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Student Voting Rates for Georgetown University

2020 NSLVE Campus Report

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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to send this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for 2020. This report contains three years of relevant topline data: 2016, 2018, and 2020. As always, we disaggregate the data so you can better identify and address gaps in participation.

College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

As in past years, we urge you to share this report widely and strategically, particularly with faculty who, in 2020, were often the most consistent communicators with students about ever-changing voting conditions and deadlines. We also urge you to review our recommendations for engaging elections to cultivate a robust and healthy campus climate for political engagement, discourse, equity, and participation: Election Imperatives (2019) and the more recent Election Imperatives: A Time of Physical Distancing and Social Action. Since "pervasive political discussions" and attentiveness to the campus culture around speech and academic freedom are among our top recommendations, we direct you to our discussion guides on talking about your NSLVE report, on free speech and inclusion, and on hot topics, our Making Sense of ... guides.

Finally, we always encourage you to work with us. Help us help you get better data by reaching out. Email IDHE@Tufts.edu for more information. And as always, watch your inbox for our periodic newsletter, IDHE Update, for announcements about upcoming releases and new resources.

Congratulations on engaging your students in the 2020 election. Remember, student political learning is a year-round objective. Elections may be episodic, but student political engagement should not be.

All the Best,
IDHE Team

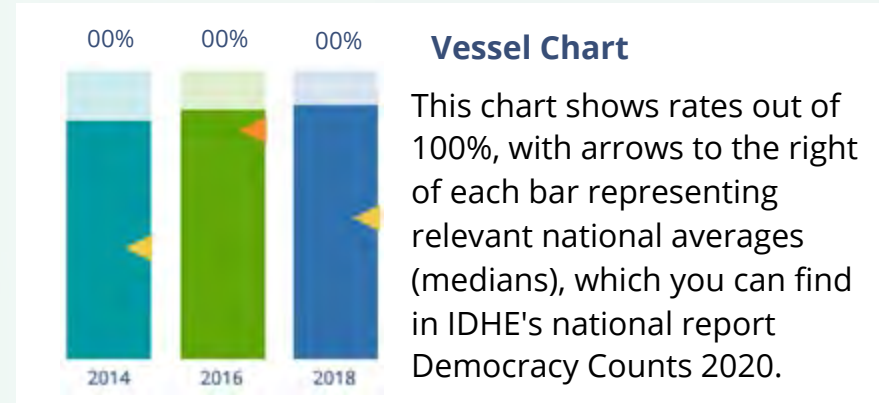


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In This Report

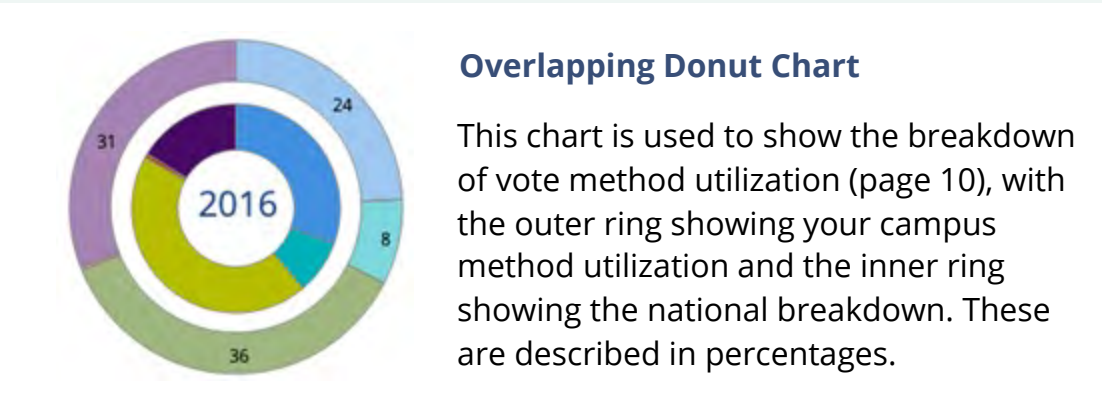
This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut charts, and tables.



