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# Student Voting Rates for Baylor University

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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# In This Report

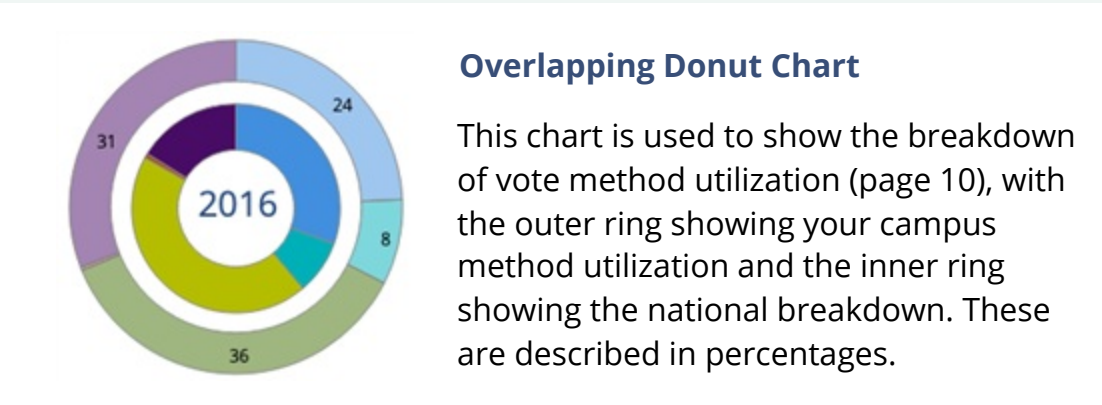
This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut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



	2014			2018			2014-2018 Change (p.p.)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
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

64.5%

2020 Voting Rate

+22.8

Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

Year	Rate
2016	80.6%
2018	81.6%
2020	86.5%

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

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

Year	Rate
2016	51.7%
2018	37.6%
2020	74.6%

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

Year	Rate
2016	41.7%
2018	30.7%
2020	64.5%

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	16,702	16,123	19,031	↑ 2,329
(Age under 18/Unknown)	–	–	–	–
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	732	672	911	↑ 179
(FERPA records blocked)	–	–	–	–
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	–	–	–	–
Total eligible voters	15,967	15,448	18,109	↑ 2,142
Number of students who registered	12,867	12,604	15,662	↑ 2,795
Number of students who voted	6,658	4,735	11,687	↑ 5,029
Registration Rate %	81	82	86	↑ 6
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	52	38	75	↑ 23
Voting Rate %	42	31	65	↑ 23

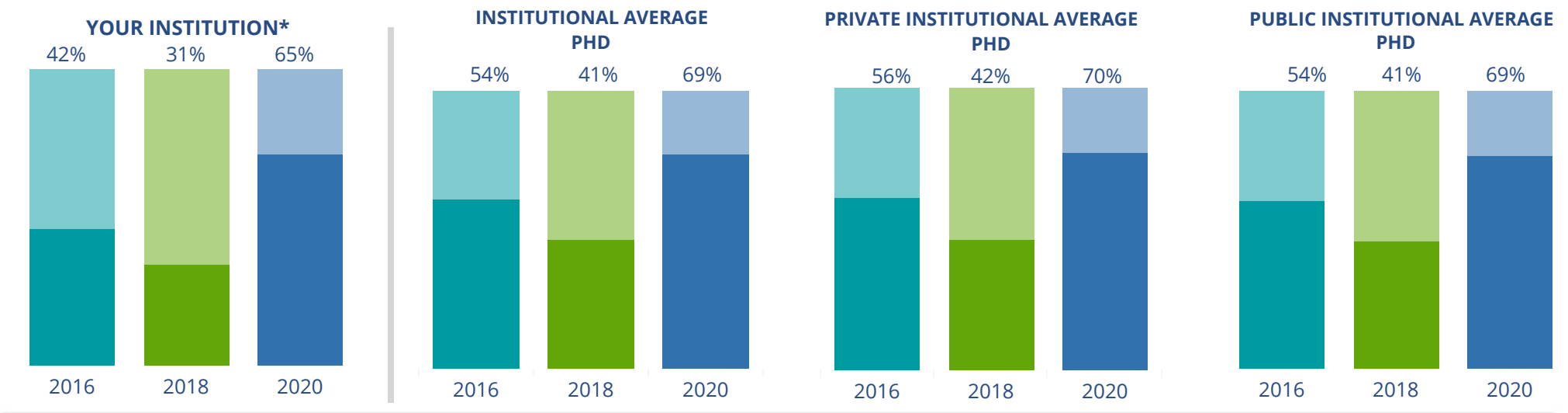
**This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates.** The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged, 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/nsive/nsive-recalculation-tool>.

