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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.

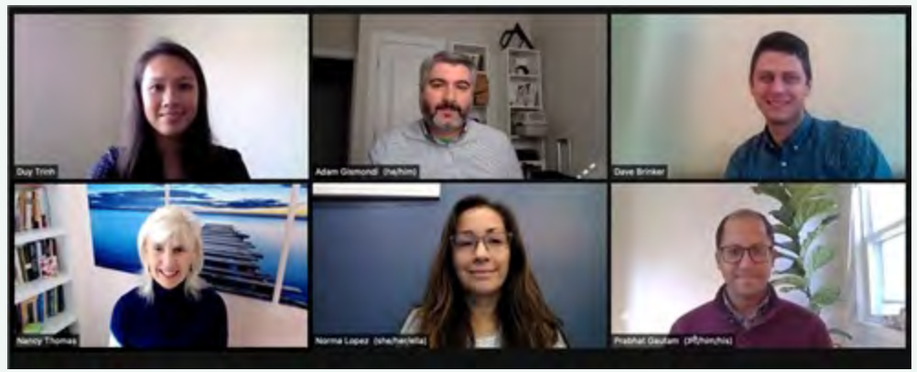
College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

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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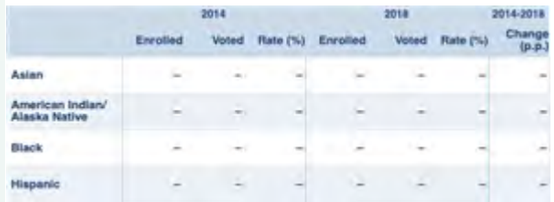
In This Report

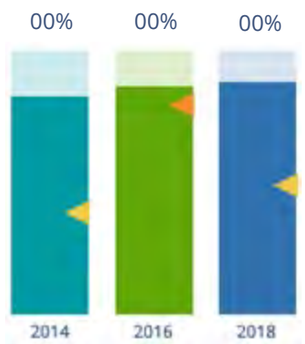
This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut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



	2014			2018			2014-2018
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p.)
Asian	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
American Indian/ Alaska Native	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Black	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Hispanic	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

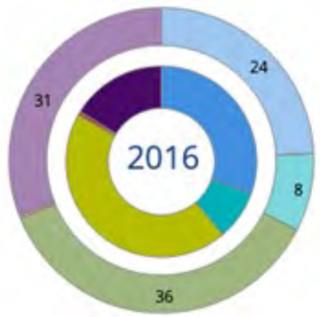
Tables

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.



Vessel Chart

This chart shows rates out of 100%, with arrows to the right of each bar representing relevant national averages (medians), which you can find in IDHE's national report Democracy Counts 2020.



Overlapping Donut Chart

This chart is used to show the breakdown of vote method utilization (page 10), with the outer ring showing your campus method utilization and the inner ring showing the national breakdown. These are described in percentages.

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Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

63.3%

2020 Voting Rate

+16.5

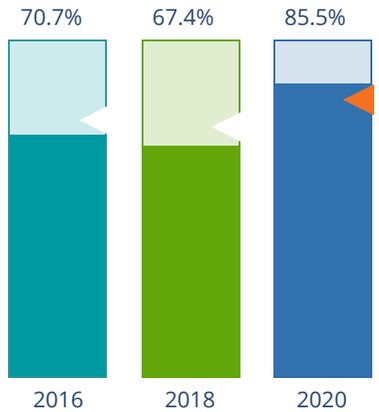
Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

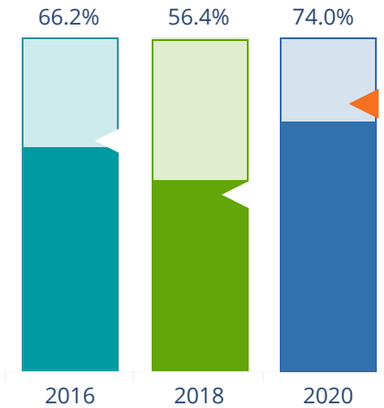
2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



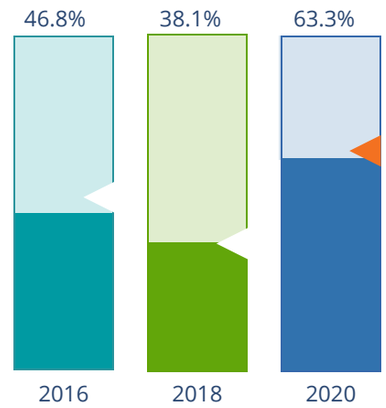
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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.

