

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Fort Hays 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



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate

49.9%

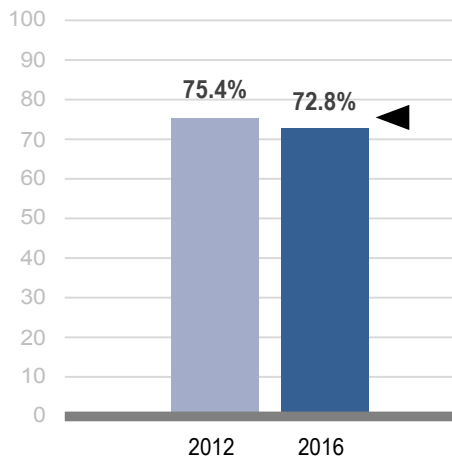
CHANGE FROM 2012

6.3

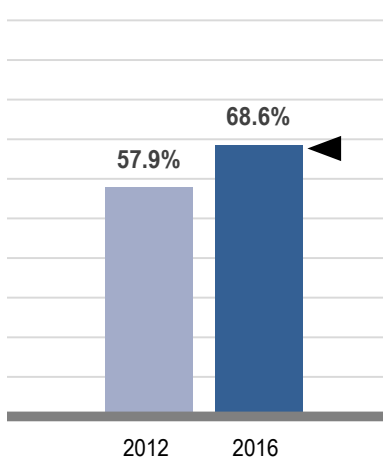
2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

50.4%

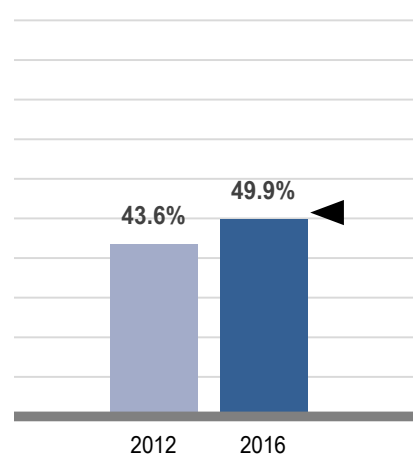
Registration Rate



Voting Rate of Registered Students



Voting Rate



◀ All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	9,332	11,056	↑ 1,724
Age under 18/Unknown	(156)	(123)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	n/a*	n/a*	
FERPA records blocked	(49)	(29)	
Total eligible voters	9,127	10,904	↑ 1,777
Number of students who registered	6,878	7,936	↑ 1,058
Number of students who voted	3,980	5,445	↑ 1,465
Registration rate	75.4%	72.8%	↓ -2.6
Voting rate of registered students	57.9%	68.6%	↑ 10.7
Voting rate	43.6%	49.9%	↑ 6.3
Difference from all institutions	-3.3	-0.5	

* Due to high level of discrepancy between enrollment numbers submitted by your institution to National Student Clearinghouse and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, we are currently unable to adjust voting rate and registration rate for non-resident aliens. Thus, your campus's actual voting and registration rates may be higher than we report because they are adjusted only for students who were age ineligible to vote and whose records were FERPA blocked.

