

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Governors 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 and 2016 federal elections. Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of nearly 30 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 2012 and 2016 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (FERPA-blocked records excluded) and publicly available voting files collected by Catalyst.

Institutional voting rates 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, we cannot consistently adjust for students who are non-resident aliens, resident aliens, or undocumented students. This may result in your institution's actual voting rate being higher than we report. To calculate that percentage, and to read more about NSLVE data, see our [FAQ on Campus Reports](#). Please also see [Creating and Maintaining the NSLVE Database](#) paper for a more detailed study methodology.

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. This report provides a baseline measure of your students' engagement in democracy in 2012 and 2016, and compares your institution's voting rates to similar institutions. Visit our website for more comparison data.
- ❑ Share the report widely and strategically, including posting it online.
- ❑ Put your data into practice. Use our IDHE Resources to guide you.
- ❑ Address your campus climate for student political learning, discourse, and participation. Start by bringing the IDHE team to your campus or using the IDHE self-assessment rubric available on our website.
- ❑ Partner with IDHE. We are available with virtual office hours, webinars, brown bag discussions and in-person trainings.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: idhe.tufts.edu.

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Warm regards,
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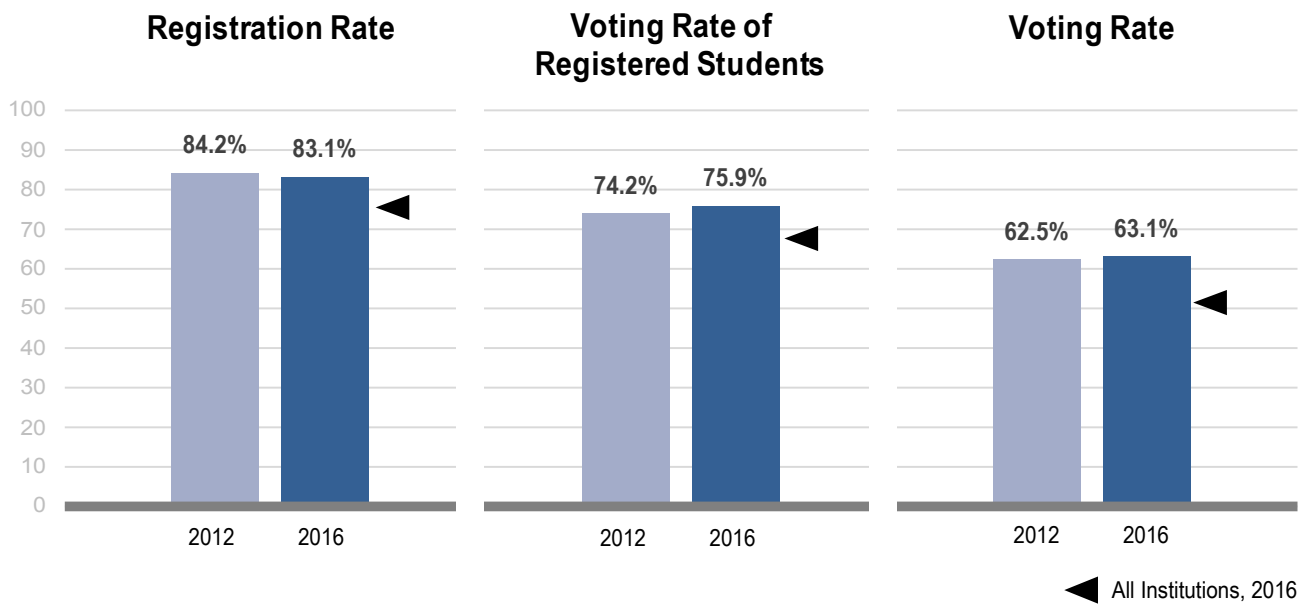
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
63.1%

