

**2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Indiana University-  
Bloomington

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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](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

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Warm regards,  
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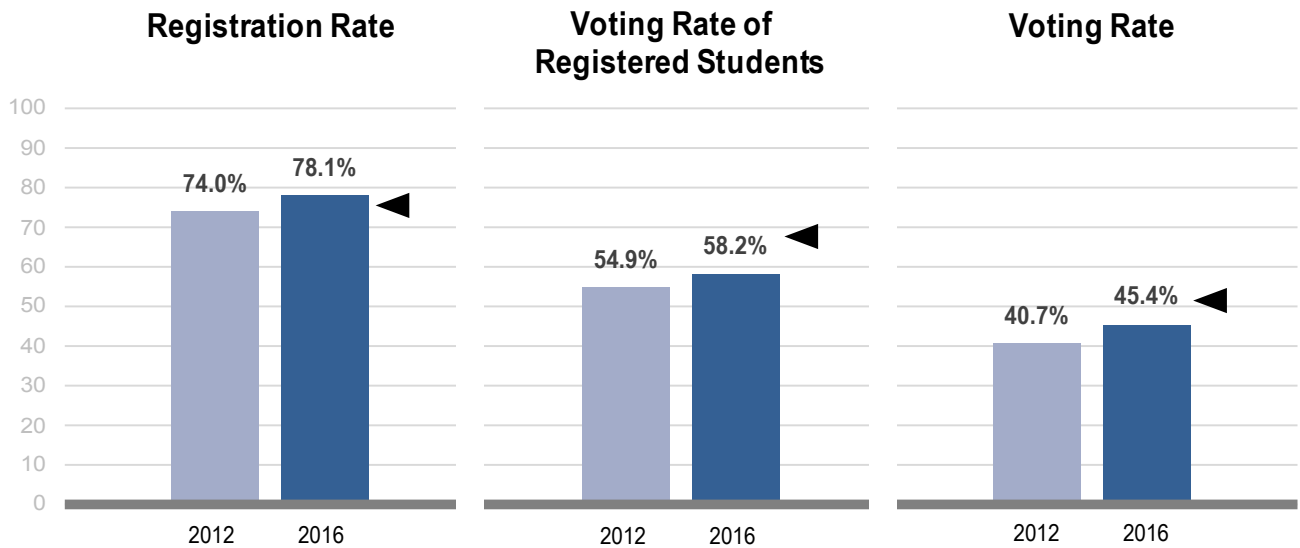
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2016 Voting Rate**  
**45.4%**

CHANGE FROM 2012  
**4.8**

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**50.4%**



◀ All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	41,250	43,689	↑ 2,439
Age under 18/Unknown	(91)	(120)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(5,718)	(5,729)	
FERPA records blocked	(29)	(14)	
Total eligible voters	35,412	37,826	↑ 2,414
Number of students who registered	26,218	29,525	↑ 3,307
Number of students who voted	14,405	17,183	↑ 2,778
Registration rate	74.0%	78.1%	↑ 4.0
Voting rate of registered students	54.9%	58.2%	↑ 3.3
Voting rate	40.7%	45.4%	↑ 4.8
Difference from all institutions	-6.2	-5.0	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

