

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
California State University-
San Marcos

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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 and 2016 federal elections. Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of nearly 30 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 2012 and 2016 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (FERPA-blocked records excluded) and publicly available voting files collected by Catalyst.

Institutional voting rates 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, we cannot consistently adjust for students who are non-resident aliens, resident aliens, or undocumented students. This may result in your institution's actual voting rate being higher than we report. To calculate that percentage, and to read more about NSLVE data, see our [FAQ on Campus Reports](#). Please also see [Creating and Maintaining the NSLVE Database](#) paper for a more detailed study methodology.

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. This report provides a baseline measure of your students' engagement in democracy in 2012 and 2016, and compares your institution's voting rates to similar institutions. Visit our website for more comparison data.
- ❑ Share the report widely and strategically, including posting it online.
- ❑ Put your data into practice. Use our IDHE Resources to guide you.
- ❑ Address your campus climate for student political learning, discourse, and participation. Start by bringing the IDHE team to your campus or using the IDHE self-assessment rubric available on our website.
- ❑ Partner with IDHE. We are available with virtual office hours, webinars, brown bag discussions and in-person trainings.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: idhe.tufts.edu.

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Warm regards,
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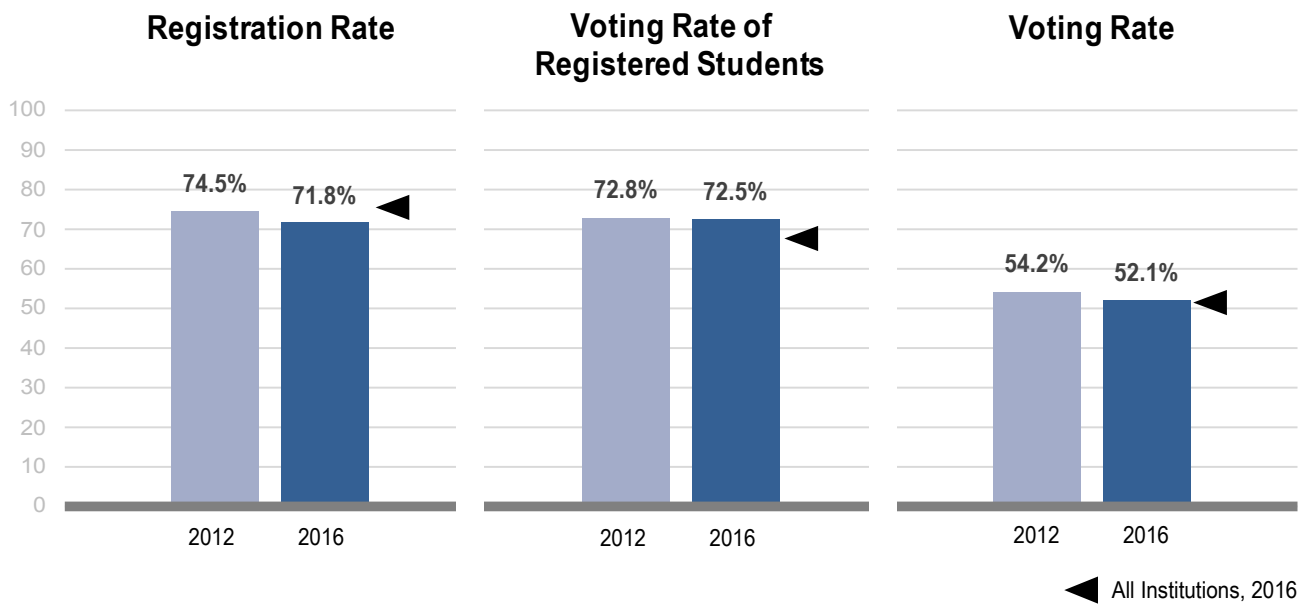
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
52.1%

