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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Miami University

Tufts UNIVERSITY | Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life

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.

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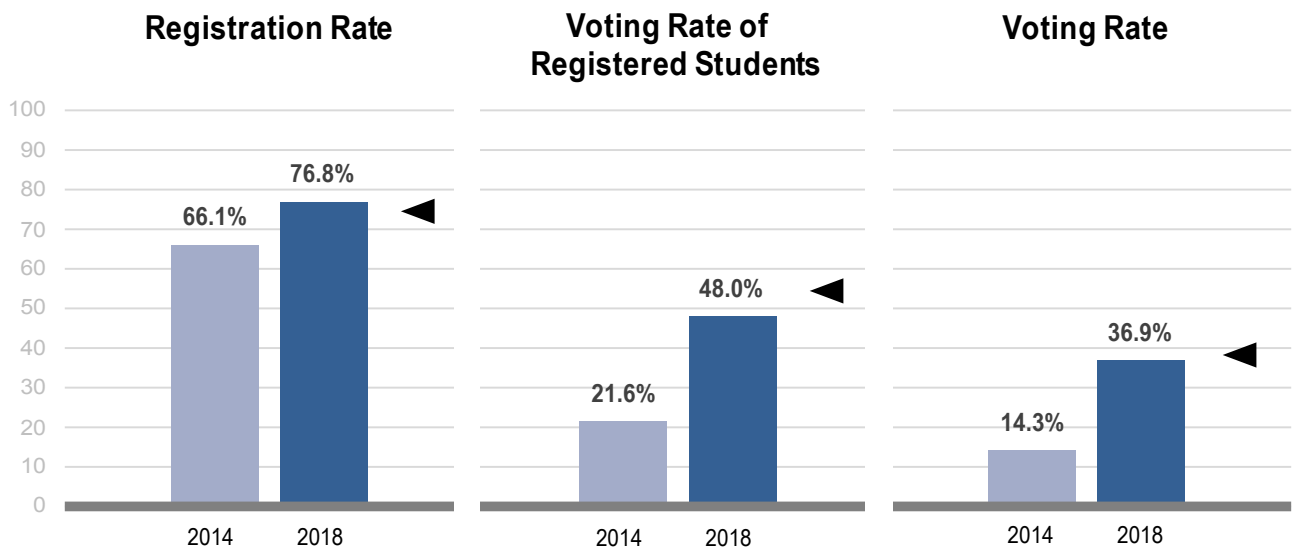
Warm regards,

IDHE Team

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

36.9%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+22.6

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	23,375	23,243	⬇	-132
Age under 18/Unknown	(545)	(66)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,650)	(2,855)		
FERPA records blocked	(12)	(10)		
Total eligible voters	21,168	20,320	⬇	-848
Number of students who registered	13,999	15,597	⬆	1,598
Number of students who voted	3,025	7,492	⬆	4,467
Registration rate	66.1%	76.8%	⬆	10.6
Voting rate of registered students	21.6%	48.0%	⬆	26.4
Voting rate	14.3%	36.9%	⬆	22.6
Difference from all institutions	-5.4	-2.2		

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH 54.0%

LOW 1.5%

Difference from All Institutions **-5.4**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH 64.1%

LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions **-2.2**
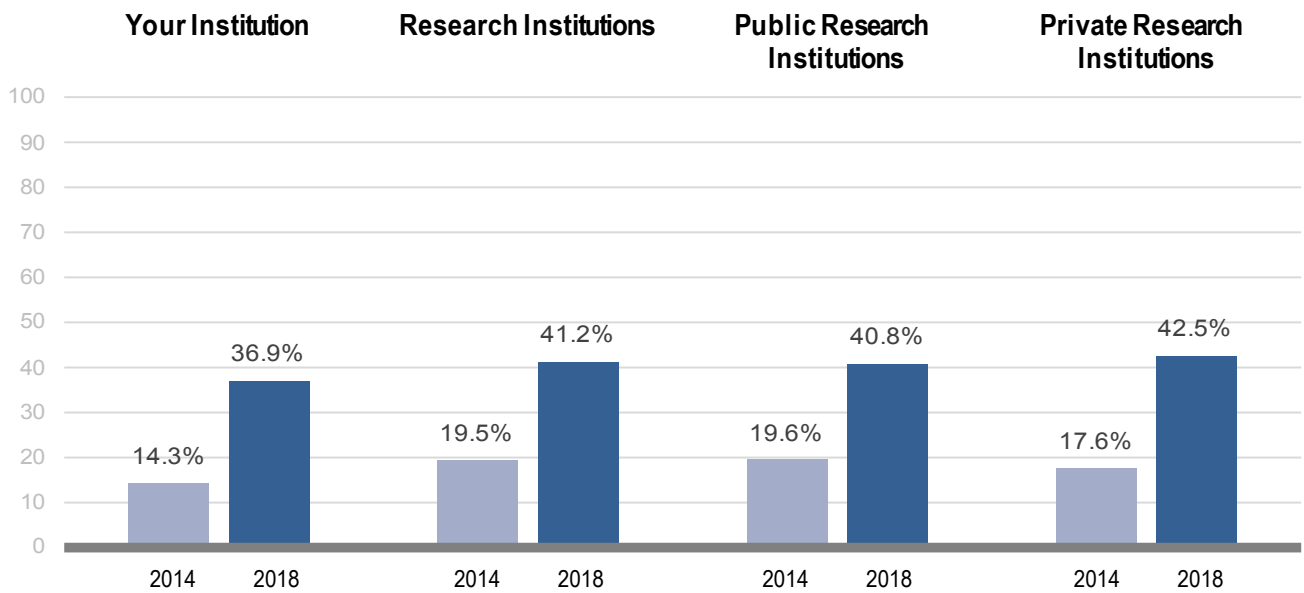
	Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2014	14.3%	19.5%	19.6%	17.6%
2018	36.9%	41.2%	40.8%	42.5%

By Voting Method*

	Absentee		Early Vote		Mail		In-Person, Election Day	
	2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018
	4.5%	12.1%	0.5%	3.0%	2.5%	19.0%	2.8%	2.9%
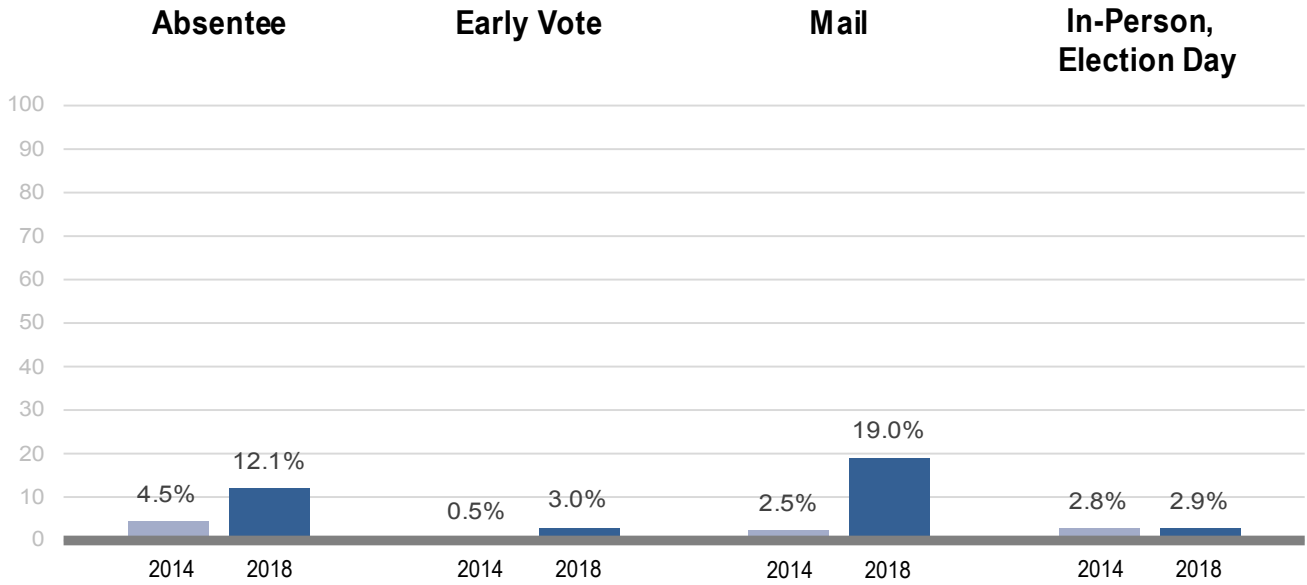
	2014		**2018**			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	137	**4.5%**	907	**12.1%**	⬆	7.6
Early Vote	14	**0.5%**	222	**3.0%**	⬆	2.5
Mail	74	**2.5%**	1,423	**19.0%**	⬆	16.5
In-Person, Election Day	84	**2.8%**	215	**2.9%**	⬆	0.1
Unknown	2,716	**89.8%**	4,725	**63.1%**		
Total	**3,025**		**7,492**			