**2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**46.9%**

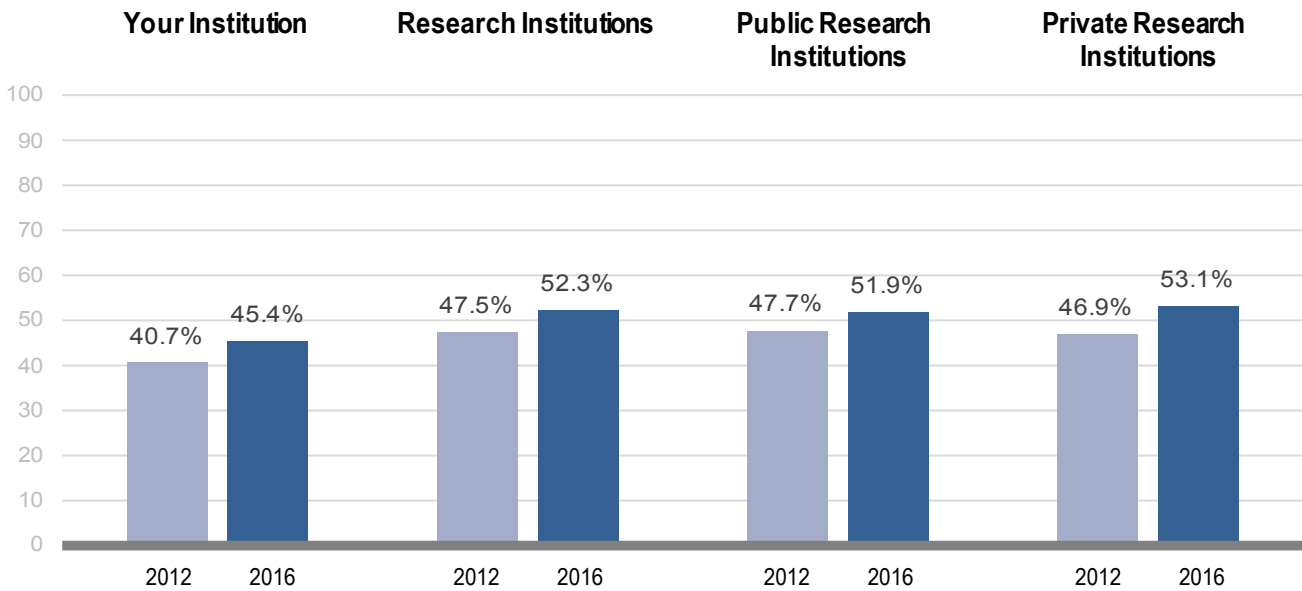
HIGH 72.9%  
 LOW 19.3%

**2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**50.4%**

HIGH 81.4%  
 LOW 13.1%

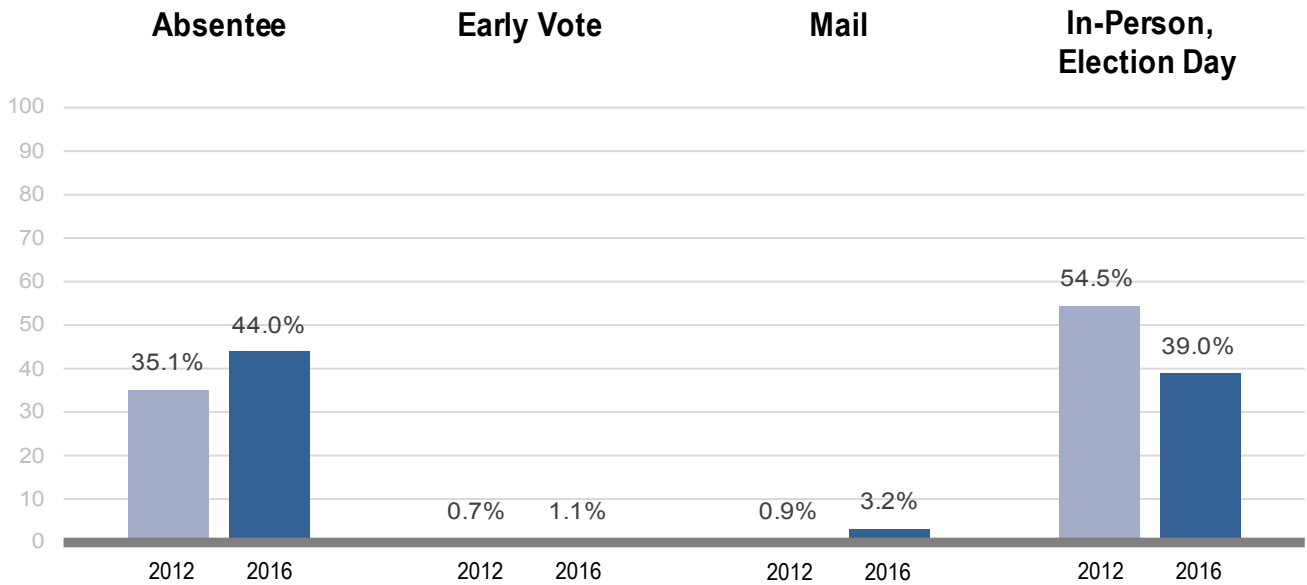
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Difference from All Institutions **-5.0**



