

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Boston 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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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at NSLVE@tufts.edu.

Warm regards,

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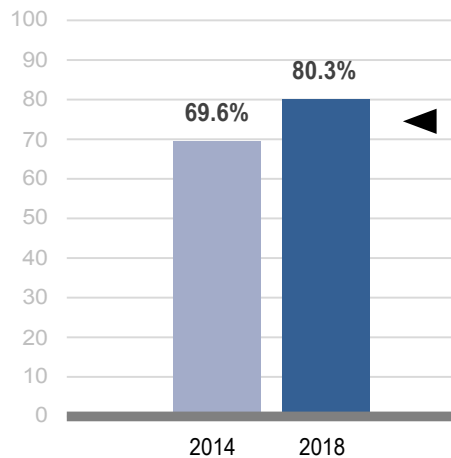
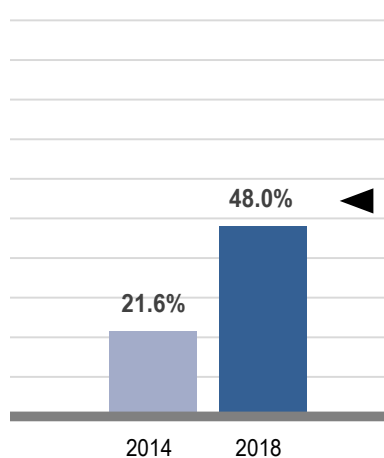
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

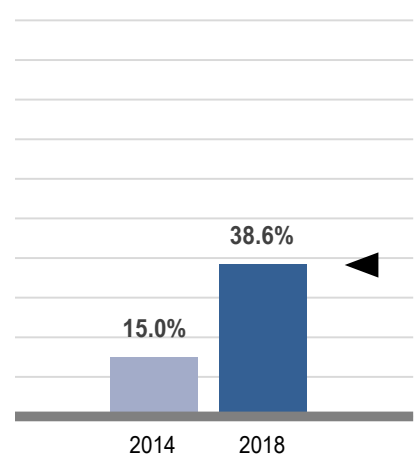
2018 Voting Rate

38.6%CHANGE
FROM 2014**+23.5**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	14,004	14,386	↑ 382
Age under 18/Unknown	(83)	(71)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,363)	(1,547)	
FERPA records blocked	0	*	
Total eligible voters	12,558	12,766	↑ 208
Number of students who registered	8,737	10,246	↑ 1,509
Number of students who voted	1,889	4,922	↑ 3,033
Registration rate	69.6%	80.3%	↑ 10.7
Voting rate of registered students	21.6%	48.0%	↑ 26.4
Voting rate	15.0%	38.6%	↑ 23.5
Difference from all institutions	-4.7	-0.5	

