

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Carnegie Mellon University

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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, 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 this 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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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at NSLVE@tufts.edu.

Warm regards,

IDHE Team



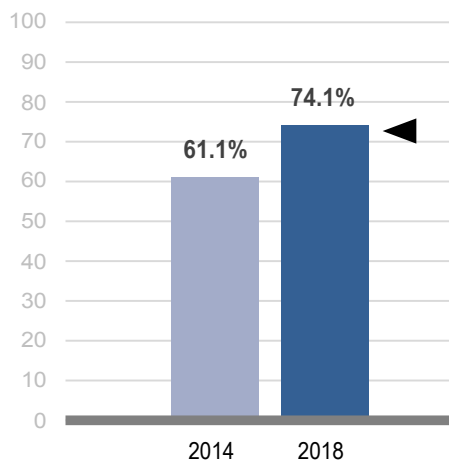
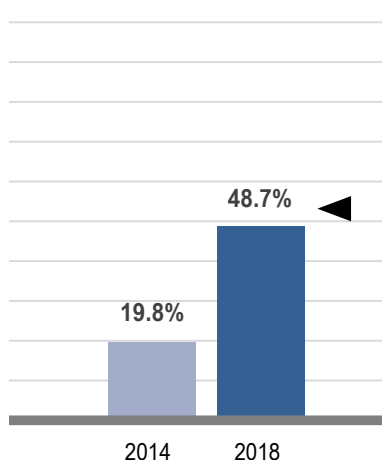
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

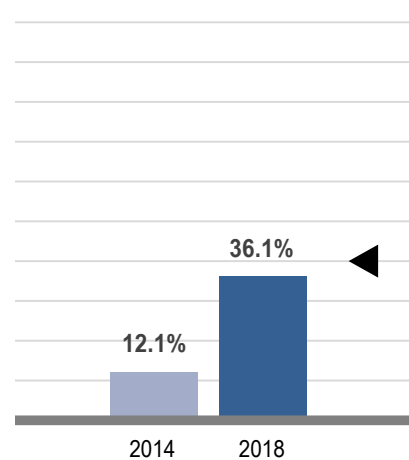
2018 Voting Rate

36.1%CHANGE
FROM 2014**+24.0**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	13,334	14,474	↑ 1,140
Age under 18/Unknown	(153)	(116)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(5,009)	(5,923)	
FERPA records blocked	(99)	(40)	
Total eligible voters	8,073	8,395	↑ 322
Number of students who registered	4,932	6,222	↑ 1,290
Number of students who voted	975	3,031	↑ 2,056
Registration rate	61.1%	74.1%	↑ 13.0
Voting rate of registered students	19.8%	48.7%	↑ 28.9
Voting rate	12.1%	36.1%	↑ 24.0
Difference from all institutions	-7.6	-3.0	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate
for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH
54.0%

