

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Harvard 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, 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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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at NSLVE@tufts.edu.

Warm regards,

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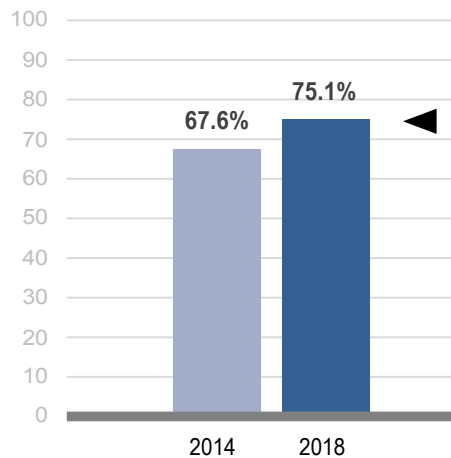
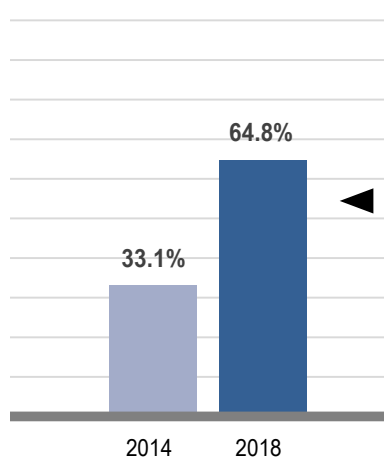
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

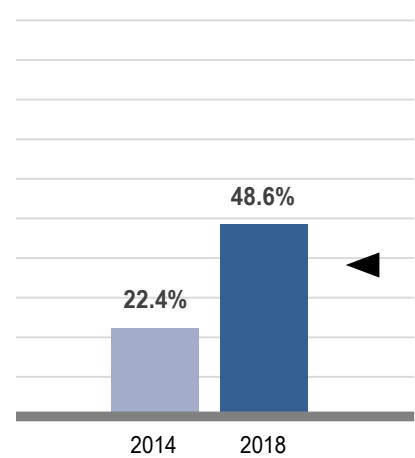
2018 Voting Rate

48.6%CHANGE
FROM 2014**+26.3**2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS**39.1%**

Registration Rate

Voting Rate of
Registered Students

Voting Rate



All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	26,806	30,656	↑ 3,850
Age under 18/Unknown	(261)	(332)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(4,405)	(6,397)	
FERPA records blocked	(55)	(35)	
Total eligible voters	22,085	23,892	↑ 1,807
Number of students who registered	14,922	17,931	↑ 3,009
Number of students who voted	4,936	11,620	↑ 6,684
Registration rate	67.6%	75.1%	↑ 7.5
Voting rate of registered students	33.1%	64.8%	↑ 31.7
Voting rate	22.4%	48.6%	↑ 26.3
Difference from all institutions	+2.7	+9.5	

