

### **SEPTEMBER 2019**

### 2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

# Student Voting Rates for Kean 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, 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-questio ns.

#### **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-visualizat ions.

□ 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: https://idhe.tufts.edu.

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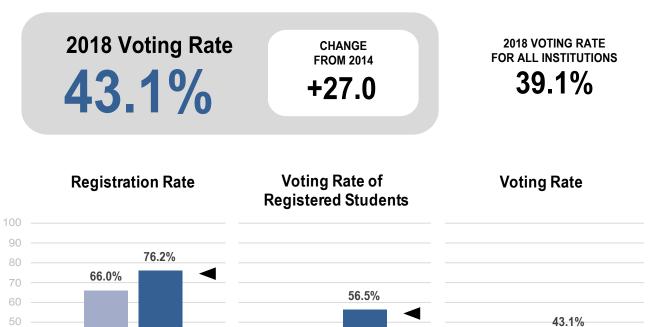
We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at NSLVE@tufts.edu.

Warm regards,

**IDHE** Team



## Voting and Registration Rates



24.3%

2014

2018

16.0%

2014

2018

All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	14,362	13,696	Ŷ	-666
Age under 18/Unknown IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens FERPA records blocked	(227) (192) 0	(116) (360) 0		
– Total eligible voters	13,943	13,220	Ŷ	-723
Number of students who registered	9,208	10,076	疗	868
Number of students who voted	2,237	5,695	ᠬ	3,458
Registration rate	66.0%	76.2%	疗	10.2
Voting rate of registered students	24.3%	56.5%	疗	32.2
Voting rate	16.0%	43.1%	ᠬ	27.0
Difference from all institutions	-3.7	+4.0		

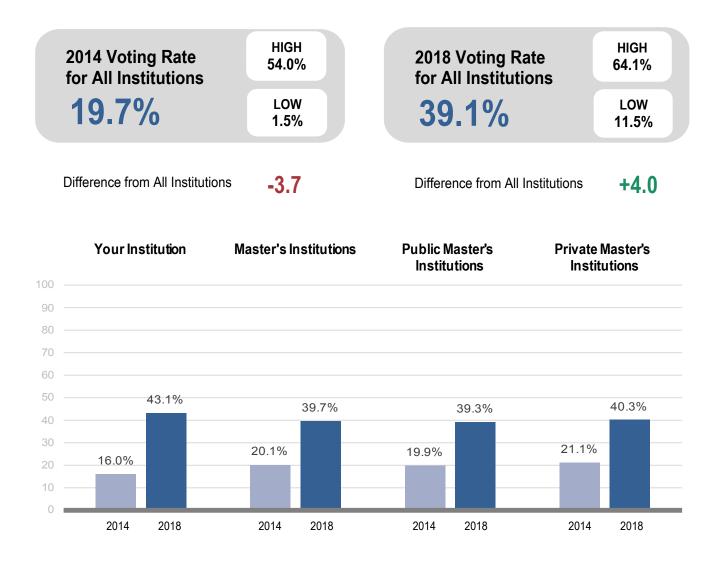
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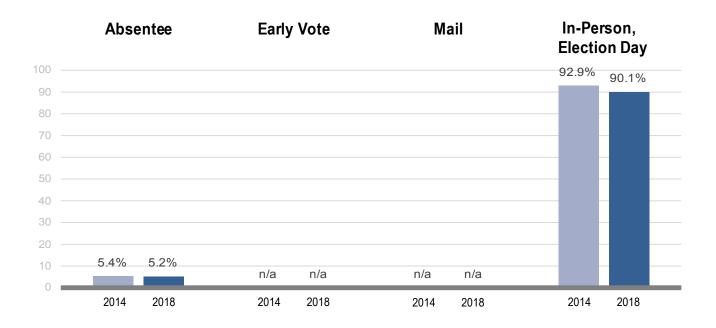
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### By Carnegie Classification



