

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Dominican University of  
California

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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](mailto:NSLVE@tufts.edu).

Warm regards,

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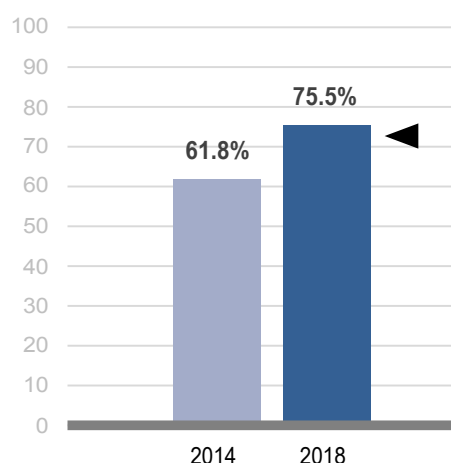
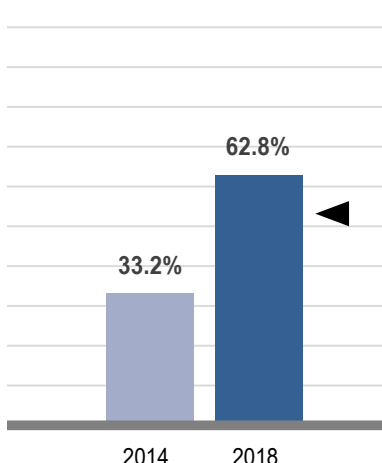
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## Voting and Registration Rates

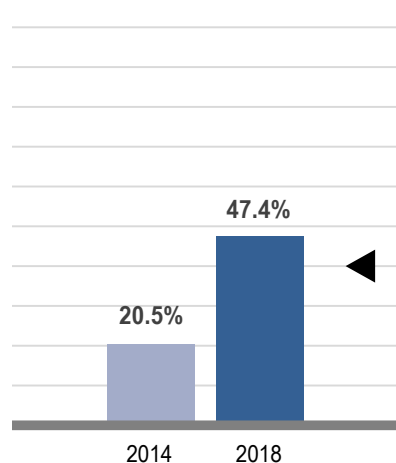
2018 Voting Rate

**47.4%**CHANGE  
FROM 2014**+26.9**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	1,983	1,667	↓ -316
Age under 18/Unknown	(12)	(36)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(35)	(20)	
FERPA records blocked	(234)	(25)	
Total eligible voters	1,702	1,586	↓ -116
Number of students who registered	1,052	1,197	↑ 145
Number of students who voted	349	752	↑ 403
Registration rate	61.8%	75.5%	↑ 13.7
Voting rate of registered students	33.2%	62.8%	↑ 29.7
Voting rate	20.5%	47.4%	↑ 26.9
Difference from all institutions	+0.8	+8.3	

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

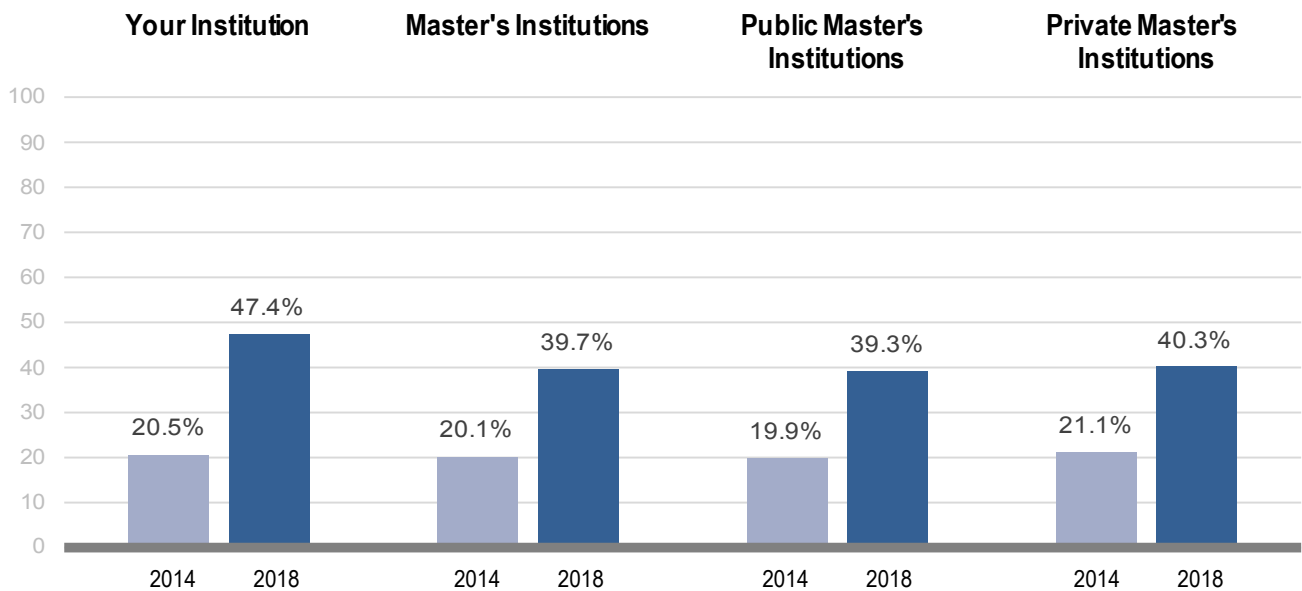
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