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

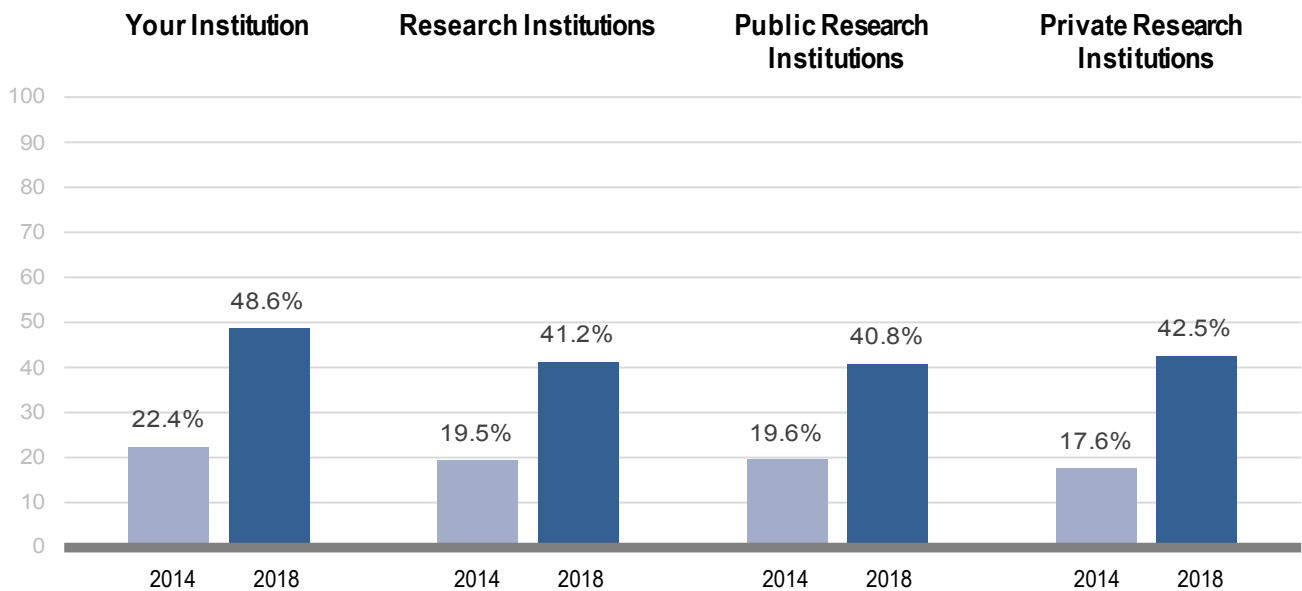
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LOW
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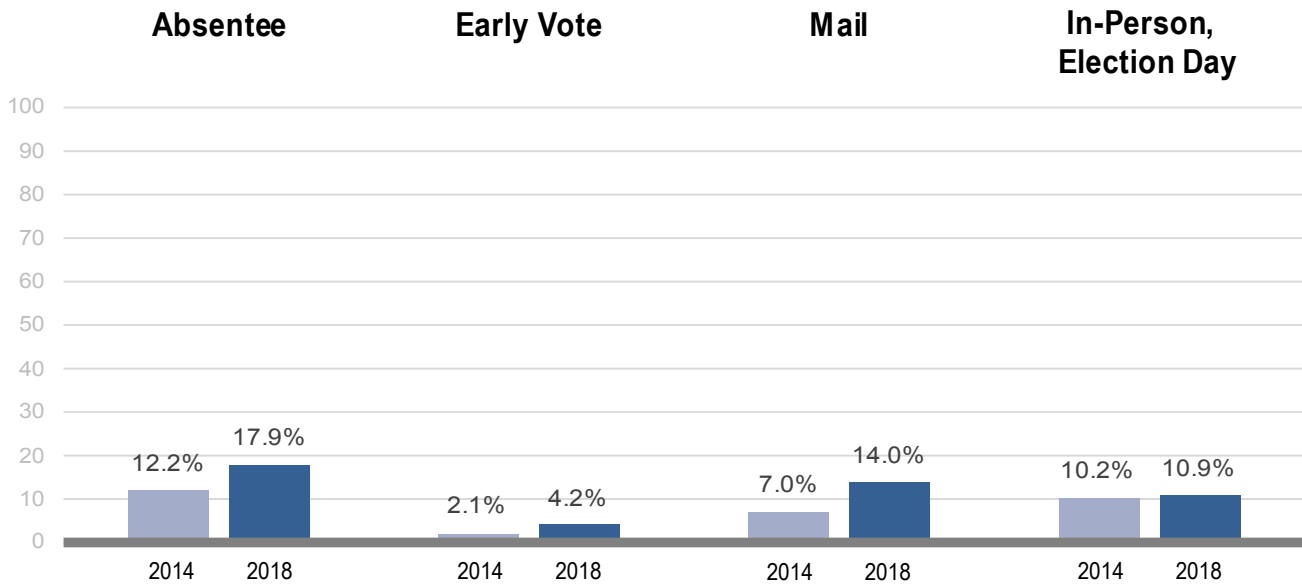
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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

