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Student Voting Rates for Drexel University

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.

All the Best,
IDHE Team



(Top Row from left) Duy Trinh, Program Administrator; Adam Gismondi, Director of Impact; Dave Brinker, Senior Researcher;
(Bottom Row from left) Nancy Thomas, Director; Norma López, Postdoctoral Scholar; Prabhat Gautam, Data Manager.

We also want to acknowledge and thank **Syed Golam Mohaimen, M.S. student in Data Science at Tufts University** for his contributions toward the creation of these reports.

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.



	2014			2018			2014-2018 Change (p.p.)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.



Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

72.0%

2020 Voting Rate

+13.8

Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

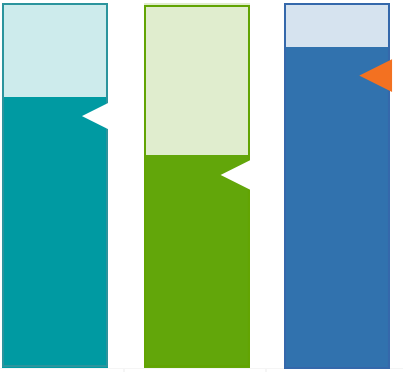
2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

79.3%	75.9%	83.0%
		
2016	2018	2020

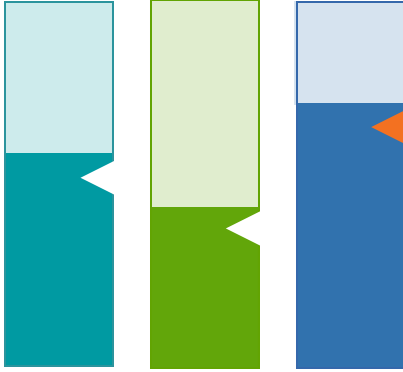
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

73.3%	57.5%	86.7%
		
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

58.2%	43.6%	72.0%
		
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	23,352	23,911	23,738	↑ 386
(Age under 18/Unknown)	–	–	–	–
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	3,005	2,668	2,227	↓ -778
(FERPA records blocked)	–	–	–	–
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	745	–	799	↑ 54
Total eligible voters	19,595	21,240	20,705	↑ 1,110
Number of students who registered	15,548	16,111	17,188	↑ 1,640
Number of students who voted	11,398	9,264	14,901	↑ 3,503
Registration Rate %	79	76	83	↑ 4
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	73	58	87	↑ 13
Voting Rate %	58	44	72	↑ 14

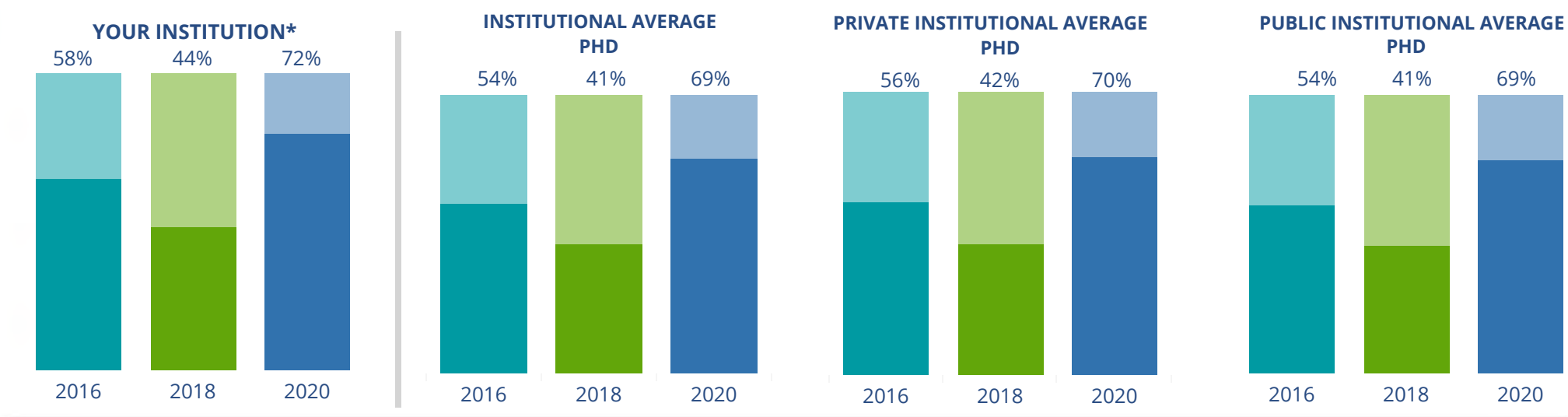
This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates. The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged,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