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# By Voting Method\*

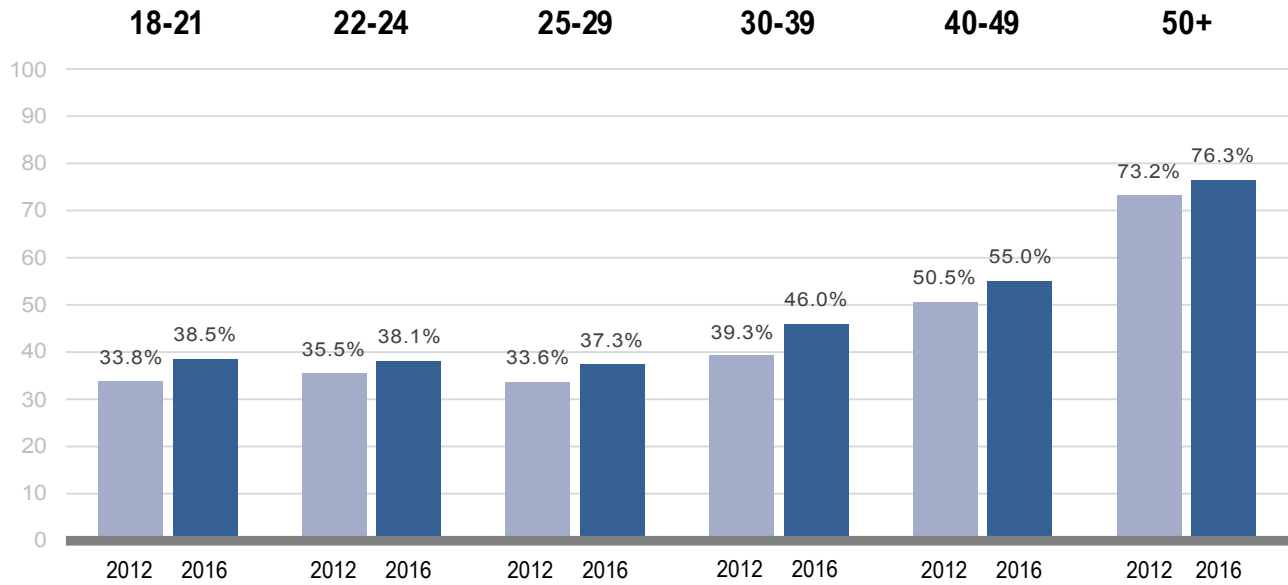


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	5,058	35.1%	7,552	44.0%	↑ 8.8
Early Vote	98	0.7%	191	1.1%	↑ 0.4
Mail	126	0.9%	549	3.2%	↑ 2.3
In-Person, Election Day	7,846	54.5%	6,709	39.0%	↓ -15.4
Unknown	1,277	8.9%	2,182	12.7%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,405</b>		<b>17,183</b>		

