

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Florida 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 and 2016 federal elections. Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of nearly 30 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 2012 and 2016 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (FERPA-blocked records excluded) and publicly available voting files collected by Catalyst.

Institutional voting rates 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, we cannot consistently adjust for students who are non-resident aliens, resident aliens, or undocumented students. This may result in your institution's actual voting rate being higher than we report. To calculate that percentage, and to read more about NSLVE data, see our [FAQ on Campus Reports](#). Please also see [Creating and Maintaining the NSLVE Database](#) paper for a more detailed study methodology.

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. This report provides a baseline measure of your students' engagement in democracy in 2012 and 2016, and compares your institution's voting rates to similar institutions. Visit our website for more comparison data.
- ❑ Share the report widely and strategically, including posting it online.
- ❑ Put your data into practice. Use our IDHE Resources to guide you.
- ❑ Address your campus climate for student political learning, discourse, and participation. Start by bringing the IDHE team to your campus or using the IDHE self-assessment rubric available on our website.
- ❑ Partner with IDHE. We are available with virtual office hours, webinars, brown bag discussions and in-person trainings.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: idhe.tufts.edu.

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Warm regards,
IDHE Team



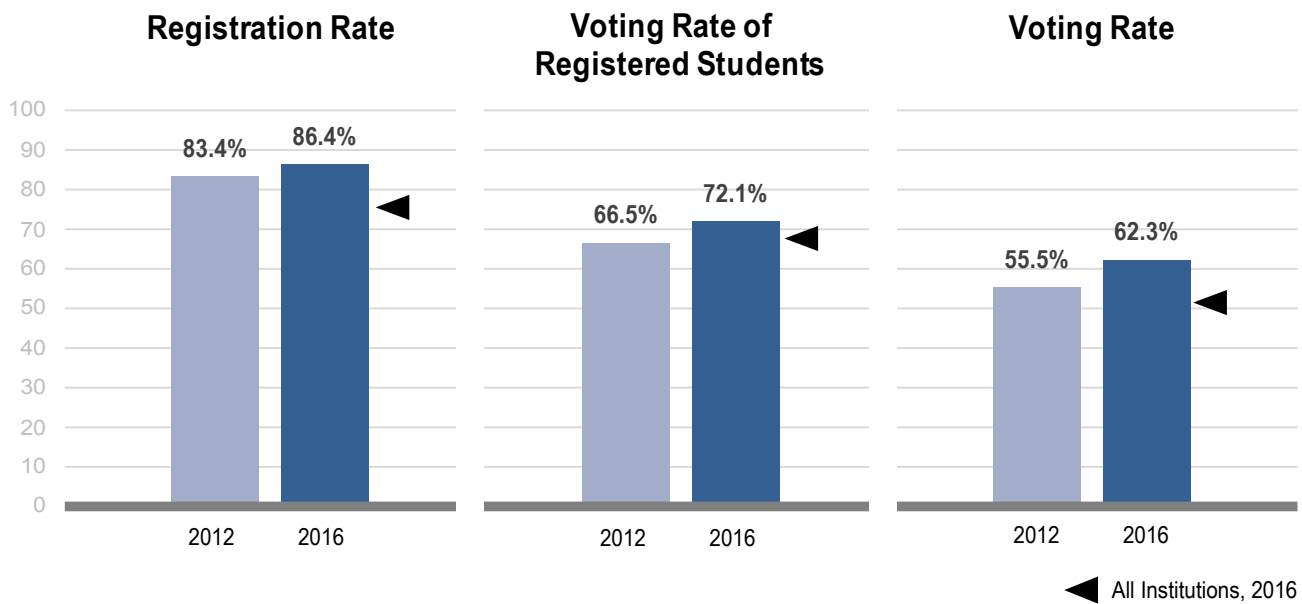
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
62.3%

CHANGE FROM 2012
6.8

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	40,944	40,578	↓ -366
Age under 18/Unknown	(140)	(113)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,503)	(1,885)	
FERPA records blocked	(226)	(73)	
Total eligible voters	39,075	38,507	↓ -568
Number of students who registered	32,587	33,251	↑ 664
Number of students who voted	21,675	23,979	↑ 2,304
Registration rate	83.4%	86.4%	↑ 2.9
Voting rate of registered students	66.5%	72.1%	↑ 5.6
Voting rate	55.5%	62.3%	↑ 6.8
Difference from all institutions	+8.6	+11.9	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