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

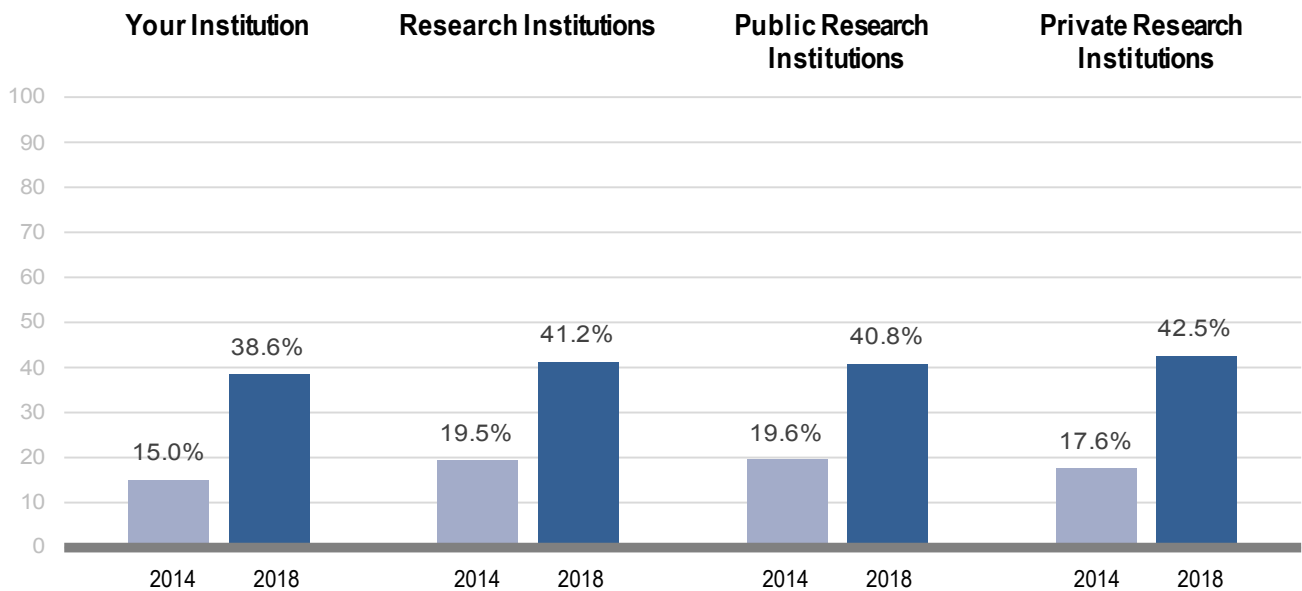
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

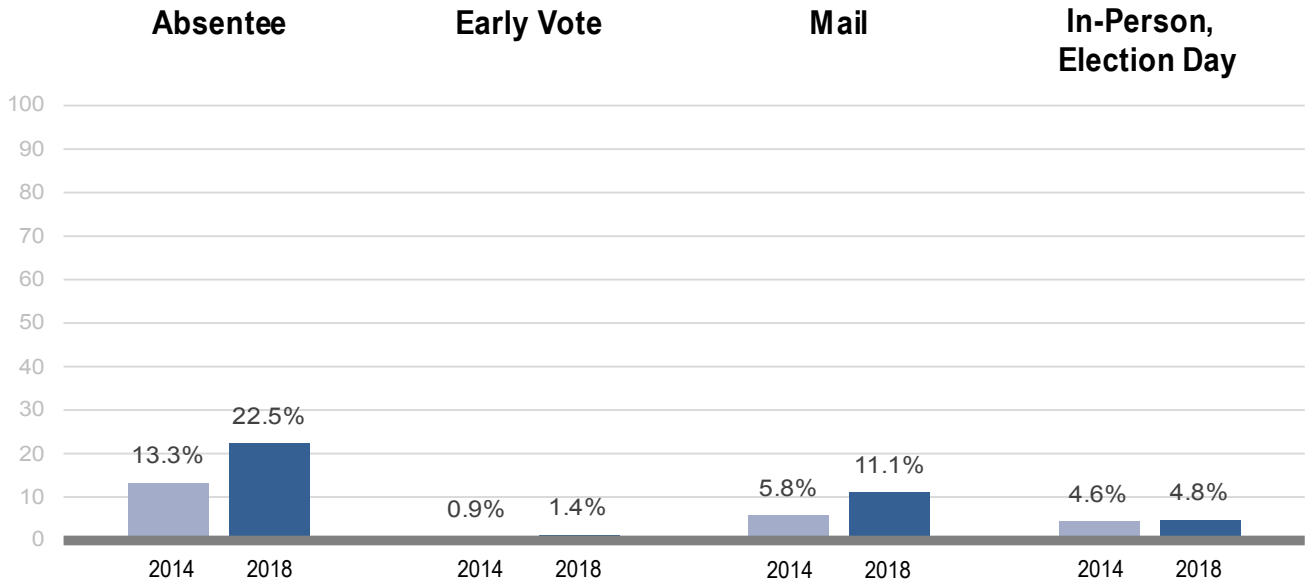
Difference from All Institutions **-4.7**

