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Student Voting Rates for Emory 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.

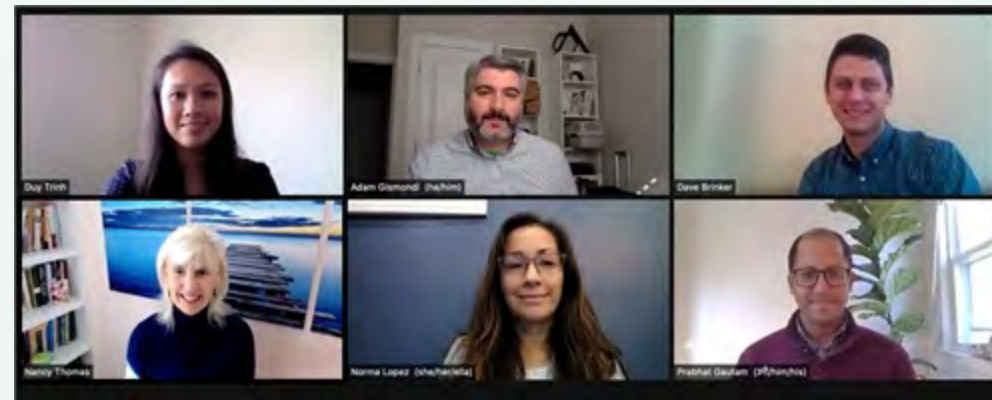
College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

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



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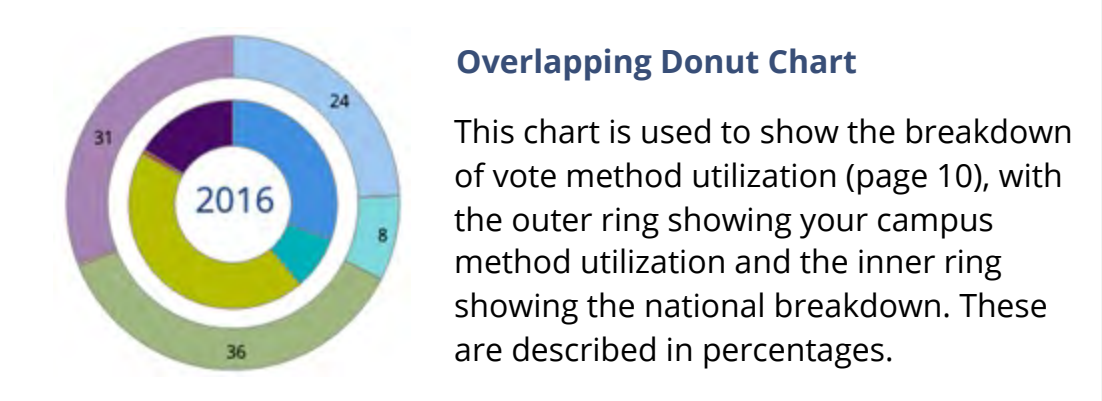
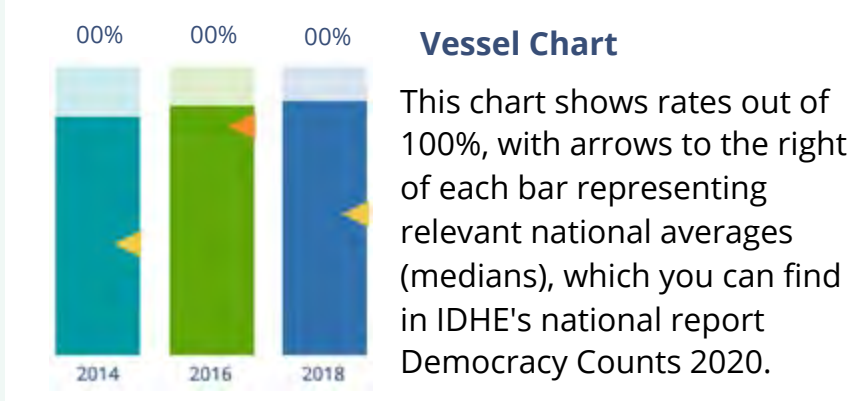
In This Report

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.

