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# Student Voting Rates for Austin Community College District

2020 NSLVE Campus Report



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**Dear Colleagues:**

We are pleased to send this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for 2020. This report contains three years of relevant topline data: 2016, 2018, and 2020. As always, we disaggregate the data so you can better identify and address gaps in participation.

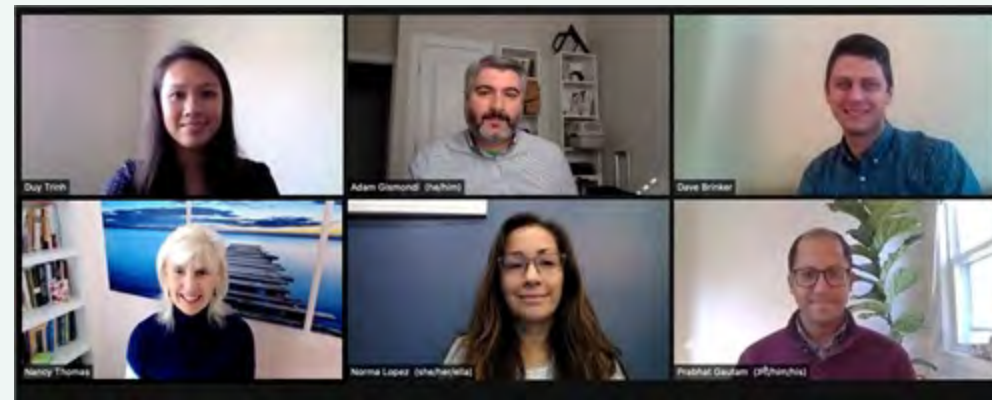
College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

As in past years, we urge you to share this report widely and strategically, particularly with faculty who, in 2020, were often the most consistent communicators with students about ever-changing voting conditions and deadlines. We also urge you to review our recommendations for engaging elections to cultivate a robust and healthy campus climate for political engagement, discourse, equity, and participation: Election Imperatives (2019) and the more recent Election Imperatives: A Time of Physical Distancing and Social Action. Since "pervasive political discussions" and attentiveness to the campus culture around speech and academic freedom are among our top recommendations, we direct you to our discussion guides on talking about your NSLVE report, on free speech and inclusion, and on hot topics, our Making Sense of ... guides.

Finally, we always encourage you to work with us. Help us help you get better data by reaching out. Email [IDHE@Tufts.edu](mailto:IDHE@Tufts.edu) for more information. And as always, watch your inbox for our periodic newsletter, IDHE Update, for announcements about upcoming releases and new resources.

Congratulations on engaging your students in the 2020 election. Remember, student political learning is a year-round objective. Elections may be episodic, but student political engagement should not be.

All the Best,  
IDHE Team

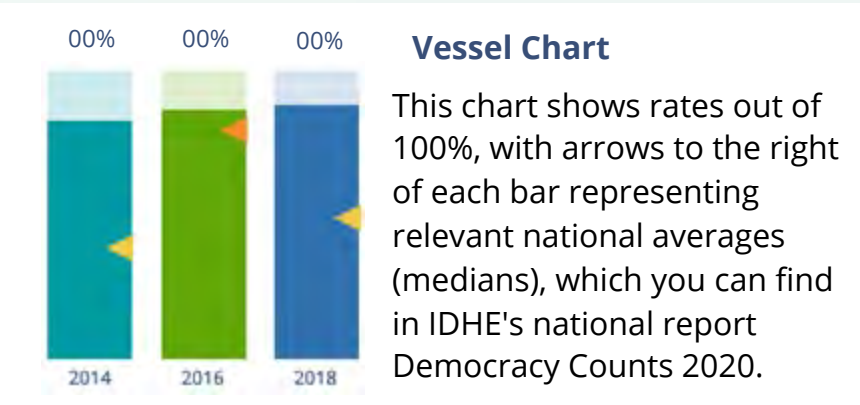


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We also want to acknowledge and thank **Syed Golam Mohaimen, M.S. student in Data Science at Tufts University** for his contributions toward the creation of these reports.

