

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Columbus State
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 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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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at NSLVE@tufts.edu.

Warm regards,

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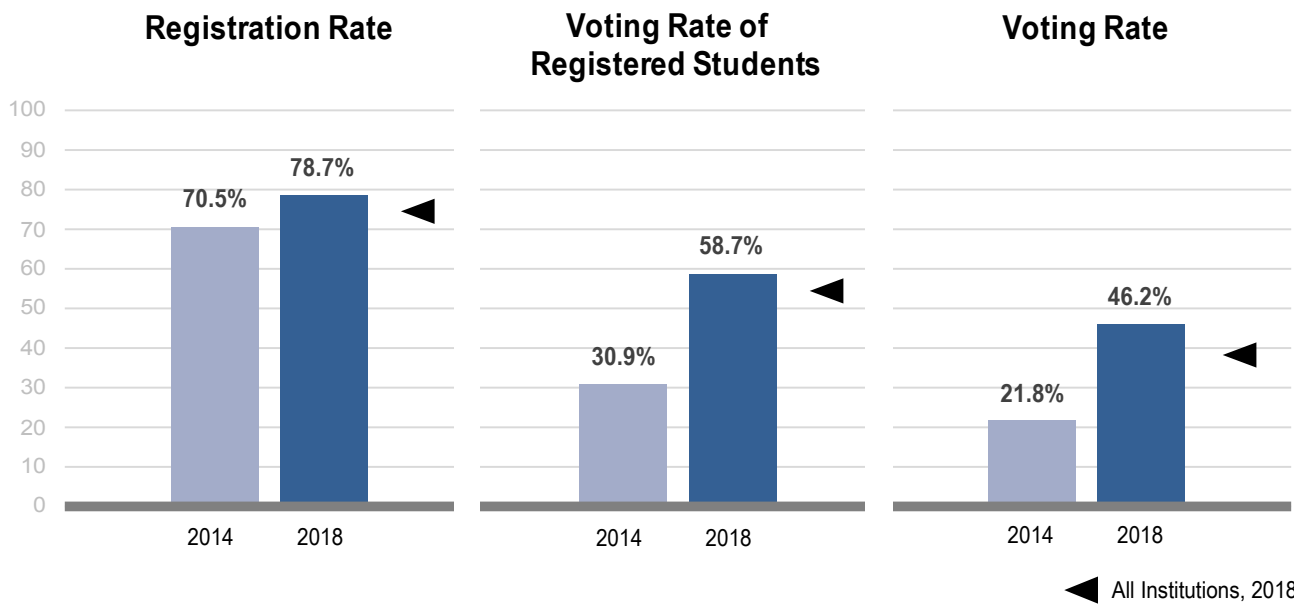
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate
46.2%

CHANGE FROM 2014
+24.4

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%



	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	8,653	7,839	↓ -814
Age under 18/Unknown	(130)	(236)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(119)	(123)	
FERPA records blocked	*	(12)	
Total eligible voters	8,397	7,468	↓ -929
Number of students who registered	5,918	5,875	↓ -43
Number of students who voted	1,831	3,449	↑ 1,618
Registration rate	70.5%	78.7%	↑ 8.2
Voting rate of registered students	30.9%	58.7%	↑ 27.8
Voting rate	21.8%	46.2%	↑ 24.4
Difference from all institutions	+2.1	+7.1	