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



Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

73.0%

2020 Voting Rate

+20.1

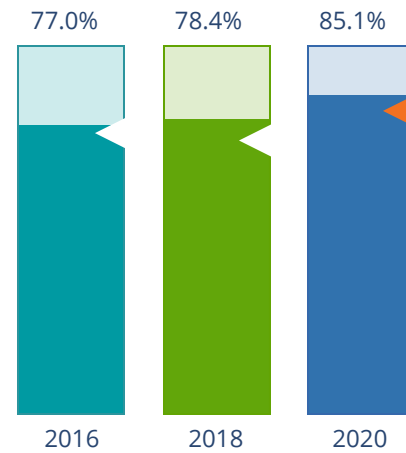
Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

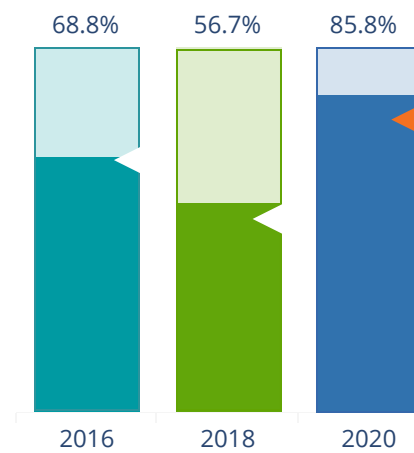
2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



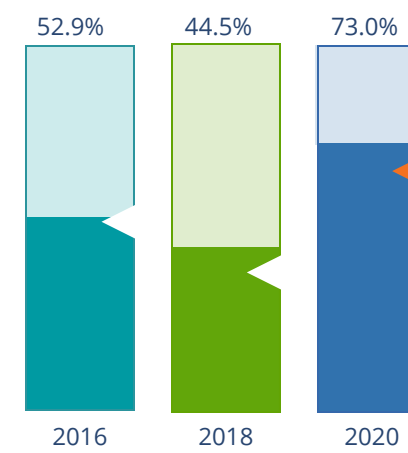
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS



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



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	13,922	14,847	14,749	↑ 827
(Age under 18/Unknown)	-	-	-	-
(NSC reported non-resident aliens)	2,368	2,530	2,287	↓ -81
(FERPA records blocked)	-	-	-	-
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	-	40	35	-
Total eligible voters	11,551	12,275	12,425	↑ 874
Number of students who registered	8,889	9,628	10,572	↑ 1,683
Number of students who voted	6,116	5,463	9,076	↑ 2,960
Registration Rate %	77	78	85	↑ 8
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	69	57	86	↑ 17
Voting Rate %	53	45	73	↑ 20