	2014			2018			2014-2018 Change (p.p.)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Tables

The tables show, on the left-side columns, the numbers of students and the rates from 2016, 2018, and 2020. On the left-side, percentage point (p.p.) changes between 2016 and 2020. A red down arrow indicates a decrease, a green up arrow indicates an increase, and a yellow arrow pointing to the right indicates no change. "-" in these tables indicates that the data is unavailable/missing, or is available for 10 or less students.



Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

79.4%

2020 Voting Rate

+18.4

Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

Year	Registration Rate
2016	87.4%
2018	85.8%
2020	93.1%

The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

Year	Voting Rate of Registered Students
2016	69.7%
2018	53.0%
2020	85.3%

The **Voting Rate of Registered Students** is the percent of registered students who voted on Election Day. We often refer to this as the “yield” rate.

VOTING RATE

Year	Voting Rate
2016	61.0%
2018	45.5%
2020	79.4%

The **Voting Rate** is the percentage of eligible students who voted on Election Day. The voting rate is also the product of the registration and yield rates.

Looking Closer

Voting and Registration Rates

	2016	2018	2020	2016-2020 Change (p.p.)
Total Student Enrollment	15,225	15,927	16,190	↑ 965
(Age under 18/Unknown)	–	–	–	–
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	2,429	2,746	2,856	↑ 427
(FERPA records blocked)	38	51	57	↑ 19
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	184	254	264	↑ 80
Total eligible voters	12,573	12,870	13,010	↑ 437
Number of students who registered	10,993	11,048	12,107	↑ 1,114
Number of students who voted	7,665	5,856	10,331	↑ 2,666
Registration Rate %	87	86	93	↑ 6
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	70	53	85	↑ 16
Voting Rate %	61	46	79	↑ 18

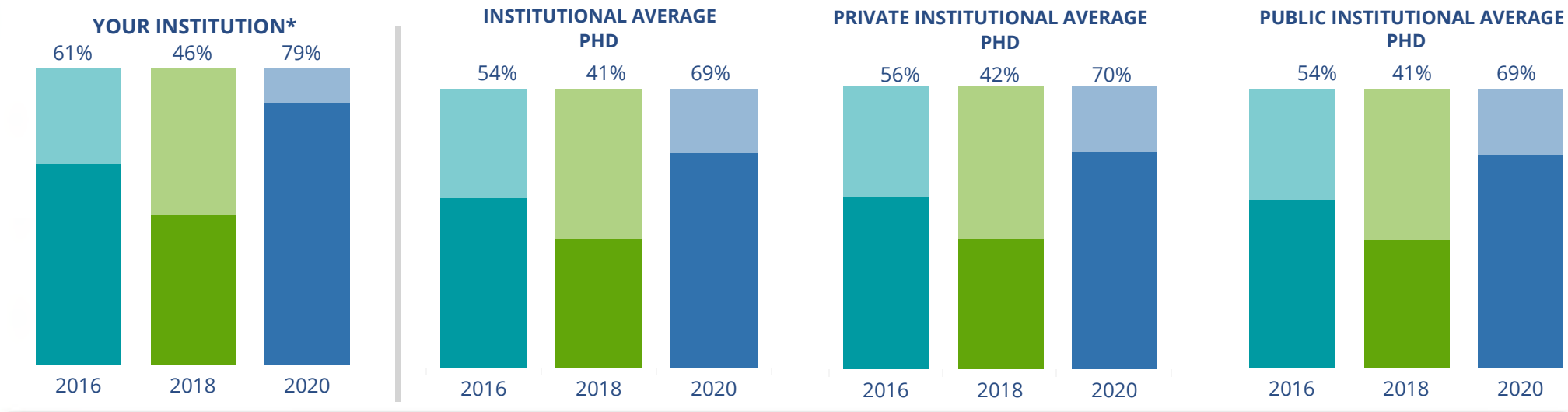
This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates. The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged, students who are not pursuing degrees.