# In This Report

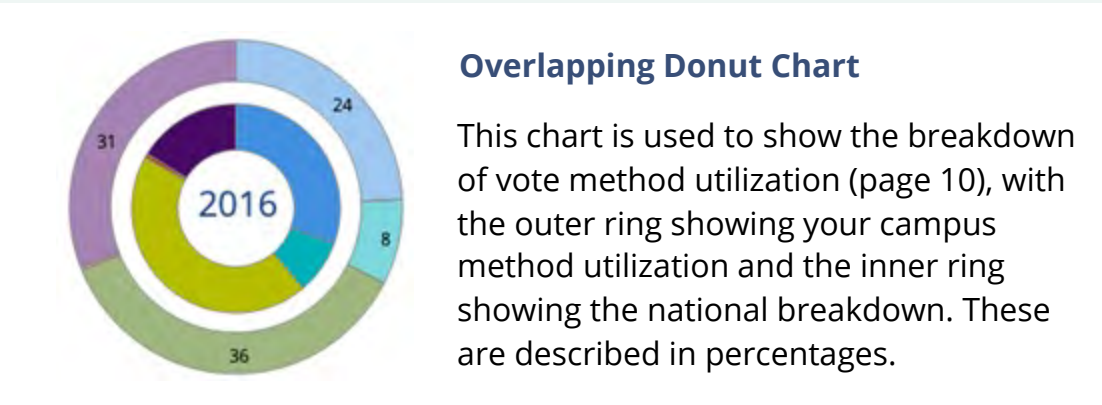
This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut charts, and tables.



	2014			2018			2014-2018
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p.)
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## Tables

The tables show, on the left-side columns, the numbers of students and the rates from 2016, 2018, and 2020. On the left-side, percentage point (p.p.) changes between 2016 and 2020. 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

58.9%

2020 Voting Rate

+13.9

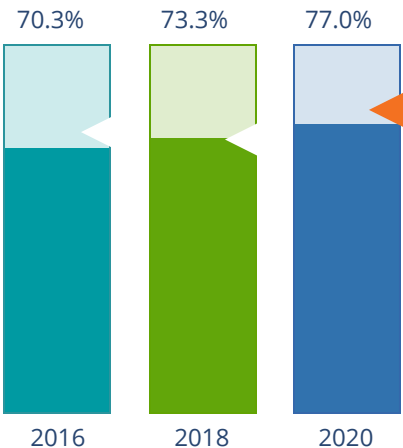
Change From 2016

## ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

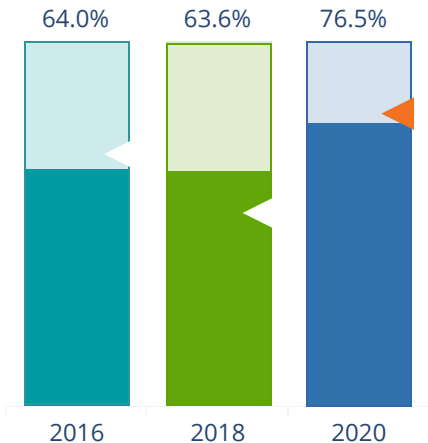
2020 Voting Rate

## REGISTRATION RATE



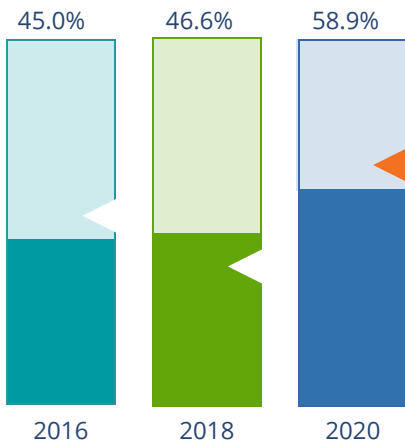
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