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

53%

HIGH
82%

LOW
13%

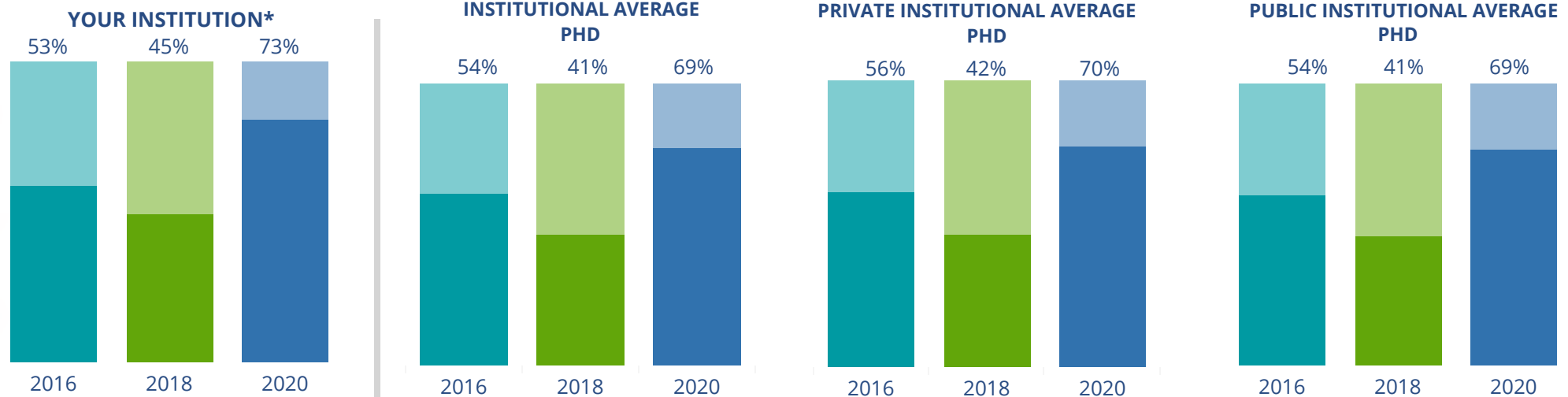
2020 Voting Rate for All Institutions

66%

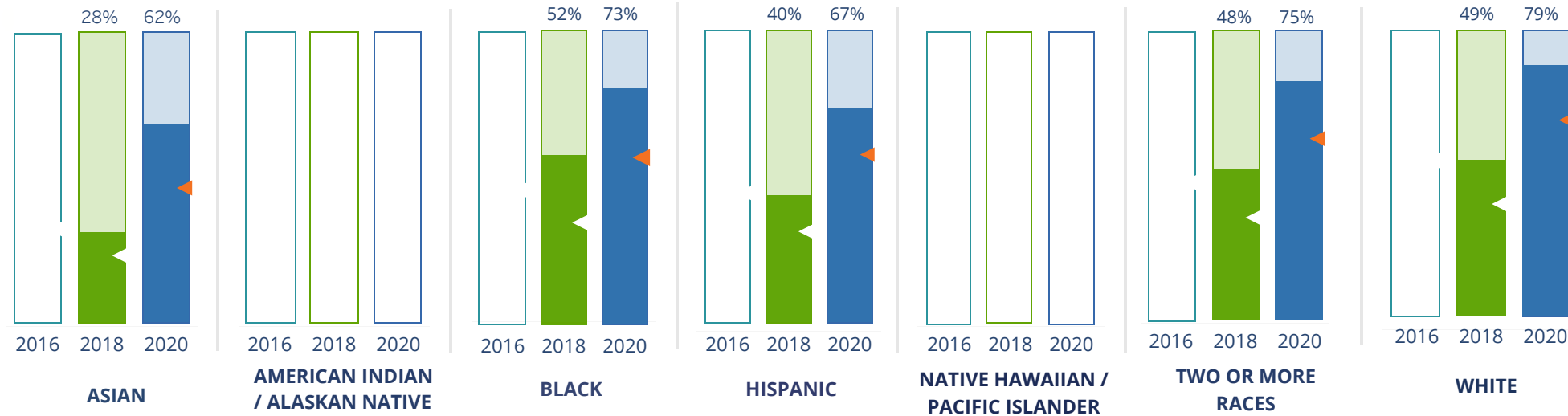
HIGH
89%

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.



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-nslve-report-faq>

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.

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

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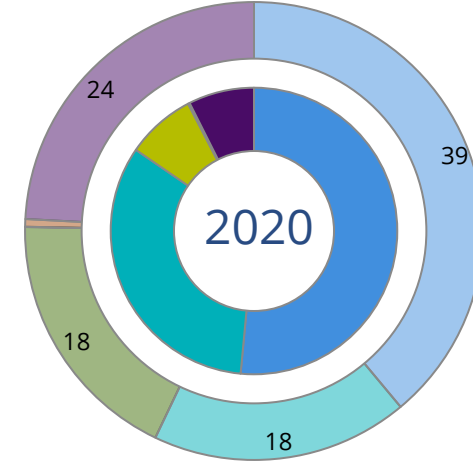
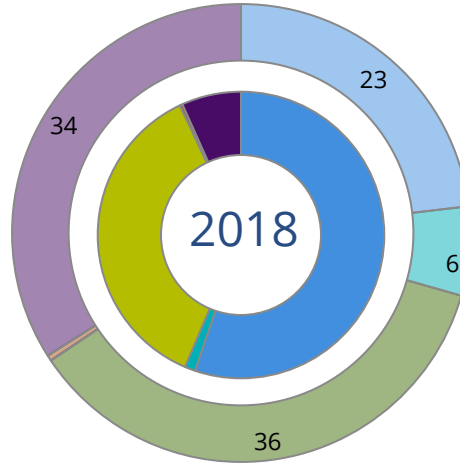
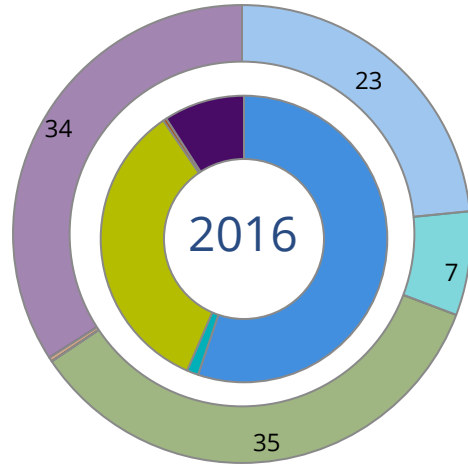
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	2,405	680	28	2,611	1,608	62	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	15	-	-	11	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	1,452	759	52	1,634	1,195	73	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	1,198	475	40	1,300	864	66	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	520	247	48	569	429	75	-
White	-	-	-	6,299	3,111	49	6,016	4,771	79	-
Race Unknown	13,905	6,116	44	375	179	48	277	194	70	↑ 26

