

**2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Iowa State 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 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,  
IDHE Team



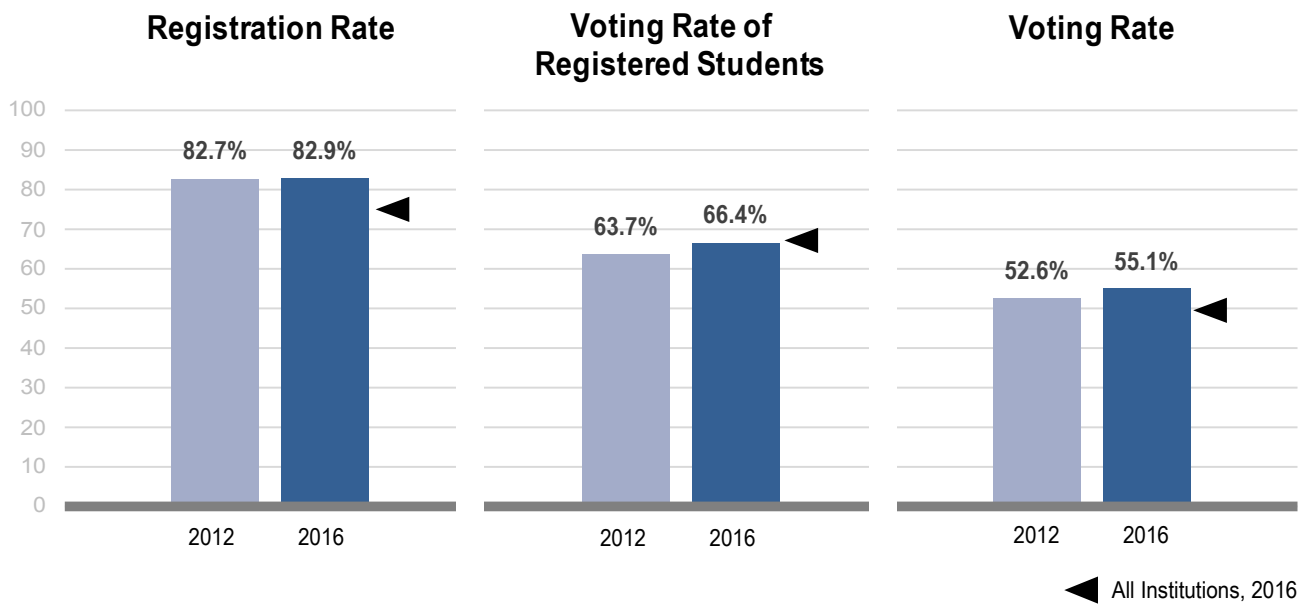
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2016 Voting Rate**  
**55.1%**

CHANGE FROM 2012  
**2.5**

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



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	29,890	35,805	↑ 5,915
Age under 18/Unknown	(124)	(145)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(3,378)	(4,026)	
FERPA records blocked	(300)	(226)	
Total eligible voters	26,088	31,408	↑ 5,320
Number of students who registered	21,562	26,051	↑ 4,489
Number of students who voted	13,733	17,306	↑ 3,573
Registration rate	82.7%	82.9%	↑ 0.3
Voting rate of registered students	63.7%	66.4%	↑ 2.7
Voting rate	52.6%	55.1%	↑ 2.5
Difference from all institutions	+5.7	+4.7	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

