

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Indiana University-South  
Bend

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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:

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Warm regards,

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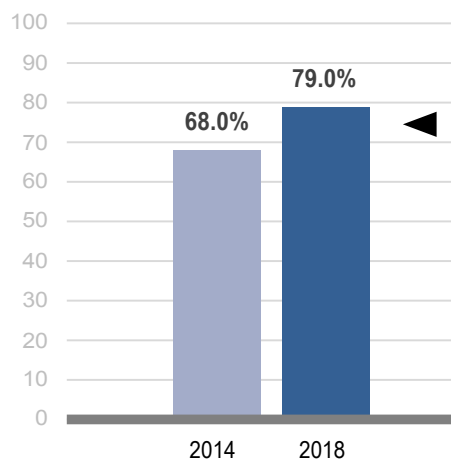
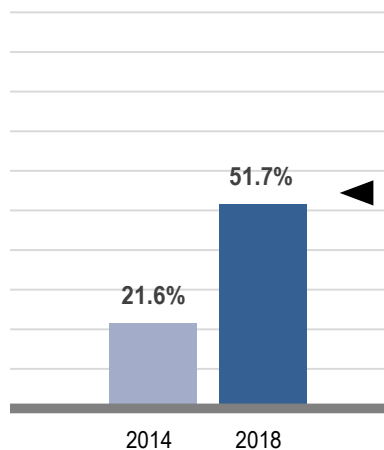
## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## Voting and Registration Rates

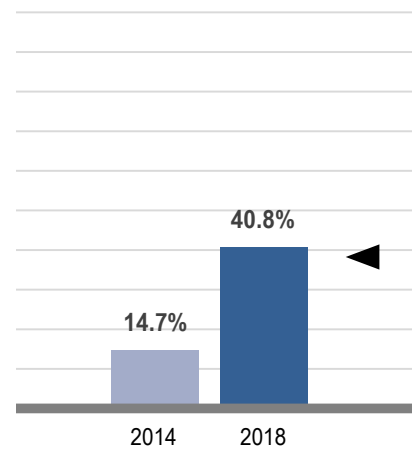
2018 Voting Rate

**40.8%**CHANGE  
FROM 2014**+26.1**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	5,902	5,041	↓ -861
Age under 18/Unknown	(22)	(19)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(173)	(162)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	5,703	4,857	↓ -846
Number of students who registered	3,875	3,837	↓ -38
Number of students who voted	837	1,982	↑ 1,145
Registration rate	68.0%	79.0%	↑ 11.1
Voting rate of registered students	21.6%	51.7%	↑ 30.1
Voting rate	14.7%	40.8%	↑ 26.1
Difference from all institutions	-5.0	+1.7	

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

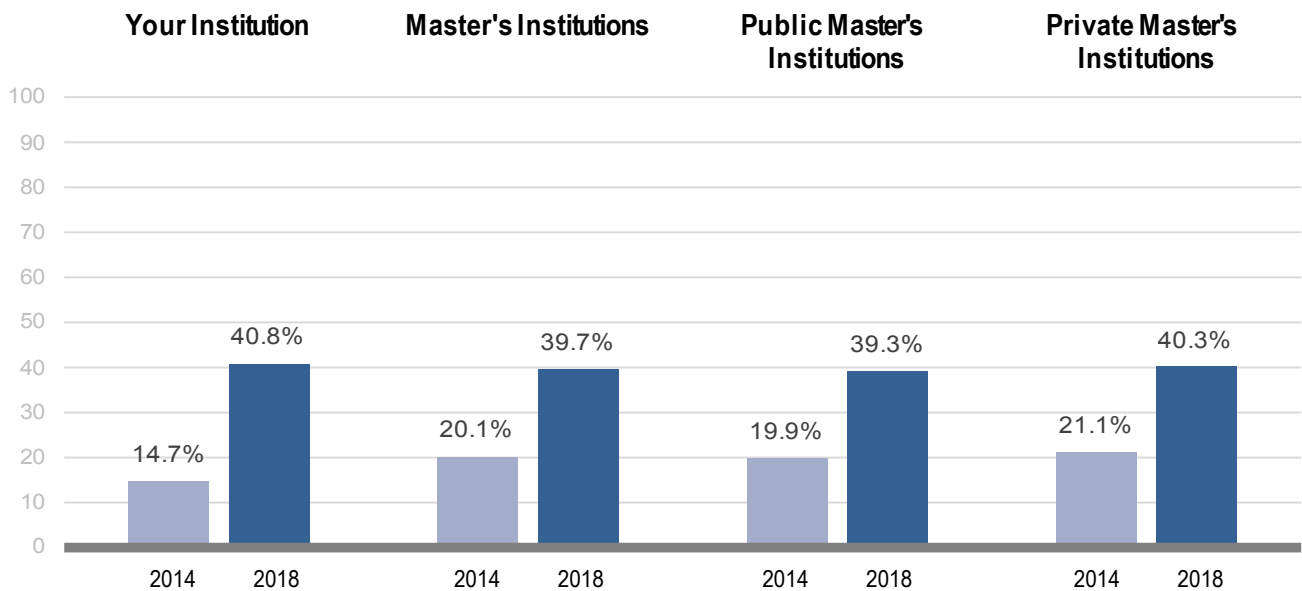
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

