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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for

Georgia College and State University

Tufts UNIVERSITY | Jonathan M. Tisch
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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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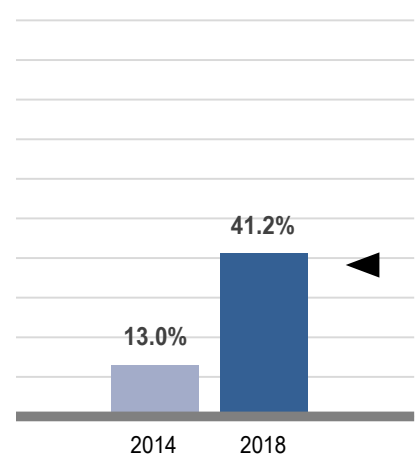
2018 Voting Rate

41.2%

CHANGE
FROM 2014

+28.1

2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate
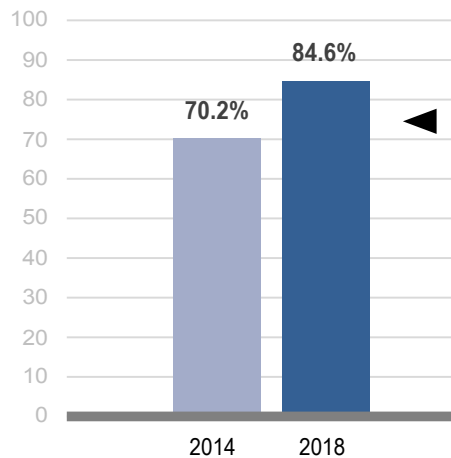
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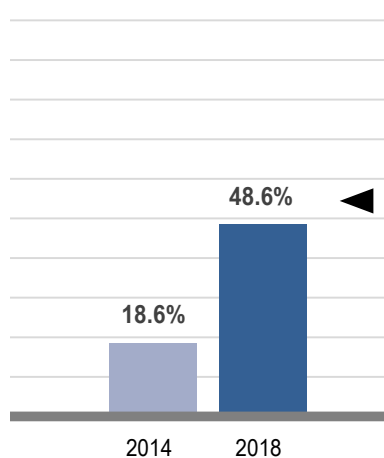
Voting Rate

◄ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	6,701	6,928	⬆	227
Age under 18/Unknown	(55)	(68)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(106)	(58)		
FERPA records blocked	*	*		
Total eligible voters	6,532	6,798	⬆	266
Number of students who registered	4,585	5,752	⬆	1,167
Number of students who voted	851	2,798	⬆	1,947
Registration rate	70.2%	84.6%	⬆	14.4
Voting rate of registered students	18.6%	48.6%	⬆	30.1
Voting rate	13.0%	41.2%	⬆	28.1
Difference from all institutions	-6.7	+2.1		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%

| HIGH 54.0% |
| LOW 1.5% |

Difference from All Institutions   **-6.7**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

