

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Metropolitan State University of Denver

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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-questions>.

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-visualizations>.

❑ 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:

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Warm regards,

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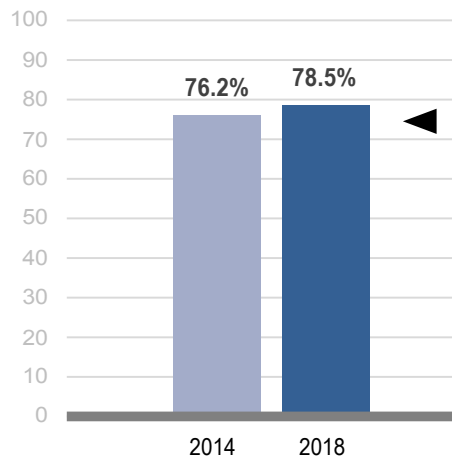
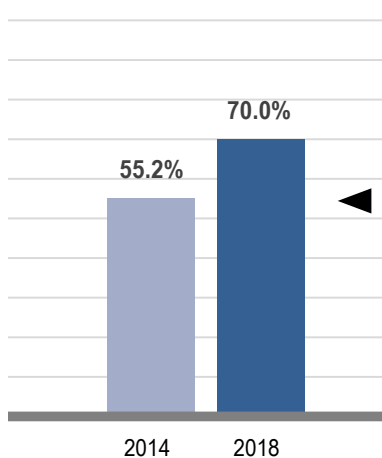
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

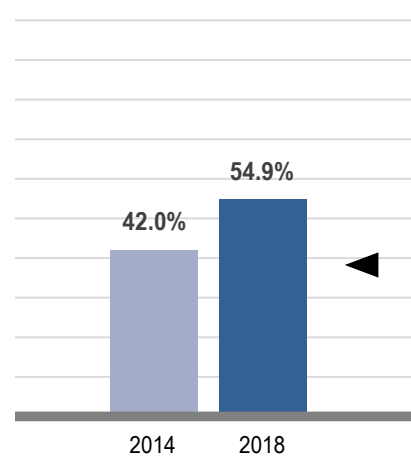
2018 Voting Rate

54.9%CHANGE
FROM 2014**+12.9**2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS**39.1%**

Registration Rate

Voting Rate of
Registered Students

Voting Rate



All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	20,936	20,006	↓ -930
Age under 18/Unknown	(46)	(111)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(106)	(129)	
FERPA records blocked	(15)	(10)	
Total eligible voters	20,769	19,756	↓ -1,013
Number of students who registered	15,816	15,508	↓ -308
Number of students who voted	8,726	10,852	↑ 2,126
Registration rate	76.2%	78.5%	↑ 2.4
Voting rate of registered students	55.2%	70.0%	↑ 14.8
Voting rate	42.0%	54.9%	↑ 12.9
Difference from all institutions	+22.3	+15.8	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate
for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH
54.0%