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

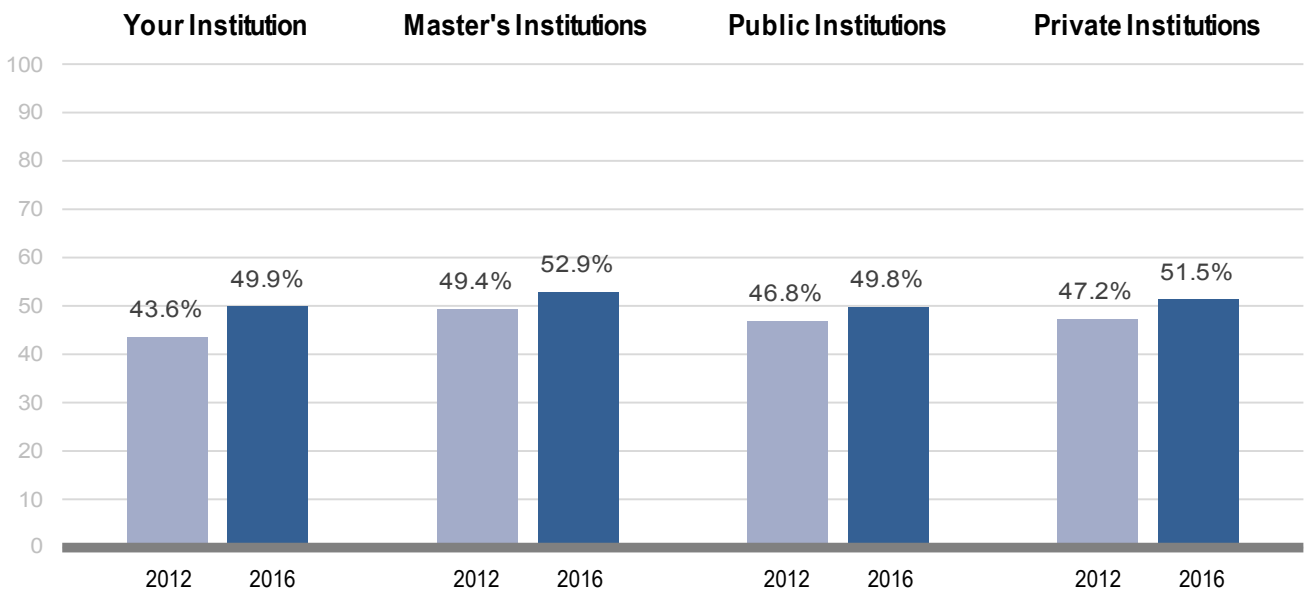
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

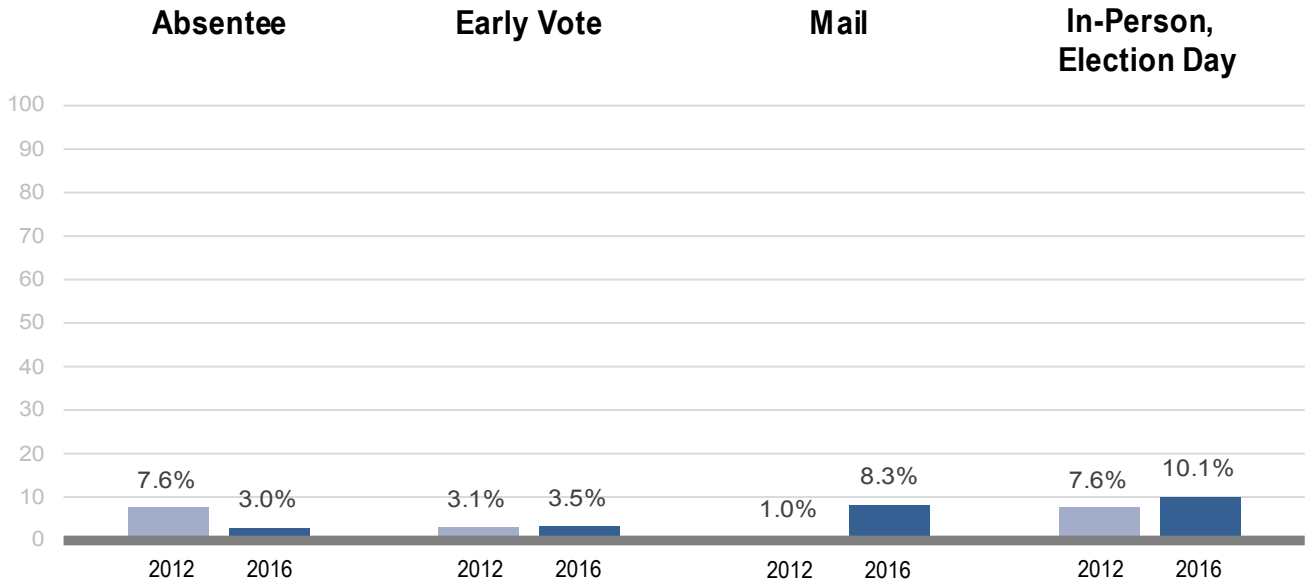
Difference from All Institutions **-3.3**

