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Student Voting Rates for California State University-Long Beach

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.

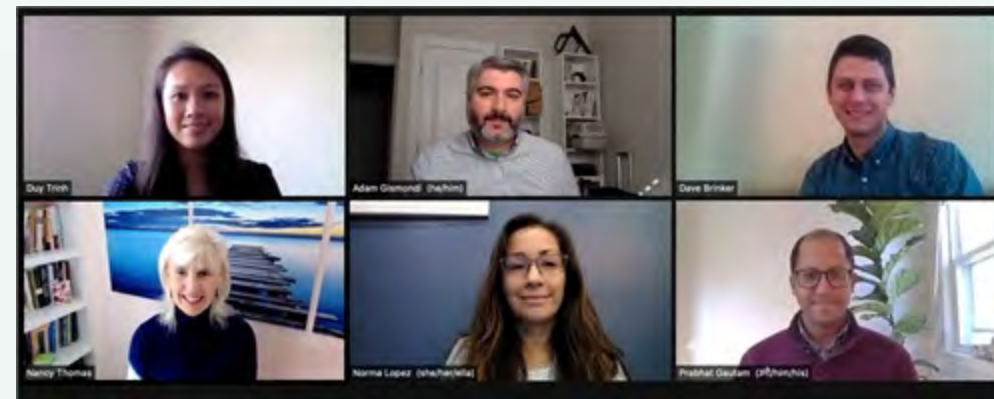
College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

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 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

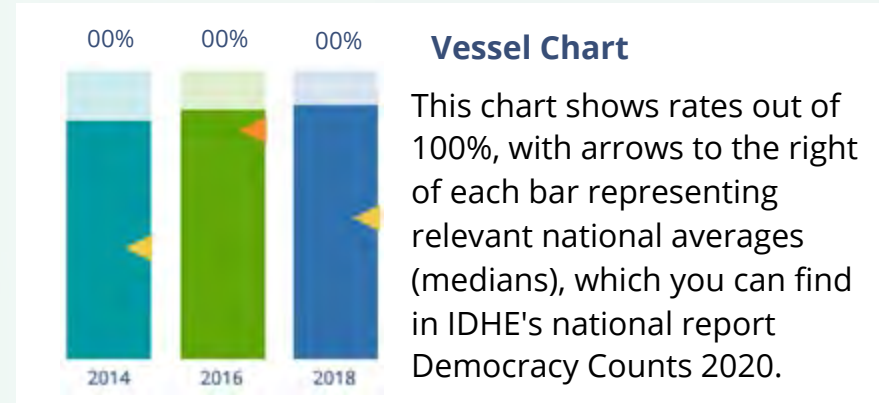


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In This Report

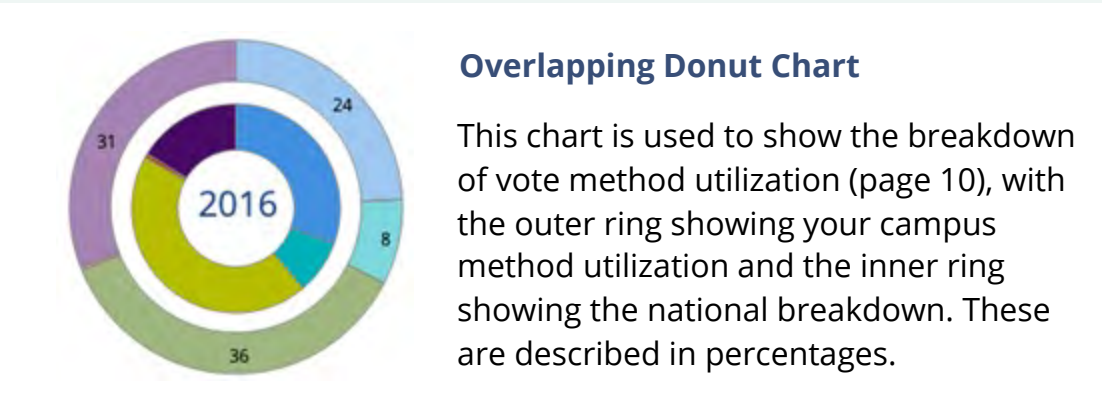
This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut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