LOW
1.5%

2018 Voting Rate
for All Institutions

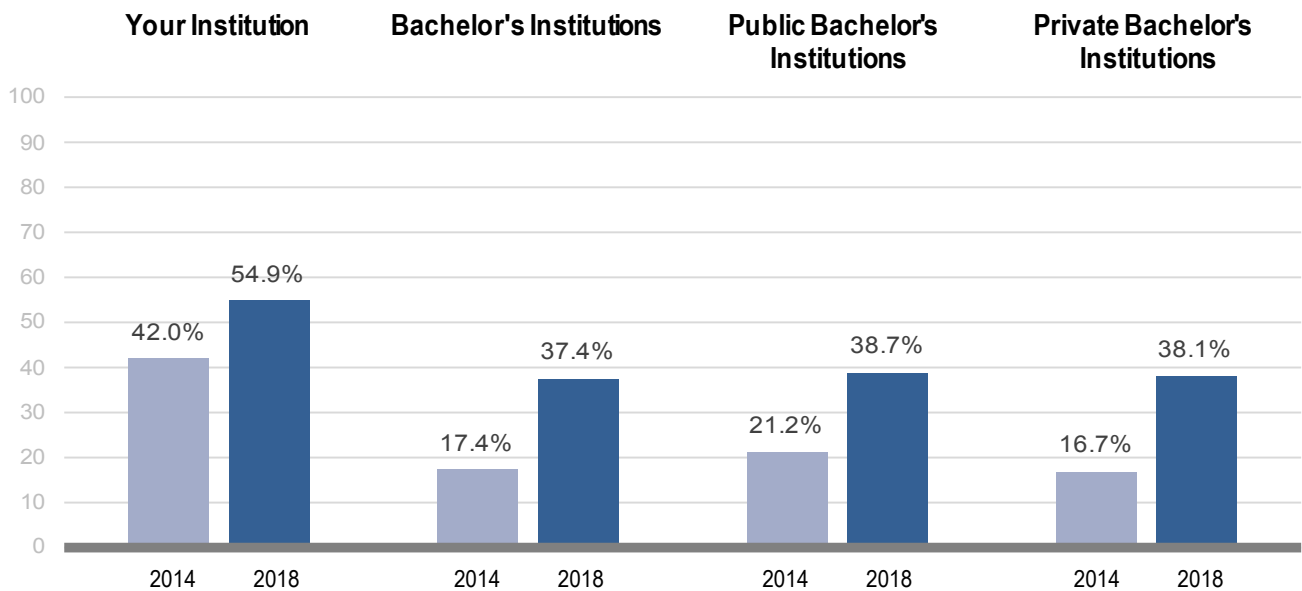
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

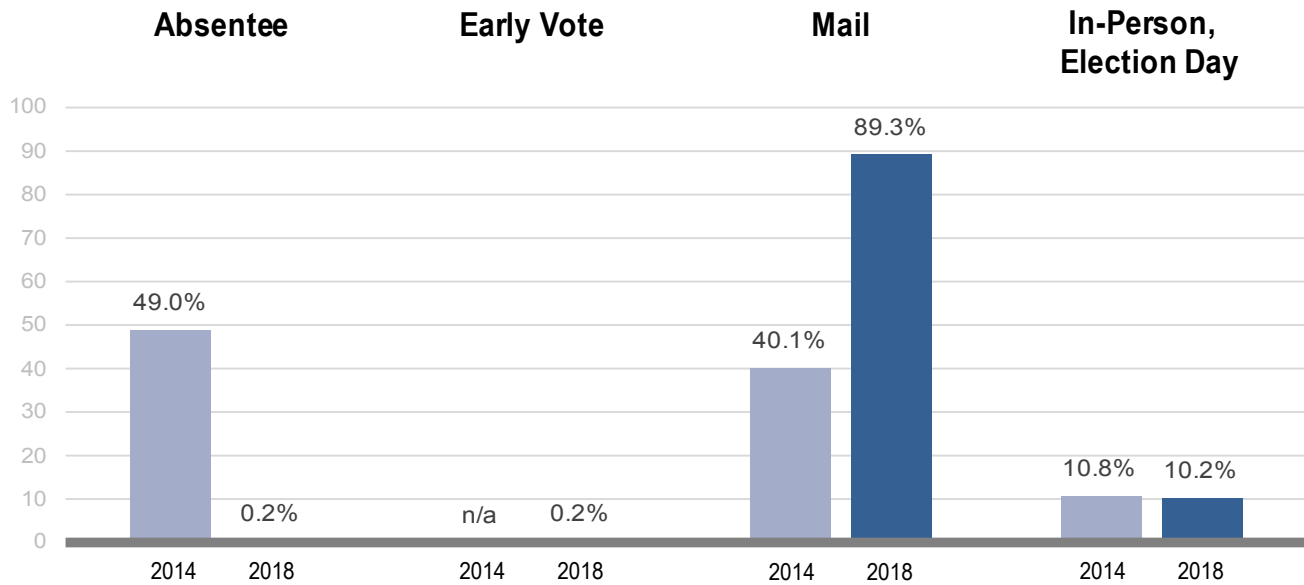
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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