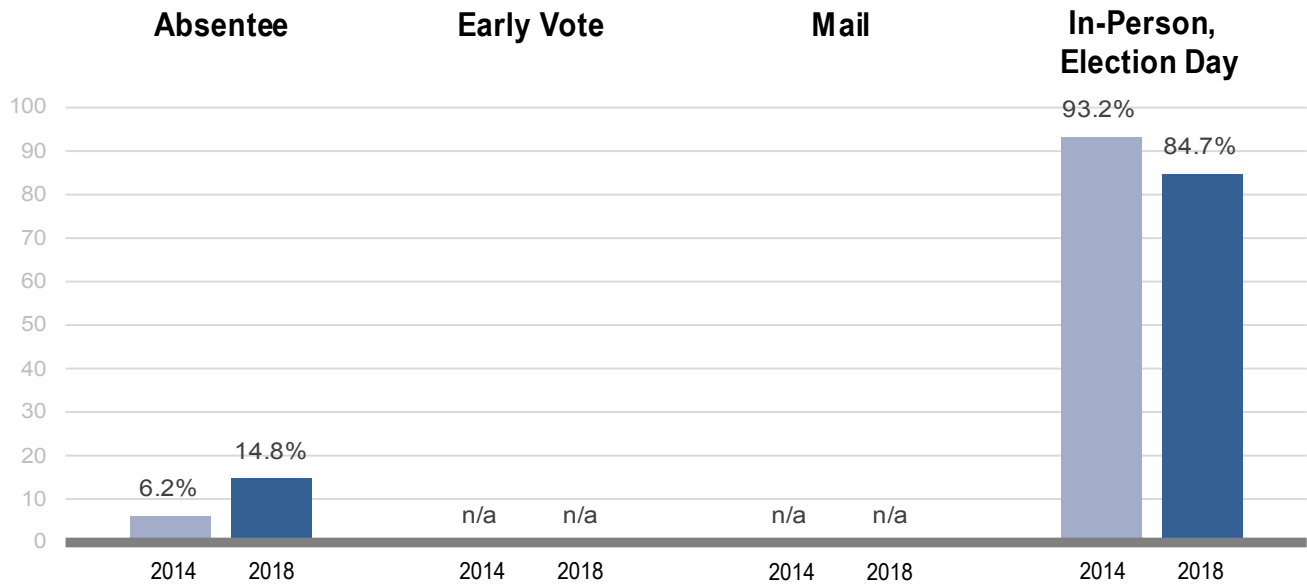
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## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# By Voting Method\*

