

## **2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

# Student Voting Rates for Florida Atlantic 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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Warm regards,

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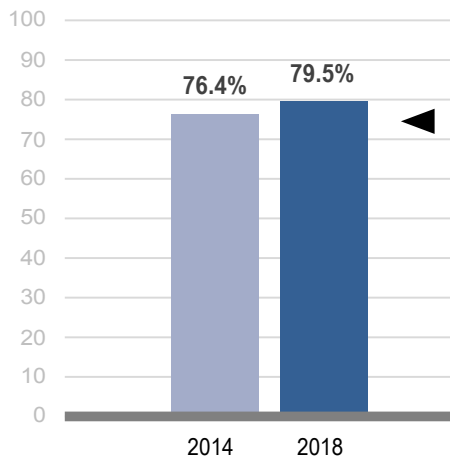
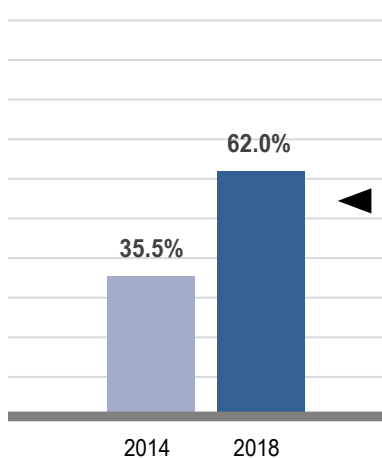
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## Voting and Registration Rates

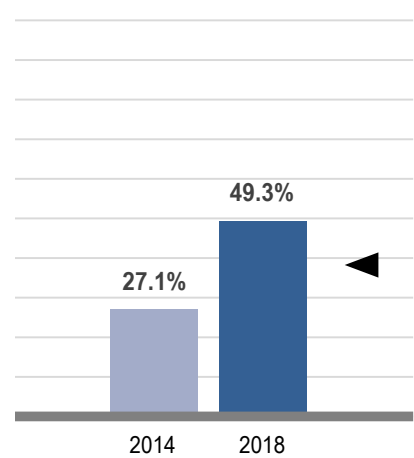
2018 Voting Rate

**49.3%**CHANGE  
FROM 2014**+22.2**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	29,668	29,206	↓ -462
Age under 18/Unknown	(822)	(784)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(704)	(1,065)	
FERPA records blocked	*	(90)	
Total eligible voters	28,139	27,267	↓ -872
Number of students who registered	21,483	21,681	↑ 198
Number of students who voted	7,621	13,435	↑ 5,814
Registration rate	76.4%	79.5%	↑ 3.2
Voting rate of registered students	35.5%	62.0%	↑ 26.5
Voting rate	27.1%	49.3%	↑ 22.2
Difference from all institutions	+7.4	+10.2	