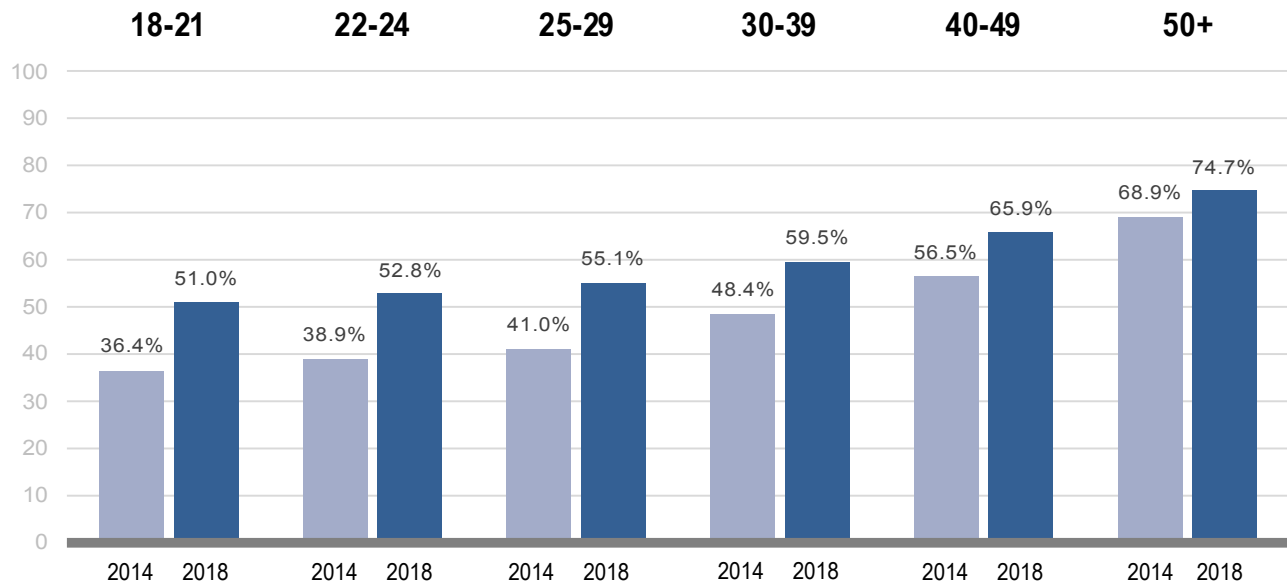


	2014		2018		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	4,271	49.0%	26	0.2%	↓	-48.7
Early Vote	*	n/a	22	0.2%		n/a
Mail	3,499	40.1%	9,685	89.3%	↑	49.2
In-Person, Election Day	944	10.8%	1,110	10.2%	↓	-0.6
Unknown	*	n/a	*	n/a		
Total	8,726		10,852			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*