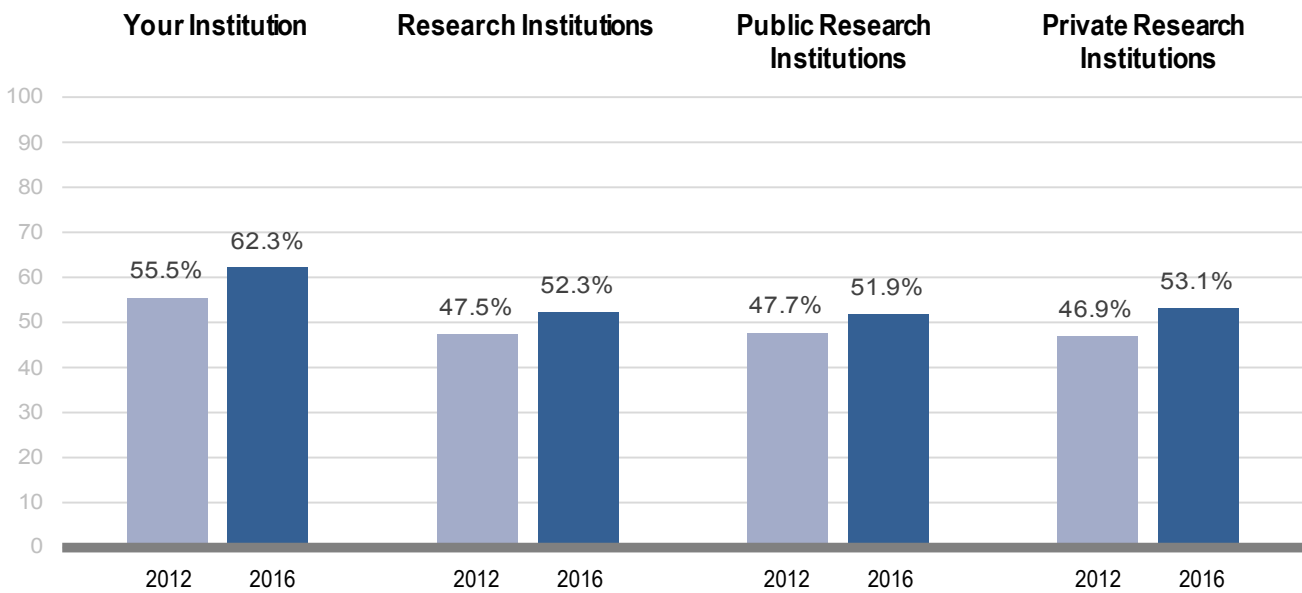
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

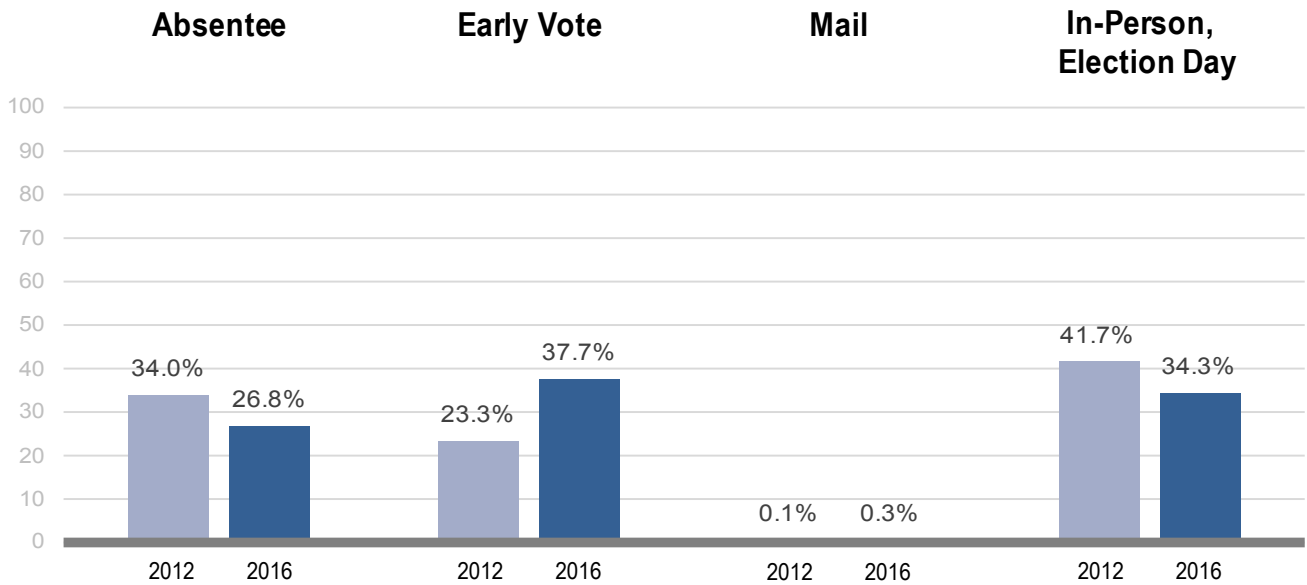
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By Voting Method*