## 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

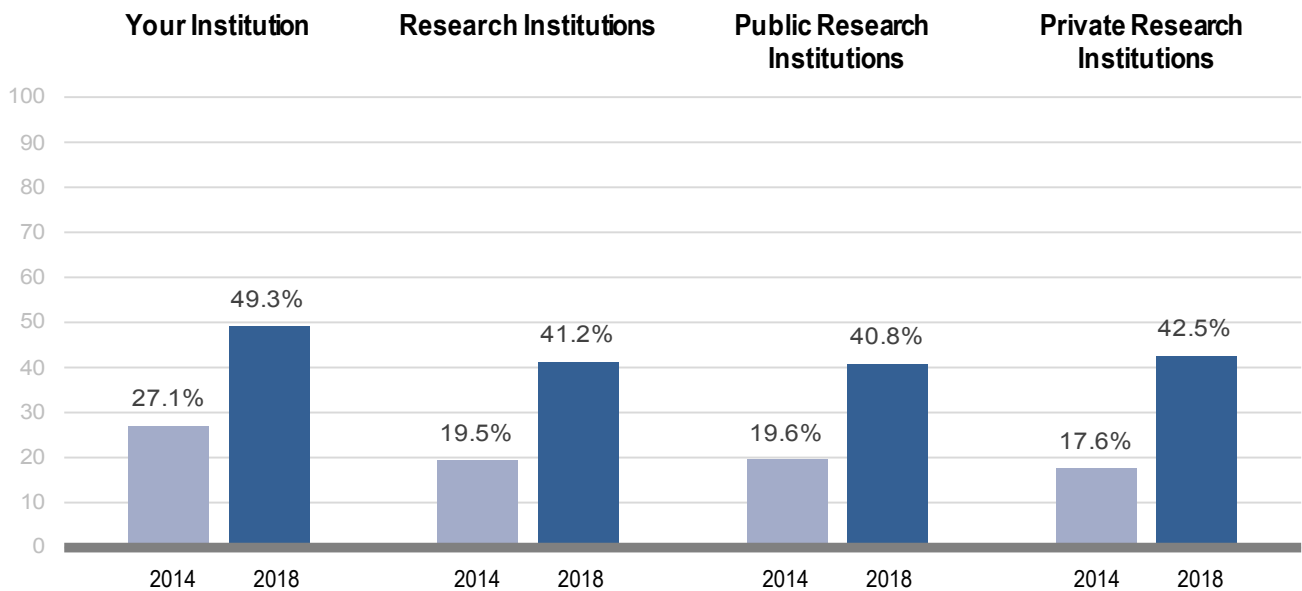
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

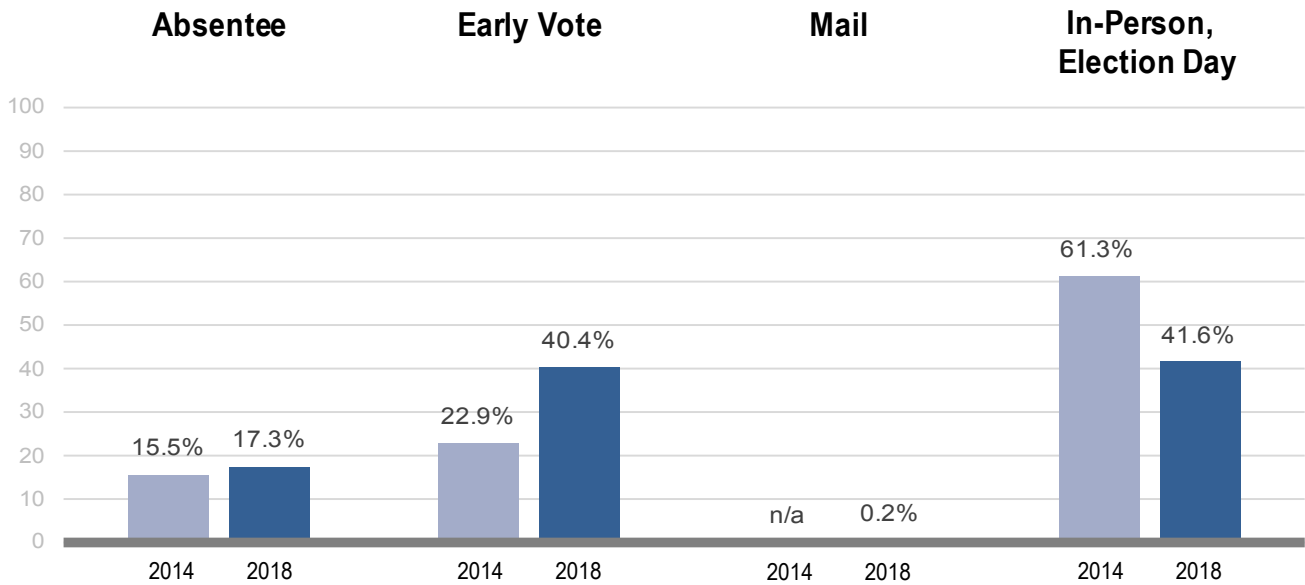
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# By Voting Method\*