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

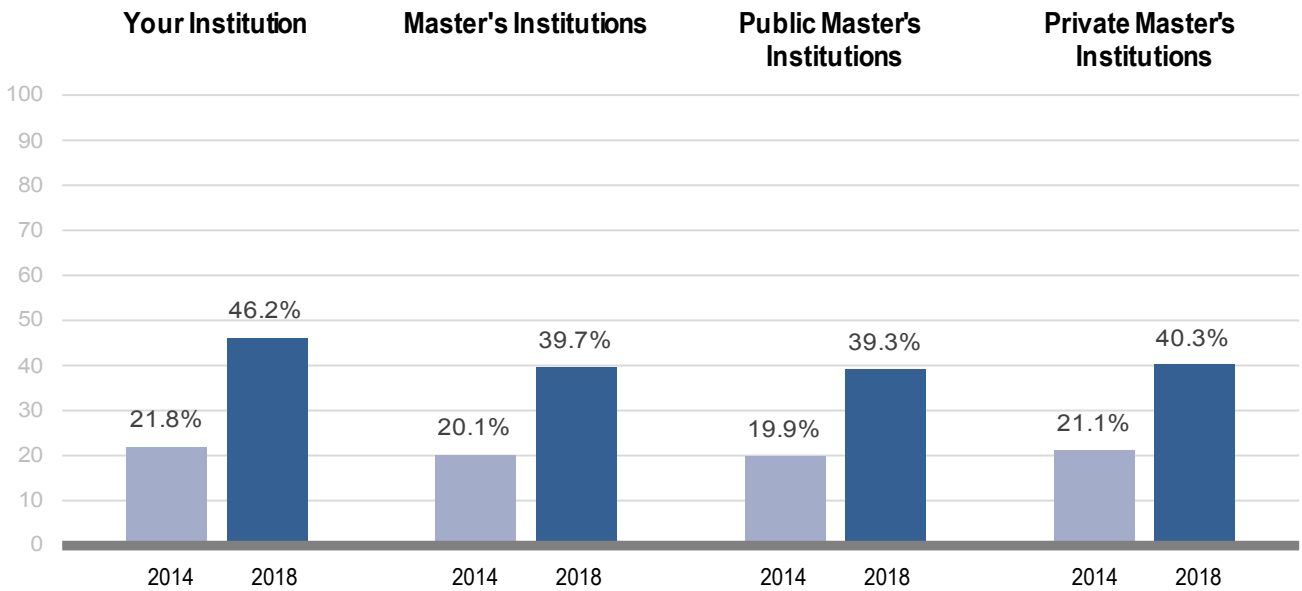
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

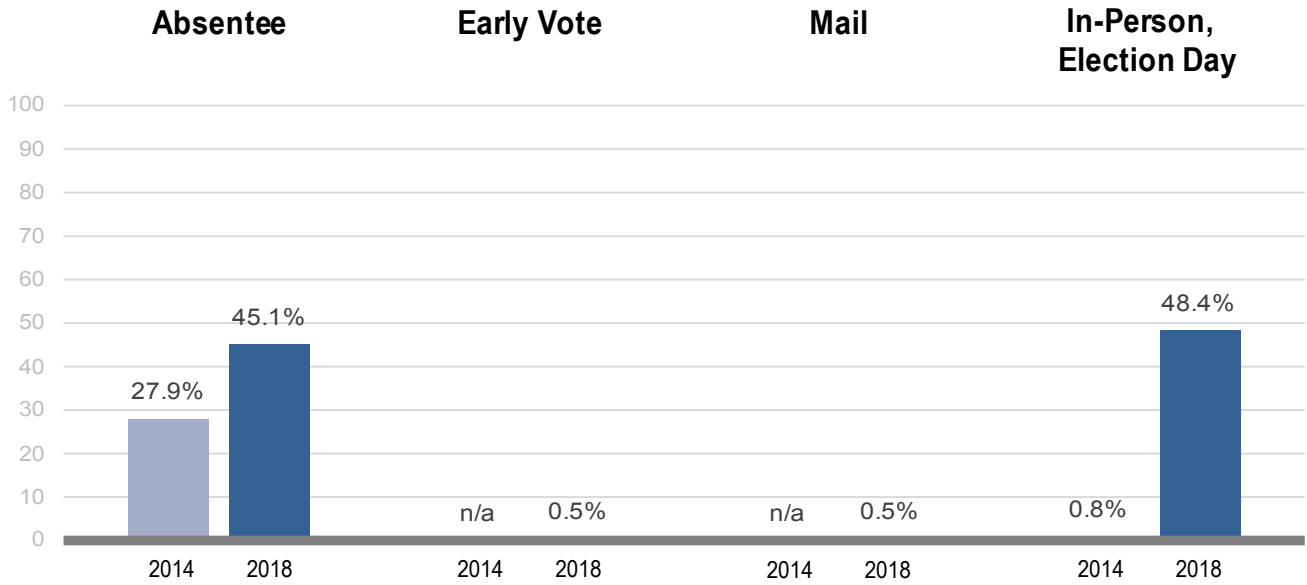
Difference from All Institutions **+2.1**

