

### **SEPTEMBER 2019**

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT** 

Student Voting Rates for Georgetown 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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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at NSLVE@tufts.edu.

Warm regards,

**IDHE Team** 



# Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

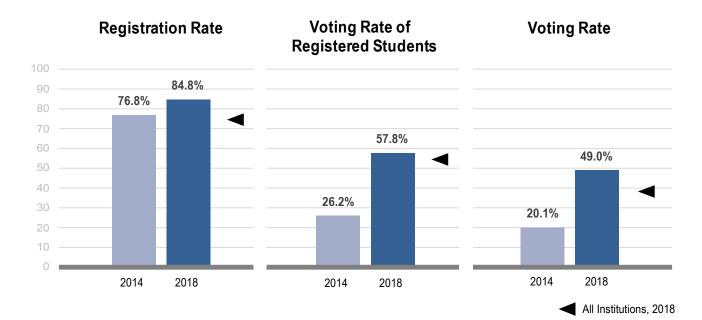
49.0%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+28.9

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%



	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	14,251	15,928 👚	1,677
Age under 18/Unknown IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens FERPA records blocked	(78) (2,340) (50)	(62) (2,655) (51)	
Total eligible voters	11,783	13,160	1,377
Number of students who registered	9,051	11,158 👚	2,107
Number of students who voted	2,371	6,448 👚	4,077
Registration rate	76.8%	84.8% 👚	8.0
Voting rate of registered students	26.2%	57.8%	31.6
Voting rate	20.1%	49.0%	28.9
Difference from all institutions	+0.4	+9.9	

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### **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%

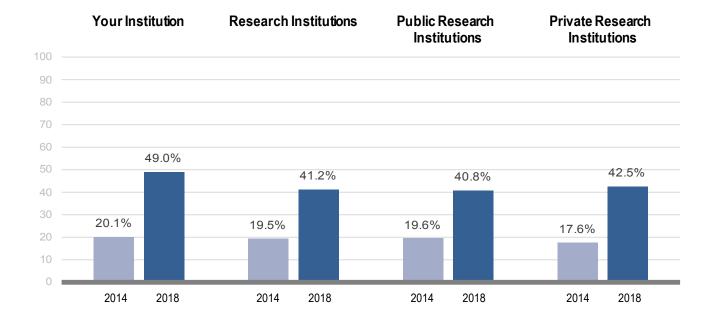
LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions

+0.4

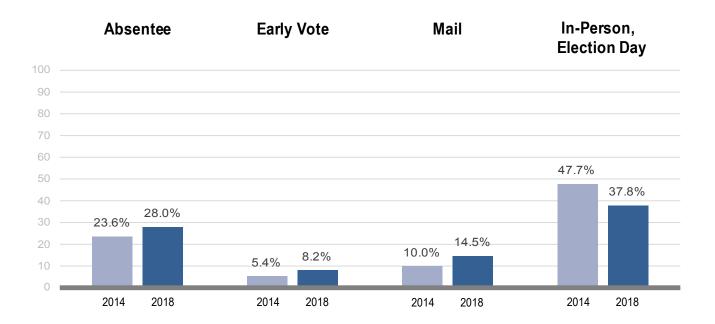
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# By Voting Method\*

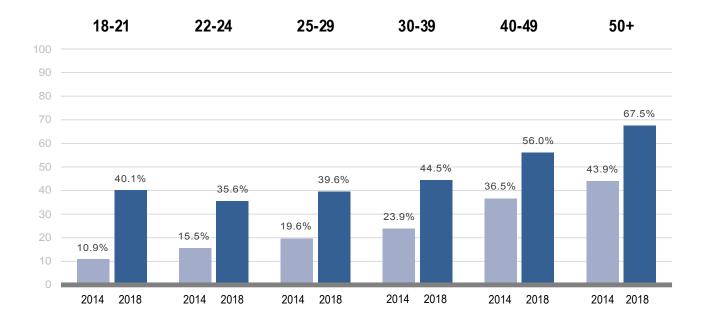


	20	20	<b>)18</b>			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	560	23.6%	1,808	28.0%	•	4.4
Early Vote	129	5.4%	531	8.2%	1	2.8
Mail	238	10.0%	937	14.5%	•	4.5
In-Person, Election Day	1,132	47.7%	2,436	37.8%	1	-10.0
Unknown	312	13.2%	736	11.4%		
Total	2,371		6,448			