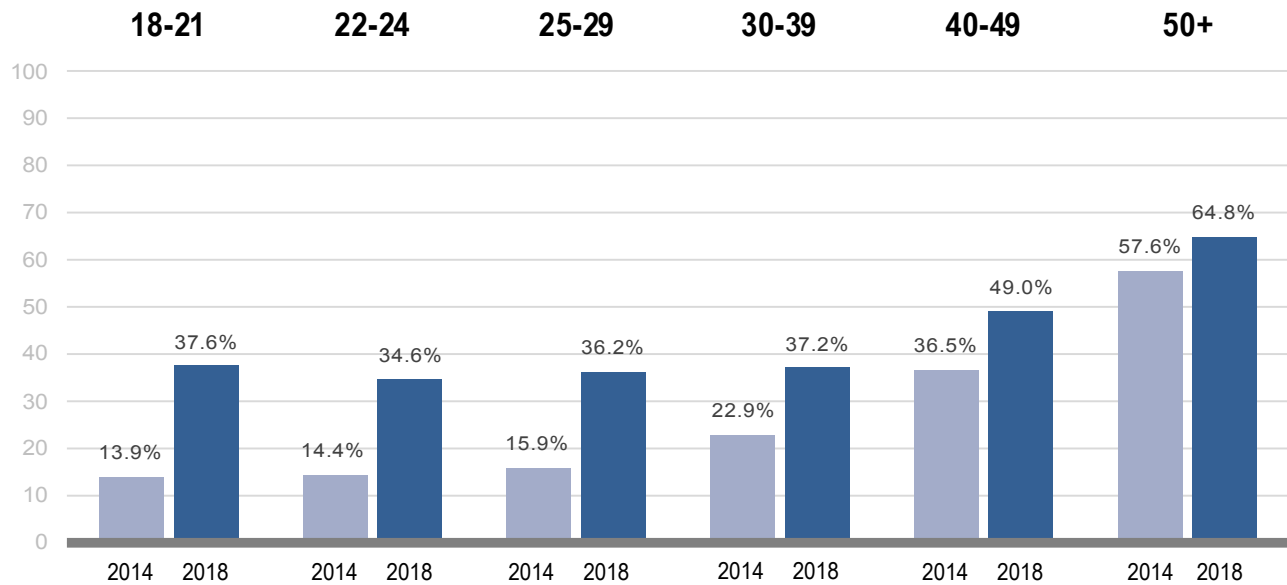


	2014		2018			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change	
Absentee	600	12.2%	2,079	17.9%	↑	5.7
Early Vote	102	2.1%	483	4.2%	↑	2.1
Mail	346	7.0%	1,626	14.0%	↑	7.0
In-Person, Election Day	503	10.2%	1,269	10.9%	↑	0.7
Unknown	3,385	68.6%	6,163	53.0%		
Total	4,936		11,620			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*