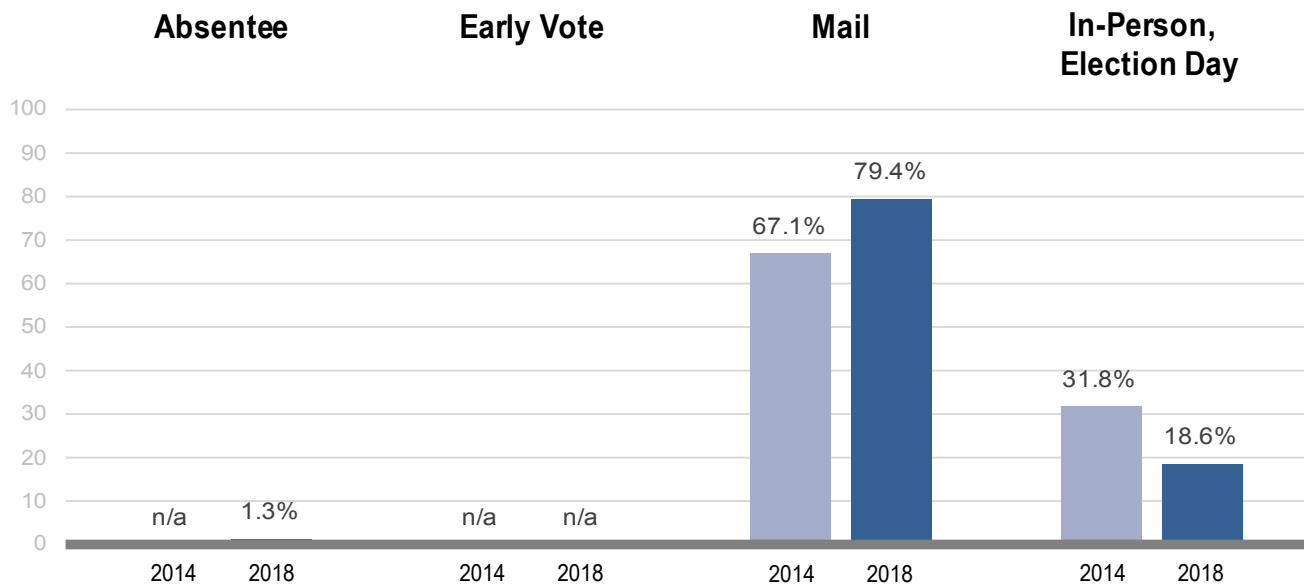
Difference from All Institutions **+0.8**

