

CAMPUS REPORT
Student Voting
Rates for
Bowling Green State
University-Main Campus
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About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE), housed at the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, Tufts University. Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 750 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012 and 2014 elections. Participating colleges and universities are located in 48 states and represent all Carnegie classifications as well as socially and economically diverse students. With others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 6.7 million college student records that is already serving as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

Looking Ahead

In response to our survey, many of you requested resources as well as stories about what other campuses are doing. Over the coming months, NSLVE will be releasing tools and resources that you and others can use to enhance political learning and engagement in democracy on your campus. Here is a sneak peek into some of this work.

- ❑ *Campus Discussion Guide*: A tool for conversations on your campus regarding how to use the NSLVE report to spark change.
- ❑ *National Data*: We'll be sharing data about the national landscape for college student voting.
- ❑ *Comparison Data*: We know campuses are interested in learning more about how their voting compares to other similar institutions. We'll be rolling out aggregate comparison data for groups of participating campuses.
- ❑ *Case Studies*: We've been on the road, visiting campuses with unpredicted, high voting rates. We will be sharing the findings from our studies of campus climates for student political learning and engagement in democracy.
- ❑ *Diversity & Democracy*: In December, in partnership with the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU), we will publish a special issue on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

If you or someone else on your campus would like to receive more information about our research and resources, please [sign up here](#).

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 2012 and 2014 elections. These data are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse ("Clearinghouse") and publicly available voting records collected by Catalyst.

Using enrollment records submitted on a date closest to the election, we removed students under 18 on Election Day. We also deducted an estimated number of students identified by your institution as non-resident aliens. This is based on the percentage of non-resident aliens reported by your institution to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), and is more reliable than the demographic data campuses provide to the Clearinghouse at this time. Please note that students who blocked the use of their information under FERPA were also removed from the enrollment lists by the Clearinghouse.

When combining two datasets, matching errors can occur. That said, for each record, we receive a "confidence score." The average confidence score for the student records in our database is 96.6%. Nonetheless, some errors are still possible:

- On page three, we indicate the number of students who blocked their records from being used for any purpose, including research. If those students voted at a much lower or higher rate than your other students, it might affect the voting rate.
- Students not found in the voting database are considered non-voters, but we have no way to remove individual noncitizens (resident aliens and non-resident aliens). We use an estimate based on IPEDS data to account for your international students. We cannot adjust for undocumented students. This may result in your actual voting rate being higher than we report. To recalculate that percentage, see our [FAQ on campus reports](#).

Reviewing the Data

Please use the following key to interpret the charts below:

- * = number of students is less than 10
- = zero results in this field

For some colleges and universities, this report will contain some categories for which data is "unknown." These likely reflect the amount or quality of the data the institution provides, a problem that can be corrected by more comprehensive reporting to the Clearinghouse.

Your Students' Voting and Registration Rates

2012 Voting Rate

43%

2014 Voting Rate

12%

2012 Presidential Election

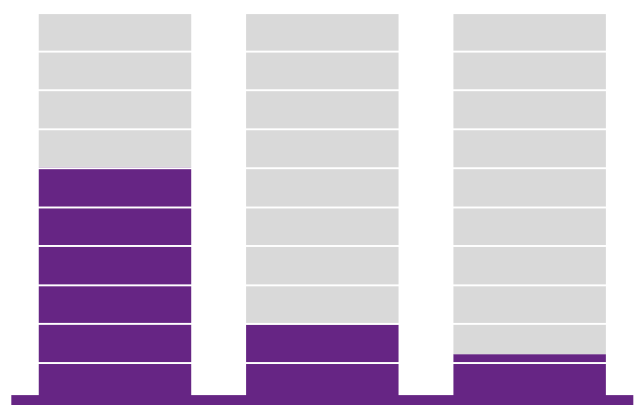


64.6%
Registration Rate

66.3%
Rate of Registered Students who Voted

42.8%
Voting Rate

2014 Midterm Election



60.4%
Registration Rate

19.6%
Rate of Registered Students who Voted

11.9%
Voting Rate

Total student enrollment	18,899
Ineligible to vote because too young	620
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	695
FERPA records blocked	11
Number of students who registered	11,355
Number of students who voted	7,525

