

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Des Moines Area
Community College

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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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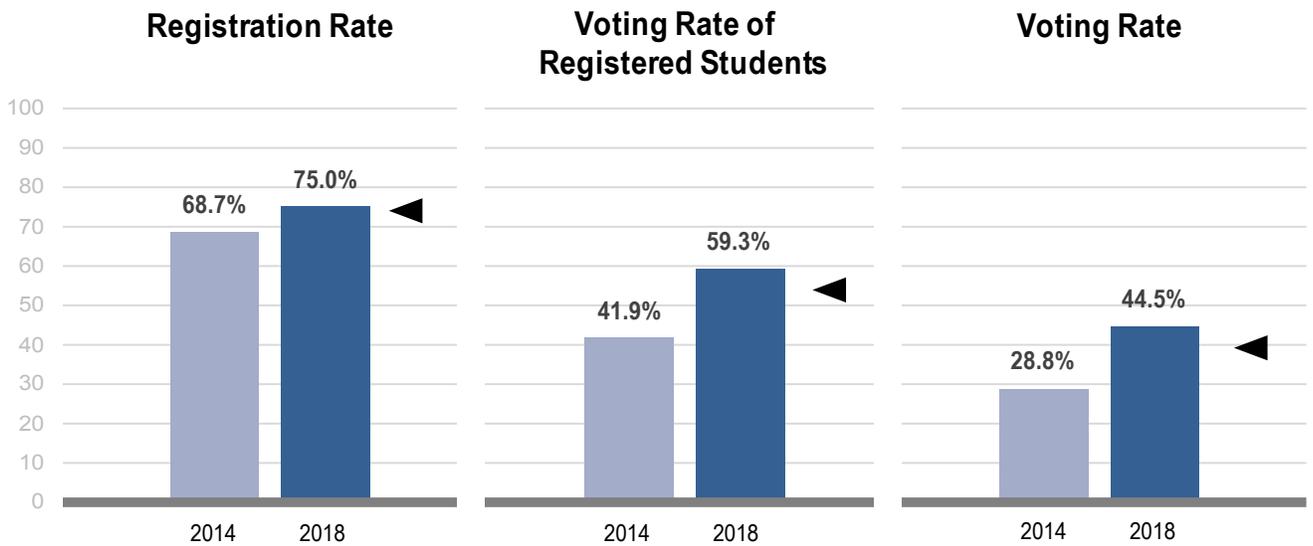
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate
44.5%

CHANGE FROM 2014
+15.7

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%



◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	17,505	15,812	↓ -1,693
Age under 18/Unknown	(2,411)	(2,606)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(119)	(114)	
FERPA records blocked	(10)	*	
Total eligible voters	14,965	13,088	↓ -1,877
Number of students who registered	10,274	9,818	↓ -456
Number of students who voted	4,303	5,819	↑ 1,516
Registration rate	68.7%	75.0%	↑ 6.4
Voting rate of registered students	41.9%	59.3%	↑ 17.4
Voting rate	28.8%	44.5%	↑ 15.7
Difference from all institutions	+9.1	+5.4	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions
19.7%

