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Student Voting Rates for Indiana University-Bloomington

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.

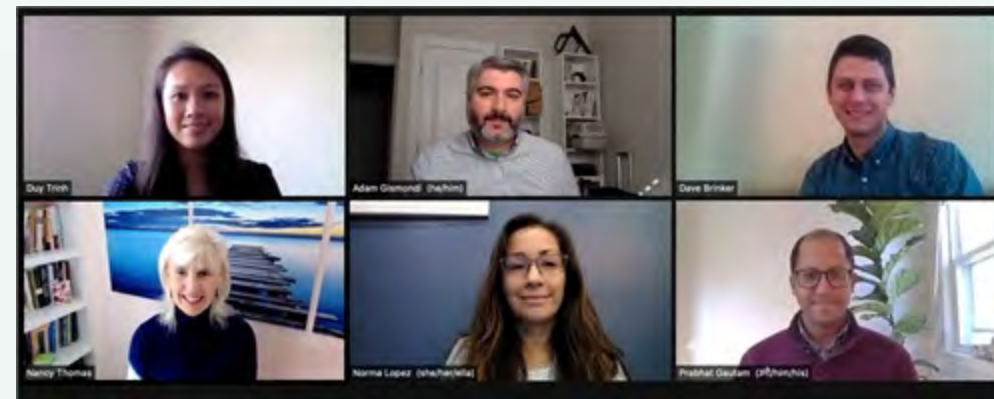
College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

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

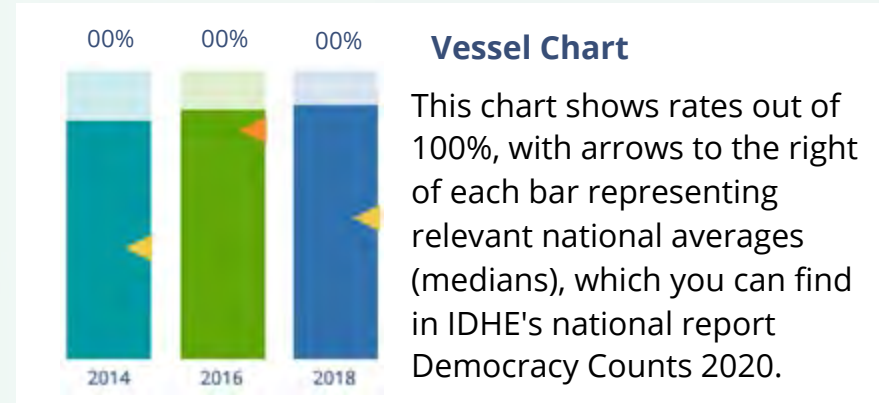


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In This Report

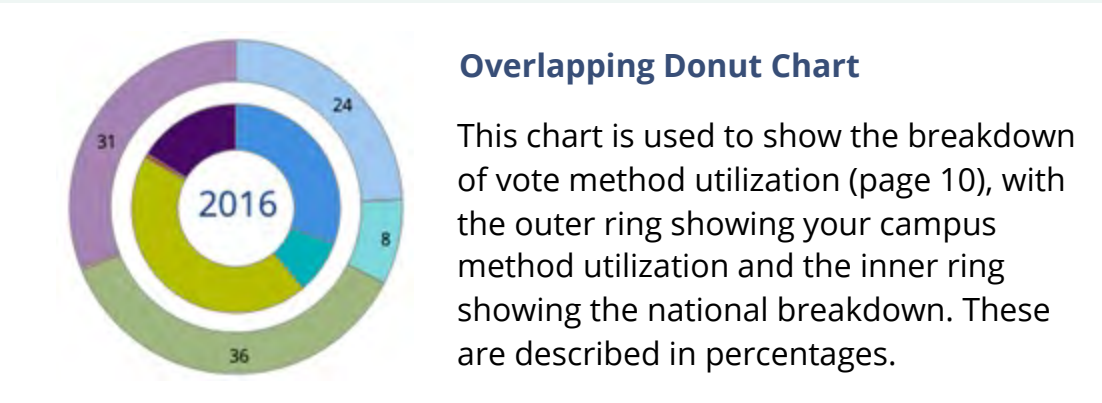
This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut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



Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

66.9%

2020 Voting Rate

+21.7

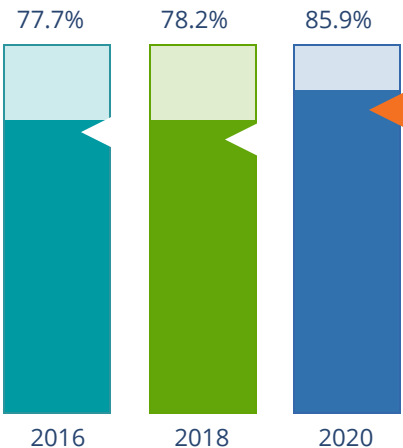
Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