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Looking Closer

Voting and Registration Rates

	2016	2018	2020	2016-2020 Change (p.p.)
Total Student Enrollment	12,170	10,425	8,889	↓ -3,281
(Age under 18/Unknown)	–	–	–	–
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	207	170	77	↓ -130
(FERPA records blocked)	13	–	–	–
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	–	558	591	–
Total eligible voters	11,944	9,684	8,213	↓ -3,731
Number of students who registered	8,447	6,531	7,019	↓ -1,428
Number of students who voted	5,589	3,686	5,196	↓ -393
Registration Rate %	71	67	85	↑ 15
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	66	56	74	↑ 8
Voting Rate %	47	38	63	↑ 16

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 use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to NSC, or we cannot verify the accuracy of the reported counts. This estimate is given by "IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens" on this page. If you believe the number of international students reported on this report is incorrect, you can manually adjust your institution's voting rates by using our recalculation tool. https://id-he.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-recalculation-tool.

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By Institution Types

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions

53%

HIGH 82%

LOW 13%

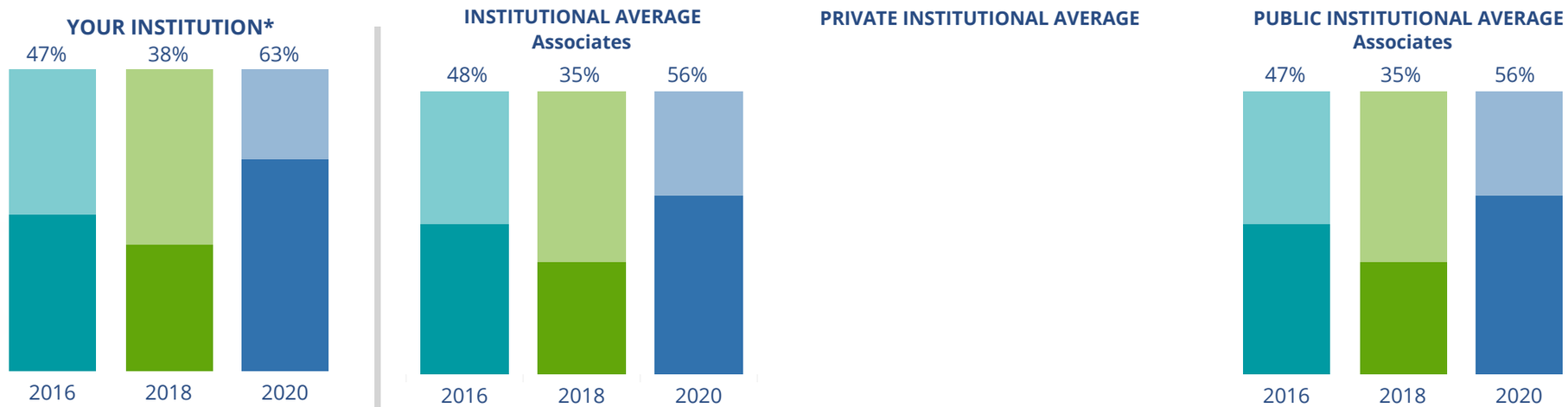
2020 Voting Rate for All Institutions

66%

HIGH 89%

LOW 19%

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.