CHANGE FROM 2012
0.6

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	5,499	5,689	↑ 190
Age under 18/Unknown	(21)	*	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(89)	(380)	
FERPA records blocked	0	0	
Total eligible voters	5,389	5,301	↓ -88
Number of students who registered	4,539	4,407	↓ -132
Number of students who voted	3,368	3,346	↓ -22
Registration rate	84.2%	83.1%	↓ -1.1
Voting rate of registered students	74.2%	75.9%	↑ 1.7
Voting rate	62.5%	63.1%	↑ 0.6
Difference from all institutions	+15.6	+12.7	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions

46.9%

HIGH 72.9%

LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions

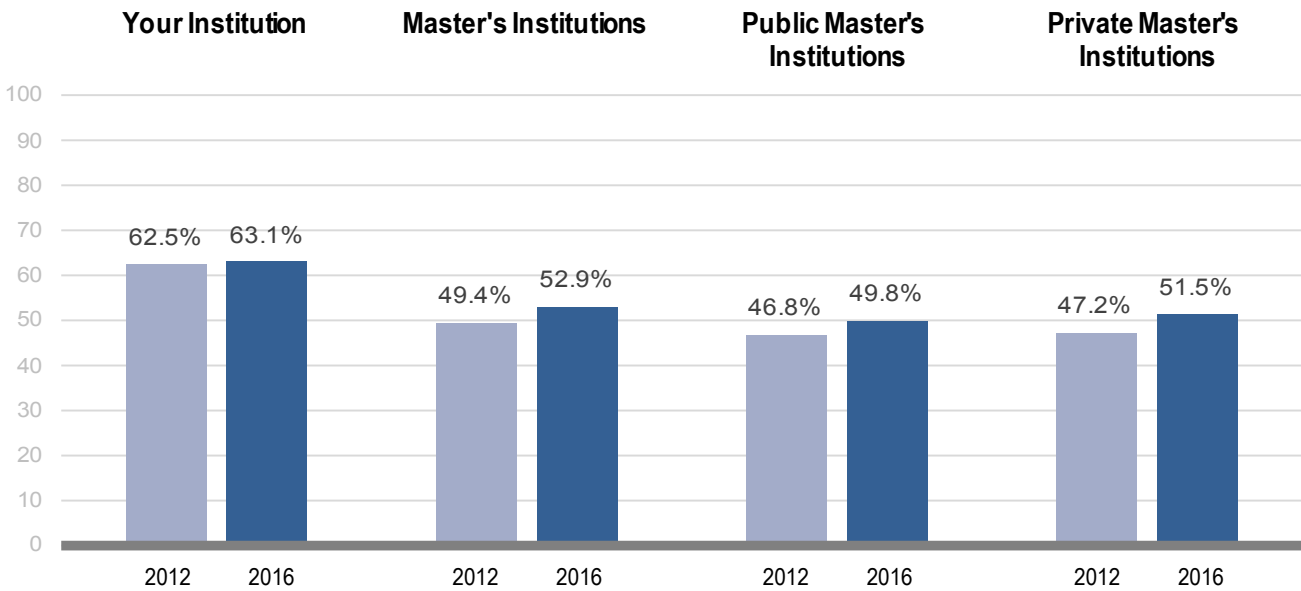
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%