We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to NSC, or we cannot verify the accuracy of the reported counts. This estimate is given by "IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens" on this page. If you believe the number of international students reported on this report is incorrect, you can manually adjust your institution's voting rates by using our recalculation tool. <https://id-he.tufts.edu/nsive/nsive-recalculation-tool>.

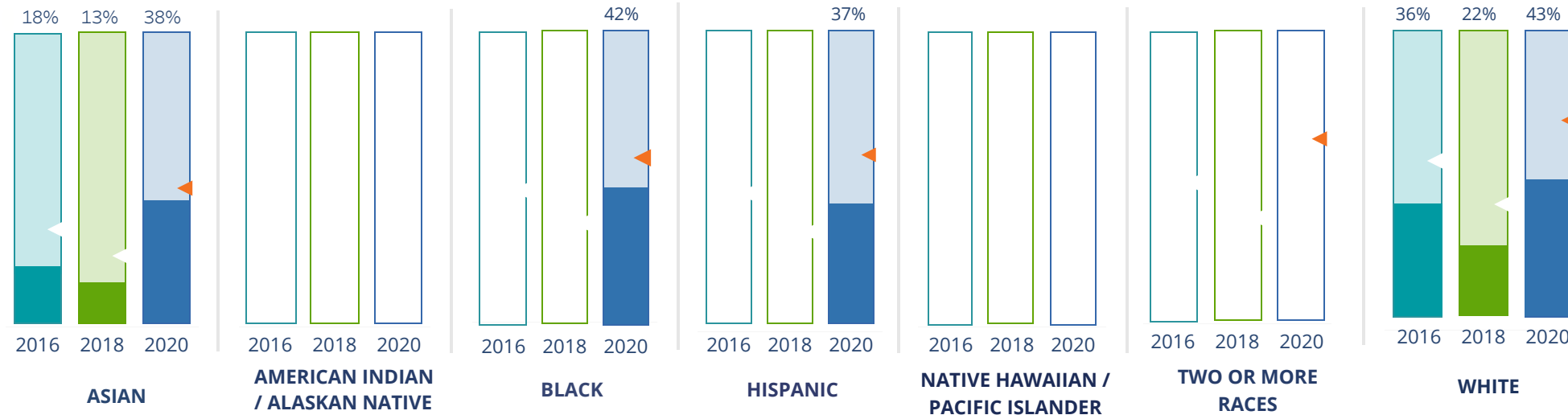
By Institution Types



These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. *"Your Institution" chart is presented at a different scale.



By Race / Ethnicity



These are estimated voting rates for race / ethnicity groups. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following race reporting procedures* defined by the National Center for Education Statistics of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Please see our FAQ for more detail on why we cannot report national benchmark for some of the demographic groups:

<https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nsve-report-faq>

If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

* <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/report-your-data/race-ethnicity-collecting-data-for-reporting-purposes>

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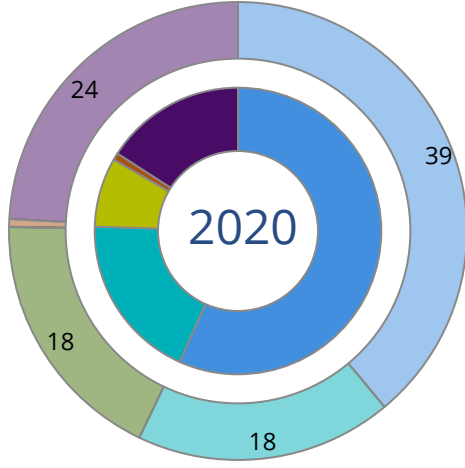
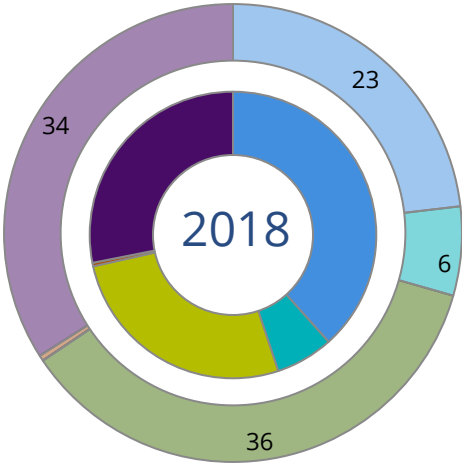
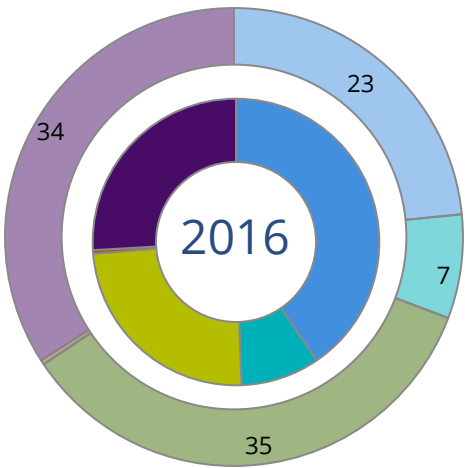
By Race/Ethnicity

