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Student Voting Rates for Indiana State University

2020 NSLVE Campus Report

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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to send this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for 2020. This report contains three years of relevant topline data: 2016, 2018, and 2020. As always, we disaggregate the data so you can better identify and address gaps in participation.

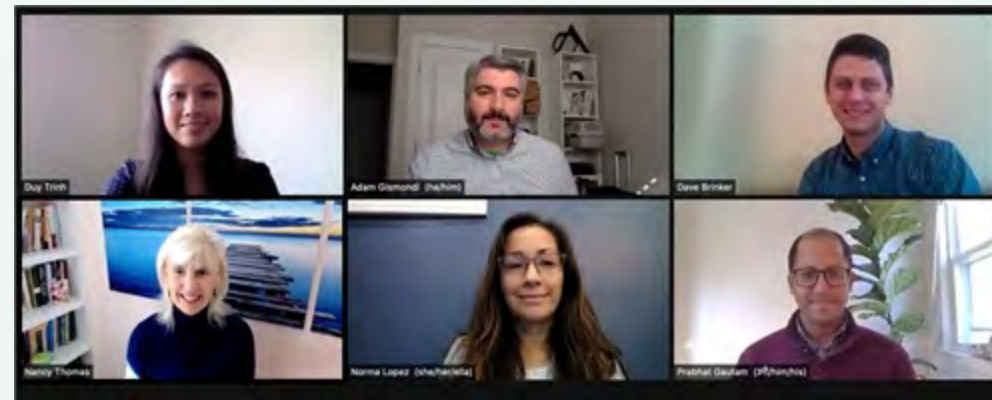
College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

As in past years, we urge you to share this report widely and strategically, particularly with faculty who, in 2020, were often the most consistent communicators with students about ever-changing voting conditions and deadlines. We also urge you to review our recommendations for engaging elections to cultivate a robust and healthy campus climate for political engagement, discourse, equity, and participation: Election Imperatives (2019) and the more recent Election Imperatives: A Time of Physical Distancing and Social Action. Since "pervasive political discussions" and attentiveness to the campus culture around speech and academic freedom are among our top recommendations, we direct you to our discussion guides on talking about your NSLVE report, on free speech and inclusion, and on hot topics, our Making Sense of ... guides.

Finally, we always encourage you to work with us. Help us help you get better data by reaching out. Email IDHE@Tufts.edu for more information. And as always, watch your inbox for our periodic newsletter, IDHE Update, for announcements about upcoming releases and new resources.

Congratulations on engaging your students in the 2020 election. Remember, student political learning is a year-round objective. Elections may be episodic, but student political engagement should not be.

All the Best,
IDHE Team



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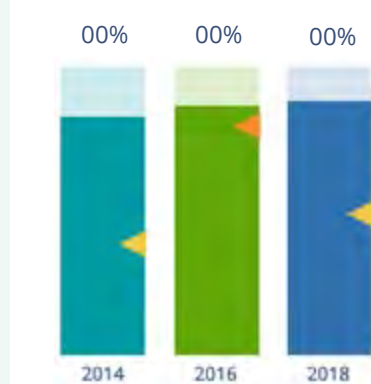
In This Report

This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut charts, and tables.

	2014			2018			2014-2018
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p.)
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

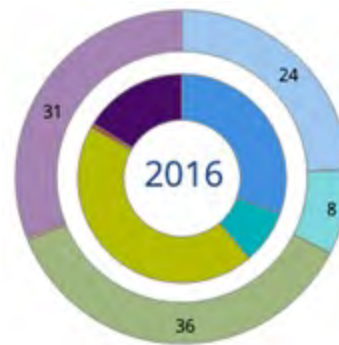
Tables

The tables show, on the left-side columns, the numbers of students and the rates from 2016, 2018, and 2020. On the left-side, percentage point (p.p.) changes between 2016 and 2020. A red down arrow indicates a decrease, a green up arrow indicates an increase, and a yellow arrow pointing to the right indicates no change. "-" in these tables indicates that the data is unavailable/missing, or is available for 10 or less students.



Vessel Chart

This chart shows rates out of 100%, with arrows to the right of each bar representing relevant national averages (medians), which you can find in IDHE's national report Democracy Counts 2020.



Overlapping Donut Chart

This chart is used to show the breakdown of vote method utilization (page 10), with the outer ring showing your campus method utilization and the inner ring showing the national breakdown. These are described in percentages.

Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

58.7%

2020 Voting Rate

+15.7

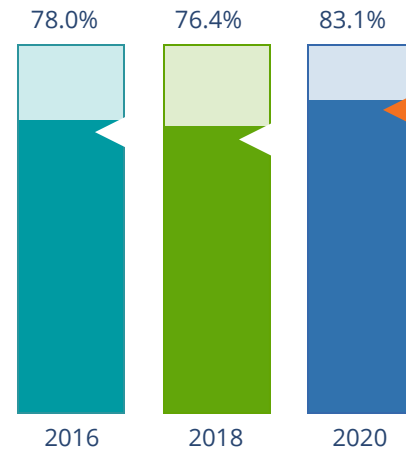
Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

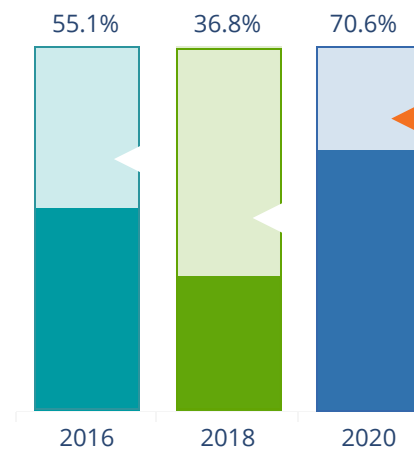
2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



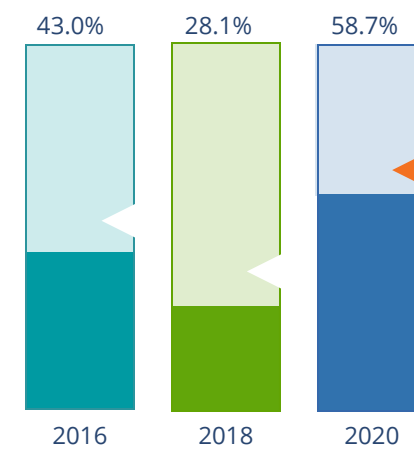
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS



The **Voting Rate of Registered Students** is the percent of registered students who voted on Election Day. We often refer to this as the “yield” rate.

VOTING RATE



The **Voting Rate** is the percentage of eligible students who voted on Election Day. The voting rate is also the product of the registration and yield rates.

Looking Closer

Voting and Registration Rates

	2016	2018	2020	2016-2020 Change (p.p.)
Total Student Enrollment	13,301	12,275	10,631	↓ -2,671
(Age under 18/Unknown)	27	-	-	-
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	934	508	267	↓ -668
(FERPA records blocked)	-	-	-	-
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	35	15	-	-
Total eligible voters	12,302	11,747	10,360	↓ -1,942
Number of students who registered	9,601	8,973	8,612	↓ -989
Number of students who voted	5,292	3,301	6,081	↑ 789
Registration Rate %	78	76	83	↑ 5
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	55	37	71	↑ 15
Voting Rate %	43	28	59	↑ 16

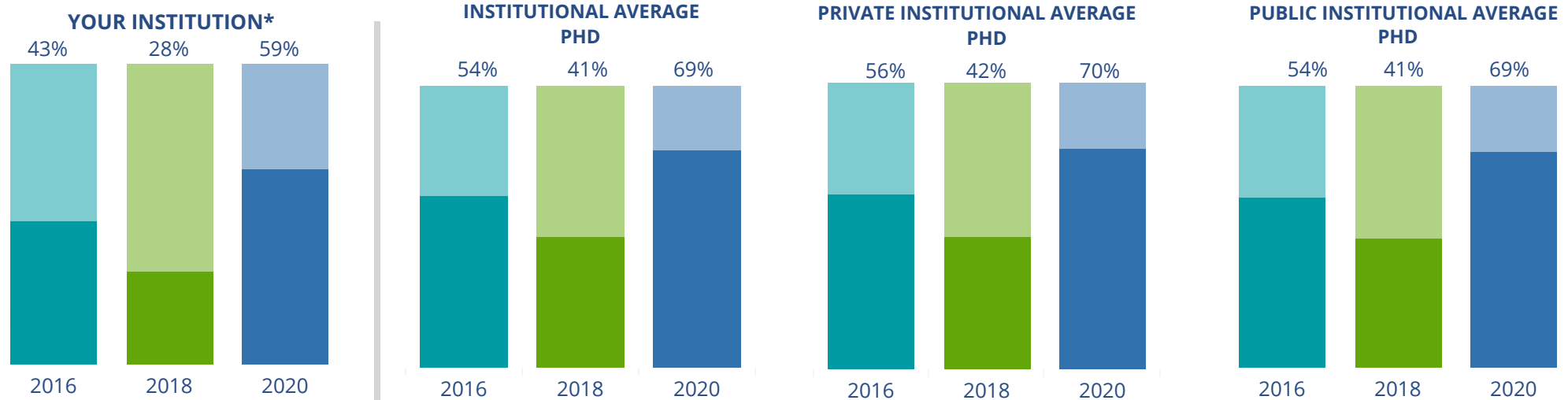
This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates. The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged, students who are not pursuing degrees.