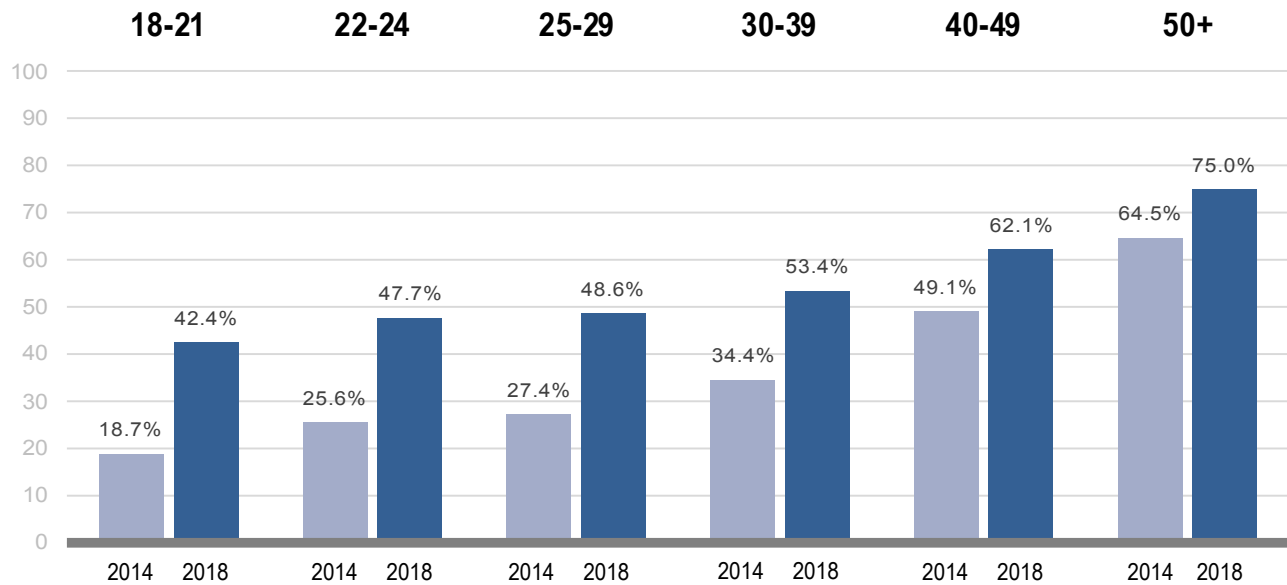


	2014		2018		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	1,182	15.5%	2,329	17.3%	↑	1.8
Early Vote	1,747	22.9%	5,426	40.4%	↑	17.5
Mail	*	n/a	30	0.2%		n/a
In-Person, Election Day	4,670	61.3%	5,593	41.6%	↓	-19.7
Unknown	19	0.3%	57	0.4%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,621</b>		<b>13,435</b>			