LOW
1.5%

2018 Voting Rate
for All Institutions

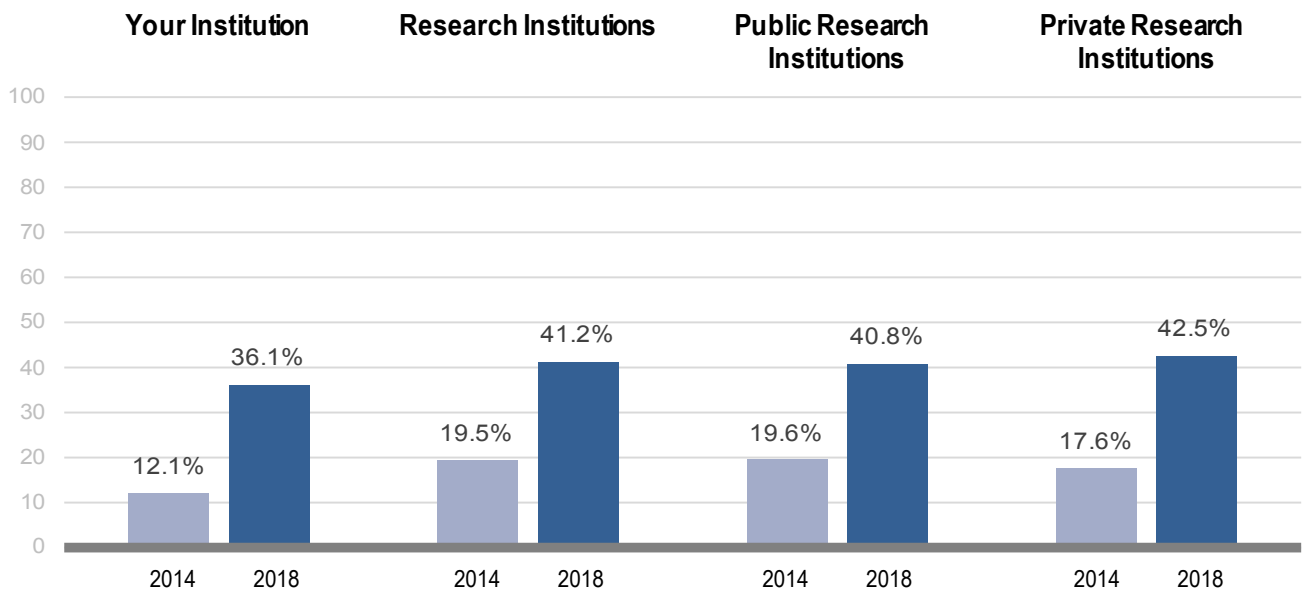
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

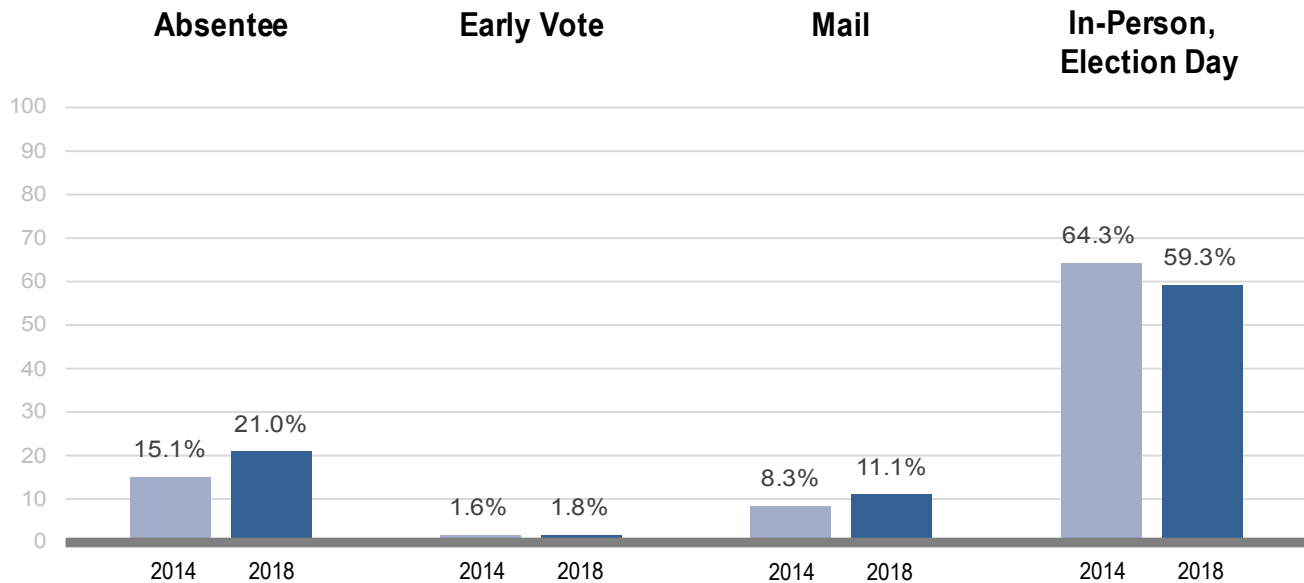
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By Voting Method*

