

**2014 & 2018 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, 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:

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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at [NSLVE@tufts.edu](mailto:NSLVE@tufts.edu).

Warm regards,

IDHE Team



## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

## 48.8%

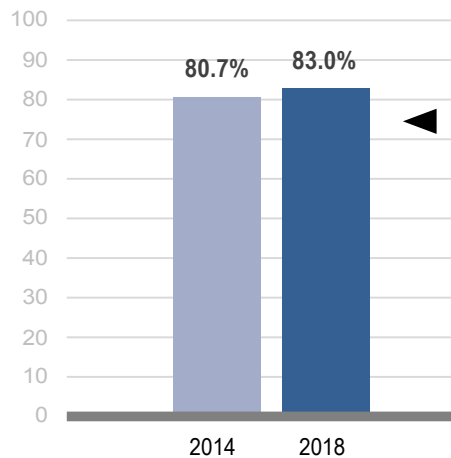
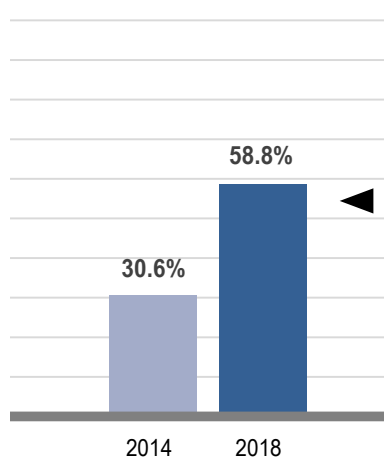
CHANGE  
FROM 2014

## +24.1

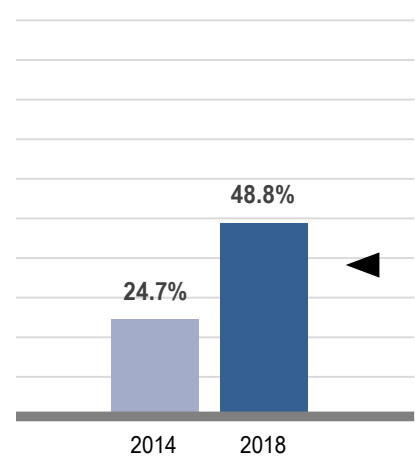
2018 VOTING RATE  
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

## 39.1%

Registration Rate


Voting Rate of  
Registered Students


Voting Rate



All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	40,496	41,295	↑ 799
Age under 18/Unknown	(103)	(108)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,832)	(1,941)	
FERPA records blocked	(128)	(60)	
Total eligible voters	38,433	39,186	↑ 753
Number of students who registered	31,031	32,530	↑ 1,499
Number of students who voted	9,486	19,128	↑ 9,642
Registration rate	80.7%	83.0%	↑ 2.3
Voting rate of registered students	30.6%	58.8%	↑ 28.2
Voting rate	24.7%	48.8%	↑ 24.1
Difference from all institutions	+5.0	+9.7	