74.3%

2020 Voting Rate

+17.6

Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

Year	Registration Rate
2016	81.9%
2018	78.5%
2020	87.0%

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

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

Year	Voting Rate of Registered Students
2016	69.2%
2018	58.7%
2020	85.5%

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	Voting Rate
2016	56.7%
2018	46.1%
2020	74.3%

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	37,352	37,961	40,257	↑ 2,906
(Age under 18/Unknown)	–	11	34	–
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	2,726	2,451	2,436	↓ -290
(FERPA records blocked)	241	176	93	↓ -148
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	1,387	1,279	1,540	↑ 153
Total eligible voters	32,990	34,044	36,154	↑ 3,165
Number of students who registered	27,012	26,731	31,440	↑ 4,428
Number of students who voted	18,691	15,693	26,869	↑ 8,178
Registration Rate %	82	79	87	↑ 5
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	69	59	85	↑ 16
Voting Rate %	57	46	74	↑ 18

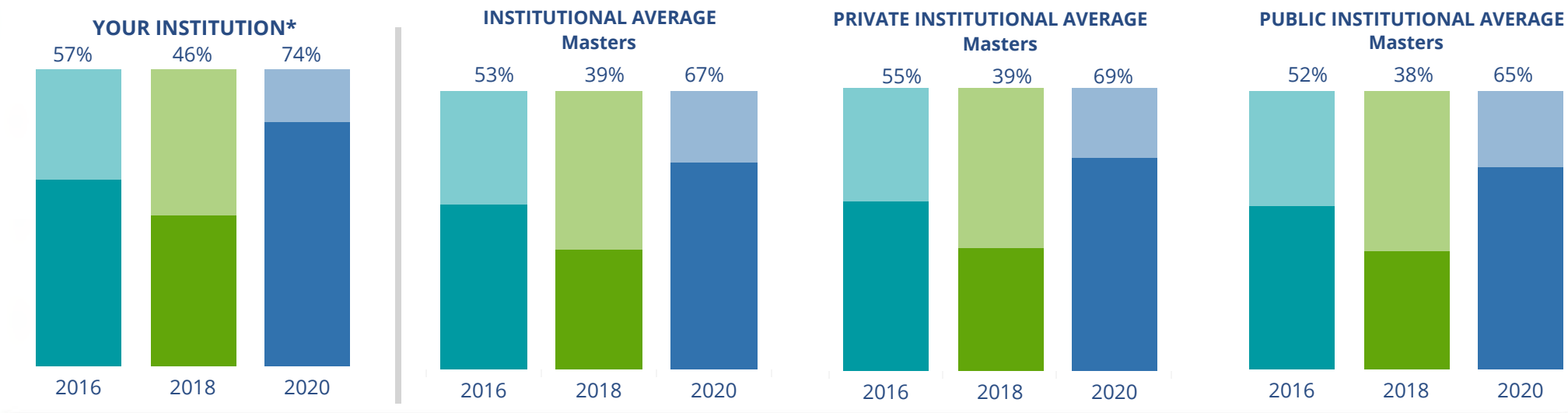
This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates. The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged,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