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates. We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	61	11	18	141	18	13	197	75	38	↑ 20
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	27	-	-	38	-	-	59	25	42	-
Hispanic	18	-	-	39	-	-	59	22	37	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	11	-	-	19	-	-	20	-	-	-
White	245	87	36	484	107	22	443	190	43	↑ 7
Race Unknown	14,604	7,555	52	14,840	5,711	38	15,032	10,010	67	↑ 15

By Voting Method

Not-In-Person Early Vote In-Person Other Provisional Unknown



	2016		2018		2020		2016-2020	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p.)	
Early Vote	684	9	381	7	1,938	19	10	↑
In-Person on Election Day	1,859	24	1,558	27	808	8	-17	↓
Not-In-Person	3,105	41	2,246	38	5,861	57	16	↑
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provisional	29	0	26	0	82	1	0	↑
Voting Method Unknown	1,988	26	1,644	28	1,641	16	-10	↓

These are estimated rates for vote method utilization, the number of students utilizing each method, and the percent of students utilizing each method. Not all U.S. states provide information on vote method; voting method for voter files from these states are classified "Voting Method Unknown." For a list of these states, see our FAQ. <https://idhe.tufts.edu/nsive/nsive-faq#CampusReports>

By Age Group

	2016	2018	2020
18-21	54%	38%	78%
22-24	46%	33%	63%
25-29	48%	35%	56%
30-39	51%	39%	55%
40-49	66%	53%	66%
50+	73%	68%	76%

Voting is habit-forming and young voters will usually continue as voters in subsequent elections. Also, young voters are more likely to be contacted by campaigns and are visible, and therefore significant, to elected officials. While in the past, we have seen voting rates increase across age groups, in recent cycles, the most significant increases have been among first-time and the youngest voters. Some colleges serve primarily young students, traditionally viewed as students in the 18-21 or 22-24 categories here. Others have much higher numbers of enrolled older undergraduate or graduate students.

Looking Closer

By Age Group

Here, we provide the numbers of students in each age category and the voting rates for each group. These are based on the student's age on the day of the election, as calculated by the National Student Clearinghouse using data from student enrollment records.

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	5,536	3,003	54	5,444	2,082	38	5,388	4,223	78	↑ 24
22-24	2,755	1,280	46	2,858	939	33	2,922	1,839	63	↑ 16
25-29	3,794	1,804	48	4,129	1,464	35	4,244	2,368	56	↑ 8
30-39	2,214	1,125	51	2,356	925	39	2,476	1,361	55	↑ 4
40-49	459	302	66	546	292	53	534	354	66	↑ 0
50+	208	151	73	228	154	68	246	186	76	↑ 3

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
Female	6,887	3,773	55	7,236	2,854	39	7,362	4,953	67	↑	12
Male	5,738	2,659	46	6,070	2,075	34	6,209	3,885	63	↑	16

These are estimated voting rates for sex groups and the numbers we used to calculate their voting rates. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following the reporting procedures defined by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Presently, NCES requires institutions to report students as “Male” or “Female” only.*

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*<https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/public/survey-materials/faq?faqid=11>