## 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

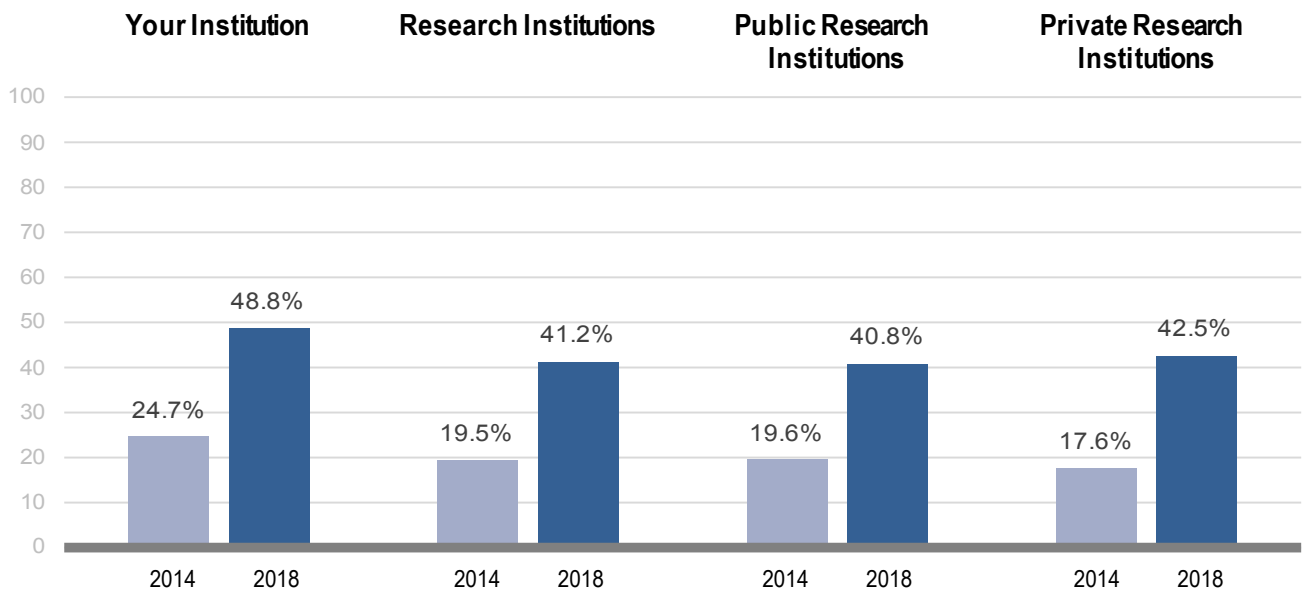
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

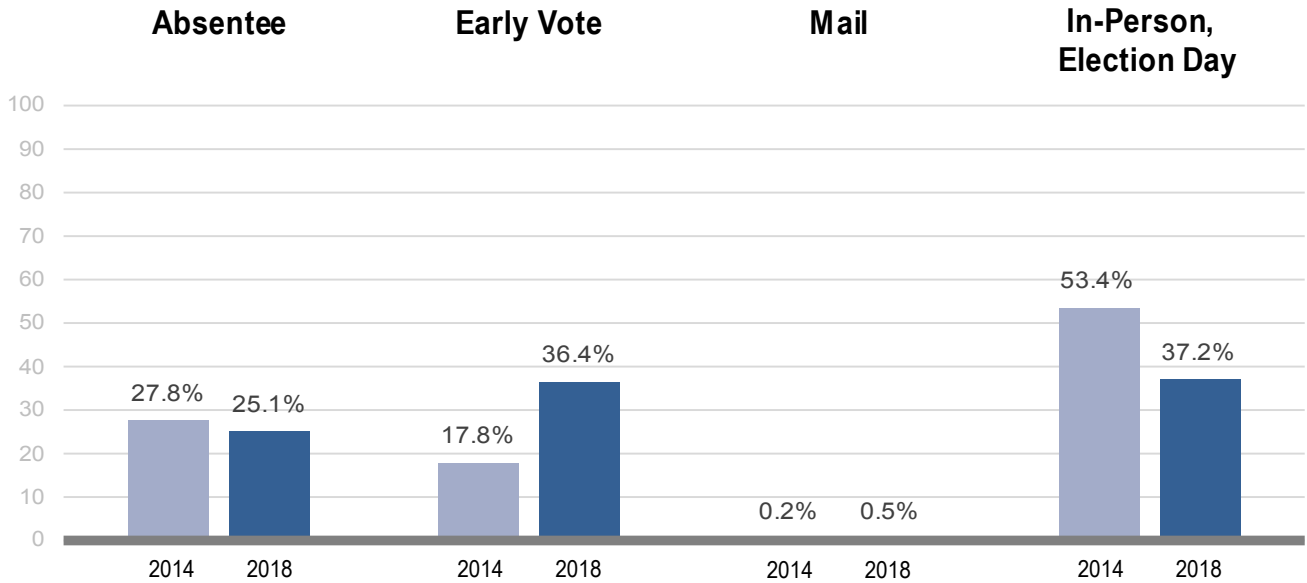
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## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# By Voting Method\*