LOW 13.1%

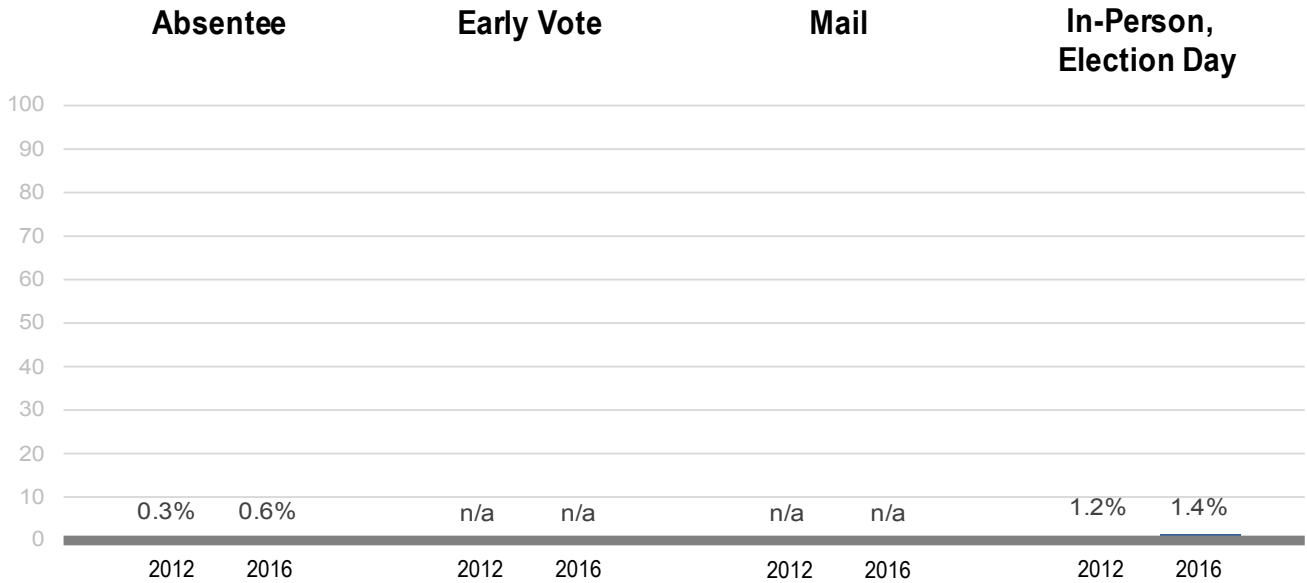
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By Voting Method*

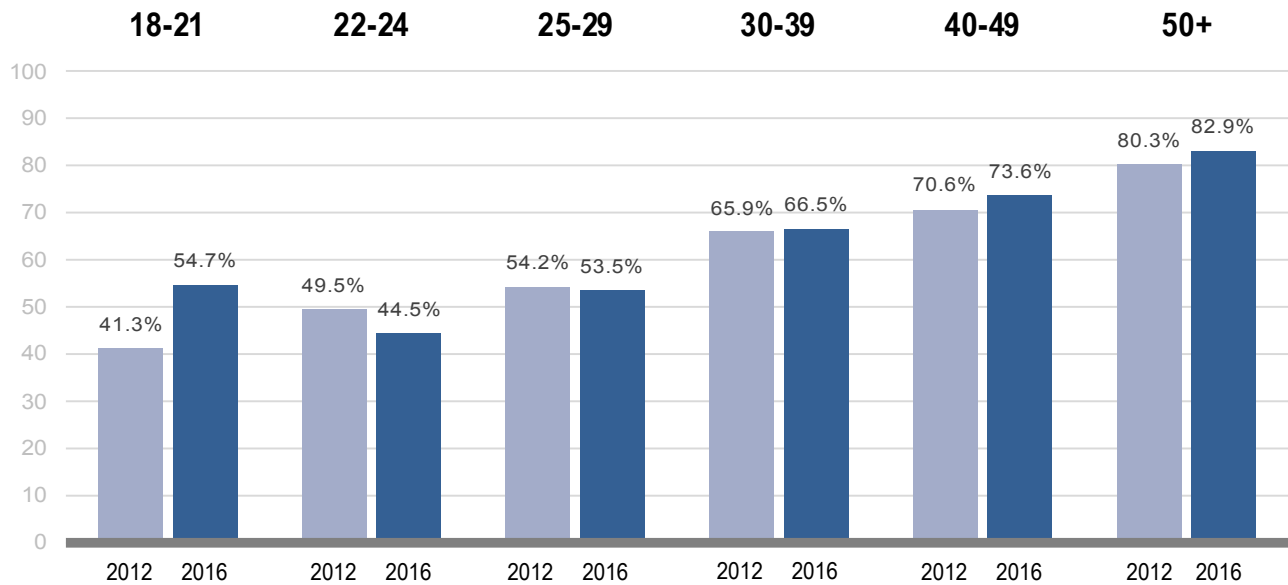


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	11	0.3%	19	0.6%	↑ 0.2
Early Vote	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
Mail	0	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	39	1.2%	48	1.4%	↑ 0.3
Unknown	3,317	98.5%	3,272	97.8%	
Total	3,368		3,346		

* 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 officials where your students voted.

