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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, 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,

IDHE Team

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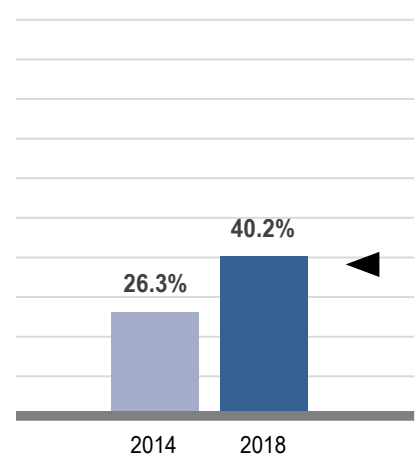
2018 Voting Rate

40.2%

CHANGE
FROM 2014

+13.9

2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%

Registration Rate
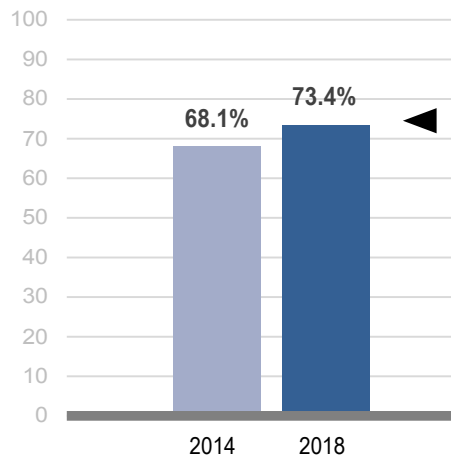
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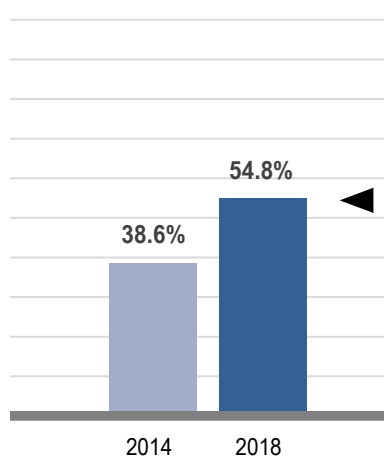
Voting Rate

◄ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	**2018**		Change
Total student enrollment	**10,230**	**11,267**	⬆	**1,037**
Age under 18/Unknown	(100)	(109)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	n/a*	n/a*		
FERPA records blocked	(40)	(14)		
Total eligible voters	**10,090**	**11,144**	⬆	**1,054**
Number of students who registered	**6,871**	**8,176**	⬆	**1,305**
Number of students who voted	**2,651**	**4,481**	⬆	**1,830**
Registration rate	**68.1%**	**73.4%**	⬆	**5.3**
Voting rate of registered students	**38.6%**	**54.8%**	⬆	**16.2**
Voting rate	**26.3%**	**40.2%**	⬆	**13.9**
Difference from all institutions	**+6.6**	**+1.1**		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 54.0%
19.7%	LOW 1.5%

Difference from All Institutions **+6.6**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 64.1%
39.1%	LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions **+1.1**

	Your Institution	Master's Institutions	Public Master's Institutions	Private Master's Institutions
2014	26.3%	20.1%	19.9%	21.1%
2018	40.2%	39.7%	39.3%	40.3%

