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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Carlow 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:
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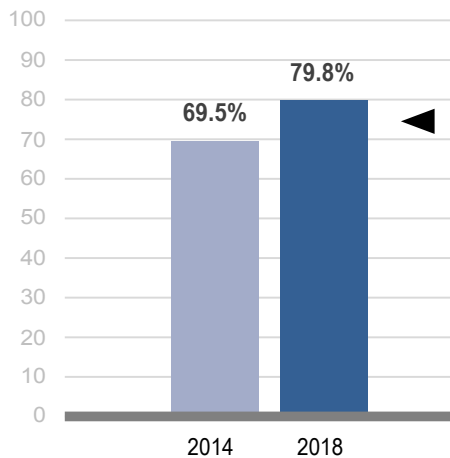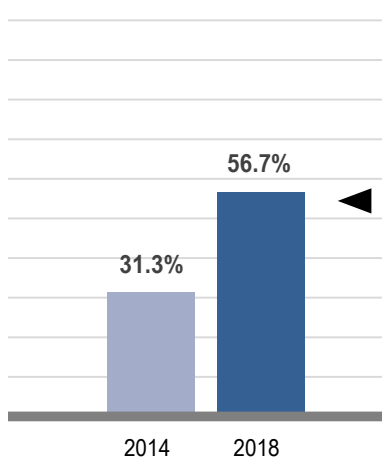
Warm regards,

IDHE Team

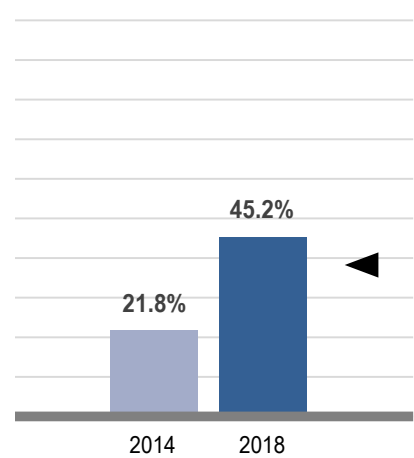**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

45.2%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+23.5

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate

Voting Rate of Registered Students

Voting Rate

◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	2,167	2,046	⬇	-121
Age under 18/Unknown	*	*		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	*	*		
FERPA records blocked	0	*		
Total eligible voters	2,156	2,037	⬇	-119
Number of students who registered	1,498	1,625	⬆	127
Number of students who voted	469	921	⬆	452
Registration rate	69.5%	79.8%	⬆	10.3
Voting rate of registered students	31.3%	56.7%	⬆	25.4
Voting rate	21.8%	45.2%	⬆	23.5
Difference from all institutions	+2.1	+6.1		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH 54.0%

LOW 1.5%

Difference from All Institutions **+2.1**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH 64.1%

LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions **+6.1**

	Your Institution	Master's Institutions	Public Master's Institutions	Private Master's Institutions
2014	21.8%	20.1%	19.9%	21.1%
2018	45.2%	39.7%	39.3%	40.3%
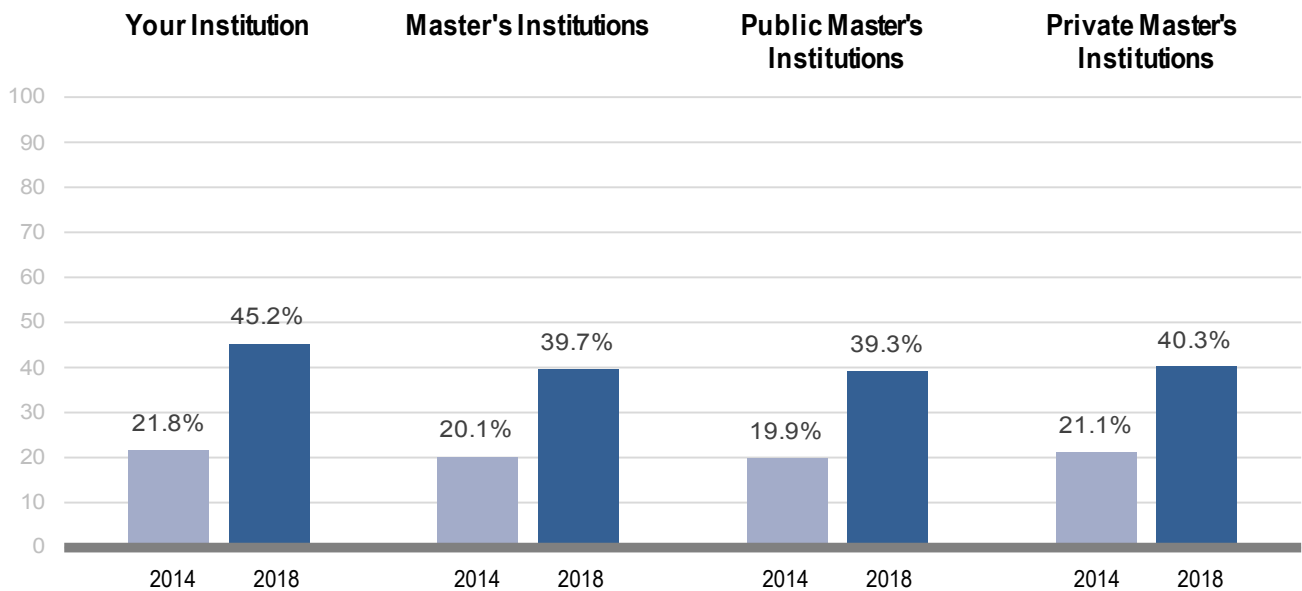
By Voting Method*
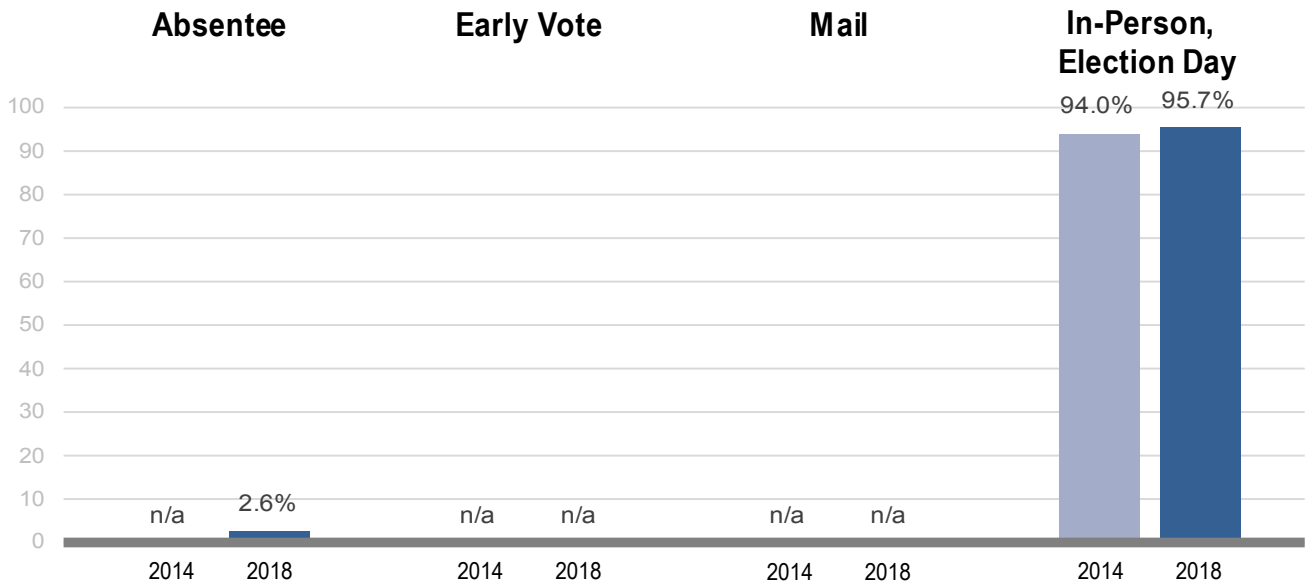
	2014		**2018**		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change
Absentee	*	n/a	24	**2.6%**	**n/a**
Early Vote	*	n/a	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
Mail	*	n/a	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
In-Person, Election Day	441	**94.0%**	881	**95.7%** ⬆	**1.6**
Unknown	11	**2.4%**	10	**1.1%**	
Total	**469**		**921**		

* 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.