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

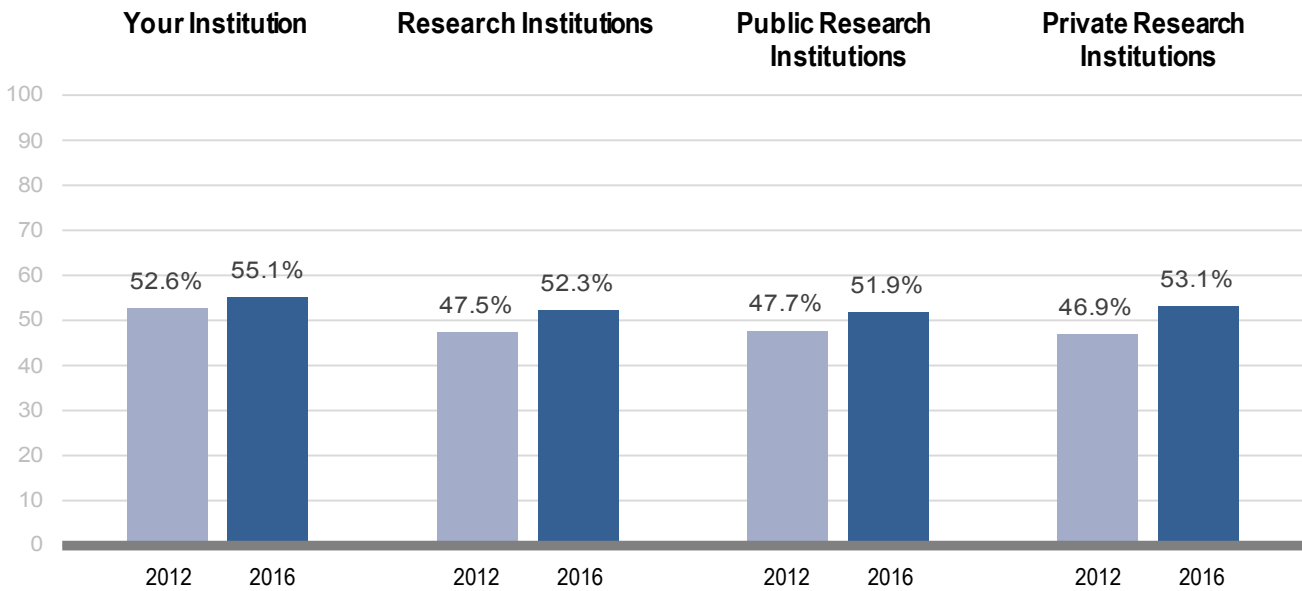
HIGH 72.9%  
 LOW 19.3%

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

HIGH 81.4%  
 LOW 13.1%

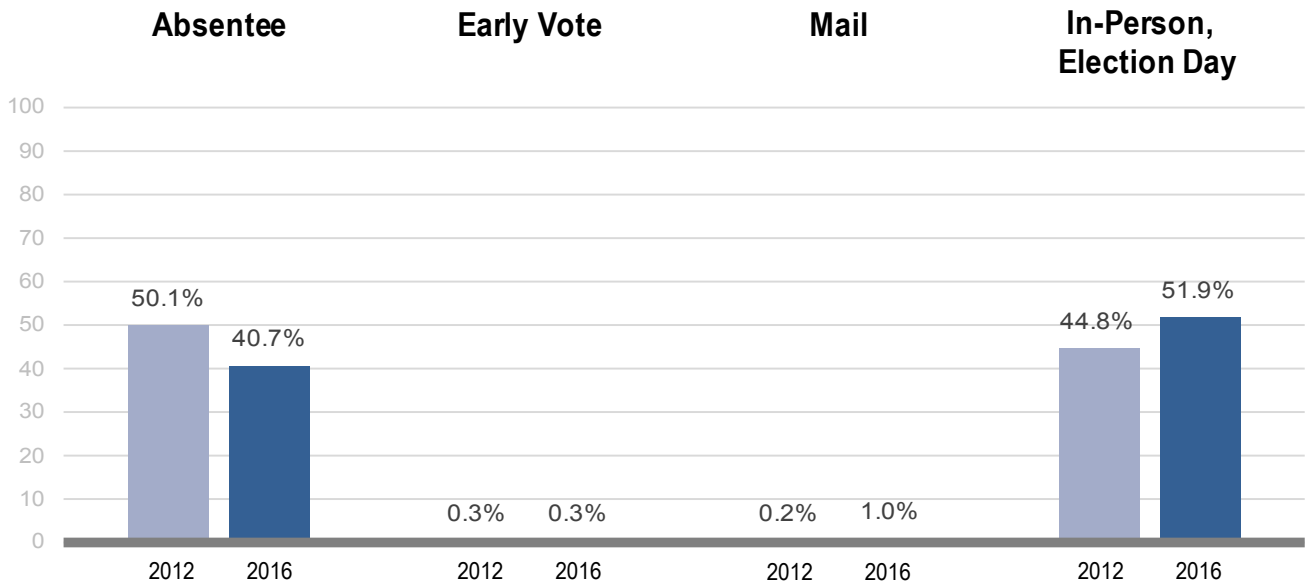
Difference from All Institutions **+5.7**

