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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for California State University-Sacramento

Tufts UNIVERSITY | Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life

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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Warm regards,

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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS
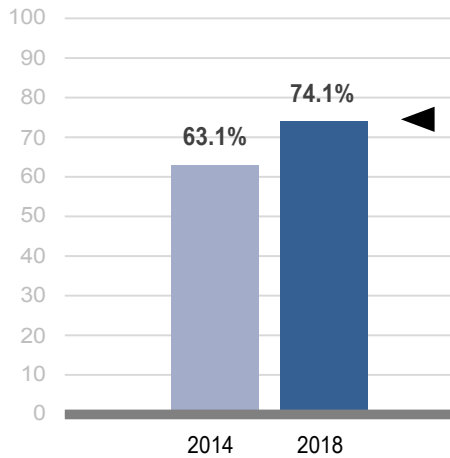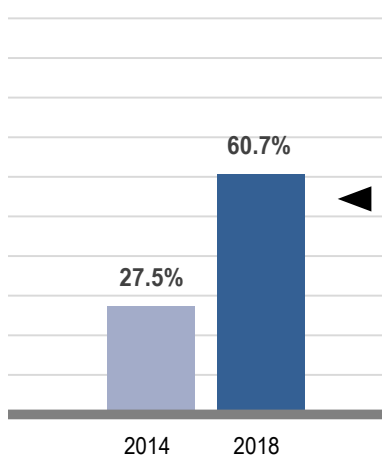
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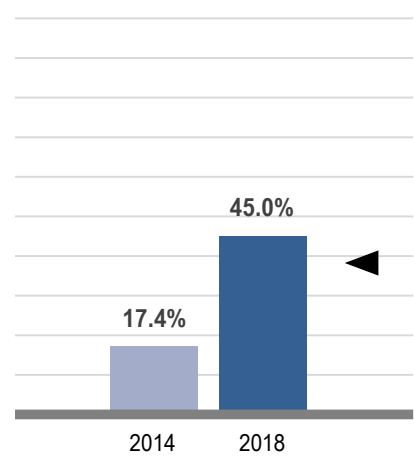
2018 Voting Rate

45.0%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+27.6

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate — 2014: 63.1%, 2018: 74.1%

Voting Rate of Registered Students — 2014: 27.5%, 2018: 60.7%

Voting Rate — 2014: 17.4%, 2018: 45.0%

◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	29,887	31,378	⬆	1,491
Age under 18/Unknown	(482)	(424)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(793)	(1,047)		
FERPA records blocked	(151)	(77)		
Total eligible voters	28,461	29,830	⬆	1,369
Number of students who registered	17,944	22,093	⬆	4,149
Number of students who voted	4,937	13,410	⬆	8,473
Registration rate	63.1%	74.1%	⬆	11.0
Voting rate of registered students	27.5%	60.7%	⬆	33.2
Voting rate	17.4%	45.0%	⬆	27.6
Difference from all institutions	-2.4	+5.9		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 54.0%
19.7%	LOW 1.5%

Difference from All Institutions **-2.4**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 64.1%
39.1%	LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions **+5.9**

Your Institution	Master's Institutions	Public Master's Institutions	Private Master's Institutions
2014: 17.4% / 2018: 45.0%	2014: 20.1% / 2018: 39.7%	2014: 19.9% / 2018: 39.3%	2014: 21.1% / 2018: 40.3%