* 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*
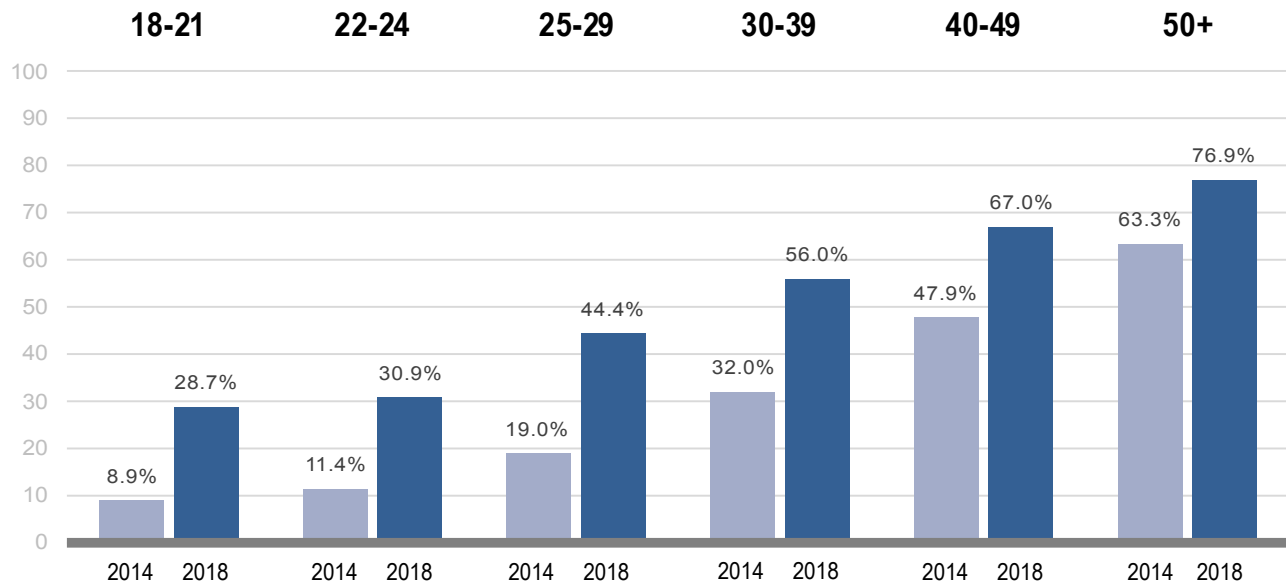
	2014				**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	15,783	1,410	**8.9%**		16,696	4,798	**28.7%**	⬆	**19.8**
22-24	3,276	372	**11.4%**		3,471	1,072	**30.9%**	⬆	**19.5**
25-29	1,395	265	**19.0%**		1,347	598	**44.4%**	⬆	**25.4**
30-39	1,338	428	**32.0%**		965	540	**56.0%**	⬆	**24.0**
40-49	647	310	**47.9%**		454	304	**67.0%**	⬆	**19.1**
50+	379	240	**63.3%**		234	180	**76.9%**	⬆	**13.6**
Unknown	*				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.