\* 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\*

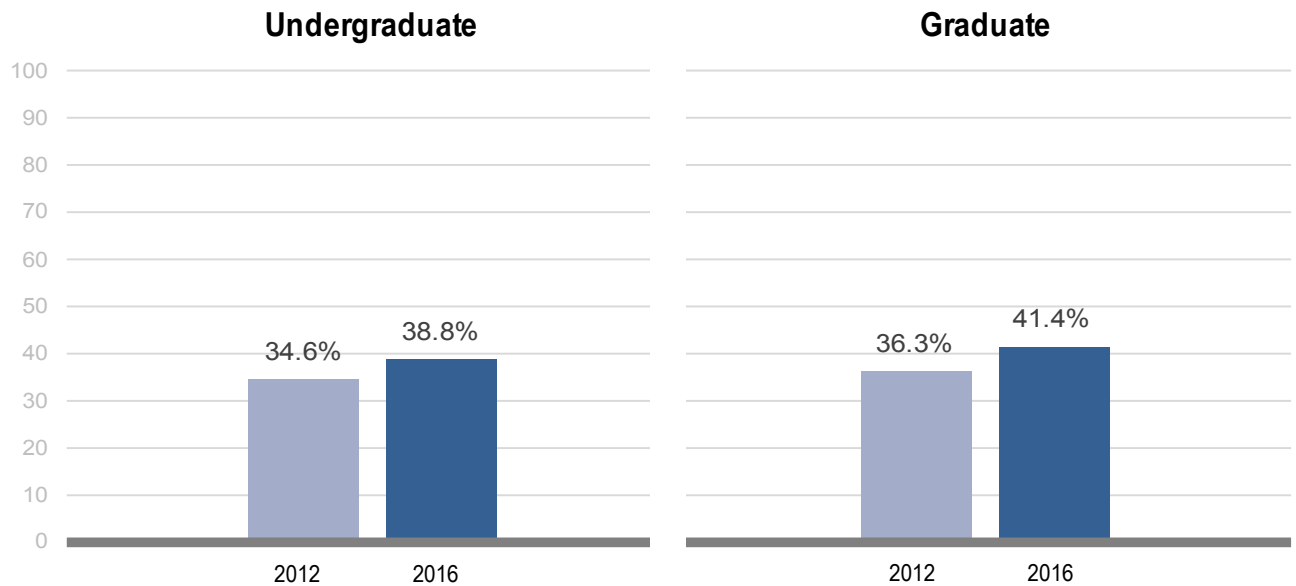


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	25,195	8,504	33.8%	27,304	10,523	38.5%	↑ 4.8
22-24	7,800	2,769	35.5%	7,404	2,820	38.1%	↑ 2.6
25-29	4,153	1,395	33.6%	4,449	1,661	37.3%	↑ 3.7
30-39	2,983	1,171	39.3%	3,324	1,529	46.0%	↑ 6.7
40-49	727	367	50.5%	795	437	55.0%	↑ 4.5
50+	272	199	73.2%	279	213	76.3%	↑ 3.2
Unknown	0			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\*