By Voting Method*

	Absentee		Early Vote		Mail		In-Person, Election Day	
	2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018
	n/a	0.1%	n/a	0.1%	61.5%	89.6%	38.4%	10.1%
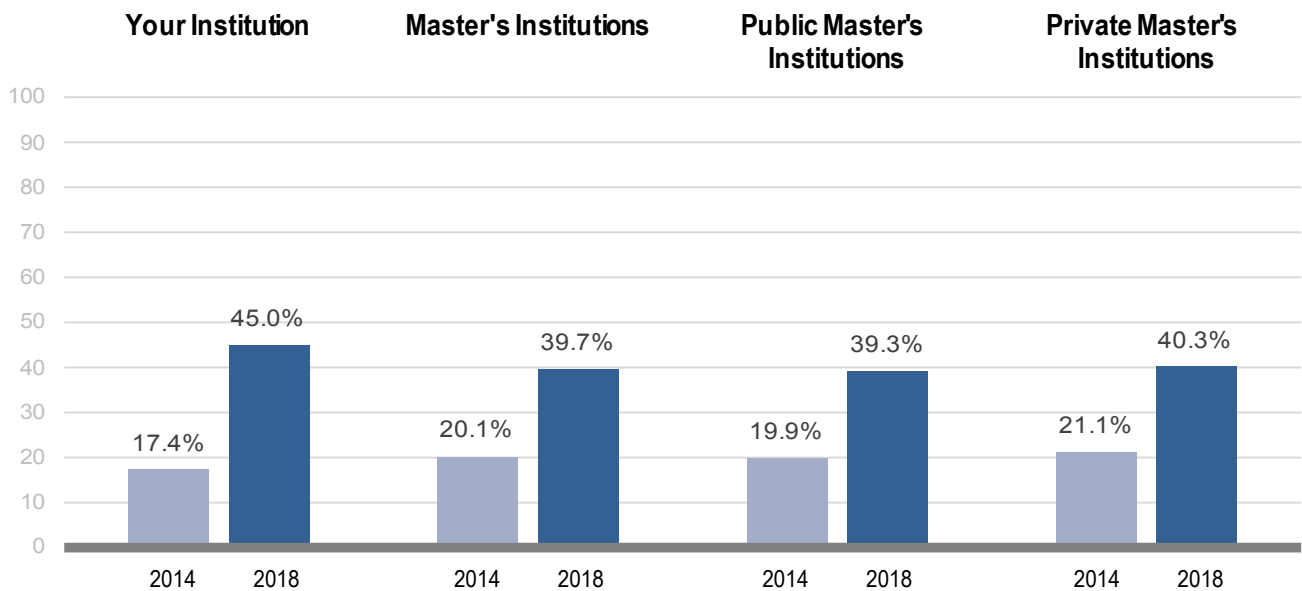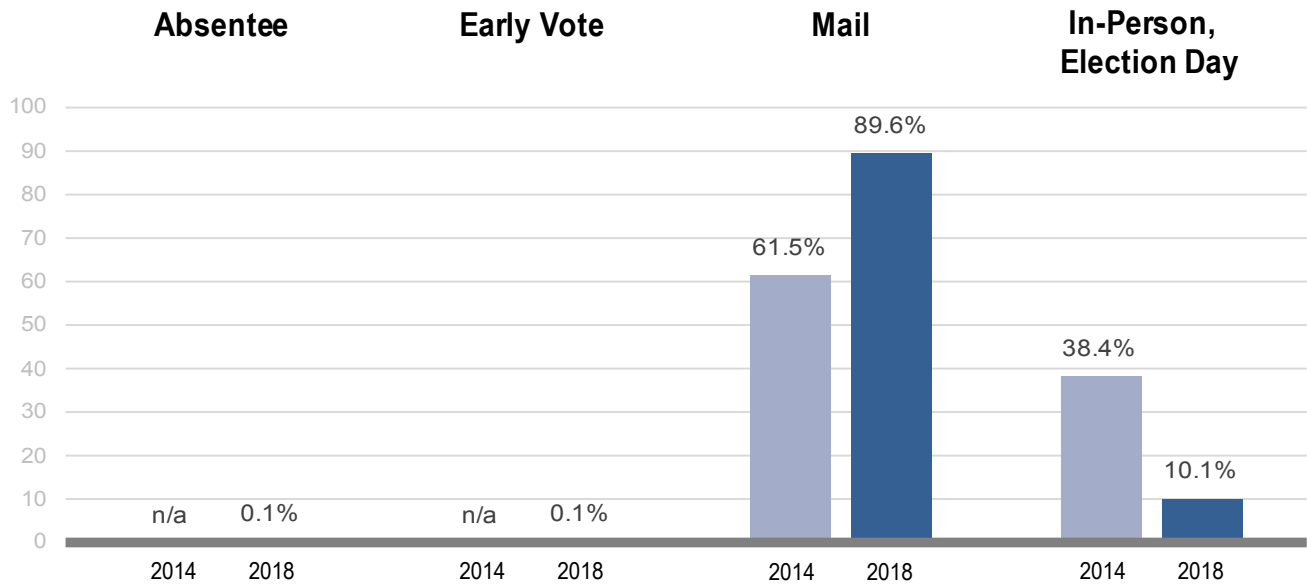
	2014		2018			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	*	n/a	12	0.1%		n/a
Early Vote	*	n/a	19	0.1%		n/a
Mail	3,036	**61.5%**	12,021	**89.6%**	⬆	**28.2**
In-Person, Election Day	1,894	**38.4%**	1,356	**10.1%**	⬇	**-28.3**
Unknown	*	n/a	*	n/a		
Total	**4,937**		**13,410**			

