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Student Voting Rates for Linfield College

NSLVE Campus Report

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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to share this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for several recent election cycles. This report contains three years of relevant topline data: 2014, 2018, and 2020. In addition to sharing the change between 2014 and 2018 voting rates, we also disaggregate the data so you can better identify and address gaps in participation. Although you have likely seen these numbers before, we find that many report recipients appreciate a refresher heading into another national election.

College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. In 2020, it jumped to 66%. In the last midterm, the student voting rate more than doubled, from roughly 19% in 2014 to around 40% in 2018. These encouraging data points signal that 2022 can be yet another banner year for student participation if we all work together to ensure that lasting, long-term interventions turn this into a *trend* across the nation.

As always, 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 encourage you to review our recommendations for leveraging election seasons to cultivate a robust and healthy campus climate for political engagement, discourse, equity, and participation, year around: Election Imperatives 2.0 and the more recent Election Imperatives 2020: A Time of Physical Distancing and Social Action, a report with recommendations for institutional leaders, faculty, and voter coalitions.

Since political dialogue across campus 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 how campuses use their NSLVE reports.

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 (or sign up!) for our periodic newsletter, announcements about upcoming releases, and new resources.

Remember, student political learning is a year-round objective. Elections may be episodic, but student engagement in democracy should not be.

All the Best,
The Team at IDHE

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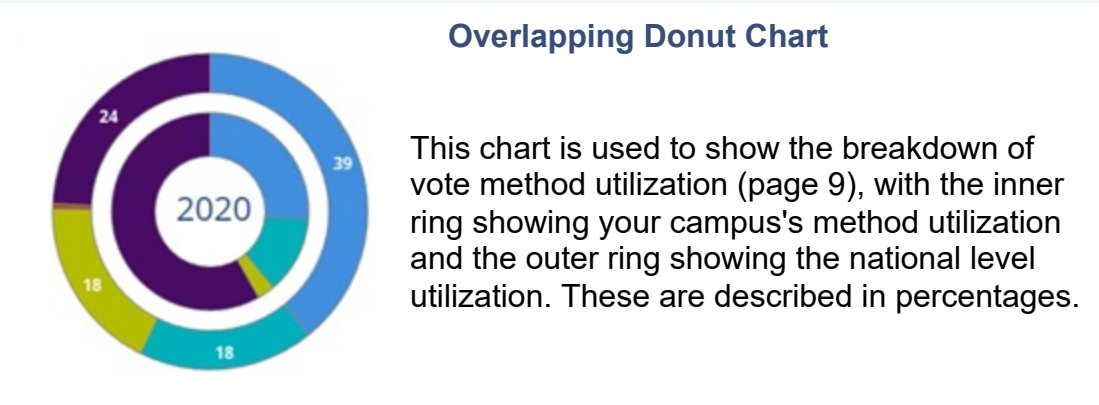
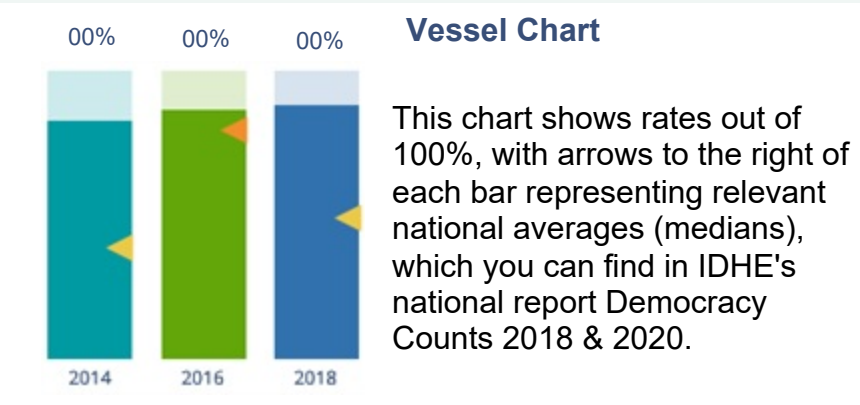
In This Report

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.

Tables

The tables show the numbers of students and the rates from 2014, 2018, and 2020. The change column represents difference between counts and rates. The change in rates are in terms of percentage points. 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.

