	9,355	1,161	12	8,423	2,872	34	7,689	5,019	65	6,432	1,267	19	↓-14
Graduate	753	186	24	921	475	51	1,345	1,024	76	1,991	699	35	↓-16
Class Unknown	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	417	172	41	-
<b>CLASS YEAR</b>													
Freshman	1,908	137	7	2,346	539	22	1,880	1,035	55	1,322	141	10	↓-12
Sophomore	1,821	182	9	1,507	490	32	1,538	999	64	1,106	189	17	↓-15
Upperclassman	5,637	842	14	4,554	1,835	40	4,271	2,985	69	4,051	949	23	↓-16
<b>ENROLLMENT STATUS</b>													
Full-time	7,963	920	11	7,344	2,461	33	6,762	4,465	66	6,301	1,368	21	↓-11
Part-time	2,158	427	19	2,000	886	44	2,276	1,581	69	2,539	783	30	↓-13

**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
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	52	-	-	50	25	50	66	44	66	37	12	32	 -17
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	557	56	10	406	137	33	457	268	58	444	69	15	 -18
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,837	224	12	1,641	559	34	1,566	1,003	64	1,591	382	24	 -10
Communication and Journalism	844	110	13	672	281	41	565	404	71	354	96	27	 -14




**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-nsive-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	231	18	7	418	117	27	369	208	56	358	61	17	↓-10
Education	1,189	244	20	636	296	46	757	594	78	879	387	44	↓-2
English Language and Literature	344	46	13	241	109	45	186	145	77	144	37	25	↓-19
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	30	-	-	25	-	-	23	14	60	19	-	-	-
Health Professions	932	112	12	958	342	35	1,301	912	70	1,992	458	22	↓-12
History	208	36	17	108	52	48	89	70	78	91	36	39	↓-8
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	485	55	11	655	209	31	616	380	61	486	66	13	↓-18
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	409	41	10	423	100	23	415	266	64	308	57	18	↓-5

## 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	58	12	20	59	17	28	79	49	62	33	-	-	-
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	753	78	10	998	308	30	602	374	62	364	73	20	 -10
Mathematics and Statistics	139	11	7	87	36	41	70	44	62	40	-	-	-
Philosophy and Religious Studies	27	-	-	23	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social Sciences	504	82	16	459	191	41	400	260	65	317	67	21	 -20
Visual and Performing Arts	537	71	13	510	219	42	551	401	72	441	117	26	 -16
Unknown	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	13	46	-



## 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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