Difference from All Institutions **+8.3**



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## By Voting Method\*

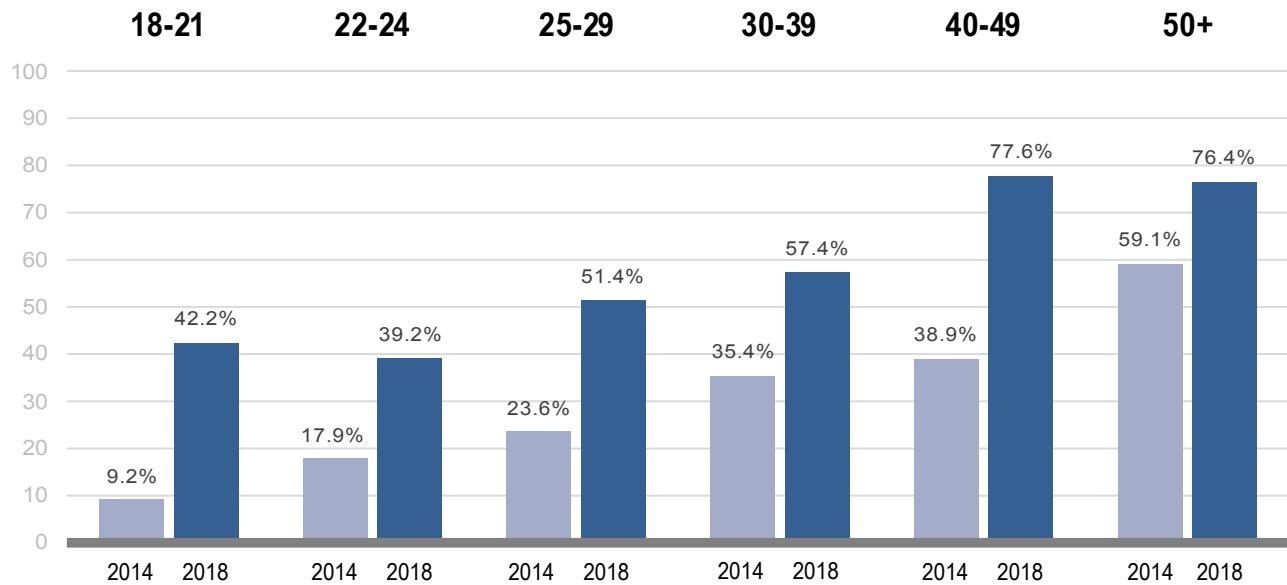


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	*	n/a	10	1.3%	n/a
Early Vote	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
Mail	234	67.1%	597	79.4% ↑	12.3
In-Person, Election Day	111	31.8%	140	18.6% ↓	-13.2
Unknown	*	n/a	*	n/a	
<b>Total</b>	<b>349</b>		<b>752</b>		

\* 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\*

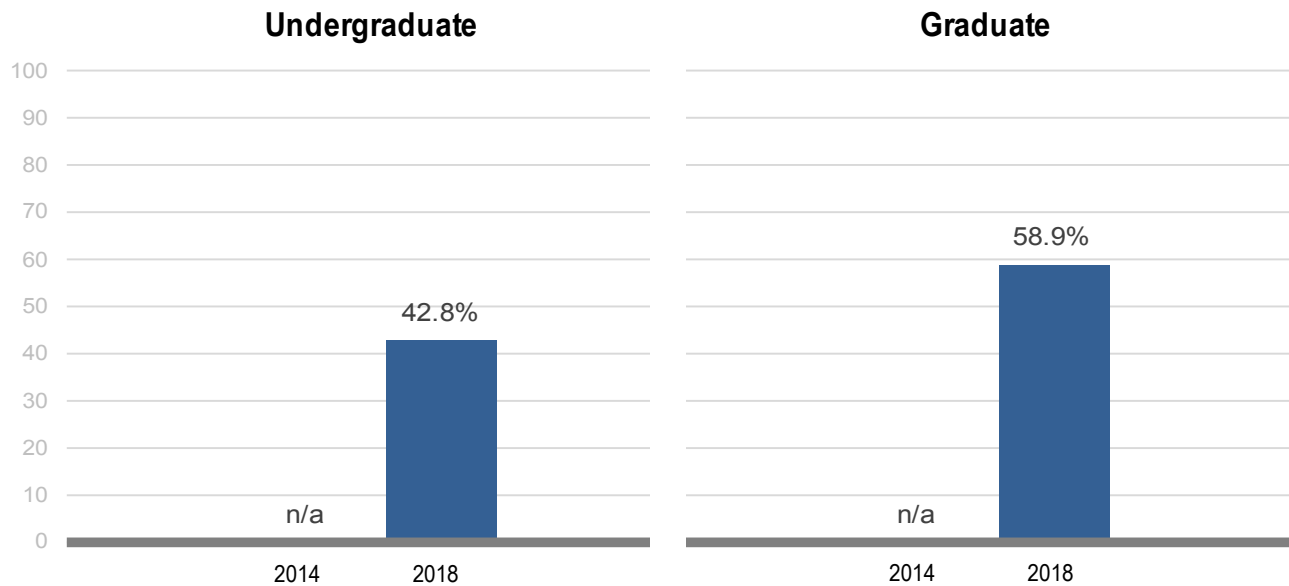


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	814	75	9.2%	900	380	42.2%	↑	33.0
22-24	274	49	17.9%	263	103	39.2%	↑	21.3
25-29	254	60	23.6%	183	94	51.4%	↑	27.8
30-39	181	64	35.4%	129	74	57.4%	↑	22.0
40-49	126	49	38.9%	76	59	77.6%	↑	38.7
50+	88	52	59.1%	55	42	76.4%	↑	17.3
Unknown	*			13				