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By Age Group*
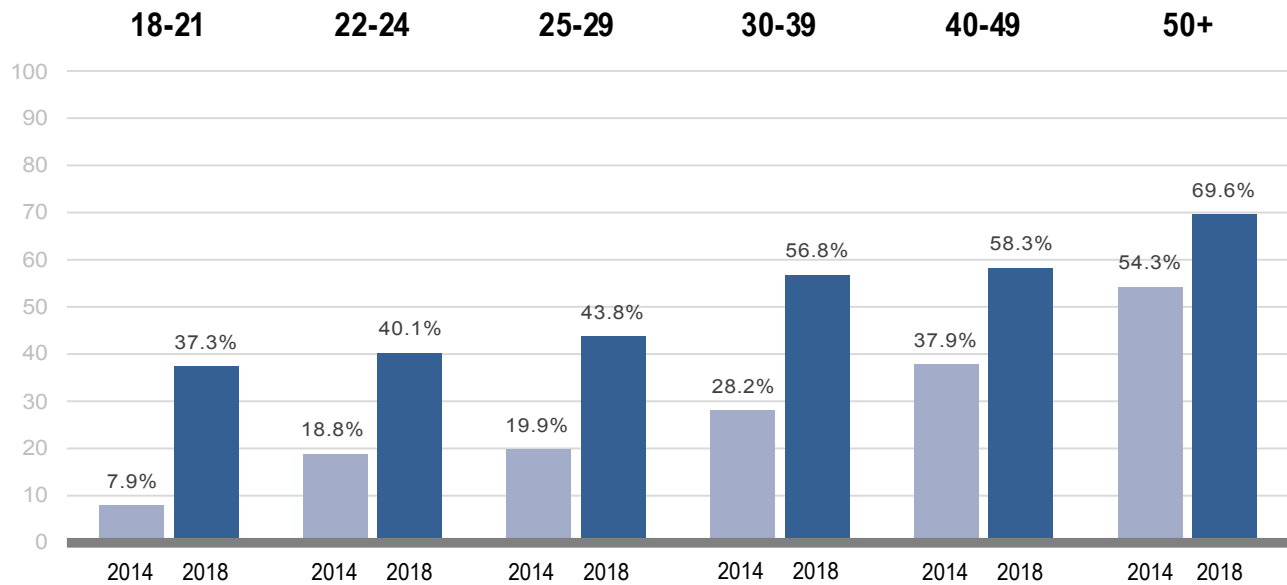
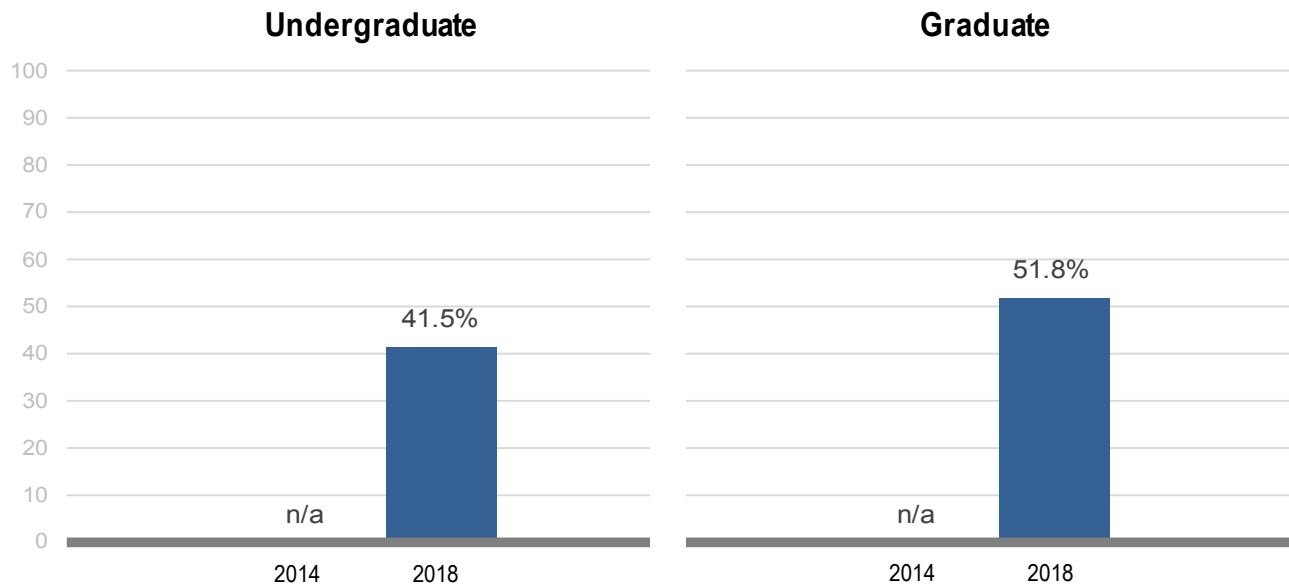|	**2014**				**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	683	54	**7.9%**		782	292	**37.3%**	⬆	**29.4**
22-24	341	64	**18.8%**		304	122	**40.1%**	⬆	**21.4**
25-29	372	74	**19.9%**		388	170	**43.8%**	⬆	**23.9**
30-39	401	113	**28.2%**		326	185	**56.8%**	⬆	**28.6**
40-49	214	81	**37.9%**		151	88	**58.3%**	⬆	**20.4**
50+	153	83	**54.3%**		92	64	**69.6%**	⬆	**15.3**
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.

