

#### **SEPTEMBER 2019**

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT** 

Student Voting Rates for Gustavus Adolphus College

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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-questio

#### **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

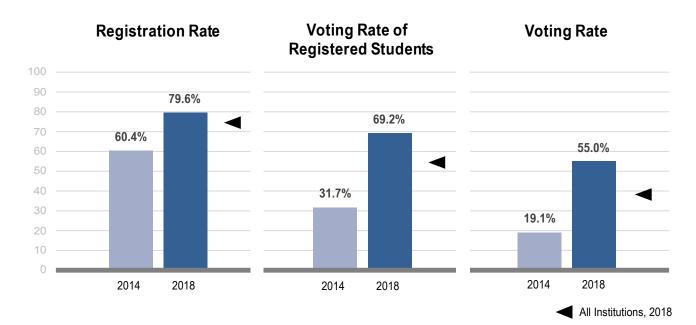
55.0%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+35.9

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%



	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	2,376	2,231	Ţ	-145
Age under 18/Unknown IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens FERPA records blocked	(29) (62) *	(14) (93) (191)		
Total eligible voters	2,284	1,933	Ţ	-351
Number of students who registered	1,380	1,538	î	158
Number of students who voted	437	1,064	•	627
Registration rate	60.4%	79.6%	î	19.2
Voting rate of registered students	31.7%	69.2%	î	37.5
Voting rate	19.1%	55.0%	<u>^</u>	35.9
Difference from all institutions	-0.6	+15.9		

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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%

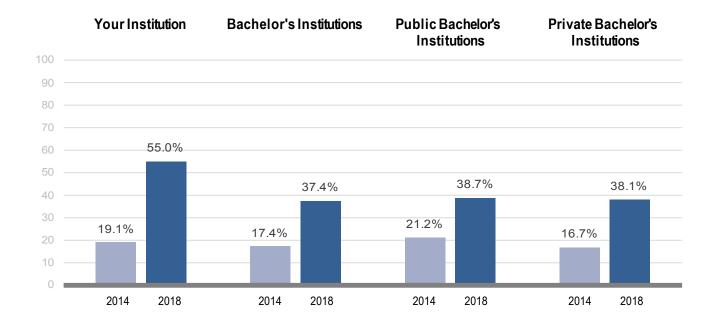
LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions

-0.6

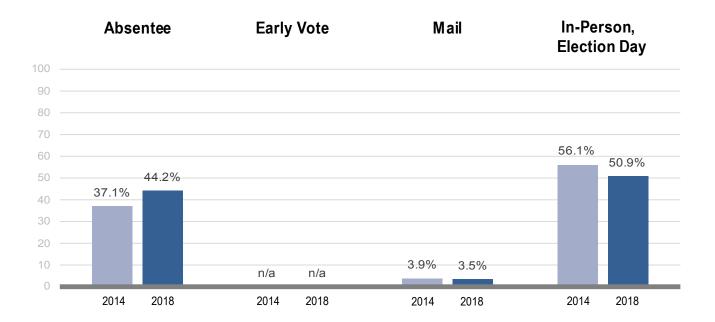
Difference from All Institutions

+15.9



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# By Voting Method\*

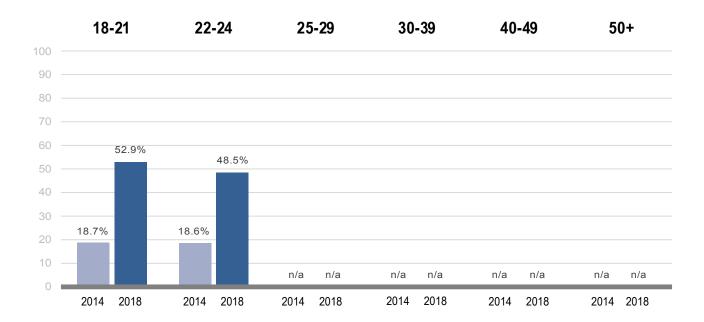


	20	14	20			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	162	37.1%	470	44.2%	1	7.1
Early Vote	0	n/a	*	n/a		n/a
Mail	17	3.9%	37	3.5%	1	-0.4
In-Person, Election Day	245	56.1%	541	50.9%	1	-5.2
Unknown	13	3.0%	13	1.2%		
Total	437		1,064			

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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\*

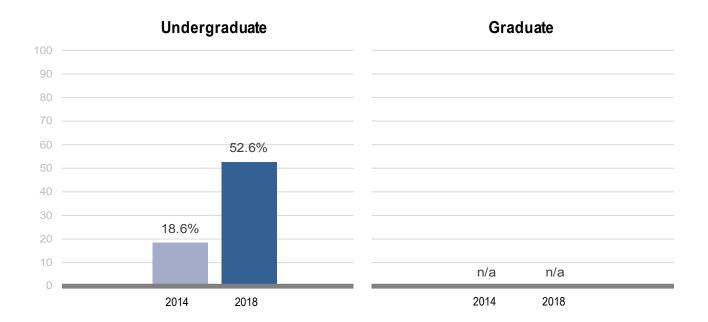


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
18-21	2,099	392	18.7%	1,815	960	52.9%	•	34.2
22-24	236	44	18.6%	200	97	48.5%	•	29.9
25-29	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a		n/a
30-39	*	0	n/a	*	*	n/a		n/a
40-49	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a		n/a
50+	0	0	n/a	*	0	n/a		n/a
Unknown	*			0				

