

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Ferris 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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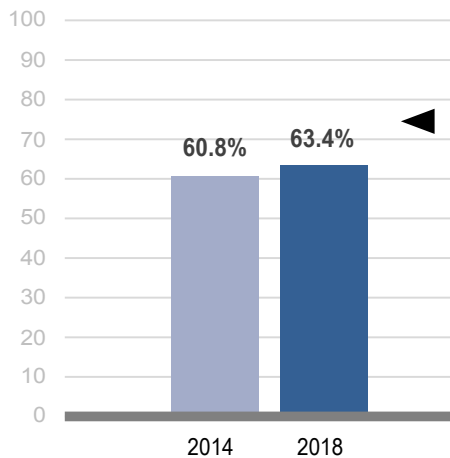
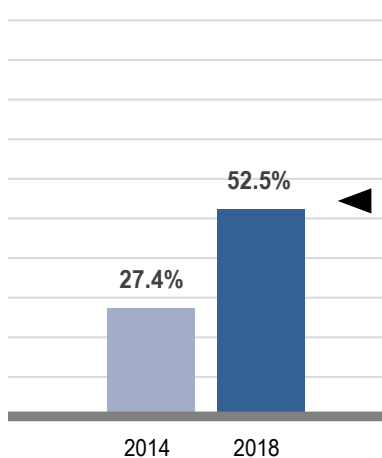
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

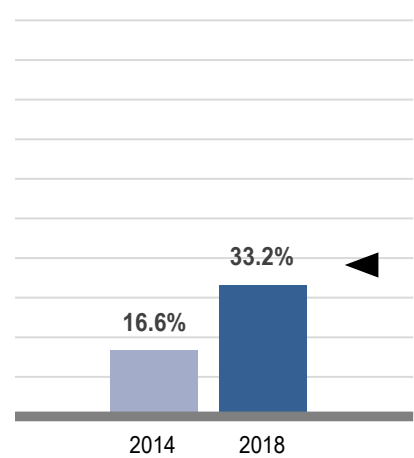
2018 Voting Rate

33.2%CHANGE
FROM 2014**+16.6**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	14,512	13,522	↓ -990
Age under 18/Unknown	(582)	(981)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(419)	(271)	
FERPA records blocked	(11)	*	
Total eligible voters	13,500	12,266	↓ -1,234
Number of students who registered	8,214	7,772	↓ -442
Number of students who voted	2,247	4,077	↑ 1,830
Registration rate	60.8%	63.4%	↑ 2.5
Voting rate of registered students	27.4%	52.5%	↑ 25.1
Voting rate	16.6%	33.2%	↑ 16.6
Difference from all institutions	-3.1	-5.9	