By Education Level*
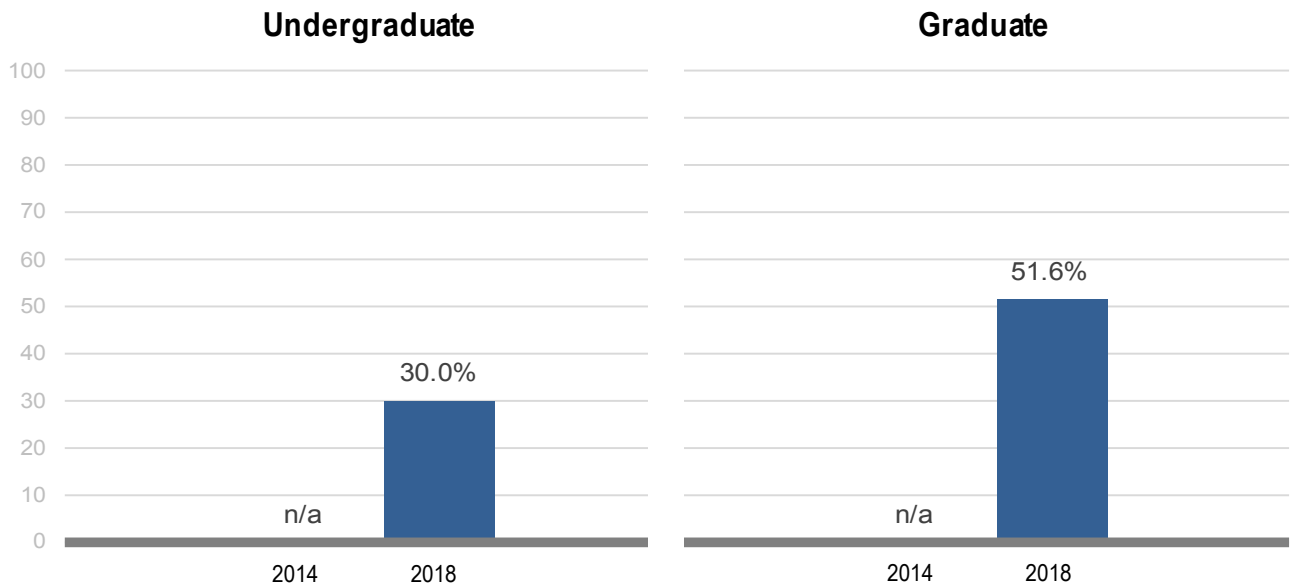
	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**		20,275	6,090	**30.0%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**		2,445	1,261	**51.6%**	**n/a**
Unknown	22,818				447			

* 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*
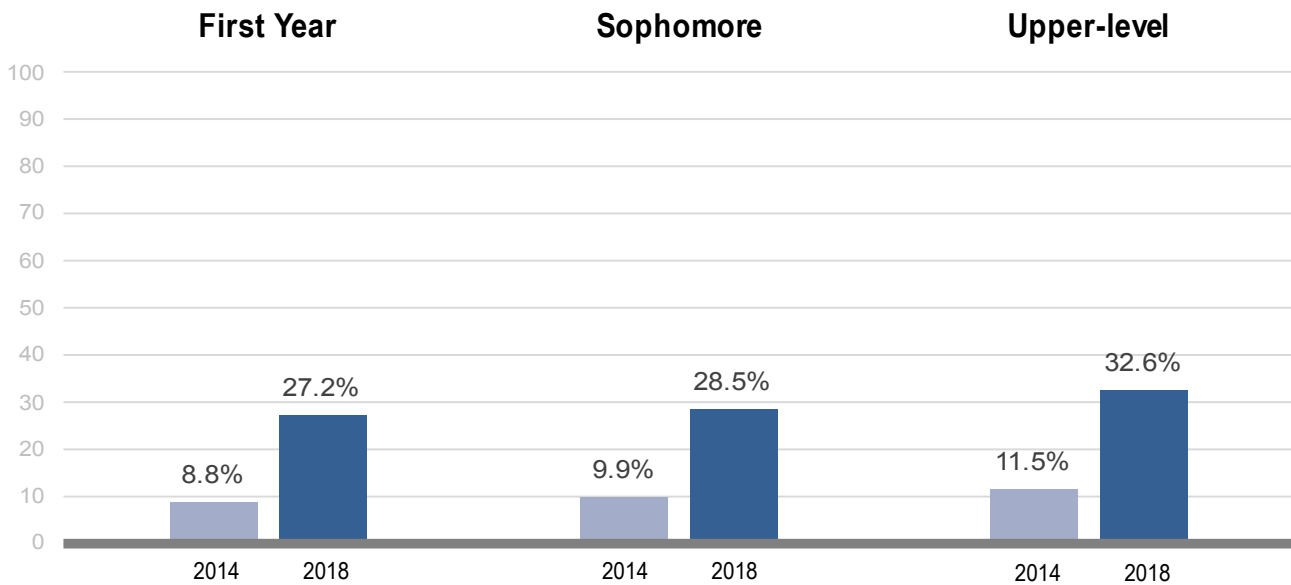
First Year							
8.8%							
27.2%							