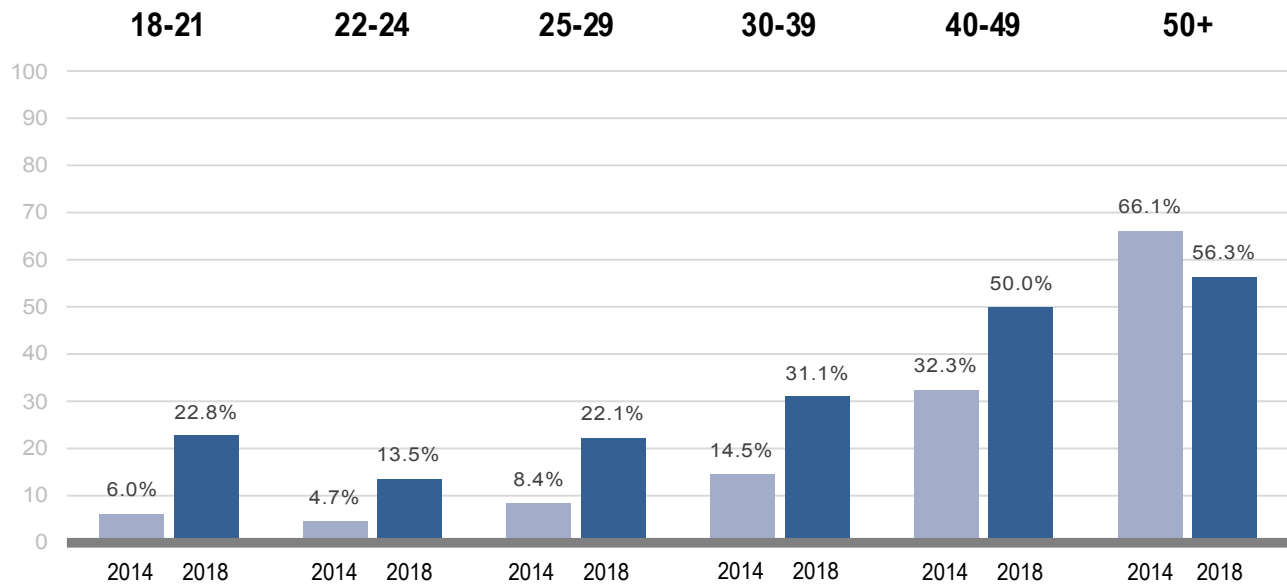


	2014		2018		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	147	15.1%	637	21.0%	↑	5.9
Early Vote	16	1.6%	55	1.8%	↑	0.2
Mail	81	8.3%	336	11.1%	↑	2.8
In-Person, Election Day	627	64.3%	1,798	59.3%	↓	-5.0
Unknown	104	10.7%	205	6.8%		
Total	975		3,031			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*