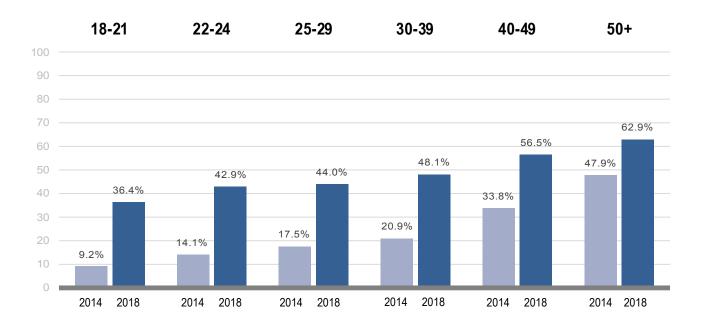
### By Voting Method\*



	2014		2018					
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		Change	
Absentee	121	5.4%		295	5.2%	₽	-0.2	
Early Vote	0	n/a		*	n/a		n/a	
Mail	*	n/a		*	n/a		n/a	
In-Person, Election Day	2,079	92.9%		5,132	90.1%	Ŷ	-2.8	
Unknown	36	1.6%		257	4.5%			
Total	2,237			5,695				

\* 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 officals where your students voted.

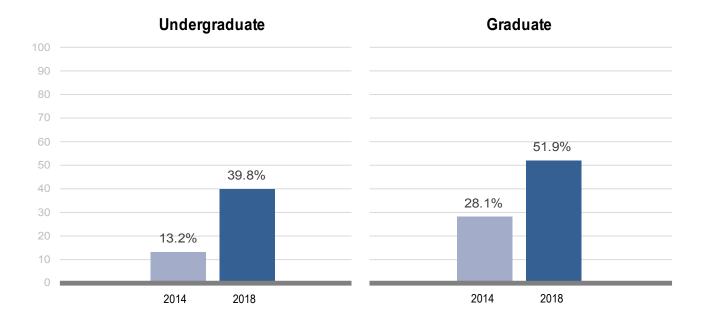
### By Age Group\*



2014 2018 Enrolled Voted Rate Enrolled Voted Rate Change 5,339 493 9.2% 5,713 2,080 36.4% 27.2 18-21 Ŷ 22-24 3,730 1,455 42.9% 527 14.1% 3,391 28.8 25-29 2,327 407 17.5% 2,249 990 44.0% ⇧ 26.5 30-39 1,451 303 20.9% 1,329 639 48.1% 27.2 40-49 776 262 33.8% 529 299 56.5% 22.8 50+ 512 245 47.9% 369 232 62.9% 15.0 0 0 Unknown

\* 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.

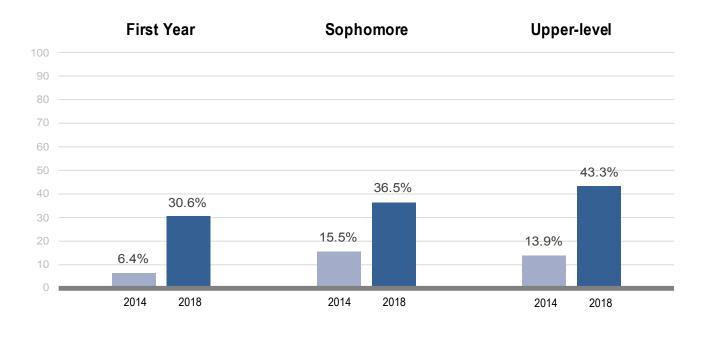
## **By Education Level\***



	2014			2018				_		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change		
Undergraduate	11,394	1,506	13.2%	11,419	4,547	39.8%	↑	26.6		
Graduate	2,118	596	28.1%	1,806	938	51.9%		23.8		
Unknown	623			355						

\* 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.

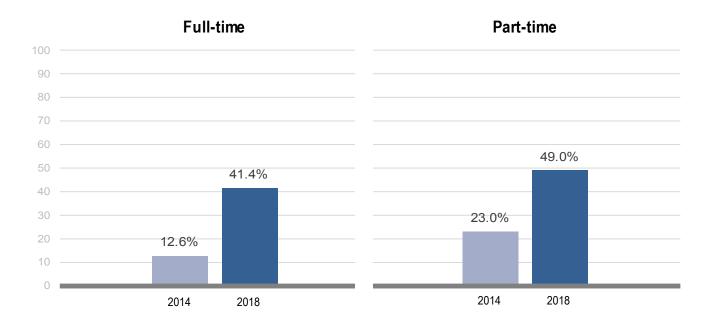
## By Undergraduate Class Year\*



	2014			2018			_		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change	
First Year	2,445	156	6.4%	2,092	640	30.6%	♠	24.2	
Sophomore	5,661	877	15.5%	1,942	708	36.5%	♠	21.0	
Upper-level	3,509	487	13.9%	7,372	3,194	43.3%	♠	29.5	

\* 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.