By Education Level*

Undergraduate

Graduate

	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**	1,285	533	**41.5%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**	739	383	**51.8%**	**n/a**
Unknown	2,164			19			

* 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 | | |
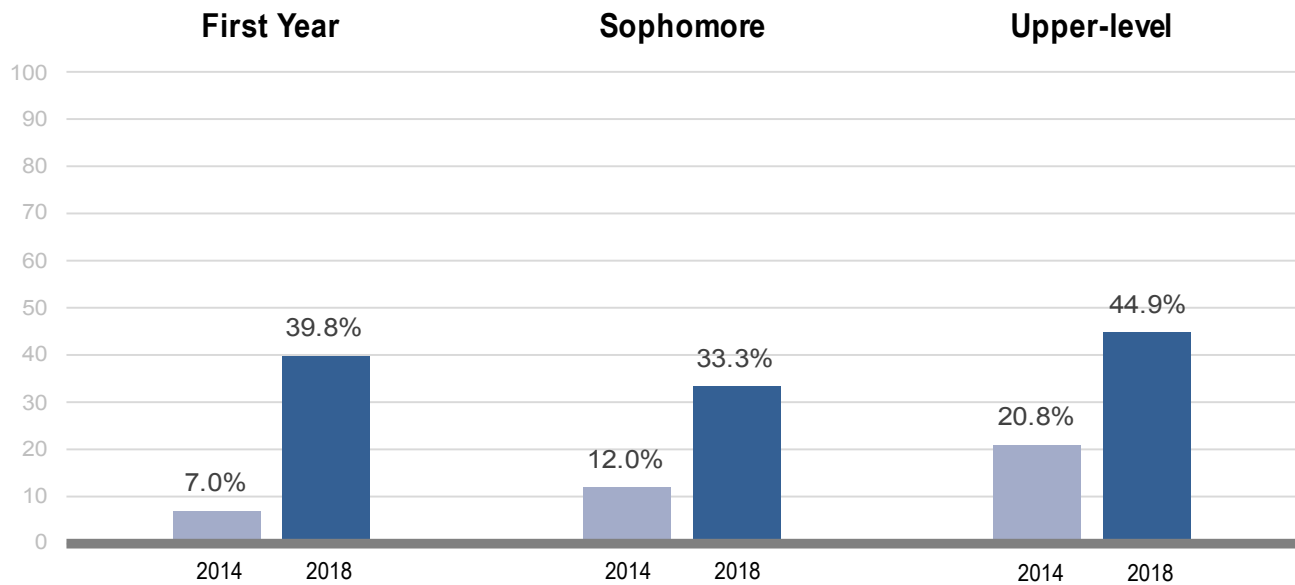
	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	244	17	**7.0%**	259	103	**39.8%**	⬆	32.8
Sophomore	251	30	**12.0%**	264	88	**33.3%**	⬆	21.4
Upper-level	812	169	**20.8%**	773	347	**44.9%**	⬆	24.1