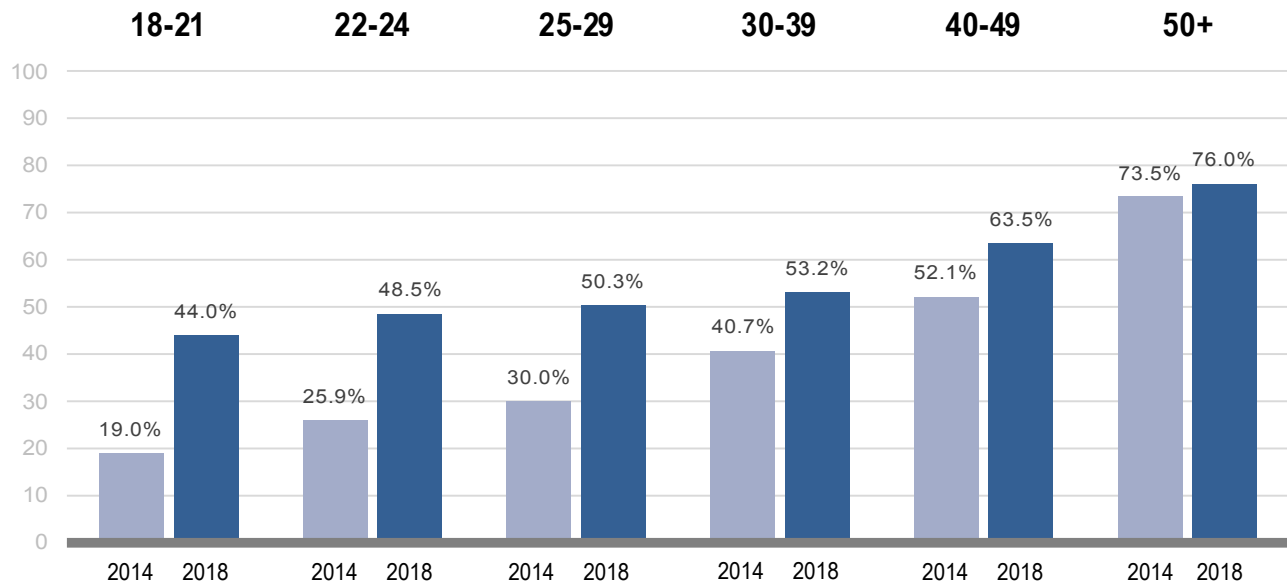


	2014		2018			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change	
Absentee	2,632	27.8%	4,803	25.1%	↓	-2.6
Early Vote	1,684	17.8%	6,966	36.4%	↑	18.7
Mail	23	0.2%	92	0.5%	↑	0.2
In-Person, Election Day	5,063	53.4%	7,114	37.2%	↓	-16.2
Unknown	84	0.9%	153	0.8%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,486</b>		<b>19,128</b>			

