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2020 NSLVE Campus Report

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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to send this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for 2020. This report contains three years of relevant topline data: 2016, 2018, and 2020. As always, we disaggregate the data so you can better identify and address gaps in participation.

College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

As in past years, we urge you to share this report widely and strategically, particularly with faculty who, in 2020, were often the most consistent communicators with students about ever-changing voting conditions and deadlines. We also urge you to review our recommendations for engaging elections to cultivate a robust and healthy campus climate for political engagement, discourse, equity, and participation: Election Imperatives (2019) and the more recent Election Imperatives: A Time of Physical Distancing and Social Action. Since "pervasive political discussions" and attentiveness to the campus culture around speech and academic freedom are among our top recommendations, we direct you to our discussion guides on talking about your NSLVE report, on free speech and inclusion , and on hot topics, our Making Sense of … guides.

Finally, we always encourage you to work with us. Help us help you get better data by reaching out. Email **IDHE@Tufts.edu** for more information. And as always, watch your inbox for our periodic newsletter, IDHE Update, for announcements about upcoming releases and new resources.

Congratulations on engaging your students in the 2020 election. Remember, student political learning is a year-round objective. Elections may be episodic, but student political engagement should not be.
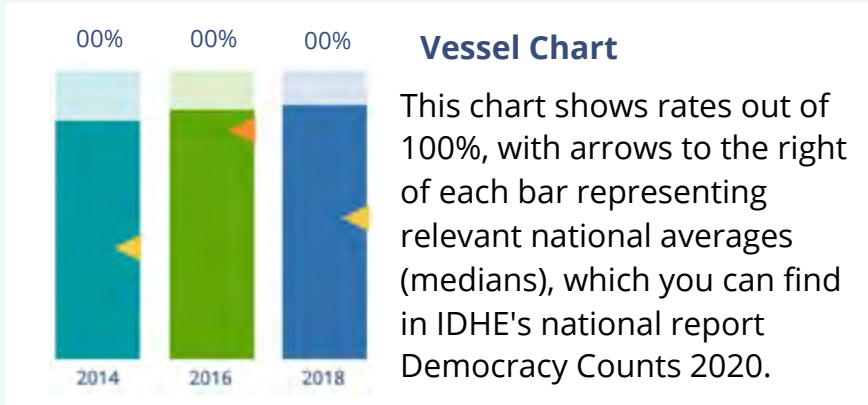
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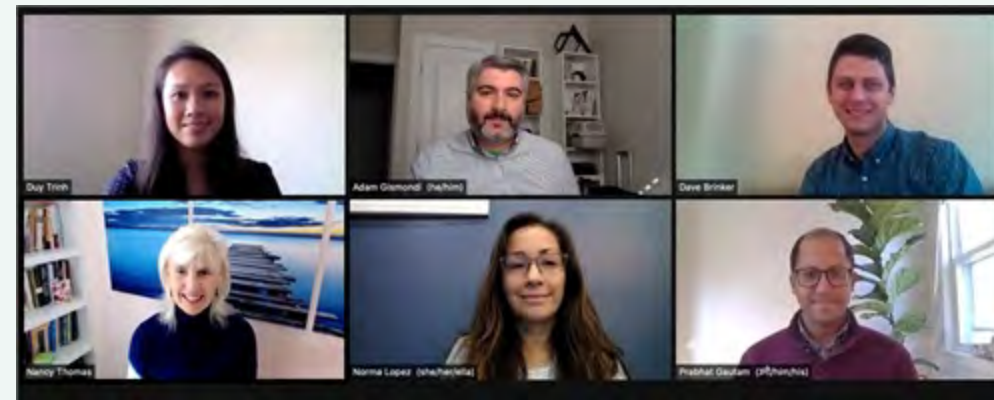
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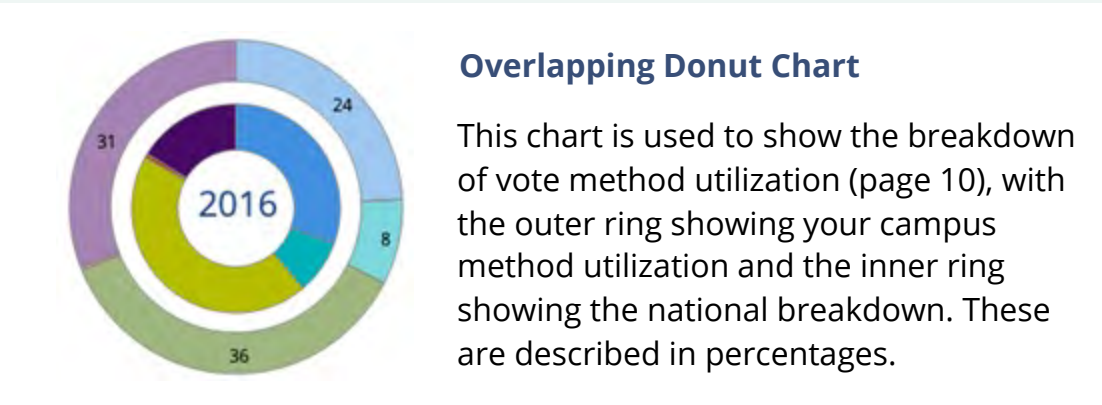
In This Report