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<sup>\*</sup> 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\*

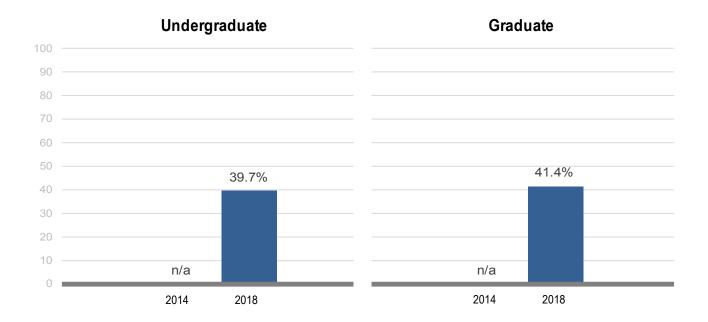


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
18-21	5,483	597	10.9%	5,448	2,184	40.1%	•	29.2
22-24	2,632	409	15.5%	2,923	1,039	35.6%	•	20.0
25-29	3,627	710	19.6%	4,212	1,668	39.6%	•	20.0
30-39	1,810	432	23.9%	2,434	1,083	44.5%	1	20.6
40-49	375	137	36.5%	564	316	56.0%	•	19.5
50+	196	86	43.9%	234	158	67.5%	1	23.6
Unknown	22			*				

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<sup>\*</sup> 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\*

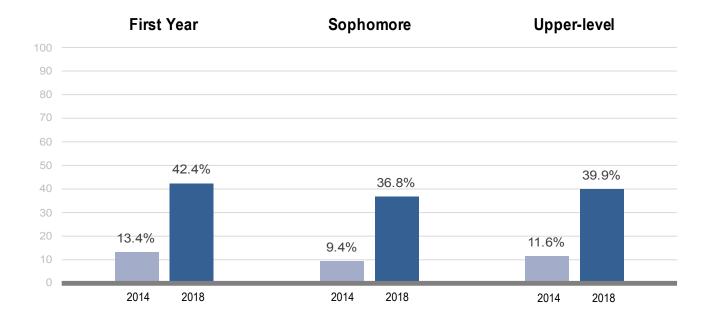


		2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	5,891	2,336	39.7%	n/a	
Graduate	0	0	n/a	9,809	4,059	41.4%	n/a	
Unknown	14,123			115				

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<sup>\*</sup> 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\*

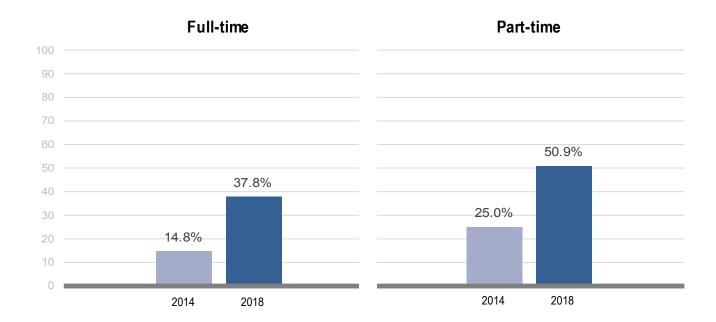


		2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	1,363	182	13.4%	1,369	580	42.4%	•	29.0
Sophomore	1,477	139	9.4%	1,443	531	36.8%	•	27.4
Upper-level	3,157	365	11.6%	3,088	1,232	39.9%	•	28.3

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<sup>\*</sup> 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\*