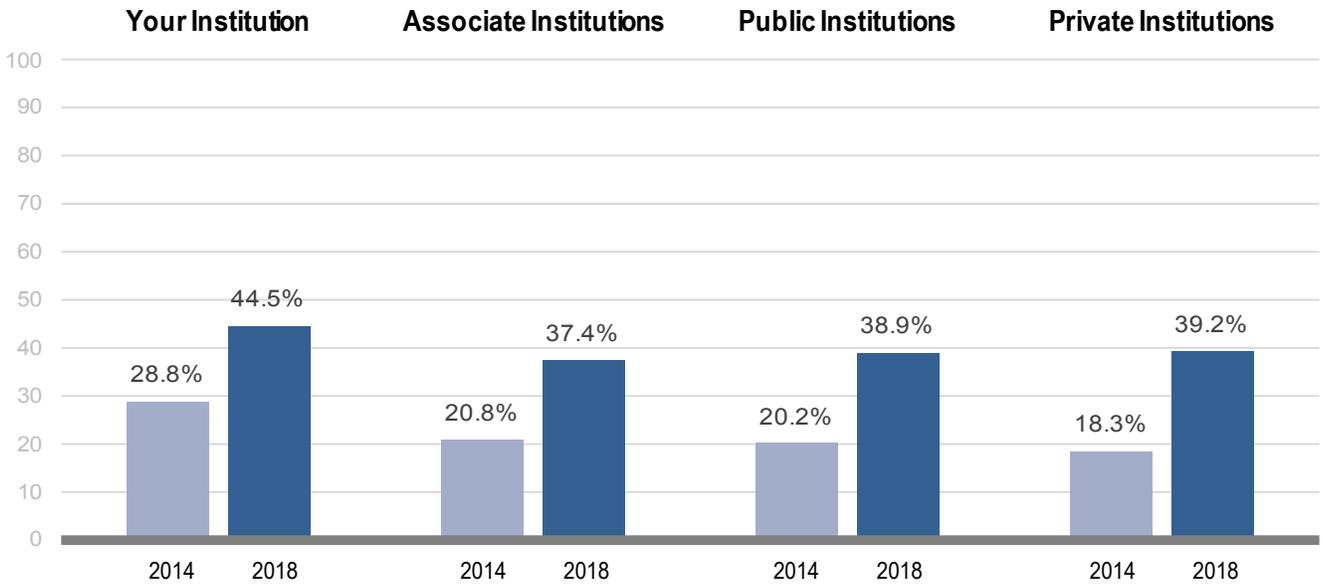
HIGH 54.0%
 LOW 1.5%

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions
39.1%

HIGH 64.1%
 LOW 11.5%

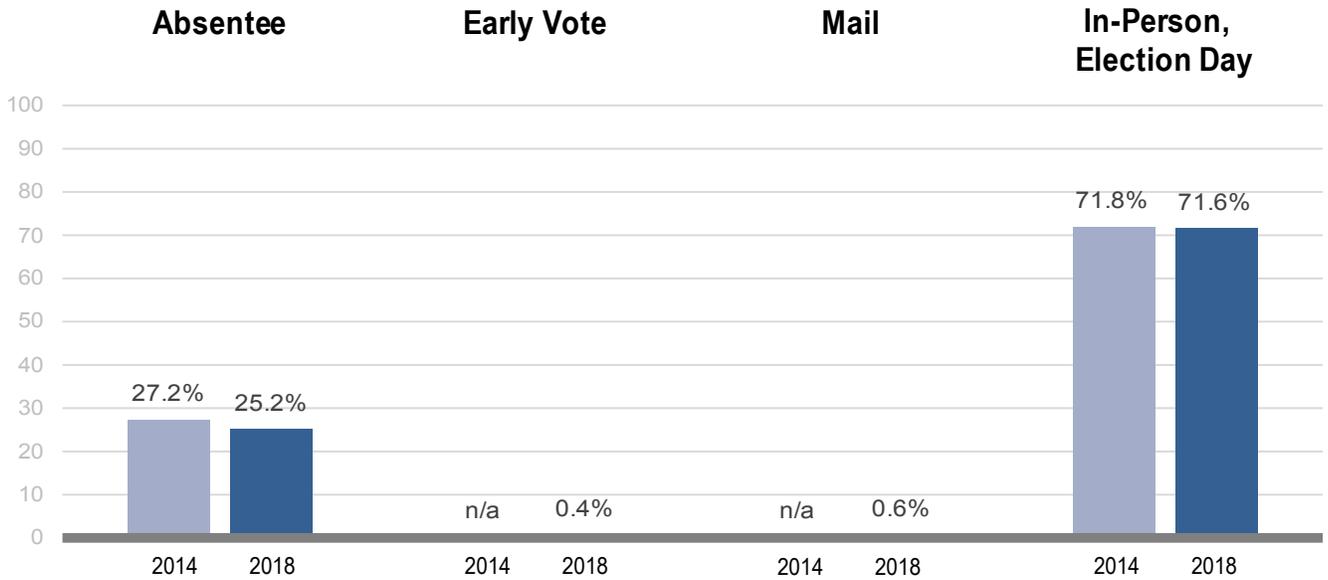
Difference from All Institutions **+9.1**