This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut charts, and tables.

Tables

The tables show, on the left-side columns, the numbers of students and the rates from 2016, 2018, and 2020. On the left-side, percentage point (p.p.) changes between 2016 and 2020. A red down arrow indicates a decrease, a green up arrow indicates an increase, and a yellow arrow pointing to the right indicates no change. "-" in these tables indicates that the data is unavailable/missing, or is available for 10 or less students.

Vessel Chart

This chart shows rates out of 100%, with arrows to the right of each bar representing relevant national averages (medians), which you can find in IDHE's national report Democracy Counts 2020.

Overlapping Donut Chart

This chart is used to show the breakdown of vote method utilization (page 10), with the outer ring showing your campus method utilization and the inner ring showing the national breakdown. These are described in percentages.

Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

58.7%
2020 Voting Rate

+9.0
Change From 2016

REGISTRATION RATE

68.6% 67.4% 73.4%

2016 2018 2020

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%
2020 Voting Rate

The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

72.4% 59.0% 80.1%

2016 2018 2020

The **Voting Rate of Registered Students** is the percent of registered students who voted on Election Day. We often refer to this as the "yield" rate.

VOTING RATE

49.7% 39.8% 58.7%

2016 2018 2020

The **Voting Rate** is the percentage of eligible students who voted on Election Day. The voting rate is also the product of the registration and yield rates.
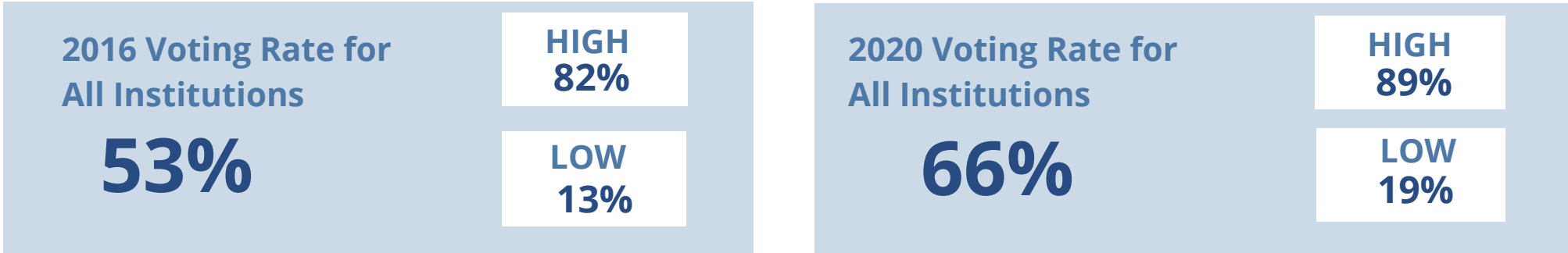
Looking Closer

