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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Capital University

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,

IDHE Team

Voting and Registration Rates
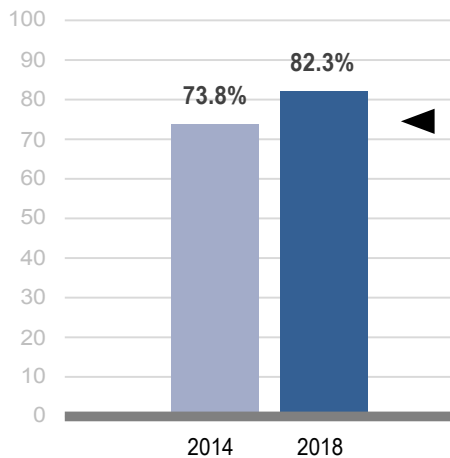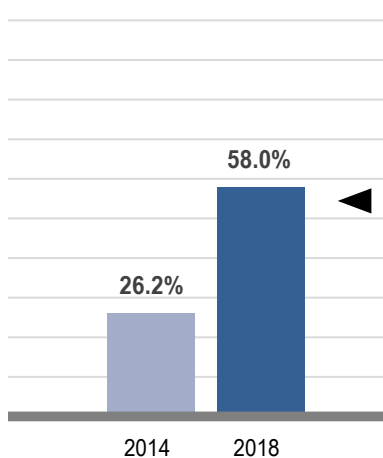
2018 Voting Rate

47.7%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+28.3

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate

73.8% 82.3%

2014 2018

Voting Rate of Registered Students

26.2% 58.0%

2014 2018

Voting Rate

19.4% 47.7%
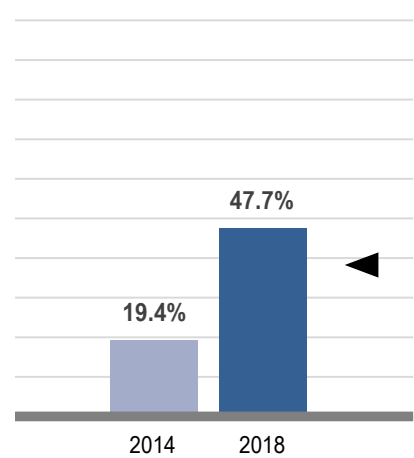
2014 2018

◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	3,439	3,190	⬇	-249
Age under 18/Unknown	*	(11)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(53)	(65)		
FERPA records blocked	(13)	*		
Total eligible voters	3,365	3,110	⬇	-255
Number of students who registered	2,483	2,559	⬆	76
Number of students who voted	651	1,483	⬆	832
Registration rate	73.8%	82.3%	⬆	8.5
Voting rate of registered students	26.2%	58.0%	⬆	31.7
Voting rate	19.4%	47.7%	⬆	28.3
Difference from all institutions	-0.3	+8.6		

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH
54.0%

LOW
1.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-0.3**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **+8.6**

	Your Institution	Master's Institutions	Public Master's Institutions	Private Master's Institutions
2014	19.4%	20.1%	19.9%	21.1%
2018	47.7%	39.7%	39.3%	40.3%

By Voting Method*

	Absentee	Early Vote	Mail	In-Person, Election Day

(Chart showing voting method percentages for 2014 and 2018)