We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to NSC, or we cannot verify the accuracy of the reported counts. This estimate is given by "IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens" on this page. If you believe the number of international students reported on this report is incorrect, you can manually adjust your institution's voting rates by using our recalculation tool. <https://id-he.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-recalculation-tool>.

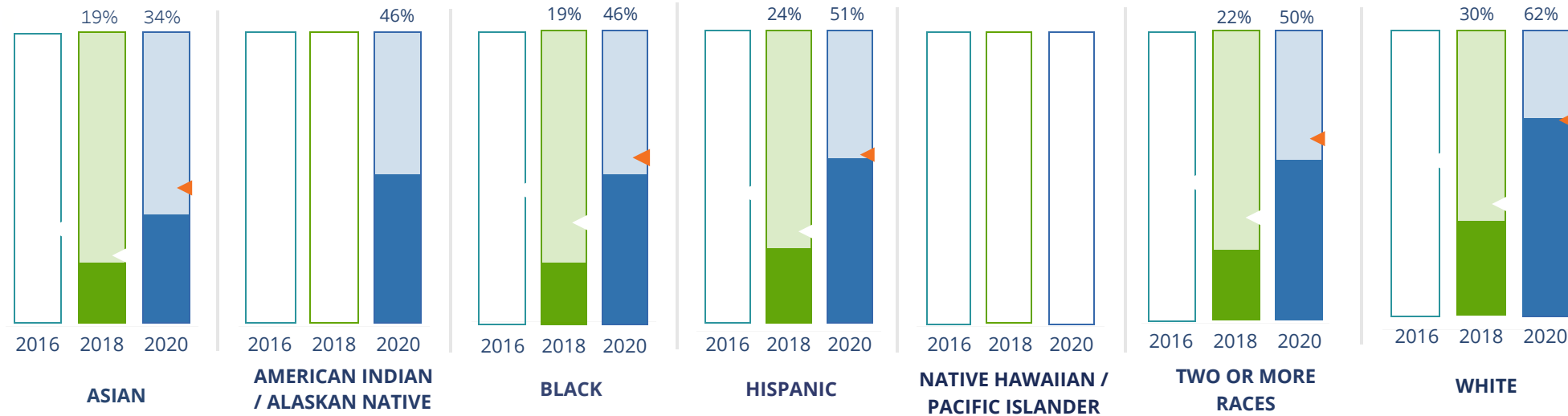
By Institution Types



These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. *"Your Institution" chart is presented at a different scale.



By Race / Ethnicity



These are estimated voting rates for race / ethnicity groups. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following race reporting procedures* defined by the National Center for Education Statistics of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Please see our FAQ for more detail on why we cannot report national benchmark for some of the demographic groups:

<https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nsive-report-faq>

If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

* <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/report-your-data/race-ethnicity-collecting-data-for-reporting-purposes>