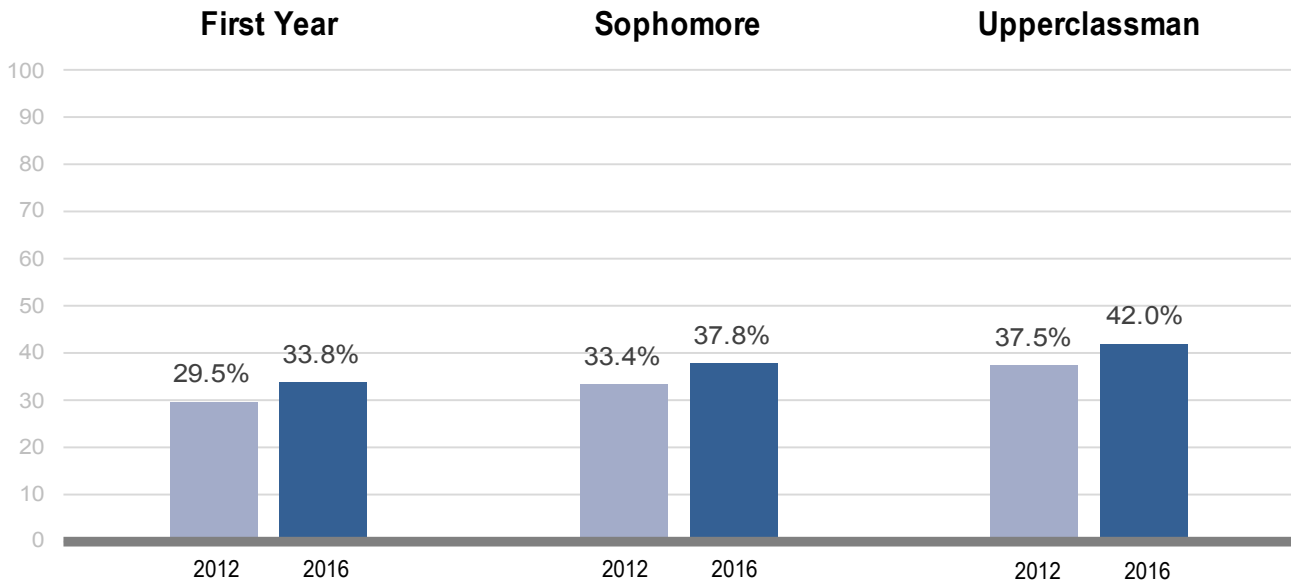


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	31,355	10,856	<b>34.6%</b>	32,920	12,778	<b>38.8%</b>	↑ 4.2
Graduate	9,774	3,548	<b>36.3%</b>	10,634	4,404	<b>41.4%</b>	↑ 5.1
Unknown	*			*			

\* 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\*



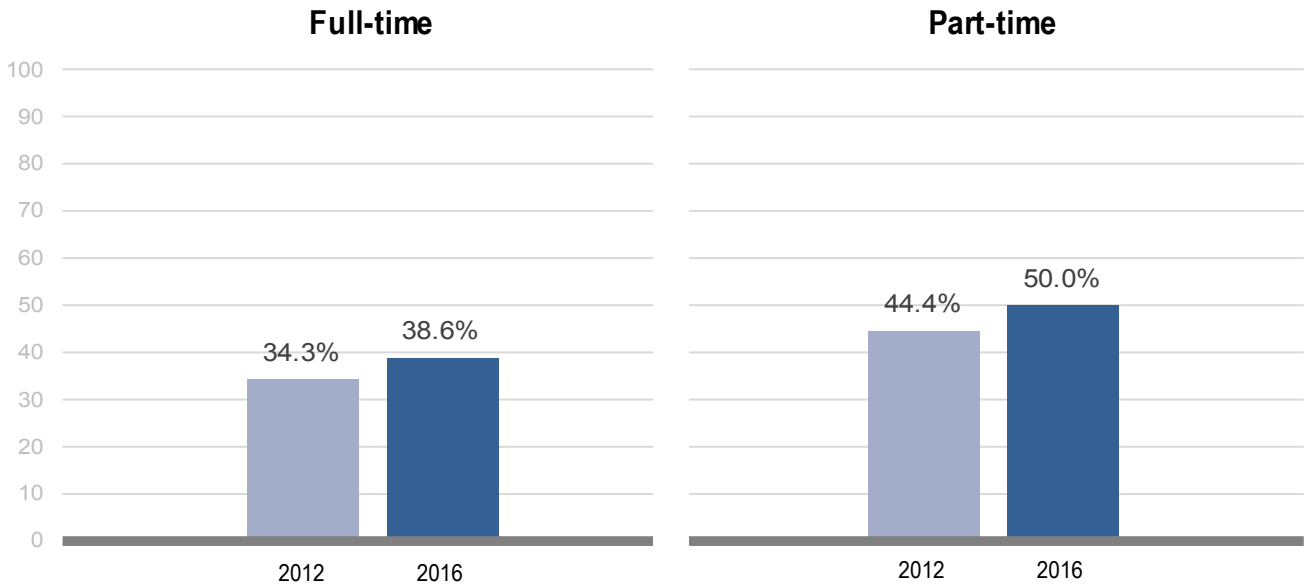
	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	7,356	2,170	29.5%	8,073	2,727	33.8%	↑ 4.3
Sophomore	7,666	2,562	33.4%	8,216	3,105	37.8%	↑ 4.4
Upperclassman	16,112	6,039	37.5%	16,313	6,847	42.0%	↑ 4.5