CHANGE FROM 2012
-2.2

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	11,151	15,439	↑ 4,288
Age under 18/Unknown	(125)	(166)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(225)	(399)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	10,794	14,872	↑ 4,078
Number of students who registered	8,041	10,677	↑ 2,636
Number of students who voted	5,855	7,741	↑ 1,886
Registration rate	74.5%	71.8%	↓ -2.7
Voting rate of registered students	72.8%	72.5%	↓ -0.3
Voting rate	54.2%	52.1%	↓ -2.2
Difference from all institutions	+7.3	+1.7	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

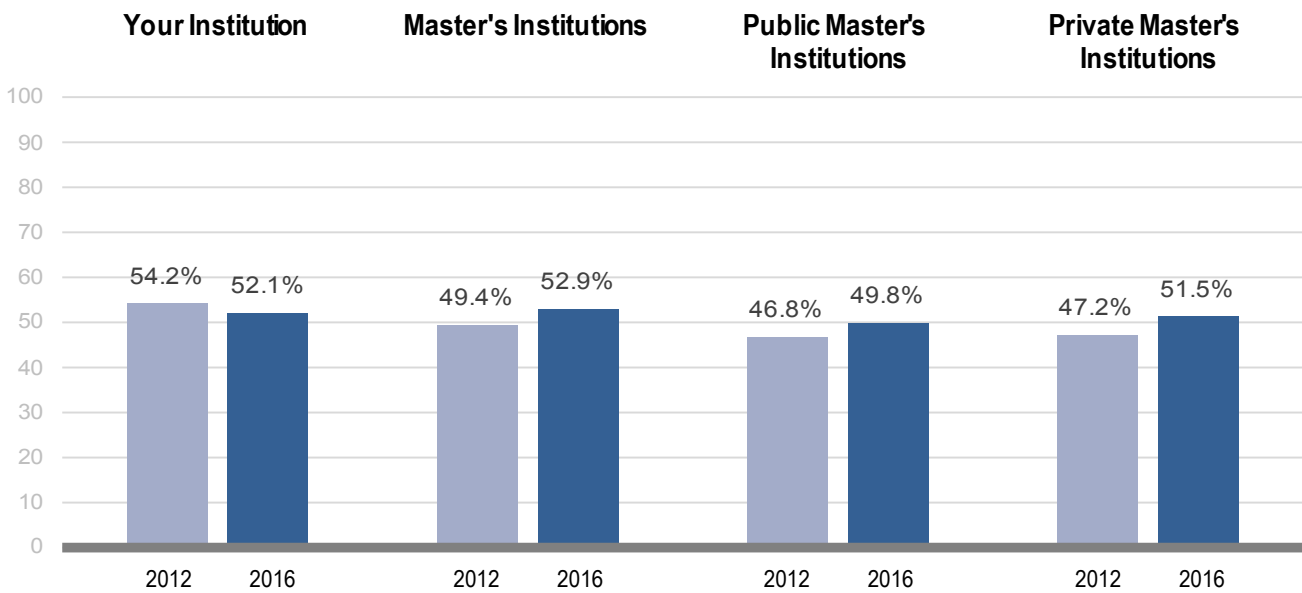
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