By Voting Method*

	Absentee		**Early Vote**		**Mail**		**In-Person, Election Day**	
	2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018
	5.2%	2.9%	1.9%	3.5%	4.9%	8.2%	10.1%	9.8%
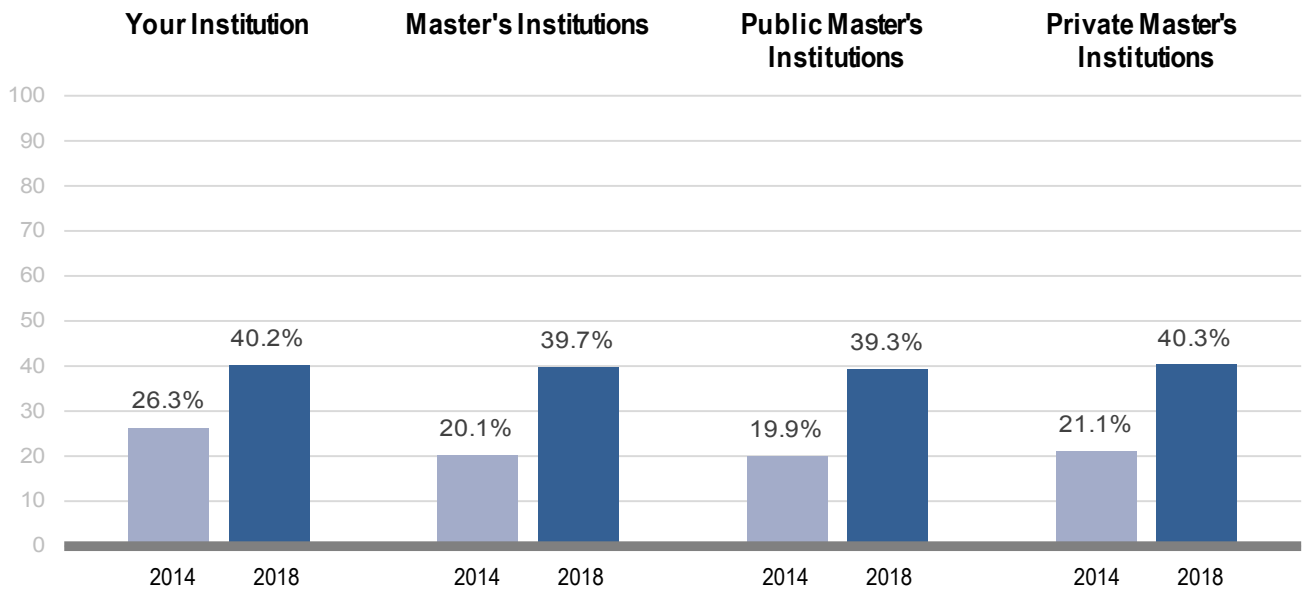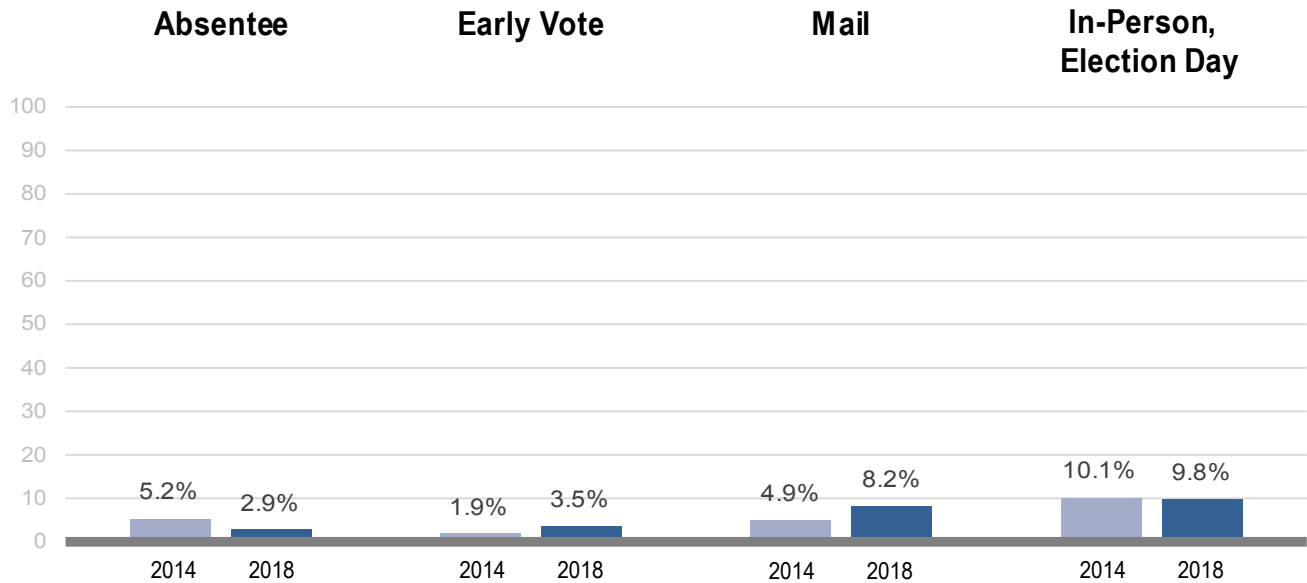
	2014		**2018**			Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	138	**5.2%**	128	**2.9%**	⬇	**-2.4**
Early Vote	51	**1.9%**	157	**3.5%**	⬆	**1.6**
Mail	129	**4.9%**	365	**8.2%**	⬆	**3.3**
In-Person, Election Day	268	**10.1%**	440	**9.8%**	⬇	**-0.3**
Unknown	2,065	**77.9%**	3,391	**75.7%**		
Total	**2,651**		**4,481**			