\* 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\*

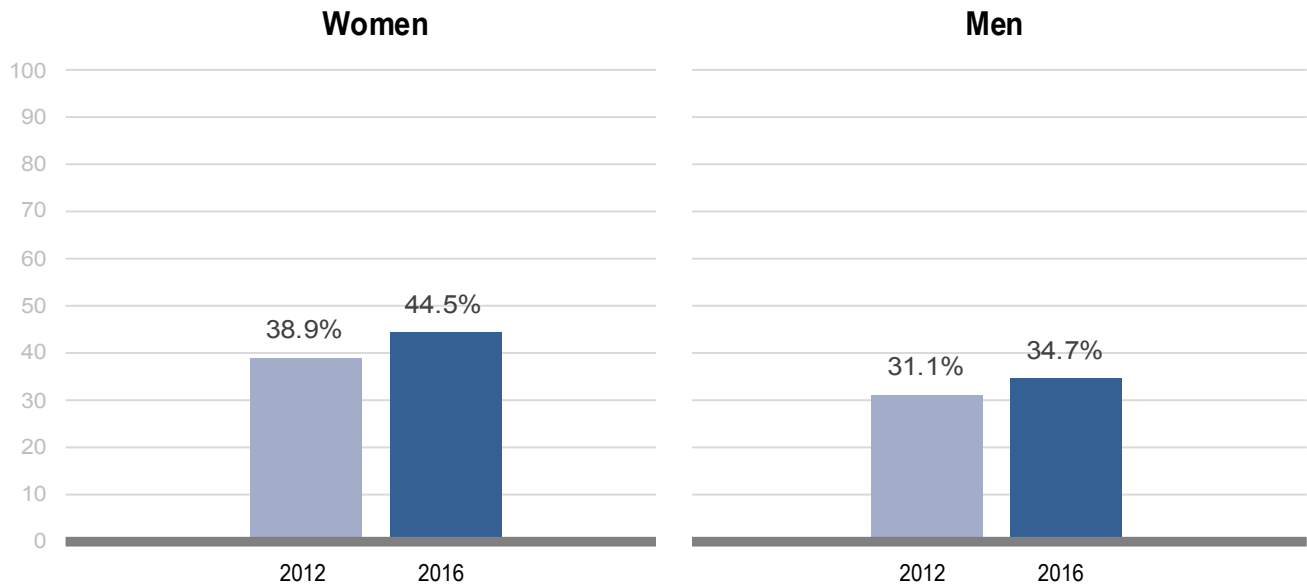


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	38,209	13,107	<b>34.3%</b>	40,443	15,627	<b>38.6%</b>	↑ 4.3
Part-time	2,921	1,298	<b>44.4%</b>	3,112	1,556	<b>50.0%</b>	↑ 5.6
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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\*