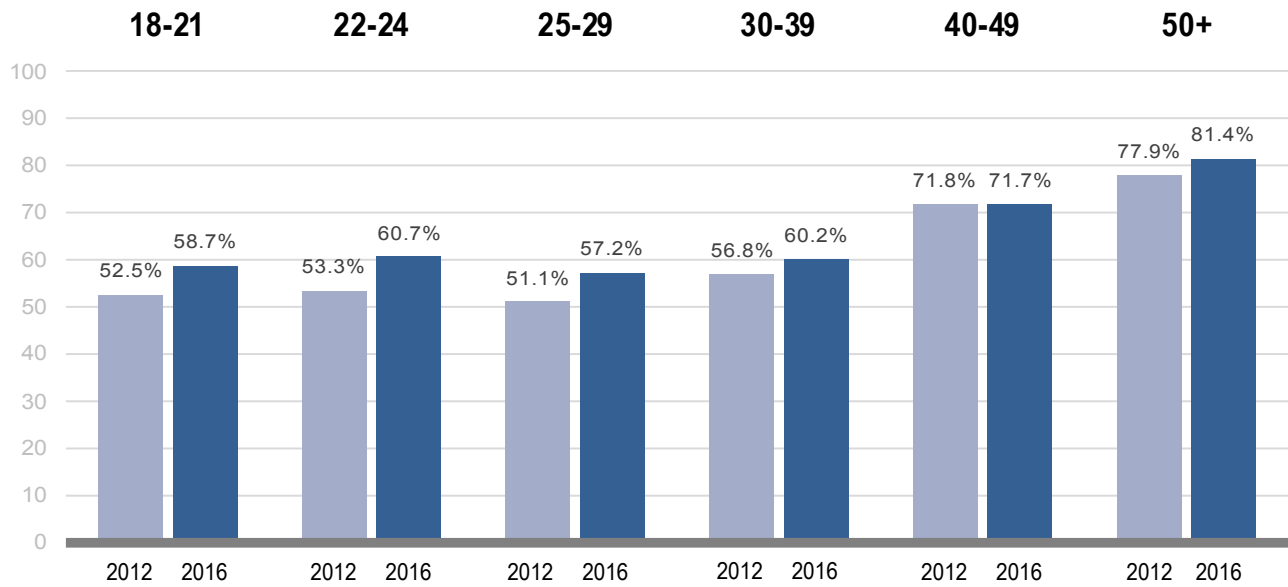


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	7,375	34.0%	6,427	26.8%	↓ -7.2
Early Vote	5,040	23.3%	9,041	37.7%	↑ 14.5
Mail	19	0.1%	81	0.3%	↑ 0.3
In-Person, Election Day	9,031	41.7%	8,223	34.3%	↓ -7.4
Unknown	210	1.0%	207	0.9%	
Total	21,675		23,979		

* 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.