Difference from All Institutions **-0.5**



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

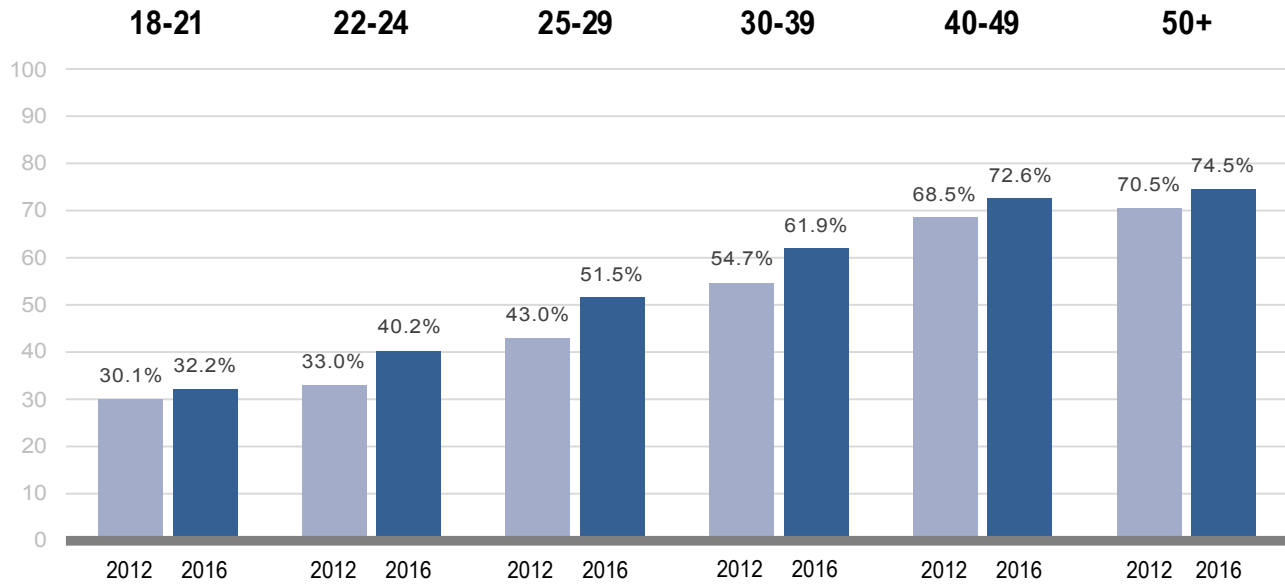


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	303	7.6%	161	3.0%	↓ -4.7
Early Vote	125	3.1%	188	3.5%	↑ 0.3
Mail	38	1.0%	450	8.3%	↑ 7.3
In-Person, Election Day	303	7.6%	551	10.1%	↑ 2.5
Unknown	3,211	80.7%	4,095	75.2%	
Total	3,980		5,445		

* 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 | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Age Group*