Difference from All Institutions **+4.7**



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# By Voting Method\*

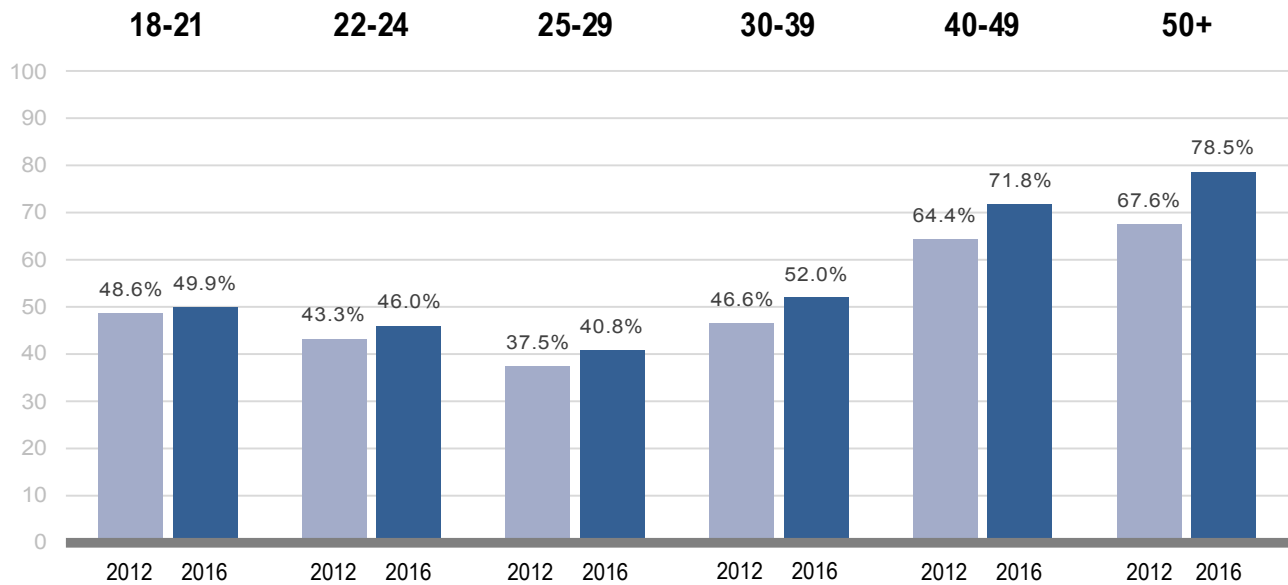


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	6,884	50.1%	7,035	40.7%	↓ -9.5
Early Vote	39	0.3%	50	0.3%	→ 0.0
Mail	28	0.2%	177	1.0%	↑ 0.8
In-Person, Election Day	6,153	44.8%	8,973	51.9%	↑ 7.1
Unknown	629	4.6%	1,071	6.2%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,733</b>		<b>17,306</b>		