| HIGH 64.1% |
| LOW 11.5% |

Difference from All Institutions   **+2.1**

	Your Institution	Master's Institutions	Public Master's Institutions	Private Master's Institutions
2014	13.0%	20.1%	19.9%	21.1%
2018	41.2%	39.7%	39.3%	40.3%
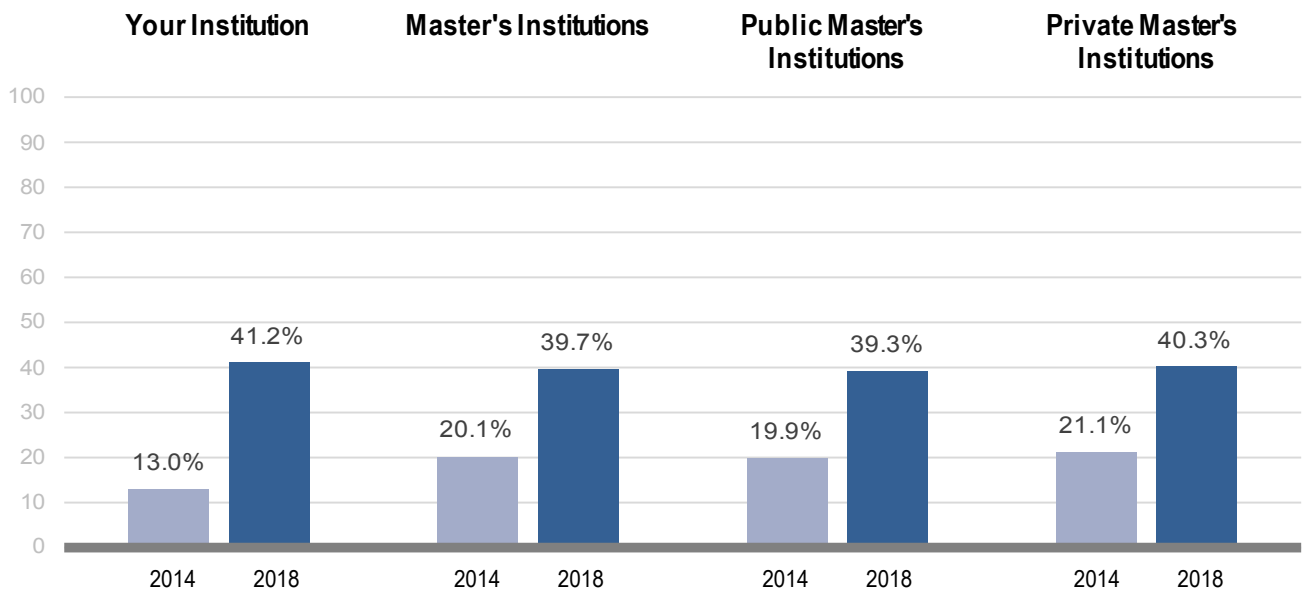
By Voting Method*
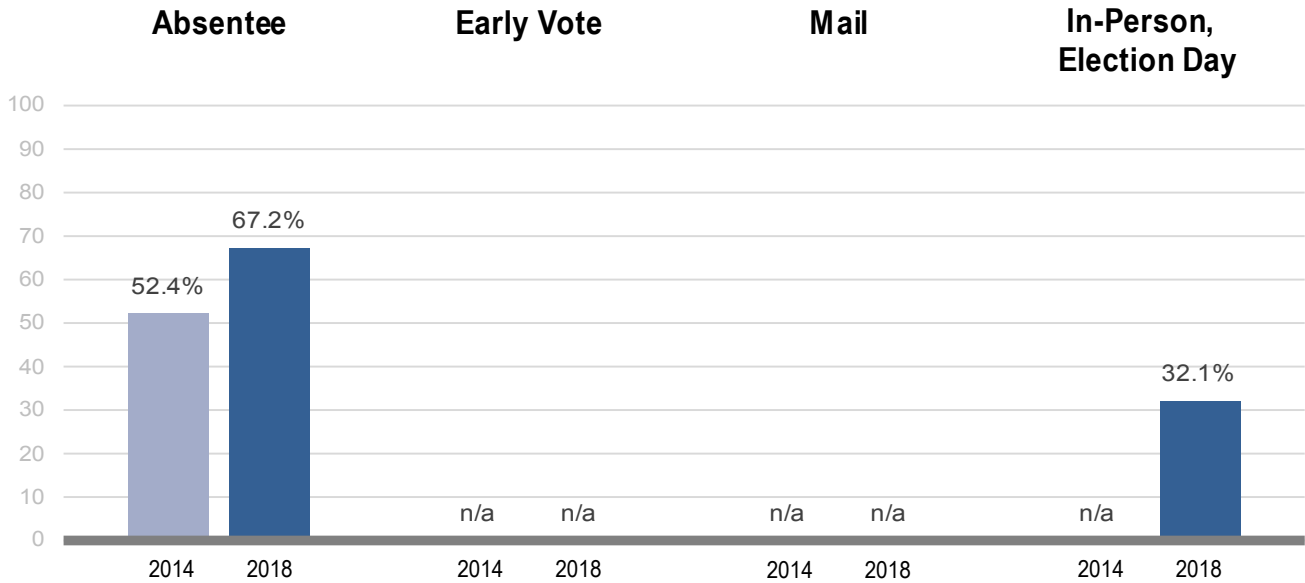
	2014			**2018**		
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate	Change
Absentee	446	**52.4%**		1,880	**67.2%**	⬆ **14.8**
Early Vote	*	**n/a**		*	**n/a**	**n/a**
Mail	*	**n/a**		*	**n/a**	**n/a**
In-Person, Election Day	*	**n/a**		897	**32.1%**	**n/a**
Unknown	393	**46.2%**		*	**n/a**	
Total	**851**			**2,798**		