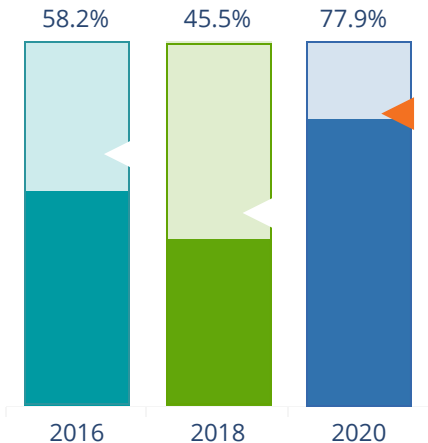
2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



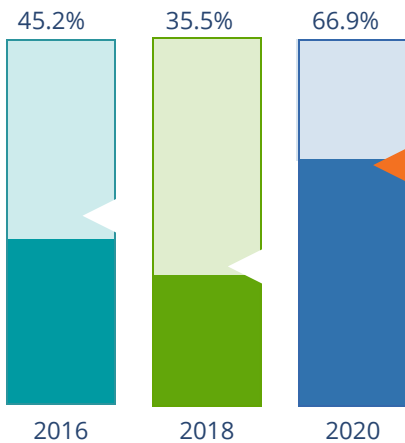
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	43,585	43,284	42,694	↓ -891
(Age under 18/Unknown)	-	-	-	-
(NSC reported non-resident aliens)	5,742	5,732	4,443	↓ -1,299
(FERPA records blocked)	14	13	14	→ 0
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	-	548	390	-
Total eligible voters	37,828	36,991	37,847	↑ 19
Number of students who registered	29,384	28,916	32,529	↑ 3,145
Number of students who voted	17,113	13,143	25,329	↑ 8,216
Registration Rate %	78	78	86	↑ 8
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	58	45	78	↑ 20
Voting Rate %	45	36	67	↑ 22

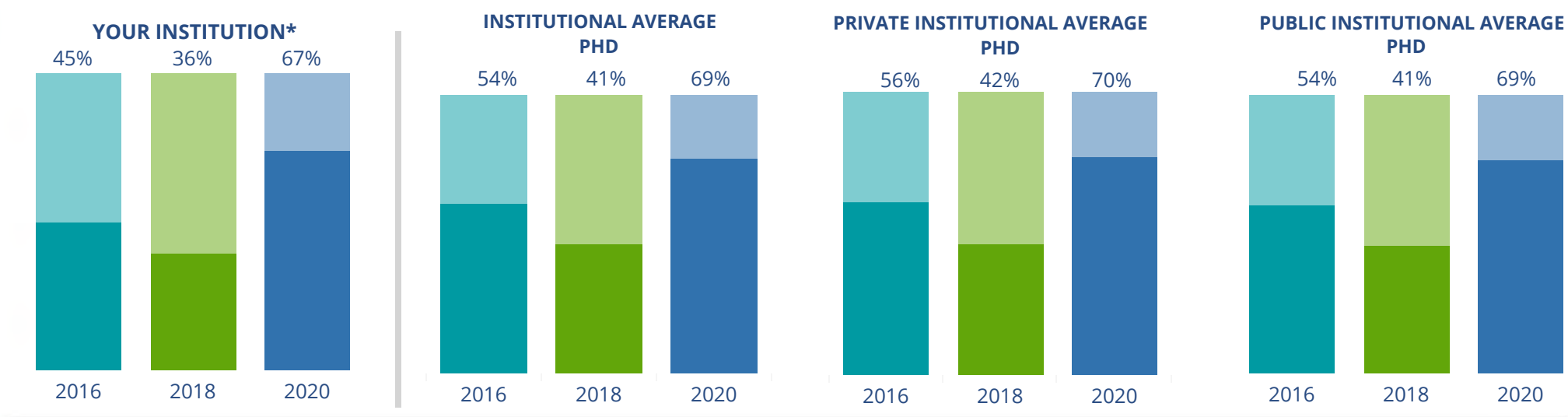
This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates. The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged,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

We have removed non-resident aliens (international students) based on your institution's enrollment submission to the National Student Clearinghouse. This is indicated by "NSC reported non-resident aliens" on this page.