\* 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\*

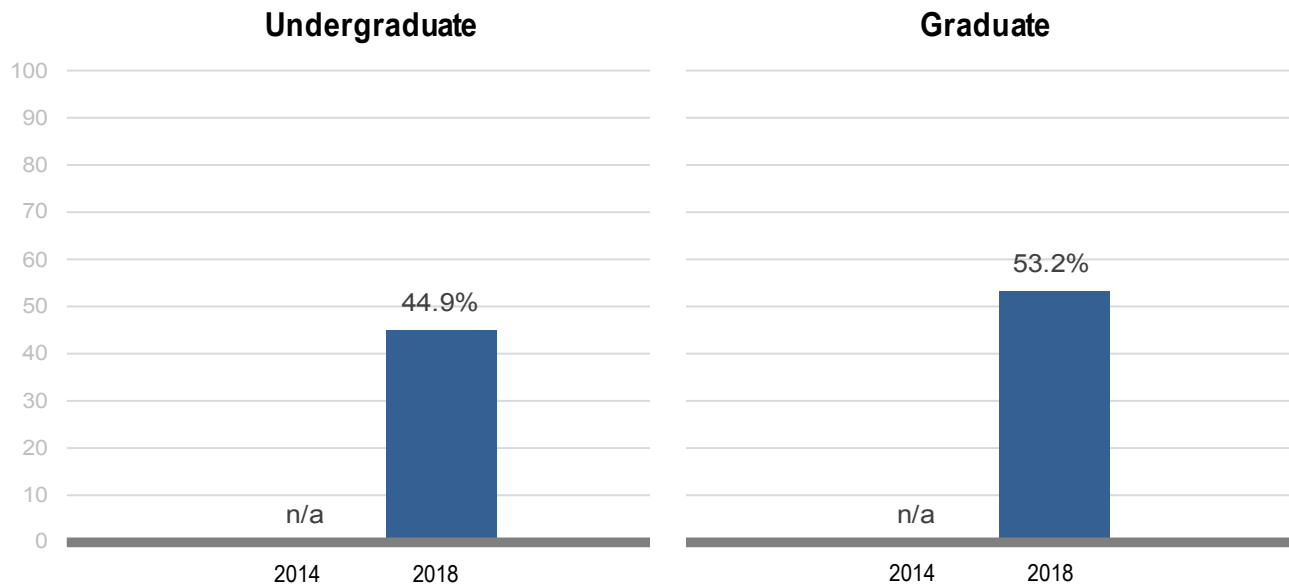


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	25,031	4,760	19.0%	26,633	11,708	44.0%	↑	24.9
22-24	8,193	2,120	25.9%	7,235	3,508	48.5%	↑	22.6
25-29	3,941	1,184	30.0%	3,700	1,862	50.3%	↑	20.3
30-39	2,203	896	40.7%	2,440	1,298	53.2%	↑	12.5
40-49	622	324	52.1%	790	502	63.5%	↑	11.5
50+	275	202	73.5%	329	250	76.0%	↑	2.5
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\*