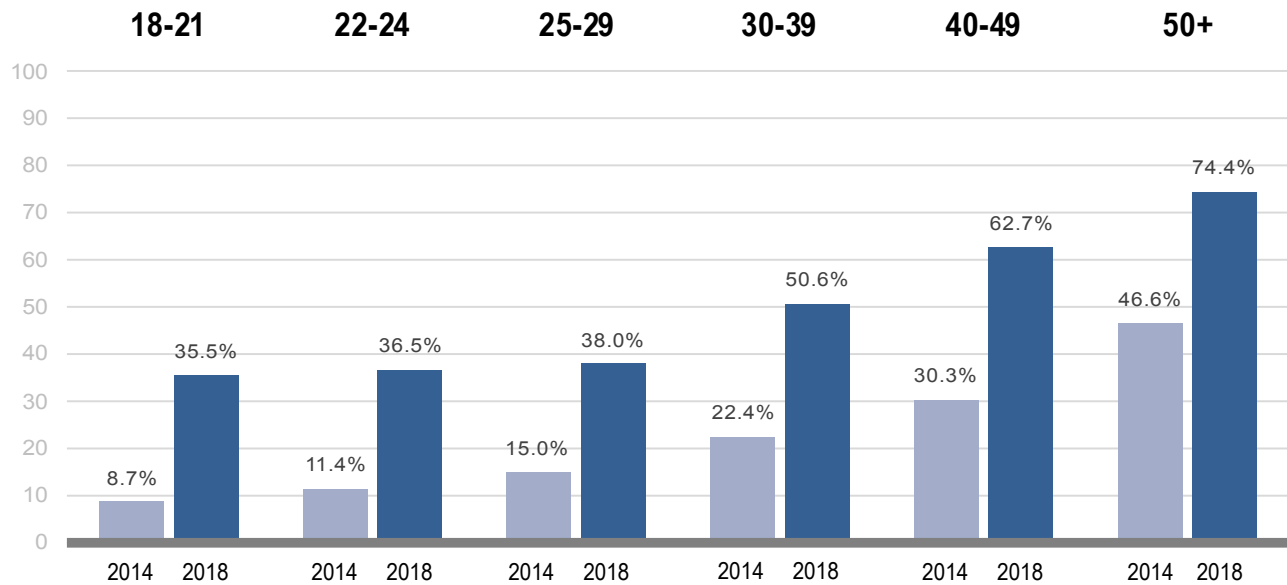


	2014		2018			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change	
Absentee	52	6.2%	294	14.8%	↑	8.6
Early Vote	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a	
Mail	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a	
In-Person, Election Day	780	93.2%	1,678	84.7%	↓	-8.5
Unknown	*	n/a	*	n/a		
<b>Total</b>	<b>837</b>		<b>1,982</b>			

\* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Age Group\*

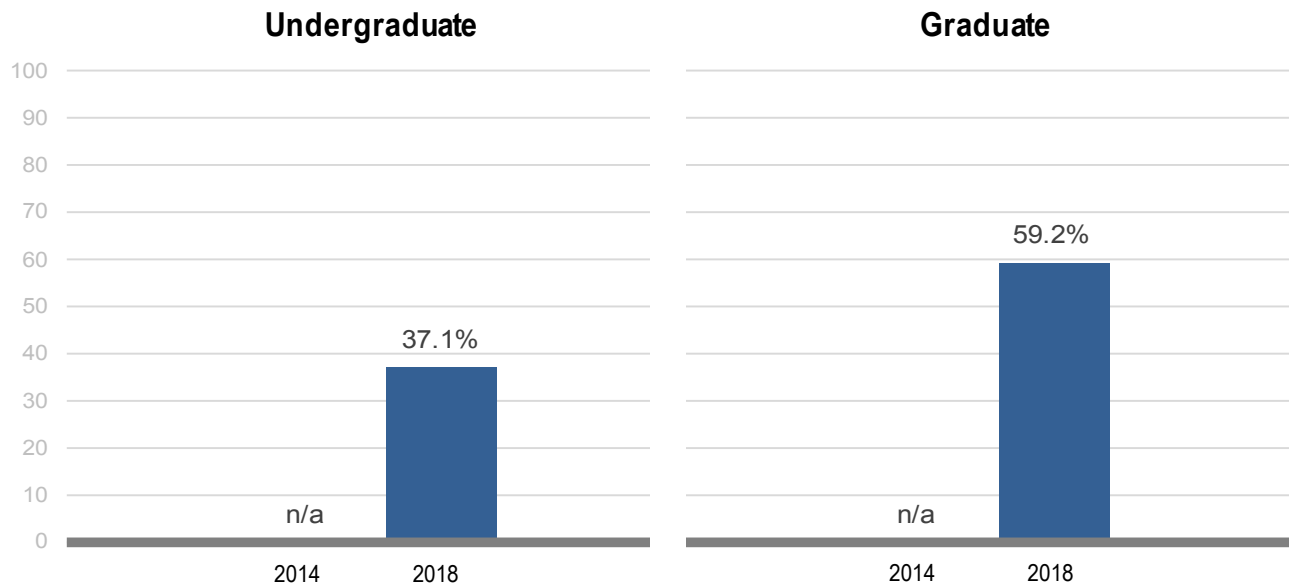


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	2,437	213	8.7%	2,552	907	35.5%	↑	26.8
22-24	1,302	148	11.4%	1,069	390	36.5%	↑	25.1
25-29	882	132	15.0%	602	229	38.0%	↑	23.1
30-39	767	172	22.4%	470	238	50.6%	↑	28.2
40-49	340	103	30.3%	209	131	62.7%	↑	32.4
50+	148	69	46.6%	117	87	74.4%	↑	27.7
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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Education Level\*