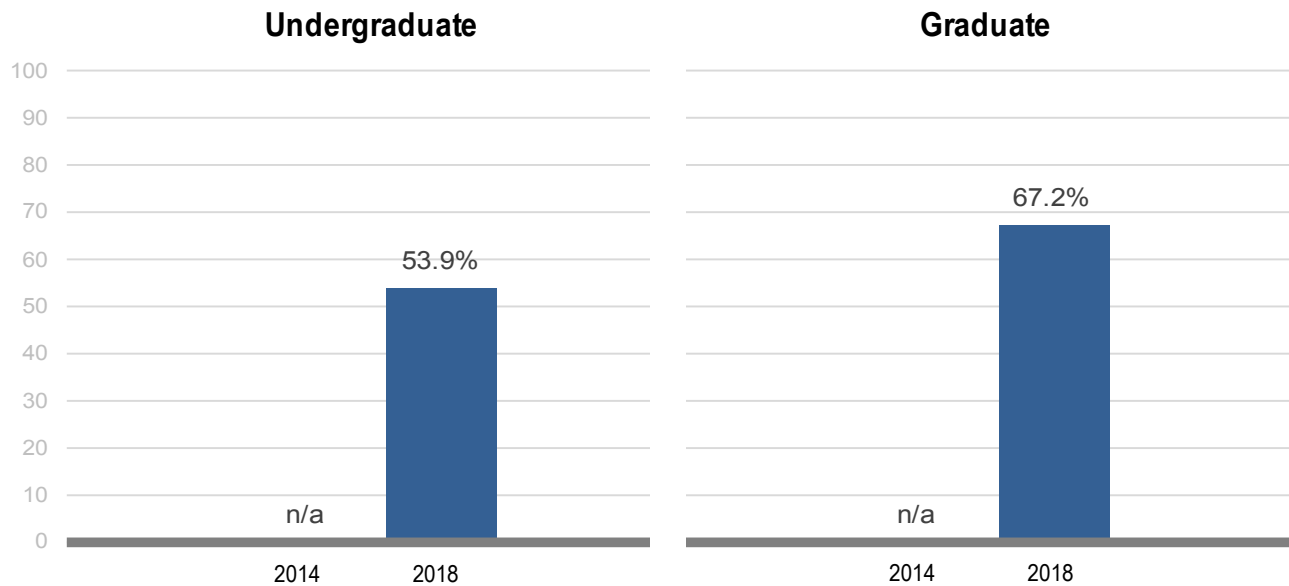


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	6,376	2,322	36.4%	7,285	3,713	51.0%	↑	14.6
22-24	4,944	1,925	38.9%	4,463	2,358	52.8%	↑	13.9
25-29	4,601	1,884	41.0%	4,054	2,232	55.1%	↑	14.1
30-39	3,330	1,612	48.4%	2,783	1,655	59.5%	↑	11.1
40-49	1,096	619	56.5%	874	576	65.9%	↑	9.4
50+	528	364	68.9%	426	318	74.7%	↑	5.7
Unknown	0			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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Education Level*

