

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Bates College

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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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Warm regards,

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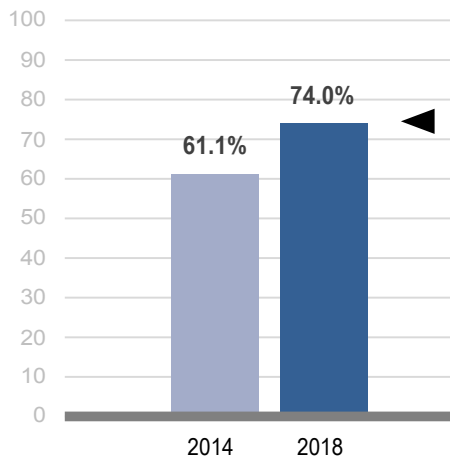
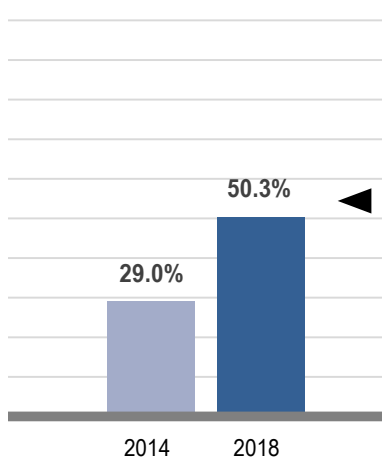
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## Voting and Registration Rates

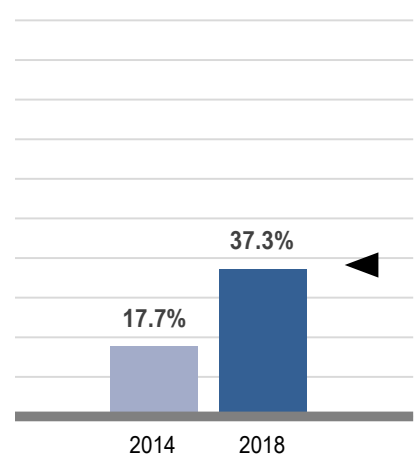
2018 Voting Rate

**37.3%**CHANGE  
FROM 2014**+19.5**2018 VOTING RATE  
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS**39.1%**

Registration Rate

Voting Rate of  
Registered Students

Voting Rate



All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	1,875	1,939	↑ 64
Age under 18/Unknown	*	*	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(129)	(143)	
FERPA records blocked	0	0	
Total eligible voters	1,741	1,790	↑ 49
Number of students who registered	1,064	1,325	↑ 261
Number of students who voted	309	667	↑ 358
Registration rate	61.1%	74.0%	↑ 12.9
Voting rate of registered students	29.0%	50.3%	↑ 21.3
Voting rate	17.7%	37.3%	↑ 19.5
Difference from all institutions	-2.0	-1.8	

## 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

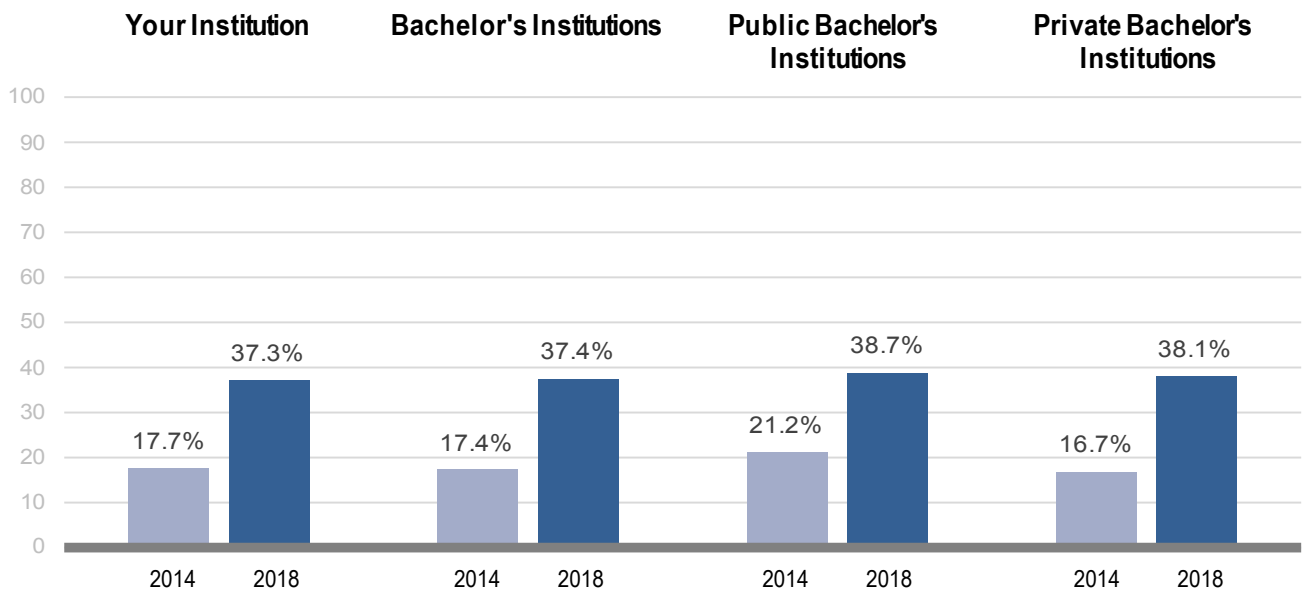
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

