

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Bowling Green State
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 providing 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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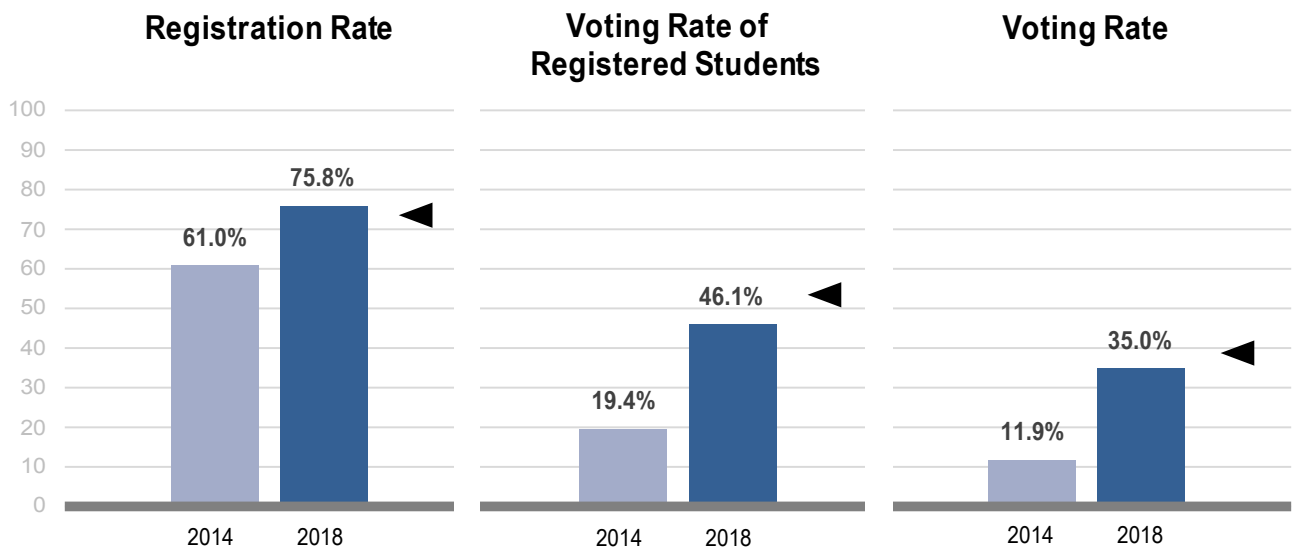
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate
35.0%

CHANGE FROM 2014
+23.1

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%



◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	18,416	18,885	↑ 469
Age under 18/Unknown	(802)	(1,177)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(671)	(772)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	16,935	16,927	↓ -8
Number of students who registered	10,324	12,823	↑ 2,499
Number of students who voted	2,006	5,916	↑ 3,910
Registration rate	61.0%	75.8%	↑ 14.8
Voting rate of registered students	19.4%	46.1%	↑ 26.7
Voting rate	11.9%	35.0%	↑ 23.1
Difference from all institutions	-7.9	-4.2	

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

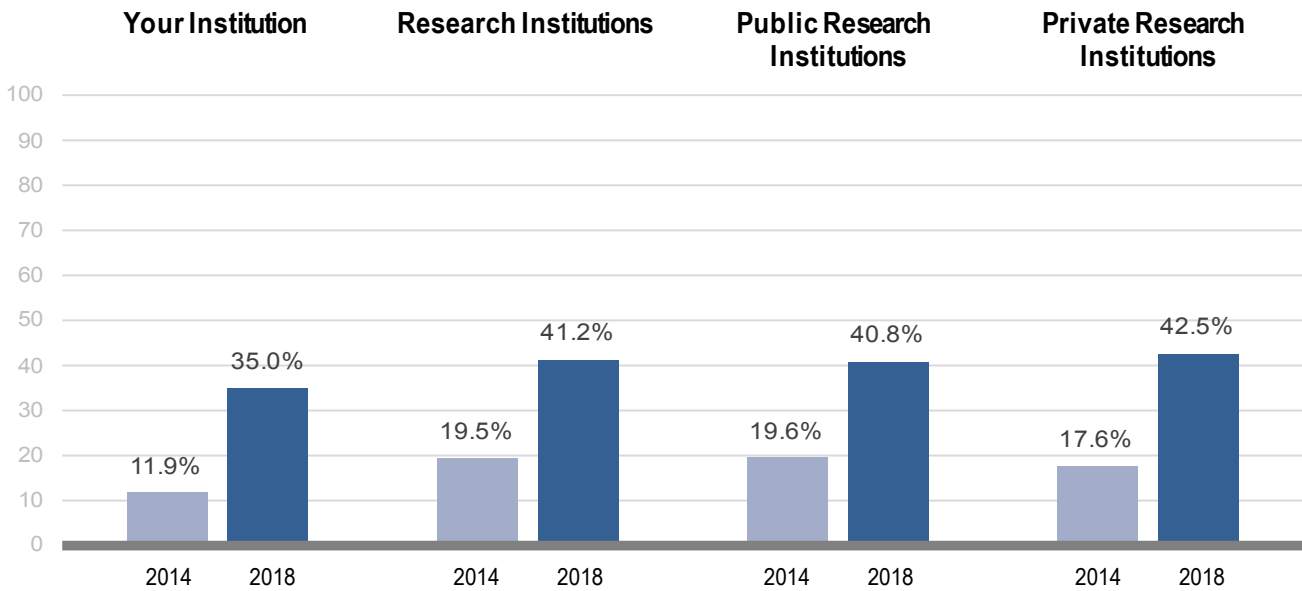
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