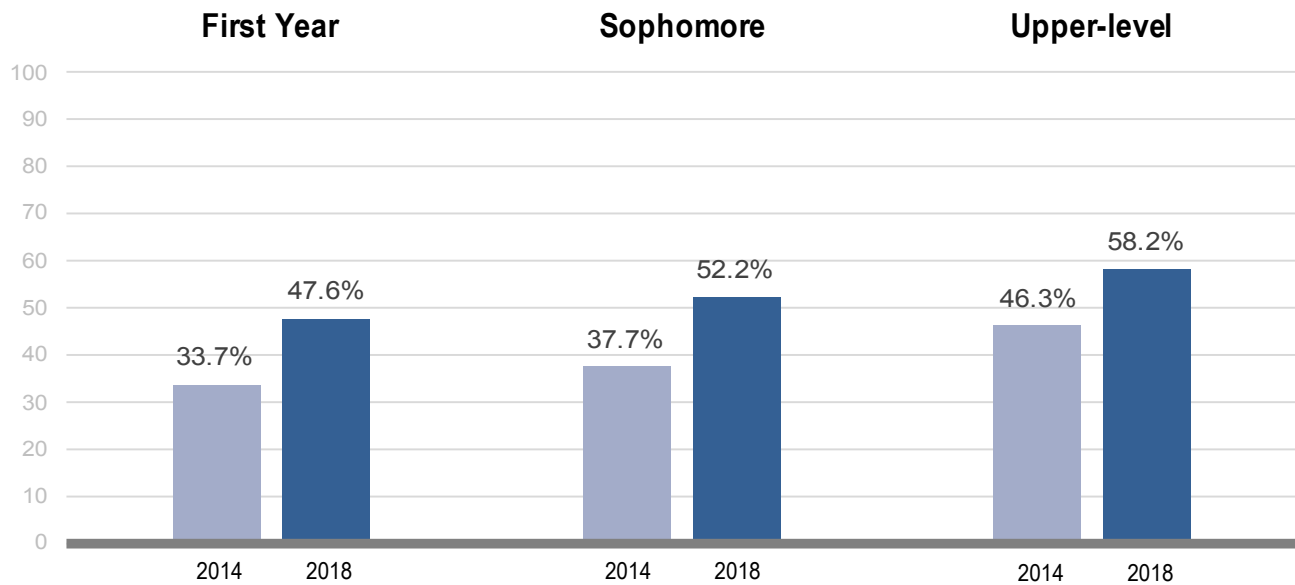


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	18,766	10,112	53.9%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	759	510	67.2%	n/a
Unknown	20,875			360			

* 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*

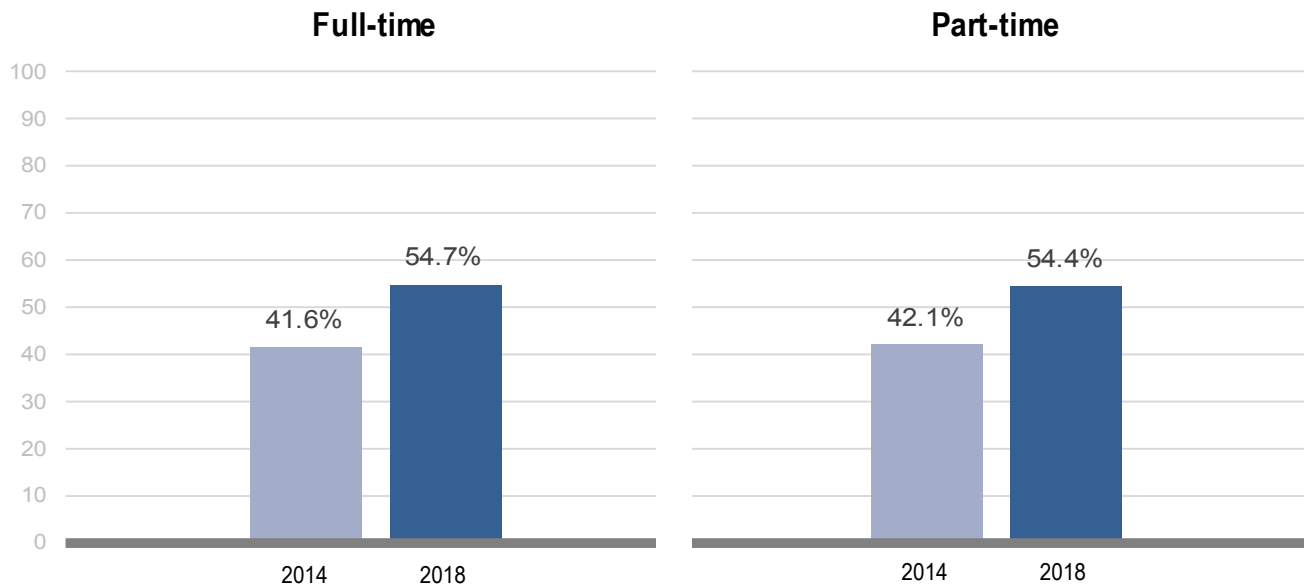


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	5,007	1,687	33.7%	5,219	2,483	47.6%	↑	13.9
Sophomore	3,981	1,499	37.7%	3,771	1,968	52.2%	↑	14.5
Upper-level	11,413	5,278	46.3%	10,139	5,901	58.2%	↑	12.0

