

CAMPUS REPORT
Student Voting
Rates for
Goucher College

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About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE), housed at the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, Tufts University. Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 750 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012 and 2014 elections. Participating colleges and universities are located in 48 states and represent all Carnegie classifications as well as socially and economically diverse students. With others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 6.7 million college student records that is already serving as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

Looking Ahead

In response to our survey, many of you requested resources as well as stories about what other campuses are doing. Over the coming months, NSLVE will be releasing tools and resources that you and others can use to enhance political learning and engagement in democracy on your campus. Here is a sneak peek into some of this work.

- ❑ *Campus Discussion Guide*: A tool for conversations on your campus regarding how to use the NSLVE report to spark change.
- ❑ *National Data*: We'll be sharing data about the national landscape for college student voting.
- ❑ *Comparison Data*: We know campuses are interested in learning more about how their voting compares to other similar institutions. We'll be rolling out aggregate comparison data for groups of participating campuses.
- ❑ *Case Studies*: We've been on the road, visiting campuses with unpredicted, high voting rates. We will be sharing the findings from our studies of campus climates for student political learning and engagement in democracy.
- ❑ *Diversity & Democracy*: In November, in partnership with the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU), we will publish a special issue on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

If you or someone else on your campus would like to receive more information about our research and resources, please [sign up here](#).

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 2014 elections. These data are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse ("Clearinghouse") and publicly available voting records collected by Catalyst.

Using enrollment records submitted on a date closest to the election, we removed students under 18 on Election Day. We also deducted an estimated number of students identified by your institution as non-resident aliens. This is based on the percentage of non-resident aliens reported by your institution to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), and is more reliable than the demographic data campuses provide to the Clearinghouse at this time. Please note that students who blocked the use of their information under FERPA were also removed from the enrollment lists by the Clearinghouse.

When combining two datasets, matching errors can occur. That said, for each record, we receive a "confidence score." The average confidence score for the student records in our database is 96.6%. Nonetheless, some errors are still possible:

- On page three, we indicate the number of students who blocked their records from being used for any purpose, including research. If those students voted at a much lower or higher rate than your other students, it might affect the voting rate.
- Students not found in the voting database are considered non-voters, but we have no way to remove individual noncitizens (resident aliens and non-resident aliens). We use an estimate based on IPEDS data to account for your international students. We cannot adjust for undocumented students. This may result in your actual voting rate being higher than we report. To recalculate that percentage, see our [FAQ on campus reports](#).

Reviewing the Data

Please use the following key to interpret the charts below:

- * = number of students is less than 10
- = zero results in this field

For some colleges and universities, this report will contain some categories for which data is "unknown." These likely reflect the amount or quality of the data the institution provides, a problem that can be corrected by more comprehensive reporting to the Clearinghouse.

Your Students' Voting and Registration Rates

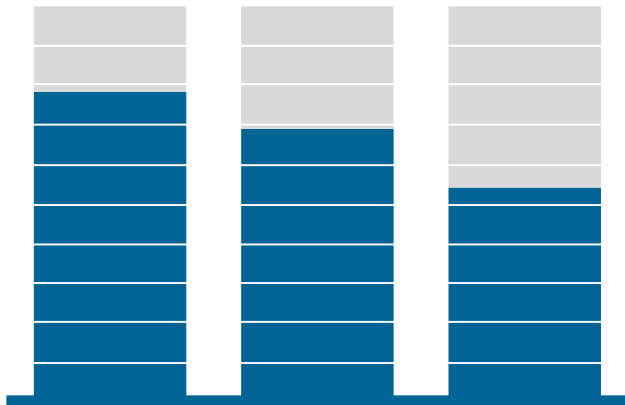
2012 Voting Rate

54%

2014 Voting Rate

20%

2012 Presidential Election

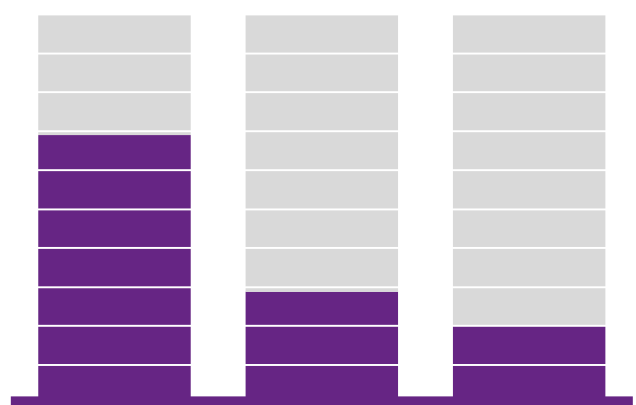


78.3%
Registration Rate

68.9%
Rate of Registered Students who Voted

54.0%
Voting Rate

2014 Midterm Election



69.0%
Registration Rate

28.4%
Rate of Registered Students who Voted

19.6%
Voting Rate

Total student enrollment	1,801
Ineligible to vote because too young	16
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	34
FERPA records blocked	-
Number of students who registered	1,371
Number of students who voted	945

