

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Baylor 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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Warm regards,

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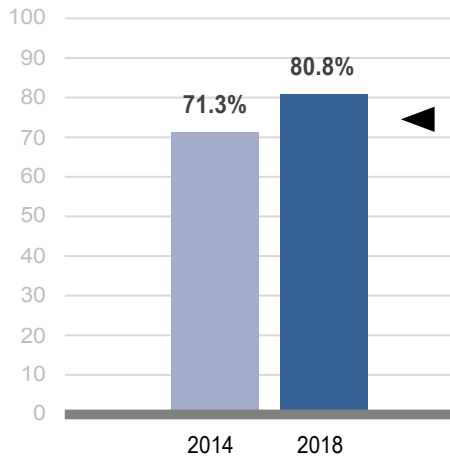
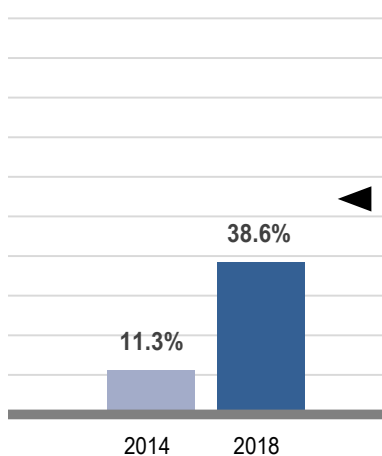
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## Voting and Registration Rates

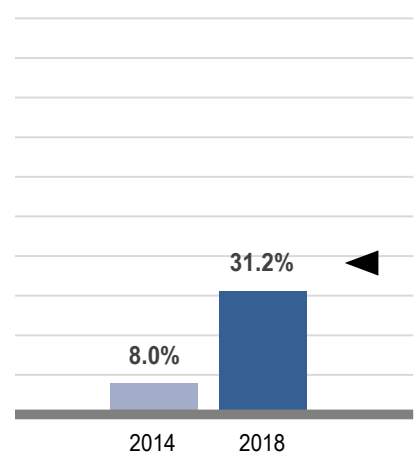
2018 Voting Rate

**31.2%**CHANGE  
FROM 2014**+23.2**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	15,703	16,181	↑ 478
Age under 18/Unknown	(72)	(61)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(658)	(685)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	14,972	15,432	↑ 460
Number of students who registered	10,668	12,476	↑ 1,808
Number of students who voted	1,200	4,810	↑ 3,610
Registration rate	71.3%	80.8%	↑ 9.6
Voting rate of registered students	11.3%	38.6%	↑ 27.3
Voting rate	8.0%	31.2%	↑ 23.2
Difference from all institutions	-11.7	-7.9	