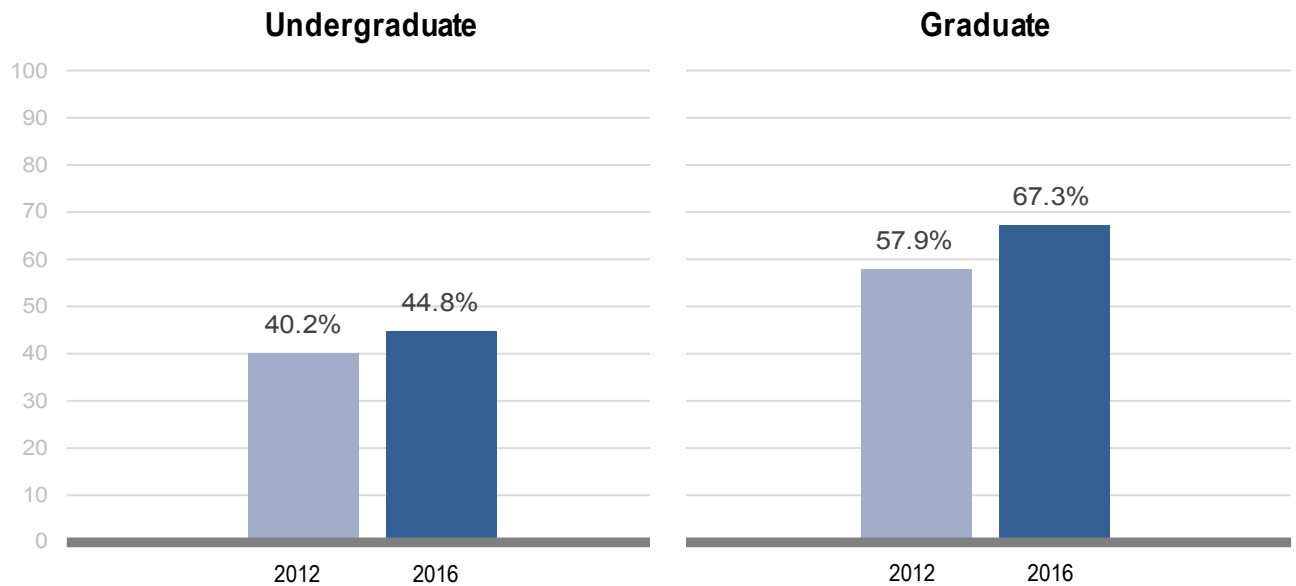


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	2,865	861	30.1%	3,247	1,044	32.2%	↑ 2.1
22-24	1,596	526	33.0%	1,723	692	40.2%	↑ 7.2
25-29	1,441	619	43.0%	1,723	888	51.5%	↑ 8.6
30-39	1,770	968	54.7%	2,318	1,435	61.9%	↑ 7.2
40-49	987	676	68.5%	1,292	938	72.6%	↑ 4.1
50+	468	330	70.5%	601	448	74.5%	↑ 4.0
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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Education Level*