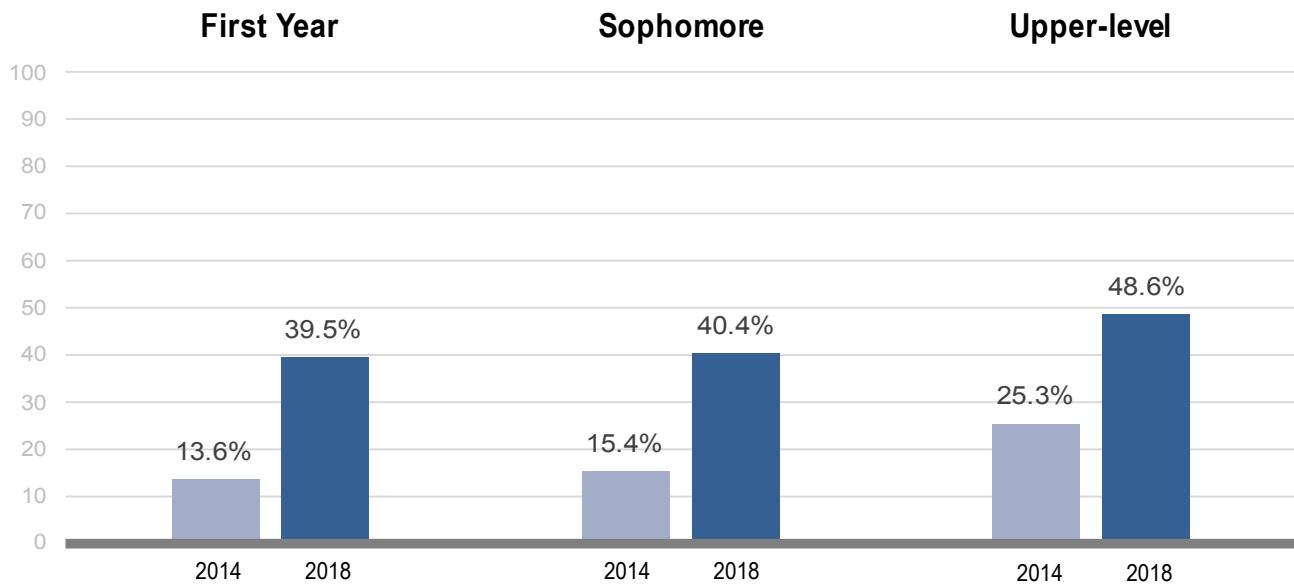


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	32,656	14,664	44.9%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	8,050	4,284	53.2%	n/a
Unknown	40,265			421			

\* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Undergraduate Class Year\*



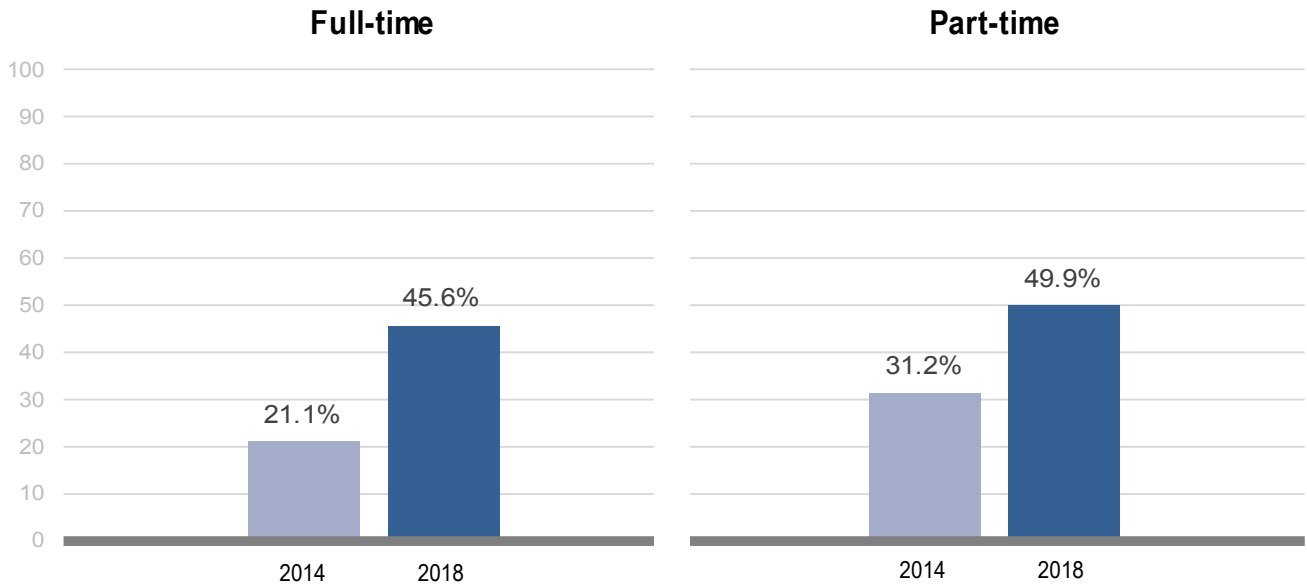
	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	5,318	725	13.6%	4,825	1,906	39.5%	↑	25.9
Sophomore	6,756	1,037	15.4%	7,194	2,904	40.4%	↑	25.0
Upper-level	20,302	5,141	25.3%	20,073	9,758	48.6%	↑	23.3

\* 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.



## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Enrollment Status\*

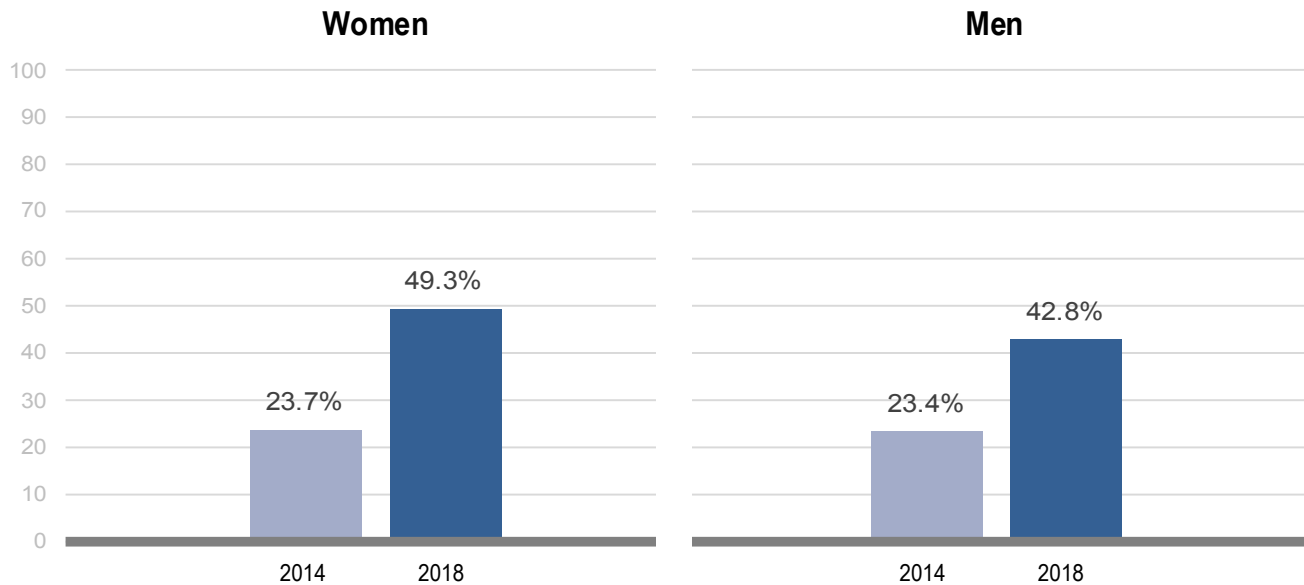


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	30,476	6,432	21.1%	32,404	14,771	45.6%	↑	24.5
Part-time	9,787	3,054	31.2%	8,719	4,354	49.9%	↑	18.7
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