	2014			**2018**			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	5,863	514	**8.8%**	5,236	1,422	**27.2%** ⬆	**18.4**
Sophomore	5,213	515	**9.9%**	5,364	1,531	**28.5%** ⬆	**18.7**
Upper-level	8,222	943	**11.5%**	9,557	3,113	**32.6%** ⬆	**21.1**

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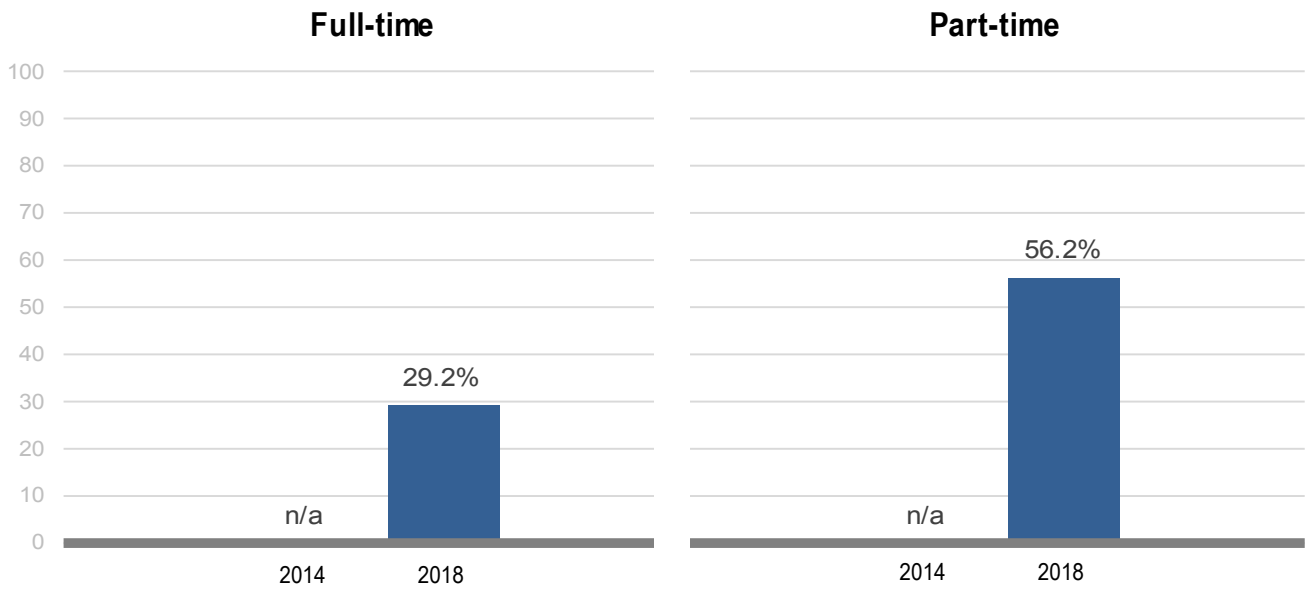**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Enrollment Status*

Full-time

Part-time

	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Full-time	0	0	**n/a**		20,506	5,996	**29.2%**	**n/a**
Part-time	0	0	**n/a**		2,661	1,496	**56.2%**	**n/a**
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.