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

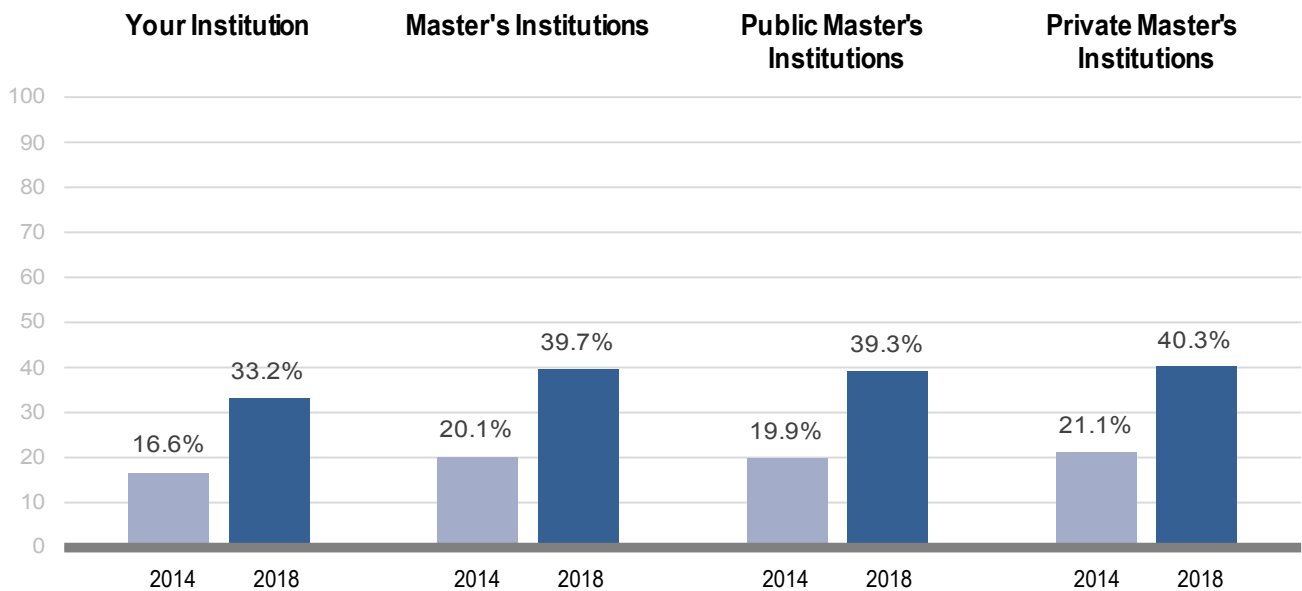
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

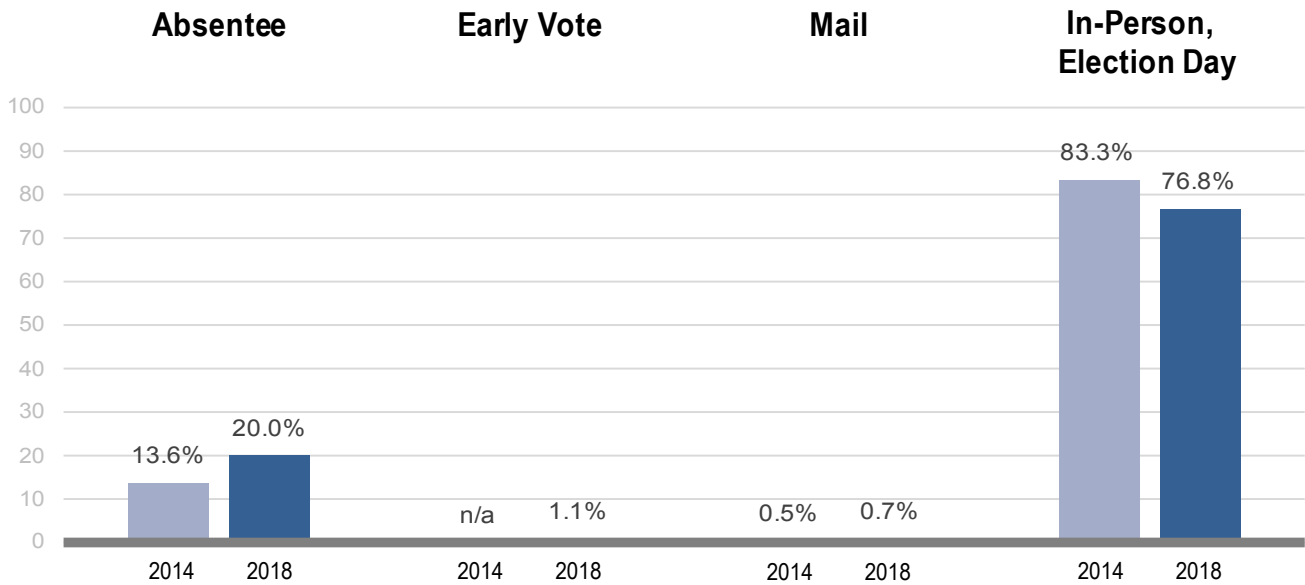
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By Voting Method*