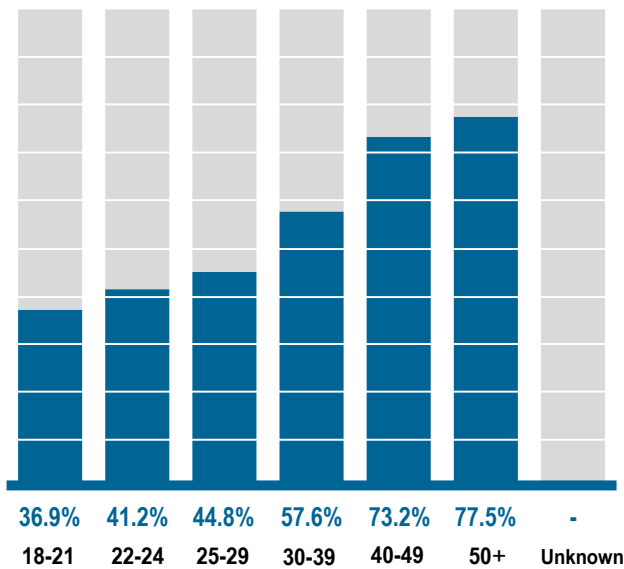
Total student enrollment	18,416
Ineligible to vote because too young	802
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	697
FERPA records blocked	*
Number of students who registered	10,220
Number of students who voted	2,006

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY AGE GROUP

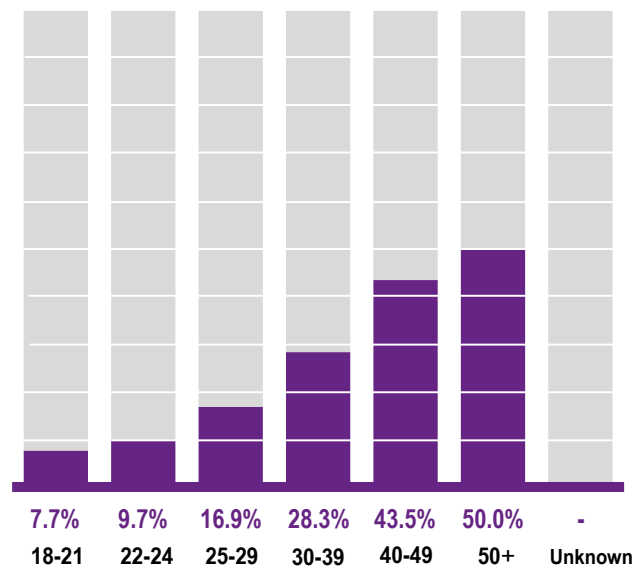
Your students broken down by age at the time of the election. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	11,667	4,306
22-24	3,209	1,323
25-29	1,494	670
30-39	1,112	640
40-49	542	397
50+	244	189
Unknown	-	-

2014 Midterm Election



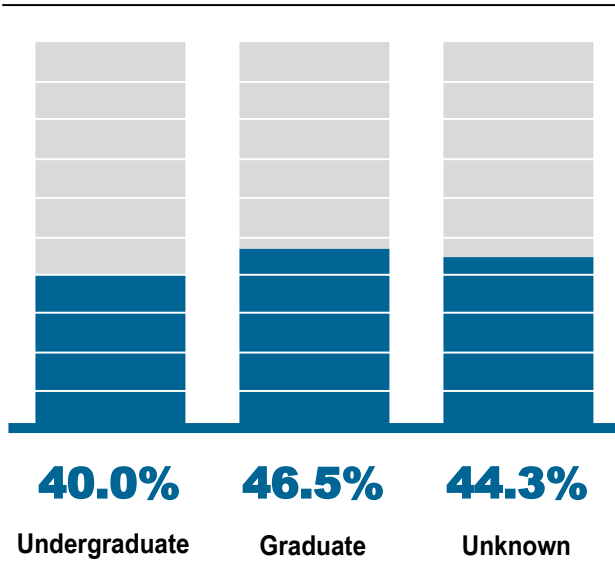
AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	11,154	854
22-24	3,371	326
25-29	1,376	232
30-39	1,059	300
40-49	444	193
50+	202	101
Unknown	-	-