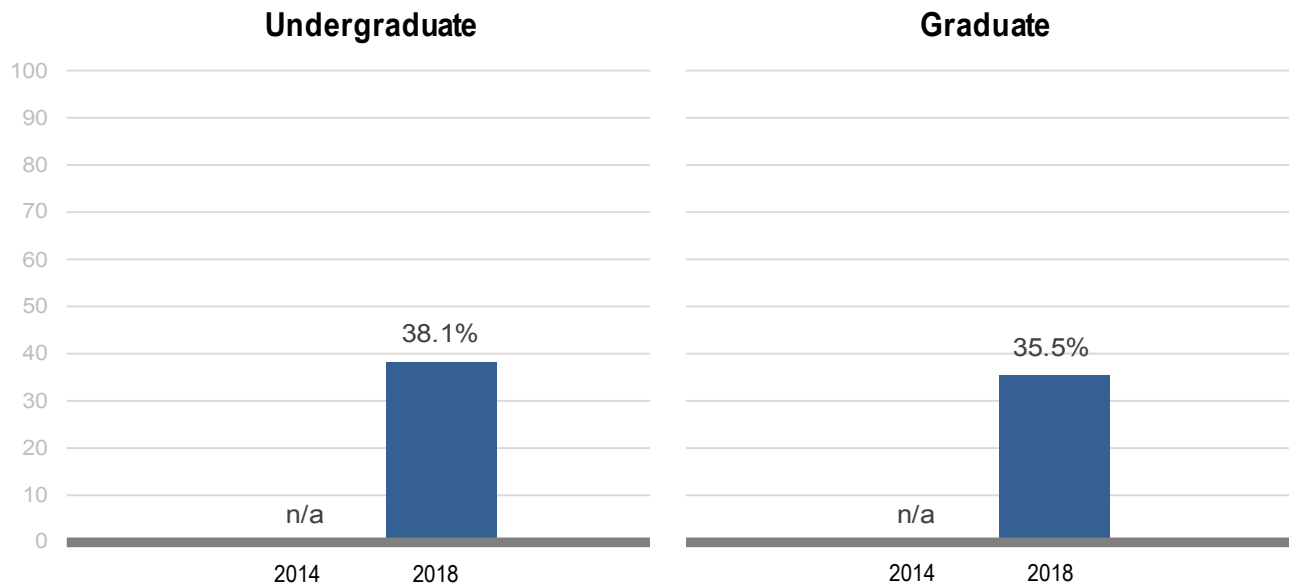


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	6,395	889	13.9%	6,229	2,340	37.6%	↑	23.7
22-24	4,689	674	14.4%	4,712	1,632	34.6%	↑	20.3
25-29	8,606	1,365	15.9%	9,867	3,571	36.2%	↑	20.3
30-39	4,682	1,070	22.9%	6,309	2,345	37.2%	↑	14.3
40-49	1,339	489	36.5%	2,052	1,006	49.0%	↑	12.5
50+	779	449	57.6%	1,120	726	64.8%	↑	7.2
Unknown	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.