\* 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\*

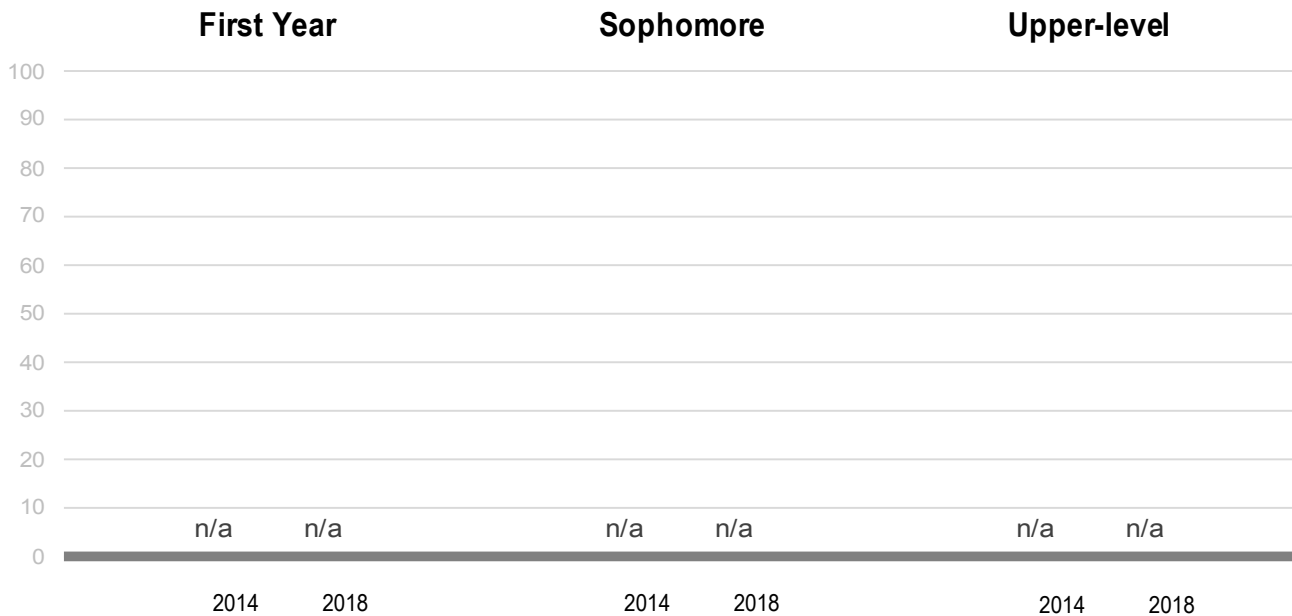


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	1,205	516	42.8%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	401	236	58.9%	n/a
Unknown	1,737			0			

\* 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\*



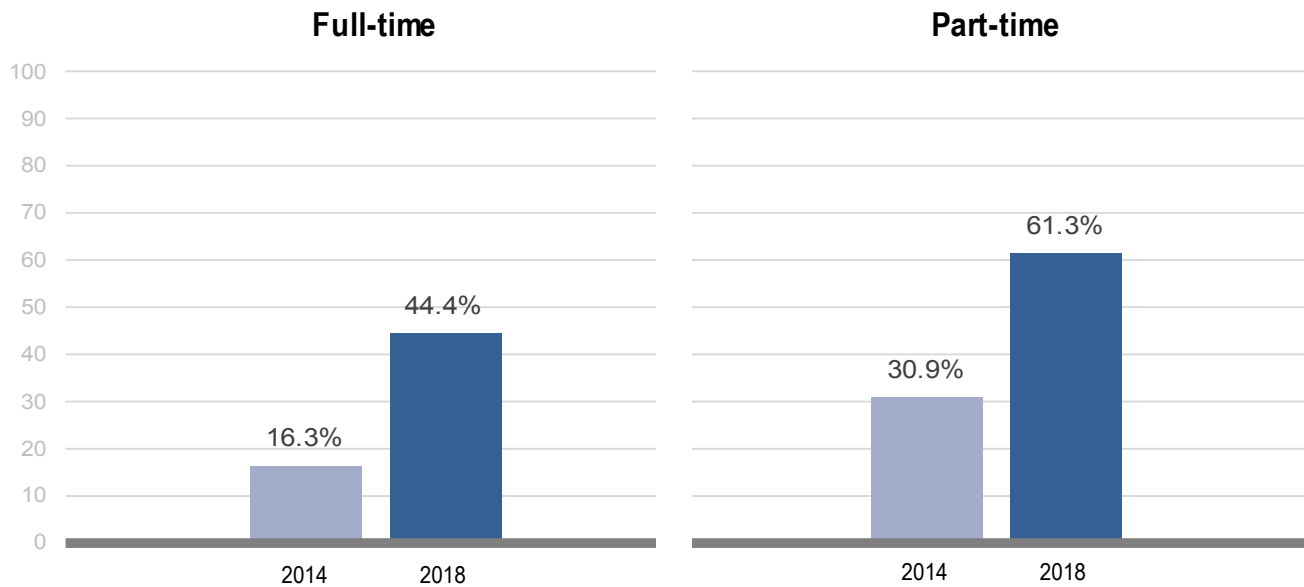
	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Upper-level	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a

