

### **SEPTEMBER 2019**

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT** 

Student Voting Rates for Baldwin Wallace University

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## **About This Report**

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE). Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 1,000 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018 federal elections. Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has helped us build a robust database for research on more than 10 million de-identified student records for each election year.

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. IDHE is an applied research center focused on college and university student political learning and participation in democracy. IDHE researchers study voting, campus conditions for political learning and discussion, closing equity gaps in participation, and increasing student agency and participation. We accomplish our goals through research, resource development, assisting institutions and the higher education community, 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 voted in the 2014 and 2018 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse and publicly available voting files collected by Catalist. We exclude FERPA-blocked records. (For exceptions for campuses with disproportionately high numbers of FERPA blocked students, see our Campus Reports FAQ.)

The institutional voting rates reported on page 3 are adjusted by deducting an estimated number of students identified by each institution as non-resident aliens and reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). For breakdowns by student characteristics in subsequent pages of the report, we cannot consistently adjust for students who are ineligible to vote: non-resident aliens (international students), resident aliens (undocumented students), and students who have been disenfranchised due to a felony conviction. As a result, your institution's actual voting rate may be higher than we report. If you have access to more complete data for students who are ineligible to vote, you may recalculate your rates by using the Recalculation Tool -

https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve-recalculation-tool.

To read more about NSLVE data, see our Campus Reports FAQ -

https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/frequently-asked-questions.

### **Reviewing the Data**

Use the following key to interpret the charts:

\* = number of students is less than 10

n/a = no data was collected or calculated for this field.

#### What to do next?

☐ Review the data and identify your challenges and opportunities. This report provides comparisons between subgroups of your students and with similar institutions. For more comparisons or to see national voter registration and voting rates, read our national report, Democracy Counts 2018. To access our data portals -

https://idhe.tufts.edu/public-data-portal-visualizations.

☐ Share the report widely and strategically by sharing it with institutional leaders, faculty across disciplines, student government leaders, and other student groups.

☐ Read and implement *Election Imperatives*, ten recommendations for improving your campus climate for student political learning, discourse, equity, and participation -

https://idhe.tufts.edu/electionimperatives.

☐ Work with us. IDHE can help via virtual office hours, webinars, brown bag discussions, coaching, and in-person workshops.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: https://idhe.tufts.edu.

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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at NSLVE@tufts.edu.

Warm regards,

**IDHE Team** 



# Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

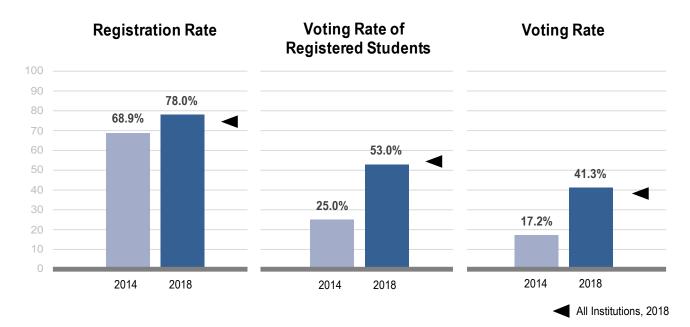
41.3%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+24.1

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%



	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	3,898	3,687	-211
Age under 18/Unknown IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens FERPA records blocked	(21) (59) 0	(12) (50) 0	
Total eligible voters	3,818	3,625	-193
Number of students who registered	2,630	2,828 1	198
Number of students who voted	657	1,498 1	841
Registration rate	68.9%	78.0% 1	9.1
Voting rate of registered students	25.0%	53.0% 1	28.0
Voting rate	17.2%	41.3% 4	24.1
Difference from all institutions	-2.5	+2.2	

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### **HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