## 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

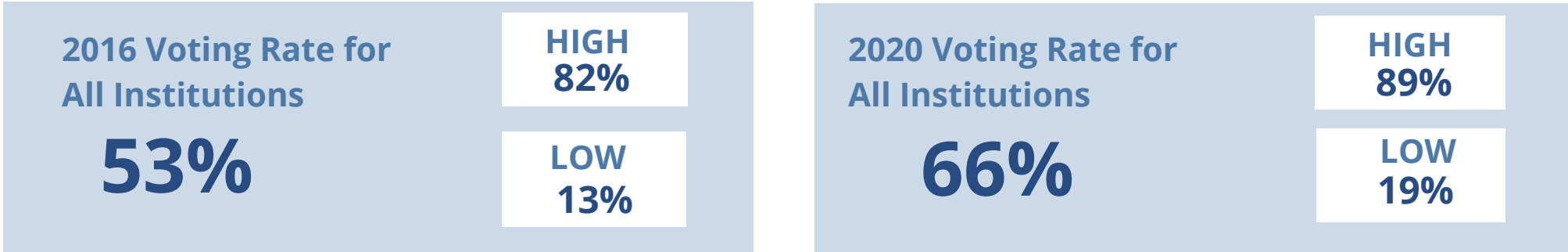
## Voting and Registration Rates

	2016	2018	2020	2016-2020 Change (p.p.)
Total Student Enrollment	34,206	32,723	31,249	↓ -2,957
(Age under 18/Unknown)	140	212	293	↑ 153
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	646	518	407	↓ -239
(FERPA records blocked)	-	-	-	-
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	-	-	-	-
Total eligible voters	33,420	31,989	30,541	↓ -2,878
Number of students who registered	23,482	23,433	23,508	↑ 26
Number of students who voted	15,023	14,895	17,980	↑ 2,957
Registration Rate %	70	73	77	↑ 7
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	64	64	76	↑ 13
Voting Rate %	45	47	59	↑ 14

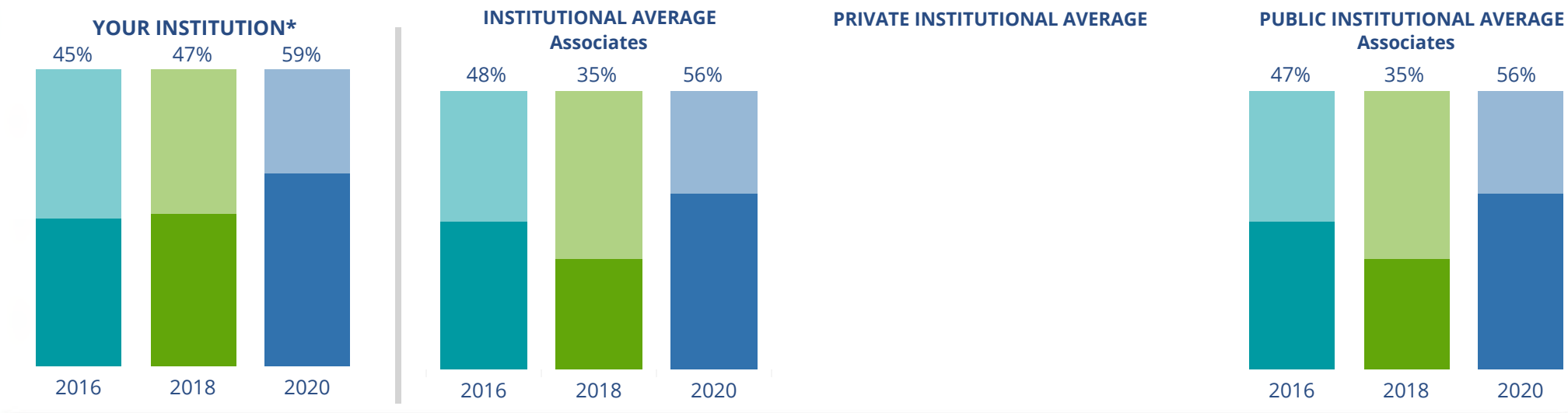
This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates. The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged, students who are not pursuing degrees.