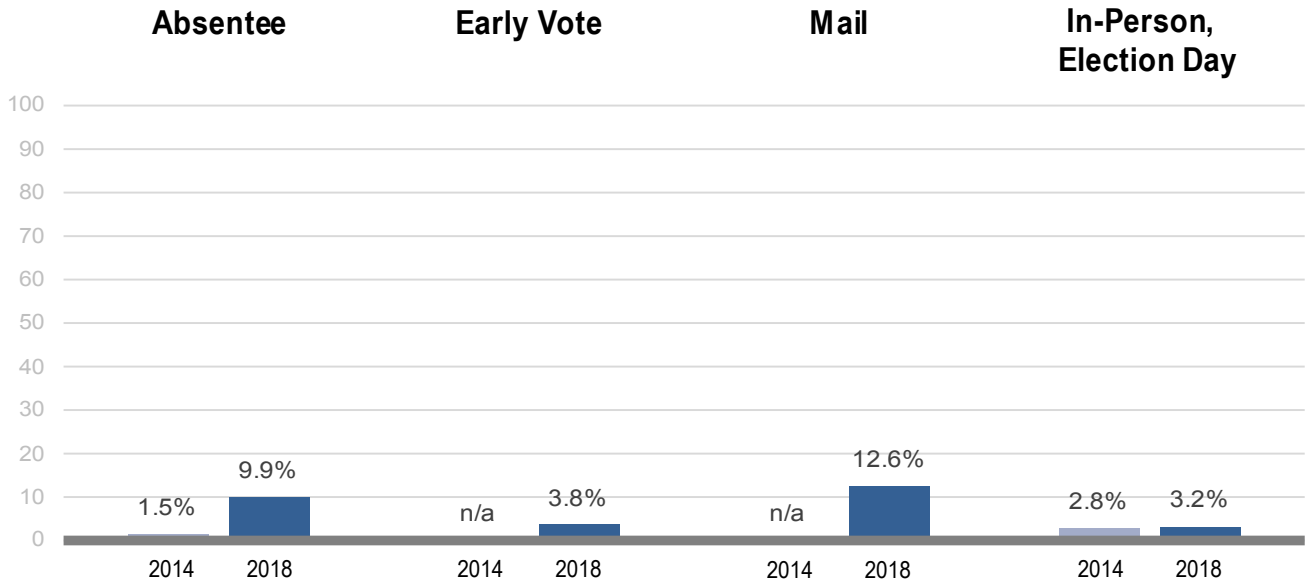
Difference from All Institutions **-7.9**