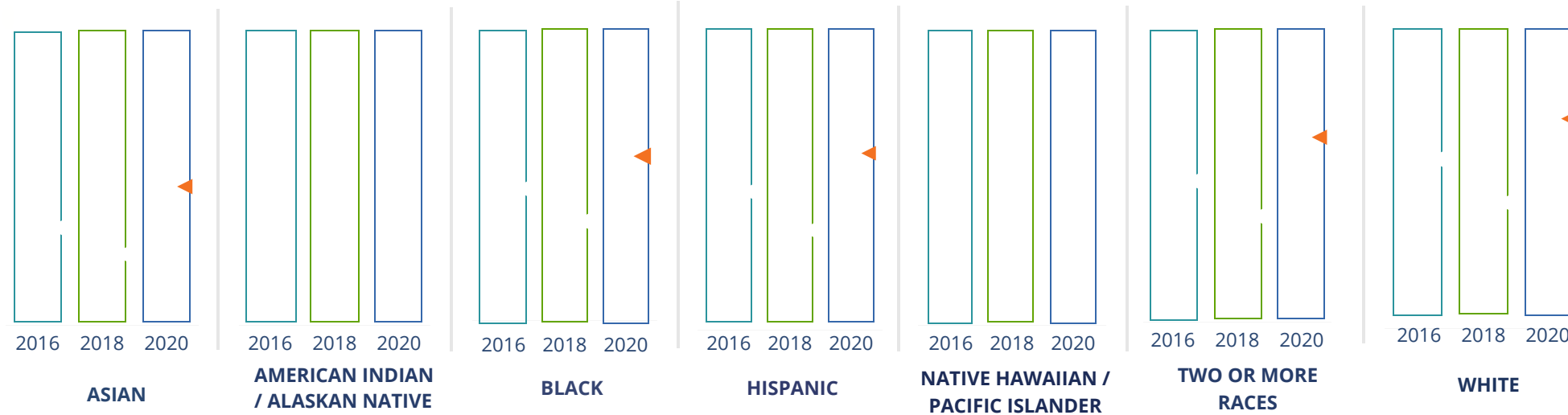
By Institution Types



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-nsive-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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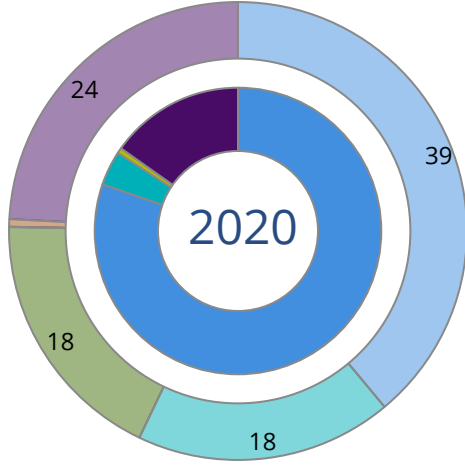
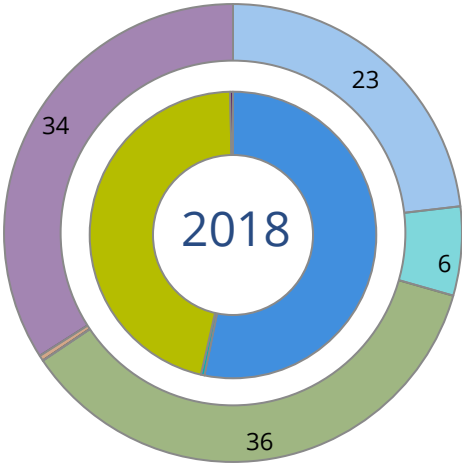
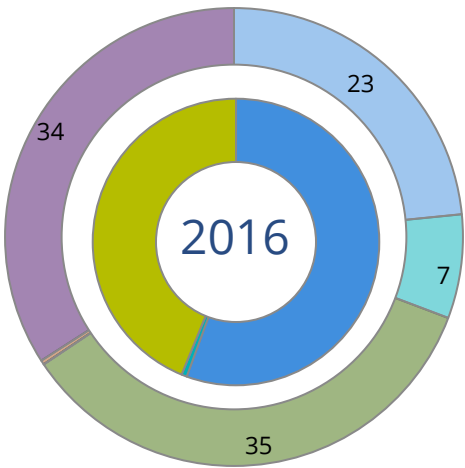
By Race/Ethnicity

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	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Race Unknown	35,591	18,691	53	36,372	15,693	43	38,458	26,869	70	 17