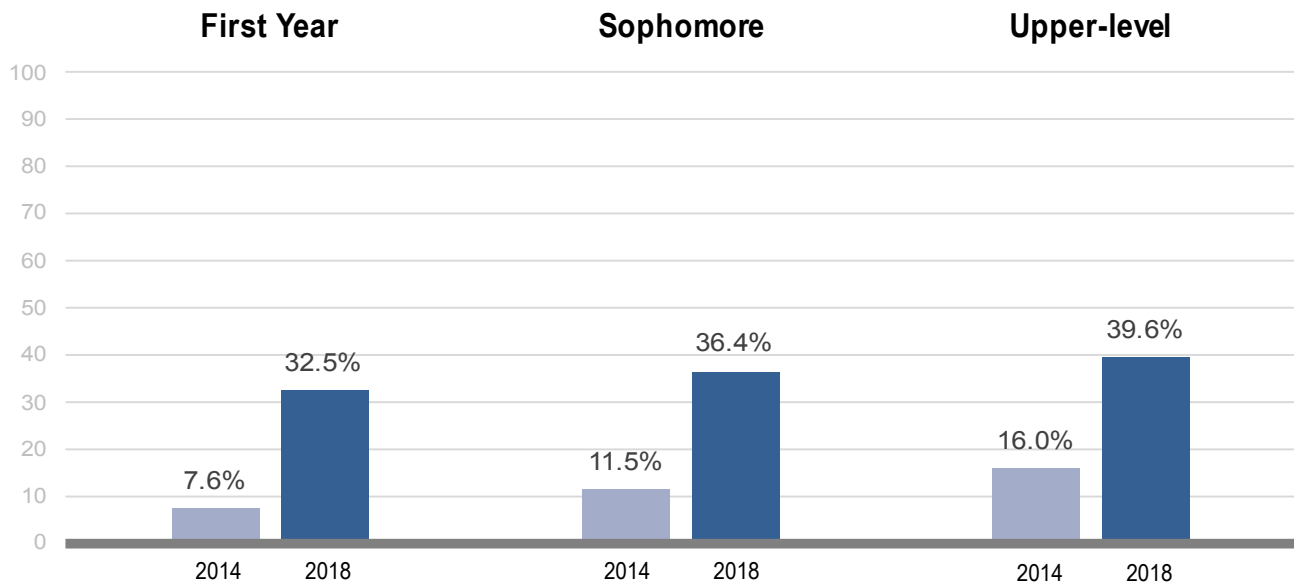


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	4,438	1,645	37.1%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	473	280	59.2%	n/a
Unknown	5,876			108			

\* 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\*



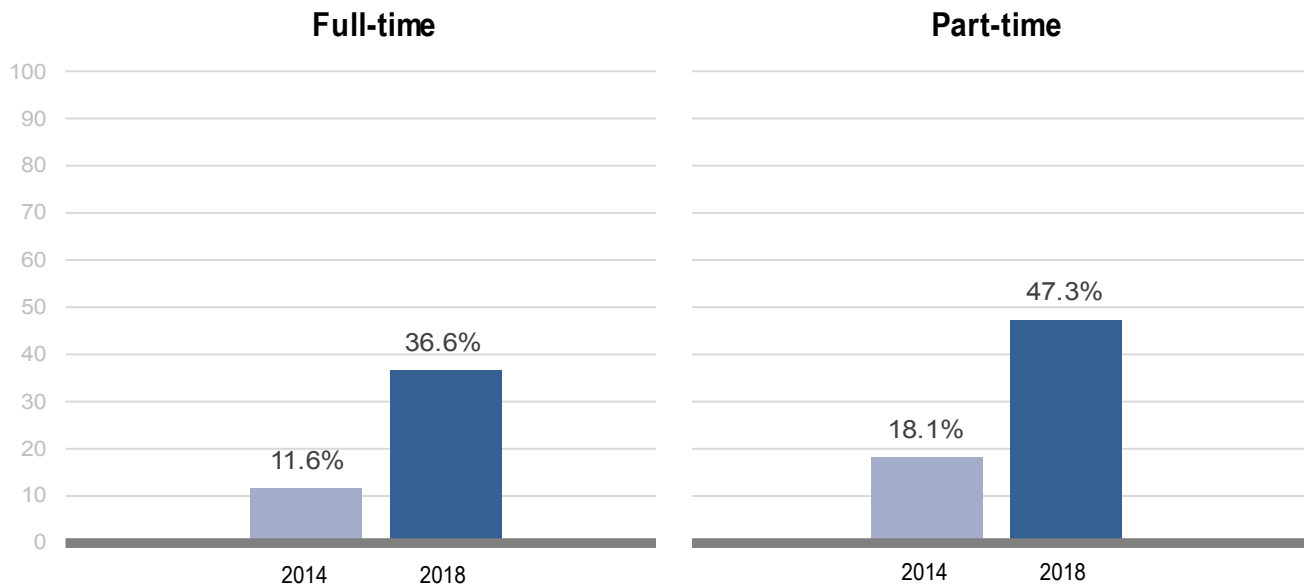
	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	1,365	103	7.6%	1,276	415	32.5%	↑	25.0
Sophomore	1,230	141	11.5%	966	352	36.4%	↑	25.0
Upper-level	2,620	419	16.0%	2,180	864	39.6%	↑	23.6