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By Age Group*

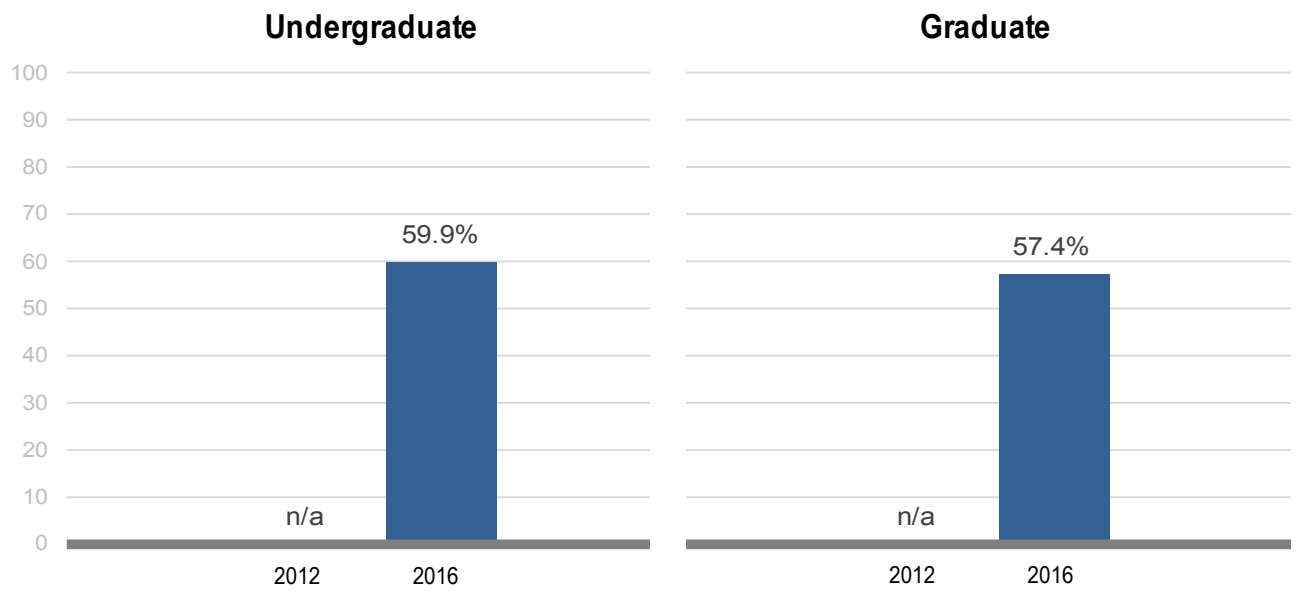


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	271	112	41.3%	774	423	54.7%	↑ 13.3
22-24	1,016	503	49.5%	1,373	611	44.5%	↓ -5.0
25-29	1,232	668	54.2%	1,287	689	53.5%	↓ -0.7
30-39	1,376	907	65.9%	1,061	706	66.5%	↑ 0.6
40-49	955	674	70.6%	717	528	73.6%	↑ 3.1
50+	628	504	80.3%	469	389	82.9%	↑ 2.7
Unknown	20			*			

* 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.