Difference from All Institutions **-0.5**



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

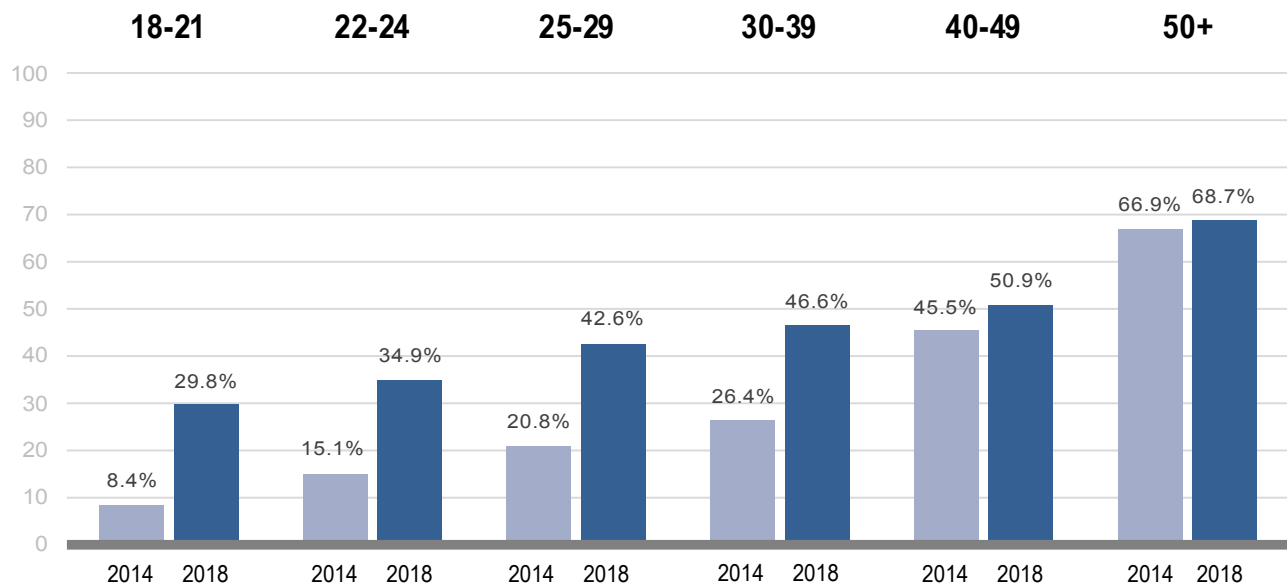


	2014		2018			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change	
Absentee	251	13.3%	1,109	22.5%	↑	9.2
Early Vote	17	0.9%	67	1.4%	↑	0.5
Mail	109	5.8%	546	11.1%	↑	5.3
In-Person, Election Day	86	4.6%	235	4.8%	↑	0.2
Unknown	1,426	75.5%	2,965	60.2%		
Total	1,889		4,922			