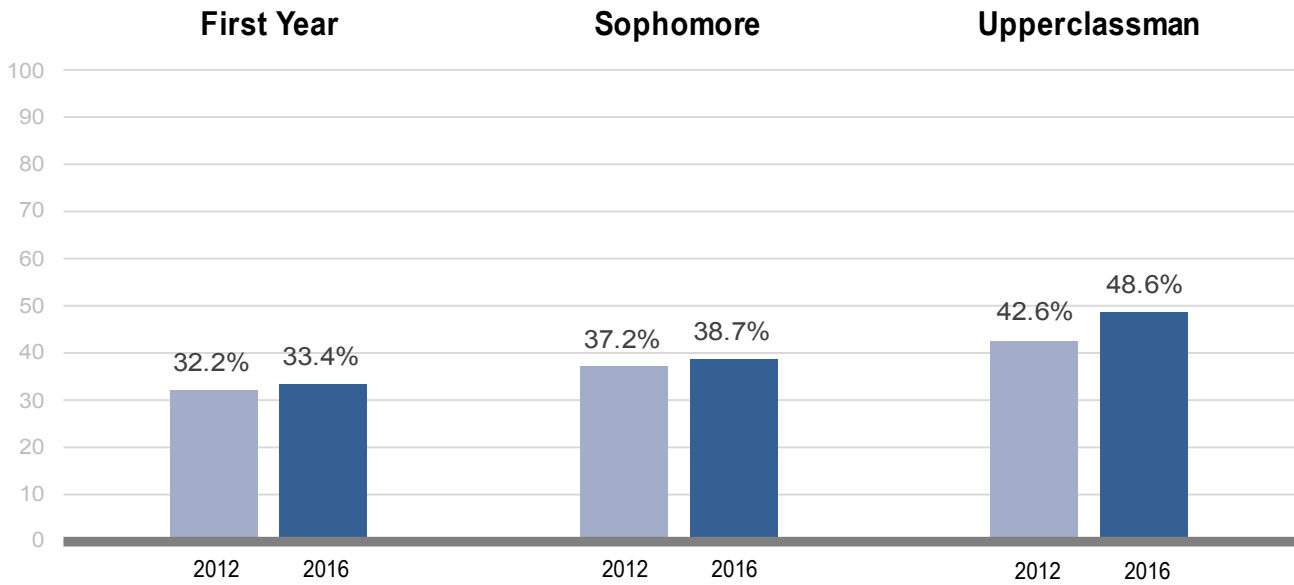


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	7,379	2,968	40.2%	8,399	3,759	44.8%	↑ 4.5
Graduate	1,748	1,012	57.9%	2,505	1,686	67.3%	↑ 9.4
Unknown	0			0			

* 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*

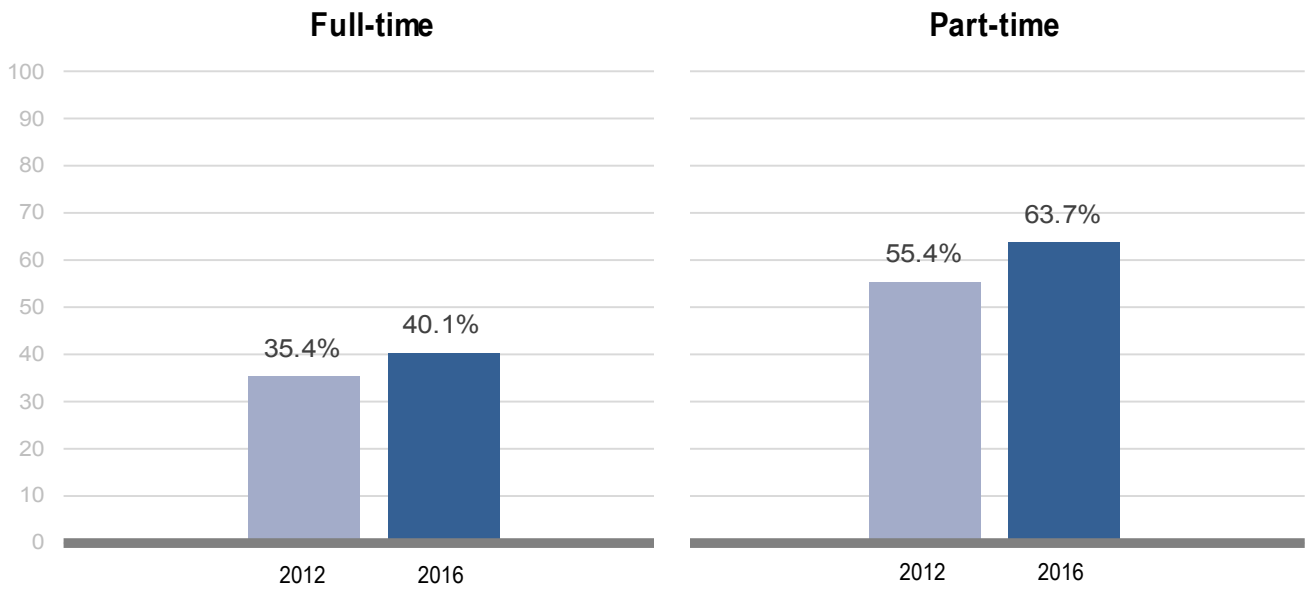


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	1,715	552	32.2%	1,590	531	33.4%	↑ 1.2
Sophomore	1,209	450	37.2%	1,345	520	38.7%	↑ 1.4
Upperclassman	3,736	1,592	42.6%	5,001	2,431	48.6%	↑ 6.0