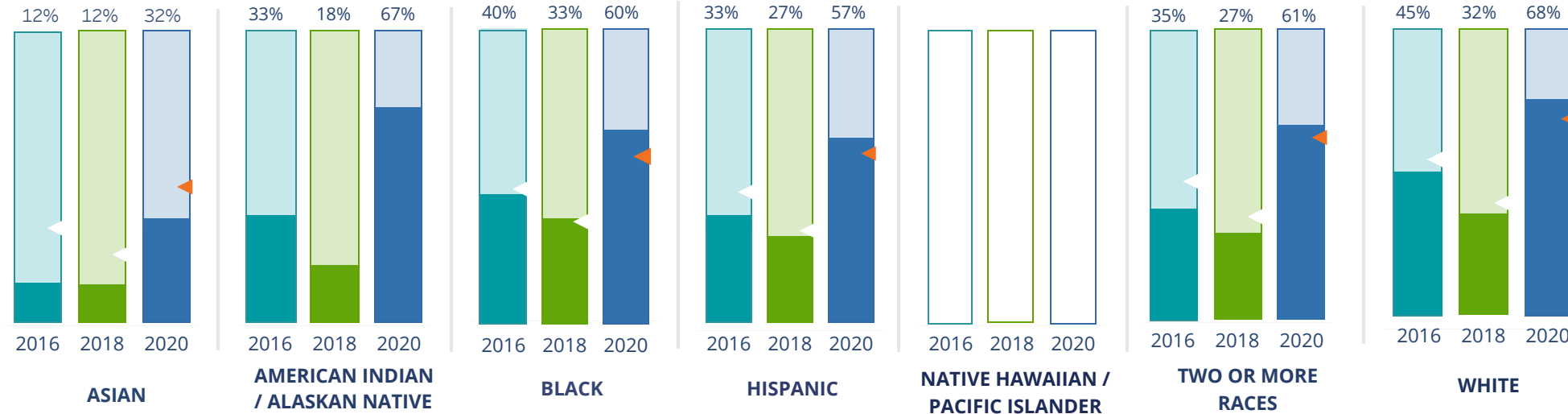
# By Institution Types



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-nsve-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>



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## By Race/Ethnicity

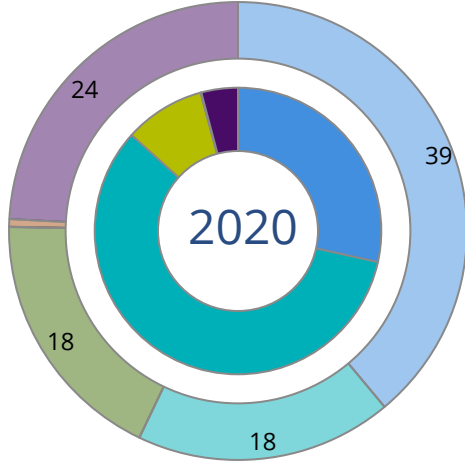
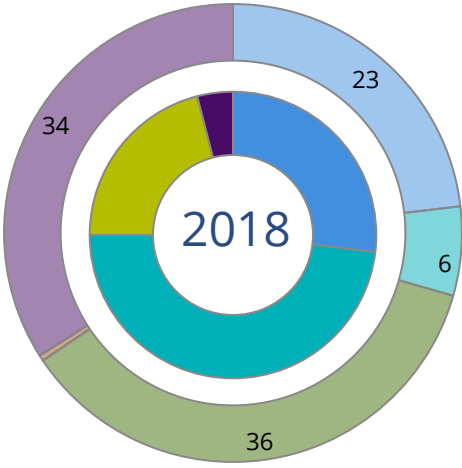
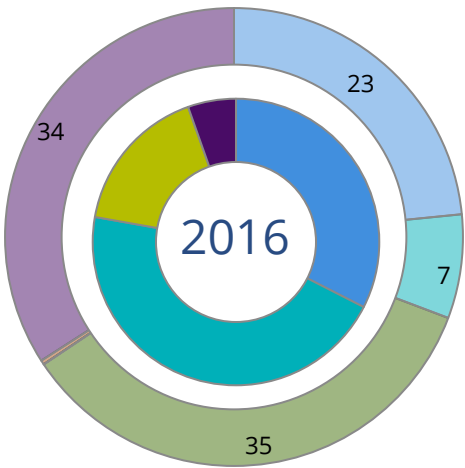
**This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates.** We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your 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	1,425	176	12	1,295	156	12	1,985	637	32	↑ 20
American Indian/ Alaska Native	51	17	33	61	11	18	69	46	67	↑ 33
Black	1,161	465	40	1,012	329	33	1,312	780	59	↑ 19
Hispanic	2,371	788	33	2,469	657	27	2,996	1,700	57	↑ 24
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	12	-	-	20	-	-	-
2 or More Races	771	267	35	793	217	27	842	516	61	↑ 27
White	10,799	4,887	45	10,384	3,338	32	11,499	7,835	68	↑ 23
Race Unknown	112	54	48	91	23	25	293	164	56	↑ 8