* 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*

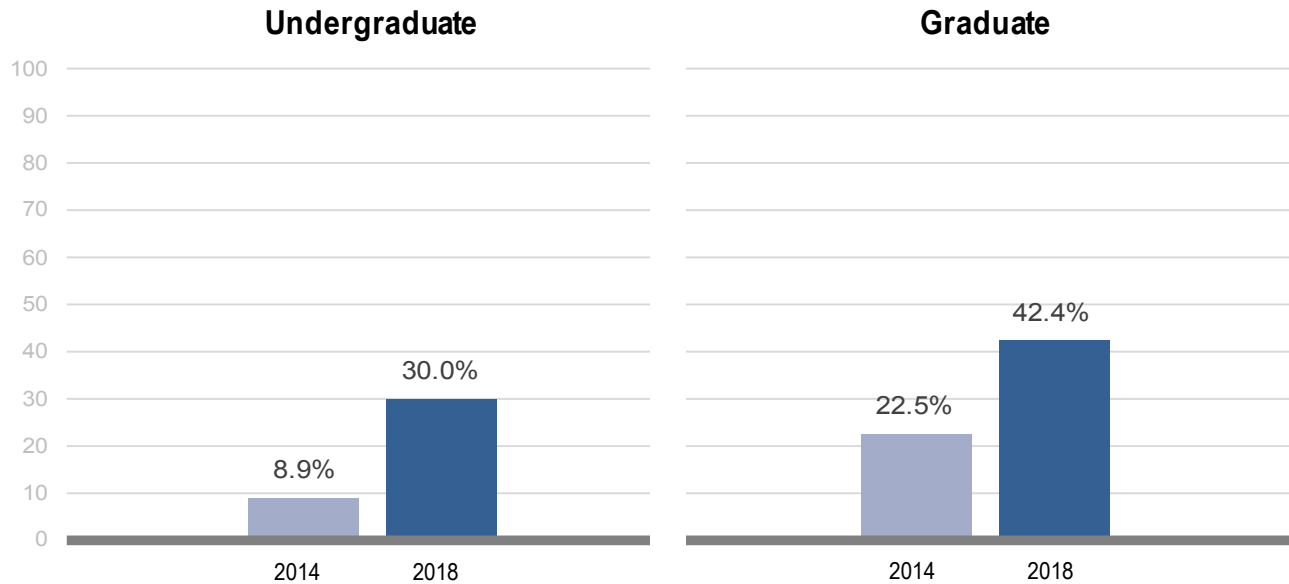


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	8,695	734	8.4%	8,765	2,614	29.8%	↑ 21.4
22-24	2,039	307	15.1%	2,179	761	34.9%	↑ 19.9
25-29	1,836	382	20.8%	1,892	806	42.6%	↑ 21.8
30-39	952	251	26.4%	1,002	467	46.6%	↑ 20.2
40-49	242	110	45.5%	293	149	50.9%	↑ 5.4
50+	157	105	66.9%	182	125	68.7%	↑ 1.8
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.