\* 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\*

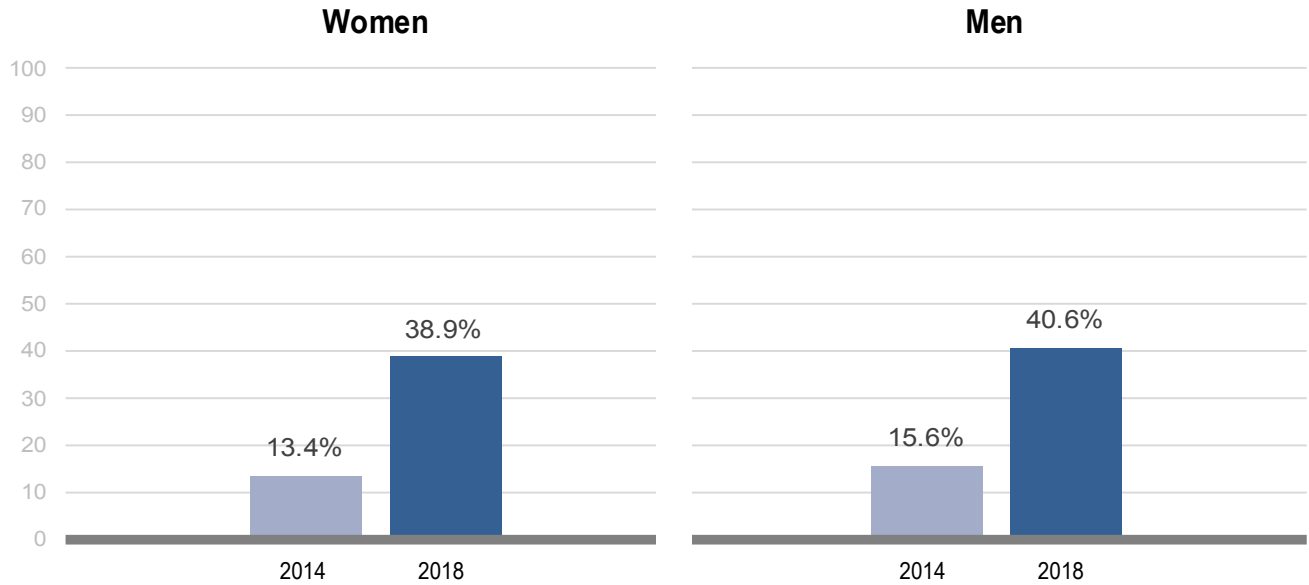


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	3,517	409	11.6%	3,648	1,334	36.6%	↑	24.9
Part-time	2,359	428	18.1%	1,371	648	47.3%	↑	29.1
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