* 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 officals where your students voted.

By Age Group*
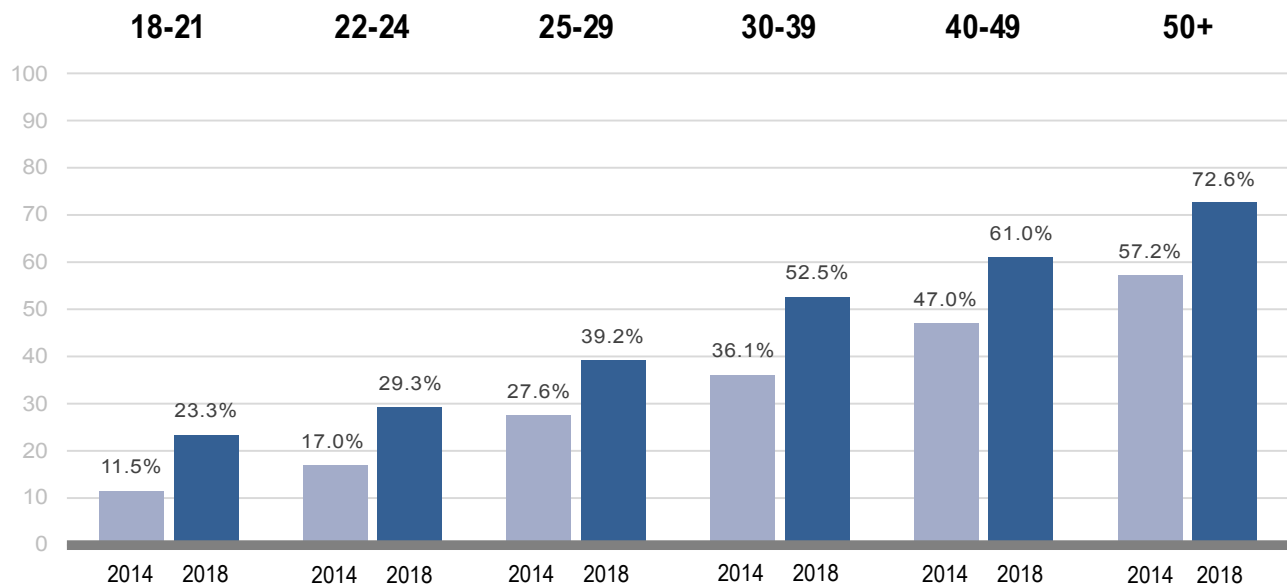
	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	3,159	363	**11.5%**	3,324	774	**23.3%**	⬆	**11.8**
22-24	1,643	279	**17.0%**	1,753	514	**29.3%**	⬆	**12.3**
25-29	1,559	430	**27.6%**	1,715	673	**39.2%**	⬆	**11.7**
30-39	2,079	750	**36.1%**	2,403	1,262	**52.5%**	⬆	**16.4**
40-49	1,127	530	**47.0%**	1,347	821	**61.0%**	⬆	**13.9**
50+	523	299	**57.2%**	602	437	**72.6%**	⬆	**15.4**
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.