\* 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\*

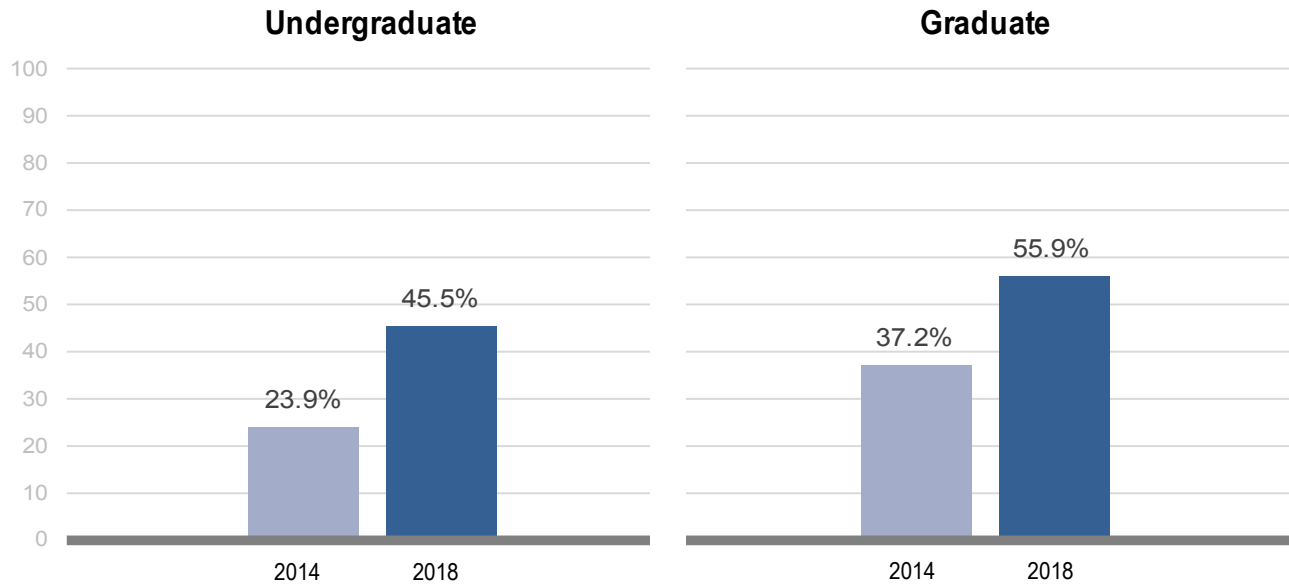


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	11,315	2,119	18.7%	12,354	5,241	42.4%	↑ 23.7
22-24	7,131	1,822	25.6%	6,555	3,125	47.7%	↑ 22.1
25-29	4,940	1,351	27.4%	4,493	2,182	48.6%	↑ 21.2
30-39	3,244	1,116	34.4%	3,035	1,620	53.4%	↑ 19.0
40-49	1,391	683	49.1%	1,199	745	62.1%	↑ 13.0
50+	822	530	64.5%	696	522	75.0%	↑ 10.5
Unknown	0			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 Education Level\*