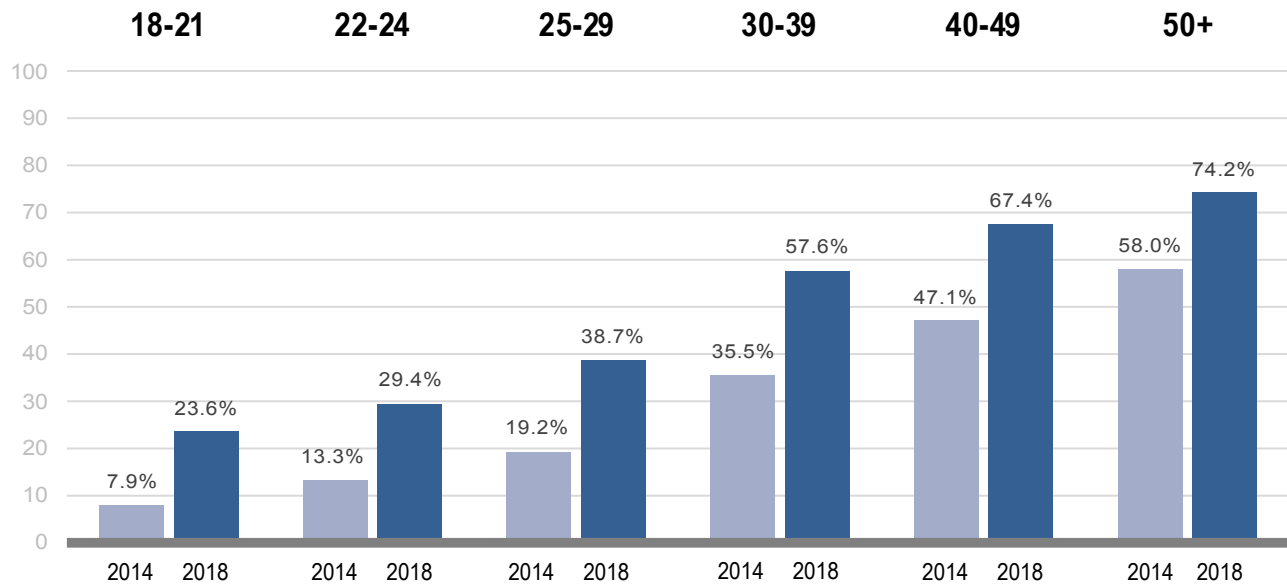


	2014		2018			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change	
Absentee	306	13.6%	816	20.0%	↑	6.4
Early Vote	*	n/a	44	1.1%		n/a
Mail	11	0.5%	28	0.7%	↑	0.2
In-Person, Election Day	1,872	83.3%	3,131	76.8%	↓	-6.5
Unknown	51	2.3%	58	1.4%		
Total	2,247		4,077			