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By Age Group*

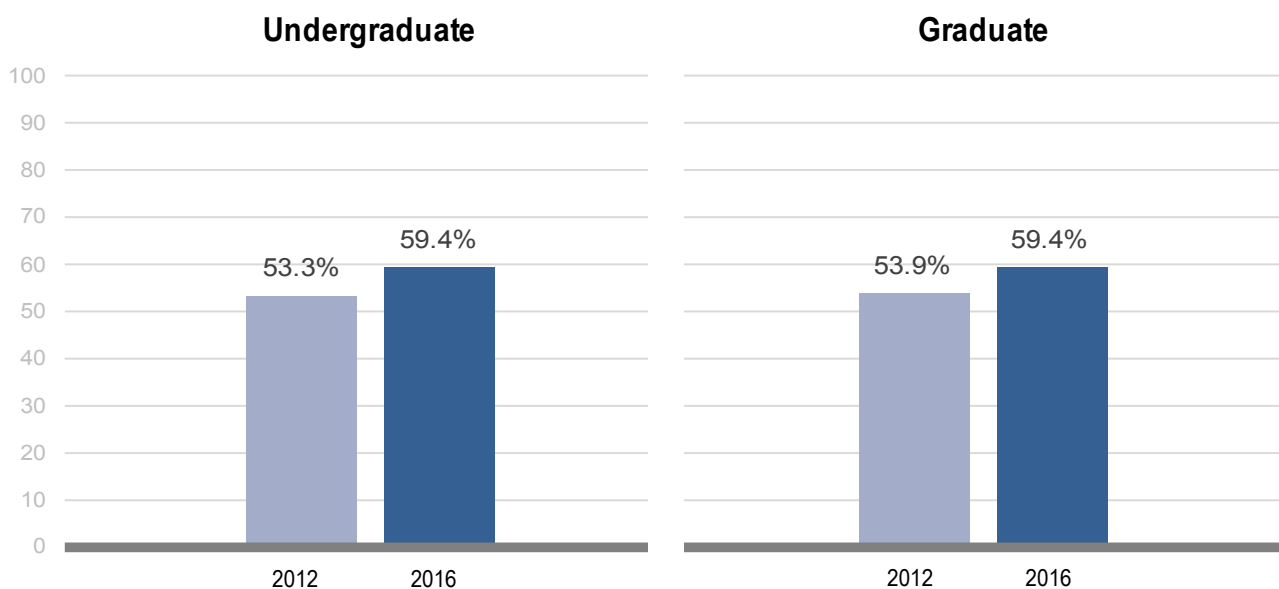


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	24,729	12,984	52.5%	25,798	15,145	58.7%	↑ 6.2
22-24	8,096	4,318	53.3%	7,689	4,665	60.7%	↑ 7.3
25-29	4,145	2,118	51.1%	3,824	2,186	57.2%	↑ 6.1
30-39	2,405	1,367	56.8%	2,178	1,311	60.2%	↑ 3.3
40-49	800	574	71.8%	651	467	71.7%	→ 0.0
50+	403	314	77.9%	252	205	81.4%	↑ 3.4
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.

