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Student Voting Rates for Yale 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

35.8%

2022 Voting Rate

-13.9

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



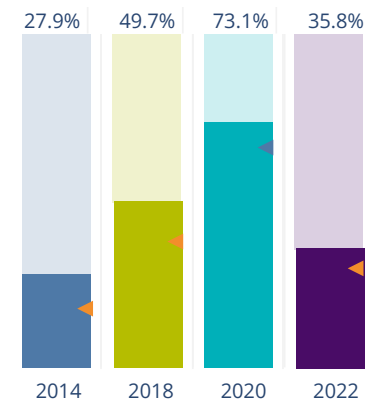
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	11,743	16,023	12,266	15,067	↓ -955
Age under 18/Unknown	76	58	59	52	↓ -6
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	2,221	3,290	2,569	3,333	↑ 42
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	174	31	27	-	-
Total eligible voters	9,266	12,642	9,608	11,681	↓ -960
Number of students who registered	6,935	10,026	8,257	9,549	↓ -477
Number of students who voted	2,588	6,281	7,019	4,187	↓ -2,094
Registration Rate %	74	79	85	81	↑ 2
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	37	62	85	43	↓ -18
Voting Rate %	27	49	73	35	↓ -13

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.

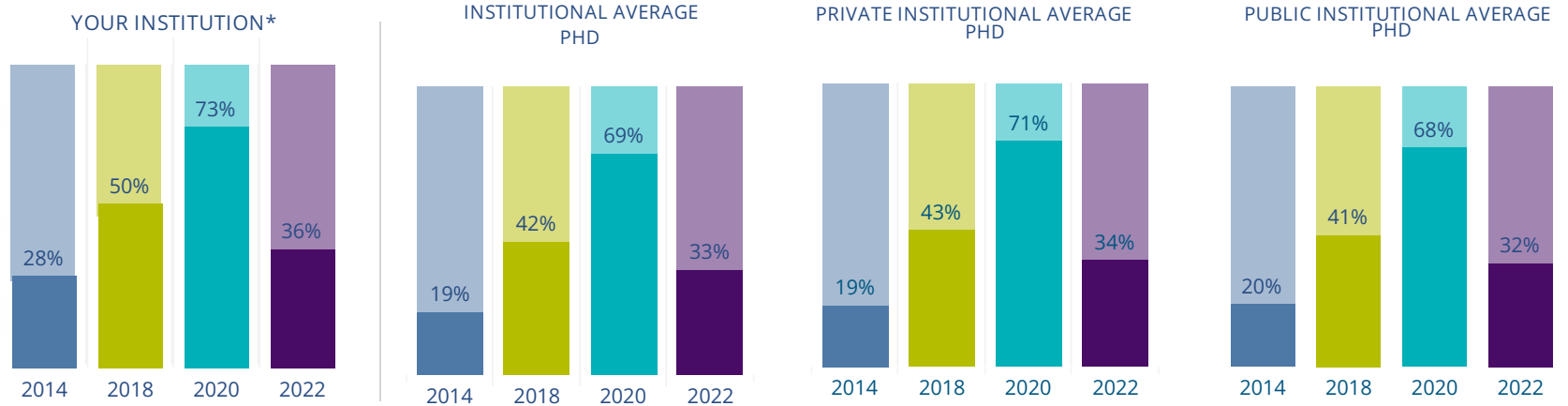
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