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*
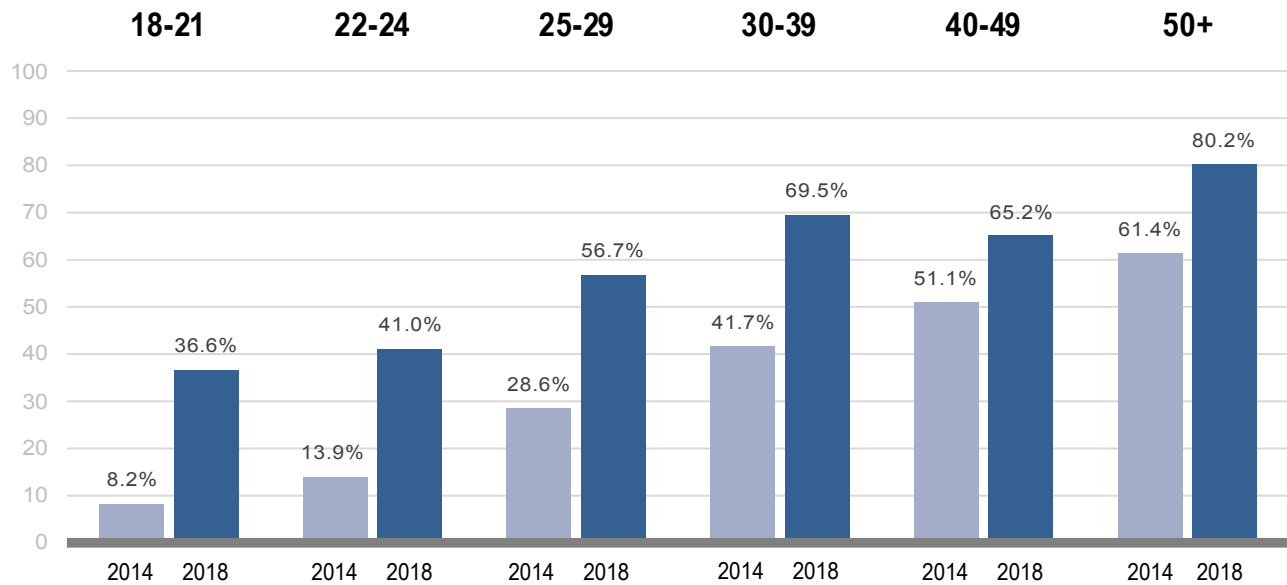
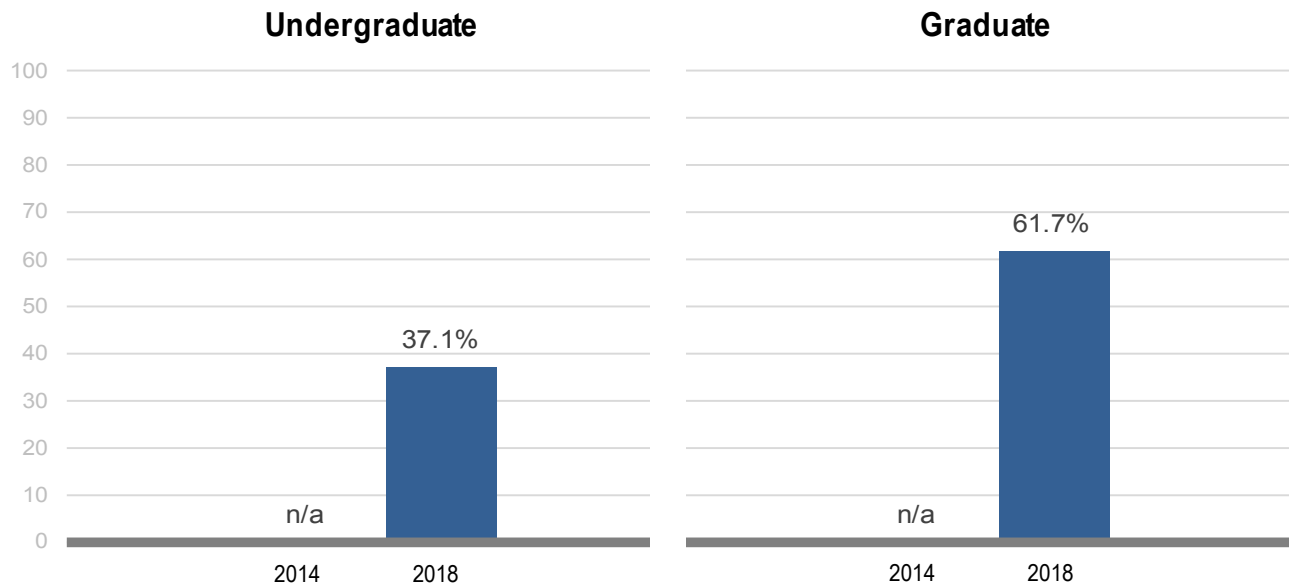|	**2014**			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	4,807	393	**8.2%**	4,969	1,816	**36.6%**	⬆	**28.4**
22-24	1,037	144	**13.9%**	1,016	417	**41.0%**	⬆	**27.2**
25-29	336	96	**28.6%**	335	190	**56.7%**	⬆	**28.2**
30-39	247	103	**41.7%**	295	205	**69.5%**	⬆	**27.8**
40-49	141	72	**51.1%**	155	101	**65.2%**	⬆	**14.1**
50+	70	43	**61.4%**	86	69	**80.2%**	⬆	**18.8**
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*