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



Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

51.4%

2018 Voting Rate

+20.5

Change From 2014

ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

2018 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

64.5%	82.7%	89.1%
2014	2018	2020

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

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

48.0%	62.2%	86.2%
2014	2018	2020

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

30.9%	51.4%	76.8%
2014	2018	2020

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.

Looking Closer

Voting and Registration Rates

	2014	2018	2020	2014-2018 Change
Total student enrollment per NSC	2,340	1,888	1,851	↓ -452
(Age under 18/Unknown)	11	—	—	—
(Non-resident aliens)	84	56	14	↓ -28
Non-resident aliens data source	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	
(FERPA records blocked)	121	95	121	↓ -26
(Non-degree seeking students)	—	—	—	—
Total eligible voters	2,124	1,731	1,708	↓ -393
Number of students who registered	1,369	1,432	1,522	↑ 63
Number of students who voted	657	890	1,312	↑ 233
Registration Rate %	64	83	89	↑ 18
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	48	62	86	↑ 14
Voting Rate %	31	51	77	↑ 20

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.

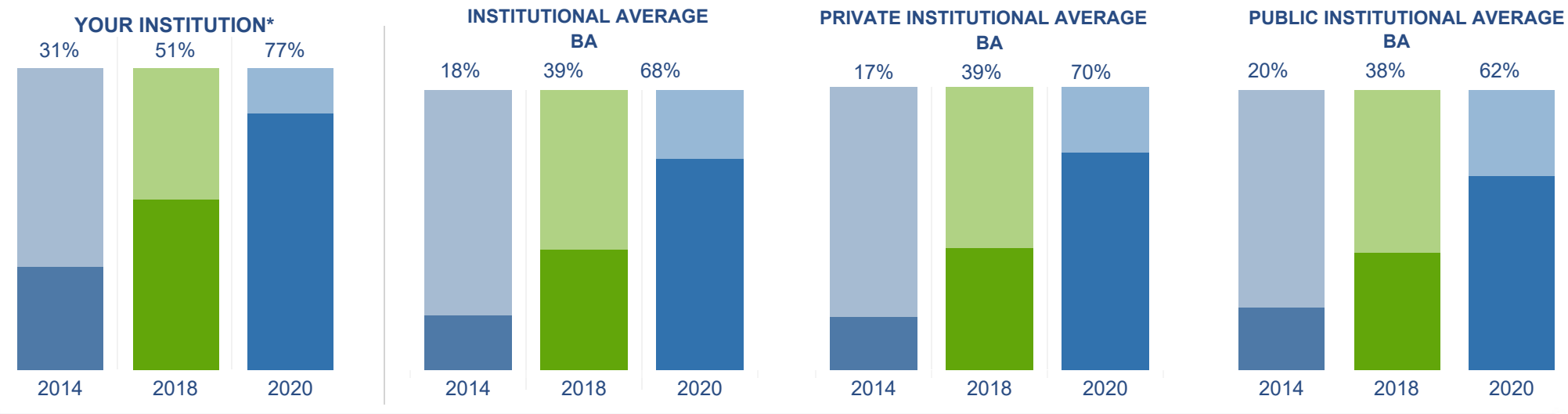
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to NSC, or we cannot verify the accuracy of the reported counts. This is indicated by IPEDS in the data source.

In the following pages with tables, **Enrolled** represents the eligible voters when we have used NSC as the data source. When we have used IPEDS as the data source, **Enrolled** includes non-resident aliens who are ineligible to vote, and for whom we are unable to account due to the lack of data from your institution.