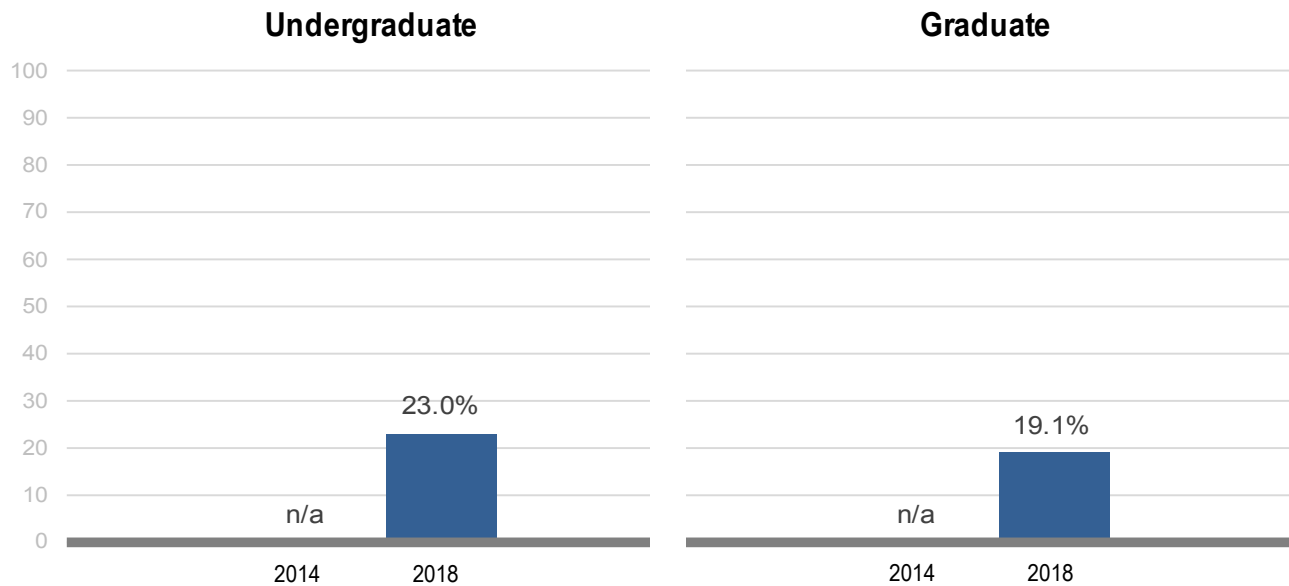


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	5,677	340	6.0%	6,279	1,433	22.8%	↑	16.8
22-24	3,443	161	4.7%	3,860	520	13.5%	↑	8.8
25-29	2,695	225	8.4%	2,918	644	22.1%	↑	13.7
30-39	1,013	147	14.5%	1,053	327	31.1%	↑	16.5
40-49	195	63	32.3%	160	80	50.0%	↑	17.7
50+	59	39	66.1%	48	27	56.3%	↓	-9.8
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*