Voting and Registration Rates

	2016	2018	2020	2016-2020 Change (p.p.)
Total Student Enrollment	22,095	20,294	17,353	⬇ -4,742
(Age under 18/Unknown)	122	158	–	–
(NSC reported non-resident aliens)	245	288	195	⬇ -50
(FERPA records blocked)	–	–	–	–
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	–	–	–	–
Total eligible voters	21,726	19,847	17,154	⬇ -4,572
Number of students who registered	14,896	13,380	12,587	⬇ -2,309
Number of students who voted	10,792	7,890	10,077	⬇ -715
Registration Rate %	69	67	73	⬆ 5
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	72	59	80	⬆ 8
Voting Rate %	50	40	59	⬆ 9

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates. The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged, students who are not pursuing degrees.

We have removed non-resident aliens (international students) based on your institution's enrollment submission to the National Student Clearinghouse. This is indicated by "NSC reported non-resident aliens" on this page.

By Institution Types

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions		2020 Voting Rate for All Institutions	
53%	**HIGH 82%** / **LOW 13%**	**66%**	**HIGH 89%** / **LOW 19%**

These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. *"Your Institution" chart is presented at a different scale.

YOUR INSTITUTION*
50% (2016), 40% (2018), 59% (2020)

INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE Associates
48% (2016), 35% (2018), 56% (2020)

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE Associates
47% (2016), 35% (2018), 56% (2020)

By Race / Ethnicity

ASIAN — 2016: 34%, 2018: 27%, 2020: 42%
AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE — 2016: 53%, 2018: 64%, 2020: 58%
BLACK — 2016: 50%, 2018: 38%, 2020: 58%
HISPANIC — 2016: 46%, 2018: 35%, 2020: 56%
NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER — 2016: 33%, 2018: 38%, 2020: 48%
TWO OR MORE RACES — 2016: 48%, 2018: 37%, 2020: 61%
WHITE — 2016: 54%, 2018: 45%, 2020: 64%

These are estimated voting rates for race / ethnicity groups. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following race reporting procedures* defined by the National Center for Education Statistics of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Please see our FAQ for more detail on why we cannot report national benchmark for some of the demographic groups:
https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq

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* https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/report-your-data/race-ethnicity-collecting-data-for-reporting-purposes

Looking Closer

By Race/Ethnicity

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates. We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years.
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	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Asian	2,218	762	34	2,143	567	26	1,951	816	42	⬆ 7
American Indian/ Alaska Native	40	21	53	22	14	64	19	11	58	⬆ 5
Black	1,556	782	50	1,435	541	38	1,301	755	58	⬆ 8
Hispanic	4,535	2,085	46	4,694	1,624	35	4,232	2,364	56	⬆ 10
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	61	20	33	32	12	38	31	15	48	⬆ 16
2 or More Races	618	298	48	583	217	37	609	373	61	⬆ 13
White	12,433	6,705	54	10,475	4,712	45	8,550	5,499	64	⬆ 10
Race Unknown	494	119	24	730	203	28	461	244	53	⬆ 29