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 estimate is given by "IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens" on this page. If you believe the number of international students reported on this report is incorrect, you can manually adjust your institution's voting rates by using our recalculation tool. <https://id-he.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-recalculation-tool>.

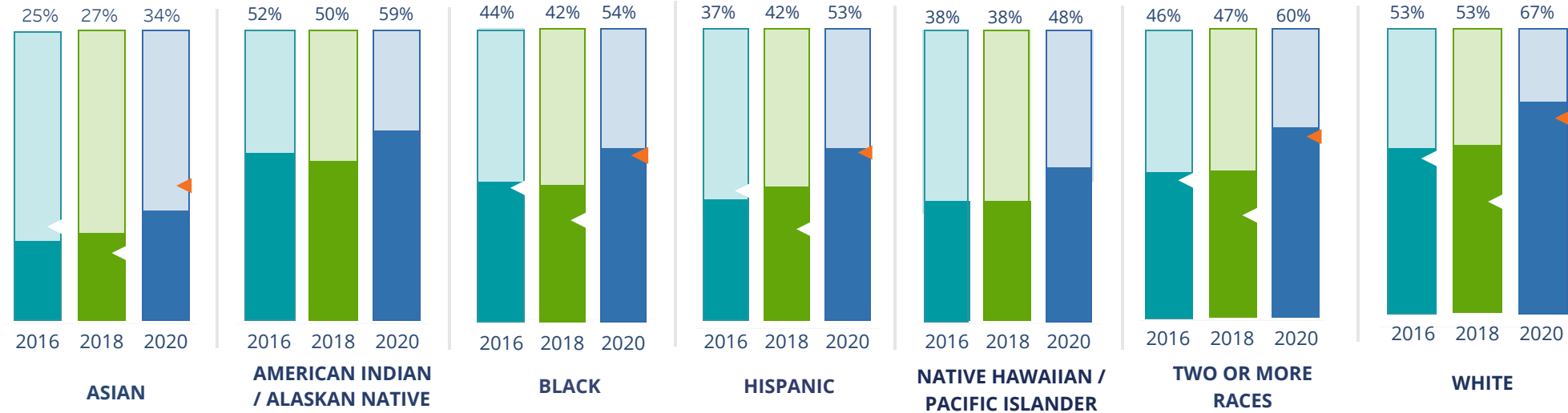
# By Institution Types



These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. \*"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 on why we cannot report national benchmark for some of the demographic groups:

<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; (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