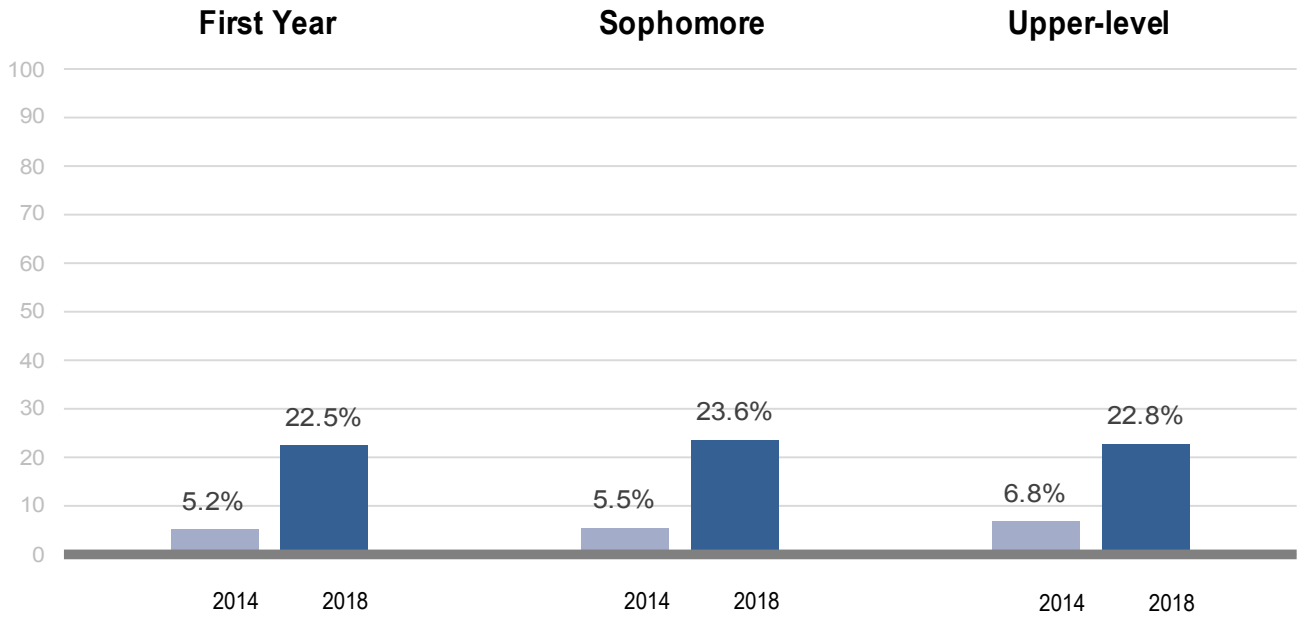


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	6,611	1,517	23.0%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	7,380	1,406	19.1%	n/a
Unknown	13,082			327			

* 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*

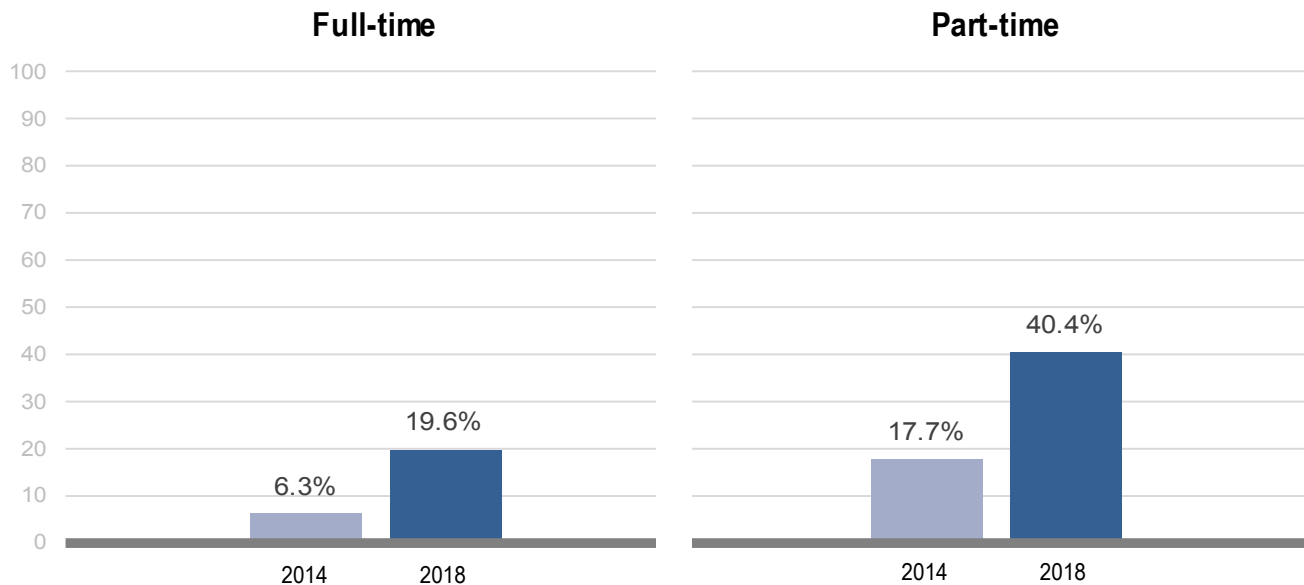


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	1,443	75	5.2%	1,553	349	22.5%	↑	17.3
Sophomore	1,518	83	5.5%	1,721	406	23.6%	↑	18.1
Upper-level	3,067	208	6.8%	3,335	760	22.8%	↑	16.0