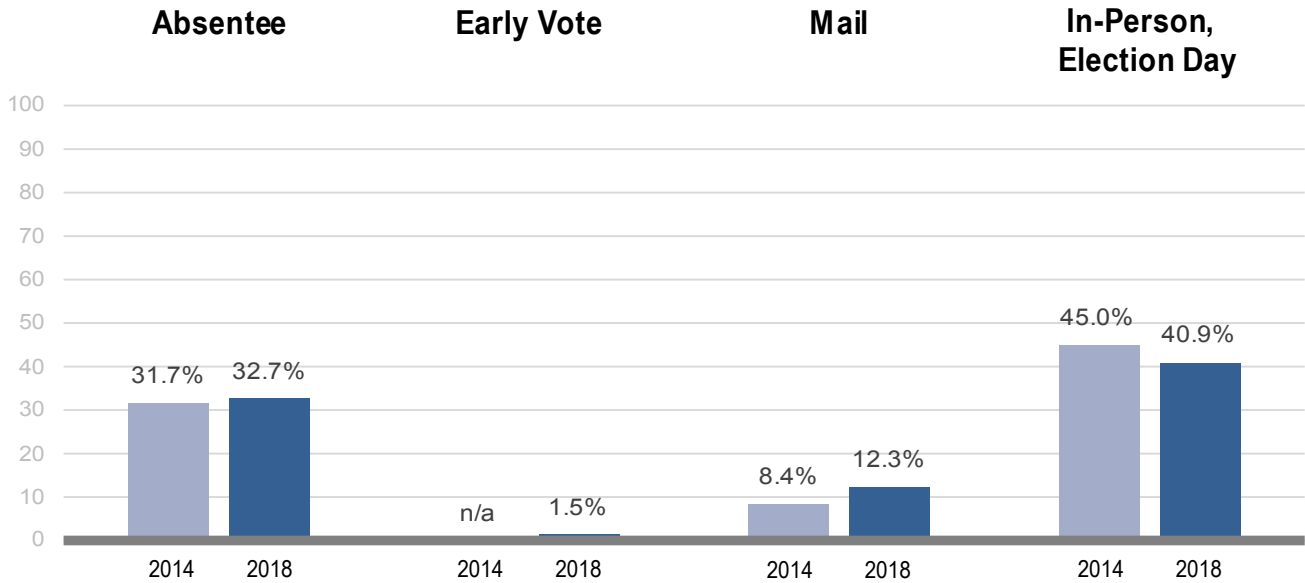
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## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# By Voting Method\*