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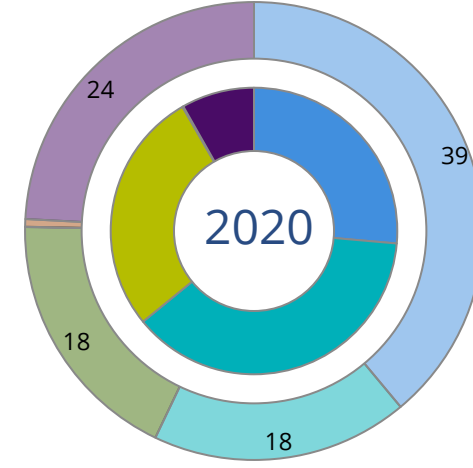
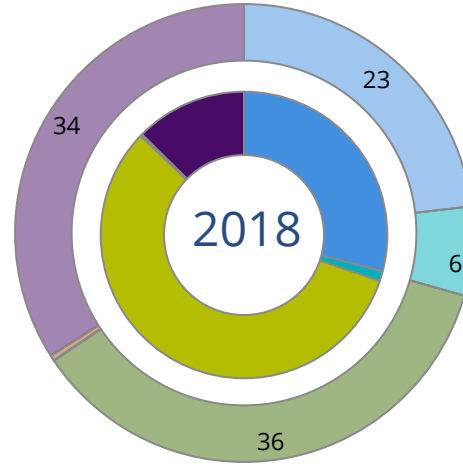
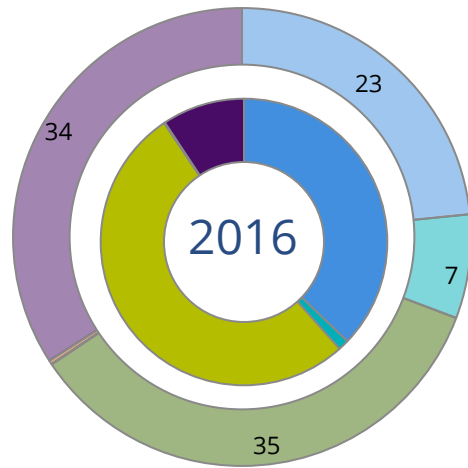
By Race/Ethnicity

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates. We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	-	-	-	208	39	19	261	88	34	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	38	-	-	28	13	46	-
Black	-	-	-	1,978	377	19	1,629	752	46	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	531	125	24	561	285	51	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	445	98	22	415	209	50	-
White	-	-	-	8,042	2,416	30	7,498	4,677	62	-
Race Unknown	13,195	5,292	40	986	239	24	212	53	25	↓ -15

By Voting Method

■ Not-In-Person
 ■ Early Vote
 ■ In-Person
 ■ Other
 ■ Provisional
 ■ Unknown



	2016		2018		2020		2016-2020	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p.)	
Early Vote	61	1	35	1	2,290	38	37	↑
In-Person on Election Day	2,761	52	1,881	57	1,680	28	-25	↓
Not-In-Person	1,967	37	959	29	1,605	26	-11	↓
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Voting Method Unknown	499	9	421	13	497	8	-1	↓

These are estimated rates for vote method utilization, the number of students utilizing each method, and the percent of students utilizing each method. Not all U.S. states provide information on vote method; voting method for voter files from these states are classified "Voting Method Unknown." For a list of these states, see our FAQ. <https://idhe.tufts.edu/nsive/nsive-faq#CampusReports>

By Age Group

	2016	2018	2020
18-21	34%	18%	53%
22-24	36%	24%	56%
25-29	40%	30%	56%
30-39	56%	47%	64%
40-49	70%	61%	75%
50+	78%	72%	80%

Voting is habit-forming and young voters will usually continue as voters in subsequent elections.

Also, young voters are more likely to be contacted by campaigns and are visible, and therefore significant, to elected officials. While in the past, we have seen voting rates increase across age groups, in recent cycles, the most significant increases have been among first-time and the youngest voters. Some colleges serve primarily young students, traditionally viewed as students in the 18-21 or 22-24 categories here. Others have much higher numbers of enrolled older undergraduate or graduate students.

Looking Closer

By Age Group

Here, we provide the numbers of students in each age category and the voting rates for each group. These are based on the student's age on the day of the election, as calculated by the National Student Clearinghouse using data from student enrollment records.

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	6,936	2,327	34	6,705	1,210	18	5,541	2,960	53	↑ 20
22-24	2,564	929	36	2,130	520	24	1,915	1,064	56	↑ 19
25-29	1,336	538	40	1,198	364	30	1,047	590	56	↑ 16
30-39	1,322	746	56	1,214	568	47	1,156	736	64	↑ 7
40-49	694	485	70	685	421	61	666	500	75	↑ 5
50+	343	267	78	304	218	72	289	231	80	↑ 2

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Female	-	-	-	6,658	1,874	28	6,152	3,655	59	-
Male	-	-	-	5,039	1,242	25	4,461	2,426	54	-