Difference from All Institutions **+5.4**



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

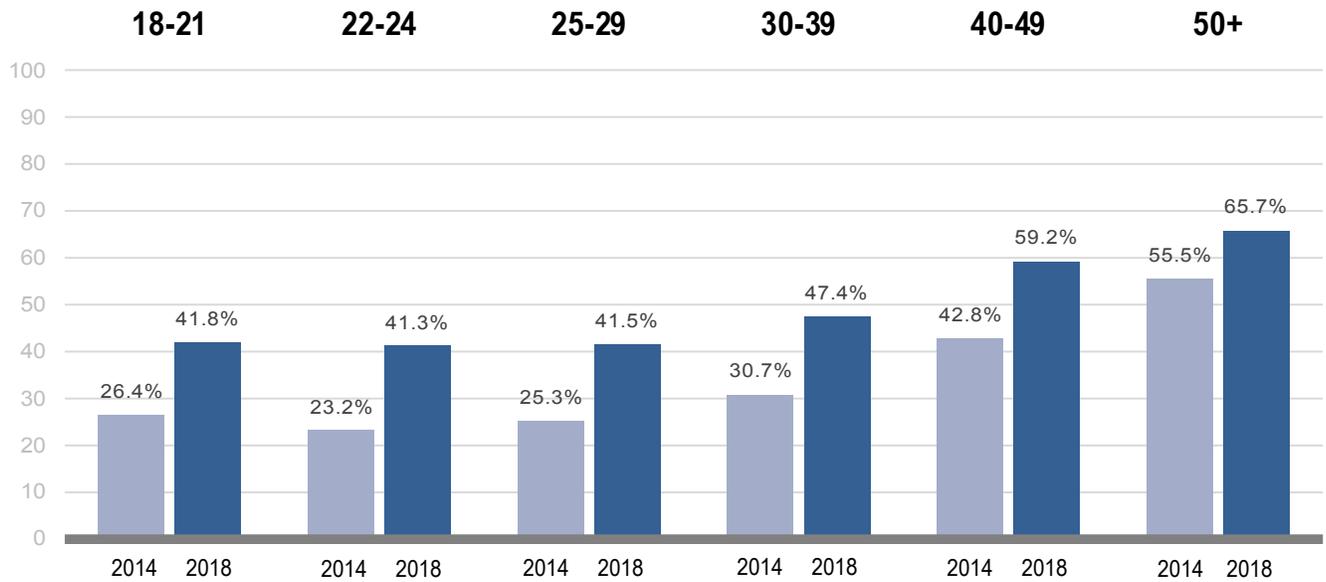


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	1,172	27.2%	1,464	25.2%	↓ -2.1
Early Vote	*	n/a	22	0.4%	n/a
Mail	*	n/a	36	0.6%	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	3,090	71.8%	4,165	71.6%	↓ -0.2
Unknown	26	0.6%	132	2.3%	
Total	4,303		5,819		