* 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*

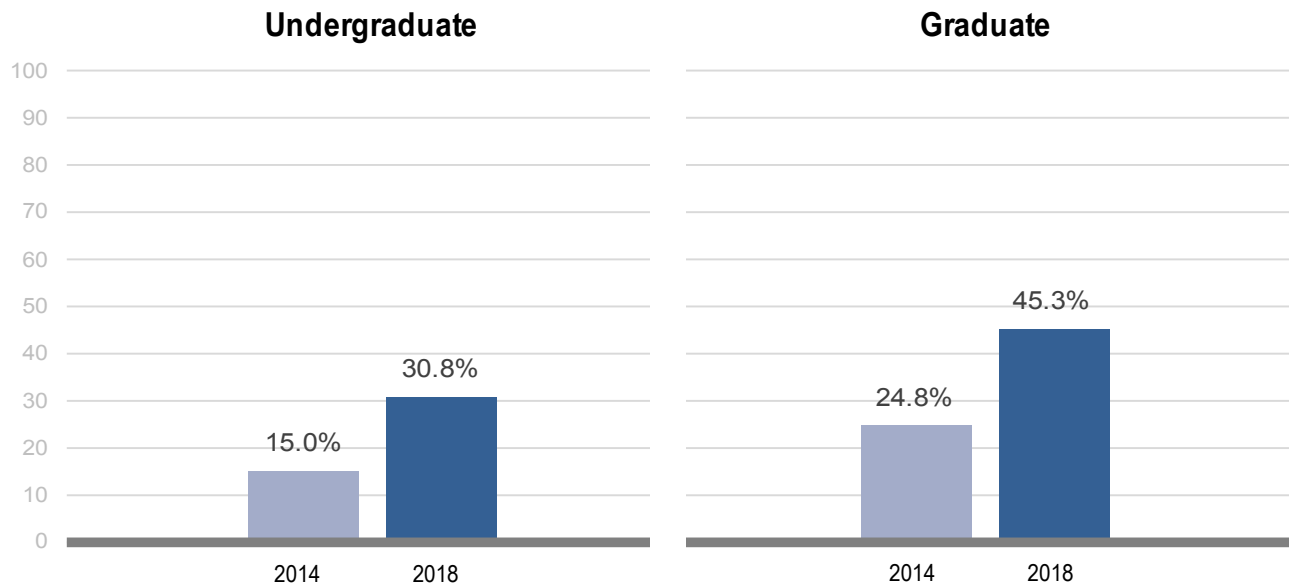


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	6,778	534	7.9%	6,306	1,488	23.6%	↑	15.7
22-24	3,236	431	13.3%	2,989	880	29.4%	↑	16.1
25-29	1,566	301	19.2%	1,363	527	38.7%	↑	19.4
30-39	1,317	467	35.5%	1,069	616	57.6%	↑	22.2
40-49	720	339	47.1%	519	350	67.4%	↑	20.4
50+	302	175	58.0%	291	216	74.2%	↑	16.3
Unknown	*			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.