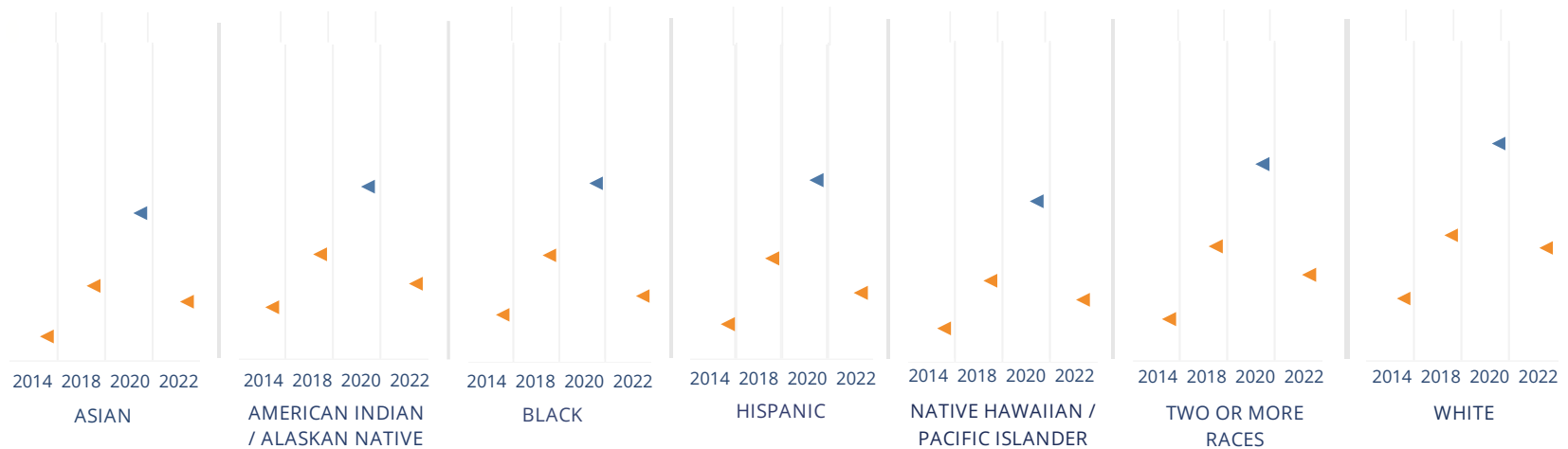
By Institution Types



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

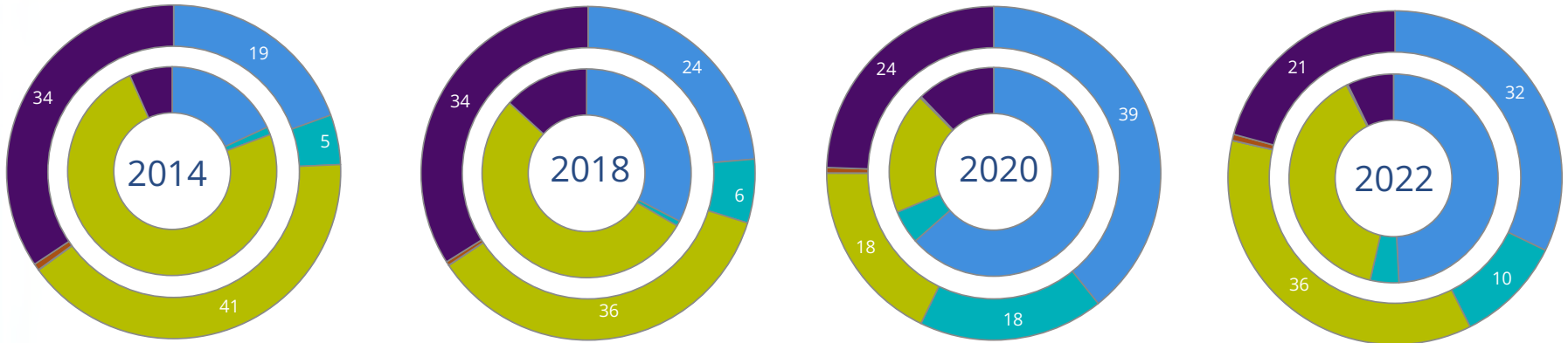
This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates. We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice

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	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Race Unknown	11,454	2,588	22	15,927	6,281	39	12,172	7,019	57	15,015	4,187	27	↓11

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	32	1	48	0	367	5	183	4	↑	3
In-Person	1,917	74	3,356	53	1,324	18	1,633	39	↓	-14
Not-In-Person	468	18	2,047	32	4,455	63	2,062	49	↑	16
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	15	0	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	171	6	827	13	857	12	301	7	↓	-6

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	27%	46%	68%	27%
22-24	16%	36%	51%	24%
25-29	19%	35%	52%	28%
30-39	18%	33%	46%	30%
40-49	33%	49%	57%	43%
50+	56%	74%	81%	55%

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	4,832	1,333	27	5,357	2,477	46	4,310	2,969	68	5,666	1,548	27	↓ -18
22-24	2,087	339	16	3,130	1,132	36	2,388	1,233	51	3,225	798	24	↓ -11
25-29	3,056	601	19	5,221	1,858	35	3,742	1,981	52	3,999	1,147	28	↓ -6
30-39	1,279	232	18	1,951	662	33	1,514	698	46	1,800	541	30	↓ -3
40-49	131	44	33	189	93	49	163	93	57	233	102	43	↓ -5
50+	69	39	56	79	59	74	55	45	81	92	51	55	↓ -19

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	289	120	41	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	239	79	33	-

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	5,184	1,395	26	5,745	2,658	46	4,668	3,195	68	6,606	1,826	27	↓-18
Graduate	6,193	1,183	19	10,122	3,609	35	7,433	3,792	51	8,325	2,350	28	↓-7
Class Unknown	77	-	-	60	14	23	71	32	45	84	11	13	↓-10
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	2,504	670	26	2,987	1,259	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sophomore	1,362	357	26	1,389	671	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Upperclassman	1,322	373	28	1,342	719	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	11,273	2,531	22	15,780	6,221	39	12,023	6,922	57	14,822	4,100	27	↓-11
Part-time	181	57	31	147	60	40	149	97	65	193	87	45	↑4

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	231	19	8	259	87	33	200	74	37	329	51	15	↓ -18
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	246	78	31	341	180	52	209	129	61	284	96	33	↓ -18
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	982	205	20	1,747	633	36	1,146	642	56	1,398	368	26	↓ -9
Business, Management, and Marketing	670	77	11	951	274	28	956	409	42	1,019	203	19	↓ -8
Theology	331	79	23	321	150	46	326	221	67	258	117	45	↓ -1

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	164	28	17	409	137	33	347	179	51	607	113	18	 -14
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	451	88	19	770	225	29	488	223	45	638	147	23	 -6
English Language and Literature	212	75	35	235	123	52	134	91	67	221	65	29	 -22
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	239	63	26	426	126	29	242	94	38	273	63	23	 -6
Health Professions	959	175	18	1,812	778	42	1,579	1,002	63	1,689	573	33	 -9
History	410	138	33	564	271	48	319	195	61	444	152	34	 -13
Theology	331	79	23	321	150	46	326	221	67	258	117	45	 -1

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	674	230	34	695	391	56	714	505	70	702	324	46	↓ -10
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,076	532	25	2,319	946	40	1,836	1,238	67	2,354	618	26	↓ -14
Mathematics and Statistics	171	33	19	347	126	36	298	153	51	473	101	21	↓ -14
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	261	70	26	265	148	55	224	154	68	523	157	30	↓ -25
Philosophy and Religious Studies	154	45	29	236	85	36	144	79	54	148	30	20	↓ -15
Social Sciences	1,262	268	21	1,576	515	32	1,095	593	54	1,317	332	25	↓ -7
Visual and Performing Arts	741	115	15	884	384	43	716	367	51	850	188	22	↓ -21
Unknown	78	13	16	87	28	32	106	55	51	110	22	20	↓ -12

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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