# 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	3,014	45	2,279	48	6,805	58	13	↑
In-Person on Election Day	1,119	17	992	21	1,059	9	-8	↓
Not-In-Person	2,166	33	1,272	27	3,334	29	-4	↓
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Voting Method Unknown	357	5	190	4	479	4	-1	↓

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	38%	26%	62%
22-24	41%	32%	62%
25-29	45%	41%	57%
30-39	50%	49%	58%
40-49	69%	61%	71%
50+	78%	78%	78%

**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	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
18-21	12,143	4,615	38	11,647	3,005	26	12,308	7,590	62	↑	24
22-24	2,639	1,078	41	2,551	814	32	3,079	1,904	62	↑	21
25-29	957	430	45	870	355	41	1,568	890	57	↑	12
30-39	702	353	50	729	355	49	1,315	760	58	↑	8
40-49	197	136	69	252	153	61	531	375	71	↑	2
50+	59	46	78	68	53	78	215	168	78	↑	0

# Looking Closer

## By Sex

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
Female	9,363	4,072	43	9,408	2,980	32	11,512	7,544	66	↑	22
Male	7,334	2,586	35	6,709	1,755	26	7,504	4,143	55	↑	20

**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	14,092	5,298	38	13,547	3,614	27	14,052	8,602	61	↑	24
Graduate	2,604	1,360	52	2,566	1,117	44	4,952	3,076	62	↑	10
Class Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-
CLASS YEAR											
First Year	3,626	37	1,337	3,203	21	664	3,605	58	2,094	↑	21
Second Year	3,258	38	1,224	3,042	23	712	3,143	61	1,923	↑	24
Upper Level	7,126	38	2,713	7,195	30	2,184	7,106	63	4,500	↑	25
ENROLLMENT STATUS											
Full-time	16,053	6,313	39	15,409	4,376	28	17,288	10,555	61	↑	22
Part-time	644	345	54	708	359	51	1,724	1,128	65	↑	12

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)
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	15	–	–	14	–	–	15	–	–	–
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,858	557	30	1,903	372	20	1,989	1,055	53	↑ 23
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,406	1,761	40	3,893	1,136	29	4,177	2,662	64	↑ 24
Communication and Journalism	903	364	40	995	299	30	924	609	66	↑ 26
Computer and Information Sciences	304	87	29	276	60	22	292	143	49	↑ 20
Education	682	299	44	748	287	38	1,050	722	69	↑ 25
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	792	289	36	651	158	24	615	348	57	↑ 20

**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	
English Language and Literature	229	111	48	209	79	38	187	128	68	↑ 20
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	244	104	43	236	58	25	239	166	69	↑ 27
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	85	41	48	77	23	30	40	24	60	↑ 12
Health Professions	2,250	903	40	2,429	717	30	3,751	2,344	62	↑ 22
History	136	66	49	134	51	38	148	109	74	↑ 25
Legal Professions and Studies	352	231	66	–	–	–	457	316	69	↑ 4
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	289	89	31	389	75	19	486	229	47	↑ 16
Mathematics and Statistics	189	67	35	162	47	29	195	92	47	↑ 12
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	327	164	50	351	125	36	329	221	67	↑ 17
Natural Resources and Conservation	120	57	48	142	49	35	167	102	61	↑ 14
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Stu..	386	112	29	391	76	19	373	180	48	↑ 19
Philosophy and Religious Studies	221	89	40	225	79	35	225	138	61	↑ 21
Physical Sciences	374	106	28	305	80	26	357	170	48	↑ 19
Psychology	575	222	39	549	143	26	734	447	61	↑ 22



## By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	307	170	55	284	144	51	446	273	61	↑	6
Science Technologies/Technicians	–	–	–	16	–	–	34	23	68		–
Social Sciences	699	328	47	785	307	39	786	517	66	↑	19
Visual and Performing Arts	512	197	38	525	154	29	538	364	68	↑	29
Unknown	53	24	45	33	11	33	52	33	63	↑	18

# 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.

Baylor University

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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