- Absentee: 2014 n/a, 2018 10.8%
- Early Vote: 2014 n/a, 2018 1.5%
- Mail: 2014 n/a, 2018 17.9%
- In-Person, Election Day: 2014 n/a, 2018 n/a
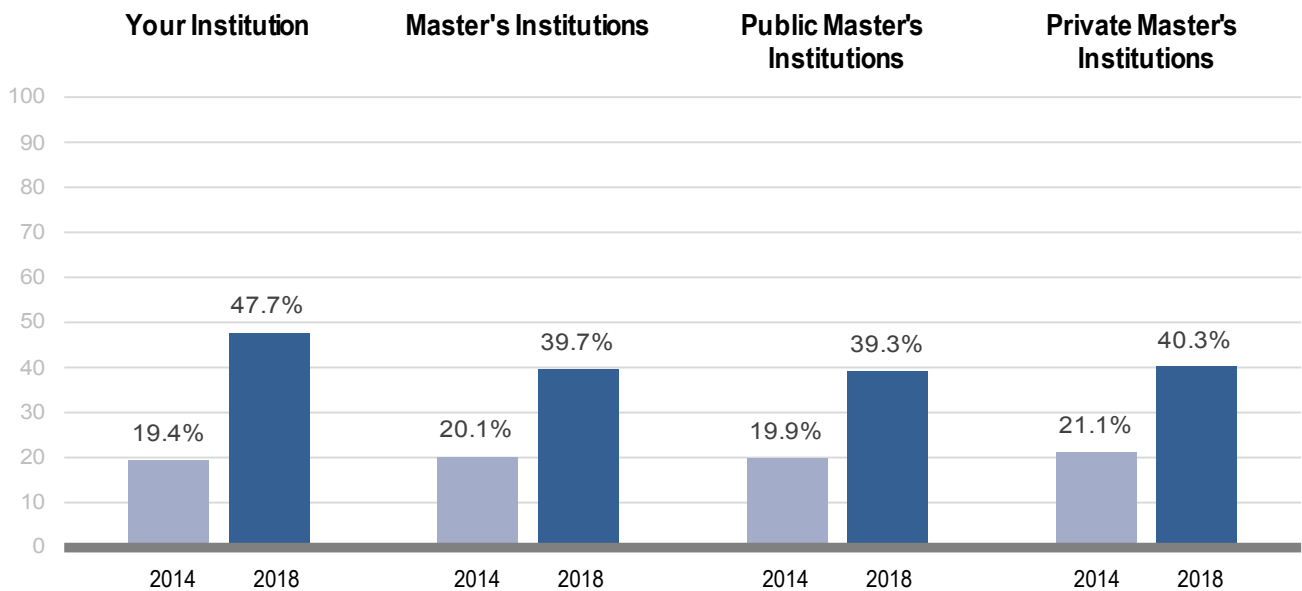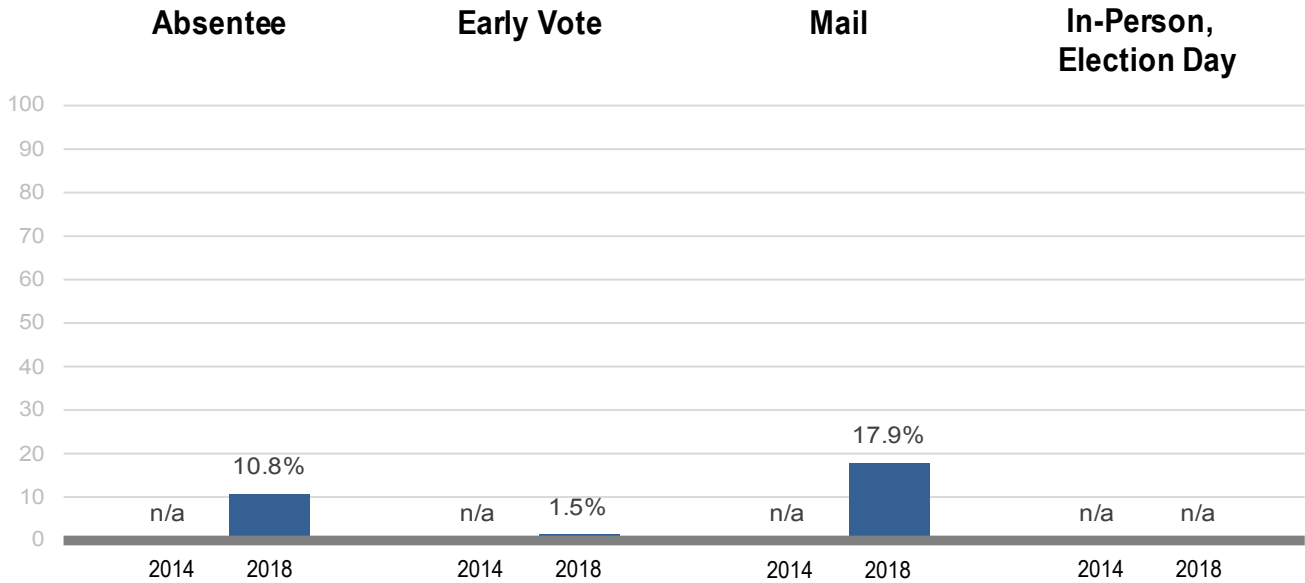
	2014		2018		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change
Absentee	*	n/a	160	**10.8%**	n/a
Early Vote	*	n/a	22	**1.5%**	n/a
Mail	*	n/a	265	**17.9%**	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
Unknown	634	**97.4%**	1,027	**69.3%**	
Total	**651**		**1,483**		