* 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 officals where your students voted.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*
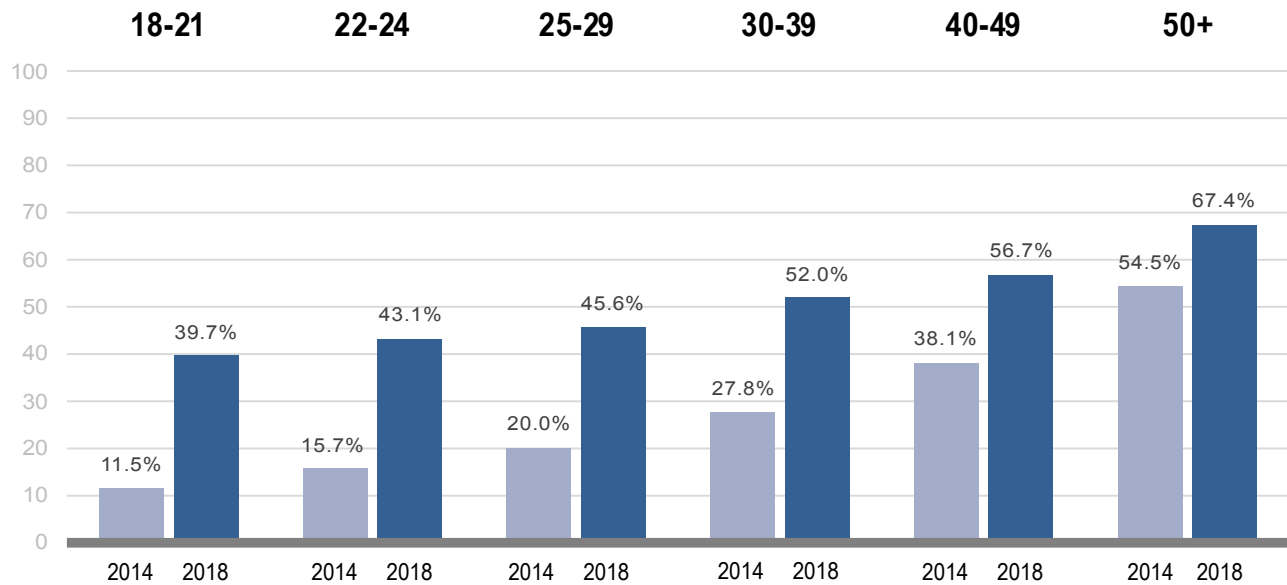
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	11,838	1,361	**11.5%**	12,996	5,159	**39.7%**	⬆	**28.2**
22-24	8,752	1,376	**15.7%**	8,876	3,824	**43.1%**	⬆	**27.4**
25-29	5,074	1,017	**20.0%**	5,390	2,459	**45.6%**	⬆	**25.6**
30-39	2,446	679	**27.8%**	2,495	1,298	**52.0%**	⬆	**24.3**
40-49	729	278	**38.1%**	789	447	**56.7%**	⬆	**18.5**
50+	415	226	**54.5%**	331	223	**67.4%**	⬆	**12.9**
Unknown	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*