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By Education Level*

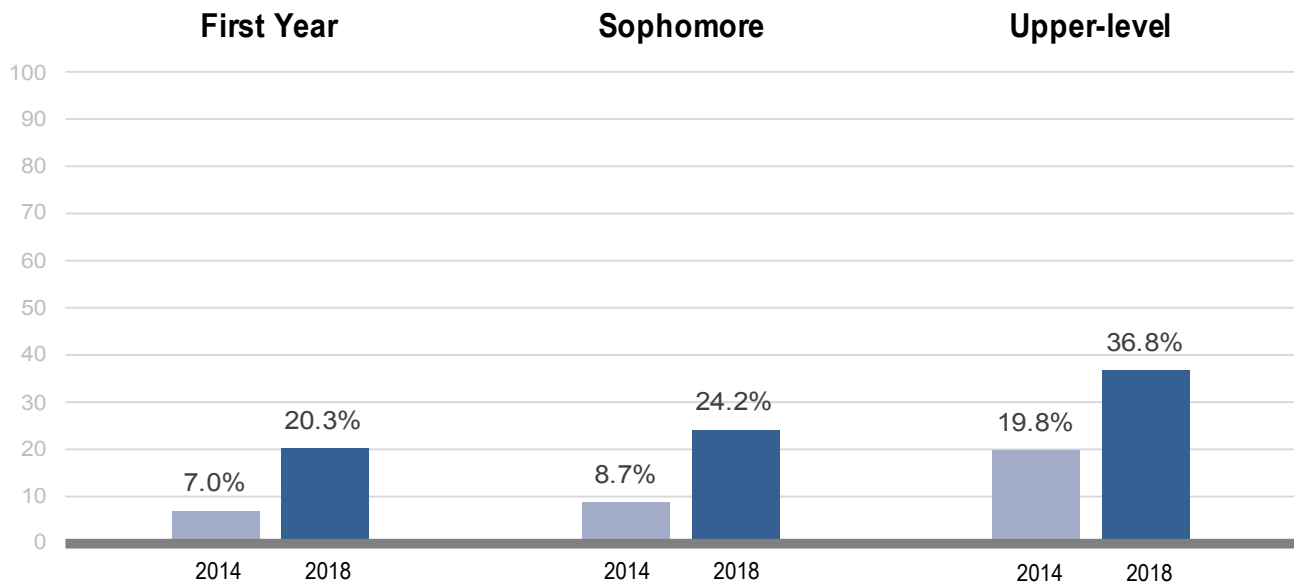


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Undergraduate	12,580	1,891	15.0%	11,021	3,398	30.8%	↑	15.8
Graduate	1,223	303	24.8%	1,362	617	45.3%	↑	20.5
Unknown	116			154				

* 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.

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By Undergraduate Class Year*

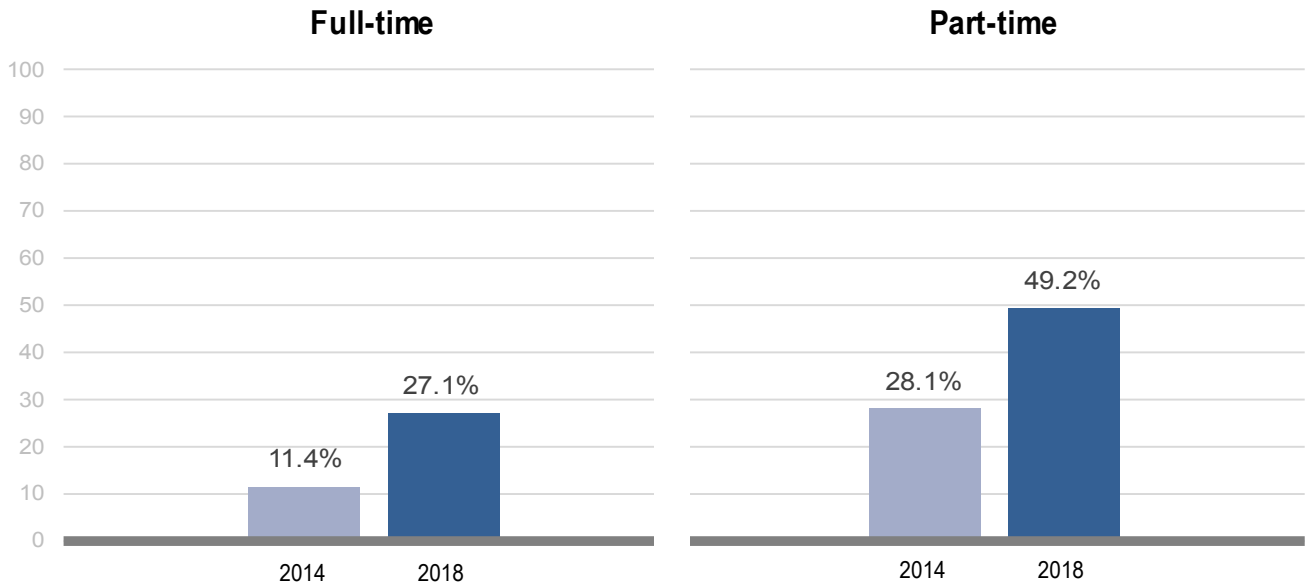


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	2,570	179	7.0%	2,393	486	20.3%	↑	13.4
Sophomore	2,373	207	8.7%	1,979	478	24.2%	↑	15.4
Upper-level	7,728	1,528	19.8%	6,813	2,506	36.8%	↑	17.0