By Education Level*

Undergraduate
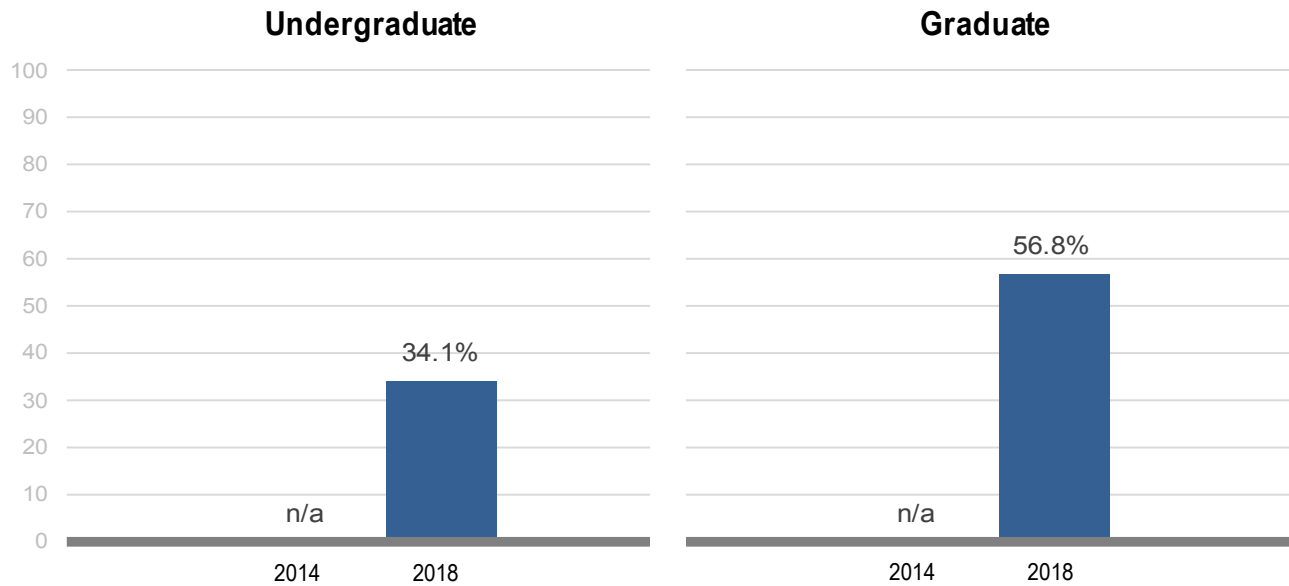
Graduate

	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**		8,297	2,826	**34.1%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**		2,315	1,314	**56.8%**	**n/a**
Unknown	10,090				532			

* 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.