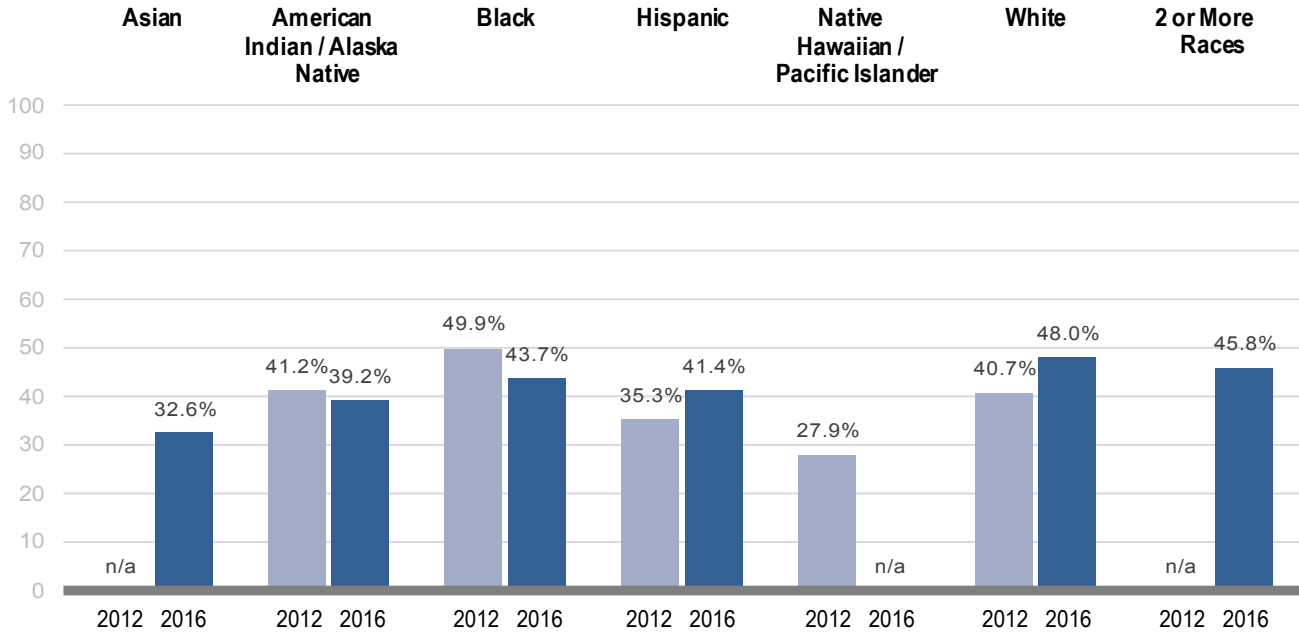


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	20,543	7,998	38.9%	21,101	9,388	44.5%	↑ 5.6
Men	20,587	6,407	31.1%	22,454	7,795	34.7%	↑ 3.6
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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	0	0	n/a	2,095	683	32.6%	n/a
American Indian / Alaska Native	194	80	41.2%	51	20	39.2%	↓ -2.0
Black	1,996	995	49.9%	1,878	821	43.7%	↓ -6.1
Hispanic	1,632	576	35.3%	2,226	921	41.4%	↑ 6.1
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	1,987	554	27.9%	16	*	n/a	n/a
White	29,552	12,022	40.7%	28,938	13,899	48.0%	↑ 7.4
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	1,462	670	45.8%	n/a
Unknown	445			308			

\* 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	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	360	160	44.4%	269	141	52.4% ↑	8.0
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	3,094	1,239	40.1%	3,073	1,404	45.7% ↑	5.6
Business, Management, and Marketing	8,428	2,183	25.9%	11,112	3,705	33.3% ↑	7.4
Communication and Journalism	2,348	920	39.2%	2,410	1,010	41.9% ↑	2.7
Communications Technologies/Technicians	58	27	46.6%	65	30	46.2% ↓	-0.4
Computer and Information Sciences	1,587	399	25.1%	2,893	841	29.1% ↑	3.9
Education	3,204	1,345	42.0%	2,751	1,380	50.2% ↑	8.2
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	0	0	n/a	46	20	43.5%	n/a
English Language and Literature	680	325	47.8%	452	260	57.5% ↑	9.7
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	483	167	34.6%	411	138	33.6% ↓	-1.0
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	967	392	40.5%	753	311	41.3% ↑	0.8
Health Professions	1,746	758	43.4%	1,981	867	43.8% ↑	0.4
History	515	249	48.4%	334	196	58.7% ↑	10.3
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	556	222	39.9%	443	177	40.0% →	0.0
Legal Professions and Studies	758	295	38.9%	599	266	44.4% ↑	5.5
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	492	220	44.7%	2,141	771	36.0% ↓	-8.7
Library Science	271	126	46.5%	203	114	56.2% ↑	9.7
Mathematics and Statistics	410	88	21.5%	465	93	20.0% ↓	-1.5
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	306	144	47.1%	650	200	30.8% ↓	-16.3
Natural Resources and Conservation	158	66	41.8%	227	132	58.2% ↑	16.4
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	2,624	871	33.2%	2,544	1,008	39.6% ↑	6.4
Philosophy and Religious Studies	226	88	38.9%	146	82	56.2% ↑	17.2
Physical Sciences	901	298	33.1%	811	324	40.0% ↑	6.9

Psychology	1,652	600	<b>36.3%</b>	1,474	667	<b>45.3%</b> ↑	<b>8.9</b>
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	2,163	821	<b>38.0%</b>	2,696	1,127	<b>41.8%</b> ↑	<b>3.8</b>
Social Sciences	2,644	882	<b>33.4%</b>	2,005	857	<b>42.7%</b> ↑	<b>9.4</b>
Visual and Performing Arts	2,580	840	<b>32.6%</b>	2,539	1,035	<b>40.8%</b> ↑	<b>8.2</b>
Unknown	1,919	680	<b>35.4%</b>	62	27	<b>43.6%</b> ↑	<b>8.1</b>

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](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

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