# By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH 54.0%

LOW 1.5% 2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH 64.1%

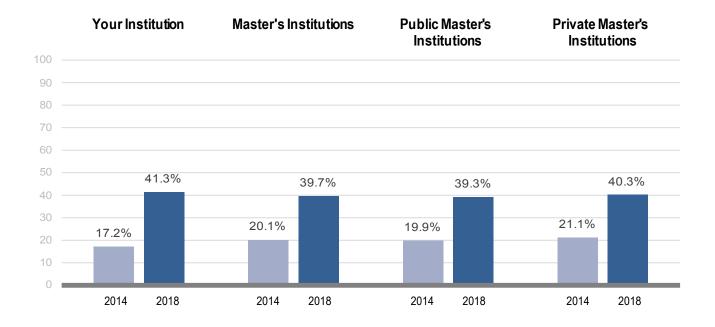
LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions

-2.5

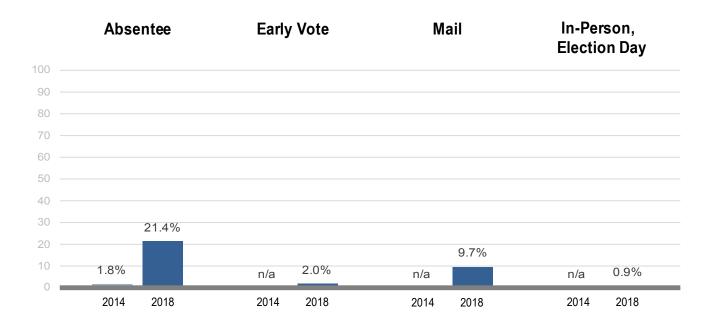
Difference from All Institutions

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# By Voting Method\*

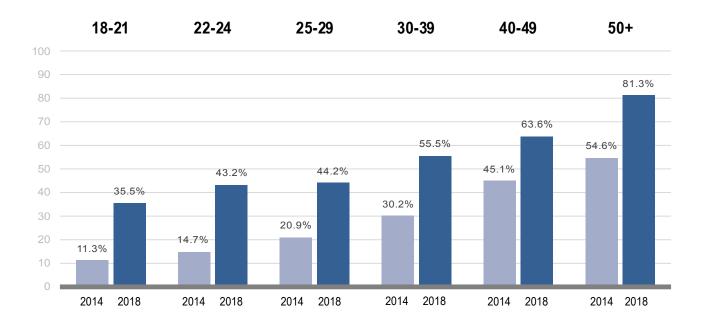


	2014		20	2018		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change	
Absentee	12	1.8%	321	21.4%	19.6	
Early Vote	0	n/a	30	2.0%	n/a	
Mail	*	n/a	145	9.7%	n/a	
In-Person, Election Day	*	n/a	14	0.9%	n/a	
Unknown	640	97.4%	988	66.0%		
Total	657		1,498			

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<sup>\*</sup> Your students' data broken down by voting method. If your campus has a high number of voting method "Unknown", it means that this information was not reported by local officals where your students voted.

## By Age Group\*

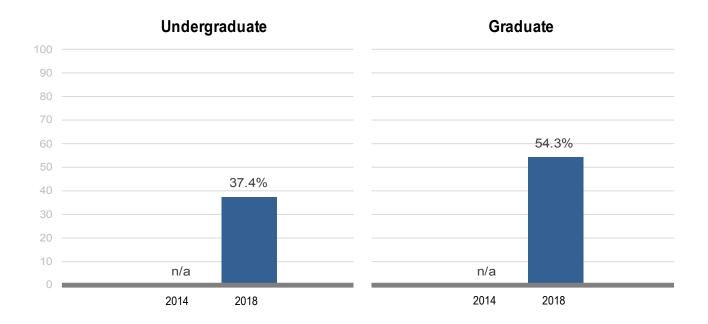


		2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
18-21	2,438	275	11.3%	2,332	828	35.5%	1	24.2
22-24	517	76	14.7%	592	256	43.2%	•	28.5
25-29	311	65	20.9%	301	133	44.2%	•	23.3
30-39	301	91	30.2%	238	132	55.5%	•	25.2
40-49	202	91	45.1%	132	84	63.6%	1	18.6
50+	108	59	54.6%	80	65	81.3%	•	26.6
Unknown	*			*				

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<sup>\*</sup> Your students' data broken down by age at the time of the election. To provide more accurate voting rates, students ineligible to vote because they were too young, students whose age data was not reported to the Clearinghouse, as well as records that were FERPA blocked are removed from this table. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens, resident aliens or undocumented students.