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

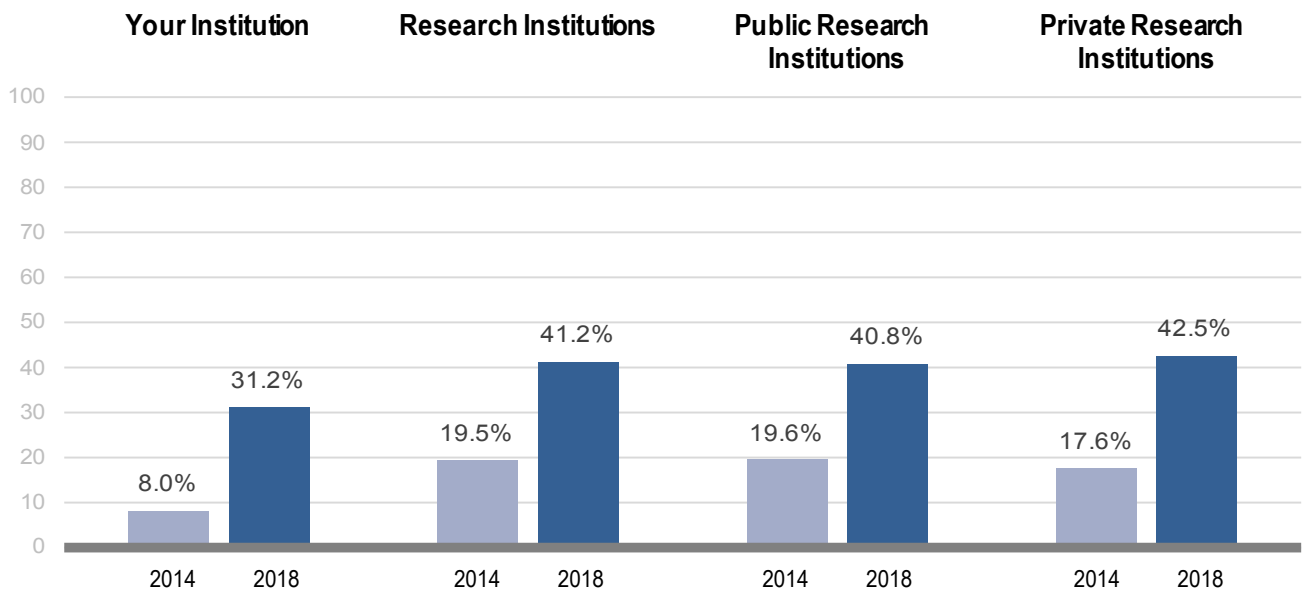
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

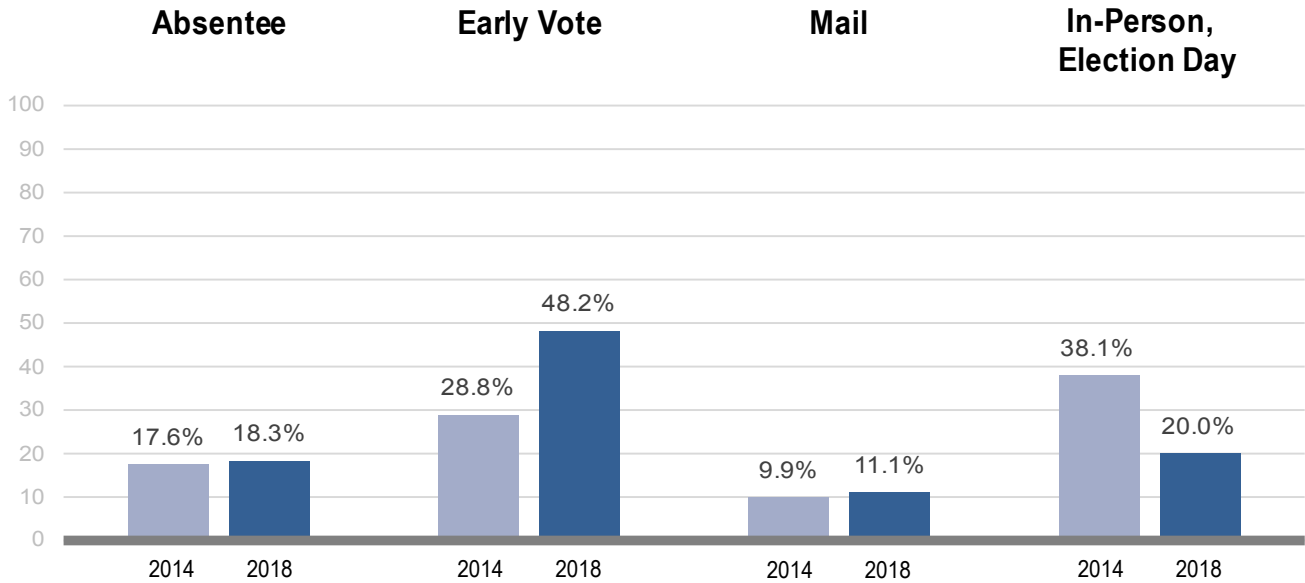
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# By Voting Method\*