By Voting Method

■ Not-In-Person   ■ Early Vote   ■ In-Person   ☐ Other   ■ Provisional   ■ Unknown
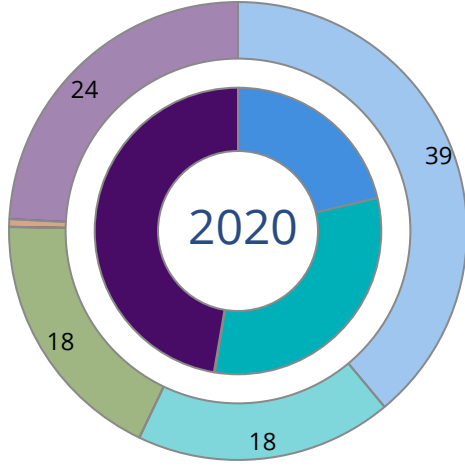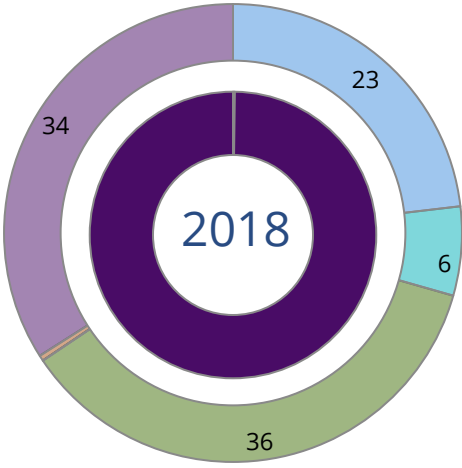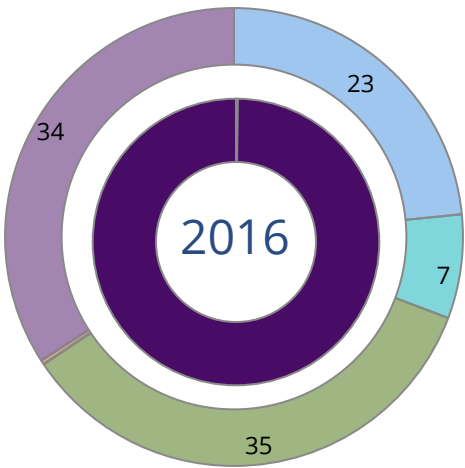
	2016		2018		2020		2016-2020	
	Voted	**Rate**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Change (p.p.)**	
Early Vote	–	–	–	–	3,150	31	–	
In-Person on Election Day	12	0	–	–	14	0	0	➡
Not-In-Person	–	–	–	–	2,149	21	–	
Other	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Provisional	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Voting Method Unknown	10,767	100	7,873	100	4,764	47	-53	⬇

These are estimated rates for vote method utilization, the number of students utilizing each method, and the percent of students utilizing each method. Not all U.S. states provide information on vote method; voting method for voter files from these states are classified "Voting Method Unknown." For a list of these states, see our FAQ. https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-faq#CampusReports

By Age Group

	2016	2018	2020
18-21	47%	37%	59%
22-24	47%	37%	57%
25-29	44%	36%	54%
30-39	51%	37%	58%
40-49	64%	54%	66%
50+	78%	74%	81%

Voting is habit-forming and young voters will usually continue as voters in subsequent elections. Also, young voters are more likely to be contacted by campaigns and are visible, and therefore significant, to elected officials. While in the past, we have seen voting rates increase across age groups, in recent cycles, the most significant increases have been among first-time and the youngest voters. Some colleges serve primarily young students, traditionally viewed as students in the 18-21 or 22-24 categories here. Others have much higher numbers of enrolled older undergraduate or graduate students.

Looking Closer

By Age Group

Here, we provide the numbers of students in each age category and the voting rates for each group. These are based on the student's age on the day of the election, as calculated by the National Student Clearinghouse using data from student enrollment records.

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
18-21	11,382	5,296	47	10,442	3,822	37	9,467	5,565	59	⬆ 12
22-24	3,633	1,725	47	3,445	1,283	37	2,777	1,580	57	⬆ 9
25-29	2,677	1,185	44	2,435	873	36	2,095	1,125	54	⬆ 9
30-39	2,144	1,095	51	1,870	685	37	1,548	892	58	⬆ 7
40-49	1,137	729	64	979	532	54	748	493	66	⬆ 2
50+	982	762	78	943	695	74	519	422	81	⬆ 4

Looking Closer

By Sex

| | 2016 | | | 2018 | | | 2020 | | | 2016-2020 |
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Female	11,192	5,859	52	10,410	4,178	40	9,261	5,613	61	⬆ 8
Male	10,497	4,804	46	9,703	3,712	38	7,877	4,458	57	⬆ 11

These are estimated voting rates for sex groups and the numbers we used to calculate their voting rates. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following the reporting procedures defined by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Presently, NCES requires institutions to report students as "Male" or "Female" only.*