* 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*

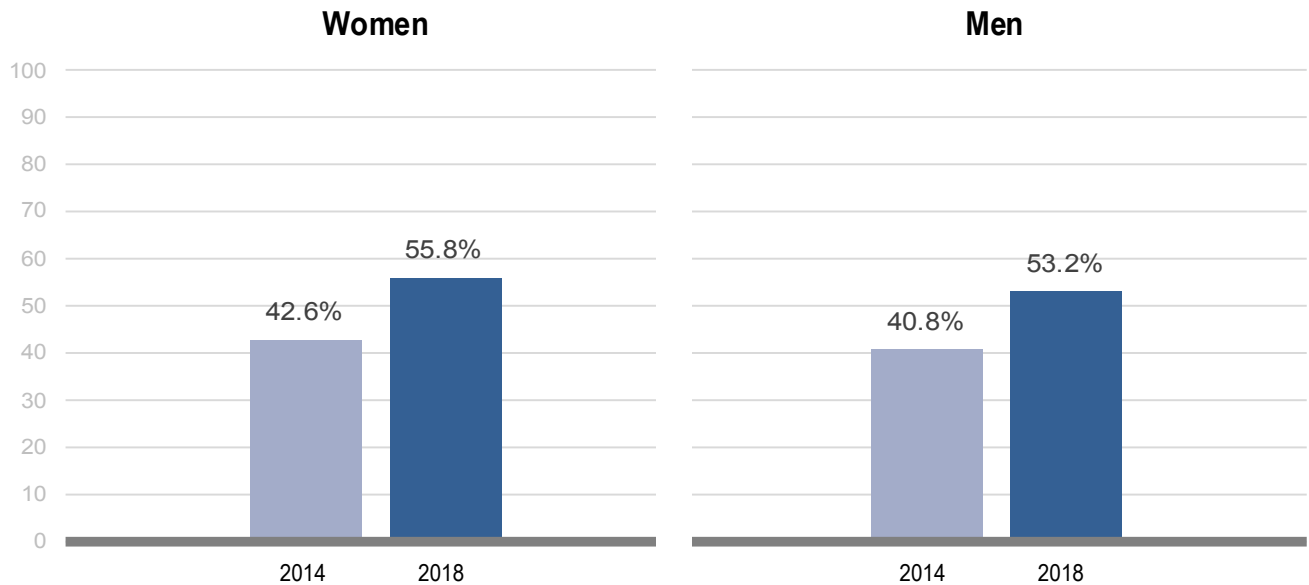


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	12,050	5,010	41.6%	13,362	7,305	54.7%	↑	13.1
Part-time	8,825	3,716	42.1%	6,523	3,547	54.4%	↑	12.3
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Gender*