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By Education Level*

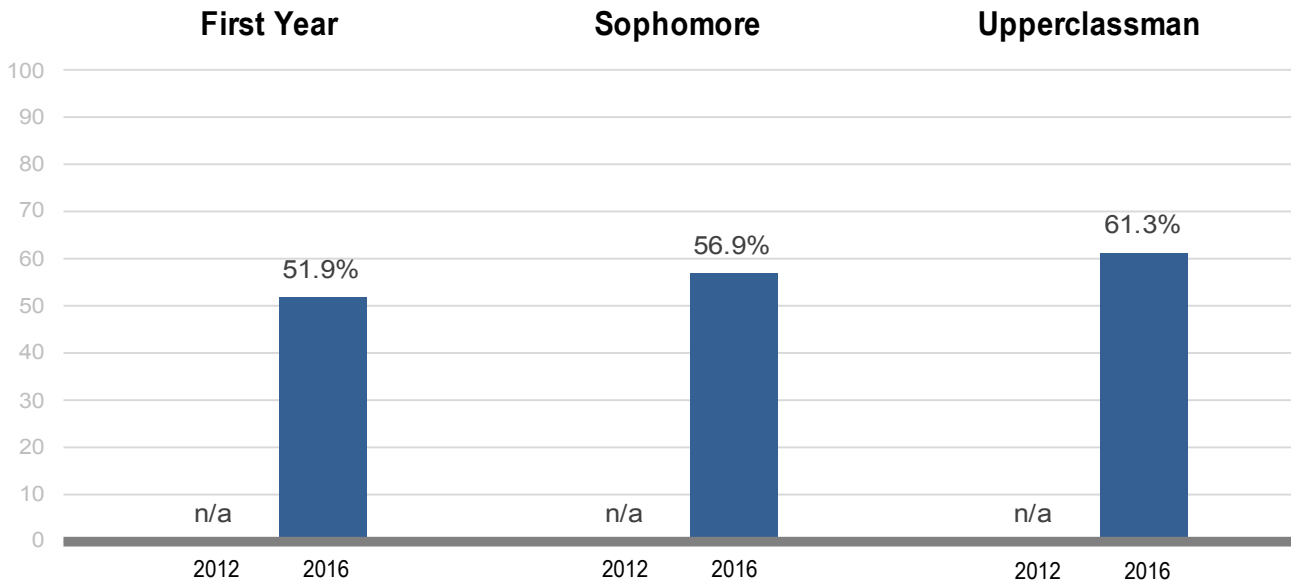


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	3,428	2,052	59.9%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	2,238	1,284	57.4%	n/a
Unknown	5,478			15			

* 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.

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By Undergraduate Class Year*

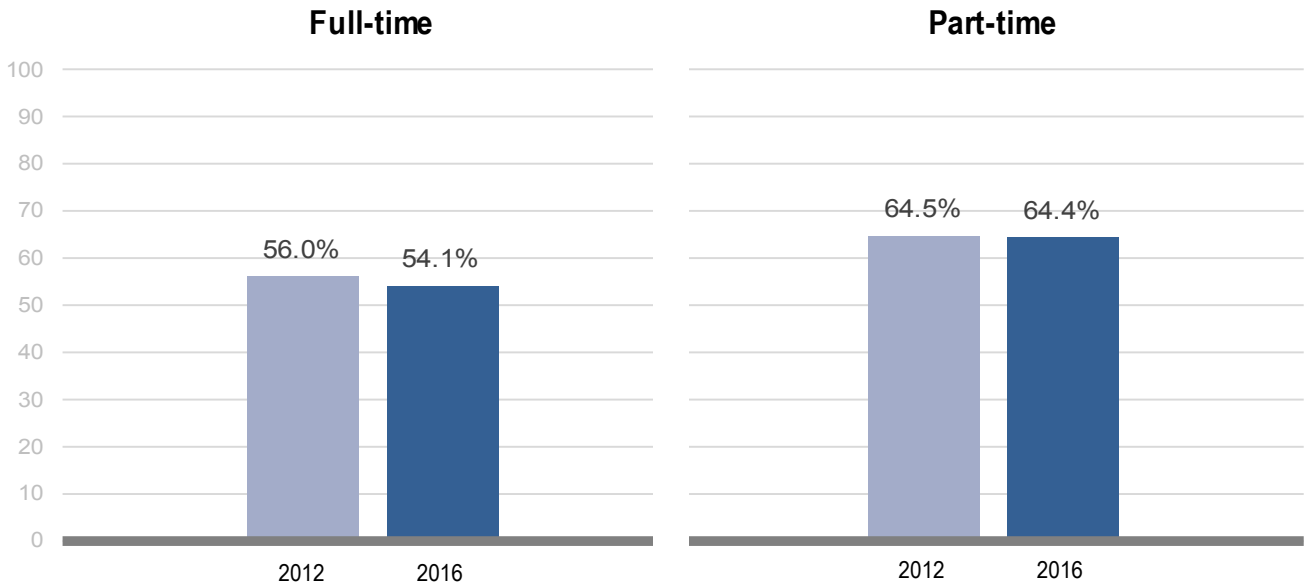


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	0	0	n/a	349	181	51.9%	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	348	198	56.9%	n/a
Upperclassman	0	0	n/a	2,674	1,638	61.3%	n/a

* 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.