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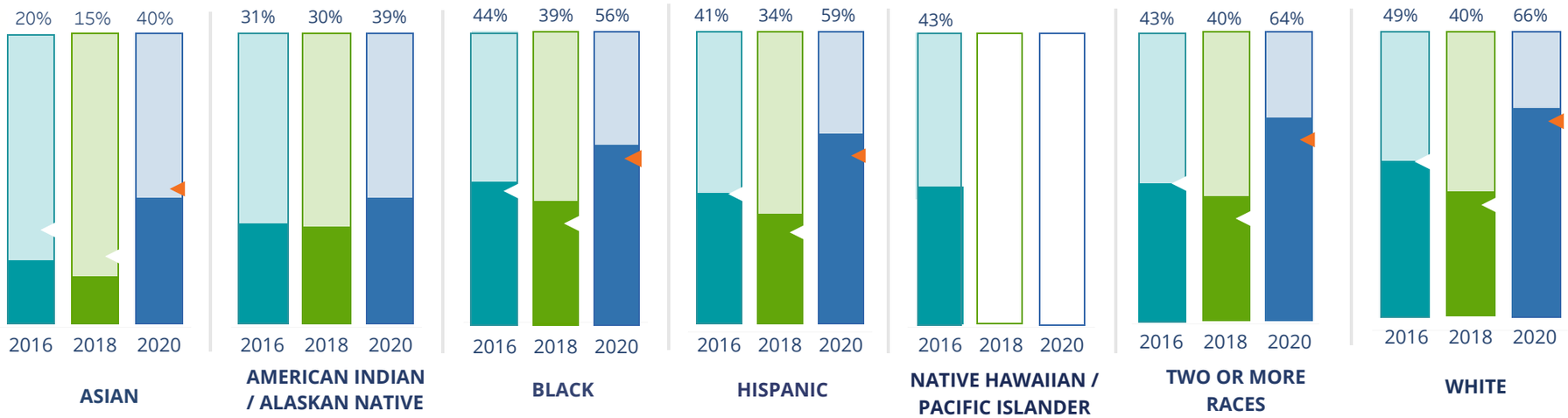
By Race / Ethnicity



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

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.

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

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Looking Closer

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.
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	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Asian	505	100	20	456	68	15	367	145	40	↑ 20
American Indian/ Alaska Native	61	19	31	43	13	30	33	13	39	↑ 8
Black	1,124	497	44	903	348	39	699	389	56	↑ 11
Hispanic	935	381	41	877	298	34	673	395	59	↑ 18
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	30	13	43	12	–	–	14	–	–	–
2 or More Races	407	176	43	374	148	40	350	224	64	↑ 21
White	8,230	4,030	49	6,560	2,594	40	5,756	3,806	66	↑ 17
Race Unknown	847	373	44	609	213	35	386	215	56	↑ 12

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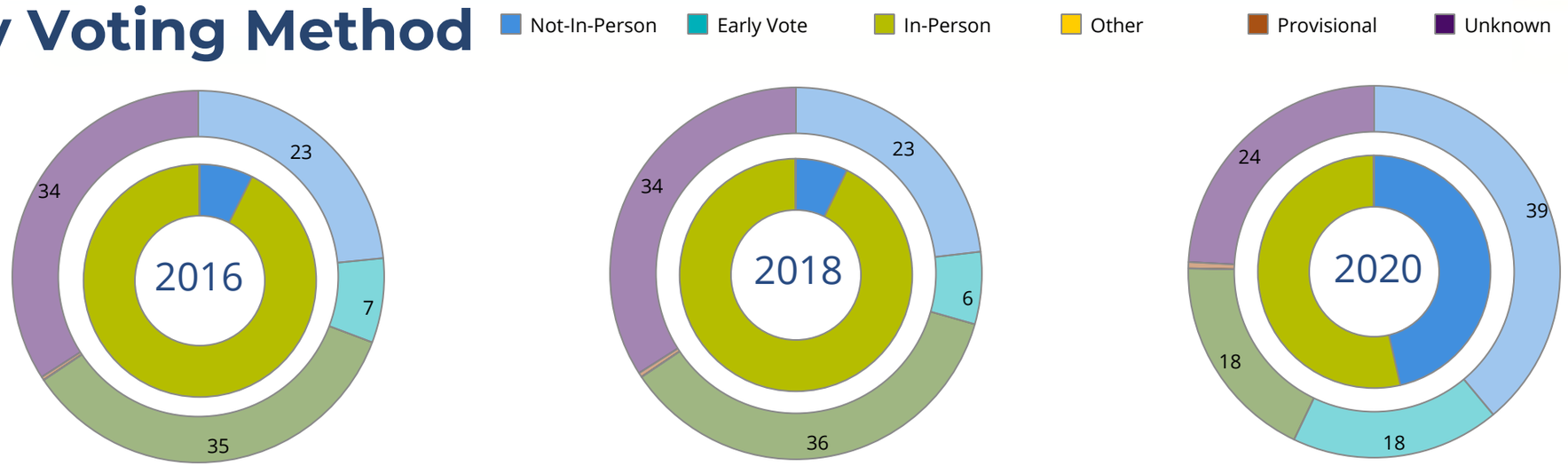
By Voting Method