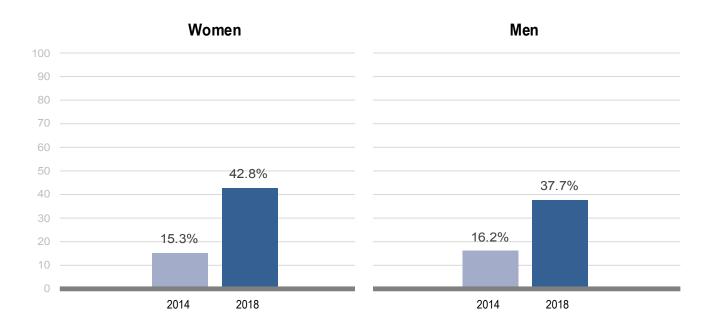


	2014				2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	11,358	1,681	14.8%	12,257	4,638	37.8%	1	23.0
Part-time	2,765	690	25.0%	3,558	1,810	50.9%	•	25.9
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

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<sup>\*</sup> 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\*

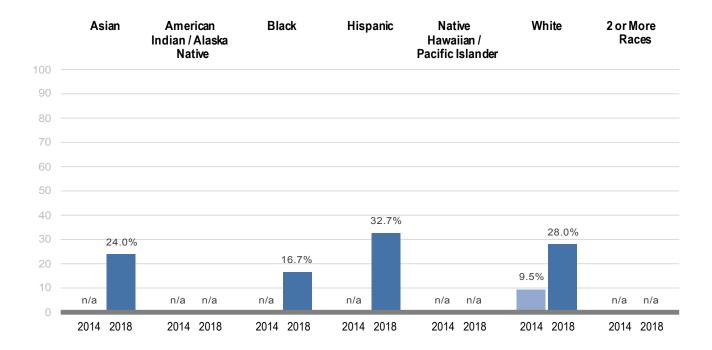


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	6,482	990	15.3%	7,347	3,142	42.8%	•	27.5
Men	5,390	875	16.2%	6,145	2,318	37.7%	•	21.5
Unknown	2,251			2,323				

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<sup>\*</sup> 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			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change	
Asian	49	*	n/a	146	35	24.0%	n/a	
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	
Black	22	*	n/a	60	10	16.7%	n/a	
Hispanic	12	*	n/a	49	16	32.7%	n/a	
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	
White	274	26	9.5%	485	136	28.0%	<b>1</b> 8.6	
2 or More Races	*	0	n/a	21	*	n/a	n/a	
Unknown	13,757			15,054				

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

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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.

		2014			2018		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Architecture	30	*	n/a	57	28	49.1%	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	258	38	14.7%	266	105	39.5% 👚	24.7
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	885	96	10.9%	968	304	31.4% 👚	20.6
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,460	364	14.8%	3,049	1,185	38.9% 👚	24.1
Communication and Journalism	278	41	14.8%	430	206	47.9% 👚	33.2
Computer and Information Sciences	172	20	11.6%	336	148	44.1% 🁚	32.4
Education	0	0	n/a	90	45	50.0%	n/a
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	51	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
English Language and Literature	212	18	8.5%	175	70	40.0% 👚	31.5
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	516	65	12.6%	399	153	38.4% 👚	25.8
Health Professions	1,696	288	17.0%	2,015	759	37.7% 👚	20.7
History	148	33	22.3%	133	56	42.1% 👚	19.8
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	38	*	n/a	102	54	52.9%	n/a
Legal Professions and Studies	2,216	498	22.5%	2,291	974	42.5% 👚	20.0
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,181	194	16.4%	1,137	484	42.6% 👚	26.1
Mathematics and Statistics	149	21	14.1%	192	67	34.9% 👚	20.8
Military Science, Leadership and Operational Art	0	0	n/a	185	89	48.1%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	443	69	15.6%	454	188	41.4% 👚	25.8
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	174	17	9.8%	257	104	40.5% 🎓	30.7
Philosophy and Religious Studies	111	28	25.2%	97	38	39.2% 👚	14.0
Physical Sciences	147	15	10.2%	191	68	35.6% 👚	25.4
Psychology	188	10	5.3%	171	52	30.4% 👚	25.1
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	248	98	39.5%	236	114	48.3% 👚	8.8

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Social Sciences	2,423	426	17.6%	2,509	1,121	44.7% 🁚	27.1
Visual and Performing Arts	56	*	n/a	36	18	50.0%	n/a
Unknown	43	*	n/a	39	18	46.2%	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.

**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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