* 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*

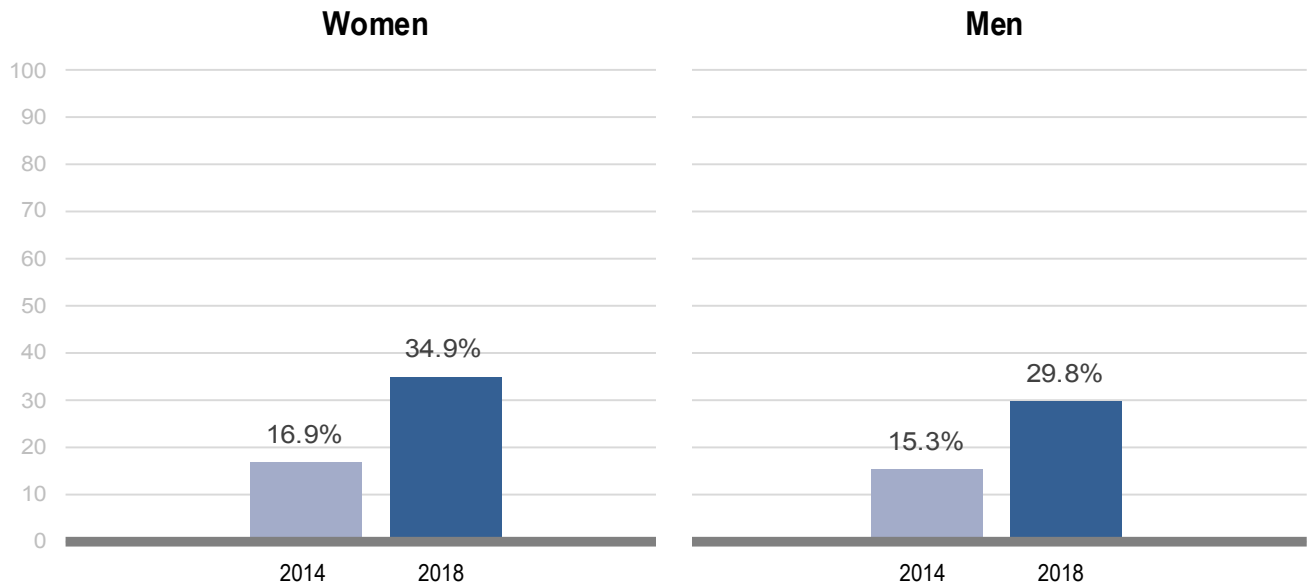


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	9,951	1,132	11.4%	9,472	2,568	27.1%	↑	15.7
Part-time	3,968	1,115	28.1%	3,065	1,509	49.2%	↑	21.1
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

* 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.