Difference from All Institutions **-4.2**



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

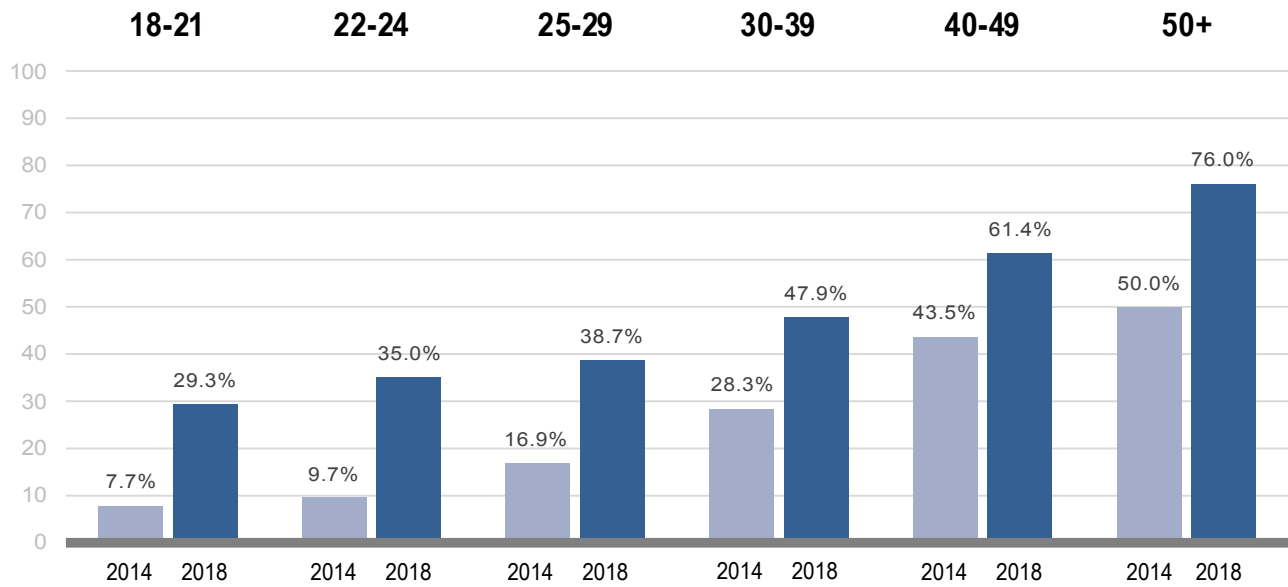


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	30	1.5%	588	9.9%	↑ 8.4
Early Vote	*	n/a	222	3.8%	n/a
Mail	*	n/a	744	12.6%	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	56	2.8%	189	3.2%	↑ 0.4
Unknown	1,908	95.1%	4,173	70.5%	
Total	2,006		5,916		