* 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*

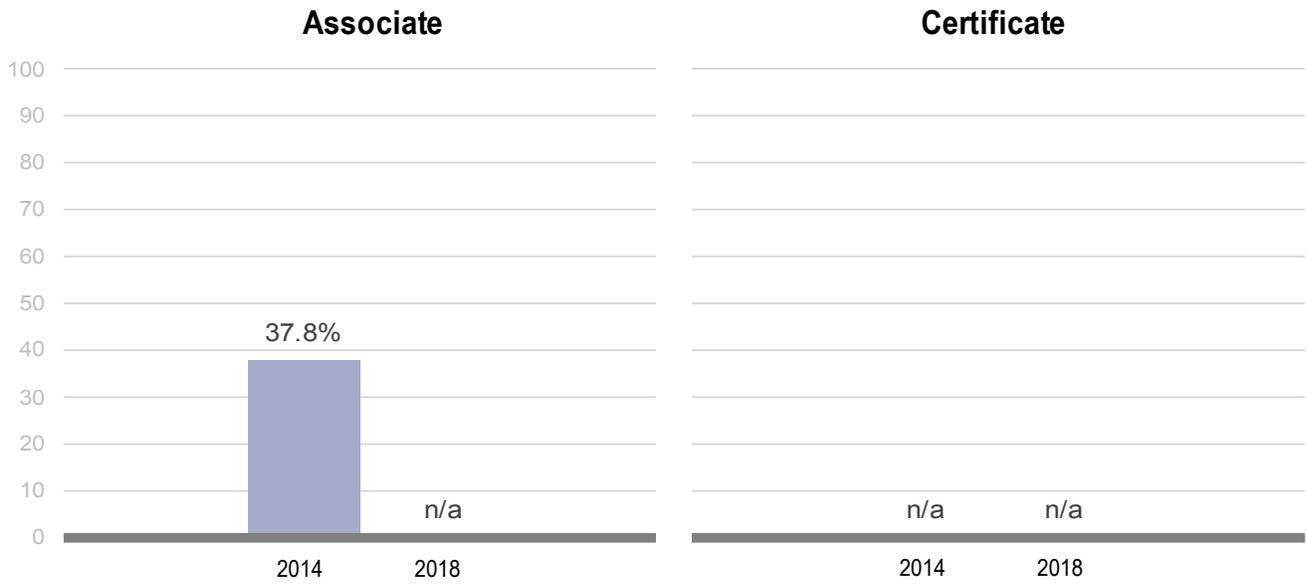


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	7,269	1,920	26.4%	7,015	2,935	41.8%	↑ 15.4
22-24	2,202	511	23.2%	1,818	751	41.3%	↑ 18.1
25-29	1,983	501	25.3%	1,649	684	41.5%	↑ 16.2
30-39	2,094	642	30.7%	1,586	752	47.4%	↑ 16.8
40-49	970	415	42.8%	735	435	59.2%	↑ 16.4
50+	566	314	55.5%	399	262	65.7%	↑ 10.2
Unknown	14			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 Program of Study*

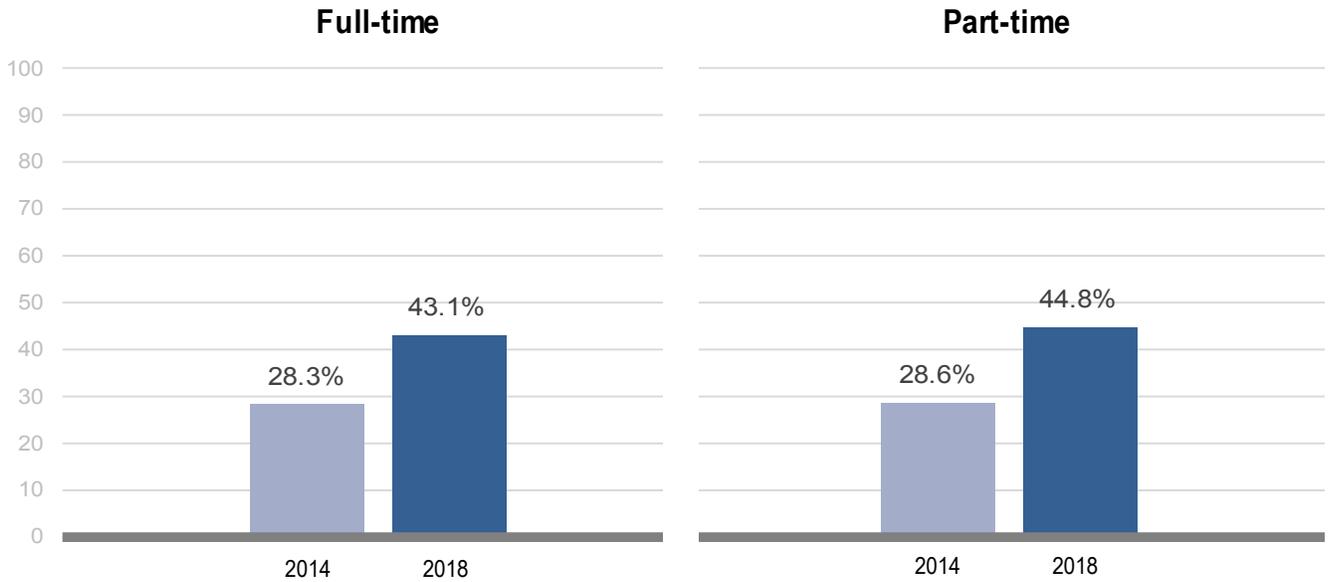


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Associate	482	182	37.8%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Certificate	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a

* Your students' data broken down by program 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.

