

CAMPUS REPORT
Student Voting
Rates for
Keene State College

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# **About This Report**

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE), housed at the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life, Tufts University. Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 850 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012 and 2014 elections. Participating colleges and universities are located in 48 states and represent all Carnegie classifications. With others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 7.5 million college student records that is already serving as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

NSLVE has recently published several resources including:

- ☐ Talking Politics: A tool for conversations on your campus regarding how to use the NSLVE report to spark change.
- ☐ Democracy Matters: A Guide to Non-Statutory Barriers to Voting: In this guide, we identify sometimes-hidden barriers students might face when registering to vote or voting, and strategies to overcome them.
- ☐ National Data: We have published data about the national landscape for college student political engagement including breakdowns by field of study and region.

#### **Looking Ahead**

Over the coming months, NSLVE will be releasing additional tools and resources that you can use to increase political learning and engagement in democracy on your campus. Here is a preview of some of this work.

- ☐ Comparison Data: We'll continue to aggregate comparison data for groups of participating campuses.
- ☐ Case Studies: We will be sharing the findings from our studies of campus climates for student political learning and engagement in democracy.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data and resources, visit: Activecitizen.tufts.edu/IDHE

#### **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 2014 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse ("Clearinghouse") and publicly available voting records collected by Catalist.

Using enrollment records submitted on a date closest to the election, we removed students under age 18 on Election Day. We also deducted an estimated number of students identified by your institution as non-resident aliens. This is based on the percentage of non-resident aliens reported by your institution to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). Please note that students who blocked the use of their information under FERPA were also removed from the enrollment lists .

When combining two datasets, matching errors can occur. That said, for each record, we receive a "confidence score." The average confidence score for the student records in our database is 96.6%. Nonetheless, some errors are still possible:

- On page three, we indicate the number of students who blocked their records from being used for any purpose, including research. If those students voted at a much lower or higher rate than your other students, it might affect the voting rate.
- Students not found in the voting database are considered non-voters, but we have no way to remove individual noncitizens (resident aliens and non-resident aliens). We use an estimate based on IPEDS data to account for your non-resident aliens. We cannot adjust for resident aliens. This may result in your actual voting rate being higher than we report. To recalculate that percentage, see our FAQ on campus reports.

#### **Reviewing the Data**

Please use the following key to interpret the charts below:

- \* = number of students is less than 10
- = no data was collected for this field

For some colleges and universities, this report will contain categories for which data is "unknown." These categories likely reflect either the quantity or quality of the data your institution provides, a problem that can be corrected by more comprehensive reporting to the Clearinghouse.

NSLVE encourages campuses to share their data as broadly as possible, including posting your campus report. When doing so please reference, *Institute for Democracy and Higher Education*: *National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement* as the data source.

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# Your Students' Voting and Registration Rates

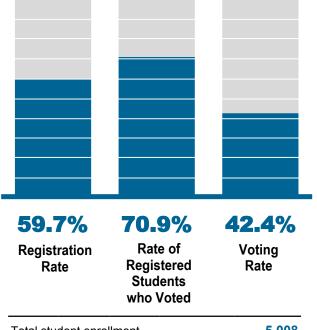
2012 Voting Rate

42%

2014 Voting Rate

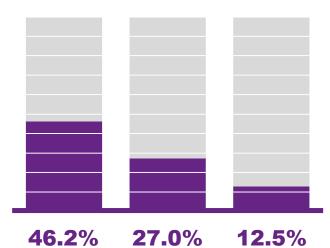
13%

2012 Presidential Election



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Total student enrollment	5,008
Ineligible to vote because too young	29
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	*
FERPA records blocked	88
Number of students who registered	2,919
Number of students who voted	2,071

### 2014 Midterm Election



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Registration
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Rate of Registered Students who Voted Voting Rate

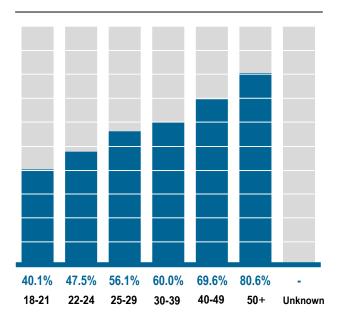
Total student enrollment	4,824
Ineligible to vote because too young	25
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	-
FERPA records blocked	58
Number of students who registered	2,192
Number of students who voted	591

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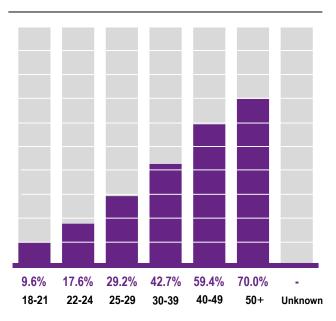
#### **BY AGE GROUP**

Your students' data broken down by age at the time of the election. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 **Presidential Election** 



2014 Midterm Election



AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	3,992	1,601
22-24	608	289
25-29	139	78
30-39	70	42
40-49	46	32
50+	36	29
Unknown	-	-

AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	3,920	377
22-24	557	98
25-29	96	28
30-39	96	41
40-49	32	19
50+	40	28
Unknown	-	-

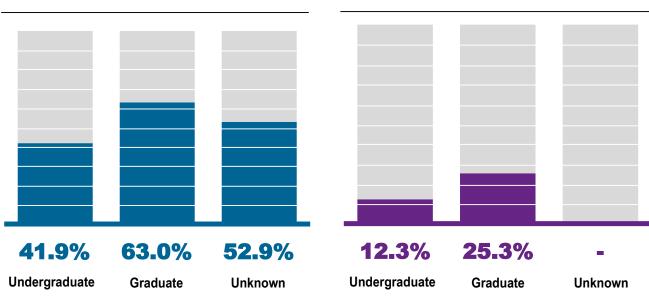
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#### BY EDUCATION LEVEL

Your students' broken down by undergraduate and graduate students. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 **Presidential Election** 

2014 Midterm Election



EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	4,782	2,004
Graduate	92	58
Unknown	17	*

EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	4,661	571
Graduate	79	20
Unknown	*	-

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### BY FIELD OF STUDY

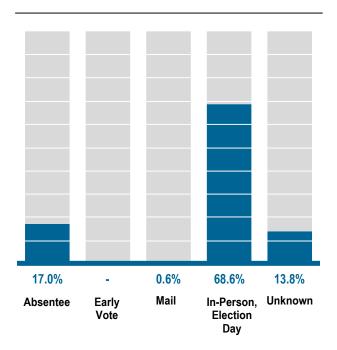
Your students's data broken down by field of study. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

	2012 Presidential Election		2014 Midterm Election			
	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout
Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	119	45	37.8%	105	15	14.3%
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support	178	79	44.4%	185	22	11.9%
Communications, Journalism, and Related Programs	182	63	34.6%	157	22	14.0%
Computer and Information and Library Sciences	53	23	43.4%	99	24	24.2%
Education	531	258	48.6%	449	57	12.7%
Engineering	-	_	-	-	-	-
Health Professions and Related Sciences, Knowledge, and Skills	394	166	42.1%	497	48	9.7%
Humanities	202	95	47.0%	171	30	17.5%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and General Studies	1,701	677	39.8%	1,407	122	8.7%
Mathematics and Statistics	25	12	48.0%	26	*	26.9%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	44	21	47.7%	78	14	17.9%
Parks and Recreation	25	13	52.0%	81	*	3.7%
Physical Sciences	140	60	42.9%	127	24	18.9%
Professions	88	33	37.5%	105	11	10.5%
Psychology, Personal Awareness, and Self-Improvement	173	75	43.4%	164	19	11.6%
Social Sciences	240	114	47.5%	157	31	19.7%
Technologies/Technicians	328	109	33.2%	459	44	9.6%
Trades	-	-	-	27	*	7.4%
Visual and Performing Arts	344	156	45.3%	325	41	12.6%
Unknown	124	72	58.1%	122	55	45.1%

### BY VOTING METHOD

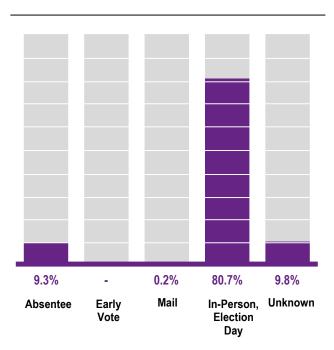
Your students' data broken down by voting method. If your campus has a high percentage of "unknown" voting methods, it means that this information is not reported by local officals.

2012 Presidential Election



VOTING METHOD	VOTED
Absentee	352
Early Vote	-
Mail	12
In-Person, Election Day	1,421
Unknown	286
Total	2,071

### 2014 Midterm Election



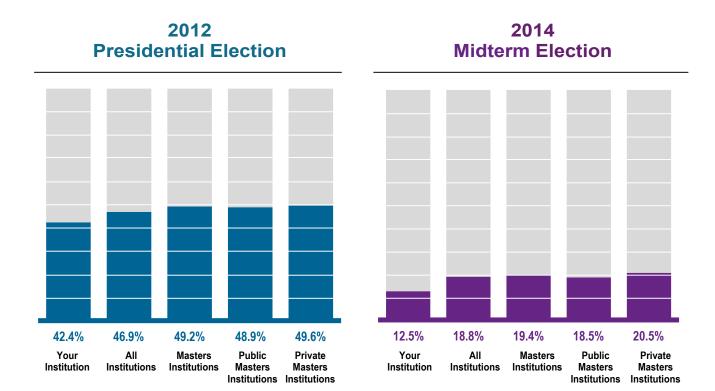
VOTING METHOD	VOTED
Absentee	55
Early Vote	-
Mail	*
In-Person, Election Day	477
Unknown	58
Total	591

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## **How Your Numbers Compare**

### BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

See how your campus voting rate compares to others in your institution's Carnegie classification. This comparison data allows your campus to understand your voting rate in the context of similar institutions.



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