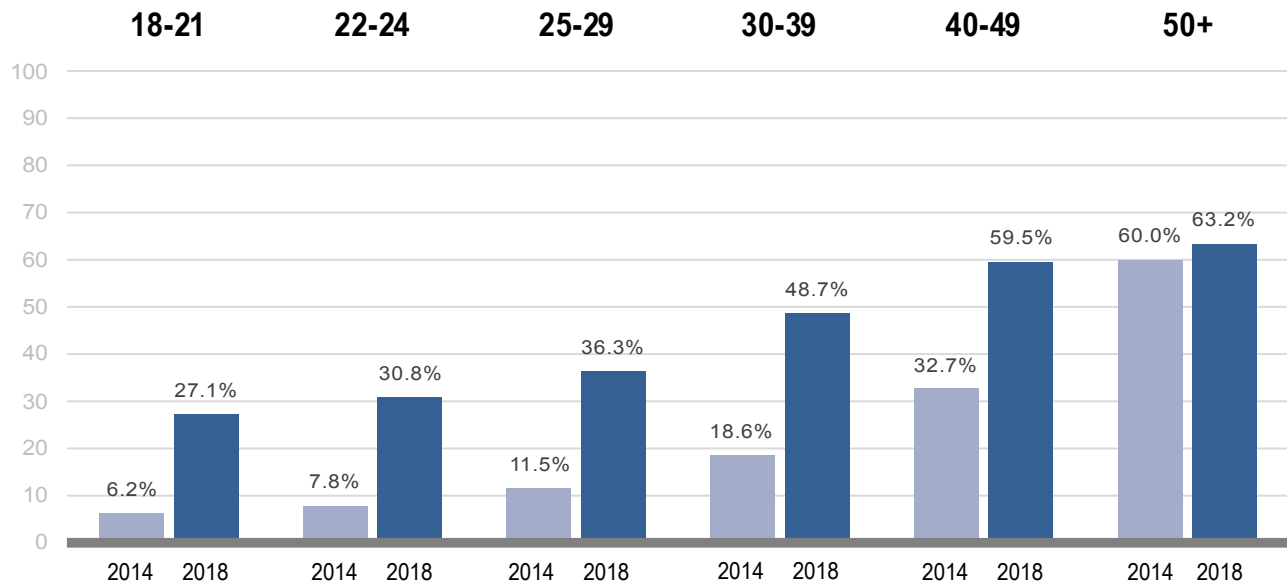


	2014		2018			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change	
Absentee	211	17.6%	881	18.3%	↑	0.7
Early Vote	346	28.8%	2,316	48.2%	↑	19.3
Mail	119	9.9%	534	11.1%	↑	1.2
In-Person, Election Day	457	38.1%	964	20.0%	↓	-18.0
Unknown	67	5.6%	115	2.4%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,200</b>		<b>4,810</b>			