We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to NSC, or we cannot verify the accuracy of the reported counts. This estimate is given by "IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens" on this page. If you believe the number of international students reported on this report is incorrect, you can manually adjust your institution's voting rates by using our recalculation tool. <https://id-he.tufts.edu/nsive/nsive-recalculation-tool>.

By Institution Types



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.



By Race / Ethnicity



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-nsive-report-faq>

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

Looking Closer

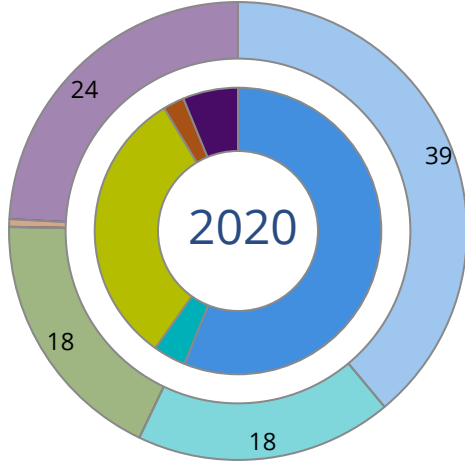
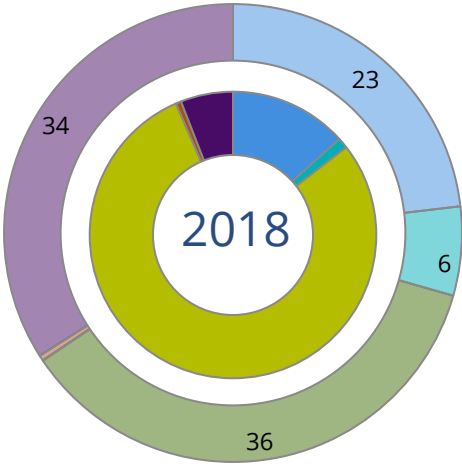
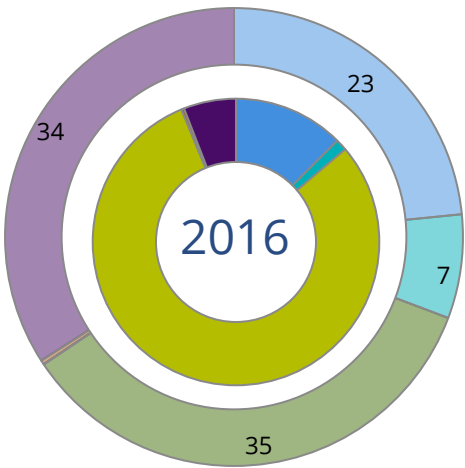
By Race/Ethnicity

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. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Race Unknown	22,493	11,398	51	23,894	9,264	39	22,850	14,901	65	↑ 15

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	150	1	110	1	557	4	2	↑
In-Person on Election Day	9,115	80	7,317	79	4,714	32	-48	↓
Not-In-Person	1,428	13	1,232	13	8,356	56	44	↑
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provisional	39	0	54	1	351	2	2	↑
Voting Method Unknown	665	6	551	6	923	6	0	↑

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/nsive/nsive-faq#CampusReports>