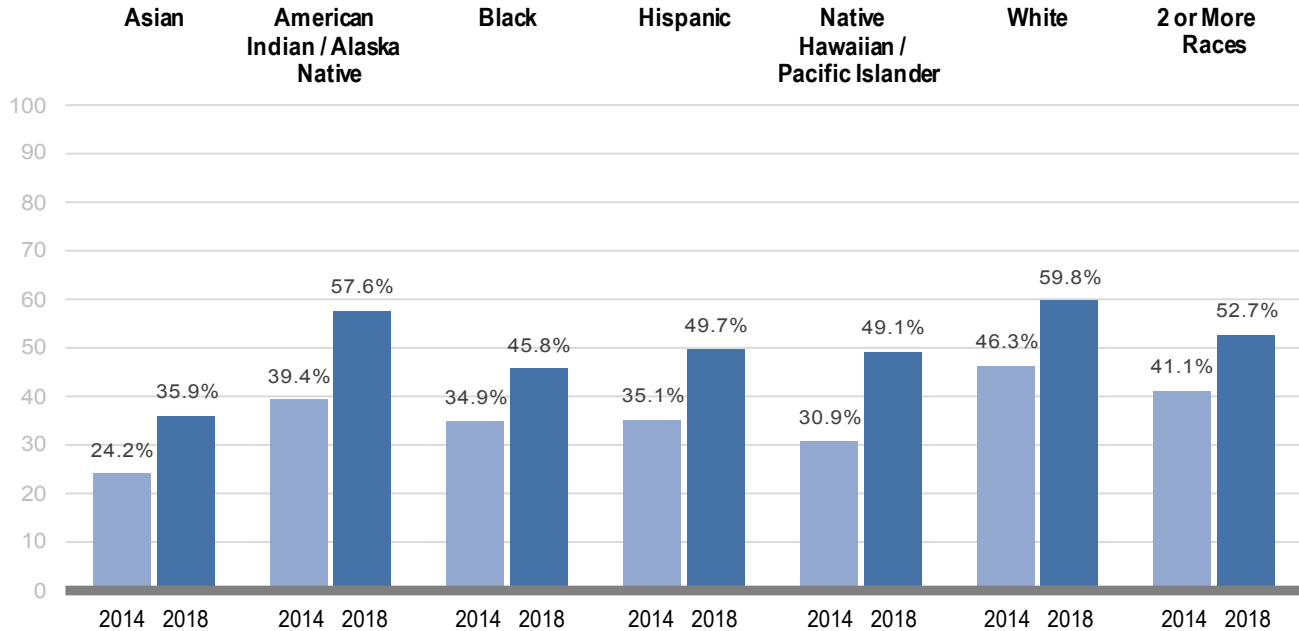


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	11,268	4,803	42.6%	10,792	6,019	55.8%	↑	13.1
Men	9,607	3,923	40.8%	9,093	4,833	53.2%	↑	12.3
Unknown	0			0				

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Race/Ethnicity*



	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Asian	724	175	24.2%	844	303	35.9%	↑	11.7
American Indian/ Alaska Native	132	52	39.4%	92	53	57.6%	↑	18.2
Black	1,189	415	34.9%	1,291	591	45.8%	↑	10.9
Hispanic	4,406	1,548	35.1%	5,535	2,750	49.7%	↑	14.6
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	55	17	30.9%	53	26	49.1%	↑	18.2
White	12,234	5,662	46.3%	10,368	6,199	59.8%	↑	13.5
2 or More Races	789	324	41.1%	974	513	52.7%	↑	11.6
Unknown	1,346			728				


* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

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			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	58	34	58.6%	65	42	64.6% ↑	6.0
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,253	496	39.6%	1,166	608	52.1% ↑	12.6
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,938	1,526	38.8%	3,841	1,925	50.1% ↑	11.4
Communication and Journalism	477	207	43.4%	317	188	59.3% ↑	15.9
Computer and Information Sciences	486	199	41.0%	670	337	50.3% ↑	9.4
Education	799	424	53.1%	1,117	692	62.0% ↑	8.9
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	784	292	37.2%	892	435	48.8% ↑	11.5
English Language and Literature	773	358	46.3%	733	445	60.7% ↑	14.4
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	209	84	40.2%	172	116	67.4% ↑	27.3
Health Professions	991	397	40.1%	1,061	537	50.6% ↑	10.6
History	423	248	58.6%	310	225	72.6% ↑	14.0
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	1,003	381	38.0%	993	530	53.4% ↑	15.4
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,205	832	37.7%	1,923	954	49.6% ↑	11.9
Mathematics and Statistics	218	101	46.3%	200	118	59.0% ↑	12.7
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	865	391	45.2%	734	404	55.0% ↑	9.8
Natural Resources and Conservation	425	225	52.9%	242	148	61.2% ↑	8.2
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	700	247	35.3%	630	308	48.9% ↑	13.6
Philosophy and Religious Studies	67	31	46.3%	42	29	69.1% ↑	22.8
Physical Sciences	397	164	41.3%	316	186	58.9% ↑	17.6
Psychology	1,471	560	38.1%	1,033	569	55.1% ↑	17.0
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	980	461	47.0%	911	588	64.5% ↑	17.5
Social Sciences	539	276	51.2%	584	374	64.0% ↑	12.8
Transportation and Materials Moving	425	195	45.9%	582	294	50.5% ↑	4.6

Visual and Performing Arts	1,381	592	42.9%	1,126	664	59.0% 	16.1
Unknown	*	*	n/a	225	136	60.4%	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>.

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. (2019). *2014 and 2018 report for _____* [name of institution]. Medford, MA.

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