Undergraduate

Graduate

	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**	5,840	2,166	**37.1%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**	984	607	**61.7%**	**n/a**
Unknown	6,638			32			

* 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*

First Year		**Sophomore**		**Upper-level**	
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018
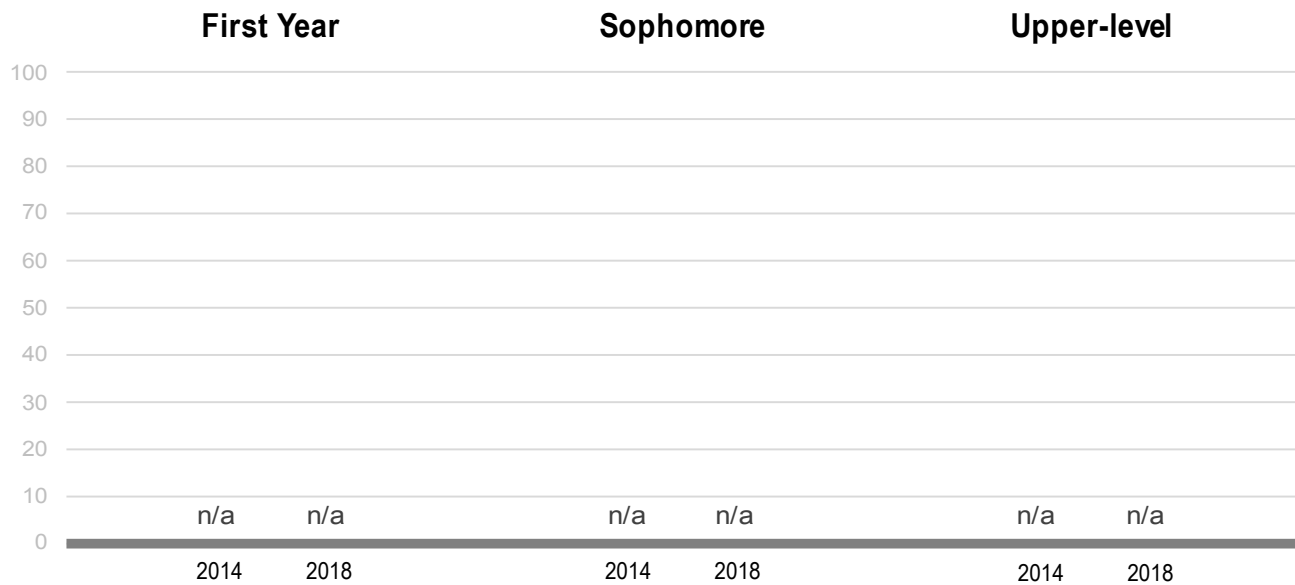
	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
First Year	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Sophomore	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Upper-level	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**

* 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*
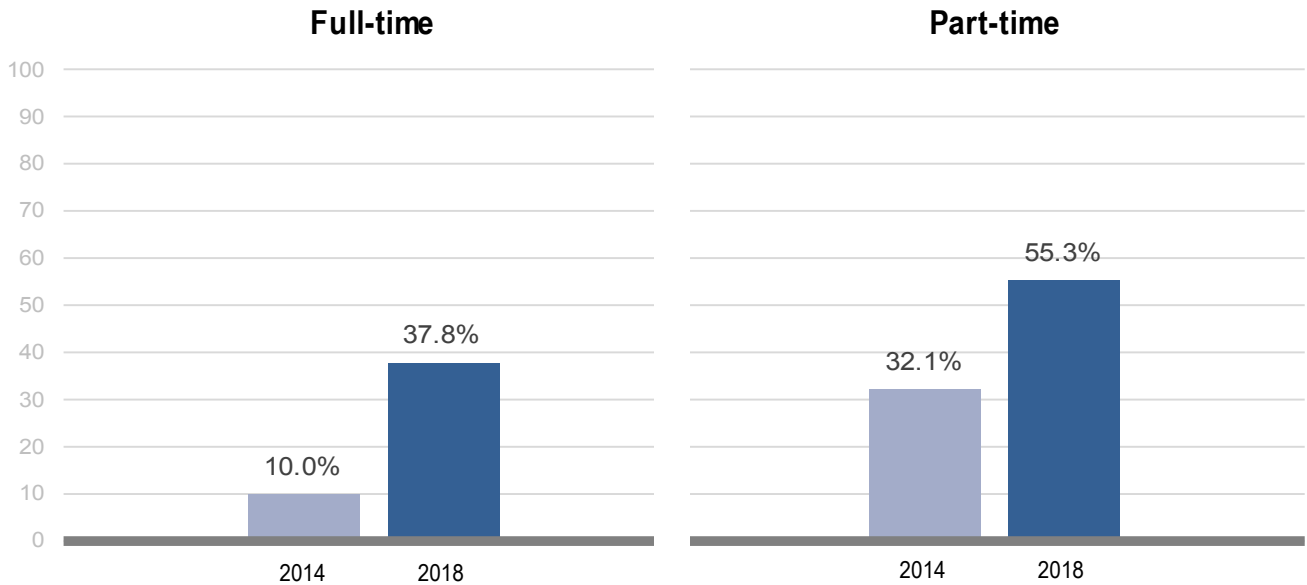
Full-time

Part-time

	2014				**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	5,778	575	**10.0%**		5,662	2,138	**37.8%**	⬆	**27.8**
Part-time	860	276	**32.1%**		1,194	660	**55.3%**	⬆	**23.2**
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.