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	106	1	64	0	1,052	4	3	↑
In-Person on Election Day	8,185	44	7,233	46	150	1	-43	↓
Not-In-Person	10,387	56	8,344	53	21,580	80	25	↑
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Voting Method Unknown	13	0	52	0	4,086	15	15	↑

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	51%	41%	72%
22-24	53%	42%	68%
25-29	52%	44%	66%
30-39	58%	50%	69%
40-49	67%	61%	77%
50+	74%	73%	81%

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 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	16,301	8,241	51	17,333	7,180	41	18,698	13,404	72	↑ 21
22-24	10,409	5,496	53	9,968	4,176	42	9,872	6,755	68	↑ 16
25-29	5,480	2,859	52	5,712	2,538	44	6,024	3,953	66	↑ 13
30-39	2,363	1,377	58	2,486	1,233	50	2,889	1,995	69	↑ 11
40-49	698	467	67	587	356	61	657	506	77	↑ 10
50+	340	251	74	286	210	73	318	256	81	↑ 7

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	30,671	15,724	51	31,411	13,228	42	33,580	23,342	70	↑	18
Graduate	4,041	2,463	61	4,117	2,221	54	4,236	3,087	73	↑	12
Class Unknown	879	504	57	844	244	29	642	440	69	↑	11
CLASS YEAR											
First Year	3,201	48	1,525	3,699	35	1,284	3,694	65	2,419	↑	18
Second Year	4,336	50	2,174	3,999	40	1,596	4,655	71	3,321	↑	21
Upper Level	23,137	52	12,026	23,246	44	10,115	25,139	70	17,533	↑	18
ENROLLMENT STATUS											
Full-time	29,579	15,398	52	30,626	12,926	42	31,960	22,388	70	↑	18
Part-time	6,012	3,293	55	5,746	2,767	48	6,498	4,481	69	↑	14

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 RateChange (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	359	221	62	416	227	55	434	335	77	↑ 16
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,504	739	49	1,639	654	40	1,903	1,326	70	↑ 21
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,830	2,208	46	5,217	1,910	37	5,295	3,462	65	↑ 20
Communication and Journalism	2,295	1,326	58	2,024	1,059	52	2,192	1,689	77	↑ 19
Computer and Information Sciences	842	332	39	1,144	371	32	1,837	1,008	55	↑ 15
Education	598	425	71	774	460	59	524	429	82	↑ 11
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	3,392	1,492	44	3,610	1,224	34	3,926	2,466	63	↑ 19

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	928	591	64	798	454	57	855	668	78	↑ 14
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	1,998	1,046	52	1,804	763	42	1,698	1,203	71	↑ 18
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	511	280	55	415	181	44	475	315	66	↑ 12
Health Professions	3,311	1,624	49	3,109	1,276	41	3,010	2,110	70	↑ 21
History	572	374	65	535	310	58	556	446	80	↑ 15
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protec..	815	450	55	1,057	477	45	1,243	897	72	↑ 17
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,223	1,141	51	2,342	914	39	2,117	1,430	68	↑ 16
Mathematics and Statistics	463	211	46	549	234	43	613	399	65	↑ 20
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	227	135	59	189	96	51	151	98	65	↑ 5
Natural Resources and Conservation	132	90	68	147	87	59	188	147	78	↑ 10
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Stu..	1,595	785	49	1,505	605	40	1,576	1,146	73	↑ 23
Philosophy and Religious Studies	150	84	56	155	70	45	173	122	71	↑ 15
Physical Sciences	374	182	49	396	169	43	420	299	71	↑ 23

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Psychology	1,749	1,012	58	1,702	803	47	2,137	1,587	74	↑ 16
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	1,061	739	70	1,112	692	62	1,087	871	80	↑ 10
Social Sciences	2,157	1,282	59	1,987	1,040	52	2,194	1,644	75	↑ 15
Visual and Performing Arts	2,822	1,515	54	2,921	1,383	47	3,185	2,313	73	↑ 19
Unknown	677	402	59	815	230	28	663	457	69	↑ 10

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.

California State University-Long Beach

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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