\* 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\*

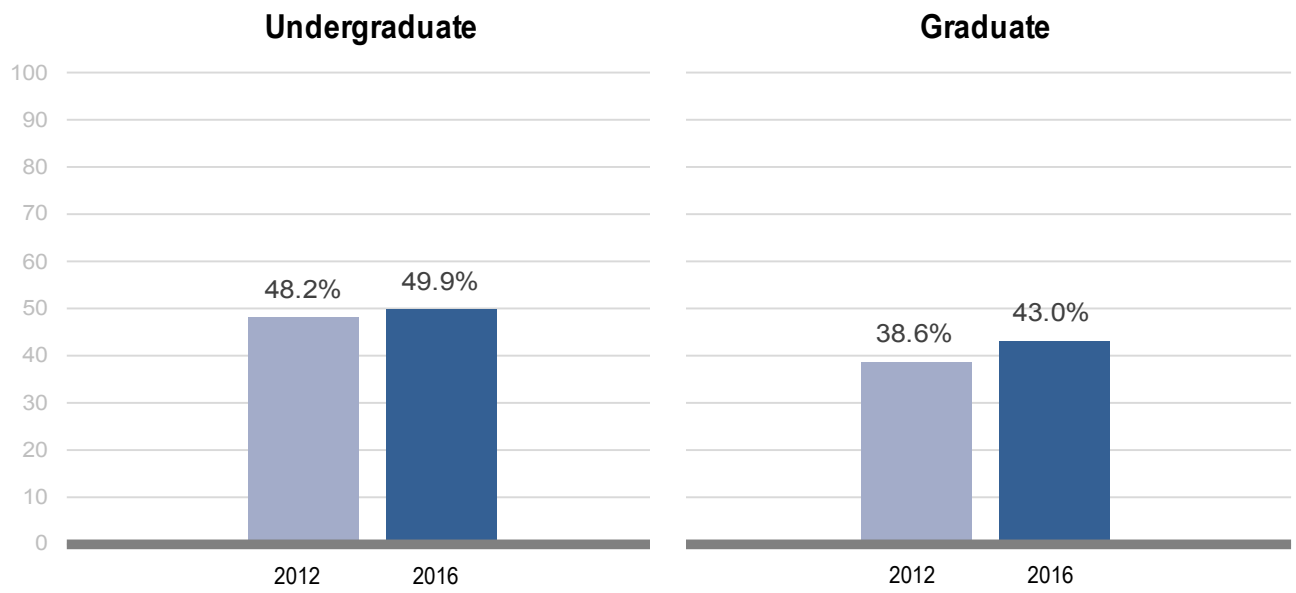


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	17,876	8,692	48.6%	22,800	11,380	49.9%	↑ 1.3
22-24	6,477	2,802	43.3%	7,201	3,313	46.0%	↑ 2.8
25-29	2,852	1,069	37.5%	3,149	1,285	40.8%	↑ 3.3
30-39	1,638	763	46.6%	1,632	848	52.0%	↑ 5.4
40-49	438	282	64.4%	471	338	71.8%	↑ 7.4
50+	185	125	67.6%	181	142	78.5%	↑ 10.9
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\*

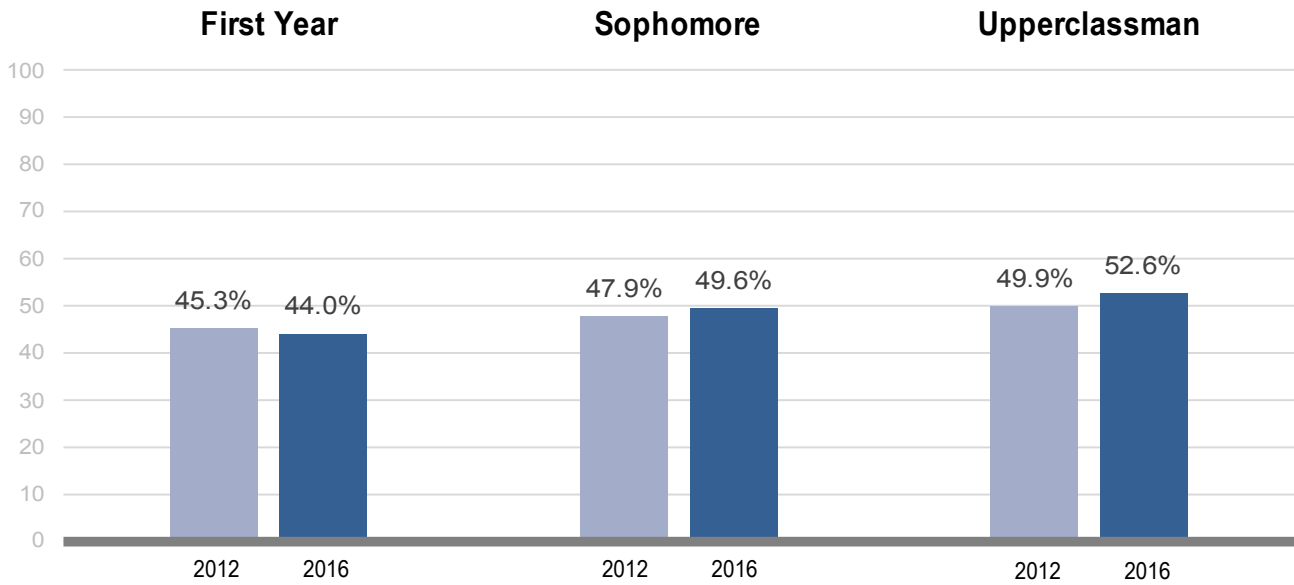


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	24,474	11,807	<b>48.2%</b>	29,872	14,912	<b>49.9%</b>	↑ 1.7
Graduate	4,992	1,926	<b>38.6%</b>	5,562	2,394	<b>43.0%</b>	↑ 4.5
Unknown	0			0			