# By Education Level\*

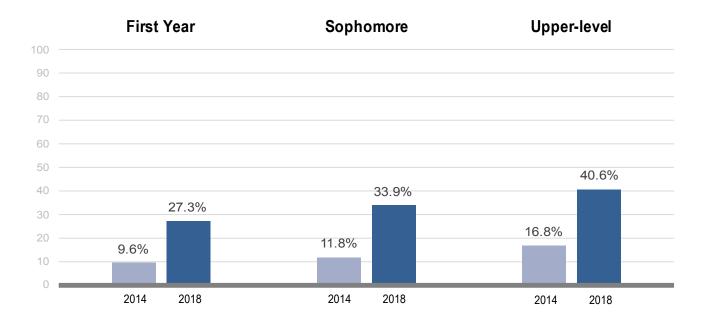


	2014				2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	3,019	1,130	37.4%	n/a	
Graduate	0	0	n/a	589	320	54.3%	n/a	
Unknown	3,877			67				

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<sup>\*</sup> Your students' data broken down by undergraduate and graduate students. To provide more accurate voting rates, students ineligible to vote because they were too young, students whose age data was not reported to the Clearinghouse, as well as records that were FERPA blocked are removed from this table. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens, resident aliens or undocumented students.

# By Undergraduate Class Year\*

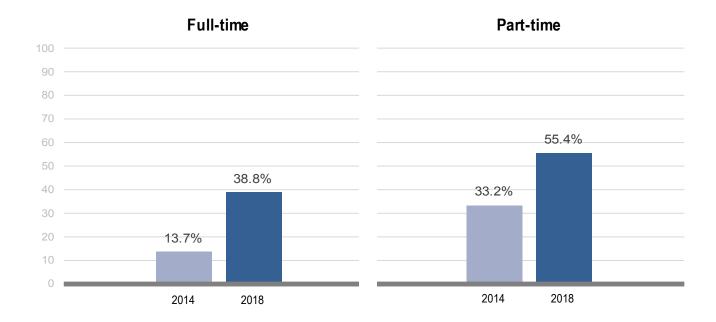


	2014				2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	742	71	9.6%	444	121	27.3%	1	17.7
Sophomore	786	93	11.8%	657	223	33.9%	1	22.1
Upper-level	1,611	271	16.8%	1,895	770	40.6%	1	23.8

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<sup>\*</sup> Your students' data broken down by undergraduate students' class level. To provide more accurate voting rates, students ineligible to vote because they were too young, students whose age data was not reported to the Clearinghouse, as well as records that were FERPA blocked are removed from this table. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens, resident aliens or undocumented students.

# By Enrollment Status\*

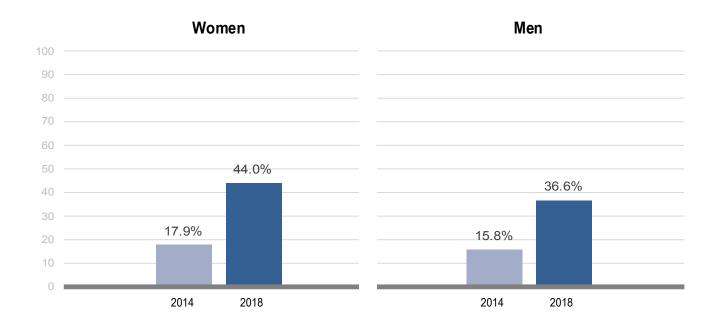


		2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	3,233	443	13.7%	3,249	1,262	38.8%	1	25.1
Part-time	644	214	33.2%	426	236	55.4%	1	22.2
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

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<sup>\*</sup> Your students' data broken down by part-time and full-time students. To provide more accurate voting rates, students ineligible to vote because they were too young, students whose age data was not reported to the Clearinghouse, as well as records that were FERPA blocked are removed from this table. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens, resident aliens or undocumented students.