Difference from All Institutions **+7.1**



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

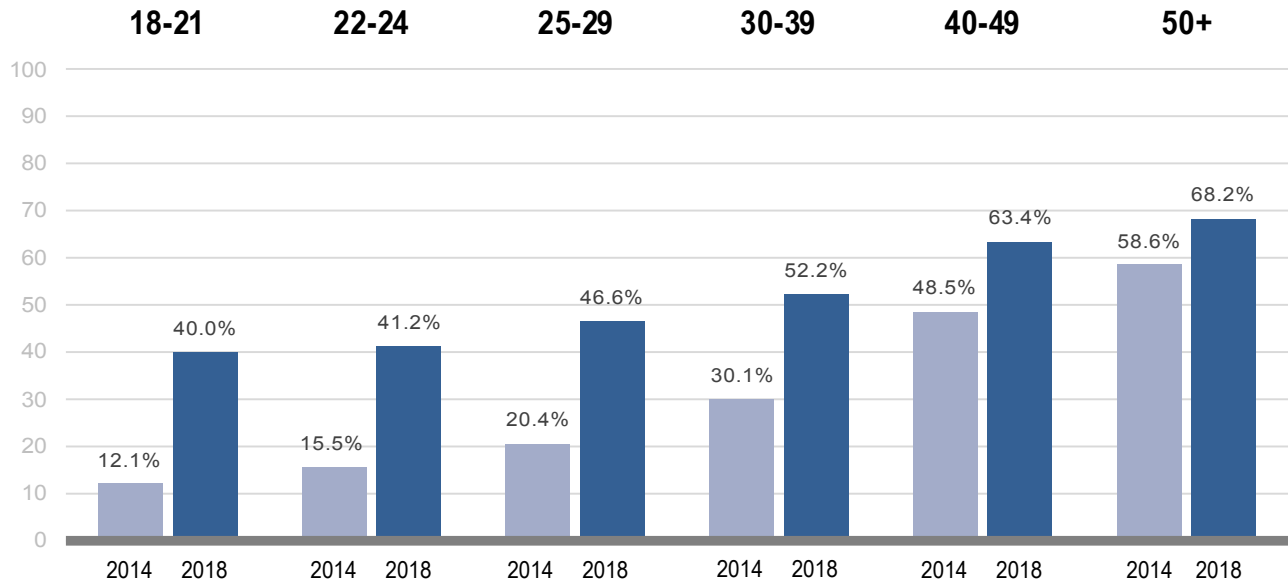


	2014		2018		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	511	27.9%	1,557	45.1%	↑	17.2
Early Vote	*	n/a	18	0.5%		n/a
Mail	*	n/a	18	0.5%		n/a
In-Person, Election Day	15	0.8%	1,669	48.4%	↑	47.6
Unknown	1,297	70.8%	187	5.4%		
Total	1,831		3,449			