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By Enrollment Status*

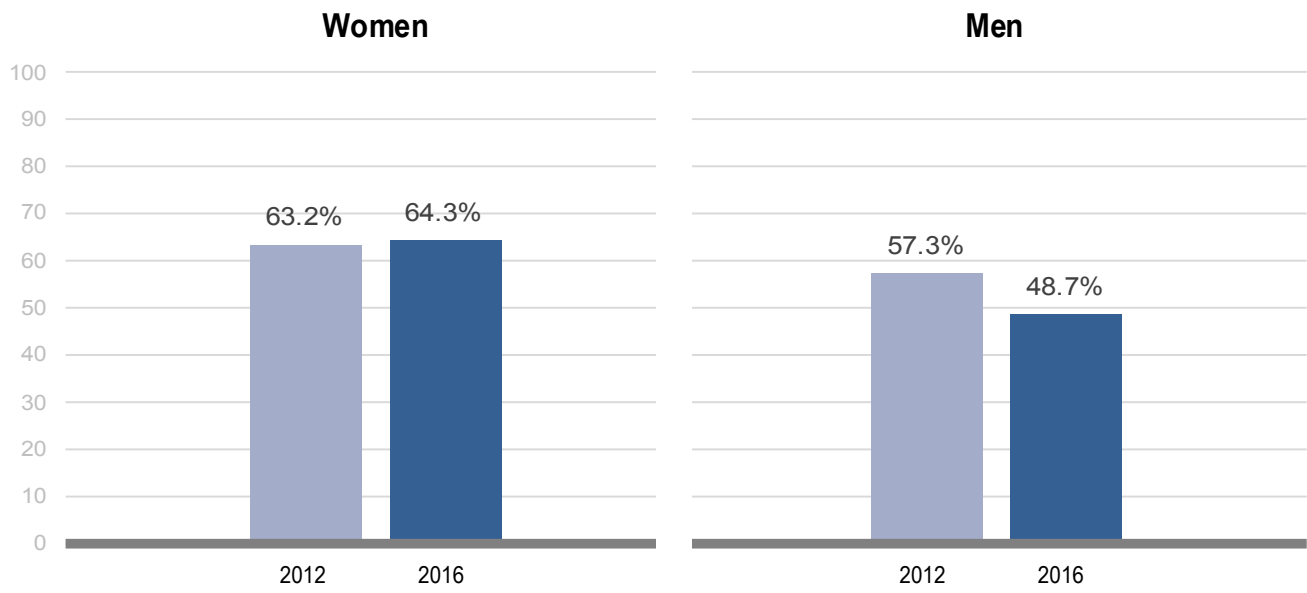


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	1,943	1,088	56.0%	3,012	1,628	54.1%	↓ -2.0
Part-time	3,535	2,280	64.5%	2,669	1,718	64.4%	↓ -0.1
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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.