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By Education Level*

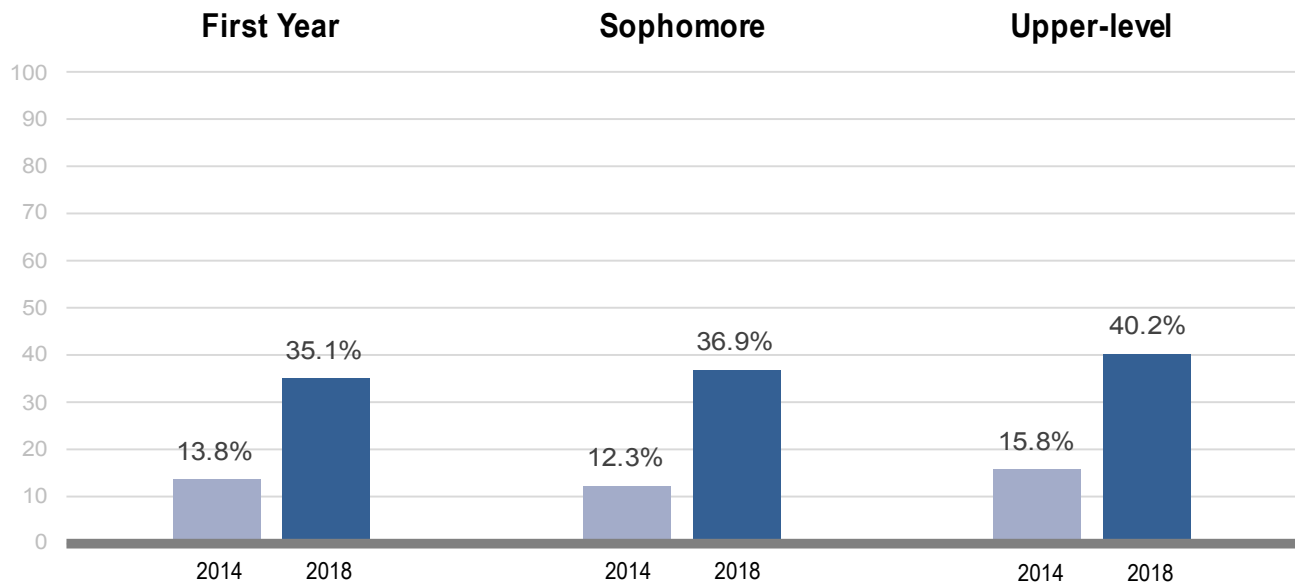


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	7,303	2,784	38.1%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	15,986	5,681	35.5%	n/a
Unknown	26,490			7,000			

* 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*

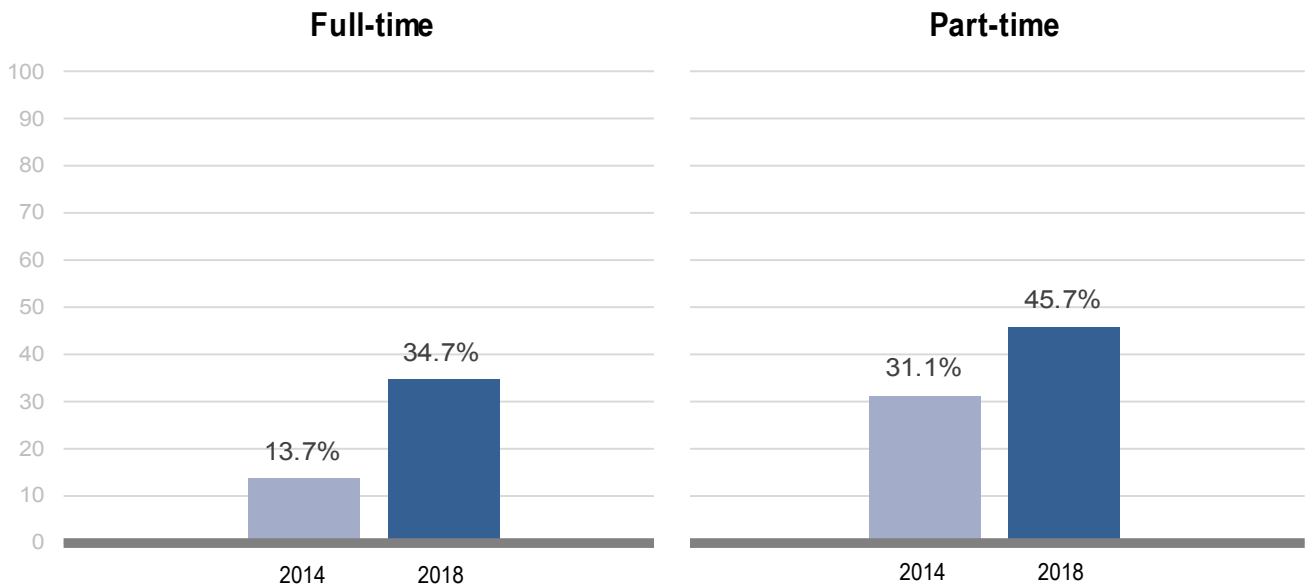


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	1,656	228	13.8%	1,490	523	35.1%	↑	21.3
Sophomore	1,757	216	12.3%	1,745	643	36.9%	↑	24.6
Upper-level	3,642	575	15.8%	3,838	1,544	40.2%	↑	24.4