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By Enrollment Status*

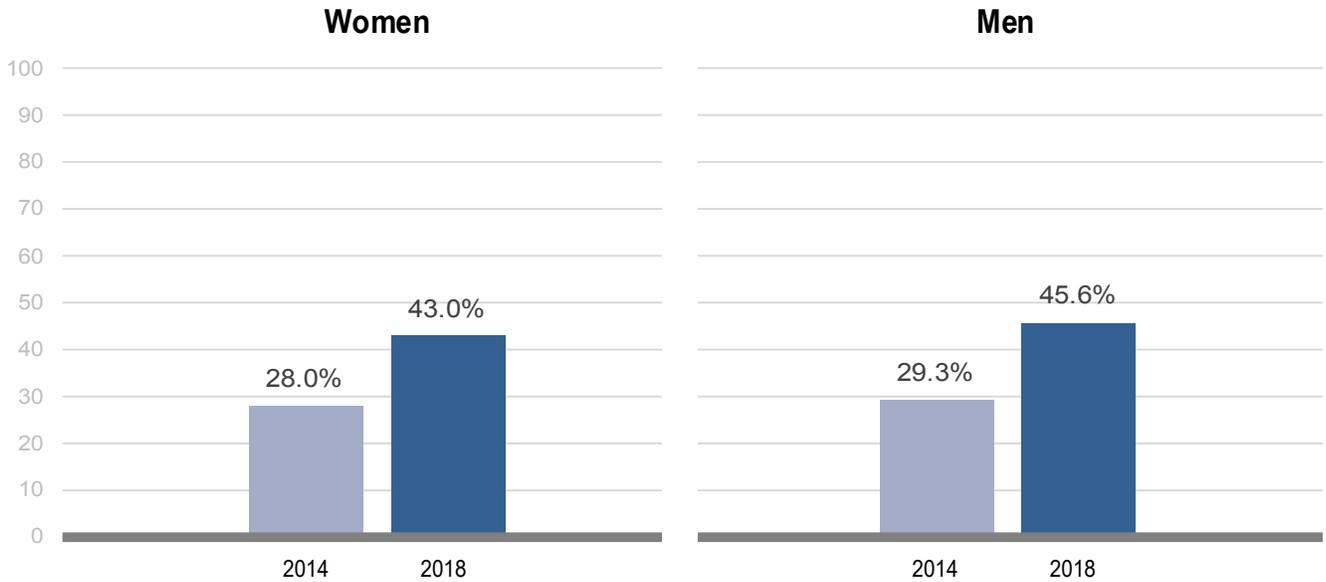


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	5,461	1,547	28.3%	5,324	2,292	43.1%	↑ 14.7
Part-time	9,623	2,756	28.6%	7,878	3,527	44.8%	↑ 16.1
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Gender*