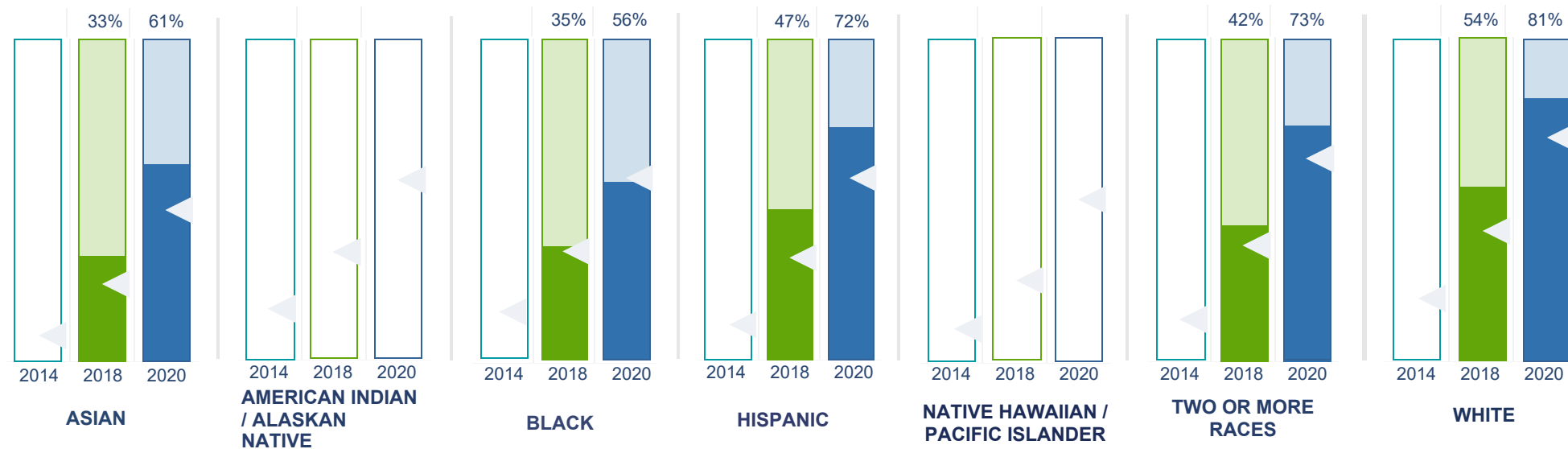
By Institution Types



These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. For Associate institutions, we only share public associate institutional averages due to sample size. *"Your Institution" chart is presented at a different scale.



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 : <https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nsive-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 or reports this data as unknown; (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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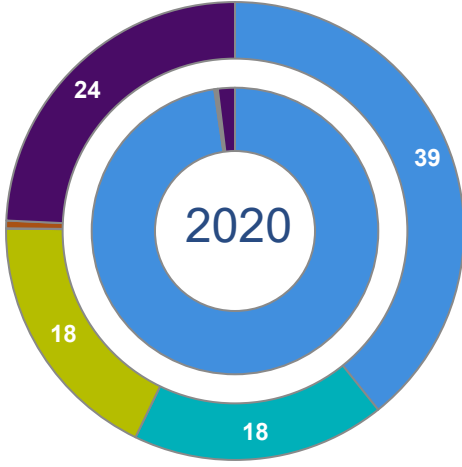
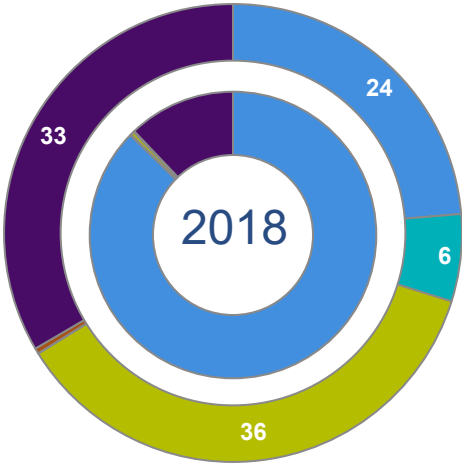
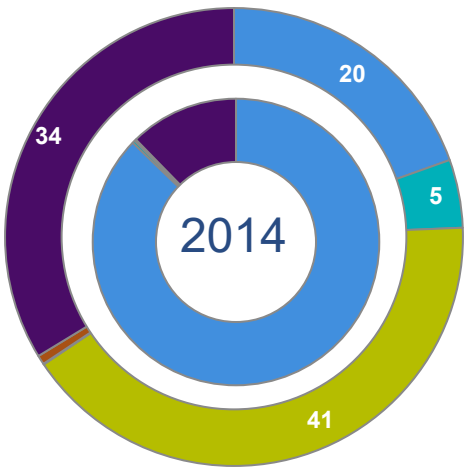
By Race/Ethnicity

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. 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 or reports this data as unknown; (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.