Undergraduate
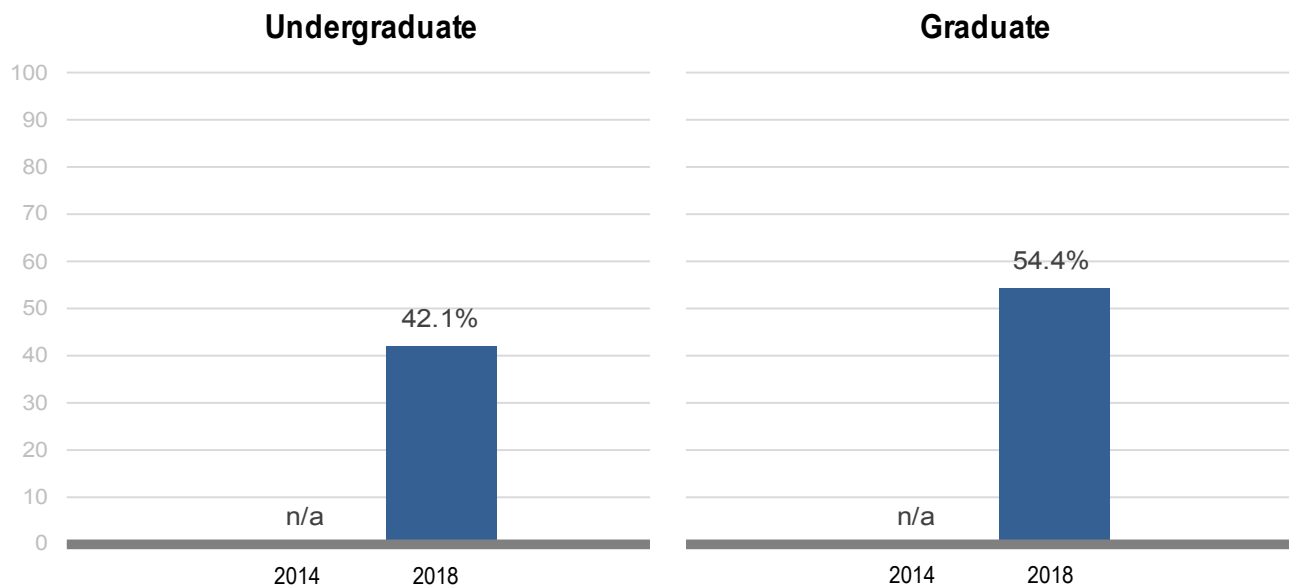
Graduate

	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**		27,697	11,662	**42.1%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**		2,631	1,430	**54.4%**	**n/a**
Unknown	29,254				549			

* 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.

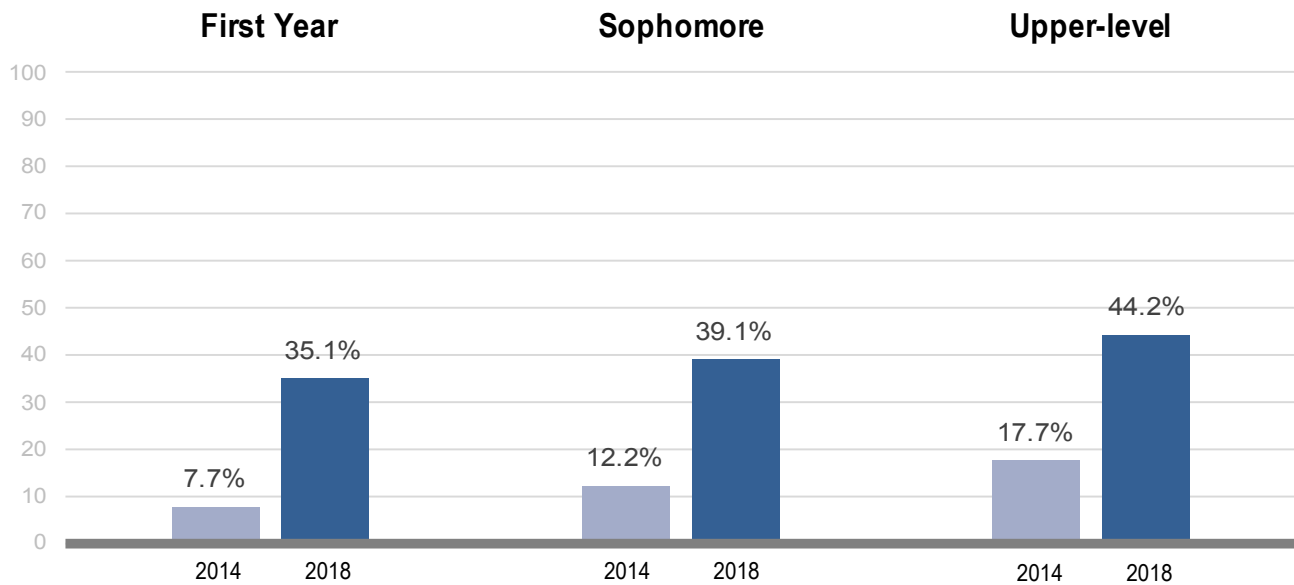**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Undergraduate Class Year*