\* 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\*

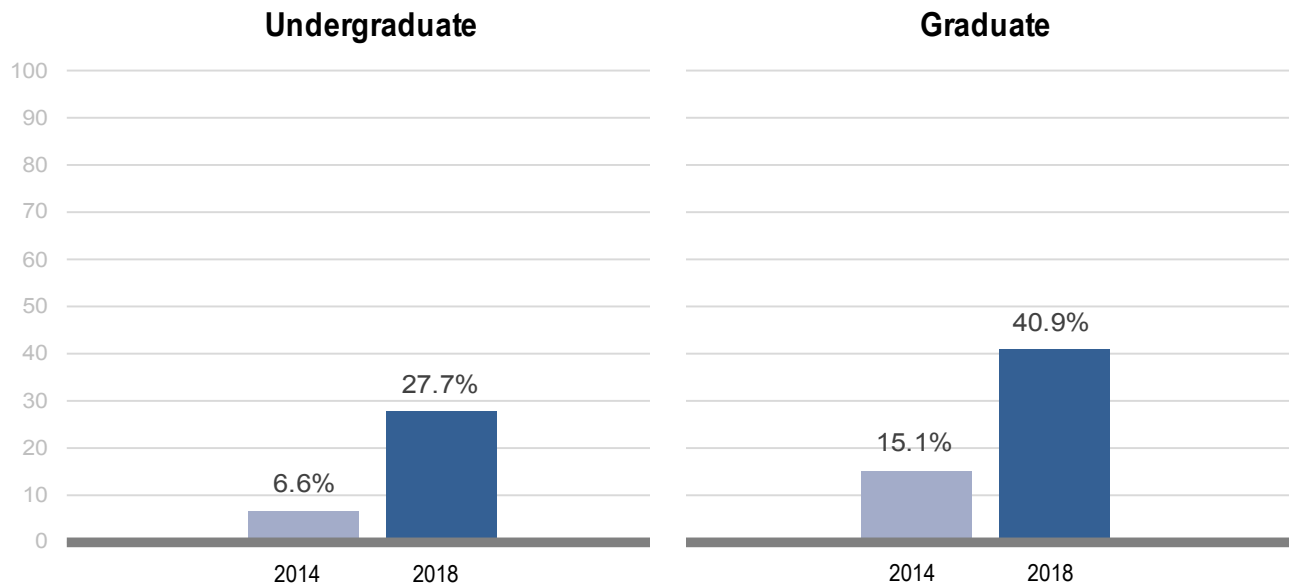


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	11,648	718	6.2%	11,647	3,161	27.1%	↑	21.0
22-24	2,339	183	7.8%	2,551	785	30.8%	↑	23.0
25-29	810	93	11.5%	870	316	36.3%	↑	24.8
30-39	607	113	18.6%	729	355	48.7%	↑	30.1
40-49	156	51	32.7%	252	150	59.5%	↑	26.8
50+	70	42	60.0%	68	43	63.2%	↑	3.2
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\*