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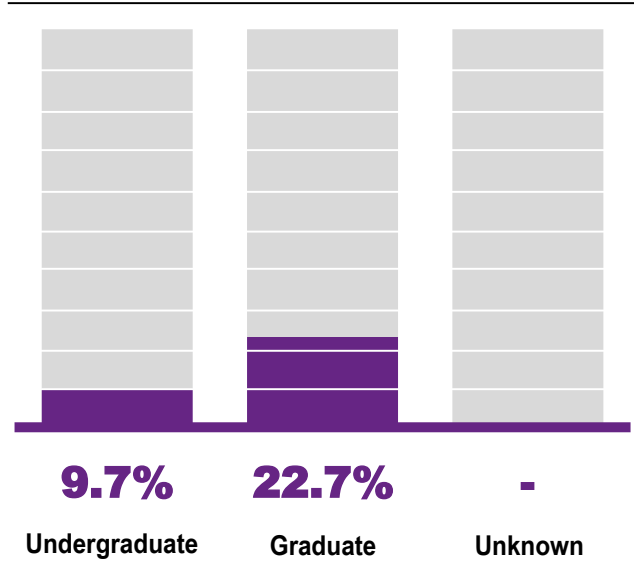
BY EDUCATION LEVEL

Your students broken down by undergraduate and graduate students. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election



EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	14,076	5,625
Graduate	1,966	914
Unknown	2,226	986

EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	15,295	1,482
Graduate	2,309	524
Unknown	*	-

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY FIELD OF STUDY

Your students broken down by field of study. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

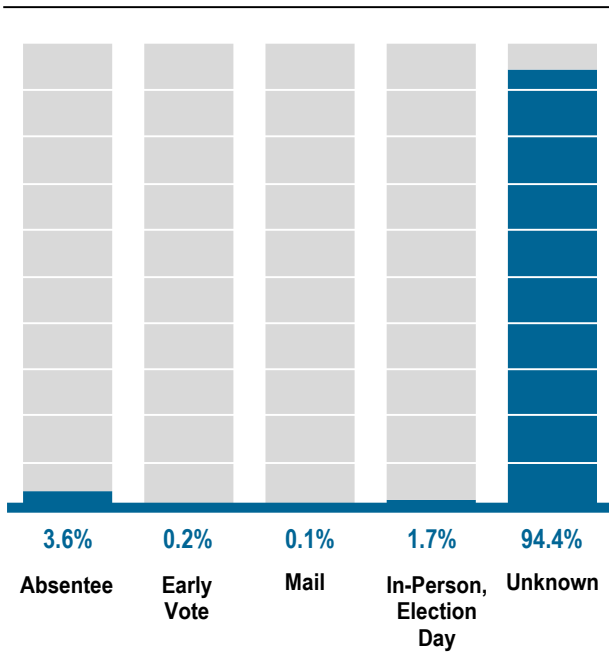
	2012 Presidential Election			2014 Midterm Election		
	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout
Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	*	*	57.1%	813	65	8.0%
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support	182	94	51.6%	2,148	223	10.4%
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	41	20	48.8%	445	33	7.4%
Computer and Information and Library Sciences	*	*	33.3%	378	28	7.4%
Education	417	199	47.7%	4,635	700	15.1%
Engineering	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health Professions and Related Sciences, Knowledge, and Skills	170	100	58.8%	1,610	133	8.3%
Humanities	122	50	41.0%	838	116	13.8%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies, and Humanities	96	47	49.0%	667	111	16.6%
Mathematics and Statistics	-	-	-	195	12	6.2%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	20	10	50.0%	265	42	15.8%
Parks and Recreation	60	24	40.0%	785	46	5.9%
Physical Sciences	*	*	33.3%	412	35	8.5%
Professions	30	14	46.7%	488	51	10.5%
Psychology, Personal Awareness, and Self-Improvement	59	21	35.6%	609	55	9.0%
Social Sciences	60	27	45.0%	403	59	14.6%
Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	584	53	9.1%
Trades	70	32	45.7%	849	106	12.5%
Visual and Performing Arts	134	51	38.1%	1,436	127	8.8%