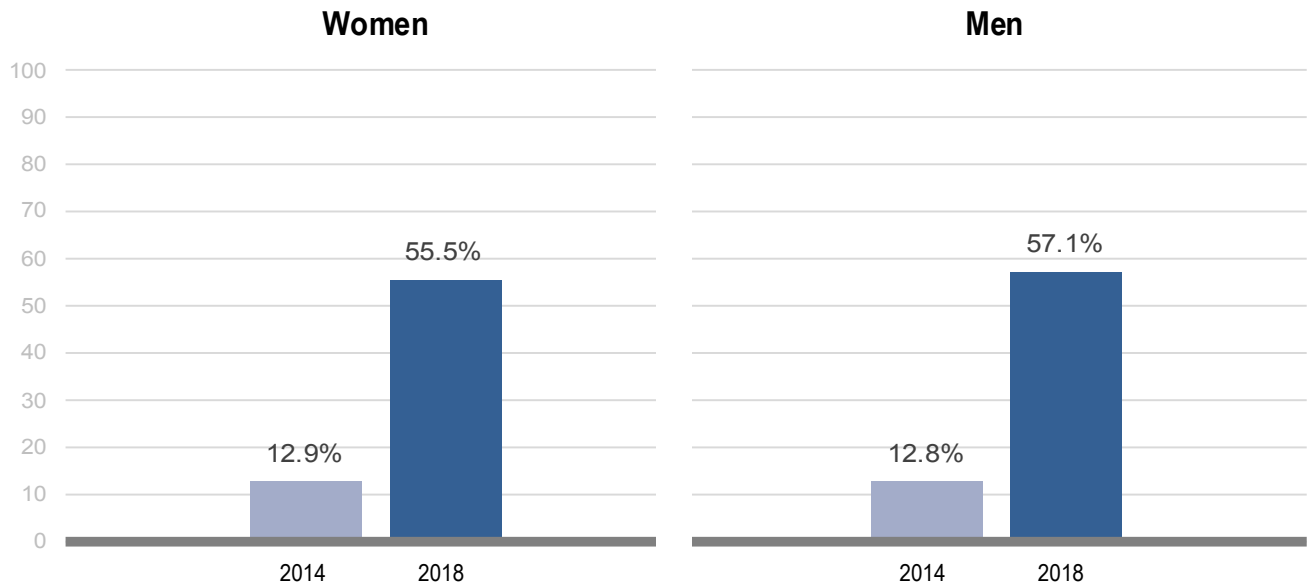**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Gender*

	Women				Men		

	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Women	4,063	523	**12.9%**	146	81	**55.5%** ⬆	**42.6**
Men	2,573	328	**12.8%**	105	60	**57.1%** ⬆	**44.4**
Unknown	*			6,605			