* 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*

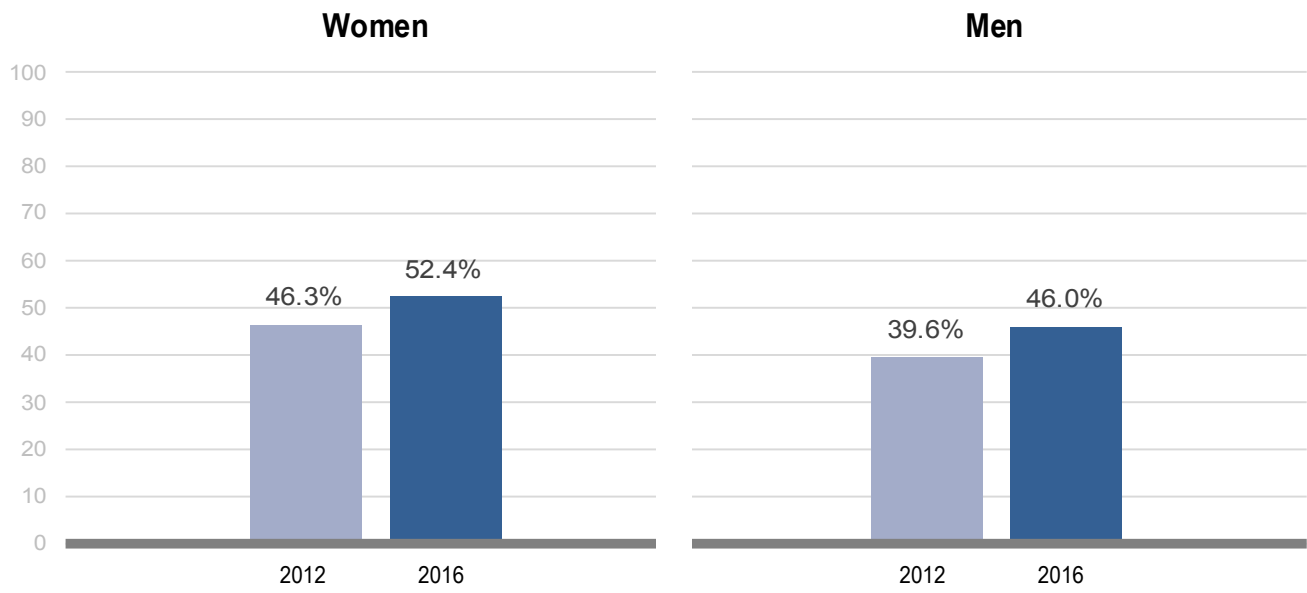


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	5,367	1,898	35.4%	6,361	2,553	40.1%	↑ 4.8
Part-time	3,760	2,082	55.4%	4,543	2,892	63.7%	↑ 8.3
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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 | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Gender*