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BY VOTING METHOD

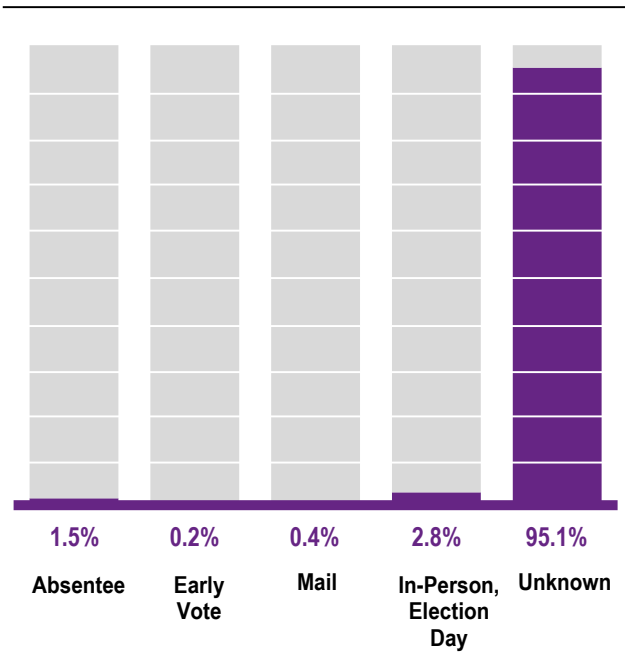
Your students broken down by voting method. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens. If your campus has a high percentage of "unknown" voting methods, it means that this information is not reported by local officials.

2012 Presidential Election



VOTING METHOD	ENROLLED	VOTED
Absentee	18,899	268
Early Vote	18,899	16
Mail	18,899	10
In-Person, Election Day	18,899	126
Unknown	18,899	7,105

2014 Midterm Election



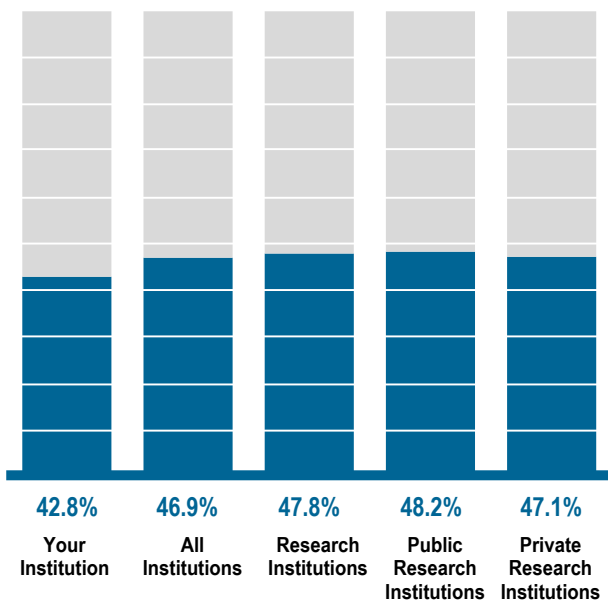
VOTING METHOD	ENROLLED	VOTED
Absentee	18,416	30
Early Vote	18,416	*
Mail	18,416	*
In-Person, Election Day	18,416	56
Unknown	18,416	1,908

How Your Numbers Compare

BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

See how your campus voting rate compares to others in your Carnegie classification. This comparison data allows your campus to understand your individual voting rates in the context of similar institutions. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election