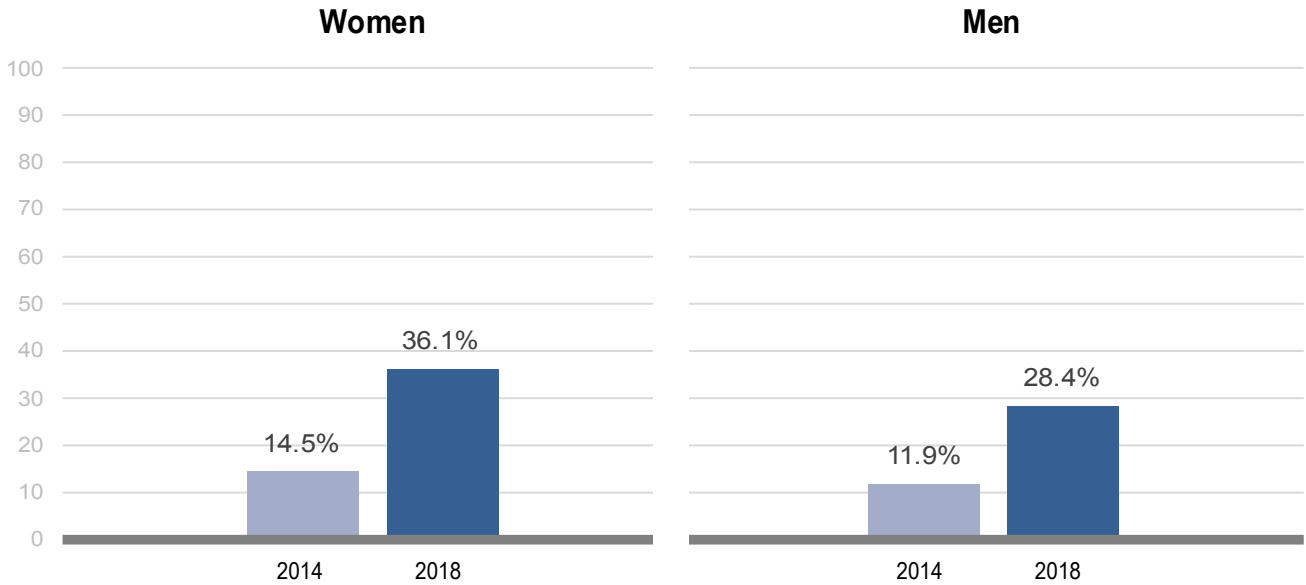**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Gender*

	Women			**Men**	

	2014			**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	12,312	1,781	**14.5%**	12,037	4,346	**36.1%**	⬆	**21.6**
Men	10,438	1,238	**11.9%**	10,984	3,115	**28.4%**	⬆	**16.5**
Unknown	68			146				

* 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*
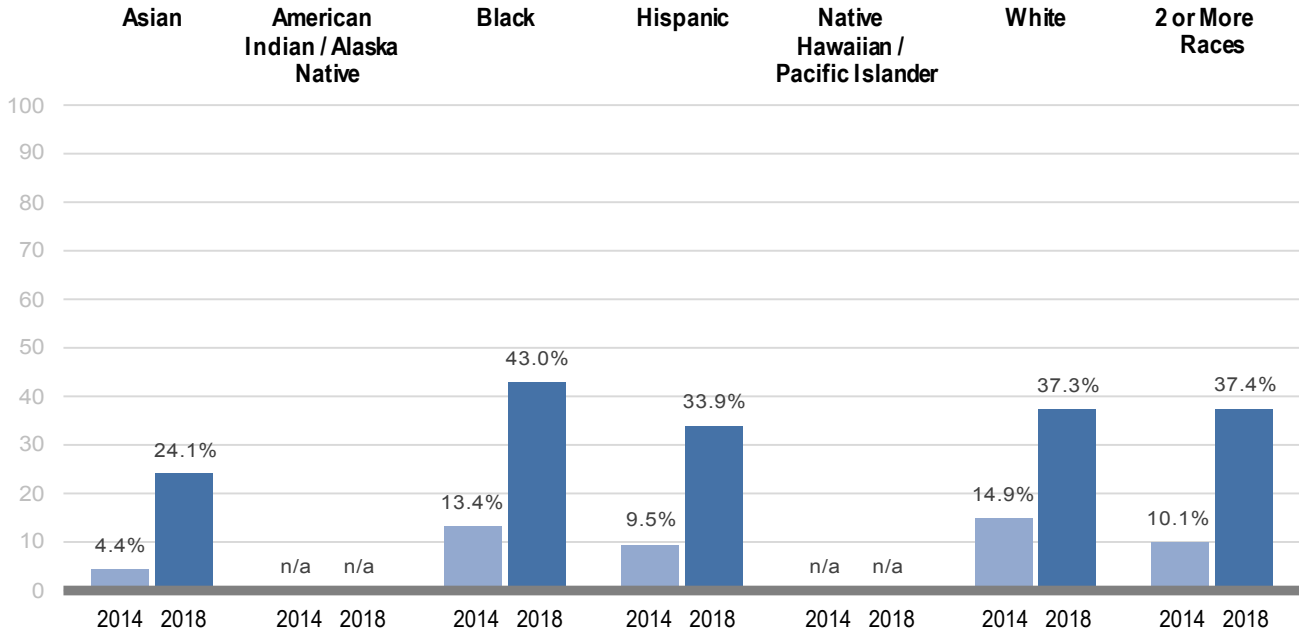
	2014				2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Asian	428	19	**4.4%**		497	120	**24.1%**	⬆	**19.7**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	48	*	**n/a**		30	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
Black	994	133	**13.4%**		980	421	**43.0%**	⬆	**29.6**
Hispanic	740	70	**9.5%**		1,048	355	**33.9%**	⬆	**24.4**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	*	*	**n/a**		12	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
White	17,892	2,659	**14.9%**		16,349	6,098	**37.3%**	⬆	**22.4**
2 or More Races	654	66	**10.1%**		828	310	**37.4%**	⬆	**27.4**
Unknown	2,054				3,423				