* 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*

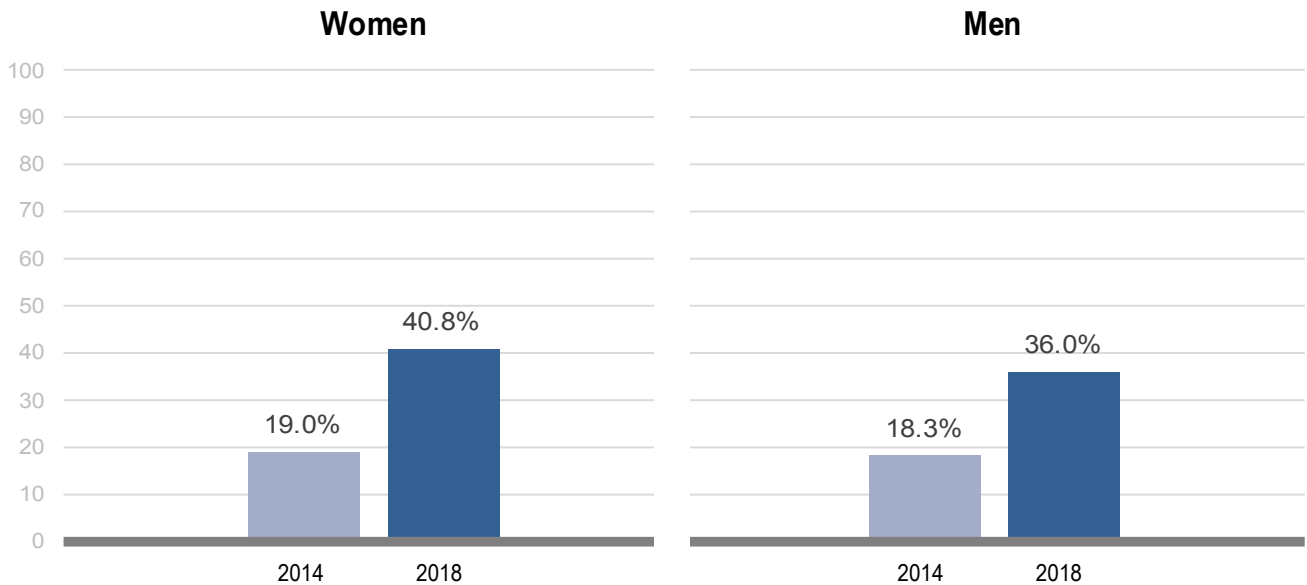


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	18,971	2,596	13.7%	20,145	6,985	34.7%	↑	21.0
Part-time	7,519	2,340	31.1%	10,144	4,635	45.7%	↑	14.6
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