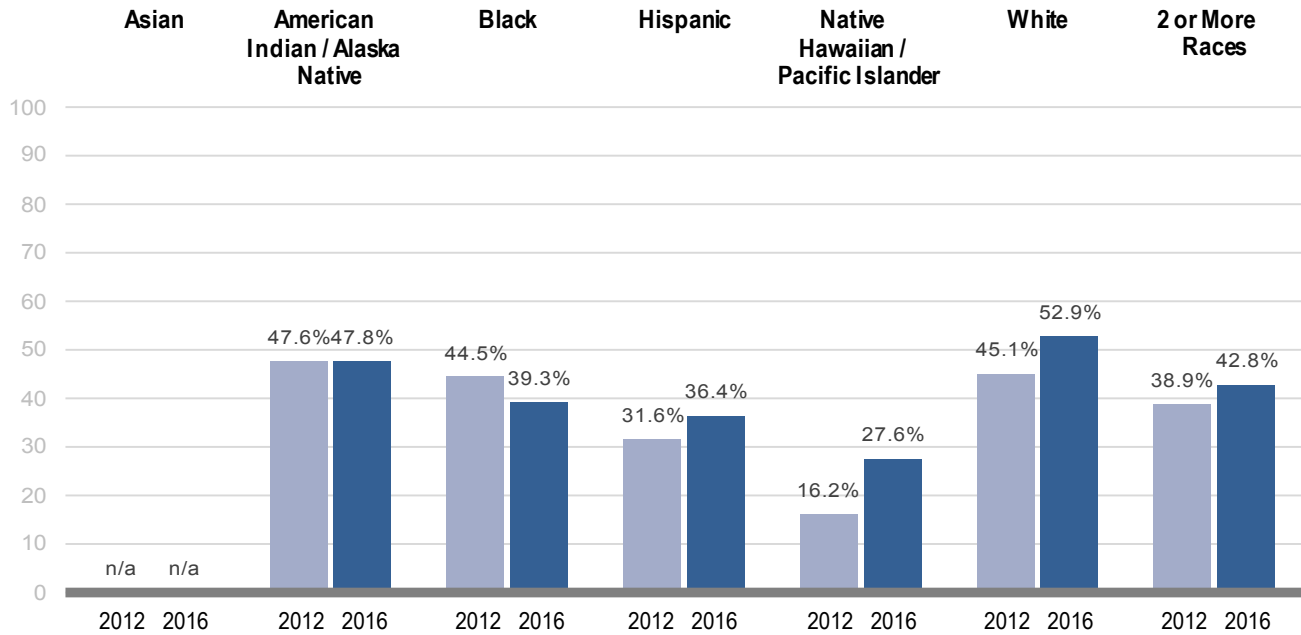


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	5,468	2,532	46.3%	6,704	3,515	52.4%	↑ 6.1
Men	3,659	1,448	39.6%	4,200	1,930	46.0%	↑ 6.4
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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	0	0	n/a	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	42	20	47.6%	67	32	47.8%	↑ 0.1
Black	510	227	44.5%	568	223	39.3%	↓ -5.3
Hispanic	601	190	31.6%	1,023	372	36.4%	↑ 4.8
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	173	28	16.2%	214	59	27.6%	↑ 11.4
White	7,481	3,370	45.1%	8,506	4,499	52.9%	↑ 7.8
2 or More Races	198	77	38.9%	318	136	42.8%	↑ 3.9
Unknown	122			208			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL 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.

	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	244	83	34.0%	259	104	40.2% ↑	6.1
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	173	65	37.6%	104	39	37.5% ↓	-0.1
Business, Management, and Marketing	964	414	43.0%	1,213	564	46.5% ↑	3.6
Communication and Journalism	58	11	19.0%	28	*	n/a	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	390	169	43.3%	432	226	52.3% ↑	9.0
Education	342	181	52.9%	627	404	64.4% ↑	11.5
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	108	46	42.6%	33	23	69.7% ↑	27.1
English Language and Literature	76	30	39.5%	74	33	44.6% ↑	5.1
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	17	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	930	363	39.0%	1,041	497	47.7% ↑	8.7
History	60	27	45.0%	31	12	38.7% ↓	-6.3
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	416	163	39.2%	310	129	41.6% ↑	2.4
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	608	248	40.8%	384	192	50.0% ↑	9.2
Mathematics and Statistics	31	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Military Science, Leadership and Operational Art	0	0	n/a	11	*	n/a	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	15	*	n/a	21	*	n/a	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	149	42	28.2%	133	50	37.6% ↑	9.4
Philosophy and Religious Studies	*	*	n/a	25	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	215	66	30.7%	193	54	28.0% ↓	-2.7
Psychology	289	103	35.6%	571	243	42.6% ↑	6.9
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	101	32	31.7%	140	56	40.0% ↑	8.3
Science Technologies/Technicians	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a

Social Sciences	316	162	51.3%	315	157	49.8% ↓	-1.4
Visual and Performing Arts	277	74	26.7%	219	67	30.6% ↑	3.9
Unknown	3,327	1,672	50.3%	4,728	2,560	54.2% ↑	3.9

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.

References:

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