\* 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\*

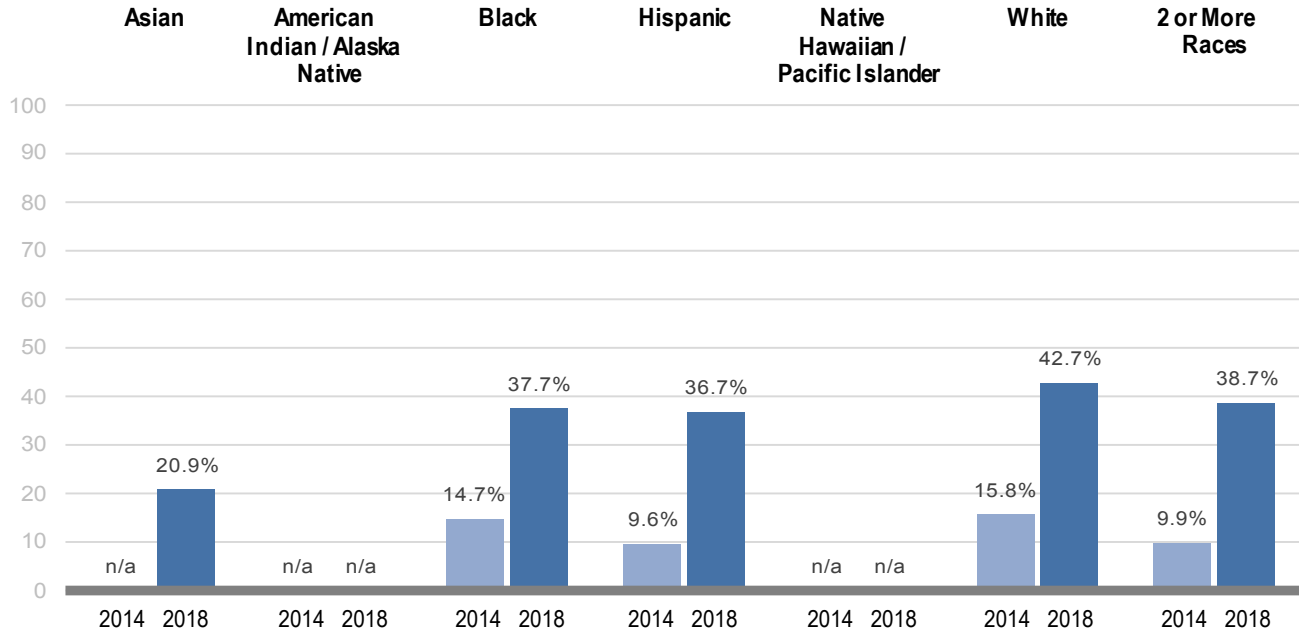


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	3,632	487	13.4%	3,206	1,246	38.9%	↑	25.5
Men	2,244	350	15.6%	1,813	736	40.6%	↑	25.0
Unknown	0			0				

\* 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			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	82	*	n/a	86	18	20.9%	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	11	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Black	462	68	14.7%	417	157	37.7%	↑ 22.9
Hispanic	458	44	9.6%	575	211	36.7%	↑ 27.1
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
White	4,371	690	15.8%	3,493	1,491	42.7%	↑ 26.9
2 or More Races	182	18	9.9%	212	82	38.7%	↑ 28.8
Unknown	310			222			

\* 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	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	22	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	226	21	9.3%	197	70	35.5% ↑	26.2
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,169	141	12.1%	927	322	34.7% ↑	22.7
Communication and Journalism	349	45	12.9%	201	92	45.8% ↑	32.9
Computer and Information Sciences	212	26	12.3%	170	56	32.9% ↑	20.7
Education	585	104	17.8%	533	246	46.2% ↑	28.4
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	33	*	n/a	17	*	n/a	n/a
English Language and Literature	121	29	24.0%	82	46	56.1% ↑	32.1
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	24	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	947	100	10.6%	1,141	347	30.4% ↑	19.9
History	48	19	39.6%	37	21	56.8% ↑	17.2
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	217	31	14.3%	133	50	37.6% ↑	23.3
Legal Professions and Studies	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	308	66	21.4%	492	193	39.2% ↑	17.8
Mathematics and Statistics	21	*	n/a	20	10	50.0%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	660	88	13.3%	31	17	54.8% ↑	41.5
Natural Resources and Conservation	0	0	n/a	21	11	52.4%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	*	*	n/a	10	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	54	*	n/a	62	26	41.9%	n/a
Psychology	281	32	11.4%	182	68	37.4% ↑	26.0
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	268	59	22.0%	331	177	53.5% ↑	31.5
Social Sciences	146	31	21.2%	83	55	66.3% ↑	45.0
Visual and Performing Arts	161	14	8.7%	206	87	42.2% ↑	33.5

Unknown	16	*	n/a	117	63	<b>53.9%</b>	n/a
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