	2016		2018		2020		2016-2020
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p.)
Early Vote	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
In-Person on Election Day	5,169	93	3,418	93	2,782	54	-39
Not-In-Person	415	7	267	7	2,410	46	39
Other	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Provisional	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Voting Method Unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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/nslve/nslve-faq#CampusReports

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By Age Group

	2016	2018	2020
18-21	48%	37%	69%
22-24	40%	37%	60%
25-29	38%	32%	51%
30-39	45%	35%	47%
40-49	57%	50%	61%
50+	70%	58%	73%

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.

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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
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
18-21	5,947	2,826	48	5,234	1,949	37	4,501	3,104	69	↑ 21
22-24	2,031	819	40	1,620	603	37	1,355	815	60	↑ 20
25-29	1,605	606	38	1,304	420	32	1,132	582	51	↑ 14
30-39	1,477	672	45	998	353	35	803	378	47	↑ 2
40-49	678	387	57	409	205	50	314	190	61	↑ 3
50+	401	279	70	269	156	58	173	127	73	↑ 4

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By Sex

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Female	6,436	3,037	47	5,184	1,974	38	4,676	2,995	64	↑ 17
Male	5,652	2,530	45	4,608	1,694	37	3,513	2,145	61	↑ 16

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

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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	10,134	4,571	45	9,000	3,296	37	7,648	4,801	63	↑ 18
Graduate	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Class Unknown	2,005	1,018	51	834	390	47	630	395	63	↑ 12
CLASS YEAR										
First Year	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Second Year	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Upper Level	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
ENROLLMENT STATUS										
Full-time	5,221	2,377	46	4,156	1,557	37	3,193	2,103	66	↑ 20
Part-time	6,918	3,212	46	5,678	2,129	37	5,085	3,093	61	↑ 14

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	45	21	47	29	11	38	30	18	60	↑ 13
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	244	120	49	192	71	37	197	127	64	↑ 15
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,652	737	45	1,231	422	34	1,005	610	61	↑ 16
Communication and Journalism	65	38	58	57	25	44	66	47	71	↑ 13
Communications Technologies/Technicians	130	60	46	66	39	59	52	37	71	↑ 25
Computer and Information Sciences	626	292	47	458	188	41	422	251	59	↑ 13
Construction Trades	269	105	39	188	61	32	135	73	54	↑ 15

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.

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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)
Education	229	114	50	179	72	40	150	96	64	↑ 14
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	536	261	49	407	163	40	307	203	66	↑ 17
English Language and Literature	53	31	58	33	15	45	39	28	72	↑ 13
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	135	68	50	119	49	41	90	55	61	↑ 11
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	187	104	56	139	68	49	96	70	73	↑ 17
Health Professions	2,000	867	43	1,632	522	32	1,654	991	60	↑ 17
History	45	30	67	40	21	53	40	38	95	↑ 28
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protec..	590	217	37	384	103	27	293	169	58	↑ 21
Legal Professions and Studies	69	34	49	44	23	52	52	32	62	↑ 12
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,063	906	44	2,268	824	36	1,679	1,089	65	↑ 21
Mathematics and Statistics	34	17	50	34	13	38	24	17	71	↑ 21
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Techni..	259	112	43	218	55	25	222	128	58	↑ 14
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Stu..	182	75	41	141	53	38	120	81	68	↑ 26
Philosophy and Religious Studies	20	12	60	15	–	–	–	–	–	–

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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)
Physical Sciences	60	23	38	45	24	53	37	21	57	↑ 18
Precision Production	146	64	44	178	65	37	109	65	60	↑ 16
Psychology	335	140	42	258	108	42	317	212	67	↑ 25
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	126	59	47	79	32	41	58	40	69	↑ 22
Social Sciences	197	103	52	175	71	41	153	105	69	↑ 16
Visual and Performing Arts	486	267	55	332	165	50	238	161	68	↑ 13
Unknown	1,277	681	53	869	410	47	664	412	62	↑ 9

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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.

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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