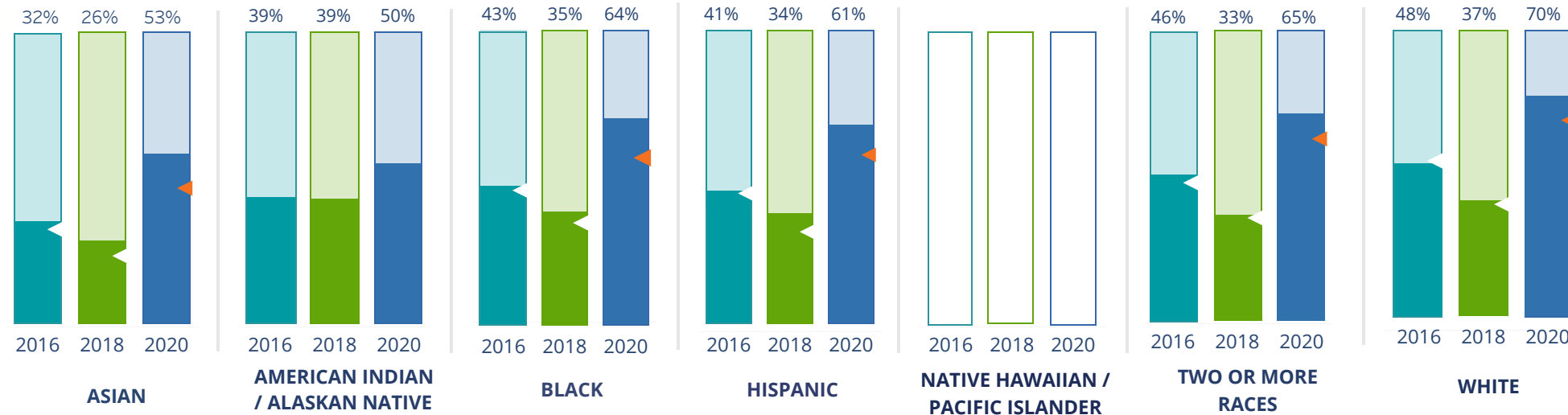
By Institution Types



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-nslve-report-faq>

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

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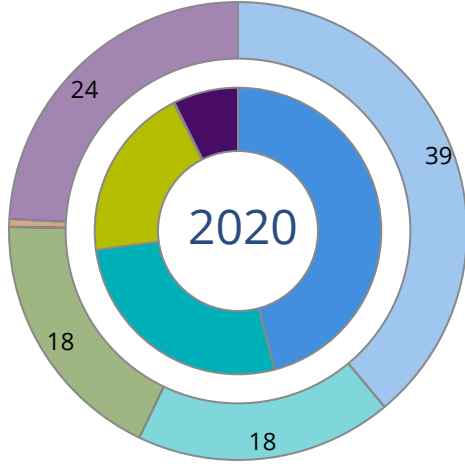
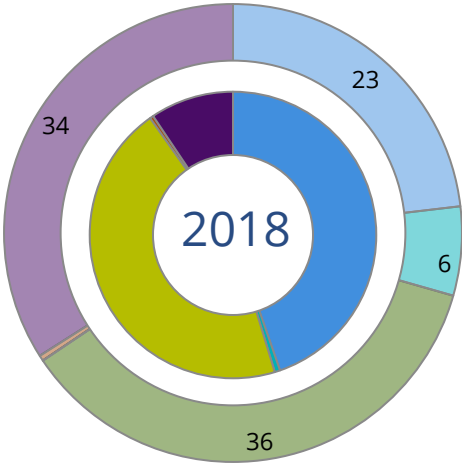
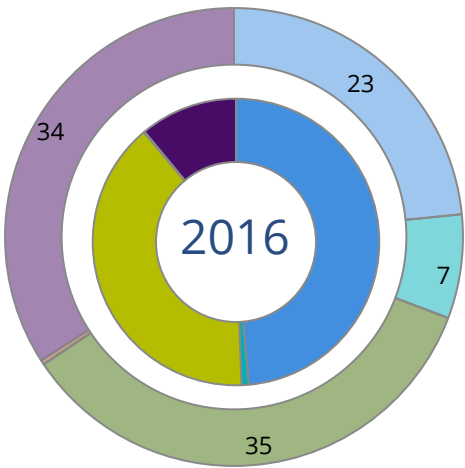
By Race/Ethnicity

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	2,095	668	32	2,423	629	26	2,900	1,526	53	↑ 21
American Indian/ Alaska Native	51	20	39	41	16	39	26	13	50	↑ 11
Black	1,878	803	43	1,891	665	35	1,940	1,236	64	↑ 21
Hispanic	2,226	914	41	2,578	878	34	3,050	1,873	61	↑ 20
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	16	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	1,462	670	46	1,670	557	33	1,854	1,207	65	↑ 19
White	28,938	13,921	48	28,181	10,319	37	27,856	19,355	69	↑ 21
Race Unknown	6,889	108	2	193	73	38	214	114	53	↑ 52