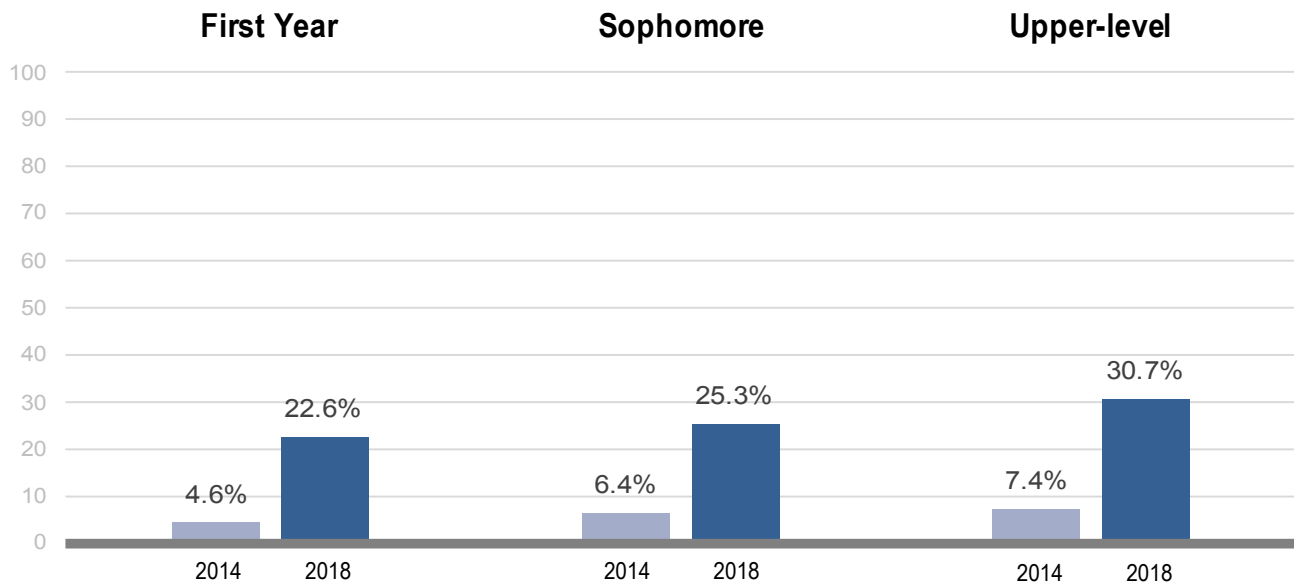


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Undergraduate	13,587	891	6.6%	13,547	3,757	27.7%	↑	21.2
Graduate	2,041	308	15.1%	2,566	1,049	40.9%	↑	25.8
Unknown	*			*				

\* 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\*



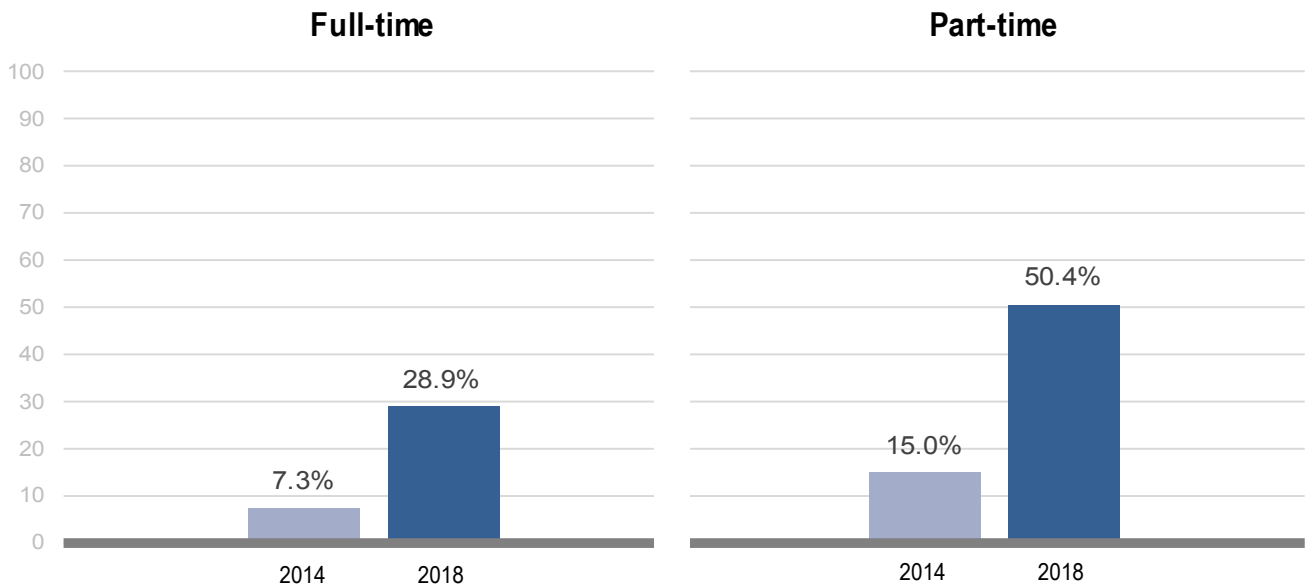
	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	3,746	171	4.6%	3,203	724	22.6%	↑	18.0
Sophomore	3,083	197	6.4%	3,042	770	25.3%	↑	18.9
Upper-level	6,003	442	7.4%	7,195	2,209	30.7%	↑	23.3