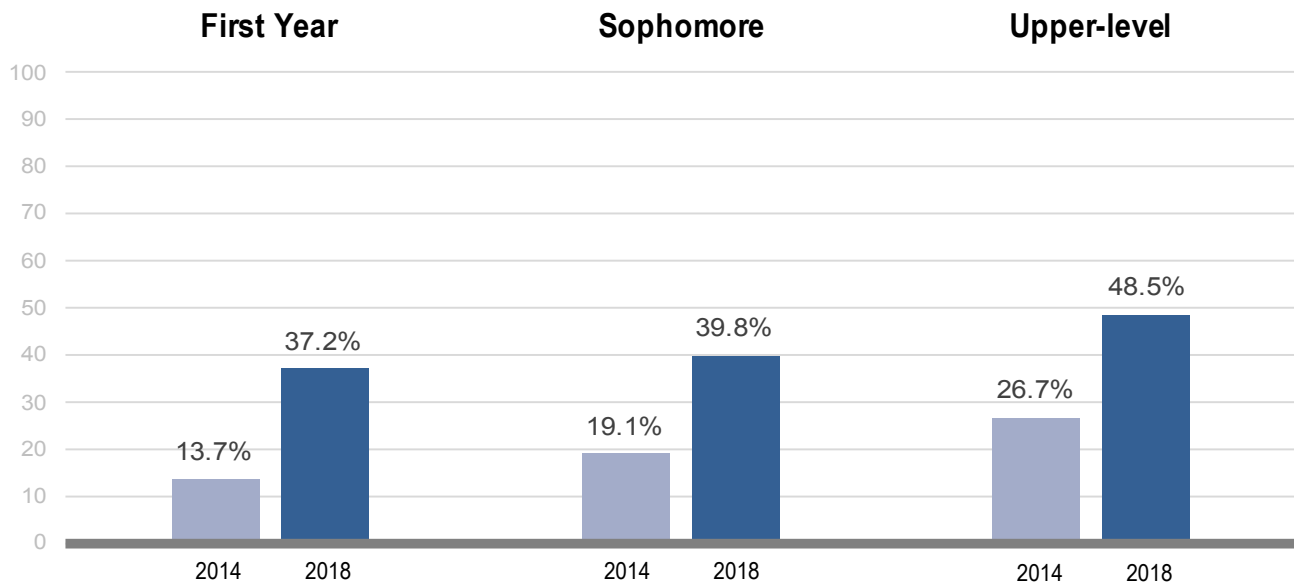


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Undergraduate	23,939	5,728	23.9%	23,275	10,579	45.5%	↑	21.5
Graduate	4,315	1,605	37.2%	4,707	2,632	55.9%	↑	18.7
Unknown	589			350				

\* 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\*



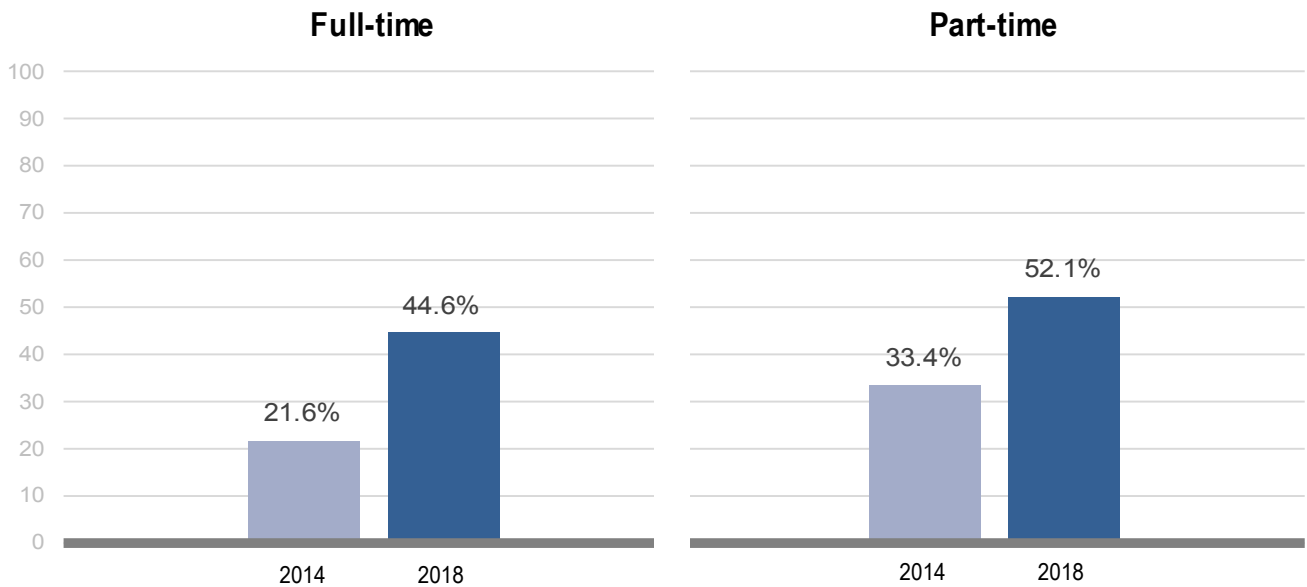
	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	3,984	545	13.7%	3,975	1,479	37.2%	↑	23.5
Sophomore	3,234	618	19.1%	3,617	1,438	39.8%	↑	20.7
Upper-level	14,286	3,817	26.7%	14,820	7,180	48.5%	↑	21.7