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By Gender*

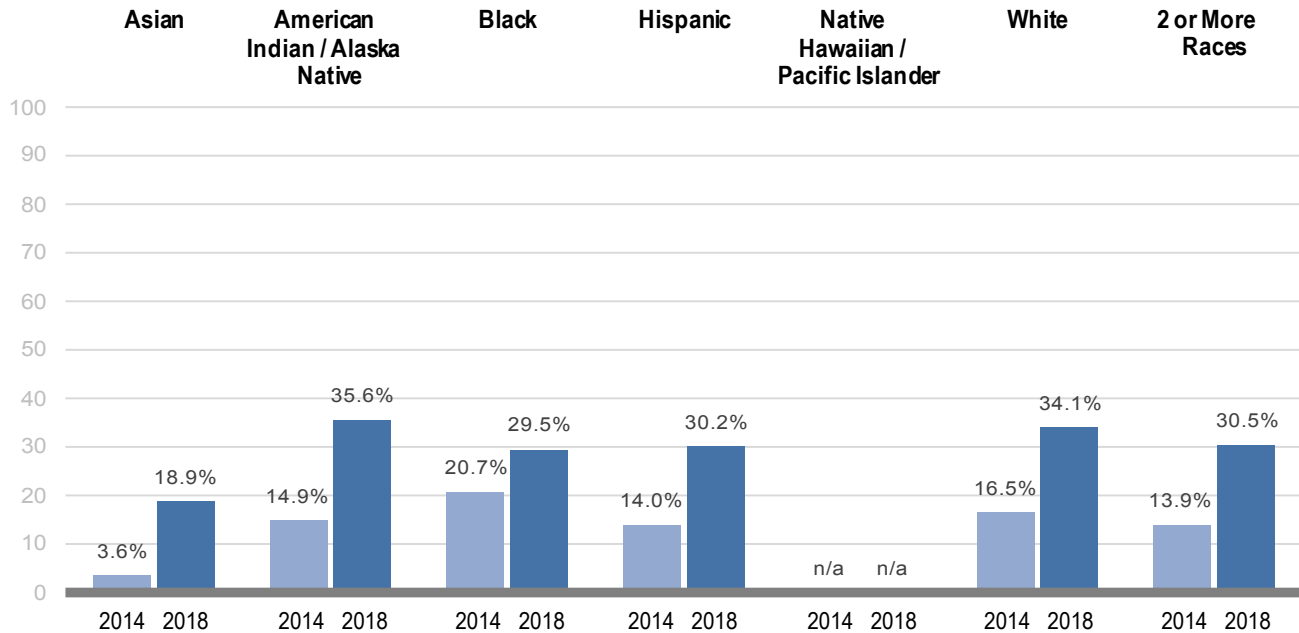


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change	
Women	7,274	1,230	16.9%	6,607	2,308	34.9%	↑	18.0
Men	6,645	1,017	15.3%	5,924	1,765	29.8%	↑	14.5
Unknown	0			*				

* 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	389	14	3.6%	217	41	18.9%	↑	15.3
American Indian/ Alaska Native	74	11	14.9%	59	21	35.6%	↑	20.7
Black	997	206	20.7%	957	282	29.5%	↑	8.8
Hispanic	509	71	14.0%	683	206	30.2%	↑	16.2
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	10	*	n/a	*	*	n/a		n/a
White	10,940	1,807	16.5%	9,563	3,261	34.1%	↑	17.6
2 or More Races	439	61	13.9%	456	139	30.5%	↑	16.6
Unknown	561			594				

* 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	
Architecture	*	*	n/a	15	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	520	45	8.7%	425	105	24.7% ↑	16.1
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,131	361	16.9%	2,125	699	32.9% ↑	16.0
Communication and Journalism	107	*	n/a	101	17	16.8%	n/a
Communications Technologies/Technicians	438	61	13.9%	627	205	32.7% ↑	18.8
Computer and Information Sciences	461	105	22.8%	385	156	40.5% ↑	17.7
Education	675	219	32.4%	602	289	48.0% ↑	15.6
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,411	158	11.2%	1,411	404	28.6% ↑	17.4
English Language and Literature	102	15	14.7%	70	23	32.9% ↑	18.2
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	116	24	20.7%	182	71	39.0% ↑	18.3
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	45	0	n/a	22	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	3,407	557	16.4%	2,576	833	32.3% ↑	16.0
History	22	*	n/a	16	*	n/a	n/a
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	1,314	300	22.8%	1,052	390	37.1% ↑	14.2
Legal Professions and Studies	18	*	n/a	10	*	n/a	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	772	130	16.8%	906	197	21.7% ↑	4.9
Mathematics and Statistics	52	*	n/a	27	*	n/a	n/a
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	208	27	13.0%	193	44	22.8% ↑	9.8
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	106	*	n/a	88	19	21.6%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	*	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Personal and Culinary Services	39	*	n/a	21	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	24	*	n/a	20	*	n/a	n/a
Precision Production	157	18	11.5%	170	46	27.1% ↑	15.6

Psychology	156	11	7.1%	150	37	24.7% ↑	17.6
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	286	56	19.6%	300	117	39.0% ↑	19.4
Science Technologies/Technicians	0	0	n/a	11	*	n/a	n/a
Social Sciences	37	*	n/a	36	*	n/a	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	1,269	110	8.7%	804	293	36.4% ↑	27.8
Unknown	32	*	n/a	192	82	42.7%	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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