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By Education Level*

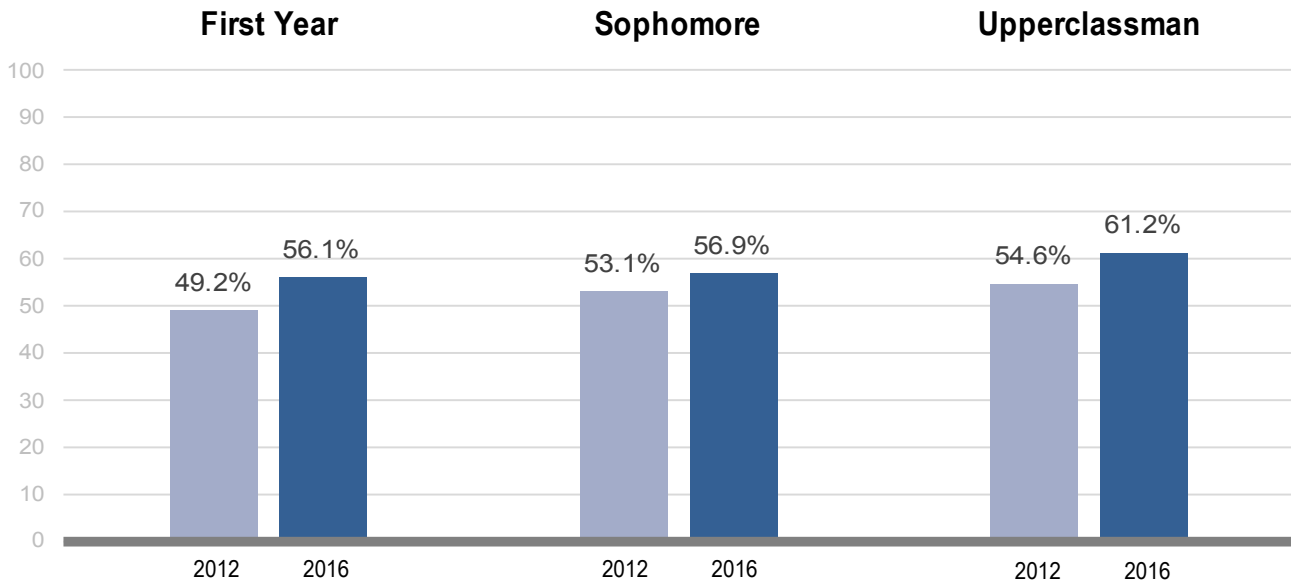


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	32,158	17,141	53.3%	32,437	19,276	59.4%	↑ 6.1
Graduate	8,420	4,534	53.9%	7,800	4,631	59.4%	↑ 5.5
Unknown	0			155			

* 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*

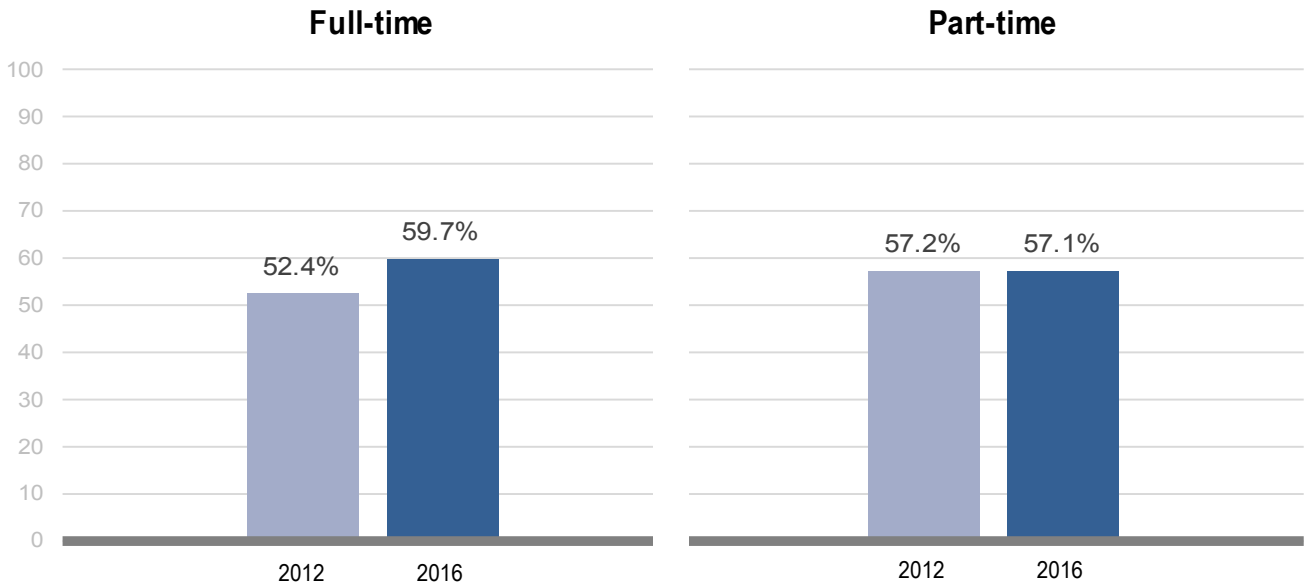


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	2,998	1,474	49.2%	5,279	2,963	56.1%	↑ 7.0
Sophomore	6,246	3,314	53.1%	6,988	3,978	56.9%	↑ 3.9
Upperclassman	20,632	11,259	54.6%	20,150	12,322	61.2%	↑ 6.6