* 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*
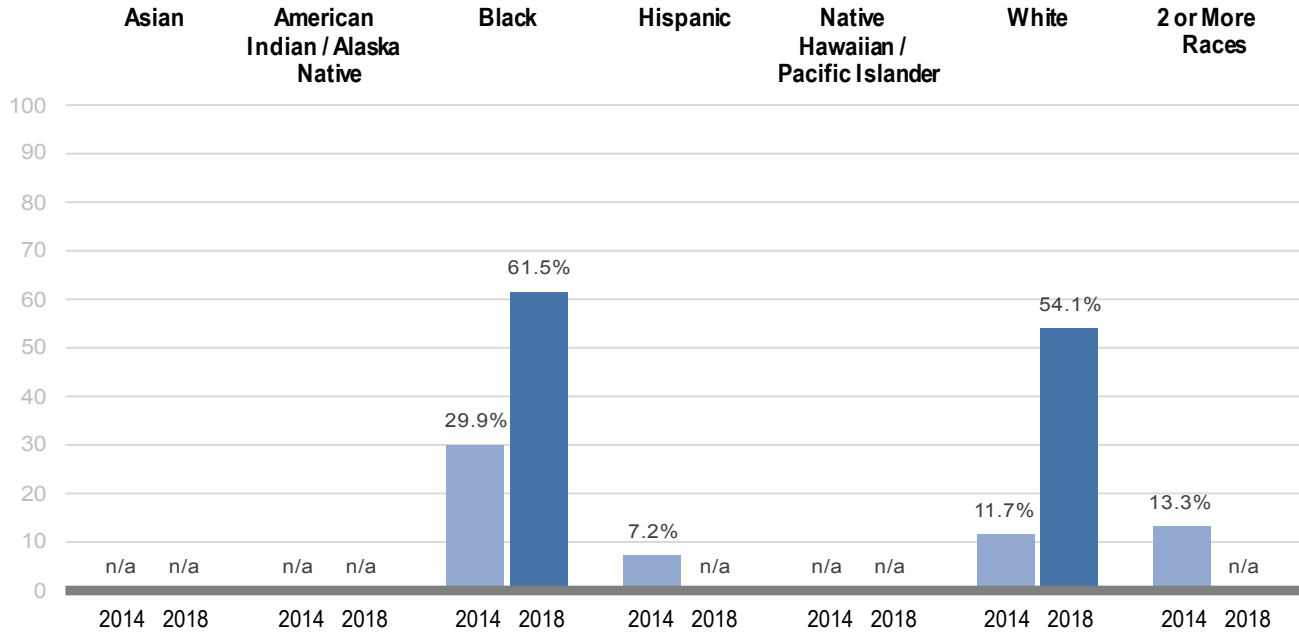
	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Asian	124	*	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**		**n/a**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	13	*	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**		**n/a**
Black	485	145	**29.9%**	26	16	**61.5%**	⬆	**31.6**
Hispanic	332	24	**7.2%**	*	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	*	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**		**n/a**
White	5,480	639	**11.7%**	159	86	**54.1%**	⬆	**42.4**
2 or More Races	151	20	**13.3%**	*	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
Unknown	48			6,654				

* 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	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	410	23	5.6%	396	138	34.9% ⬆	29.2
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,549	197	12.7%	1,295	461	35.6% ⬆	22.9
Communication and Journalism	393	24	6.1%	340	148	43.5% ⬆	37.4
Computer and Information Sciences	203	18	8.9%	323	105	32.5% ⬆	23.6
Education	794	176	22.2%	795	417	52.5% ⬆	30.3
English Language and Literature	242	34	14.1%	204	98	48.0% ⬆	34.0
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	36	*	n/a	40	22	55.0%	n/a
Health Professions	983	139	14.1%	1,163	476	40.9% ⬆	26.8
History	98	16	16.3%	89	36	40.5% ⬆	24.1
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	127	20	15.8%	127	54	42.5% ⬆	26.8
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	295	24	8.1%	433	144	33.3% ⬆	25.1
Library Science	14	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	65	*	n/a	40	16	40.0%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	94	*	n/a	116	47	40.5%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	385	30	7.8%	421	139	33.0% ⬆	25.2
Philosophy and Religious Studies	12	*	n/a	31	13	41.9%	n/a
Physical Sciences	240	19	7.9%	158	49	31.0% ⬆	23.1
Psychology	301	24	8.0%	378	150	39.7% ⬆	31.7
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	40	19	47.5%	88	65	73.9% ⬆	26.4
Social Sciences	171	36	21.1%	177	108	61.0% ⬆	40.0
Visual and Performing Arts	176	17	9.7%	220	95	43.2% ⬆	33.5
Unknown	10	*	n/a	22	17	77.3%	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.**

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