* 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*

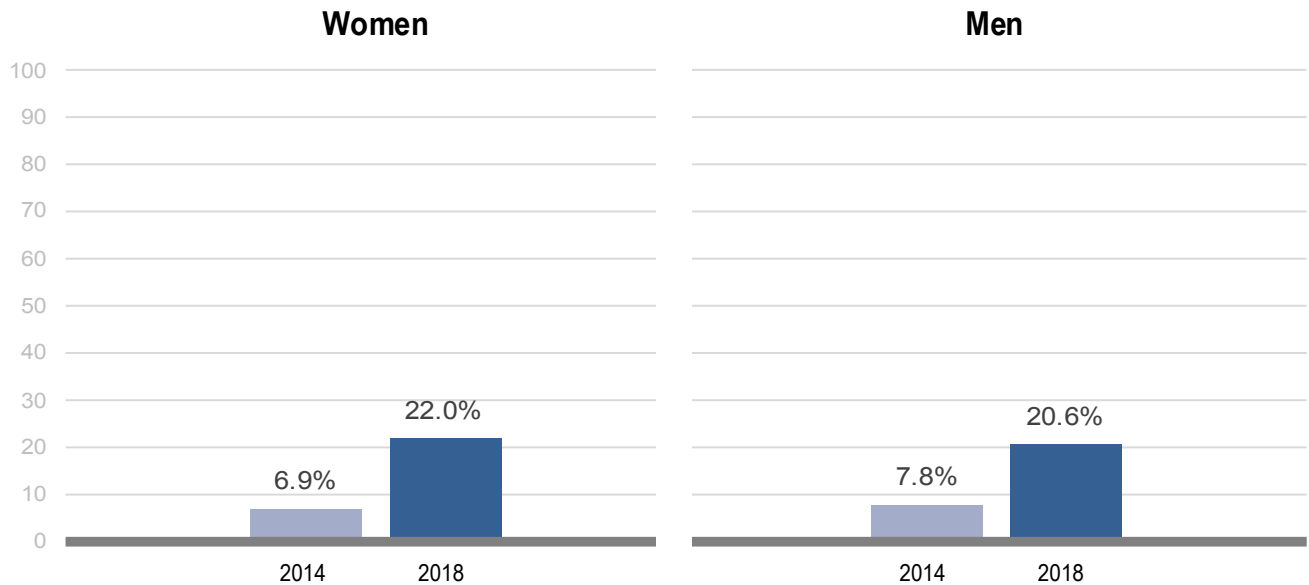


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	11,798	748	6.3%	13,213	2,585	19.6%	↑	13.2
Part-time	1,284	227	17.7%	1,105	446	40.4%	↑	22.7
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

* 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*



	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	5,019	347	6.9%	6,104	1,340	22.0%	↑	15.0
Men	8,045	628	7.8%	8,206	1,689	20.6%	↑	12.8
Unknown	18			*				

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

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	299	18	6.0%	335	58	17.3% ↑	11.3
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	355	25	7.0%	436	94	21.6% ↑	14.5
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,658	123	7.4%	1,608	345	21.5% ↑	14.0
Computer and Information Sciences	2,449	142	5.8%	3,083	475	15.4% ↑	9.6
Education	17	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	3,696	207	5.6%	3,999	716	17.9% ↑	12.3
English Language and Literature	173	35	20.2%	134	58	43.3% ↑	23.1
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	27	*	n/a	22	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	110	31	28.2%	85	49	57.7% ↑	29.5
History	39	11	28.2%	28	14	50.0% ↑	21.8
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	720	71	9.9%	742	210	28.3% ↑	18.4
Mathematics and Statistics	570	35	6.1%	678	115	17.0% ↑	10.8
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	591	36	6.1%	679	115	16.9% ↑	10.9
Philosophy and Religious Studies	72	*	n/a	62	20	32.3%	n/a
Physical Sciences	552	35	6.3%	767	187	24.4% ↑	18.0
Psychology	112	*	n/a	79	24	30.4%	n/a
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	399	103	25.8%	350	155	44.3% ↑	18.5
Social Sciences	171	13	7.6%	181	50	27.6% ↑	20.0
Visual and Performing Arts	991	66	6.7%	1,017	335	32.9% ↑	26.3
Unknown	81	*	n/a	33	*	n/a	n/a

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. (2019). *2014 and 2018 report for _____ [name of institution]*. Medford, MA.

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