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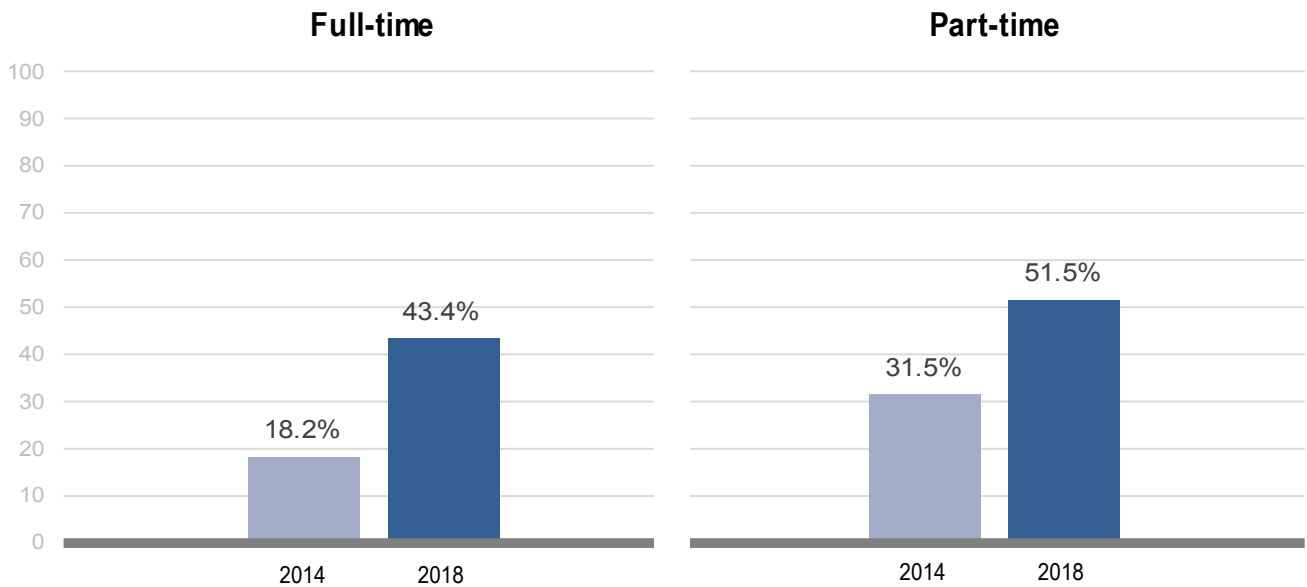**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Enrollment Status*

Full-time

Part-time

	2014				**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	1,598	291	**18.2%**		1,616	701	**43.4%**	⬆	**25.2**
Part-time	566	178	**31.5%**		427	220	**51.5%**	⬆	**20.1**
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.

By Gender*

Women

Men
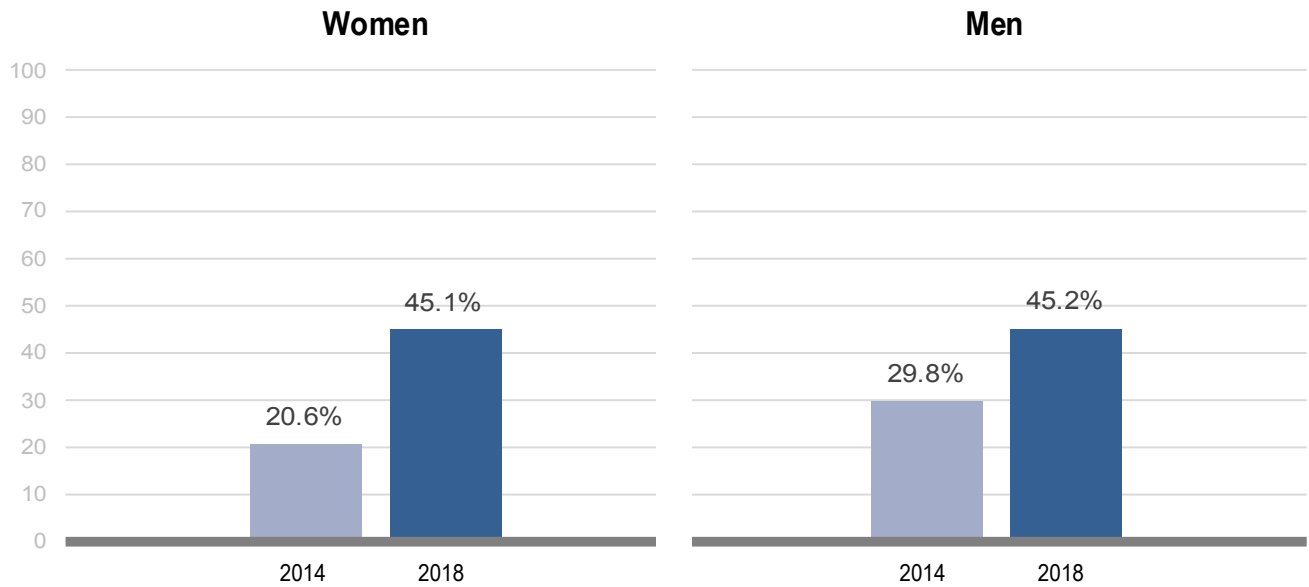
	2014				**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	1,912	394	**20.6%**		1,702	767	**45.1%**	⬆	**24.5**
Men	252	75	**29.8%**		341	154	**45.2%**	⬆	**15.4**
Unknown	0				0				