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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	2,341	435	18.6%	2,015	1,060	52.6%	•	34.0
Graduate	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
Unknown	*			11				

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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\*

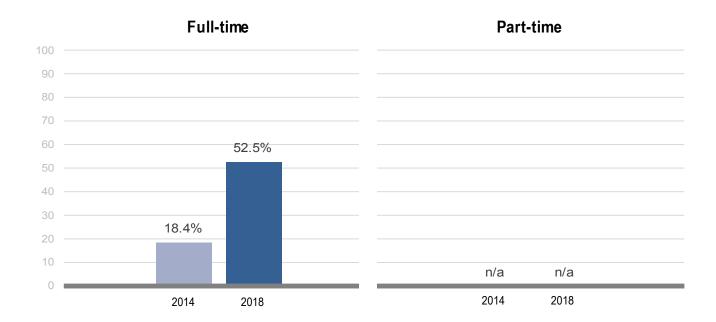
	First Year	Sophomore	Upper-level
100			
90			
80			
70			
60			
50			
40			
30			
20			
10			
0	n/a n/a	n/a n/a	n/a n/a
	2014 2018	2014 2018	2014 2018

	2014						
	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

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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\*

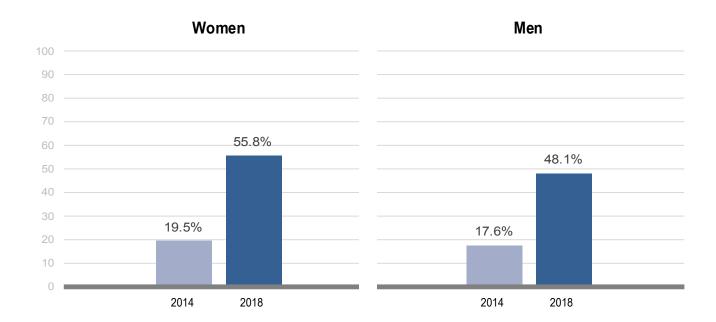


		2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	2,327	429	18.4%	2,010	1,056	52.5%	1	34.1
Part-time	19	*	n/a	16	*	n/a		n/a
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

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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\*

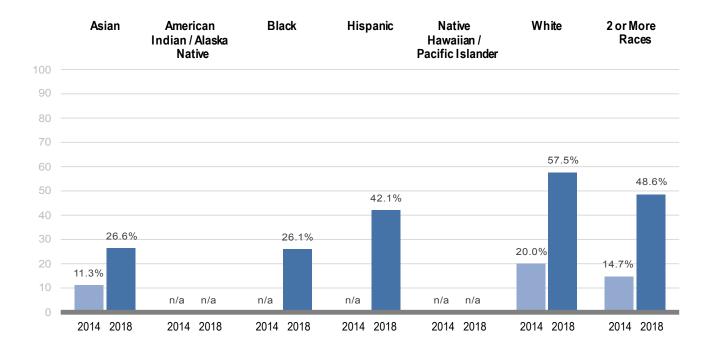


		2014		2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	1,264	247	19.5%	1,173	654	55.8%	1	36.2
Men	1,082	190	17.6%	853	410	48.1%	1	30.5
Unknown	0		,	0				

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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	115	13	11.3%	158	42	26.6%	•	15.3
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
Black	48	*	n/a	69	18	26.1%		n/a
Hispanic	81	*	n/a	114	48	42.1%		n/a
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
White	1,971	395	20.0%	1,593	916	57.5%	1	37.5
2 or More Races	75	11	14.7%	72	35	48.6%	1	33.9
Unknown	56	1	,	20	,			

<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
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	12	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	224	38	17.0%	142	77	54.2% 👚	37.3
Business, Management, and Marketing	173	37	21.4%	125	62	49.6% 👚	28.2
Communication and Journalism	96	17	17.7%	64	41	64.1% 👚	46.4
Computer and Information Sciences	24	*	n/a	26	10	38.5%	n/a
Education	81	21	25.9%	65	44	67.7% 👚	41.8
English Language and Literature	57	16	28.1%	39	23	59.0% 👚	30.9
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	39	*	n/a	25	13	52.0%	n/a
Health Professions	53	*	n/a	55	18	32.7%	n/a
History	45	10	22.2%	26	17	65.4% 👚	43.2
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	823	133	16.2%	980	483	49.3% 🁚	33.1
Mathematics and Statistics	38	*	n/a	18	11	61.1%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	33	*	n/a	27	18	66.7%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	87	15	17.2%	70	29	41.4% 👚	24.2
Philosophy and Religious Studies	37	*	n/a	16	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	95	16	16.8%	56	34	60.7% 👚	43.9
Psychology	155	26	16.8%	98	69	70.4% 👚	53.6
Social Sciences	169	39	23.1%	111	61	55.0% 👚	31.9
Visual and Performing Arts	89	22	24.7%	55	34	61.8% 🁚	37.1
Unknown	16	*	n/a	21	*	n/a	n/a

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