\* 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\*

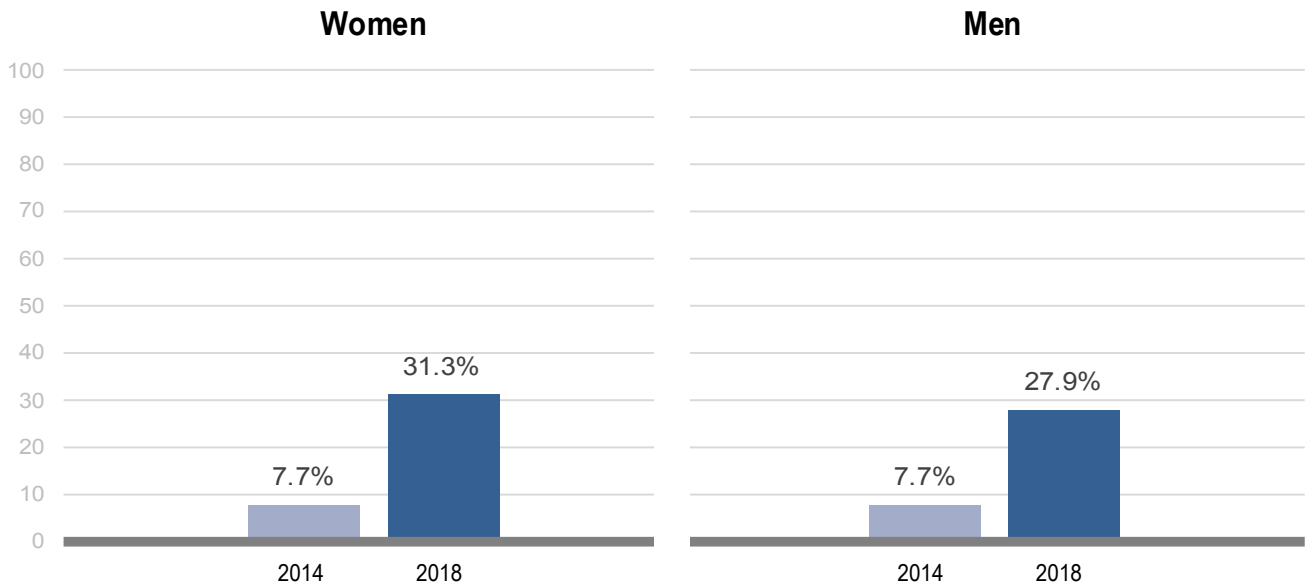


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	14,808	1,077	7.3%	15,409	4,453	28.9%	↑	21.6
Part-time	822	123	15.0%	708	357	50.4%	↑	35.5
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