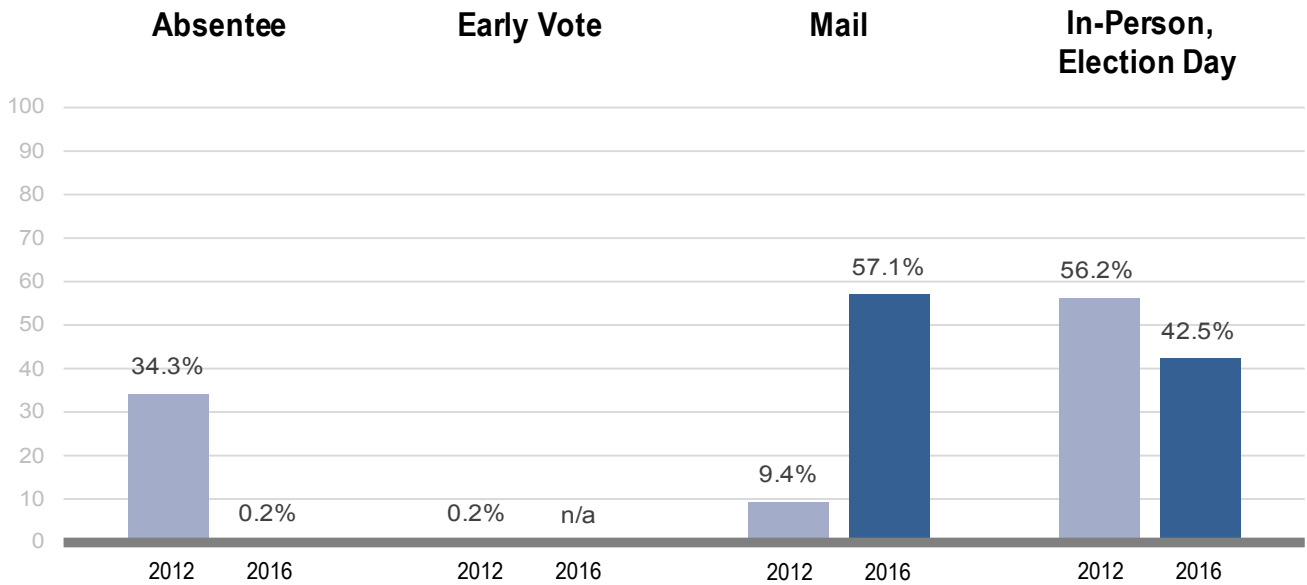
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By Voting Method*

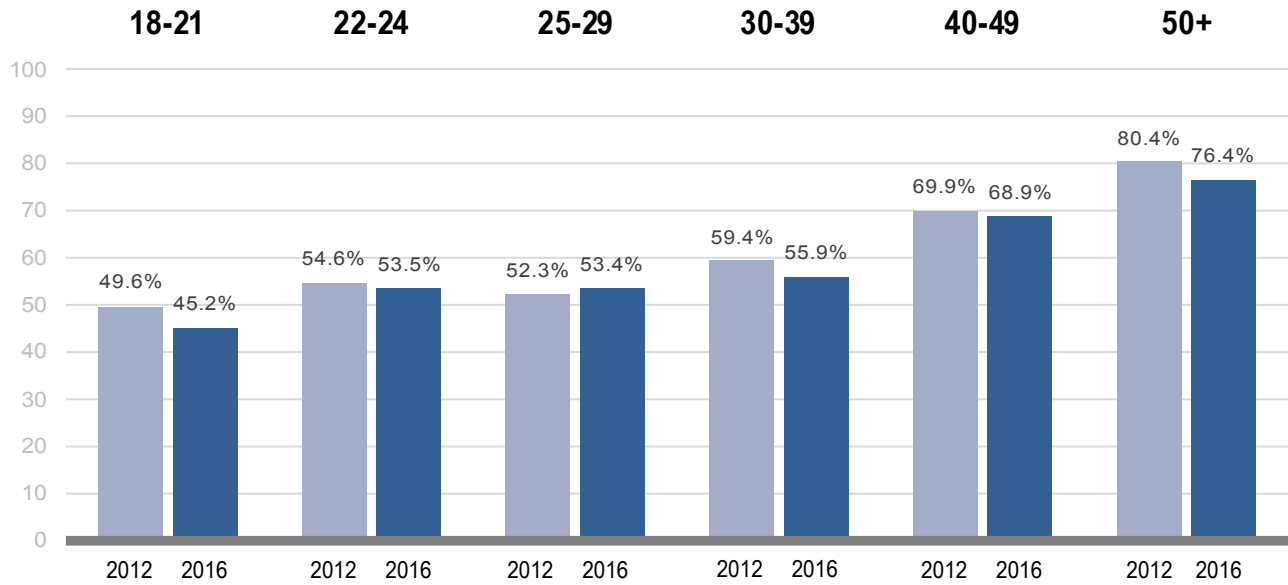


	2012		2016		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	2,006	34.3%	17	0.2%	↓	-34.0
Early Vote	10	0.2%	*	n/a		n/a
Mail	548	9.4%	4,419	57.1%	↑	47.7
In-Person, Election Day	3,289	56.2%	3,289	42.5%	↓	-13.7
Unknown	*	n/a	13	0.2%		
Total	5,855		7,741			

* 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.