* 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*
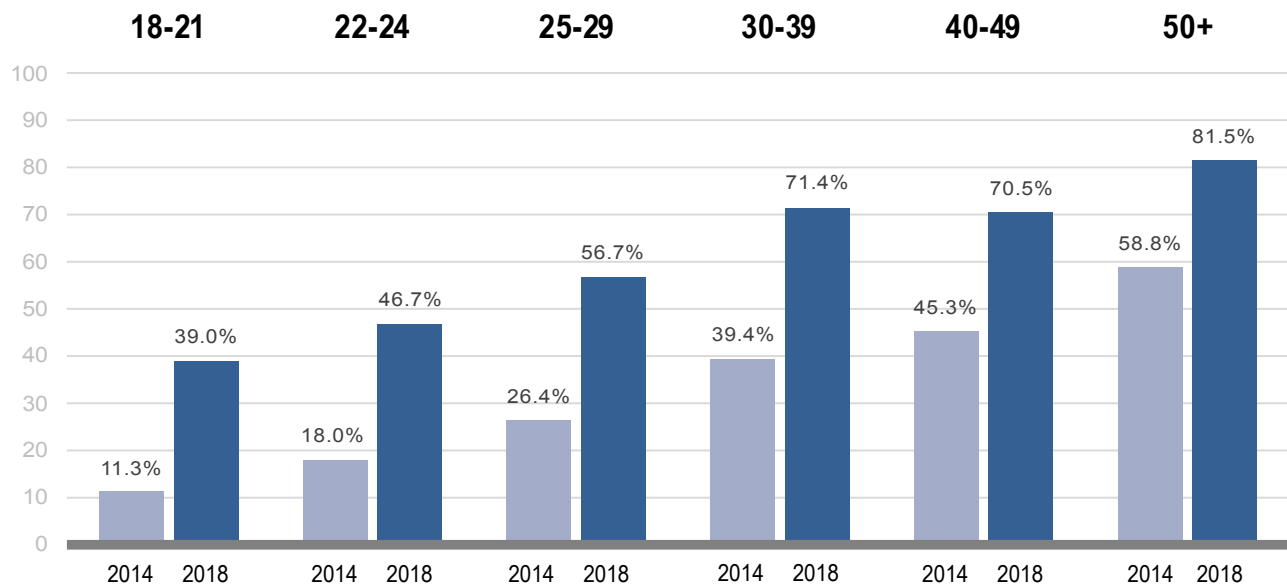
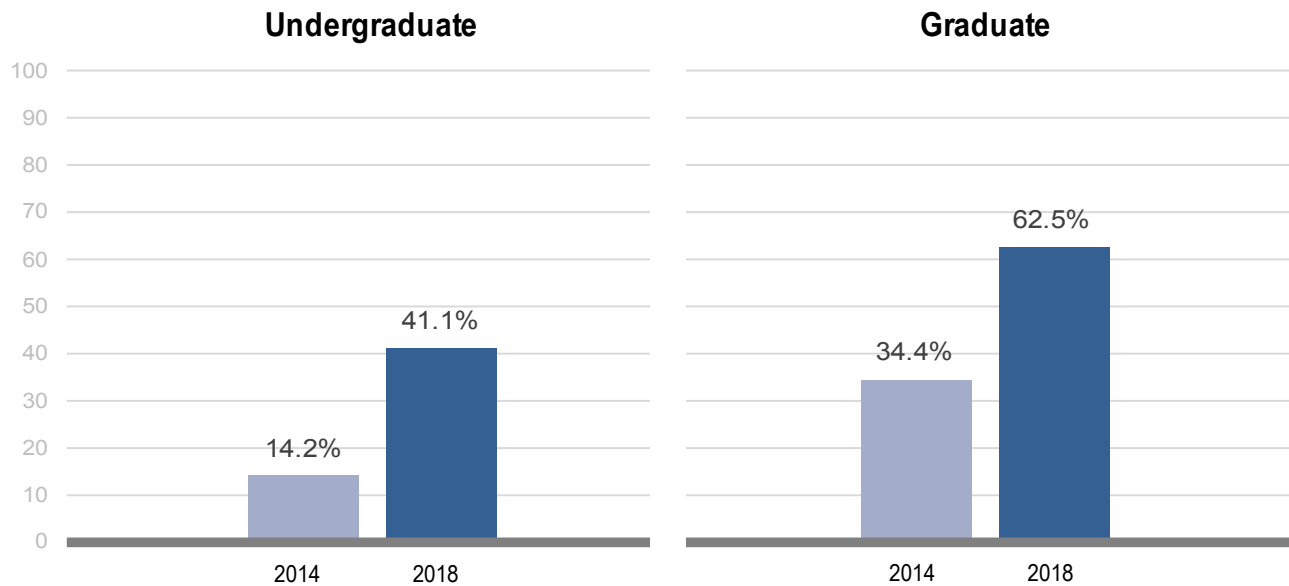|	**2014**			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	2,027	229	**11.3%**	1,885	735	**39.0%**	⬆	**27.7**
22-24	490	88	**18.0%**	516	241	**46.7%**	⬆	**28.8**
25-29	356	94	**26.4%**	349	198	**56.7%**	⬆	**30.3**
30-39	312	123	**39.4%**	231	165	**71.4%**	⬆	**32.0**
40-49	148	67	**45.3%**	129	91	**70.5%**	⬆	**25.3**
50+	85	50	**58.8%**	65	53	**81.5%**	⬆	**22.7**
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.