* 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*

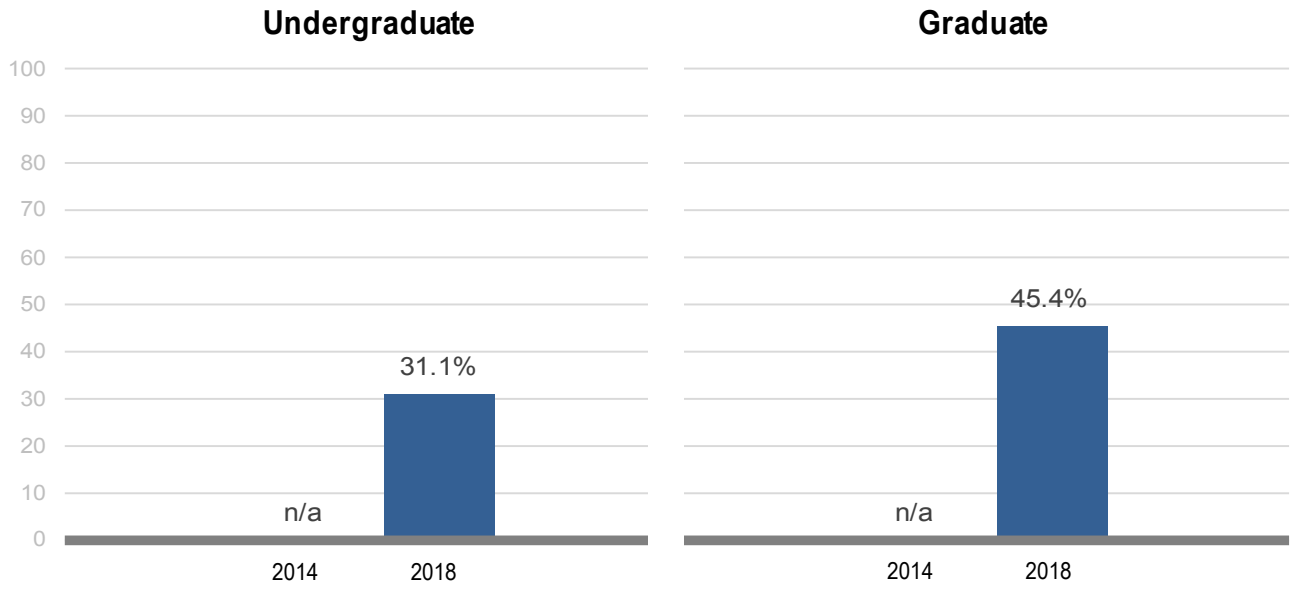


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	11,154	854	7.7%	11,625	3,410	29.3%	↑ 21.7
22-24	3,371	326	9.7%	2,985	1,045	35.0%	↑ 25.3
25-29	1,376	232	16.9%	1,426	552	38.7%	↑ 21.9
30-39	1,059	300	28.3%	1,022	489	47.9%	↑ 19.5
40-49	444	193	43.5%	458	281	61.4%	↑ 17.9
50+	202	101	50.0%	183	139	76.0%	↑ 26.0
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*

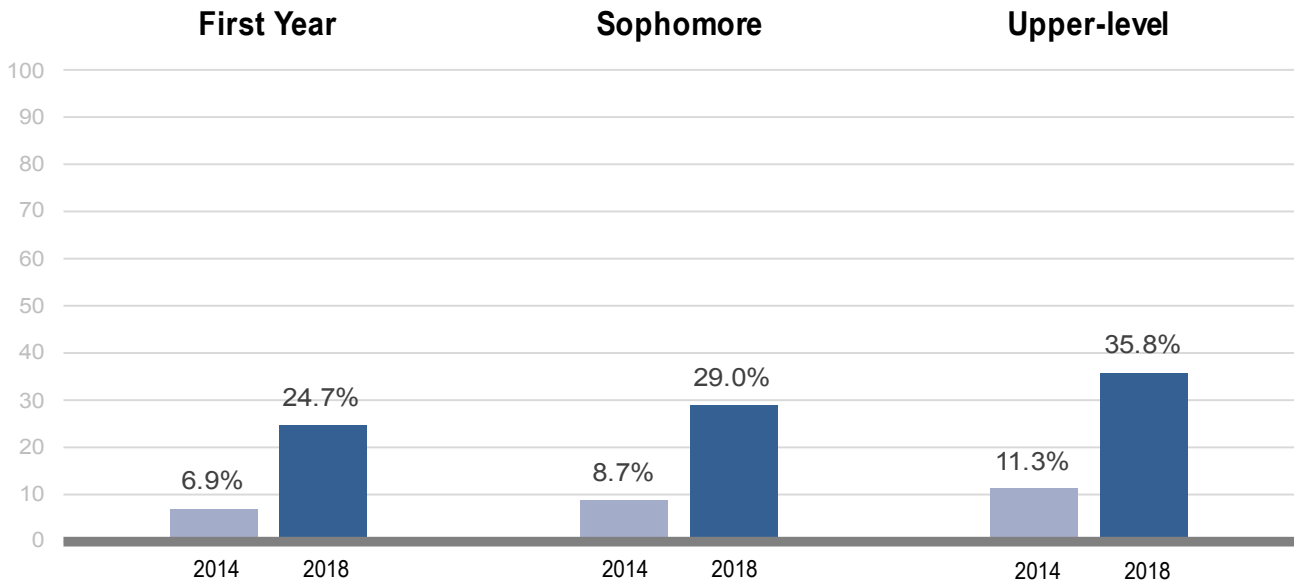


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	14,756	4,583	31.1%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	2,539	1,152	45.4%	n/a
Unknown	17,606			404			