	2014				**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	5,096	394	**7.7%**		4,695	1,647	**35.1%**	⬆	**27.4**
Sophomore	3,034	371	**12.2%**		3,582	1,399	**39.1%**	⬆	**26.8**
Upper-level	17,852	3,160	**17.7%**		19,085	8,443	**44.2%**	⬆	**26.5**

* 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.

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By Enrollment Status*
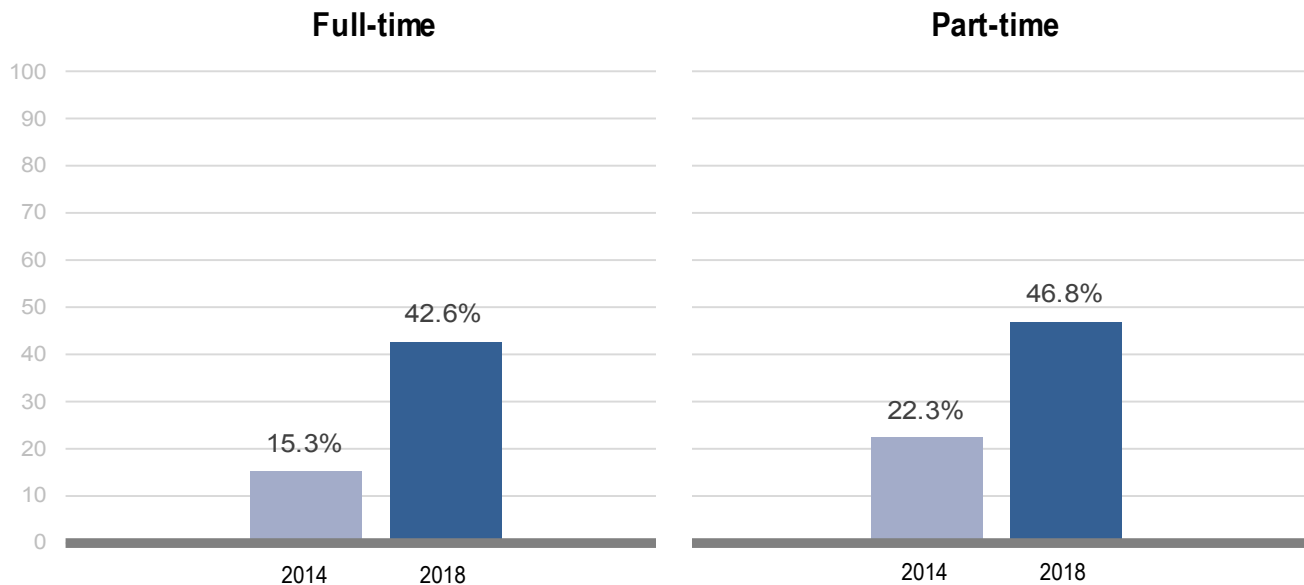
Full-time

Part-time

	2014				**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	22,623	3,457	**15.3%**		24,946	10,635	**42.6%**	⬆	**27.4**
Part-time	6,631	1,480	**22.3%**		5,931	2,775	**46.8%**	⬆	**24.5**
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*