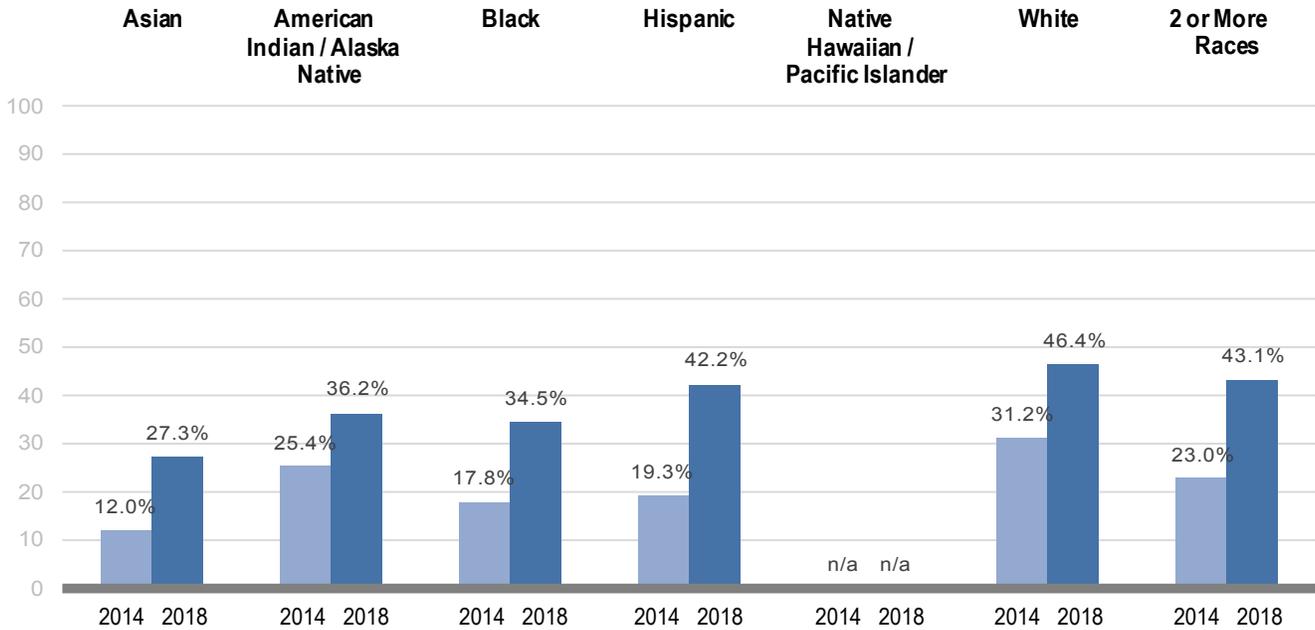


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	8,388	2,345	28.0%	7,414	3,185	43.0%	↑ 15.0
Men	6,655	1,950	29.3%	5,765	2,628	45.6%	↑ 16.3
Unknown	41			23			

* 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	492	59	12.0%	554	151	27.3%	↑ 15.3
American Indian/ Alaska Native	63	16	25.4%	58	21	36.2%	↑ 10.8
Black	1,284	229	17.8%	1,037	358	34.5%	↑ 16.7
Hispanic	950	183	19.3%	1,120	473	42.2%	↑ 23.0
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	*	0	n/a	10	*	n/a	n/a
White	11,426	3,567	31.2%	9,722	4,509	46.4%	↑ 15.2
2 or More Races	374	86	23.0%	441	190	43.1%	↑ 20.1
Unknown	486			260			

* 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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	259	77	29.7%	227	100	44.1% ↑	14.3
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	30	15	50.0%	38	21	55.3% ↑	5.3
Business, Management, and Marketing	866	235	27.1%	594	237	39.9% ↑	12.8
Communications Technologies/Technicians	112	23	20.5%	36	19	52.8% ↑	32.2
Computer and Information Sciences	387	165	42.6%	490	256	52.2% ↑	9.6
Construction Trades	51	*	n/a	44	14	31.8%	n/a
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	157	52	33.1%	235	105	44.7% ↑	11.6
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	227	57	25.1%	152	51	33.6% ↑	8.4
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	18	*	n/a	15	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	982	288	29.3%	994	419	42.2% ↑	12.8
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	591	155	26.2%	958	426	44.5% ↑	18.2
Legal Professions and Studies	99	46	46.5%	123	73	59.4% ↑	12.9
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	9,448	2,674	28.3%	7,985	3,537	44.3% ↑	16.0
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	469	125	26.7%	343	118	34.4% ↑	7.8
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	75	*	n/a	32	12	37.5%	n/a
Personal and Culinary Services	270	95	35.2%	282	149	52.8% ↑	17.7
Precision Production	271	58	21.4%	203	74	36.5% ↑	15.1
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	400	103	25.8%	178	61	34.3% ↑	8.5
Visual and Performing Arts	155	51	32.9%	261	136	52.1% ↑	19.2
Unknown	217	65	30.0%	12	*	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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