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By Age Group*

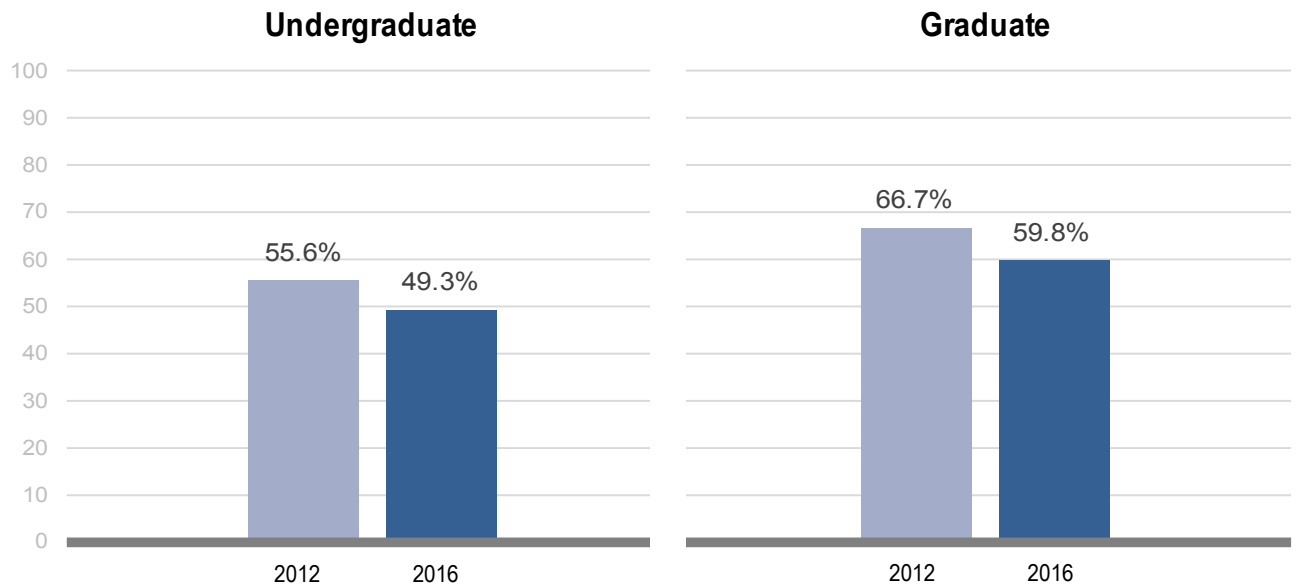


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	5,117	2,538	49.6%	7,162	3,234	45.2%	↓ -4.5
22-24	2,847	1,555	54.6%	3,523	1,886	53.5%	↓ -1.1
25-29	1,663	870	52.3%	2,324	1,242	53.4%	↑ 1.1
30-39	927	551	59.4%	1,507	842	55.9%	↓ -3.6
40-49	312	218	69.9%	530	365	68.9%	↓ -1.0
50+	153	123	80.4%	225	172	76.4%	↓ -4.0
Unknown	*			*			