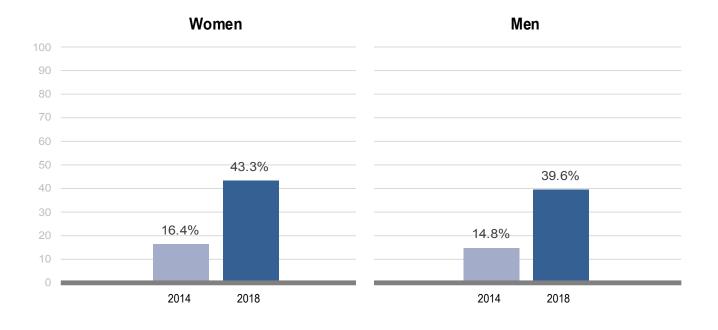
### By Enrollment Status\*



	2014				2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	9,713	1,222	12.6%	12,691	5,259	41.4%	↑	28.9
Part-time	4,422	1,015	23.0%	889	436	49.0%	♠	26.1
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.

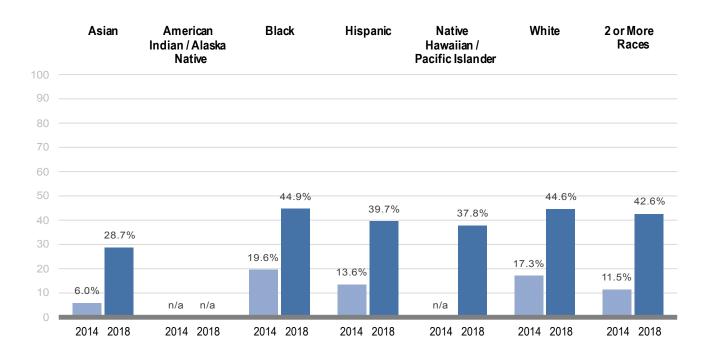
### By Gender\*



	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	8,900	1,462	16.4%	8,507	3,685	43.3%	♠	26.9
Men	5,235	775	14.8%	5,073	2,010	39.6%	♠	24.8
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.

### By Race/Ethnicity\*



	2014							
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Asian	855	51	6.0%	780	224	28.7%	ᡎ	22.8
American Indian/ Alaska Native	19	*	n/a	22	*	n/a		n/a
Black	2,777	544	19.6%	2,820	1,266	44.9%	ᠬ	25.3
Hispanic	3,424	464	13.6%	3,957	1,572	39.7%	♠	26.2
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	47	*	n/a	37	14	37.8%		n/a
White	5,794	1,002	17.3%	4,449	1,986	44.6%	ᡎ	27.4
2 or More Races	243	28	11.5%	298	127	42.6%		31.1
Unknown	976			1,217				

\* 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.

### 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		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Architecture	0	0	n/a	130	42	32.3%	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,013	77	7.6%	1,229	419	34.1% 👚	26.5
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,054	202	9.8%	2,307	842	36.5% 👚	26.7
Communication and Journalism	613	104	17.0%	622	322	51.8% 👚	34.8
Computer and Information Sciences	393	42	10.7%	560	181	32.3% ϯ	21.6
Education	3,109	660	21.2%	2,603	1,152	44.3% 👚	23.0
English Language and Literature	383	66	17.2%	260	127	48.9% 👚	31.6
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	53	13	24.5%	39	15	38.5% 👚	13.9
Health Professions	981	157	16.0%	739	337	45.6% 👚	29.6
History	310	82	26.5%	236	151	64.0% 🛧	37.5
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	730	89	12.2%	806	313	38.8% 👚	26.6
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	395	22	5.6%	434	124	28.6% 🛧	23.0
Mathematics and Statistics	205	34	16.6%	163	73	44.8% 👚	28.2
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	61	21	34.4%	54	32	59.3% 🛧	24.8
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	185	30	16.2%	137	57	41.6% 👚	25.4
Physical Sciences	135	16	11.9%	109	52	47.7% 🛧	35.9
Psychology	1,604	204	12.7%	1,602	681	42.5% 👚	29.8
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	400	134	33.5%	427	253	59.3% 🛧	25.8
Science Fechnologies/Technicians	88	10	11.4%	154	70	45.5% 👚	34.1
Social Sciences	425	100	23.5%	358	179	50.0% 👚	26.5
/isual and Performing Arts	670	79	11.8%	588	264	44.9% 👚	33.1
Jnknown	328	95	29.0%	16	*	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: https://idhe.tufts.edu.

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