* 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*

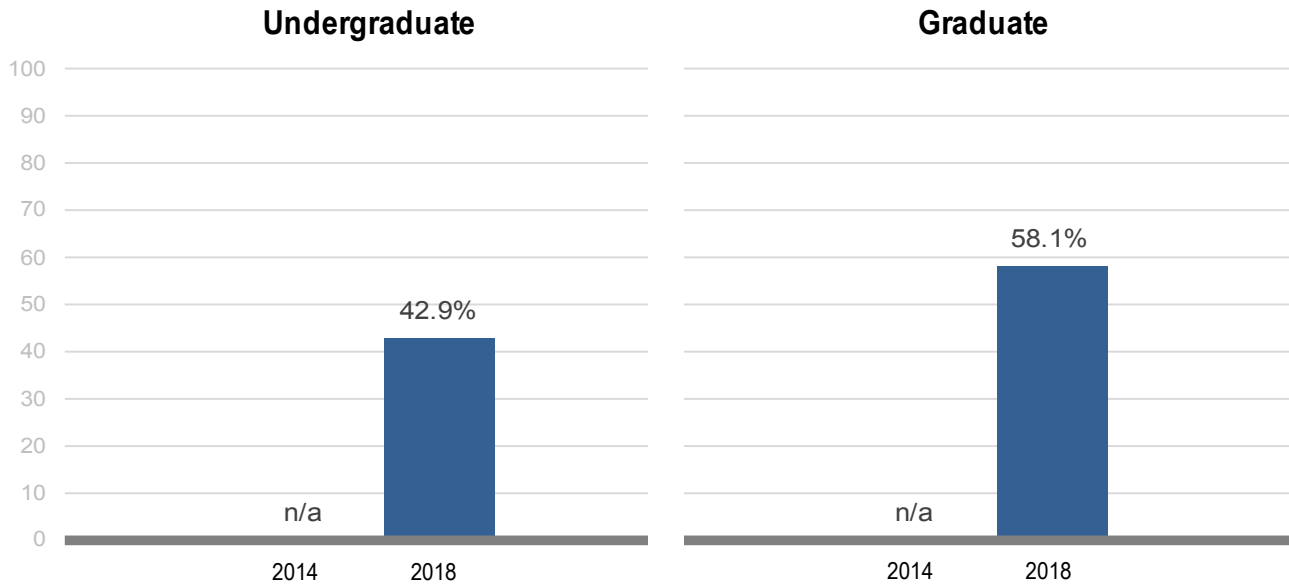


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	3,392	411	12.1%	3,350	1,340	40.0%	↑ 27.9
22-24	1,642	255	15.5%	1,396	575	41.2%	↑ 25.7
25-29	1,207	246	20.4%	1,022	476	46.6%	↑ 26.2
30-39	1,177	354	30.1%	980	512	52.2%	↑ 22.2
40-49	777	377	48.5%	595	377	63.4%	↑ 14.8
50+	321	188	58.6%	248	169	68.2%	↑ 9.6
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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Education Level*