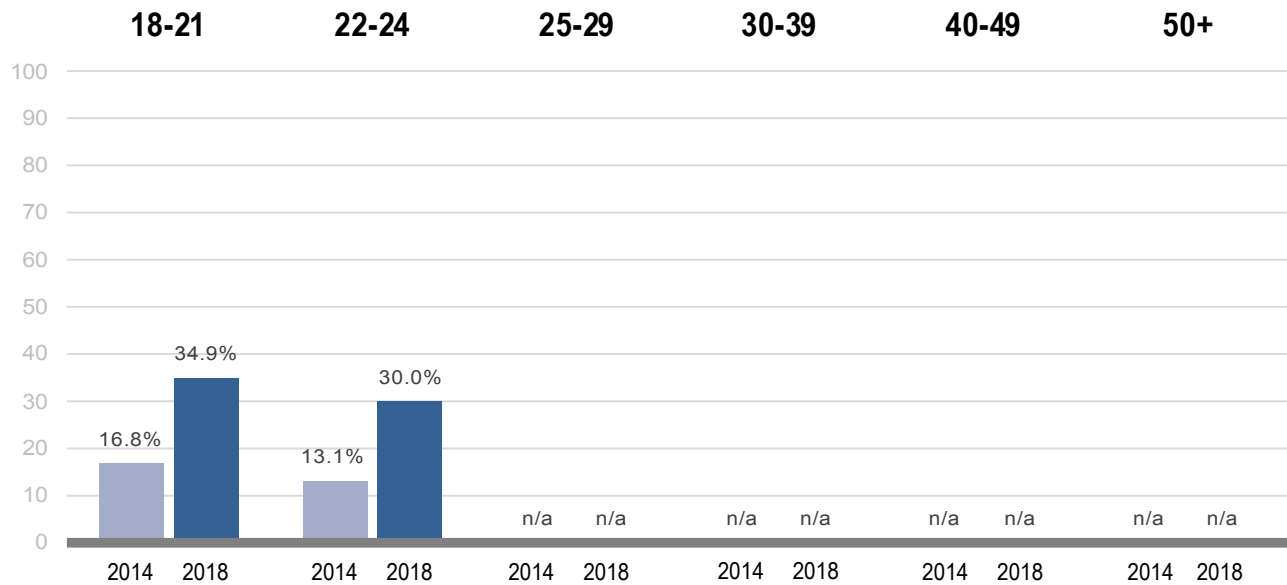


	2014		2018			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change	
Absentee	98	31.7%	218	32.7%	↑	1.0
Early Vote	*	n/a	10	1.5%	n/a	
Mail	26	8.4%	82	12.3%	↑	3.9
In-Person, Election Day	139	45.0%	273	40.9%	↓	-4.1
Unknown	45	14.6%	84	12.6%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>309</b>		<b>667</b>			

\* 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 officials where your students voted.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Age Group\*

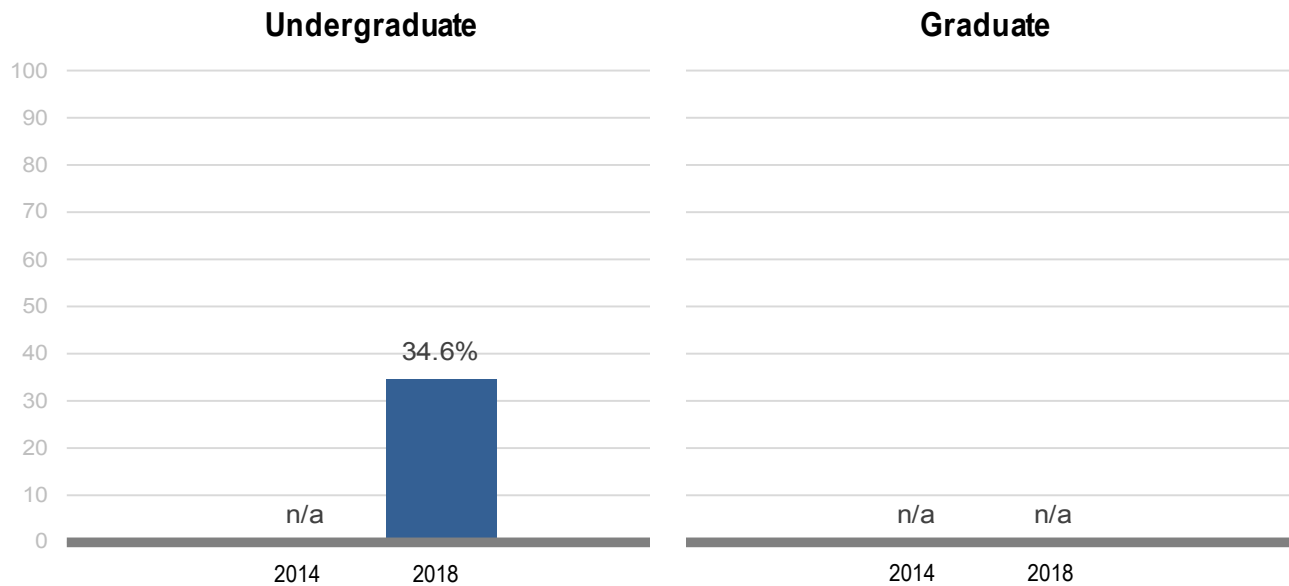


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	1,719	289	16.8%	1,779	621	34.9%	↑	18.1
22-24	145	19	13.1%	150	45	30.0%	↑	16.9
25-29	*	0	n/a	*	*	n/a		n/a
30-39	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
40-49	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
50+	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
Unknown	0			0				

\* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Education Level\*

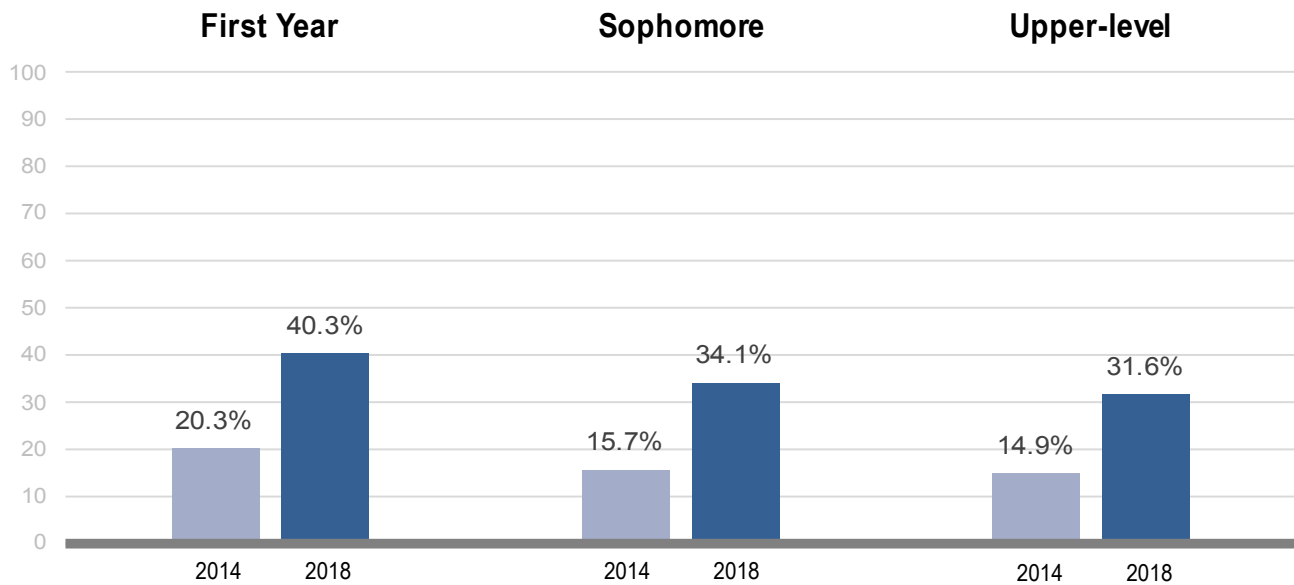


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	1,930	667	34.6%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	1,870			*			

\* 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.

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## By Undergraduate Class Year\*