* 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*

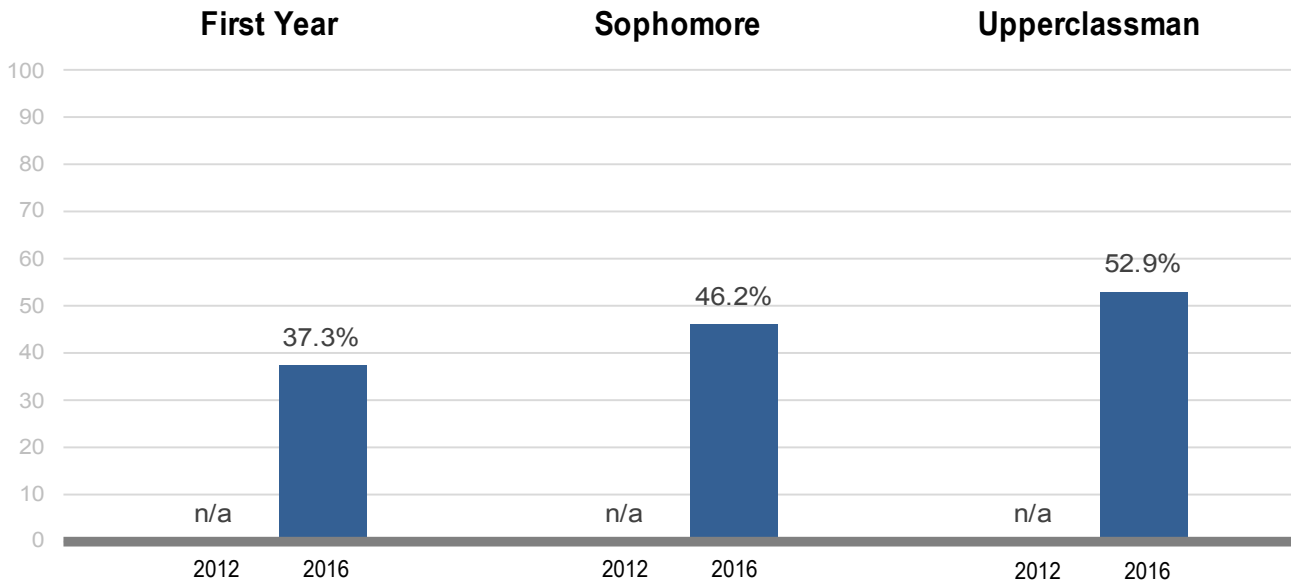


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	667	371	55.6%	13,358	6,587	49.3%	↓ -6.3
Graduate	42	28	66.7%	1,347	806	59.8%	↓ -6.8
Unknown	10,310			566			

* 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*

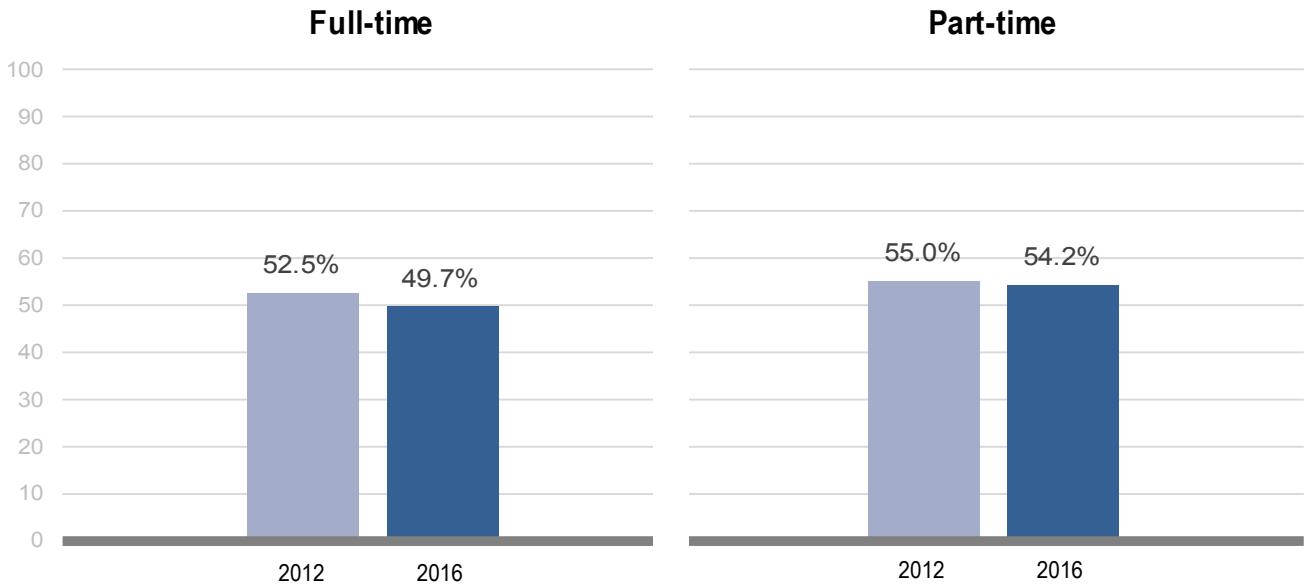


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	0	0	n/a	2,092	781	37.3%	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	2,069	955	46.2%	n/a
Upperclassman	0	0	n/a	8,814	4,664	52.9%	n/a