* 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.

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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	
Architecture	301	31	**10.3%**		317	85	**26.8%** ⬆	**16.5**
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	72	*	**n/a**		125	46	**36.8%**	**n/a**
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	0	0	**n/a**		52	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,816	312	**17.2%**		2,027	841	**41.5%** ⬆	**24.3**
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,805	338	**8.9%**		4,403	1,151	**26.1%** ⬆	**17.3**
Communication and Journalism	1,107	82	**7.4%**		1,293	370	**28.6%** ⬆	**21.2**
Computer and Information Sciences	510	64	**12.6%**		862	229	**26.6%** ⬆	**14.0**
Education	2,067	414	**20.0%**		1,969	951	**48.3%** ⬆	**28.3**
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,664	154	**9.3%**		1,743	501	**28.7%** ⬆	**19.5**
English Language and Literature	481	66	**13.7%**		480	216	**45.0%** ⬆	**31.3**
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	99	14	**14.1%**		52	15	**28.9%** ⬆	**14.7**
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	121	15	**12.4%**		151	69	**45.7%** ⬆	**33.3**
Health Professions	1,214	161	**13.3%**		1,127	368	**32.7%** ⬆	**19.4**
History	192	36	**18.8%**		152	55	**36.2%** ⬆	**17.4**
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	285	49	**17.2%**		228	106	**46.5%** ⬆	**29.3**
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	3,821	702	**18.4%**		2,255	650	**28.8%** ⬆	**10.5**
Mathematics and Statistics	271	33	**12.2%**		466	98	**21.0%** ⬆	**8.9**
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	104	26	**25.0%**		87	33	**37.9%** ⬆	**12.9**
Natural Resources and Conservation	50	11	**22.0%**		22	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,291	84	**6.5%**		1,273	284	**22.3%** ⬆	**15.8**
Philosophy and Religious Studies	60	*	**n/a**		76	24	**31.6%**	**n/a**
Physical Sciences	409	42	**10.3%**		423	125	**29.6%** ⬆	**19.3**
Psychology	886	81	**9.1%**		1,075	351	**32.7%** ⬆	**23.5**

Public Administration and Social Service Professions	285	50	**17.5%**	278	128	**46.0%** ⬆	**28.5**
Social Sciences	1,428	194	**13.6%**	1,623	540	**33.3%** ⬆	**19.7**
Visual and Performing Arts	376	36	**9.6%**	380	159	**41.8%** ⬆	**32.3**
Unknown	103	18	**17.5%**	228	89	**39.0%** ⬆	**21.6**

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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