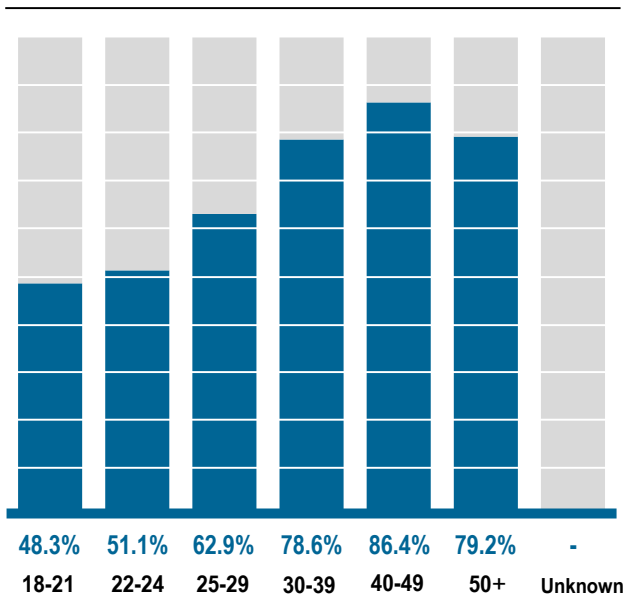
Total student enrollment	1,940
Ineligible to vote because too young	25
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	29
FERPA records blocked	-
Number of students who registered	1,301
Number of students who voted	369

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY AGE GROUP

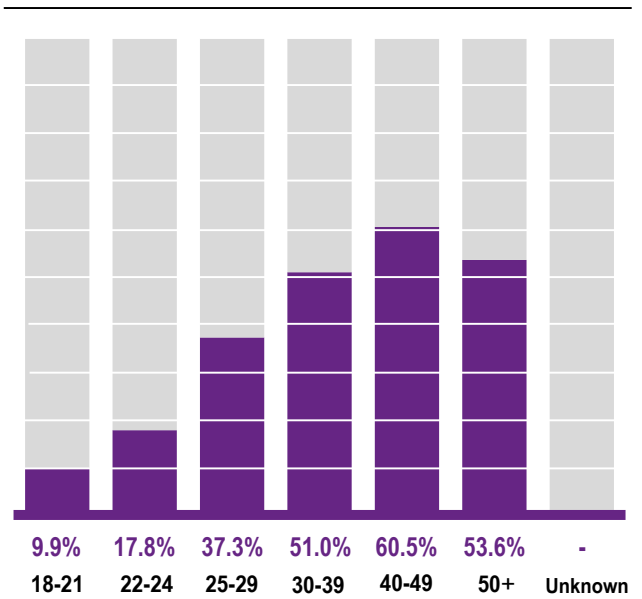
Your students broken down by age at the time of the election. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	1,272	615
22-24	186	95
25-29	143	90
30-39	112	88
40-49	44	38
50+	24	19
Unknown	*	-

2014 Midterm Election



AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	1,241	123
22-24	219	39
25-29	177	66
30-39	151	77
40-49	81	49
50+	28	15
Unknown	18	-

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY FIELD OF STUDY

Your students broken down by field of study. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