* 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*

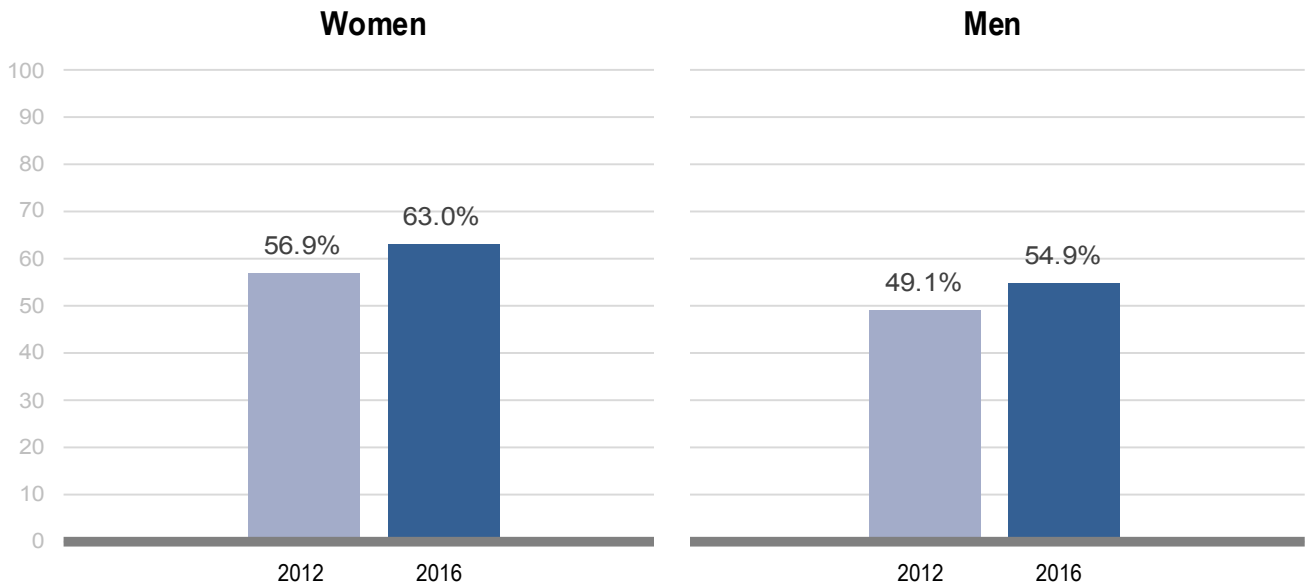


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	32,224	16,895	52.4%	35,542	21,210	59.7%	↑ 7.3
Part-time	8,354	4,780	57.2%	4,850	2,769	57.1%	↓ -0.1
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