	2014			2018			2020			2014-2018 Rate Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	
Asian	—	—	—	92	30	33	116	71	61	—
American Indian/ Alaska Native	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	—
Black	—	—	—	34	12	35	27	15	56	—
Hispanic	—	—	—	284	133	47	314	227	72	—
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	—	—	—	22	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 or More Races	—	—	—	135	57	42	121	88	73	—
White	—	—	—	1,140	618	54	1,074	872	81	—

By Voting Method

Not-In-Person Early Vote In-Person Other Provisional Unknown



	2014		2018		2020		2014-2018	
	Voted	Rate(%)	Voted	Rate(%)	Voted	Rate(%)	Rate Change	
Early Vote	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
In-Person	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not-In-Person	573	87	777	87	1,282	98	→	0
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Provisional	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Voting Method Unknown	81	12	107	12	25	2	→	0

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>. The inner ring in these charts show your campus's method utilization and the outer ring show the national level utilization.

By Age Group

	2014	2018	2020
18-21	24%	46%	77%
22-24	27%	52%	71%
25-29	35%	52%	75%
30-39	44%	70%	81%
40-49	53%	62%	77%
50+	71%	71%	75%

Voting is habit-forming and young voters will usually continue as voters in subsequent elections. Also, elected officials and public opinion polls solicit opinions from people they can locate - people in the voter files. In 2020, the youngest students on campuses voted at the highest rates, giving them increasing voice and power. Government officials should take note of this data point, as the viewpoints of young voters may prove influential in future elections. Candidates should be cautious about remaining distant and unresponsive to the perspectives of young voters.

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.

	2014			2018			2020			2014-2018	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Rate Change	
18-21	1,418	343	24	1,182	543	46	1,195	918	77	↑	22
22-24	260	70	27	264	136	52	238	170	71	↑	25
25-29	128	45	35	126	65	52	104	78	75	↑	16
30-39	238	105	44	137	96	70	109	88	81	↑	26
40-49	123	65	53	61	38	62	52	40	77	↑	9
50+	41	29	71	17	12	71	24	18	75	→	0

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2014-2018
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Rate Change
Female	—	—	—	1,204	648	54	1,156	915	79	—
Male	—	—	—	583	242	42	565	396	70	—

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>

Looking Closer

By Education Level / Undergraduate Class Year

	2014			2018			2020			2014-2018	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Rate Change	
EDUCATION LEVEL											
Undergraduate	2,161	633	29	1,756	870	50	1,689	1,286	76	↑	20
Graduate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Class Unknown	47	24	51	31	—	—	23	—	—	—	—
CLASS YEAR											
Freshman	491	106	22	258	107	41	443	338	76	↑	20
Sophomore	541	146	27	392	175	45	408	301	74	↑	18
Upperclassman	1,137	384	34	1,116	594	53	849	654	77	↑	19
ENROLLMENT STATUS											
Full-time	1,771	451	25	1,535	740	48	1,566	1,199	77	↑	23
Part-time	437	206	47	252	150	60	153	111	73	↑	12

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	2014			2018			2020			2014-2018
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Rate Change
Agriculture	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	—	—	—	61	28	46	59	51	86	—
Business, Management, and Marketing	—	—	—	212	109	51	139	103	74	—
Communication and Journalism	—	—	—	33	20	61	29	21	72	—
Computer and Information Sciences	—	—	—	11	—	—	13	—	—	—
Education	—	—	—	88	50	57	58	51	88	—
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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	2014			2018			2020			2014-2018
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Rate Change
English Language and Literature	—	—	—	28	17	61	12	12	100	—
Health Professions	—	—	—	582	332	57	599	458	76	—
History	—	—	—	16	—	—	12	—	—	—
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Huma..	—	—	—	440	181	41	434	328	76	—
Mathematics and Statistics	—	—	—	22	—	—	11	—	—	—
Natural Resources and Conservation	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	—
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitne..	—	—	—	62	26	42	95	62	65	—
Philosophy and Religious Studies	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Psychology	—	—	—	51	18	35	64	52	81	—
Social Sciences	—	—	—	80	34	43	60	48	80	—
Visual and Performing Arts	—	—	—	27	15	56	29	24	83	—
Unknown	2,208	657	30	58	33	57	74	51	69	↑ 27

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, 2020 and 2022 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 serves 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 2014, 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.

Linfield College

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. (2022). 2014, 2018, and 2020 report for _____ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.



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