By Undergraduate Class Year*
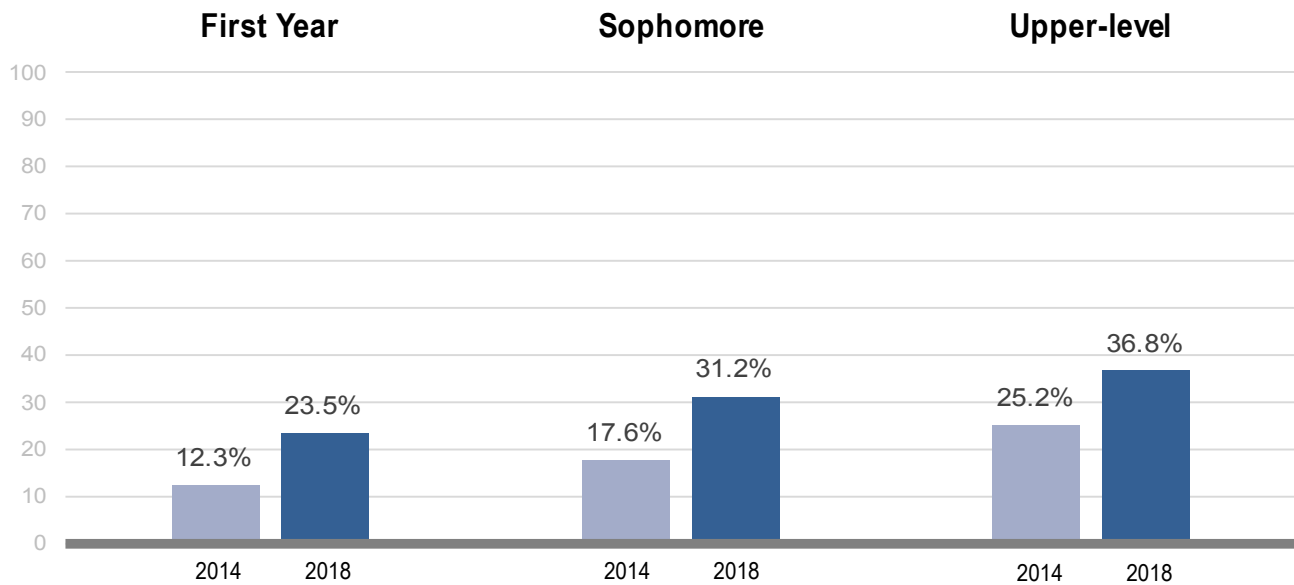
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	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	1,666	205	**12.3%**		1,525	358	**23.5%**	⬆	**11.2**
Sophomore	1,374	242	**17.6%**		1,399	436	**31.2%**	⬆	**13.6**
Upper-level	4,534	1,141	**25.2%**		5,047	1,857	**36.8%**	⬆	**11.6**

* 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.