* 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*

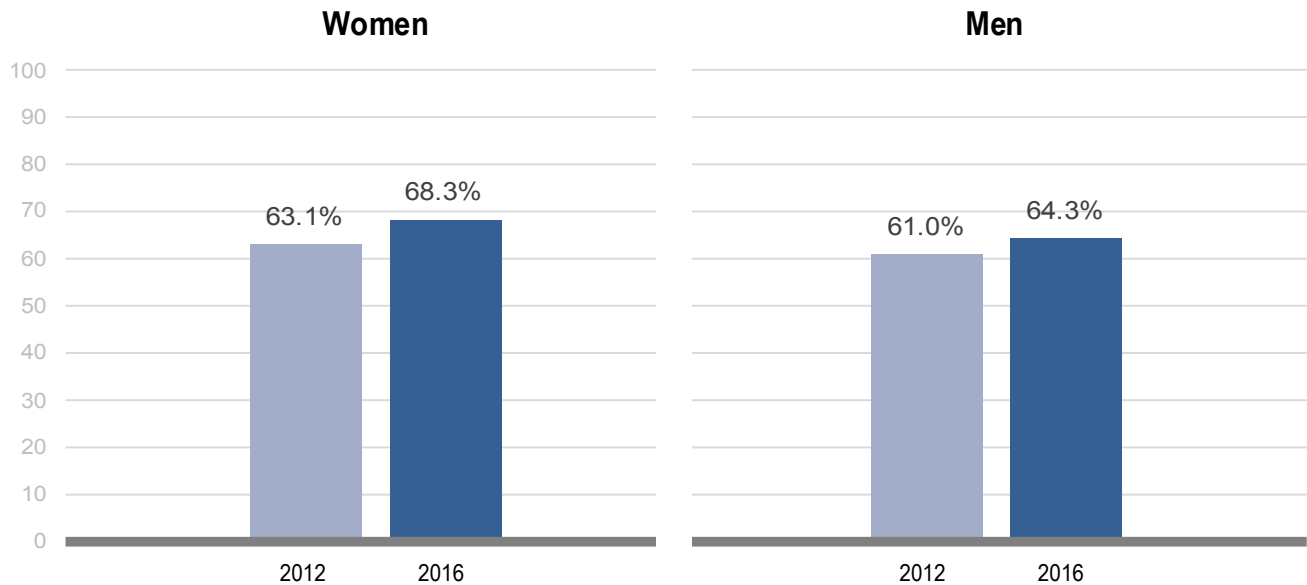


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	8,131	4,266	52.5%	11,963	5,949	49.7%	↓ -2.7
Part-time	2,888	1,589	55.0%	3,308	1,792	54.2%	↓ -0.9
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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.