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By Education Level*

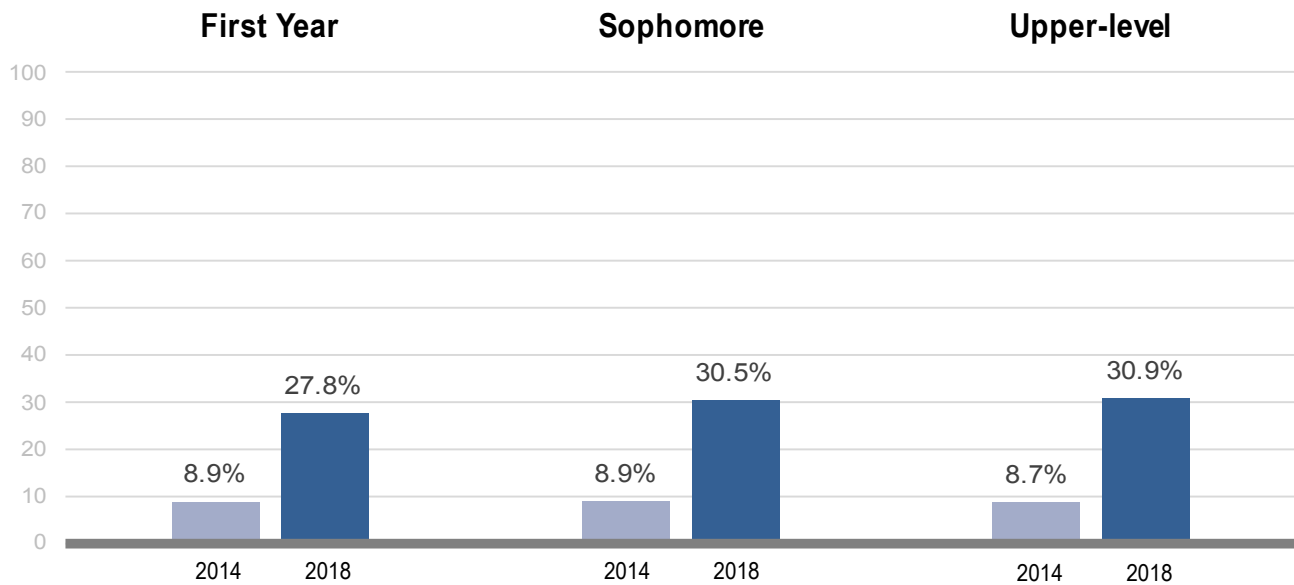


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Undergraduate	9,345	829	8.9%	9,539	2,865	30.0%	↑	21.2
Graduate	4,239	953	22.5%	4,521	1,917	42.4%	↑	19.9
Unknown	337			253				

* 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*

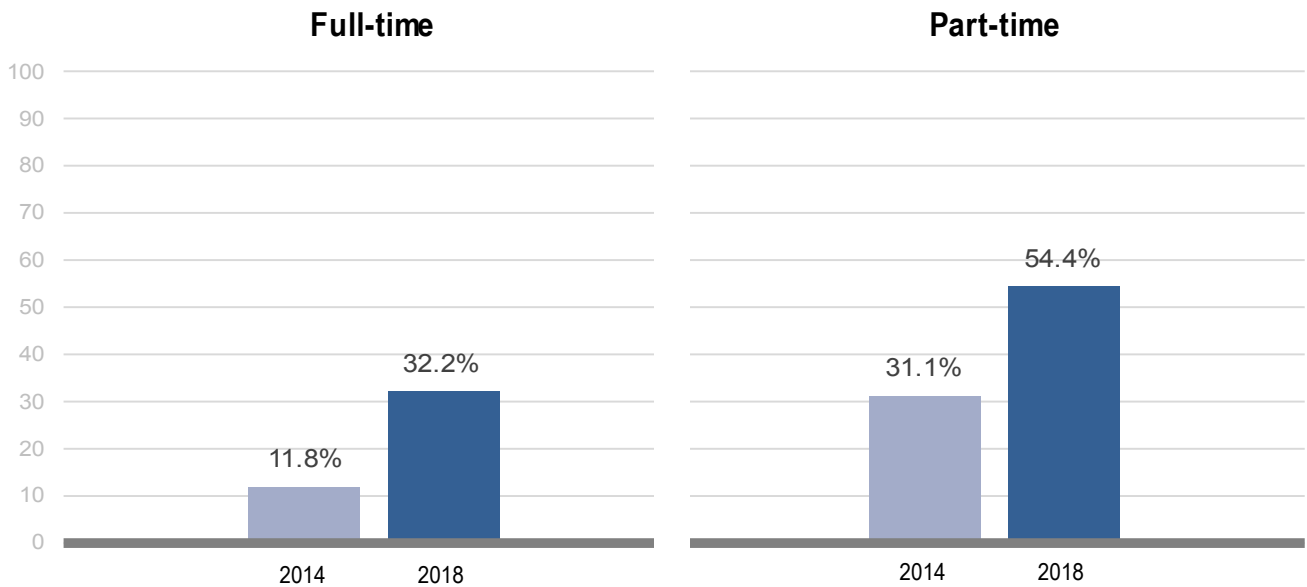


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	2,333	208	8.9%	2,373	659	27.8%	↑	18.9
Sophomore	2,338	209	8.9%	2,452	748	30.5%	↑	21.6
Upper-level	4,626	403	8.7%	4,695	1,451	30.9%	↑	22.2