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	79	1	63	1	3,004	33	32	↑
In-Person on Election Day	2,082	34	1,999	37	709	8	-26	↓
Not-In-Person	3,376	55	3,017	55	4,670	52	-4	↓
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	25	0	15	0	16	0	0	↓
Voting Method Unknown	554	9	369	7	677	7	-2	↓

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	40%	35%	72%
22-24	43%	46%	72%
25-29	48%	53%	74%
30-39	48%	57%	77%
40-49	62%	66%	80%
50+	76%	76%	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	6,660	2,677	40	5,733	2,031	35	5,774	4,139	72	↑ 31
22-24	2,485	1,057	43	2,315	1,064	46	2,442	1,767	72	↑ 30
25-29	2,607	1,252	48	2,564	1,369	53	2,569	1,896	74	↑ 26
30-39	1,576	749	48	1,219	691	57	1,189	912	77	↑ 29
40-49	405	251	62	280	184	66	291	233	80	↑ 18
50+	172	130	76	164	124	76	160	129	81	↑ 5

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Female	-	-	-	7,533	3,595	48	7,705	5,870	76	-
Male	-	-	-	4,742	1,868	39	4,720	3,206	68	-

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	7,543	3,045	40	6,568	2,400	37	6,637	4,736	71	↑	31
Graduate	5,919	2,911	49	5,564	2,984	54	5,706	4,269	75	↑	26
Class Unknown	443	130	29	143	79	55	82	71	87	↑	57
CLASS YEAR											
First Year	827	42	351	1,015	37	380	994	68	671	↑	25
Second Year	1,147	43	492	729	35	257	825	72	595	↑	29
Upper Level	4,637	41	1,891	4,038	39	1,555	4,036	73	2,959	↑	33
ENROLLMENT STATUS											
Full-time	-	-	-	11,325	4,889	43	11,465	8,350	73	-	-
Part-time	-	-	-	948	574	61	960	726	76	-	-

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 RateChange (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	111	49	44	94	39	41	87	68	78	↑ 34
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,624	760	47	1,438	650	45	1,490	1,094	73	↑ 27
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,680	693	41	1,251	530	42	1,215	877	72	↑ 31
Communication and Journalism	49	19	39	38	12	32	21	16	76	↑ 37
Computer and Information Sciences	183	40	22	77	17	22	156	95	61	↑ 39
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	211	74	35	151	51	34	163	70	43	↑ 8
English Language and Literature	221	115	52	203	98	48	177	146	82	↑ 30

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 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	141	77	55	107	47	44	113	77	68	↑ 14
Health Professions	1,994	1,107	56	2,673	1,396	52	2,905	2,206	76	↑ 20
History	122	61	50	105	58	55	85	63	74	↑ 24
Legal Professions and Studies	1,059	439	41	841	425	51	761	562	74	↑ 32
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	3,116	1,208	39	2,646	865	33	2,584	1,747	68	↑ 29
Mathematics and Statistics	252	73	29	142	55	39	204	142	70	↑ 41
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	91	39	43	104	44	42	88	67	76	↑ 33
Natural Resources and Conservation	69	42	61	68	34	50	60	53	88	↑ 27
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Stu..	166	87	52	166	67	40	179	150	84	↑ 31
Philosophy and Religious Studies	234	96	41	190	97	51	182	128	70	↑ 29
Physical Sciences	314	107	34	308	112	36	330	237	72	↑ 38
Psychology	322	153	48	244	117	48	251	196	78	↑ 31
Public Administration and Social Service P..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social Sciences	840	352	42	676	318	47	633	487	77	↑ 35

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Visual and Performing Arts	211	107	51	169	70	41	176	138	78	↑ 28
Unknown	427	135	32	171	91	53	116	100	86	↑ 55

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.

Emory 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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