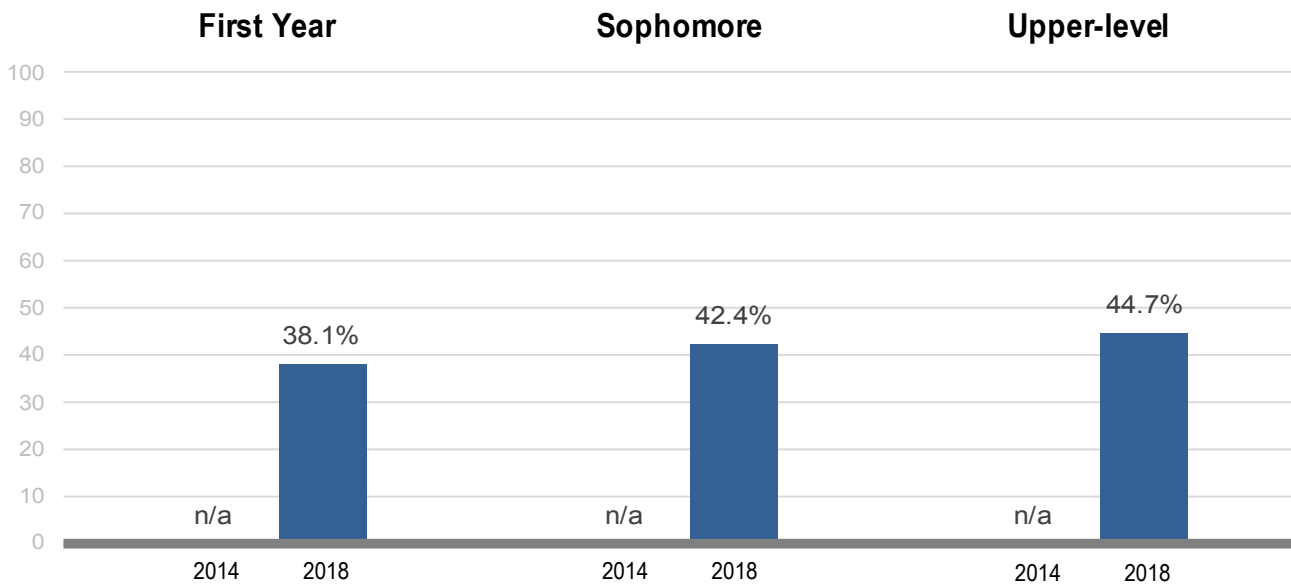


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	6,310	2,704	42.9%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	1,280	744	58.1%	n/a
Unknown	8,516			*			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Undergraduate Class Year*

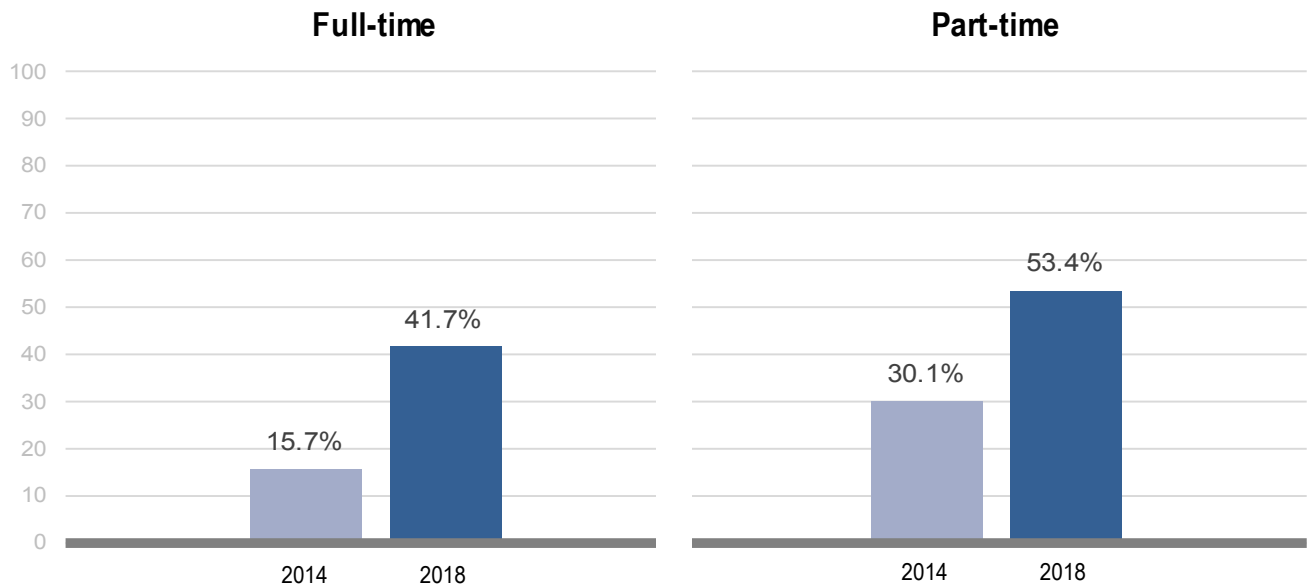


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	0	0	n/a	1,624	619	38.1%	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	1,237	524	42.4%	n/a
Upper-level	0	0	n/a	3,230	1,443	44.7%	n/a