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By Gender*

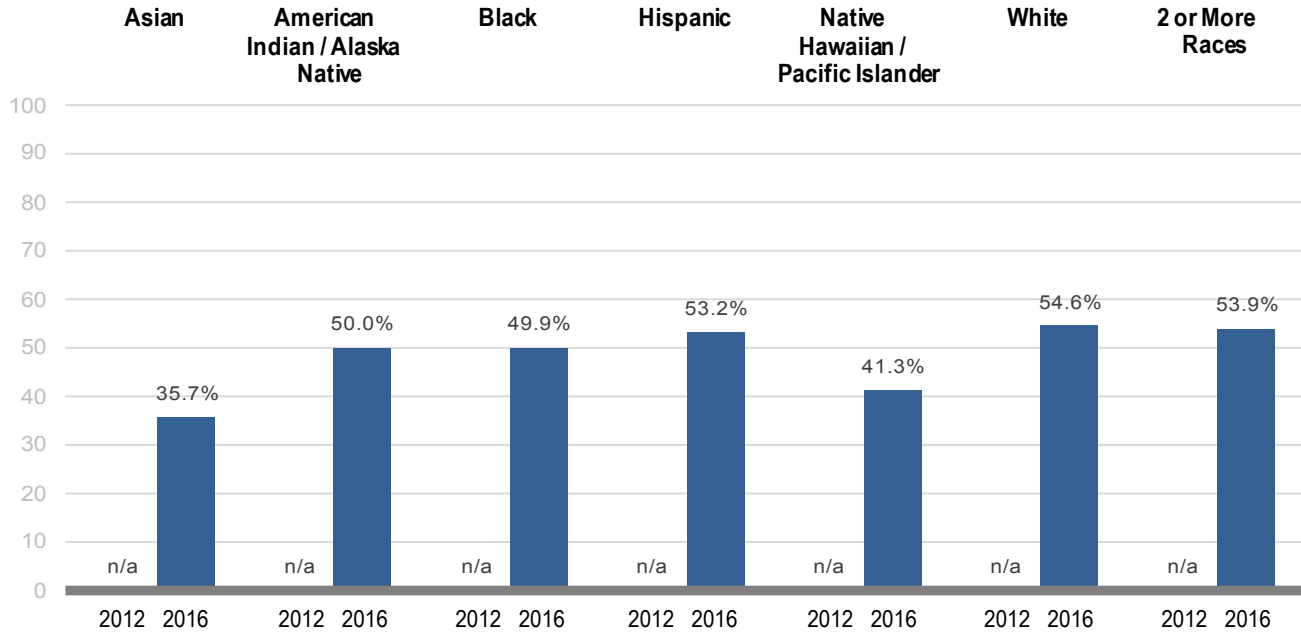


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	5,748	3,628	63.1%	7,229	4,934	68.3%	↑ 5.1
Men	3,592	2,190	61.0%	4,192	2,696	64.3%	↑ 3.3
Unknown	1,679	37	2.2%	3,850	111	2.9%	

* 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.

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By Race/Ethnicity*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	0	0	n/a	1,972	703	35.7%	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	100	50	50.0%	n/a
Black	0	0	n/a	621	310	49.9%	n/a
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	5,013	2,669	53.2%	n/a
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	126	52	41.3%	n/a
White	0	0	n/a	5,132	2,802	54.6%	n/a
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	1,034	557	53.9%	n/a
Unknown	11,019			1,273			

* 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.

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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.

	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	0	0	n/a	17	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	18	*	n/a	1,211	560	46.2%	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	129	62	48.1%	2,363	1,150	48.7% ↑	0.6
Communication and Journalism	56	28	50.0%	762	400	52.5% ↑	2.5
Computer and Information Sciences	24	12	50.0%	659	281	42.6% ↓	-7.4
Education	23	15	65.2%	526	339	64.5% ↓	-0.8
English Language and Literature	19	10	52.6%	255	155	60.8% ↑	8.2
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	48	39	81.3%	953	499	52.4% ↓	-28.9
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	*	*	n/a	110	58	52.7%	n/a
Health Professions	80	38	47.5%	1,810	933	51.6% ↑	4.1
History	23	17	73.9%	223	156	70.0% ↓	-4.0
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	34	18	52.9%	832	407	48.9% ↓	-4.0
Mathematics and Statistics	*	*	n/a	157	63	40.1%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	0	0	n/a	97	52	53.6%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	49	31	63.3%	984	423	43.0% ↓	-20.3
Physical Sciences	0	0	n/a	172	92	53.5%	n/a
Psychology	51	25	49.0%	1,031	515	50.0% ↑	0.9
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	0	0	n/a	146	96	65.8%	n/a
Social Sciences	109	69	63.3%	2,035	1,074	52.8% ↓	-10.5
Visual and Performing Arts	15	*	n/a	262	130	49.6%	n/a
Unknown	10,328	5,468	52.9%	666	351	52.7% ↓	-0.2

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: idhe.tufts.edu.

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