By Education Level*

Undergraduate

Graduate

	2014				2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Undergraduate	2,581	366	**14.2%**		2,368	974	**41.1%**	⬆	**27.0**
Graduate	723	249	**34.4%**		699	437	**62.5%**	⬆	**28.1**
Unknown	114				108				

* 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.

By Undergraduate Class Year*

First Year		Sophomore		Upper-level	
8.3%	35.2%	12.7%	39.5%	18.1%	45.0%
2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018
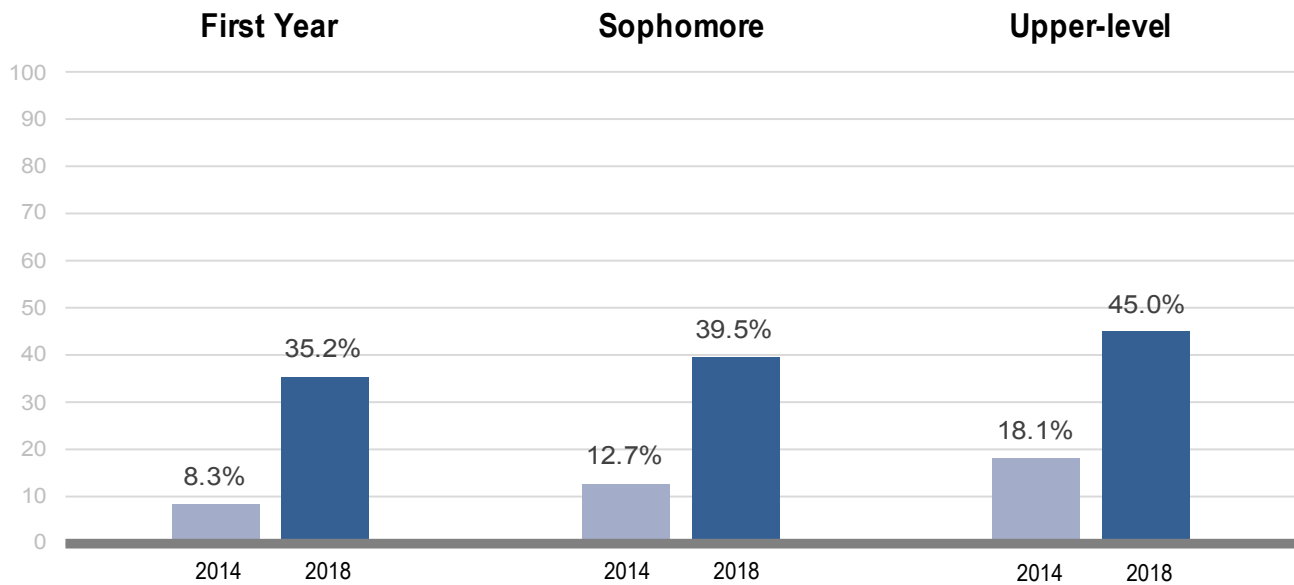
	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	805	67	**8.3%**	642	226	**35.2%**	⬆	**26.9**
Sophomore	553	70	**12.7%**	521	206	**39.5%**	⬆	**26.9**
Upper-level	1,153	209	**18.1%**	1,201	540	**45.0%**	⬆	**26.8**

* 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.

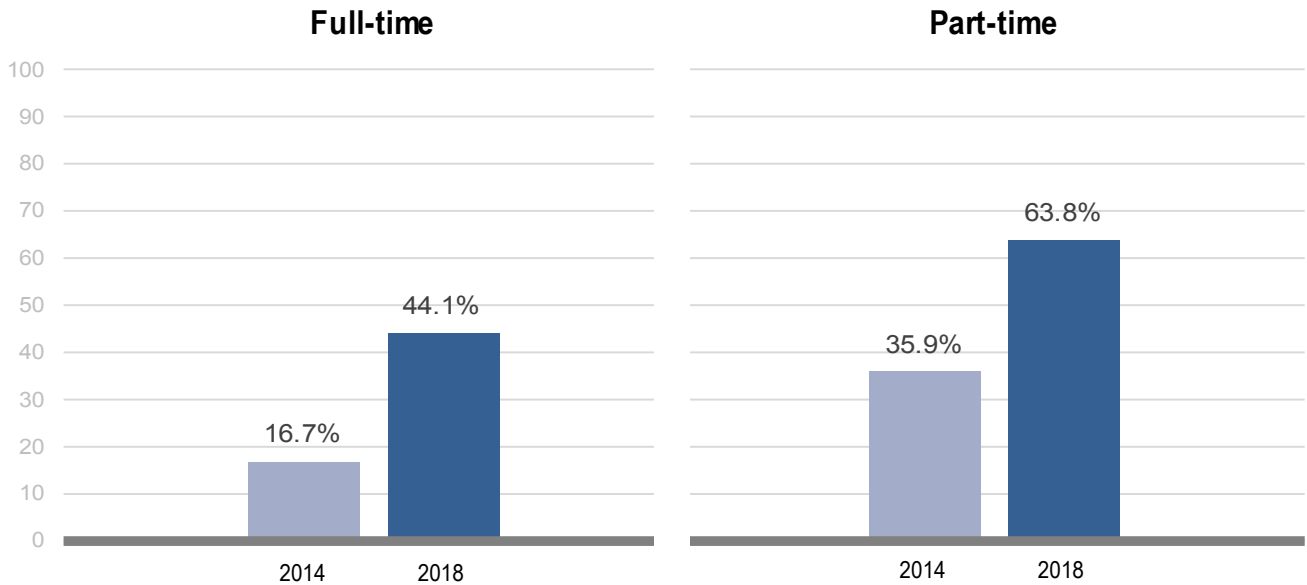**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Enrollment Status*