* 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.
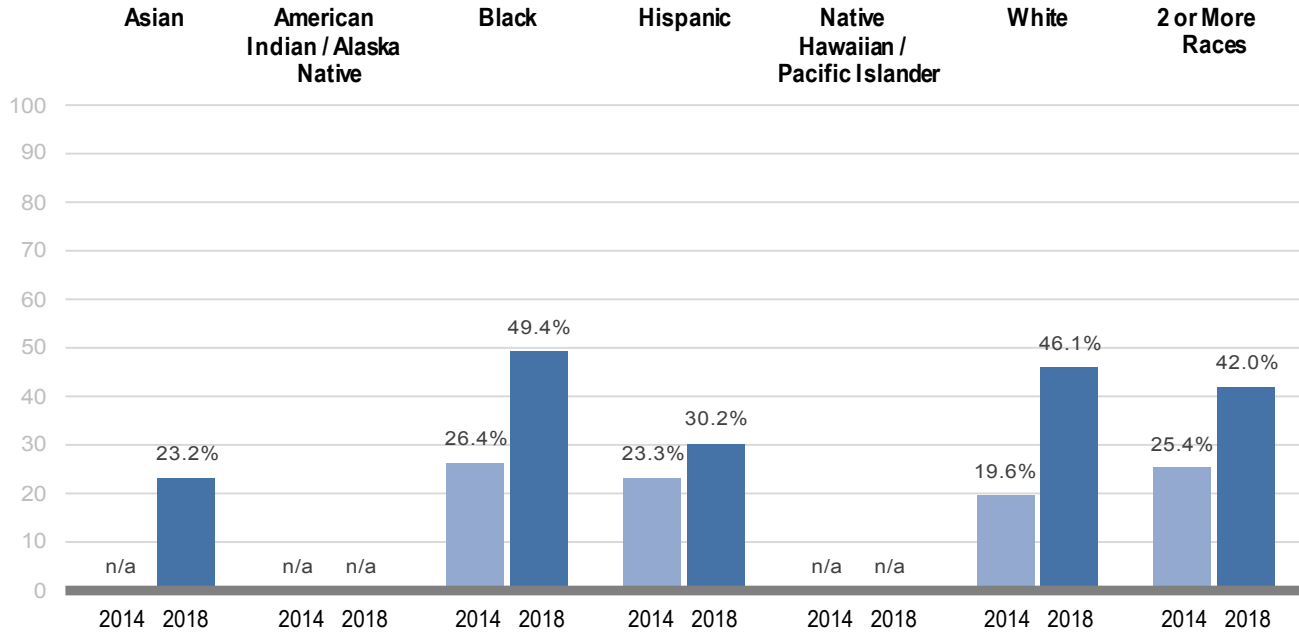
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By Race/Ethnicity*

	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Asian	33	*	n/a	56	13	23.2%		n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
Black	383	101	26.4%	324	160	49.4%	⬆	23.0
Hispanic	43	10	23.3%	43	13	30.2%	⬆	7.0
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
White	1,397	274	19.6%	1,398	645	46.1%	⬆	26.5
2 or More Races	63	16	25.4%	69	29	42.0%	⬆	16.6
Unknown	245			153				

* 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.

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	Change
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	124	*	n/a		219	78	35.6%	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	302	93	30.8%		211	115	54.5% ⬆	23.7
Communication and Journalism	34	*	n/a		27	11	40.7%	n/a
Education	240	64	26.7%		117	61	52.1% ⬆	25.5
English Language and Literature	57	13	22.8%		49	30	61.2% ⬆	38.4
Health Professions	883	164	18.6%		967	405	41.9% ⬆	23.3
History	10	*	n/a		11	*	n/a	n/a
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	38	15	39.5%		32	14	43.8% ⬆	4.3
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	48	*	n/a		72	22	30.6%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	11	*	n/a		0	0	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	24	0	n/a		16	*	n/a	n/a
Psychology	163	38	23.3%		155	82	52.9% ⬆	29.6
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	74	21	28.4%		51	28	54.9% ⬆	26.5
Social Sciences	52	12	23.1%		42	20	47.6% ⬆	24.5
Visual and Performing Arts	41	*	n/a		31	17	54.8%	n/a
Unknown	63	21	33.3%		43	26	60.5% ⬆	27.1

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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