Women	Men
44.9% (2018)	41.4% (2018)
16.5% (2014)	17.3% (2014)
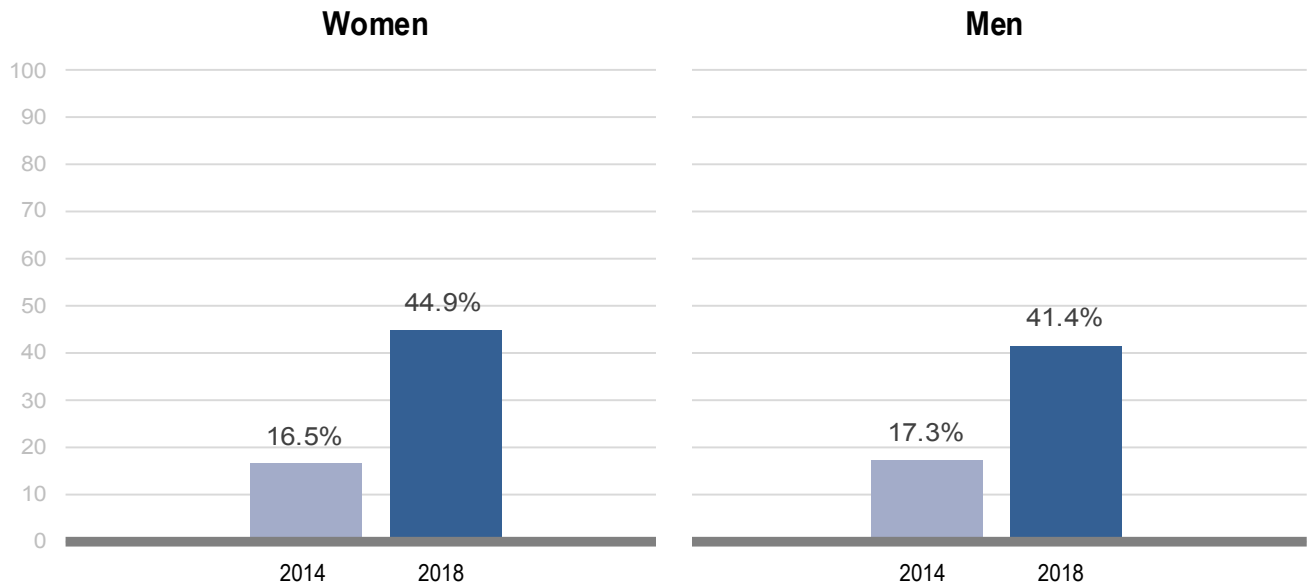
	2014			**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	16,662	2,756	**16.5%**	17,347	7,795	**44.9%**	⬆	**28.4**
Men	12,507	2,157	**17.3%**	13,441	5,568	**41.4%**	⬆	**24.2**
Unknown	85			89				

* 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.