\* 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.



## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Enrollment Status\*

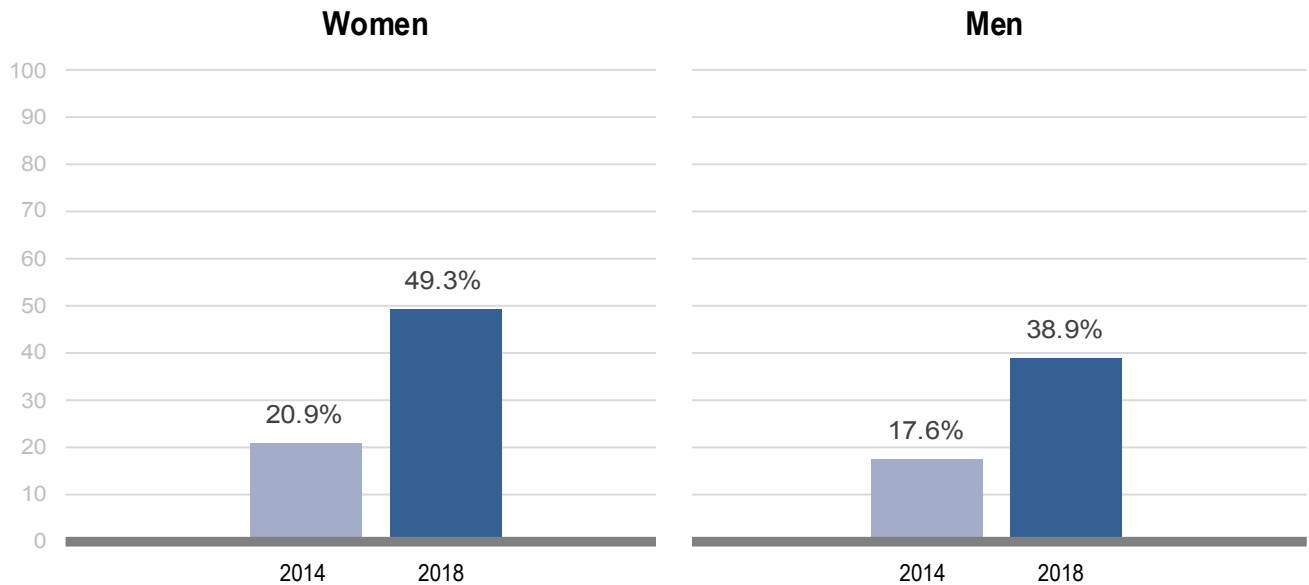


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	1,287	210	16.3%	1,376	611	44.4%	↑	28.1
Part-time	450	139	30.9%	230	141	61.3%	↑	30.4
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

\* 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	1,310	274	20.9%	1,223	603	49.3%	↑	28.4
Men	427	75	17.6%	383	149	38.9%	↑	21.3
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.

## 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	113	10	8.9%	146	61	41.8% ↑	32.9
Business, Management, and Marketing	246	38	15.5%	199	77	38.7% ↑	23.2
Communication and Journalism	69	13	18.8%	38	19	50.0% ↑	31.2
Education	0	0	n/a	87	61	70.1%	n/a
English Language and Literature	*	*	n/a	26	13	50.0%	n/a
Health Professions	407	52	12.8%	735	328	44.6% ↑	31.9
History	17	*	n/a	11	*	n/a	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	83	51	61.5%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	15	*	n/a	22	*	n/a	n/a
Psychology	107	19	17.8%	170	94	55.3% ↑	37.5
Social Sciences	34	10	29.4%	17	*	n/a	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	45	*	n/a	55	19	34.6%	n/a
Unknown	675	197	29.2%	*	*	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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