* 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*

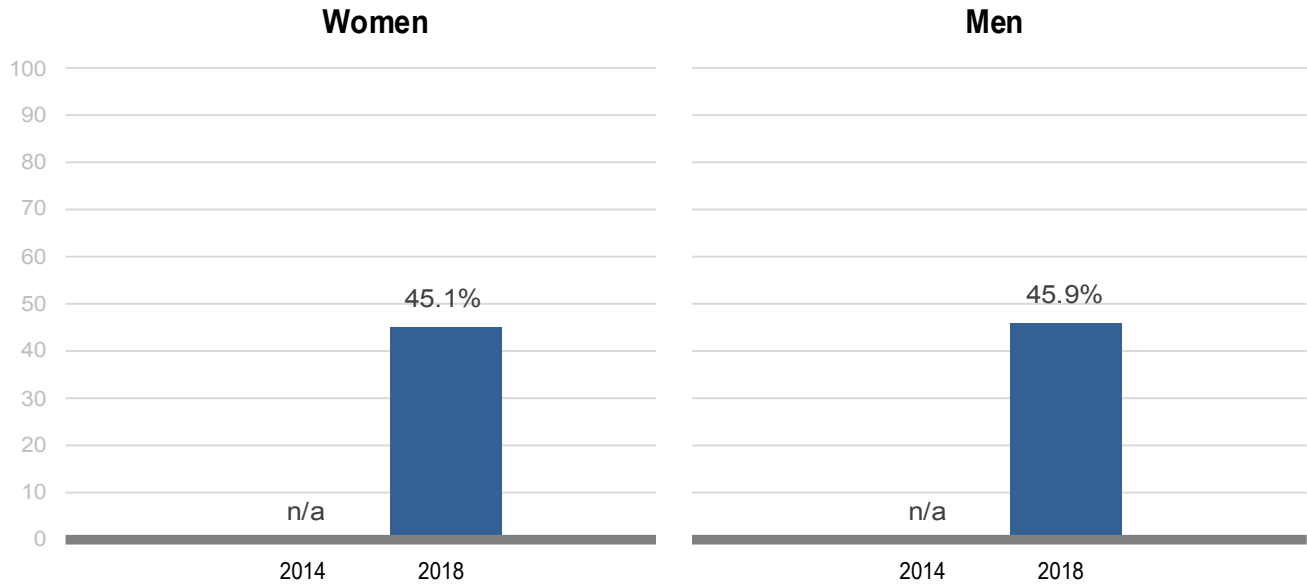


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	5,083	798	15.7%	5,138	2,140	41.7%	↑ 26.0
Part-time	3,433	1,033	30.1%	2,453	1,309	53.4%	↑ 23.3
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