* 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*

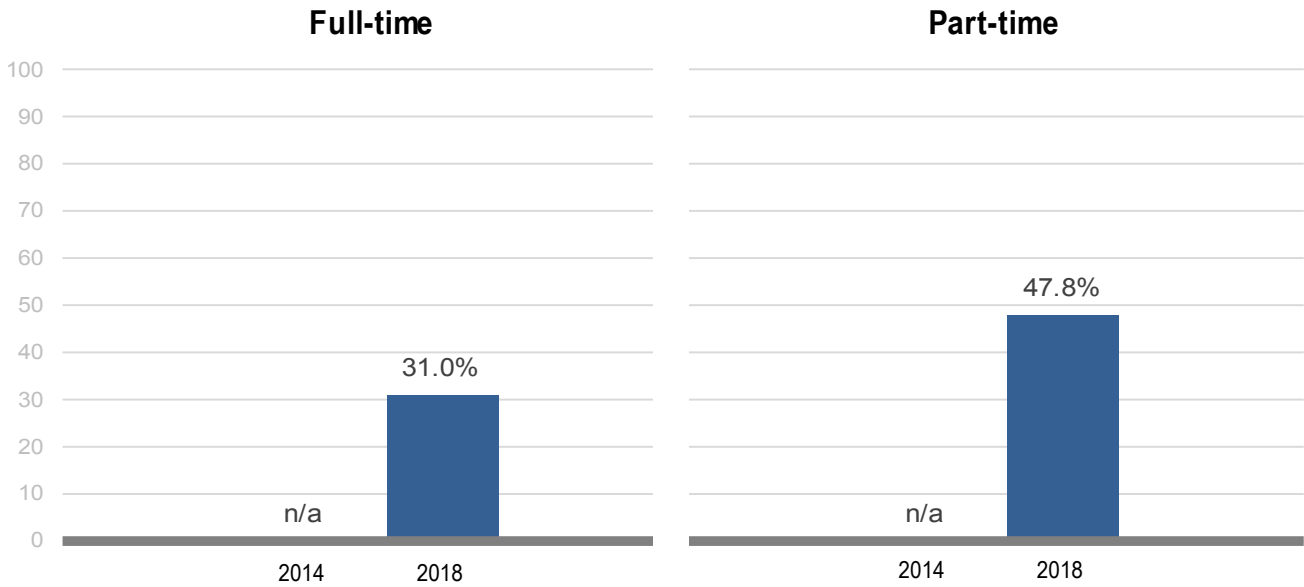


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	4,464	307	6.9%	4,292	1,062	24.7%	↑ 17.9
Sophomore	3,409	297	8.7%	3,309	960	29.0%	↑ 20.3
Upper-level	7,174	808	11.3%	7,159	2,560	35.8%	↑ 24.5

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Enrollment Status*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	0	0	n/a	15,123	4,686	31.0%	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	2,576	1,230	47.8%	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 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	
Architecture	216	17	7.9%	265	74	27.9% ↑	20.1
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	113	27	23.9%	112	53	47.3% ↑	23.4
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	813	65	8.0%	870	283	32.5% ↑	24.5
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,148	223	10.4%	2,042	599	29.3% ↑	19.0
Communication and Journalism	445	33	7.4%	397	154	38.8% ↑	31.4
Communications Technologies/Technicians	0	0	n/a	265	99	37.4%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	378	28	7.4%	122	42	34.4% ↑	27.0
Education	4,635	700	15.1%	3,621	1,266	35.0% ↑	19.9
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	584	53	9.1%	1,078	335	31.1% ↑	22.0
English Language and Literature	580	65	11.2%	549	231	42.1% ↑	30.9
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	315	29	9.2%	254	75	29.5% ↑	20.3
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	82	10	12.2%	80	35	43.8% ↑	31.6
Health Professions	1,610	133	8.3%	1,804	568	31.5% ↑	23.2
History	113	25	22.1%	112	61	54.5% ↑	32.3
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	534	77	14.4%	653	226	34.6% ↑	20.2
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	667	111	16.6%	1,092	317	29.0% ↑	12.4
Mathematics and Statistics	195	12	6.2%	243	65	26.8% ↑	20.6
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	152	15	9.9%	265	107	40.4% ↑	30.5
Natural Resources and Conservation	119	14	11.8%	136	50	36.8% ↑	25.0
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	785	46	5.9%	539	127	23.6% ↑	17.7
Philosophy and Religious Studies	63	16	25.4%	44	21	47.7% ↑	22.3
Physical Sciences	293	21	7.2%	370	106	28.7% ↑	21.5
Psychology	609	55	9.0%	600	221	36.8% ↑	27.8

Public Administration and Social Service Professions	272	34	12.5%	311	111	35.7% ↑	23.2
Social Sciences	403	59	14.6%	390	165	42.3% ↑	27.7
Transportation and Materials Moving	0	0	n/a	312	82	26.3%	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	1,436	127	8.8%	1,128	432	38.3% ↑	29.5
Unknown	46	11	23.9%	45	11	24.4% ↑	0.5

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>.

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