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By Gender*

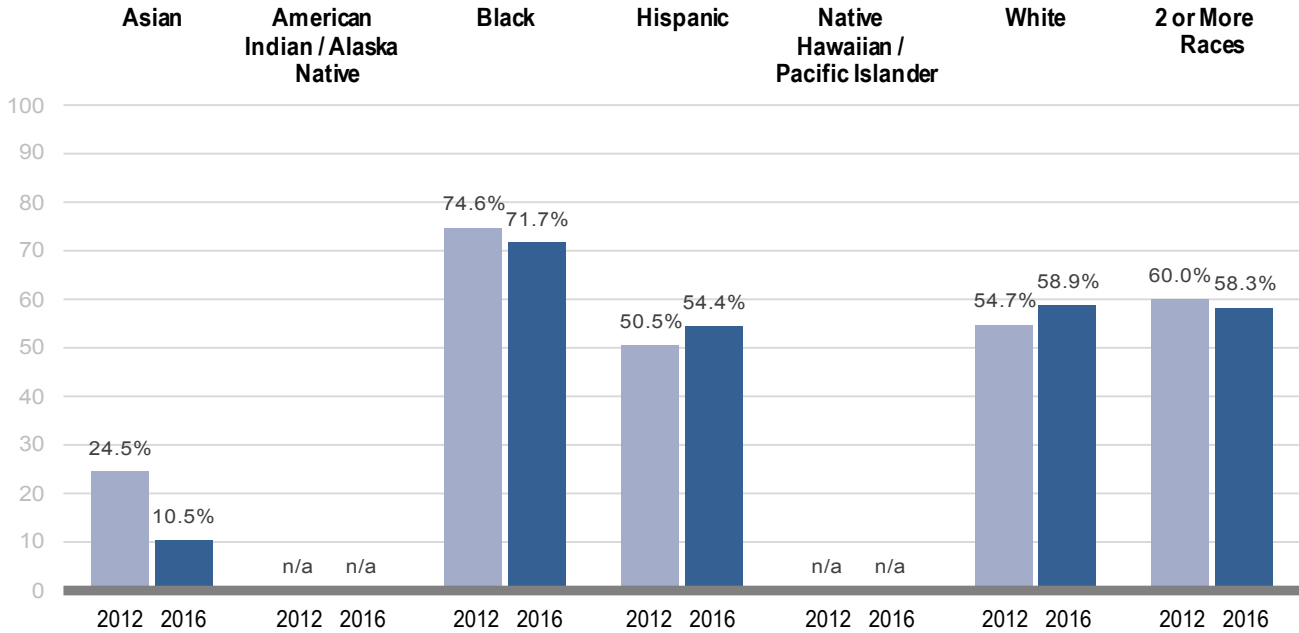


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	3,918	2,477	63.2%	3,720	2,391	64.3%	↑ 1.1
Men	1,554	891	57.3%	1,960	955	48.7%	↓ -8.6
Unknown	*	0	n/a	*	0	n/a	

* 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.

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By Race/Ethnicity*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	106	26	24.5%	430	45	10.5%	↓ -14.1
American Indian / Alaska Native	13	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Black	2,002	1,494	74.6%	2,053	1,472	71.7%	↓ -2.9
Hispanic	396	200	50.5%	601	327	54.4%	↑ 3.9
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
White	2,373	1,299	54.7%	1,932	1,137	58.9%	↑ 4.1
2 or More Races	55	33	60.0%	115	67	58.3%	↓ -1.7
Unknown	528			544			

* 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.

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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.

	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	126	63	50.0%	135	75	55.6% ↑	5.6
Business, Management, and Marketing	690	399	57.8%	736	426	57.9% →	0.0
Communication and Journalism	243	145	59.7%	202	133	65.8% ↑	6.2
Computer and Information Sciences	125	74	59.2%	553	138	25.0% ↓	-34.3
Education	680	436	64.1%	561	377	67.2% ↑	3.1
English Language and Literature	104	56	53.9%	81	60	74.1% ↑	20.2
Health Professions	1,244	755	60.7%	1,048	640	61.1% ↑	0.4
History	0	0	n/a	14	*	n/a	n/a
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	359	208	57.9%	287	164	57.1% ↓	-0.8
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	481	322	66.9%	355	180	50.7% ↓	-16.2
Mathematics and Statistics	75	37	49.3%	65	42	64.6% ↑	15.3
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	396	266	67.2%	n/a
Physical Sciences	70	20	28.6%	47	16	34.0% ↑	5.5
Psychology	435	258	59.3%	394	239	60.7% ↑	1.3
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	407	309	75.9%	364	278	76.4% ↑	0.5
Social Sciences	69	43	62.3%	93	70	75.3% ↑	13.0
Visual and Performing Arts	67	45	67.2%	76	53	69.7% ↑	2.6
Unknown	303	198	65.4%	274	182	66.4% ↑	1.1

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: idhe.tufts.edu.

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