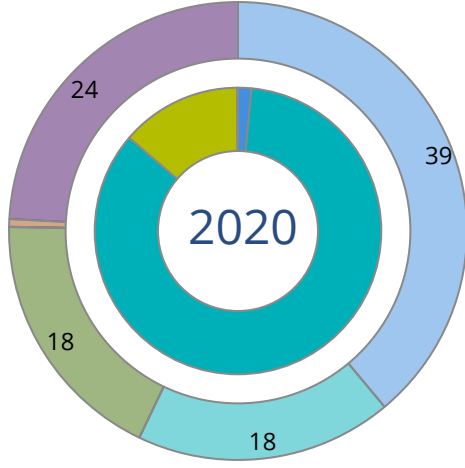
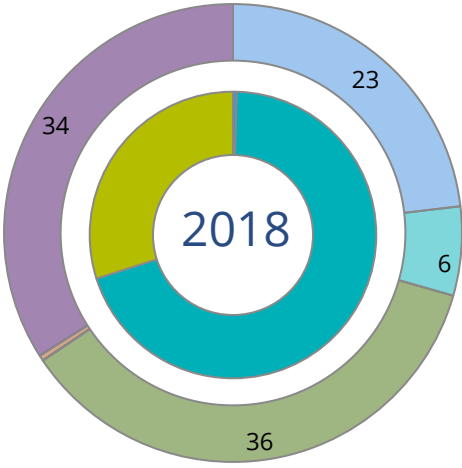
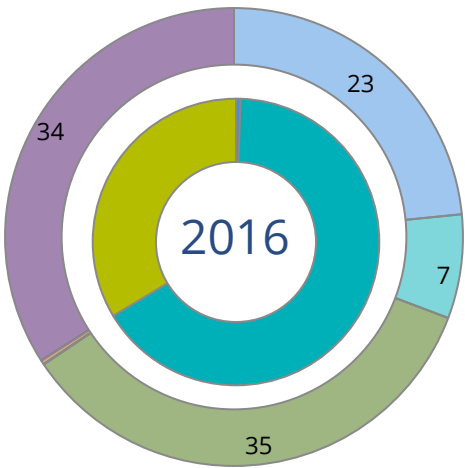
This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates. We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data; (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.

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	2,095	523	25	2,024	553	27	1,961	674	34	↑ 9
American Indian/ Alaska Native	269	141	52	221	110	50	137	81	59	↑ 7
Black	2,637	1,148	44	2,475	1,047	42	2,503	1,349	54	↑ 10
Hispanic	12,457	4,653	37	12,161	5,043	41	11,938	6,364	53	↑ 16
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	64	24	38	58	22	38	64	31	48	↑ 11
2 or More Races	1,106	509	46	1,156	537	46	1,165	698	60	↑ 14
White	15,008	7,881	53	14,033	7,448	53	12,868	8,638	67	↑ 15
Race Unknown	338	144	43	292	135	46	232	145	63	↑ 20



# By Voting Method

Not-In-Person Early Vote In-Person Other Provisional Unknown



	2016		2018		2020		2016-2020	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p.)	
Early Vote	9,901	66	10,387	70	15,256	85	19	↑
In-Person on Election Day	5,049	34	4,447	30	2,440	14	-20	↓
Not-In-Person	72	1	53	0	271	2	1	↑
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Voting Method Unknown	-	-	-	-	13	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/nsive/nsive-faq#CampusReports>

# By Age Group

	2016	2018	2020
18-21	40%	43%	57%
22-24	38%	40%	53%
25-29	42%	44%	56%
30-39	53%	50%	63%
40-49	62%	61%	68%
50+	73%	78%	79%

**Voting is habit-forming and young voters will usually continue as voters in subsequent elections.** Also, young voters are more likely to be contacted by campaigns and are visible, and therefore significant, to elected officials. While in the past, we have seen voting rates increase across age groups, in recent cycles, the most significant increases have been among first-time and the youngest voters. Some colleges serve primarily young students, traditionally viewed as students in the 18-21 or 22-24 categories here. Others have much higher numbers of enrolled older undergraduate or graduate students.

# 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.

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	14,731	5,931	40	14,269	6,138	43	13,114	7,434	57	↑ 16
22-24	5,516	2,077	38	5,173	2,052	40	5,150	2,730	53	↑ 15
25-29	5,629	2,356	42	5,248	2,287	44	5,030	2,829	56	↑ 14
30-39	5,075	2,666	53	4,657	2,349	50	4,887	3,064	63	↑ 10
40-49	1,955	1,209	62	1,876	1,138	61	1,854	1,269	68	↑ 7
50+	1,068	784	73	1,197	931	78	833	654	79	↑ 5

# Looking Closer

## By Sex

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
Female	18,528	8,636	47	18,004	8,656	48	18,502	10,916	59	↑	12
Male	15,445	6,387	41	14,415	6,239	43	12,366	7,064	57	↑	16