\* 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\*



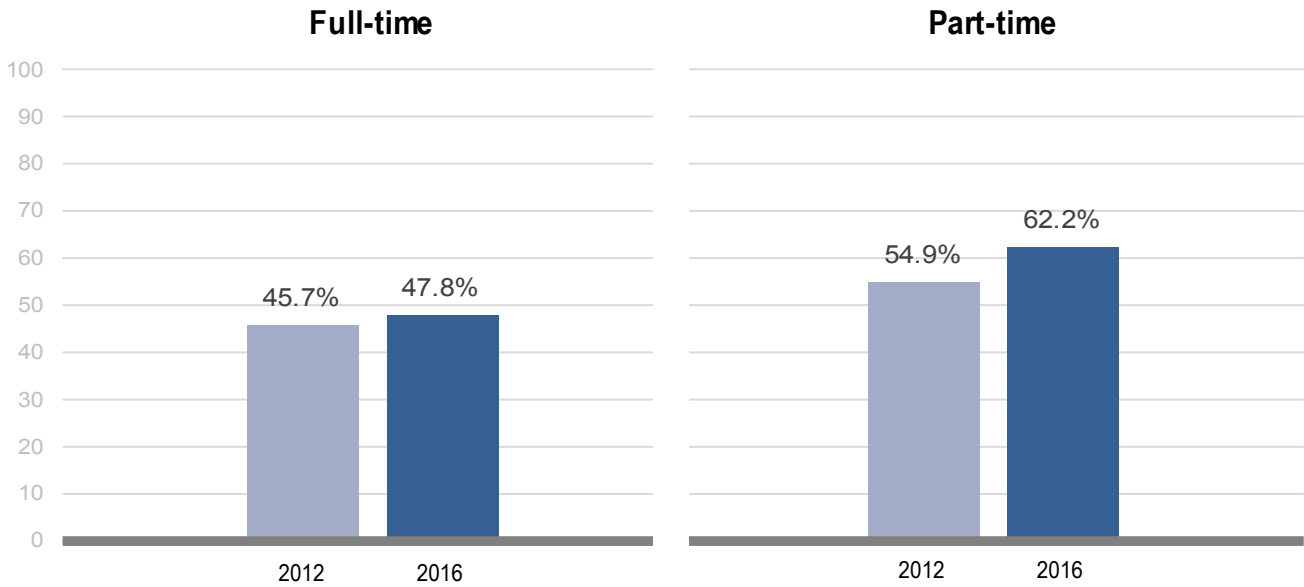
	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	5,664	2,564	45.3%	6,458	2,842	44.0%	↓ -1.3
Sophomore	5,247	2,512	47.9%	6,326	3,136	49.6%	↑ 1.7
Upperclassman	11,923	5,953	49.9%	16,733	8,799	52.6%	↑ 2.7