\* 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\*

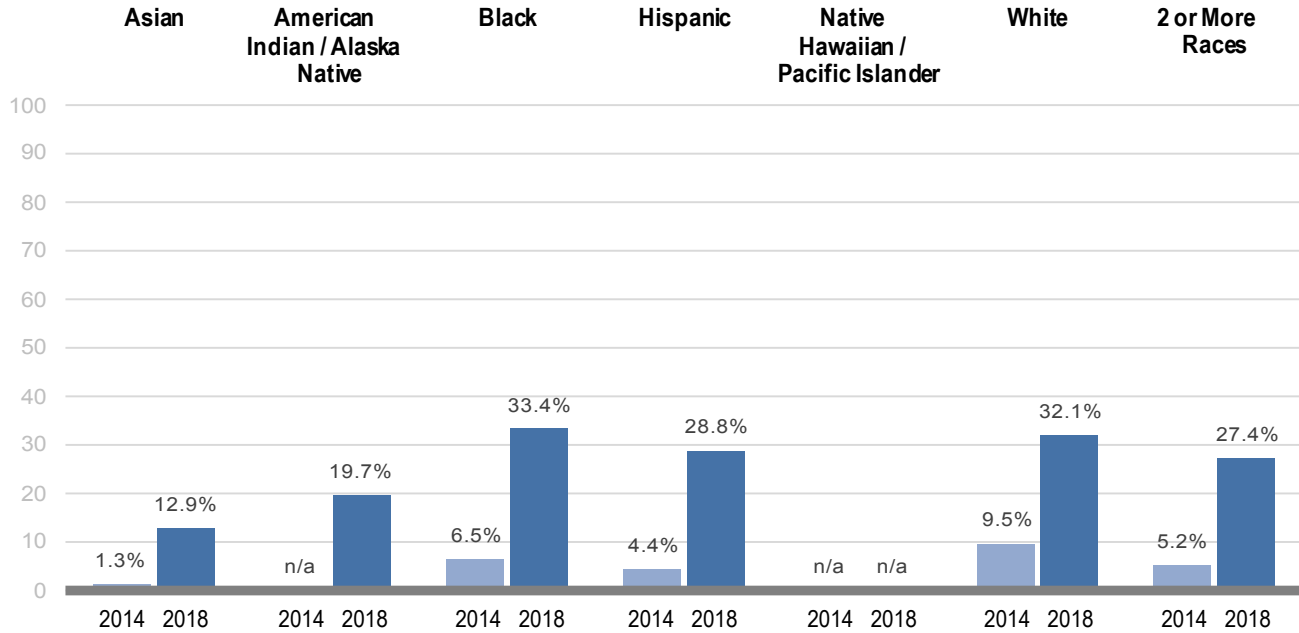


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	8,836	678	7.7%	9,408	2,940	31.3%	↑	23.6
Men	6,794	522	7.7%	6,709	1,870	27.9%	↑	20.2
Unknown	0			0				

\* 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	1,323	17	1.3%	1,295	167	12.9%	↑	11.6
American Indian/ Alaska Native	53	*	n/a	61	12	19.7%		n/a
Black	1,168	76	6.5%	1,012	338	33.4%	↑	26.9
Hispanic	2,144	94	4.4%	2,469	710	28.8%	↑	24.4
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	*	0	n/a	12	*	n/a		n/a
White	10,097	963	9.5%	10,384	3,337	32.1%	↑	22.6
2 or More Races	709	37	5.2%	793	217	27.4%	↑	22.1
Unknown	128			91				

\* 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	*	0	n/a	14	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,033	77	3.8%	1,903	388	20.4% ↑	16.6
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,927	331	8.4%	3,893	1,201	30.9% ↑	22.4
Communication and Journalism	838	73	8.7%	995	309	31.1% ↑	22.4
Computer and Information Sciences	301	27	9.0%	276	68	24.6% ↑	15.7
Education	784	71	9.1%	748	281	37.6% ↑	28.5
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	817	61	7.5%	651	166	25.5% ↑	18.0
English Language and Literature	244	18	7.4%	209	76	36.4% ↑	29.0
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	269	14	5.2%	236	57	24.2% ↑	19.0
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	105	*	n/a	77	20	26.0%	n/a
Health Professions	2,051	136	6.6%	2,429	731	30.1% ↑	23.5
History	148	24	16.2%	134	51	38.1% ↑	21.8
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	276	10	3.6%	389	79	20.3% ↑	16.7
Mathematics and Statistics	164	13	7.9%	162	47	29.0% ↑	21.1
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	233	22	9.4%	351	118	33.6% ↑	24.2
Natural Resources and Conservation	116	10	8.6%	142	48	33.8% ↑	25.2
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	190	*	n/a	391	87	22.3%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	242	22	9.1%	225	74	32.9% ↑	23.8
Physical Sciences	386	21	5.4%	305	81	26.6% ↑	21.1
Psychology	667	44	6.6%	549	144	26.2% ↑	19.6
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	258	29	11.2%	284	130	45.8% ↑	34.5
Science Technologies/Technicians	0	0	n/a	16	*	n/a	n/a
Social Sciences	648	86	13.3%	785	310	39.5% ↑	26.2

Theology and Religious Vocations	354	66	18.6%	325	153	47.1% ↑	28.4
Transportation and Materials Moving	58	*	n/a	70	18	25.7%	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	478	21	4.4%	525	155	29.5% ↑	25.1
Unknown	36	*	n/a	33	10	30.3%	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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