\* 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\*

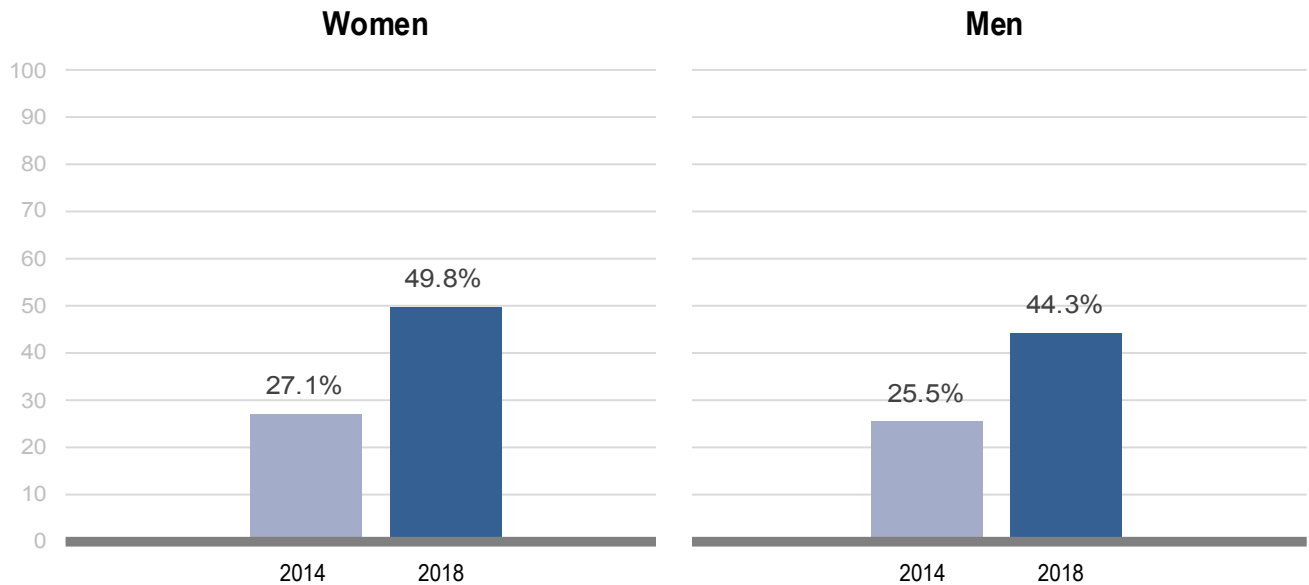


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	17,052	3,686	21.6%	17,672	7,882	44.6%	↑	23.0
Part-time	11,791	3,935	33.4%	10,660	5,553	52.1%	↑	18.7
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