\* 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\*

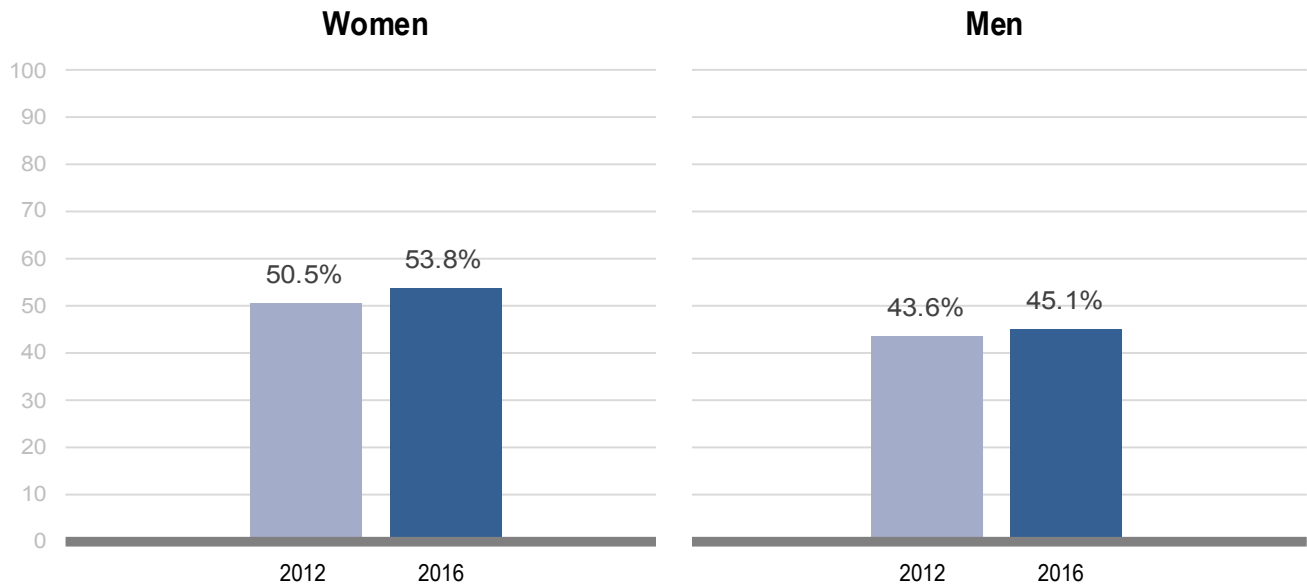


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	26,514	12,112	45.7%	32,941	15,756	47.8%	↑ 2.2
Part-time	2,952	1,621	54.9%	2,493	1,550	62.2%	↑ 7.3
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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	12,973	6,549	<b>50.5%</b>	15,290	8,222	<b>53.8%</b>	↑ 3.3
Men	16,493	7,184	<b>43.6%</b>	20,144	9,084	<b>45.1%</b>	↑ 1.5
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 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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	3,027	1,573	<b>52.0%</b>	3,685	2,059	<b>55.9%</b> ↑	<b>3.9</b>
Architecture	789	301	<b>38.2%</b>	810	341	<b>42.1%</b> ↑	<b>4.0</b>
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	56	*	n/a	56	0	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,679	774	<b>46.1%</b>	1,943	993	<b>51.1%</b> ↑	<b>5.0</b>
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,955	1,767	<b>44.7%</b>	5,501	2,526	<b>45.9%</b> ↑	<b>1.2</b>
Communication and Journalism	897	483	<b>53.9%</b>	1,056	606	<b>57.4%</b> ↑	<b>3.5</b>
Computer and Information Sciences	450	148	<b>32.9%</b>	759	265	<b>34.9%</b> ↑	<b>2.0</b>
Education	1,537	989	<b>64.4%</b>	1,558	1,001	<b>64.3%</b> ↓	<b>-0.1</b>
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	7,333	2,927	<b>39.9%</b>	9,690	4,116	<b>42.5%</b> ↑	<b>2.6</b>
English Language and Literature	373	203	<b>54.4%</b>	433	262	<b>60.5%</b> ↑	<b>6.1</b>
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	1,055	565	<b>53.6%</b>	1,221	706	<b>57.8%</b> ↑	<b>4.3</b>
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	127	76	<b>59.8%</b>	159	96	<b>60.4%</b> ↑	<b>0.5</b>
Health Professions	1,182	504	<b>42.6%</b>	1,156	612	<b>52.9%</b> ↑	<b>10.3</b>
History	356	241	<b>67.7%</b>	284	213	<b>75.0%</b> ↑	<b>7.3</b>
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	16	*	n/a	186	91	<b>48.9%</b>	n/a
Legal Professions and Studies	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,106	564	<b>51.0%</b>	996	532	<b>53.4%</b> ↑	<b>2.4</b>
Mathematics and Statistics	450	145	<b>32.2%</b>	529	196	<b>37.1%</b> ↑	<b>4.8</b>
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	76	38	<b>50.0%</b>	0	0	n/a	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	461	253	<b>54.9%</b>	382	198	<b>51.8%</b> ↓	<b>-3.1</b>
Natural Resources and Conservation	263	139	<b>52.9%</b>	310	186	<b>60.0%</b> ↑	<b>7.2</b>
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,077	512	<b>47.5%</b>	1,235	595	<b>48.2%</b> ↑	<b>0.6</b>

Philosophy and Religious Studies	45	23	51.1%	42	21	50.0% ↓	-1.1
Physical Sciences	612	222	36.3%	684	267	39.0% ↑	2.8
Psychology	664	349	52.6%	823	420	51.0% ↓	-1.5
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	35	27	77.1%	36	23	63.9% ↓	-13.3
Social Sciences	639	327	51.2%	640	357	55.8% ↑	4.6
Visual and Performing Arts	1,139	541	47.5%	1,216	605	49.8% ↑	2.3
Unknown	53	24	45.3%	26	*	n/a	n/a

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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