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*https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/public/survey-materials/faq?faqid=11

Looking Closer

By Education Level / Undergraduate Class Year

	2016 Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	2018 Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	2020 Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	2016-2020 Change (p.p)
EDUCATION LEVEL										
Undergraduate	15,279	7,332	48	15,601	5,876	38	13,557	7,815	58	↑ 10
Graduate	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Class Unknown	6,676	3,456	52	4,513	2,014	45	3,597	2,262	63	↑ 11
CLASS YEAR										
First Year	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Second Year	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Upper Level	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
ENROLLMENT STATUS										
Full-time	8,872	4,329	49	8,045	3,067	38	6,927	4,123	60	↑ 11
Part-time	13,083	6,463	49	12,069	4,823	40	10,227	5,954	58	↑ 9

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (undergraduate/graduate), Class Year, and Enrollment Status (full-time/part-time), and the numbers we used to calculate these rates.

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By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,143	957	45	1,905	671	35	1,250	703	56	⬆ 12
Communication and Journalism	137	77	56	127	71	56	84	61	73	⬆ 16
Communications Technologies/Technicians	279	149	53	280	129	46	159	99	62	⬆ 9
Computer and Information Sciences	943	395	42	993	380	38	820	414	50	⬆ 9
Education	98	43	44	75	25	33	21	14	67	⬆ 23
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,076	490	46	921	312	34	683	372	54	⬆ 9
English Language and Literature	36	16	44	15	–	–	–	–	–	–

These are estimated voting rates by field of study, and the numbers we used to calculate the field of study rates. For an explanation of CIP codes, please see our FAQ.* There are roughly 8,000 fields of study among U.S. colleges and universities, so we provide rates for condensed categories.

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By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	430	231	54	352	123	35	242	142	59	⬆ 5
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	36	29	81	80	41	51	62	48	77	⬇ -3
Health Professions	3,569	1,691	47	3,309	1,140	34	2,332	1,332	57	⬆ 10
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protec..	795	367	46	667	222	33	377	224	59	⬆ 13
Legal Professions and Studies	165	103	62	162	89	55	121	81	67	⬆ 5
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	4,490	2,280	51	4,447	1,804	41	4,502	2,701	60	⬆ 9
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Techni..	446	162	36	395	108	27	281	143	51	⬆ 15
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	2,253	1,084	48	1,938	706	36	2,514	1,390	55	⬆ 7
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Stu..	44	12	27	28	–	–	16	–	–	–
Personal and Culinary Services	392	200	51	356	140	39	242	149	62	⬆ 11
Physical Sciences	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Precision Production	117	59	50	139	51	37	84	48	57	⬆ 7
Public Administration and Social Service P..	202	123	61	152	66	43	124	73	59	⬇ -2

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Social Sciences	37	22	59	38	16	42	12	–	–	–
Visual and Performing Arts	738	402	54	693	312	45	471	298	63	⬆ 9
Unknown	3,317	1,770	53	2,779	1,301	47	2,568	1,641	64	⬆ 11

About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement.

Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, nearly 1,200 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020 federal elections.

Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 50 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 2016, 2018, and 2020 elections.

These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) and publicly available voting files collected by L2 Political.

Enrollment lists are adjusted by deducting students under age 18 (at the time of the election), people identified as non-degree seeking and those identified by campuses as "nonresident aliens" (NRAs) (the federal government's category for mostly international students). Unfortunately, not all campuses report NRAs to NSC. For those campuses, we use IPEDS to calculate the number of NRA students on each campus and adjust NSC enrollment numbers to estimate the number of students to remove. We also quality check NRA removals by verifying that there is little to no discrepancy between the number of international students reported by the campus to IPEDS and to NSC. We cannot adjust subgroup analyses absent identification of NRAs verified by the process above. We welcome closer partnerships with individual colleges and universities to provide more accurate rates. For more on the data and the matching process, see our FAQ on Campus Reports.

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. (2021). 2016, 2018, and 2020 report for _____ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.

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