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	142	1	77	1	6,833	27	26	↑
In-Person on Election Day	6,760	40	5,899	45	4,998	20	-20	↓
Not-In-Person	8,314	49	5,870	45	11,628	46	-3	↓
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provisional	12	0	48	0	21	0	0	→
Voting Method Unknown	1,882	11	1,249	9	1,846	7	-4	↓

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	39%	31%	67%
22-24	38%	38%	66%
25-29	37%	51%	65%
30-39	43%	54%	66%
40-49	52%	62%	72%
50+	74%	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	27,304	10,593	39	25,688	7,938	31	26,827	17,979	67	↑ 28
22-24	7,404	2,829	38	5,536	2,093	38	5,151	3,416	66	↑ 28
25-29	4,449	1,653	37	2,755	1,404	51	2,725	1,782	65	↑ 28
30-39	3,324	1,417	43	2,188	1,174	54	2,283	1,511	66	↑ 24
40-49	795	414	52	603	375	62	636	460	72	↑ 20
50+	279	207	74	221	159	72	225	181	80	↑ 6

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
Female	21,101	9,400	45	18,321	7,399	40	18,842	13,766	73	↑	29
Male	22,454	7,713	34	18,670	5,744	31	19,005	11,563	61	↑	26

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	32,633	12,742	39	29,718	9,473	32	30,333	20,378	67	↑	28
Graduate	9,717	3,930	40	6,999	3,495	50	7,193	4,711	65	↑	25
Class Unknown	1,205	423	35	274	175	64	321	240	75	↑	40
CLASS YEAR											
First Year	8,073	34	2,755	7,119	26	1,830	7,175	62	4,465	↑	28
Second Year	8,216	38	3,086	7,529	29	2,177	7,611	64	4,906	↑	27
Upper Level	16,313	42	6,900	15,045	36	5,454	15,532	71	10,997	↑	29
ENROLLMENT STATUS											
Full-time	40,443	15,626	39	34,761	11,941	34	35,314	23,576	67	↑	28
Part-time	3,112	1,487	48	2,230	1,202	54	2,533	1,753	69	↑	21

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	–	–	–	18	–	–	35	22	63	–
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	258	121	47	178	91	51	182	126	69	↑ 22
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	3,174	1,436	45	3,277	1,160	35	3,516	2,450	70	↑ 24
Business, Management, and Marketing	11,654	3,838	33	9,967	2,701	27	11,162	6,955	62	↑ 29
Communication and Journalism	2,142	949	44	2,080	767	37	1,896	1,364	72	↑ 28
Communications Technologies/Technicians	60	29	48	55	27	49	66	55	83	↑ 35
Computer and Information Sciences	2,676	775	29	2,091	629	30	1,986	1,224	62	↑ 33

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	
Education	2,684	1,329	50	2,218	993	45	2,008	1,480	74	↑ 24
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	51	23	45	110	43	39	194	128	66	↑ 21
English Language and Literature	446	259	58	352	207	59	304	225	74	↑ 16
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	400	131	33	291	61	21	284	187	66	↑ 33
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	756	325	43	585	281	48	572	395	69	↑ 26
Health Professions	1,920	854	44	1,708	569	33	1,640	1,102	67	↑ 23
History	315	177	56	260	137	53	250	177	71	↑ 15
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protec..	421	171	41	380	117	31	412	254	62	↑ 21
Legal Professions and Studies	601	273	45	477	248	52	490	324	66	↑ 21
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,192	766	35	1,481	418	28	1,620	1,009	62	↑ 27
Mathematics and Statistics	462	99	21	200	87	44	195	136	70	↑ 48
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	634	192	30	285	163	57	240	164	68	↑ 38

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Natural Resources and Conservation	262	142	54	274	148	54	292	250	86	↑ 31
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	2,336	917	39	2,130	513	24	2,053	1,350	66	↑ 27
Philosophy and Religious Studies	149	78	52	127	71	56	132	89	67	↑ 15
Physical Sciences	832	334	40	674	283	42	682	458	67	↑ 27
Psychology	1,447	651	45	1,262	471	37	1,393	957	69	↑ 24
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	2,379	1,038	44	2,460	1,034	42	2,103	1,507	72	↑ 28
Social Sciences	1,946	825	42	1,565	766	49	1,582	1,171	74	↑ 32
Visual and Performing Arts	2,472	1,060	43	2,070	879	42	2,098	1,433	68	↑ 25
Unknown	678	208	31	285	180	63	329	246	75	↑ 44

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 University-Bloomington

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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