# By Gender\*

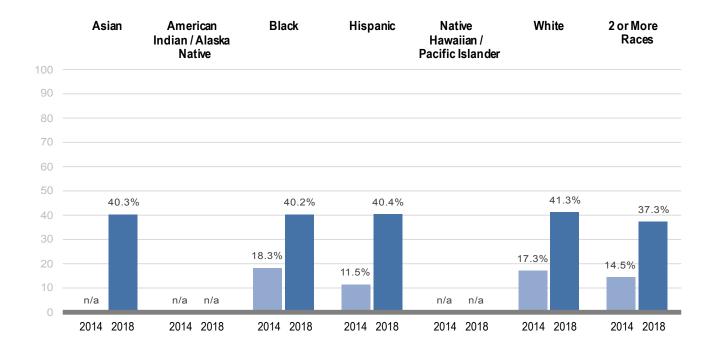


		2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	2,154	385	17.9%	2,063	907	44.0%	1	26.1
Men	1,723	272	15.8%	1,611	590	36.6%	1	20.8
Unknown	0			*				

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<sup>\*</sup> Your students' data broken down by gender. To provide more accurate voting rates, students ineligible to vote because they were too young, students whose age data was not reported to the Clearinghouse, as well as records that were FERPA blocked are removed from this table. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens, resident aliens or undocumented students.

# By Race/Ethnicity\*



	2014				2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change	
Asian	58	*	n/a	62	25	40.3%		n/a	
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a	
Black	323	59	18.3%	328	132	40.2%	1	22.0	
Hispanic	183	21	11.5%	183	74	40.4%	<b>1</b>	29.0	
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a	
White	3,112	539	17.3%	2,906	1,199	41.3%	1	23.9	
2 or More Races	131	19	14.5%	150	56	37.3%	1	22.8	
Unknown	70			46			1		

<sup>\*</sup> Your students' data broken down by race. To provide more accurate voting rates, students ineligible to vote because they were too young, students whose age data was not reported to the Clearinghouse, as well as records that were FERPA blocked are removed from this table. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens, resident aliens or undocumented students. For this page, we consider international students of unknown race/ethnicity.

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## By Field of Study\*

\* Your students' data broken down by field of study. To provide more accurate voting rates, students ineligible to vote because they were too young, students whose age data was not reported to the Clearinghouse, as well as records that were FERPA blocked are removed from this table. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens, resident aliens or undocumented students. The green and red highlighted values below represent your campus's top three and bottom three voting rates by field of study.

		2014		2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	351	34	9.7%	265	82	30.9% 🎓	21.3	
Business, Management, and Marketing	933	206	22.1%	785	328	41.8% 👚	19.7	
Communication and Journalism	165	21	12.7%	92	36	39.1% 🎓	26.4	
Computer and Information Sciences	75	16	21.3%	103	36	35.0% 👚	13.6	
Education	443	106	23.9%	444	215	48.4% 👚	24.5	
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	41	*	n/a	60	22	36.7%	n/a	
English Language and Literature	81	12	14.8%	82	43	52.4% 🁚	37.6	
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	13	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a	
Health Professions	373	43	11.5%	415	164	39.5% 👚	28.0	
History	63	13	20.6%	52	22	42.3% 👚	21.7	
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	92	13	14.1%	73	20	27.4% 👚	13.3	
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	111	10	9.0%	123	42	34.2% 👚	25.1	
Mathematics and Statistics	40	*	n/a	32	18	56.3%	n/a	
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	95	25	26.3%	50	32	64.0% 👚	37.7	
Natural Resources and Conservation	42	12	28.6%	23	10	43.5% 🁚	14.9	
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	131	*	n/a	160	41	25.6%	n/a	
Philosophy and Religious Studies	13	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	
Physical Sciences	84	15	17.9%	54	13	24.1% 👚	6.2	
Psychology	165	13	7.9%	155	69	44.5% 🎓	36.6	
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	0	0	n/a	16	*	n/a	n/a	
Social Sciences	82	20	24.4%	114	56	49.1% 🁚	24.7	
Visual and Performing Arts	390	40	10.3%	524	212	40.5% 🁚	30.2	
Jnknown	94	38	40.4%	48	29	60.4% 👚	20.0	

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