By Enrollment Status*
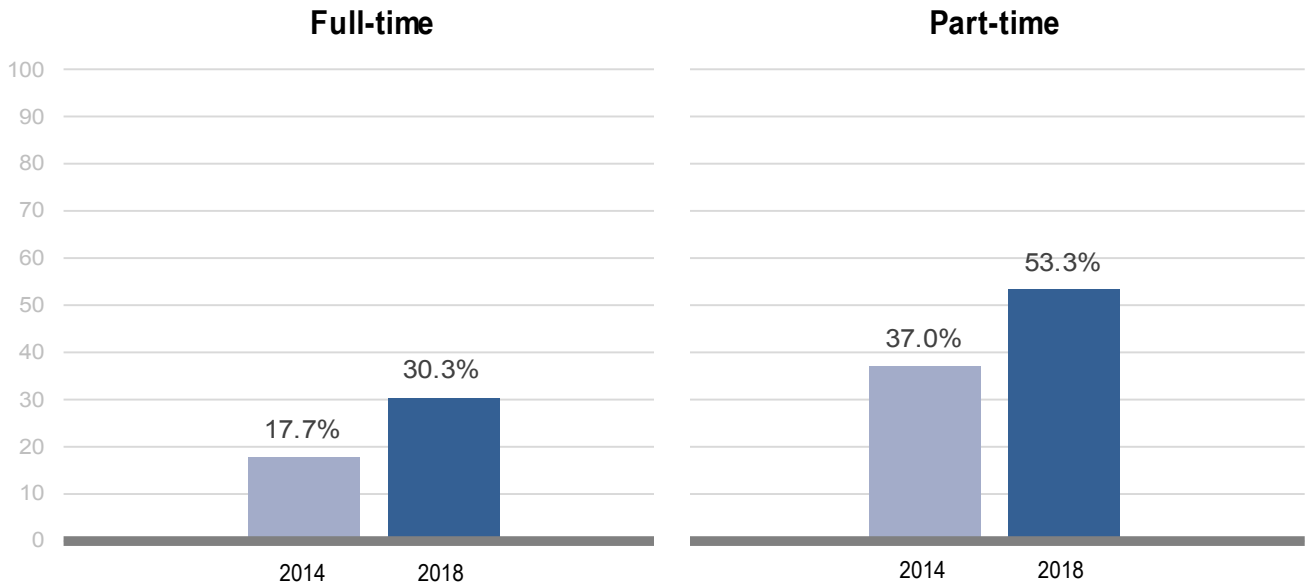
Full-time

Part-time

	2014				**2018**					
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change	
Full-time	5,604	992	**17.7%**		6,345	1,925	**30.3%**	⬆	**12.6**	
Part-time	4,486	1,659	**37.0%**		4,799	2,556	**53.3%**	⬆	**16.3**	
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.

By Gender*

Women

Men

	2014				**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	6,215	1,688	**27.2%**		6,887	2,826	**41.0%**	⬆	13.9
Men	3,874	963	**24.9%**		4,257	1,655	**38.9%**	⬆	14.0
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.

By Race/Ethnicity*

	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Asian	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**		**n/a**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	52	10	**19.2%**	65	27	**41.5%**	⬆	**22.3**
Black	508	127	**25.0%**	531	178	**33.5%**	⬆	**8.5**
Hispanic	850	126	**14.8%**	1,100	345	**31.4%**	⬆	**16.5**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	223	18	**8.1%**	199	49	**24.6%**	⬆	**16.6**
White	7,988	2,249	**28.2%**	8,771	3,679	**42.0%**	⬆	**13.8**
2 or More Races	270	50	**18.5%**	352	126	**35.8%**	⬆	**17.3**
Unknown	199			126				

* 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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	277	59	**21.3%**	403	101	**25.1%** ⬆	**3.8**
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	153	22	**14.4%**	394	99	**25.1%** ⬆	**10.8**
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,085	270	**24.9%**	1,542	571	**37.0%** ⬆	**12.2**
Communication and Journalism	44	*	**n/a**	52	17	**32.7%**	**n/a**
Computer and Information Sciences	374	90	**24.1%**	622	274	**44.1%** ⬆	**20.0**
Education	565	208	**36.8%**	2,990	1,323	**44.3%** ⬆	**7.4**
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	113	19	**16.8%**	46	22	**47.8%** ⬆	**31.0**
English Language and Literature	66	13	**19.7%**	57	19	**33.3%** ⬆	**13.6**
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	13	*	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Health Professions	1,096	197	**18.0%**	1,322	432	**32.7%** ⬆	**14.7**
History	59	12	**20.3%**	100	40	**40.0%** ⬆	**19.7**
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	404	88	**21.8%**	242	78	**32.2%** ⬆	**10.5**
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	319	94	**29.5%**	982	413	**42.1%** ⬆	**12.6**
Mathematics and Statistics	13	0	**n/a**	35	10	**28.6%**	**n/a**
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	10	*	**n/a**	253	152	**60.1%**	**n/a**
Natural Resources and Conservation	*	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	168	29	**17.3%**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Philosophy and Religious Studies	23	*	**n/a**	35	18	**51.4%**	**n/a**
Physical Sciences	220	30	**13.6%**	263	90	**34.2%** ⬆	**20.6**
Psychology	432	77	**17.8%**	637	237	**37.2%** ⬆	**19.4**
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	108	13	**12.0%**	122	32	**26.2%** ⬆	**14.2**
Science Technologies/Technicians	*	*	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**

Social Sciences	297	78	**26.3%**		308	146	**47.4%** ⬆	**21.1**
Visual and Performing Arts	262	37	**14.1%**		205	66	**32.2%** ⬆	**18.1**
Unknown	3,977	1,300	**32.7%**		534	341	**63.9%** ⬆	**31.2**

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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