* 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*

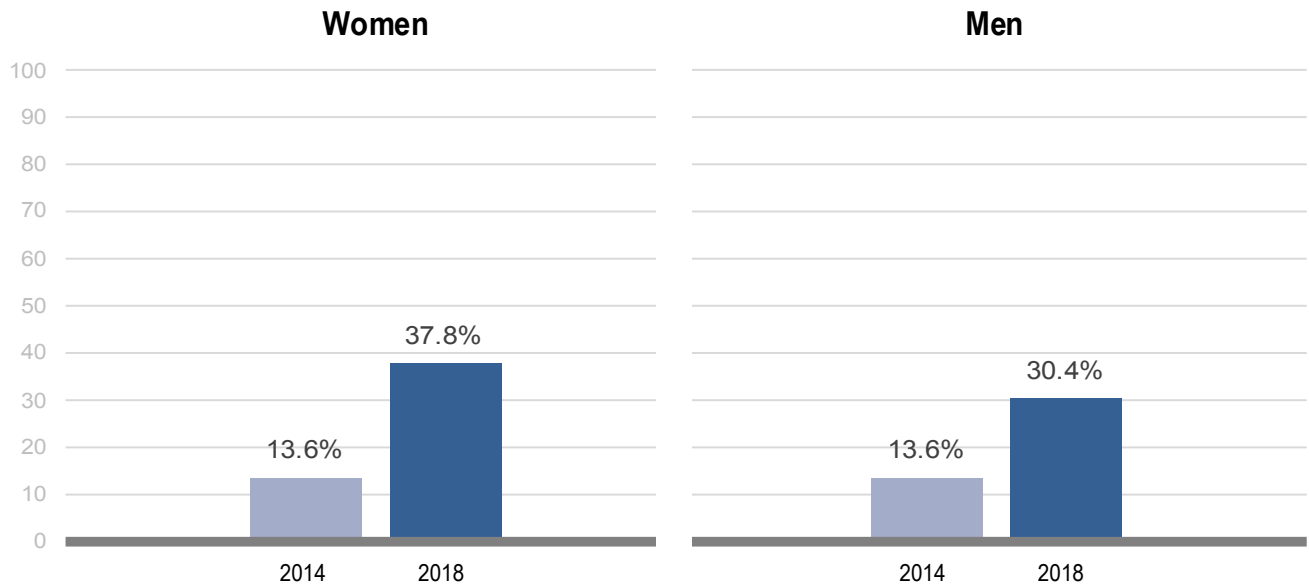


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	12,672	1,500	11.8%	12,888	4,147	32.2%	↑	20.3
Part-time	1,249	389	31.1%	1,425	775	54.4%	↑	23.3
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