Full-time

Part-time

	2014				**2018**				**Change**
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	3,003	502	**16.7%**		2,752	1,213	**44.1%**	⬆	**27.4**
Part-time	415	149	**35.9%**		423	270	**63.8%**	⬆	**27.9**
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.
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By Gender*

Women

Men
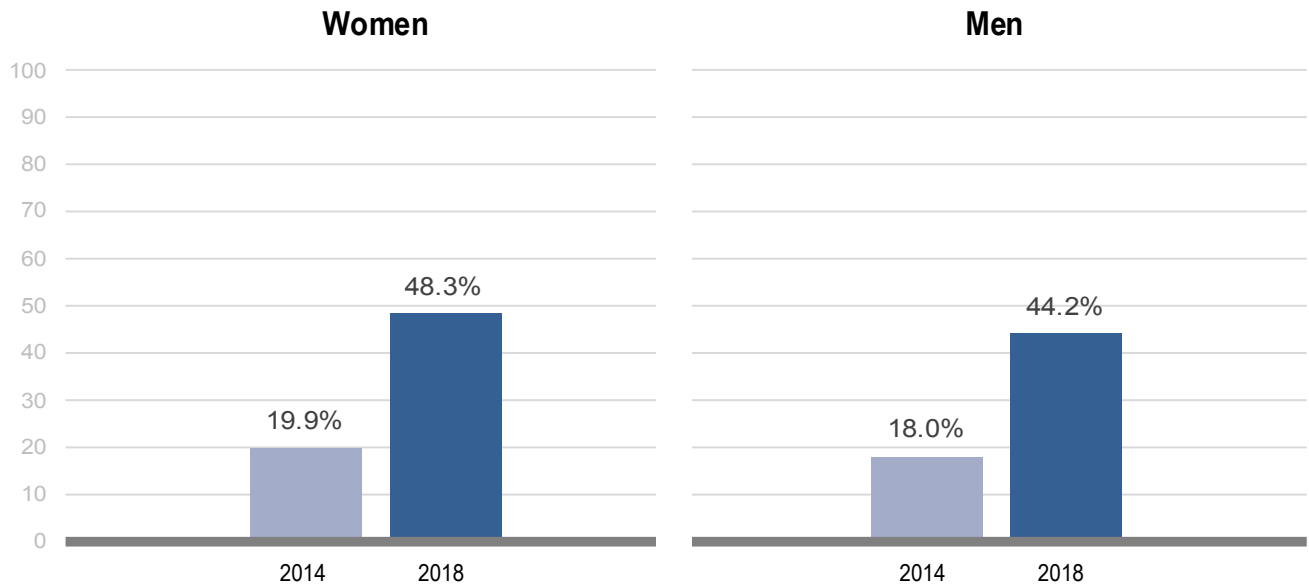
	2014			**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	1,932	384	**19.9%**	1,941	938	**48.3%**	⬆	**28.5**
Men	1,486	267	**18.0%**	1,234	545	**44.2%**	⬆	**26.2**
Unknown	0			0				