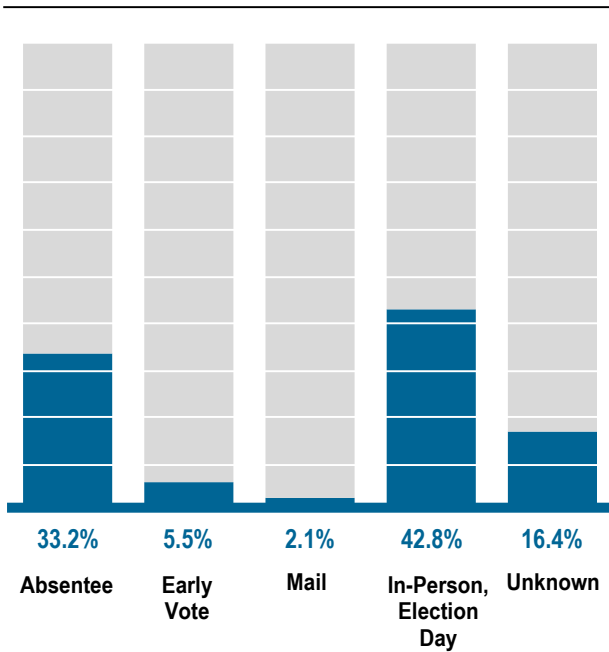
	2012 Presidential Election			2014 Midterm Election		
	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout
Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	50	26	52.0%	51	*	15.7%
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support	58	24	41.4%	57	*	8.8%
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	102	51	50.0%	77	13	16.9%
Computer and Information and Library Sciences	12	*	33.3%	13	*	23.1%
Education	85	57	67.1%	266	127	47.7%
Engineering	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health Professions and Related Sciences, Knowledge, and Skills	-	-	-	-	-	-
Humanities	199	113	56.8%	207	35	16.9%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies, and Humanities	580	259	44.7%	535	37	6.9%
Mathematics and Statistics	91	69	75.8%	80	40	50.0%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	40	18	45.0%	49	*	6.1%
Parks and Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Physical Sciences	65	37	56.9%	87	11	12.6%
Professions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Psychology, Personal Awareness, and Self-Improvement	110	58	52.7%	115	12	10.4%
Social Sciences	153	96	62.7%	153	29	19.0%
Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trades	-	-	-	-	-	-
Visual and Performing Arts	178	104	58.4%	133	22	16.5%

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY VOTING METHOD

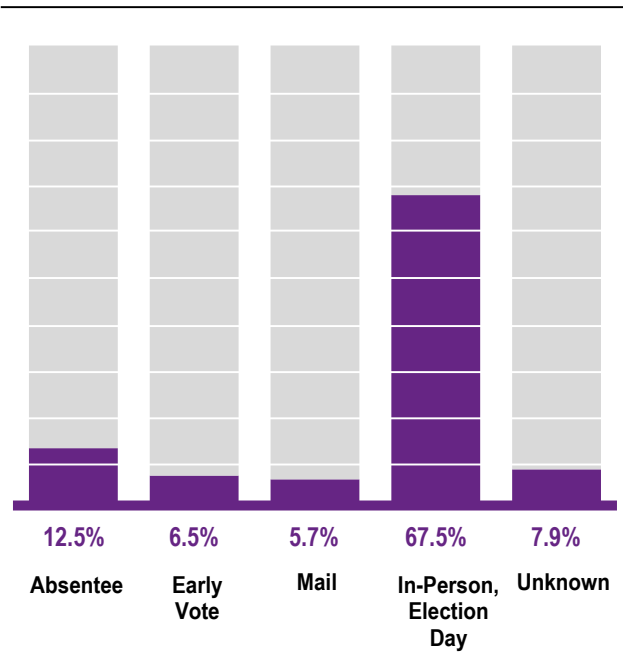
Your students broken down by voting method. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens. If your campus has a high percentage of "unknown" voting methods, it means that this information is not reported by local officials.

2012 Presidential Election



VOTING METHOD	ENROLLED	VOTED
Absentee	1,801	314
Early Vote	1,801	52
Mail	1,801	20
In-Person, Election Day	1,801	404
Unknown	1,801	155

2014 Midterm Election



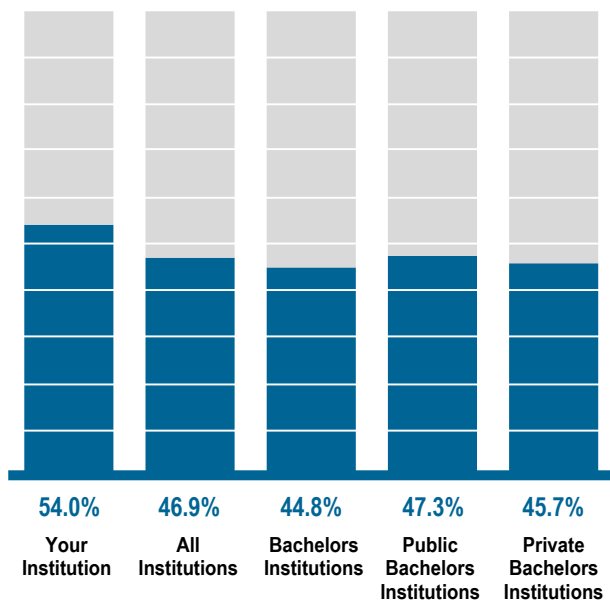
VOTING METHOD	ENROLLED	VOTED
Absentee	1,940	46
Early Vote	1,940	24
Mail	1,940	21
In-Person, Election Day	1,940	249
Unknown	1,940	29

How Your Institutions' Numbers Compare

BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

See how your campus voting rate compares to others in your Carnegie classification. This comparison data allows your campus to understand your individual voting rates in the context of similar institutions. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election