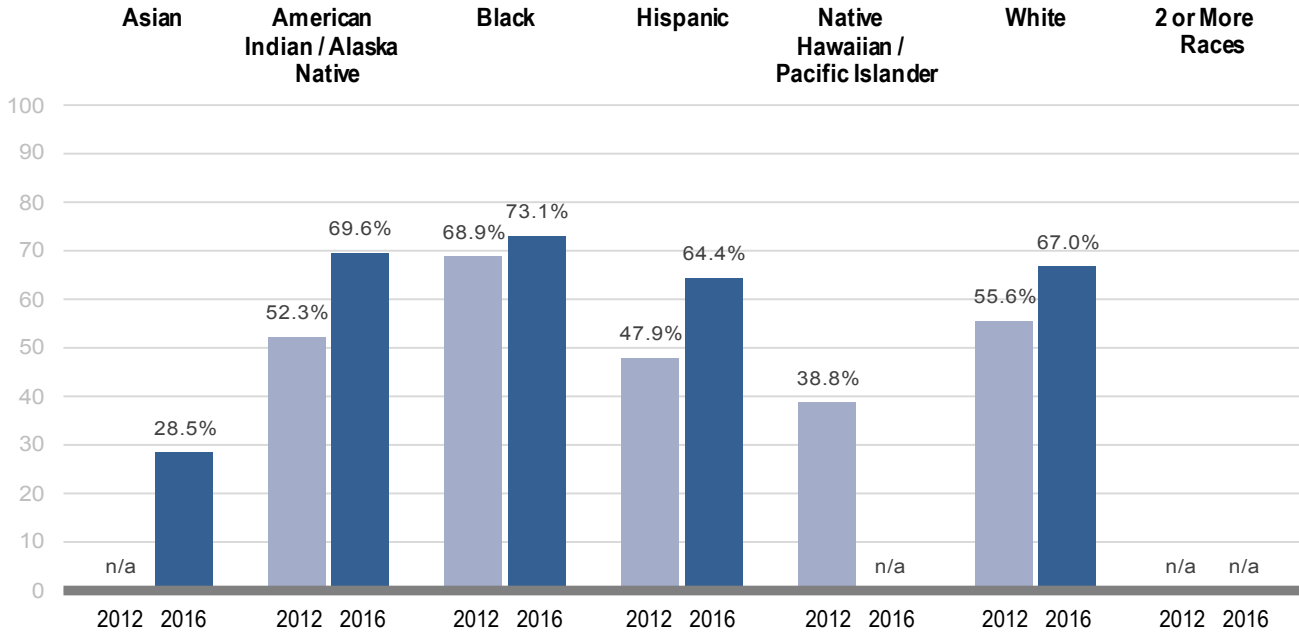


	2012			2016			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	22,387	12,746	56.9%	22,302	14,050	63.0%	↑	6.1
Men	18,191	8,929	49.1%	18,090	9,929	54.9%	↑	5.8
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

* 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.

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By Race/Ethnicity*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	0	0	n/a	365	104	28.5%	n/a
American Indian / Alaska Native	306	160	52.3%	23	16	69.6%	↑ 17.3
Black	3,801	2,617	68.9%	684	500	73.1%	↑ 4.3
Hispanic	4,488	2,151	47.9%	371	239	64.4%	↑ 16.5
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	1,247	484	38.8%	*	*	n/a	n/a
White	26,934	14,978	55.6%	4,314	2,889	67.0%	↑ 11.4
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	2,306			34,629			

* 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.

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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.

	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Architecture	107	62	57.9%	86	57	66.3% ↑	8.3
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	104	61	58.7%	57	36	63.2% ↑	4.5
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,580	1,325	51.4%	3,670	2,031	55.3% ↑	4.0
Business, Management, and Marketing	6,043	3,038	50.3%	6,989	3,908	55.9% ↑	5.7
Communication and Journalism	1,225	708	57.8%	1,240	793	64.0% ↑	6.2
Computer and Information Sciences	1,069	510	47.7%	1,772	1,069	60.3% ↑	12.6
Education	1,936	1,109	57.3%	1,662	1,056	63.5% ↑	6.3
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,993	893	44.8%	2,059	1,062	51.6% ↑	6.8
English Language and Literature	1,707	966	56.6%	1,472	969	65.8% ↑	9.2
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	1,309	756	57.8%	1,218	747	61.3% ↑	3.6
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	356	200	56.2%	307	188	61.2% ↑	5.1
Health Professions	2,962	1,649	55.7%	2,213	1,450	65.5% ↑	9.9
History	514	332	64.6%	359	252	70.2% ↑	5.6
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	1,941	1,080	55.6%	2,170	1,305	60.1% ↑	4.5
Legal Professions and Studies	691	447	64.7%	592	424	71.6% ↑	6.9
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	259	147	56.8%	1,554	867	55.8% ↓	-1.0
Library Science	444	316	71.2%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	473	194	41.0%	621	235	37.8% ↓	-3.2
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	65	25	38.5%	62	24	38.7% ↑	0.3
Natural Resources and Conservation	220	123	55.9%	454	321	70.7% ↑	14.8
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	2,042	1,013	49.6%	560	275	49.1% ↓	-0.5
Philosophy and Religious Studies	301	160	53.2%	278	176	63.3% ↑	10.2
Physical Sciences	1,036	425	41.0%	1,109	569	51.3% ↑	10.3

Psychology	2,081	1,112	53.4%	2,215	1,288	58.2% ↑	4.7
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	1,214	762	62.8%	931	671	72.1% ↑	9.3
Social Sciences	4,431	2,563	57.8%	4,642	2,890	62.3% ↑	4.4
Visual and Performing Arts	2,331	1,204	51.7%	2,023	1,269	62.7% ↑	11.1
Unknown	1,144	495	43.3%	77	47	61.0% ↑	17.8

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: idhe.tufts.edu.

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