By Race/Ethnicity*
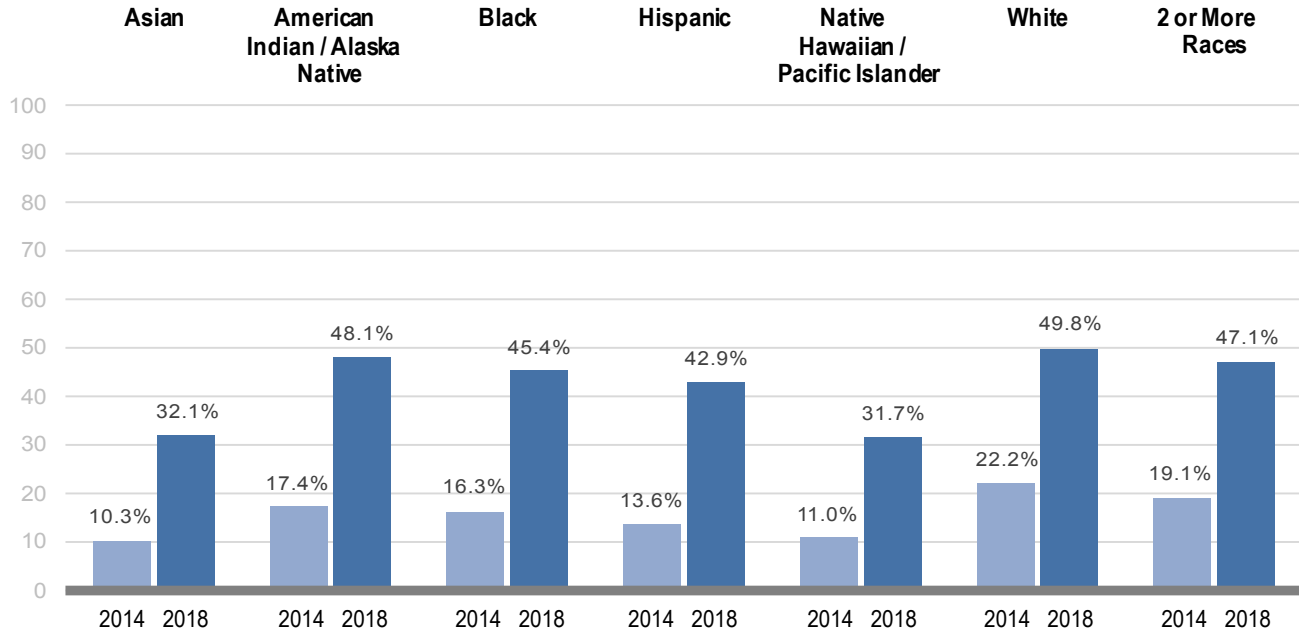
	2014				2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Asian	5,949	610	**10.3%**		6,323	2,032	**32.1%**	⬆	**21.9**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	219	38	**17.4%**		212	102	**48.1%**	⬆	**30.8**
Black	1,943	316	**16.3%**		2,225	1,010	**45.4%**	⬆	**29.1**
Hispanic	6,795	924	**13.6%**		8,586	3,687	**42.9%**	⬆	**29.3**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	464	51	**11.0%**		442	140	**31.7%**	⬆	**20.7**
White	10,709	2,375	**22.2%**		9,680	4,822	**49.8%**	⬆	**27.6**
2 or More Races	2,904	554	**19.1%**		2,974	1,402	**47.1%**	⬆	**28.1**
Unknown	271				435				

* 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.

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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	68	*	n/a	180	73	40.6%	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	149	30	20.1%	206	97	47.1% ⬆	27.0
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,738	237	13.6%	1,821	749	41.1% ⬆	27.5
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,810	583	15.3%	3,533	1,376	39.0% ⬆	23.7
Communication and Journalism	1,539	272	17.7%	1,612	748	46.4% ⬆	28.7
Computer and Information Sciences	764	120	15.7%	1,332	476	35.7% ⬆	20.0
Education	994	289	29.1%	1,174	654	55.7% ⬆	26.6
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,504	357	14.3%	2,976	1,078	36.2% ⬆	22.0
English Language and Literature	530	137	25.9%	540	291	53.9% ⬆	28.0
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	1,672	250	15.0%	2,362	967	40.9% ⬆	26.0
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	138	29	21.0%	140	59	42.1% ⬆	21.1
Health Professions	2,606	382	14.7%	2,338	972	41.6% ⬆	26.9
History	440	124	28.2%	493	286	58.0% ⬆	29.8
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	1,589	245	15.4%	1,682	721	42.9% ⬆	27.5
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,729	201	11.6%	1,388	532	38.3% ⬆	26.7
Mathematics and Statistics	271	42	15.5%	295	123	41.7% ⬆	26.2
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	239	45	18.8%	235	109	46.4% ⬆	27.6
Natural Resources and Conservation	177	46	26.0%	239	147	61.5% ⬆	35.5
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,734	209	12.1%	1,615	613	38.0% ⬆	25.9
Philosophy and Religious Studies	121	17	14.1%	134	65	48.5% ⬆	34.5
Physical Sciences	387	76	19.6%	392	207	52.8% ⬆	33.2
Psychology	1,461	201	13.8%	1,667	707	42.4% ⬆	28.7
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	968	235	24.3%	892	456	51.1% ⬆	26.8

Social Sciences	2,188	525	**24.0%**	2,253	1,198	**53.2%** ⬆	**29.2**
Visual and Performing Arts	1,056	166	**15.7%**	1,042	518	**49.7%** ⬆	**34.0**
Unknown	382	111	**29.1%**	336	188	**56.0%** ⬆	**26.9**

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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