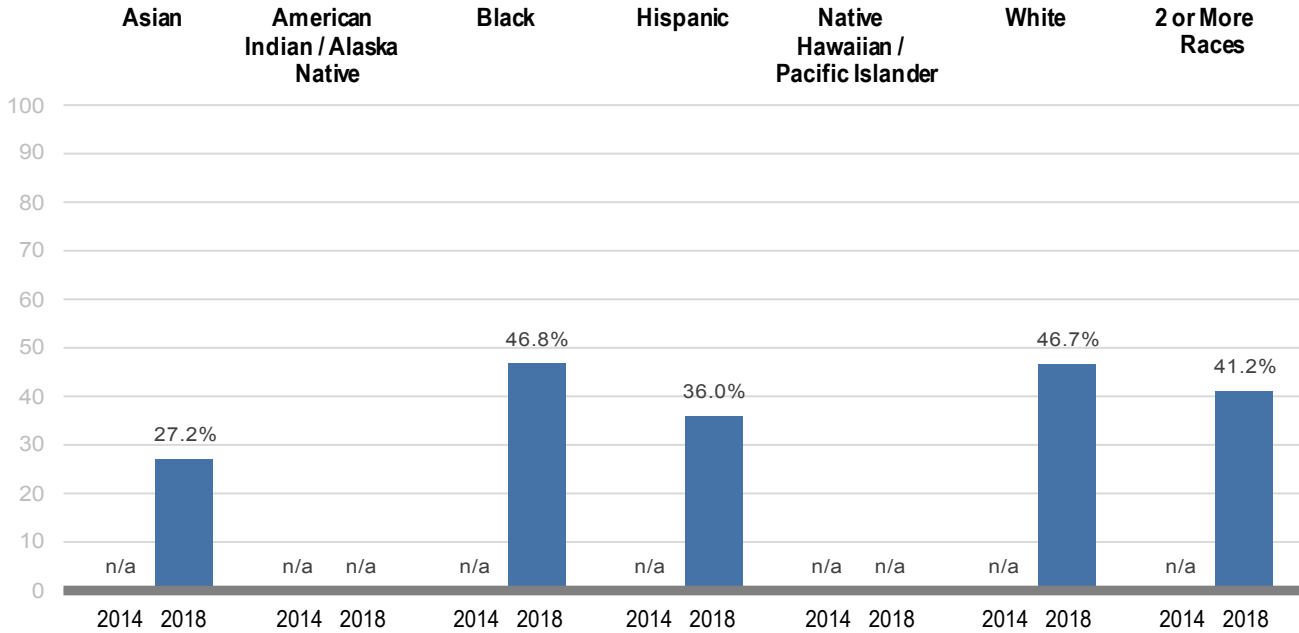


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	0	0	n/a	4,564	2,059	45.1%	n/a
Men	0	0	n/a	3,027	1,390	45.9%	n/a
Unknown	8,516			0			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Race/Ethnicity*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	0	0	n/a	195	53	27.2%	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	26	*	n/a	n/a
Black	0	0	n/a	2,904	1,360	46.8%	n/a
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	472	170	36.0%	n/a
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	14	*	n/a	n/a
White	0	0	n/a	3,845	1,795	46.7%	n/a
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	131	54	41.2%	n/a
Unknown	8,516			*			

* 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.

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	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	455	69	15.2%	429	173	40.3% ↑	25.2
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,150	206	17.9%	1,132	470	41.5% ↑	23.6
Communication and Journalism	0	0	n/a	334	150	44.9%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	533	94	17.6%	551	254	46.1% ↑	28.5
Education	1,161	345	29.7%	1,081	549	50.8% ↑	21.1
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	0	0	n/a	97	33	34.0%	n/a
English Language and Literature	477	94	19.7%	151	80	53.0% ↑	33.3
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	29	*	n/a	34	19	55.9%	n/a
Health Professions	1,232	215	17.5%	1,283	567	44.2% ↑	26.7
History	129	27	20.9%	84	40	47.6% ↑	26.7
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	987	379	38.4%	603	348	57.7% ↑	19.3
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	453	72	15.9%	222	113	50.9% ↑	35.0
Mathematics and Statistics	72	12	16.7%	66	22	33.3% ↑	16.7
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	10	*	n/a	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	17	*	n/a	24	14	58.3%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	300	39	13.0%	253	89	35.2% ↑	22.2
Physical Sciences	179	35	19.6%	155	70	45.2% ↑	25.6
Psychology	332	37	11.1%	285	104	36.5% ↑	25.4
Social Sciences	453	118	26.1%	311	143	46.0% ↑	19.9
Visual and Performing Arts	380	35	9.2%	470	201	42.8% ↑	33.6
Unknown	177	47	26.6%	16	*	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>.

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