* 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*

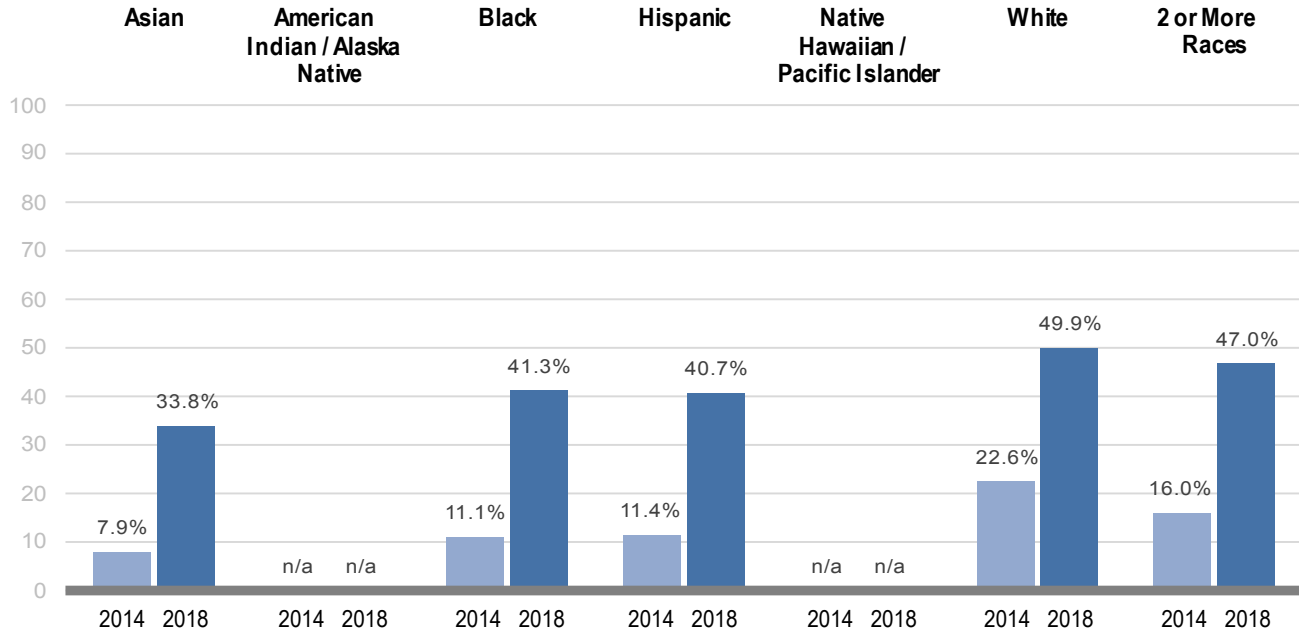


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	12,885	2,445	19.0%	15,047	6,137	40.8%	↑	21.8
Men	13,605	2,491	18.3%	15,216	5,476	36.0%	↑	17.7
Unknown	0			26				

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Race/Ethnicity*



	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change	
Asian	2,844	225	7.9%	1,374	465	33.8%	↑	25.9
American Indian/ Alaska Native	30	*	n/a	*	*	n/a		n/a
Black	1,027	114	11.1%	511	211	41.3%	↑	30.2
Hispanic	402	46	11.4%	1,592	648	40.7%	↑	29.3
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
White	8,198	1,850	22.6%	3,573	1,784	49.9%	↑	27.4
2 or More Races	1,769	283	16.0%	7,432	3,490	47.0%	↑	31.0
Unknown	12,220			15,802				

* 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	
Architecture	799	57	7.1%	567	147	25.9% ↑	18.8
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	424	61	14.4%	436	145	33.3% ↑	18.9
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,075	308	14.8%	2,206	793	36.0% ↑	21.1
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,294	228	9.9%	2,767	770	27.8% ↑	17.9
Communication and Journalism	33	12	36.4%	56	27	48.2% ↑	11.9
Computer and Information Sciences	646	127	19.7%	783	301	38.4% ↑	18.8
Education	884	197	22.3%	990	436	44.0% ↑	21.8
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	579	71	12.3%	886	244	27.5% ↑	15.3
English Language and Literature	278	47	16.9%	197	89	45.2% ↑	28.3
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	32	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	338	36	10.7%	323	104	32.2% ↑	21.6
Health Professions	1,059	148	14.0%	1,923	688	35.8% ↑	21.8
History	600	128	21.3%	545	243	44.6% ↑	23.3
Legal Professions and Studies	2,036	376	18.5%	1,932	838	43.4% ↑	24.9
Leisure and Recreational Activities	0	0	n/a	26	14	53.9%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,952	286	14.7%	2,508	957	38.2% ↑	23.5
Mathematics and Statistics	678	58	8.6%	803	264	32.9% ↑	24.3
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	178	53	29.8%	279	137	49.1% ↑	19.3
Natural Resources and Conservation	214	79	36.9%	520	184	35.4% ↓	-1.5
Philosophy and Religious Studies	170	32	18.8%	235	98	41.7% ↑	22.9
Physical Sciences	793	100	12.6%	706	190	26.9% ↑	14.3
Psychology	475	77	16.2%	359	153	42.6% ↑	26.4
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	1,231	255	20.7%	1,095	407	37.2% ↑	16.5

Social Sciences	2,277	406	17.8%	2,358	906	38.4% ↑	20.6
Theology and Religious Vocations	341	61	17.9%	285	111	39.0% ↑	21.1
Visual and Performing Arts	329	28	8.5%	450	188	41.8% ↑	33.3
Unknown	5,775	1,703	29.5%	7,047	3,183	45.2% ↑	15.7

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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