* 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*
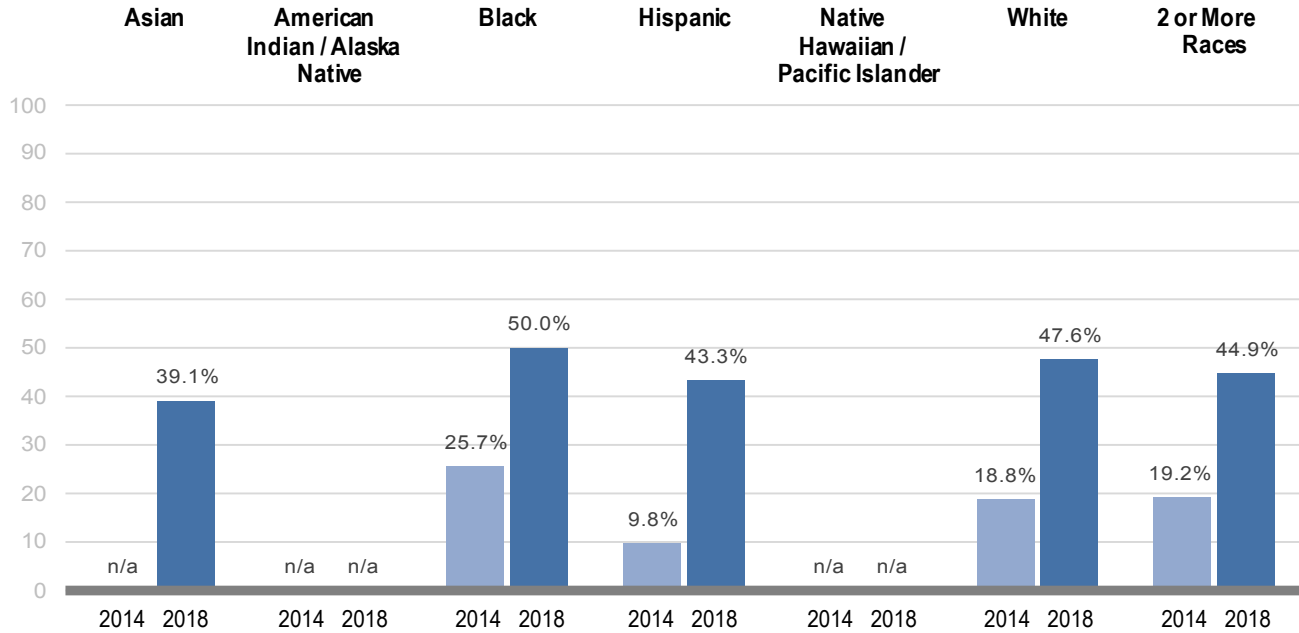
	2014				2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Asian	47	*	n/a		64	25	39.1%		n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a		0	0	n/a		n/a
Black	327	84	25.7%		304	152	50.0%	⬆	24.3
Hispanic	133	13	9.8%		127	55	43.3%	⬆	33.5
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a		0	0	n/a		n/a
White	2,629	494	18.8%		2,374	1,131	47.6%	⬆	28.9
2 or More Races	130	25	19.2%		147	66	44.9%	⬆	25.7
Unknown	152				159				

* 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	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	211	16	7.6%	171	65	38.0% ⬆	30.4
Business, Management, and Marketing	508	87	17.1%	441	179	40.6% ⬆	23.5
Communication and Journalism	108	12	11.1%	129	53	41.1% ⬆	30.0
Computer and Information Sciences	44	*	n/a	67	30	44.8%	n/a
Education	412	71	17.2%	409	204	49.9% ⬆	32.7
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	0	0	n/a	*	0	n/a	n/a
English Language and Literature	41	*	n/a	53	30	56.6%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	547	102	18.7%	587	231	39.4% ⬆	20.7
History	16	*	n/a	16	*	n/a	n/a
Legal Professions and Studies	504	174	34.5%	427	279	65.3% ⬆	30.8
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	68	26	38.2%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	25	*	n/a	12	*	n/a	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	47	13	27.7%	41	23	56.1% ⬆	28.4
Natural Resources and Conservation	*	*	n/a	11	*	n/a	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	96	13	13.5%	62	25	40.3% ⬆	26.8
Philosophy and Religious Studies	20	*	n/a	18	10	55.6%	n/a
Physical Sciences	12	0	n/a	15	*	n/a	n/a
Psychology	128	11	8.6%	111	46	41.4% ⬆	32.9
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	141	40	28.4%	86	48	55.8% ⬆	27.4
Social Sciences	170	41	24.1%	143	69	48.3% ⬆	24.1
Theology and Religious Vocations	0	0	n/a	44	22	50.0%	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	274	26	9.5%	209	97	46.4% ⬆	36.9

Other	62	11	**17.7%**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Unknown	44	13	**29.6%**	45	23	**51.1%** ⬆	**21.6**

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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