* 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*

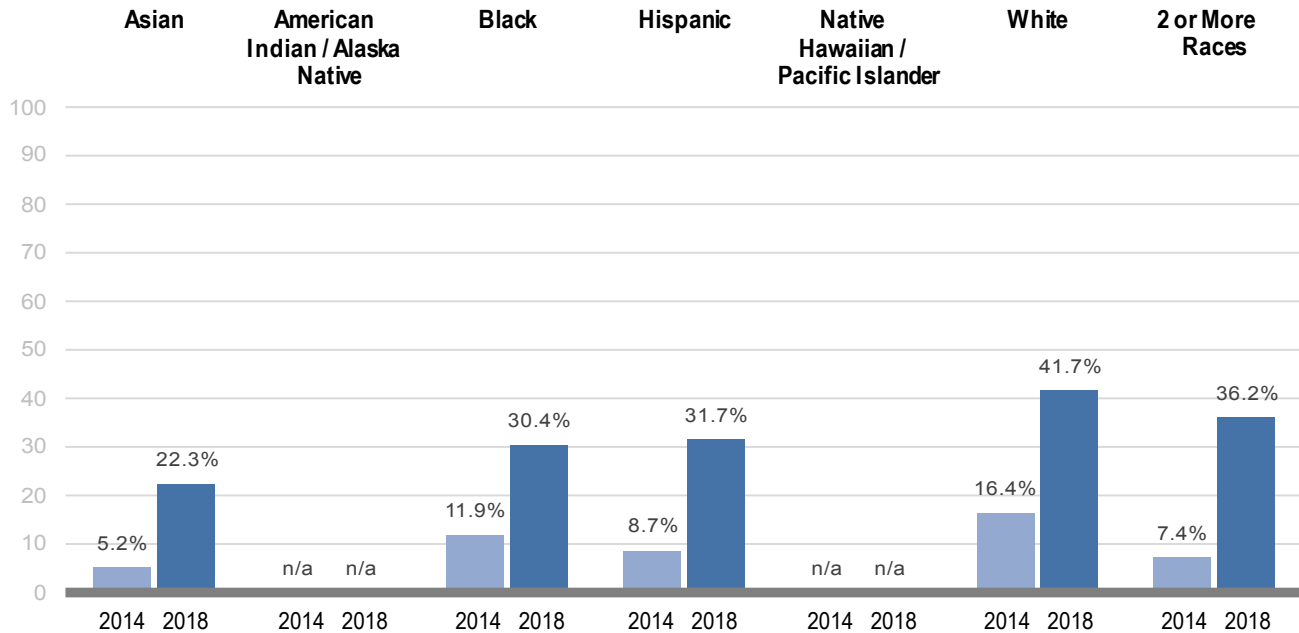


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	7,614	1,033	13.6%	7,706	2,915	37.8%	↑	24.3
Men	6,307	856	13.6%	6,607	2,007	30.4%	↑	16.8
Unknown	0			0				

* 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	1,126	59	5.2%	1,226	273	22.3%	↑	17.0
American Indian/ Alaska Native	15	*	n/a	*	*	n/a		n/a
Black	565	67	11.9%	565	172	30.4%	↑	18.6
Hispanic	1,226	106	8.7%	1,364	432	31.7%	↑	23.0
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
White	8,321	1,366	16.4%	8,351	3,482	41.7%	↑	25.3
2 or More Races	365	27	7.4%	448	162	36.2%	↑	28.8
Unknown	2,303			2,352				

* 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	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,080	70	6.5%	1,169	308	26.4% ↑	19.9
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,653	321	12.1%	2,752	851	30.9% ↑	18.8
Communication and Journalism	661	51	7.7%	604	181	30.0% ↑	22.3
Computer and Information Sciences	198	11	5.6%	429	99	23.1% ↑	17.5
Education	870	208	23.9%	743	344	46.3% ↑	22.4
English Language and Literature	457	48	10.5%	350	133	38.0% ↑	27.5
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	108	21	19.4%	76	25	32.9% ↑	13.5
Health Professions	728	120	16.5%	909	375	41.3% ↑	24.8
History	303	48	15.8%	238	107	45.0% ↑	29.1
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	0	0	n/a	24	11	45.8%	n/a
Legal Professions and Studies	710	186	26.2%	729	305	41.8% ↑	15.6
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	937	109	11.6%	545	129	23.7% ↑	12.0
Mathematics and Statistics	239	17	7.1%	339	67	19.8% ↑	12.7
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	212	32	15.1%	248	113	45.6% ↑	30.5
Natural Resources and Conservation	91	*	n/a	92	40	43.5%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	0	0	n/a	42	11	26.2%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	201	23	11.4%	193	61	31.6% ↑	20.2
Physical Sciences	394	28	7.1%	369	95	25.8% ↑	18.6
Psychology	938	68	7.3%	1,007	330	32.8% ↑	25.5
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	587	166	28.3%	547	312	57.0% ↑	28.8
Social Sciences	1,932	236	12.2%	2,146	706	32.9% ↑	20.7
Theology and Religious Vocations	468	104	22.2%	389	140	36.0% ↑	13.8
Visual and Performing Arts	129	*	n/a	100	31	31.0%	n/a

Unknown	25	*	n/a	273	148	54.2%	n/a
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