\* 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\*

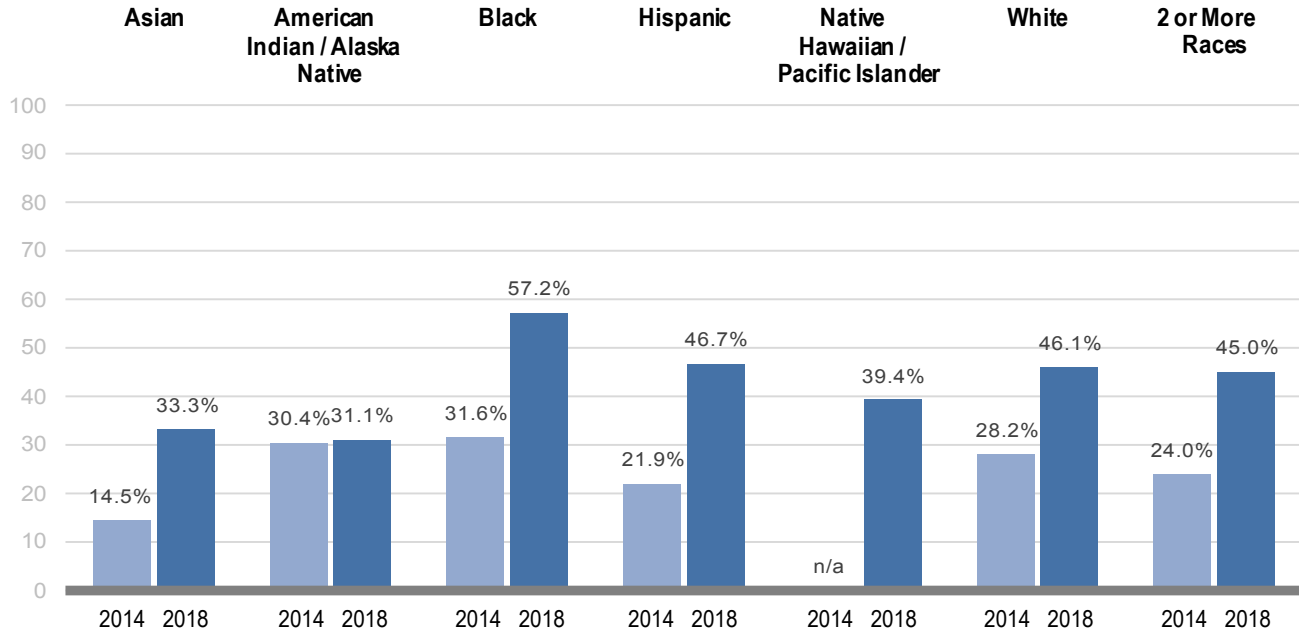


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change	
Women	16,504	4,473	27.1%	16,181	8,057	49.8%	↑	22.7
Men	12,339	3,148	25.5%	12,151	5,378	44.3%	↑	18.8
Unknown	0			0				

\* 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 Race/Ethnicity\*



	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Asian	1,324	192	14.5%	1,452	483	33.3%	↑	18.8
American Indian/ Alaska Native	56	17	30.4%	45	14	31.1%	↑	0.8
Black	5,550	1,753	31.6%	5,537	3,167	57.2%	↑	25.6
Hispanic	7,140	1,566	21.9%	7,676	3,586	46.7%	↑	24.8
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	36	*	n/a	33	13	39.4%		n/a
White	13,542	3,815	28.2%	12,186	5,622	46.1%	↑	18.0
2 or More Races	895	215	24.0%	1,042	469	45.0%	↑	21.0
Unknown	300			361				

\* 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	423	72	17.0%	429	180	42.0% ↑	24.9
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	15	*	n/a	28	22	78.6%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,360	492	20.9%	2,400	1,098	45.8% ↑	24.9
Business, Management, and Marketing	5,946	1,417	23.8%	7,005	3,010	43.0% ↑	19.1
Communication and Journalism	942	244	25.9%	1,246	618	49.6% ↑	23.7
Computer and Information Sciences	353	95	26.9%	544	241	44.3% ↑	17.4
Education	2,563	916	35.7%	1,831	1,070	58.4% ↑	22.7
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,121	445	21.0%	2,142	832	38.8% ↑	17.9
English Language and Literature	429	150	35.0%	326	180	55.2% ↑	20.2
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	186	45	24.2%	133	66	49.6% ↑	25.4
Health Professions	2,533	681	26.9%	2,718	1,410	51.9% ↑	25.0
History	230	116	50.4%	142	97	68.3% ↑	17.9
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	1,396	358	25.6%	1,270	616	48.5% ↑	22.9
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,000	559	28.0%	1,895	965	50.9% ↑	23.0
Mathematics and Statistics	189	65	34.4%	159	80	50.3% ↑	15.9
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	45	29	64.4%	629	298	47.4% ↓	-17.1
Natural Resources and Conservation	26	*	n/a	38	26	68.4%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,019	198	19.4%	789	288	36.5% ↑	17.1
Philosophy and Religious Studies	74	24	32.4%	43	23	53.5% ↑	21.1
Physical Sciences	523	126	24.1%	408	182	44.6% ↑	20.5
Psychology	1,604	368	22.9%	1,666	771	46.3% ↑	23.3
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	1,116	409	36.7%	719	411	57.2% ↑	20.5
Social Sciences	1,896	567	29.9%	1,072	580	54.1% ↑	24.2

Visual and Performing Arts	846	223	26.4%	667	346	51.9% ↑	25.5
Unknown	*	*	n/a	33	25	75.8%	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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