Looking Closer

By Education Level / Undergraduate Class Year

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p)	
EDUCATION LEVEL											
Undergraduate	6,001	3,216	54	5,891	2,232	38	5,768	4,465	77	↑	24
Graduate	8,955	4,445	50	9,667	3,623	37	10,035	5,863	58	↑	9
Class Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLASS YEAR											
First Year	1,353	56	757	1,369	40	547	1,395	81	1,135	↑	25
Second Year	1,491	55	827	1,443	35	511	1,422	77	1,098	↑	22
Upper Level	3,165	52	1,636	3,088	38	1,178	2,929	76	2,213	↑	24
ENROLLMENT STATUS											
Full-time	11,816	5,804	49	12,167	4,262	35	11,779	7,720	66	↑	16
Part-time	3,150	1,861	59	3,394	1,594	47	4,031	2,611	65	↑	6

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (undergraduate/graduate), Class Year, and Enrollment Status (full-time/part-time), and the numbers we used to calculate these rates.

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By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Architecture	50	27	54	57	22	39	58	37	64	↑ 10
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	255	122	48	266	97	36	252	151	60	↑ 12
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	970	414	43	946	260	27	983	640	65	↑ 22
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,919	1,422	49	3,033	1,085	36	3,031	1,986	66	↑ 17
Communication and Journalism	339	200	59	415	177	43	392	220	56	↓ -3
Computer and Information Sciences	353	192	54	318	131	41	463	301	65	↑ 11
Education	–	–	–	90	38	42	171	117	68	–

These are estimated voting rates by field of study, and the numbers we used to calculate the field of study rates. For an explanation of CIP codes, please see our FAQ.* There are roughly 8,000 fields of study among U.S. colleges and universities, so we provide rates for condensed categories.

*<https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq>

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
English Language and Literature	204	107	52	175	62	35	141	101	72	↑ 19
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	455	239	53	399	150	38	363	242	67	↑ 14
Health Professions	1,597	858	54	1,954	645	33	1,913	1,068	56	↑ 2
History	149	71	48	133	53	40	151	97	64	↑ 17
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protec..	37	24	65	96	53	55	126	86	68	↑ 3
Legal Professions and Studies	2,329	1,227	53	2,242	920	41	2,227	1,484	67	↑ 14
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,121	626	56	1,102	445	40	1,030	803	78	↑ 22
Mathematics and Statistics	192	101	53	192	59	31	159	113	71	↑ 18
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	507	284	56	454	184	41	505	355	70	↑ 14
Natural Resources and Conservation	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Stu..	257	122	47	231	83	36	279	183	66	↑ 18
Philosophy and Religious Studies	117	50	43	97	34	35	83	42	51	↑ 8
Physical Sciences	150	67	45	191	61	32	184	100	54	↑ 10

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Psychology	149	80	54	171	52	30	200	164	82	↑ 28
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	229	98	43	236	81	34	251	131	52	↑ 9
Social Sciences	2,445	1,271	52	2,509	1,046	42	2,409	1,651	69	↑ 17
Visual and Performing Arts	54	27	50	36	18	50	38	30	79	↑ 29
Unknown	33	14	42	38	16	42	49	28	57	↑ 15

About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement.

Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, nearly 1,200 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020 federal elections.

Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 50 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 2016, 2018, and 2020 elections.

These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) and publicly available voting files collected by L2 Political.

Enrollment lists are adjusted by deducting students under age 18 (at the time of the election), people identified as non-degree seeking and those identified by campuses as "nonresident aliens" (NRAs) (the federal government's category for mostly international students). Unfortunately, not all campuses report NRAs to NSC. For those campuses, we use IPEDS to calculate the number of NRA students on each campus and adjust NSC enrollment numbers to estimate the number of students to remove. We also quality check NRA removals by verifying that there is little to no discrepancy between the number of international students reported by the campus to IPEDS and to NSC. We cannot adjust subgroup analyses absent identification of NRAs verified by the process above. We welcome closer partnerships with individual colleges and universities to provide more accurate rates. For more on the data and the matching process, see our FAQ on Campus Reports.

Georgetown University

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. (2021). 2016, 2018, and 2020 report for _____ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.



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