These are estimated voting rates for sex groups and the numbers we used to calculate their voting rates. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following the reporting procedures defined by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Presently, NCES requires institutions to report students as “Male” or “Female” only.*

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*<https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/public/survey-materials/faq?faqid=11>

Looking Closer

By Education Level / Undergraduate Class Year

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p)
EDUCATION LEVEL										
Undergraduate	10,256	3,735	36	9,951	2,267	23	8,487	4,660	55	↑ 18
Graduate	2,168	1,244	57	1,928	877	45	1,760	1,182	67	↑ 10
Class Unknown	771	313	41	357	157	44	367	239	65	↑ 25
CLASS YEAR										
First Year	2,834	28	781	2,204	15	323	2,124	47	996	↑ 19
Second Year	2,249	32	716	2,084	18	385	1,648	52	862	↑ 20
Upper Level	5,790	42	2,455	5,877	28	1,648	4,874	59	2,895	↑ 17
ENROLLMENT STATUS										
Full-time	-	-	-	9,548	2,018	21	8,034	4,396	55	-
Part-time	-	-	-	2,688	1,283	48	2,580	1,685	65	-

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (undergraduate/graduate), Class Year, and Enrollment Status (full-time/part-time), and the numbers we used to calculate these rates.

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By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
Architecture	98	21	21	141	22	16	134	71	53	↑	32
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	249	98	39	253	65	26	196	102	52	↑	13
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,885	773	41	1,888	508	27	1,717	937	55	↑	14
Communication and Journalism	386	144	37	350	77	22	219	125	57	↑	20
Computer and Information Sciences	378	88	23	257	51	20	215	107	50	↑	26
Education	1,415	748	53	1,363	519	38	1,213	823	68	↑	15

These are estimated voting rates by field of study, and the numbers we used to calculate the field of study rates. For an explanation of CIP codes, please see our FAQ.* There are roughly 8,000 fields of study among U.S. colleges and universities, so we provide rates for condensed categories.

*<https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq>

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,122	357	32	918	232	25	810	439	54	↑ 22
English Language and Literature	125	54	43	132	43	33	109	70	64	↑ 21
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	275	82	30	233	35	15	164	91	55	↑ 26
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	47	24	51	43	14	33	42	28	67	↑ 16
Health Professions	2,447	1,131	46	2,405	698	29	2,140	1,273	59	↑ 13
History	68	45	66	62	35	56	70	44	63	↓ -3
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protec..	-	-	-	35	-	-	72	42	58	-
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	484	119	25	417	54	13	235	107	46	↑ 21
Mathematics and Statistics	60	21	35	85	20	24	117	77	66	↑ 31
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	70	40	57	49	21	43	19	12	63	↑ 6
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Stu..	683	200	29	624	99	16	499	241	48	↑ 19
Philosophy and Religious Studies	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Physical Sciences	137	62	45	131	36	27	80	44	55	↑ 10

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
Psychology	488	207	42	569	134	24	581	319	55	↑	12
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	211	99	47	227	63	28	171	101	59	↑	12
Social Sciences	1,031	367	36	882	211	24	727	380	52	↑	17
Visual and Performing Arts	433	174	40	412	122	30	341	208	61	↑	21
Unknown	775	310	40	366	159	43	350	219	63	↑	23

About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement.

Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, nearly 1,200 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020 federal elections.

Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 50 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 2016, 2018, and 2020 elections.

These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) and publicly available voting files collected by L2 Political.

Enrollment lists are adjusted by deducting students under age 18 (at the time of the election), people identified as non-degree seeking and those identified by campuses as "nonresident aliens" (NRAs) (the federal government's category for mostly international students). Unfortunately, not all campuses report NRAs to NSC. For those campuses, we use IPEDS to calculate the number of NRA students on each campus and adjust NSC enrollment numbers to estimate the number of students to remove. We also quality check NRA removals by verifying that there is little to no discrepancy between the number of international students reported by the campus to IPEDS and to NSC. We cannot adjust subgroup analyses absent identification of NRAs verified by the process above. We welcome closer partnerships with individual colleges and universities to provide more accurate rates. For more on the data and the matching process, see our FAQ on Campus Reports.

Indiana State University

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>.

References: IDHE encourages report recipients to share this report as broadly as possible, including posting it on the college or university's website. When doing so, please use the following citation: Institute for Democracy & Higher Education: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2021). 2016, 2018, and 2020 report for _____ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.



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