**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

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p)	
EDUCATION LEVEL											
Undergraduate	30,892	13,684	44	30,807	14,133	46	29,305	17,037	58	↑ 14	
Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Class Unknown	3,082	1,148	37	1,613	716	44	1,563	927	59	↑ 22	
CLASS YEAR											
First Year	19,071	41	7,735	17,118	42	7,239	15,055	55	8,272	↑ 14	
Second Year	10,004	46	4,644	10,203	48	4,894	11,837	60	7,045	↑ 13	
Upper Level	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
ENROLLMENT STATUS											
Full-time	9,326	4,040	43	9,116	4,034	44	9,007	4,966	55	↑ 12	
Part-time	24,648	10,983	45	23,304	10,861	47	21,861	13,014	60	↑ 15	

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	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Architecture	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	961	412	43	813	397	49	715	439	61	↑ 19
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,537	1,885	42	4,309	1,774	41	4,064	2,233	55	↑ 13
Communication and Journalism	616	315	51	527	287	54	396	273	69	↑ 18
Communications Technologies/Technicians	646	294	46	227	128	56	133	87	65	↑ 20
Computer and Information Sciences	2,328	948	41	2,382	1,052	44	2,492	1,331	53	↑ 13
Construction Trades	206	73	35	225	89	40	181	87	48	↑ 13

**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	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Education	1,118	503	45	878	414	47	898	538	60	↑ 15
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,258	872	39	2,021	794	39	1,705	913	54	↑ 15
English Language and Literature	889	427	48	691	386	56	643	430	67	↑ 19
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	271	125	46	197	92	47	132	71	54	↑ 8
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	442	255	58	435	254	58	399	269	67	↑ 10
Health Professions	3,971	1,687	42	2,425	1,088	45	2,125	1,272	60	↑ 17
History	296	194	66	234	142	61	217	161	74	↑ 9
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protec..	1,026	413	40	837	333	40	700	377	54	↑ 14
Legal Professions and Studies	197	116	59	186	115	62	218	140	64	↑ 5
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	7,205	3,336	46	10,199	4,585	45	10,354	5,936	57	↑ 11
Mathematics and Statistics	190	93	49	198	103	52	158	97	61	↑ 12
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Techni..	436	156	36	349	122	35	282	146	52	↑ 16
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	-	19	-	-	40	31	78	-
Natural Resources and Conservation	142	80	56	117	63	54	140	99	71	↑ 14



## By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,232	459	37	499	208	42	229	126	55	↑ 18
Personal and Culinary Services	214	101	47	143	70	49	121	80	66	↑ 19
Philosophy and Religious Studies	70	33	47	61	34	56	71	42	59	↑ 12
Physical Sciences	395	196	50	328	168	51	252	158	63	↑ 13
Precision Production	266	114	43	256	101	39	200	114	57	↑ 14
Psychology	1,032	442	43	954	486	51	1,075	637	59	↑ 16
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	304	125	41	341	168	49	349	217	62	↑ 21
Science Technologies/Technicians	141	72	51	65	27	42	47	23	49	↓ -2
Social Sciences	746	401	54	647	388	60	586	389	66	↑ 13
Visual and Performing Arts	1,781	889	50	1,828	1,009	55	1,869	1,230	66	↑ 16
Unknown	36	-	-	16	-	-	30	11	37	-

# 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, and 2020 federal elections.

Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 50 million college student records, about 10 million for each election year, that serve as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

NSLVE is a signature initiative of the Institute for Democracy and Higher Education (IDHE) at Tufts University's Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life. The mission of IDHE is to shift college and university priorities and culture to advance political learning, agency, and equity. We achieve our mission through research, resource development, technical assistance, and advocacy.

### 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 2016, 2018, and 2020 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.

Austin Community College District

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://idhe.tufts.edu>.

References: IDHE 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: Institute for Democracy & Higher Education: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2021). 2016, 2018, and 2020 report for \_\_\_\_\_ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.



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