\* 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\*

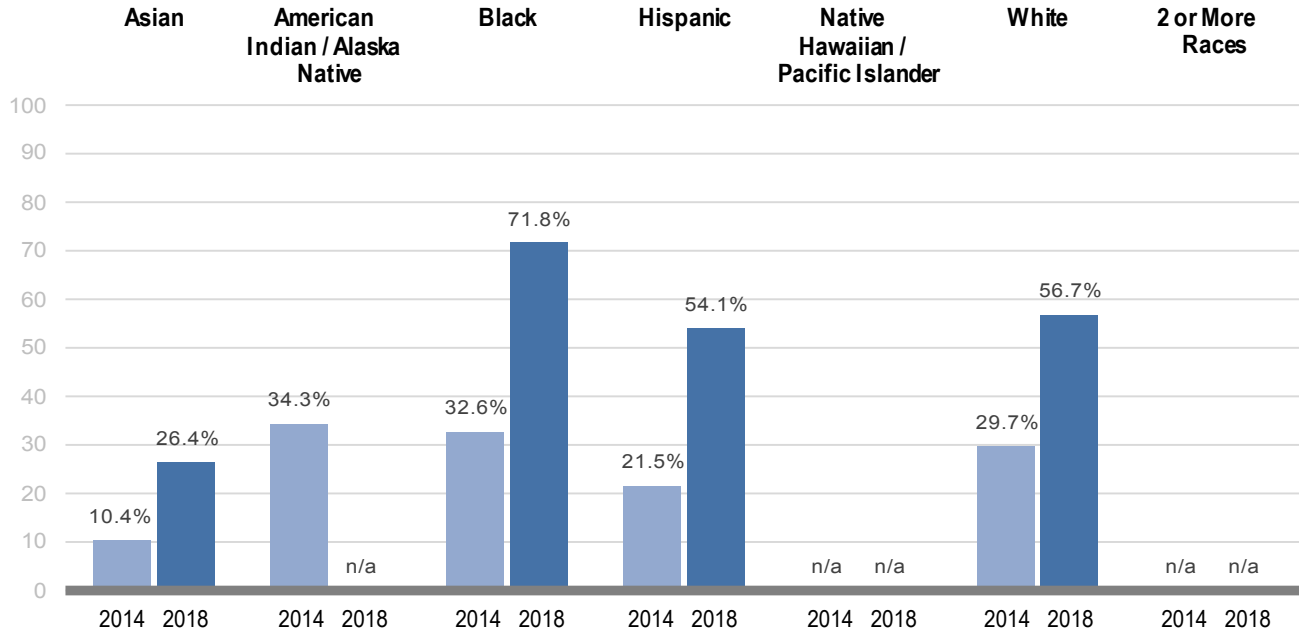


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	22,092	5,242	23.7%	23,293	11,489	49.3%	↑	25.6
Men	18,173	4,244	23.4%	17,834	7,639	42.8%	↑	19.5
Unknown	0			0				

\* 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	932	97	10.4%	144	38	26.4%	↑	16.0
American Indian / Alaska Native	67	23	34.3%	*	*	n/a		n/a
Black	1,630	532	32.6%	315	226	71.8%	↑	39.1
Hispanic	1,297	279	21.5%	159	86	54.1%	↑	32.6
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	25	*	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
White	13,124	3,899	29.7%	1,955	1,108	56.7%	↑	27.0
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
Unknown	23,190			38,548				

\* 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	105	54	51.4%	76	49	64.5% ↑	13.0
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	87	27	31.0%	63	36	57.1% ↑	26.1
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	4,149	721	17.4%	3,244	1,387	42.8% ↑	25.4
Business, Management, and Marketing	6,312	1,221	19.3%	7,226	2,816	39.0% ↑	19.6
Communication and Journalism	1,288	312	24.2%	1,162	630	54.2% ↑	30.0
Computer and Information Sciences	1,392	337	24.2%	1,851	918	49.6% ↑	25.4
Education	1,789	508	28.4%	1,481	793	53.5% ↑	25.1
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,196	402	18.3%	1,997	751	37.6% ↑	19.3
English Language and Literature	1,569	428	27.3%	1,251	708	56.6% ↑	29.3
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	1,102	195	17.7%	1,190	529	44.5% ↑	26.8
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	346	89	25.7%	278	144	51.8% ↑	26.1
Health Professions	1,881	462	24.6%	3,865	1,966	50.9% ↑	26.3
History	444	181	40.8%	349	217	62.2% ↑	21.4
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	2,059	500	24.3%	2,176	1,045	48.0% ↑	23.7
Legal Professions and Studies	659	261	39.6%	702	479	68.2% ↑	28.6
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,728	278	16.1%	2,011	678	33.7% ↑	17.6
Library Science	323	173	53.6%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	538	90	16.7%	562	190	33.8% ↑	17.1
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	54	*	n/a	80	27	33.8%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	270	74	27.4%	466	270	57.9% ↑	30.5
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	564	92	16.3%	598	211	35.3% ↑	19.0
Philosophy and Religious Studies	276	101	36.6%	239	140	58.6% ↑	22.0
Physical Sciences	1,135	239	21.1%	851	355	41.7% ↑	20.7

Psychology	2,129	455	21.4%	2,345	1,114	47.5% ↑	26.1
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	1,096	419	38.2%	383	207	54.1% ↑	15.8
Social Sciences	4,559	1,348	29.6%	4,346	2,309	53.1% ↑	23.6
Visual and Performing Arts	2,162	487	22.5%	1,951	1,005	51.5% ↑	29.0
Unknown	53	23	43.4%	384	154	40.1% ↓	-3.3

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. (2019). *2014 and 2018 report for \_\_\_\_\_* [name of institution]. Medford, MA.

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