By Age Group

	2016	2018	2020
18-21	44%	31%	64%
22-24	46%	35%	63%
25-29	53%	43%	62%
30-39	62%	51%	69%
40-49	74%	62%	79%
50+	82%	72%	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 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	9,296	4,090	44	10,156	3,125	31	10,355	6,651	64	↑ 20
22-24	5,157	2,362	46	5,047	1,762	35	4,495	2,846	63	↑ 18
25-29	3,517	1,868	53	3,916	1,667	43	3,790	2,338	62	↑ 9
30-39	2,753	1,717	62	2,936	1,505	51	2,655	1,833	69	↑ 7
40-49	1,161	861	74	1,261	787	62	1,028	807	79	↑ 4
50+	609	500	82	578	418	72	527	426	81	↓ -1

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p)	
EDUCATION LEVEL											
Undergraduate	14,317	6,720	47	14,259	4,695	33	13,790	8,783	64	↑	17
Graduate	8,173	4,677	57	8,847	4,141	47	9,060	6,118	68	↑	10
Class Unknown	–	–	–	788	275	35	–	–	–	–	–
CLASS YEAR											
First Year	2,501	44	1,091	3,189	26	841	2,492	71	1,769	↑	27
Second Year	2,568	44	1,131	2,847	27	759	2,675	60	1,610	↑	16
Upper Level	9,111	48	4,389	8,358	38	3,141	8,622	63	5,411	↑	15
ENROLLMENT STATUS											
Full-time	16,752	7,519	45	17,614	5,822	33	17,319	10,759	62	↑	17
Part-time	5,741	3,879	68	6,280	3,442	55	5,531	4,142	75	↑	7

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)
Architecture	210	116	55	257	102	40	282	200	71	↑ 16
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,173	539	46	1,313	446	34	1,327	850	64	↑ 18
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,765	1,508	40	3,858	1,112	29	3,759	2,235	59	↑ 19
Communication and Journalism	348	199	57	355	164	46	285	187	66	↑ 8
Communications Technologies/Technicians	39	26	67	102	42	41	116	73	63	↓ -4
Computer and Information Sciences	1,322	589	45	1,551	530	34	1,835	971	53	↑ 8
Education	767	546	71	985	560	57	803	609	76	↑ 5

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.

*<https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq>

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	4,591	2,018	44	4,202	1,341	32	3,772	2,310	61	↑ 17
English Language and Literature	47	32	68	54	34	63	80	69	86	↑ 18
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	-	-	-	26	13	50	-	-	-	-
Health Professions	5,441	3,249	60	5,923	2,588	44	5,630	3,950	70	↑ 10
History	24	13	54	23	11	48	29	18	62	↑ 8
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protec..	47	31	66	24	12	50	-	-	-	-
Legal Professions and Studies	536	342	64	600	361	60	677	522	77	↑ 13
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	312	187	60	614	277	45	466	318	68	↑ 8
Mathematics and Statistics	123	51	41	123	39	32	112	57	51	↑ 9
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	243	130	53	197	93	47	183	131	72	↑ 18
Natural Resources and Conservation	153	102	67	144	73	51	149	113	76	↑ 9
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Stu..	172	82	48	160	40	25	160	105	66	↑ 18
Personal and Culinary Services	50	21	42	51	19	37	37	28	76	↑ 34

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Philosophy and Religious Studies	15	-	-	18	-	-	13	-	-	-
Physical Sciences	276	136	49	304	126	41	277	184	66	↑ 17
Psychology	522	315	60	599	256	43	574	395	69	↑ 8
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	18	12	67	-	-	-	30	25	83	↑ 17
Social Sciences	338	137	41	378	145	38	358	204	57	↑ 16
Visual and Performing Arts	1,631	832	51	1,549	628	41	1,701	1,175	69	↑ 18
Unknown	108	25	23	63	34	54	46	38	83	↑ 59

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.

Drexel University

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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