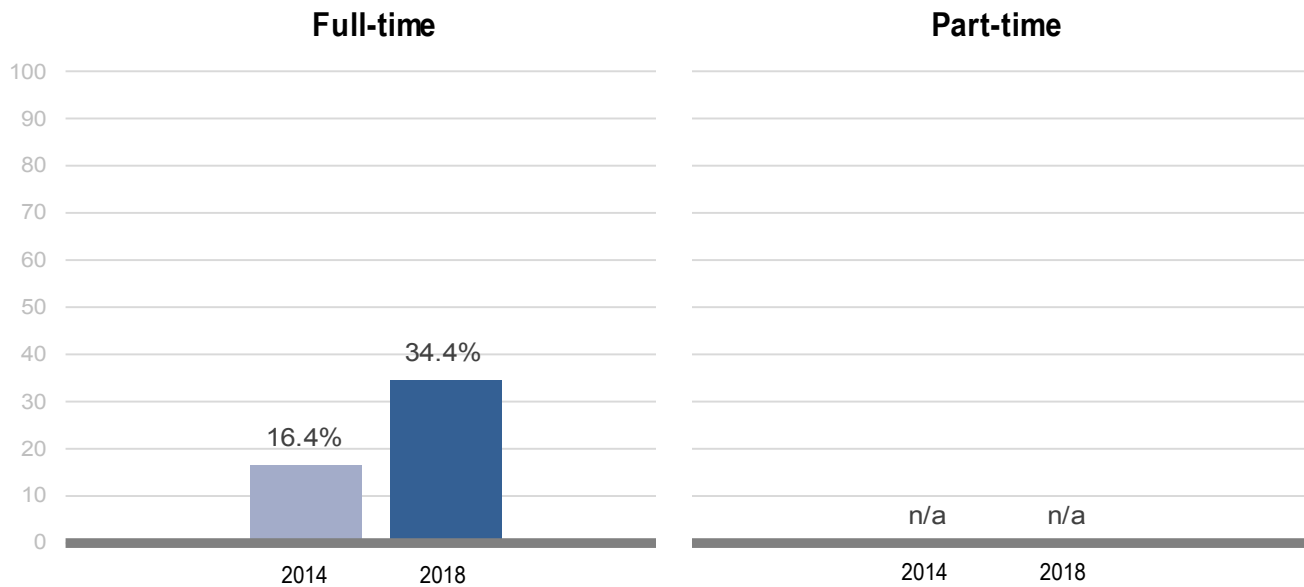
	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	463	94	20.3%	526	212	40.3%	↑ 20.0
Sophomore	472	74	15.7%	472	161	34.1%	↑ 18.4
Upper-level	928	138	14.9%	930	294	31.6%	↑ 16.7

\* 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.



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## By Enrollment Status\*

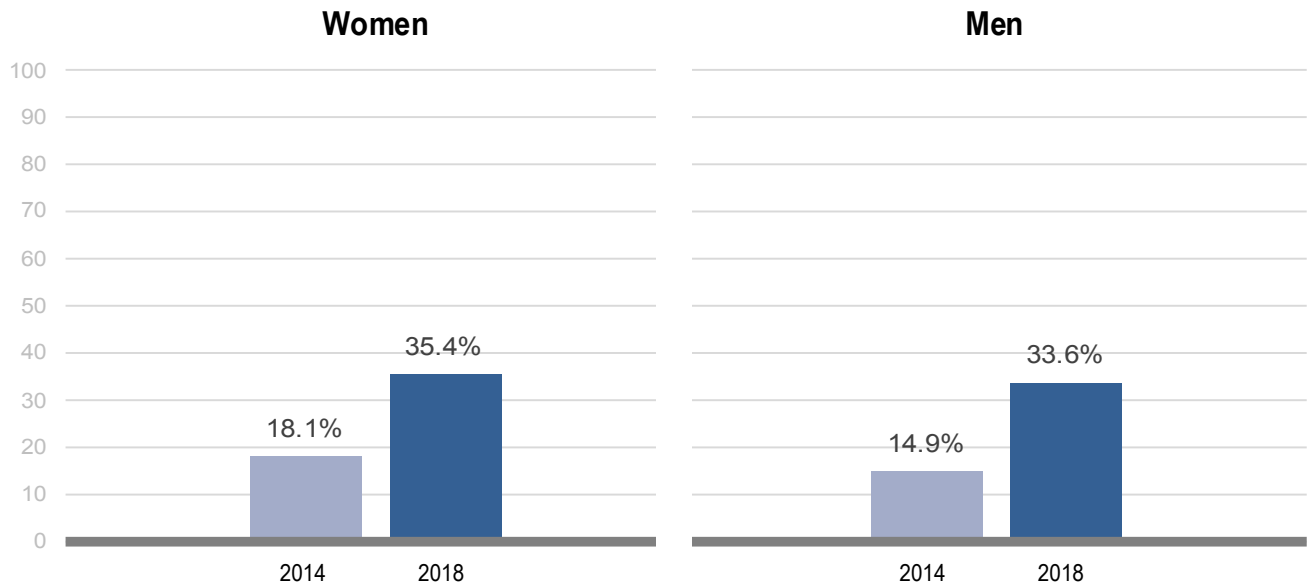


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	1,863	306	16.4%	1,929	664	34.4%	↑	18.0
Part-time	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

\* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Gender\*

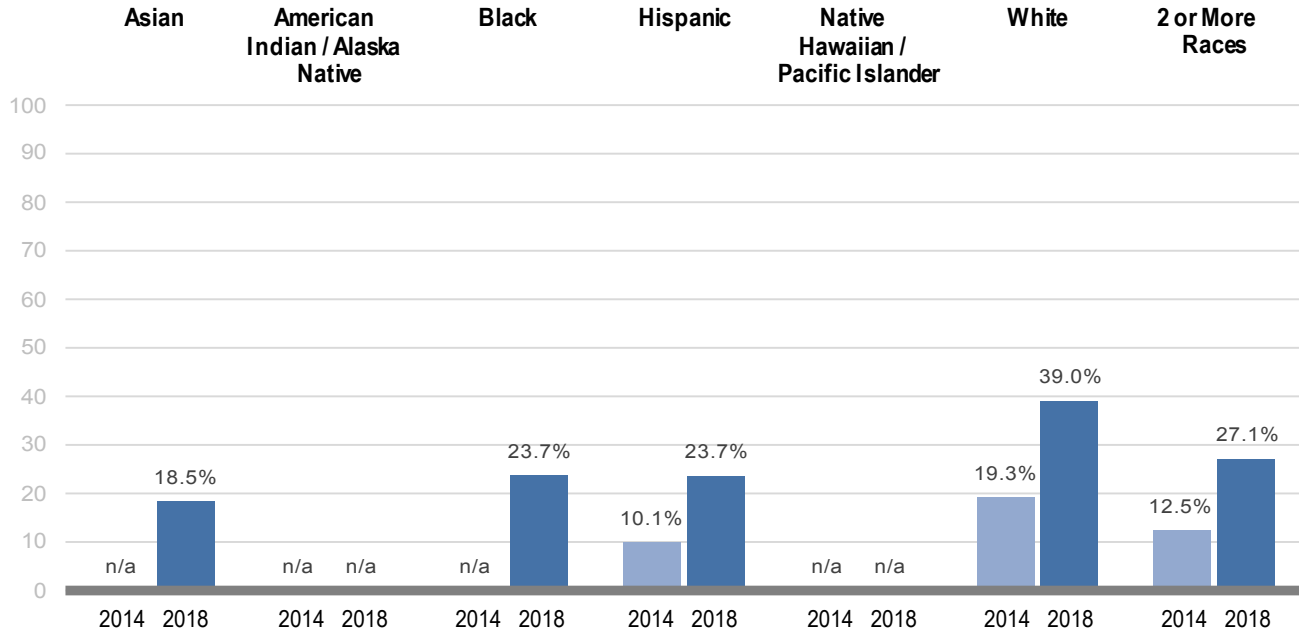


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	946	171	18.1%	960	340	35.4%	↑	17.3
Men	924	138	14.9%	973	327	33.6%	↑	18.7
Unknown	0			0				

\* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# By Race/Ethnicity\*



	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Asian	143	*	n/a	157	29	18.5%	n/a	
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	
Black	102	*	n/a	118	28	23.7%	n/a	
Hispanic	139	14	10.1%	152	36	23.7%	↑	13.6
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	
White	1,383	267	19.3%	1,394	544	39.0%	↑	19.7
2 or More Races	80	10	12.5%	96	26	27.1%	↑	14.6
Unknown	23			16				

\* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## 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			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	30	*	n/a	29	11	37.9%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	147	24	16.3%	161	58	36.0% ↑	19.7
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
English Language and Literature	93	17	18.3%	93	33	35.5% ↑	17.2
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	27	*	n/a	23	*	n/a	n/a
History	70	17	24.3%	40	15	37.5% ↑	13.2
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	733	127	17.3%	736	286	38.9% ↑	21.5
Mathematics and Statistics	51	*	n/a	58	18	31.0%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	19	*	n/a	24	10	41.7%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	74	15	20.3%	69	25	36.2% ↑	16.0
Philosophy and Religious Studies	35	*	n/a	38	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	77	*	n/a	65	22	33.9%	n/a
Psychology	111	16	14.4%	145	41	28.3% ↑	13.9
Social Sciences	315	47	14.9%	373	116	31.1% ↑	16.2
Visual and Performing Arts	62	11	17.7%	58	17	29.3% ↑	11.6
Unknown	26	*	n/a	14	*	n/a	n/a

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. (2019). *2014 and 2018 report for \_\_\_\_\_* [name of institution]. Medford, MA.

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