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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Middle Georgia State University

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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-questio

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: https://idhe.tufts.edu.

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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at NSLVE@tufts.edu.

Warm regards,

IDHE Team



Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

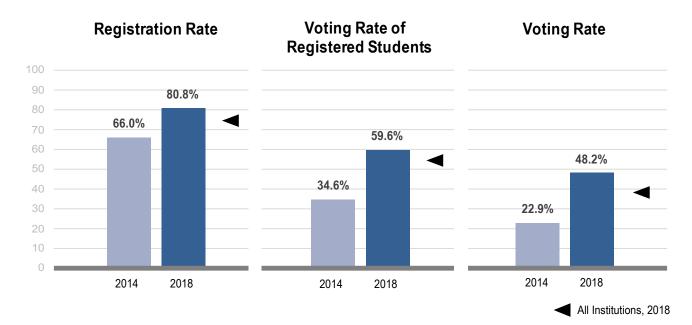
48.2%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+25.3

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%



	2014	2018		Change	
Total student enrollment	7,702	7,462	Ŷ	-240	
Age under 18/Unknown IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens FERPA records blocked	(297) (45) (24)	(501) (86) *			
Total eligible voters	7,336	6,866	₽	-470	
Number of students who registered	4,845	5,549	1	704	
Number of students who voted	1,678	3,309	⇧	1,631	
Registration rate	66.0%	80.8%	⇧	14.8	
Voting rate of registered students	34.6%	59.6%	⇧	25.0	
Voting rate	22.9%	48.2%	1	25.3	
Difference from all institutions	+3.2	+9.1			

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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%

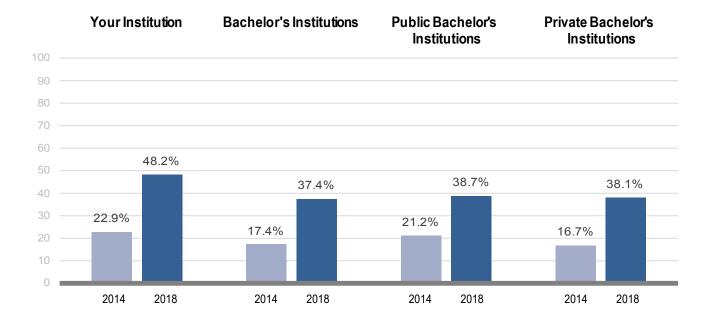
LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions

+3.2

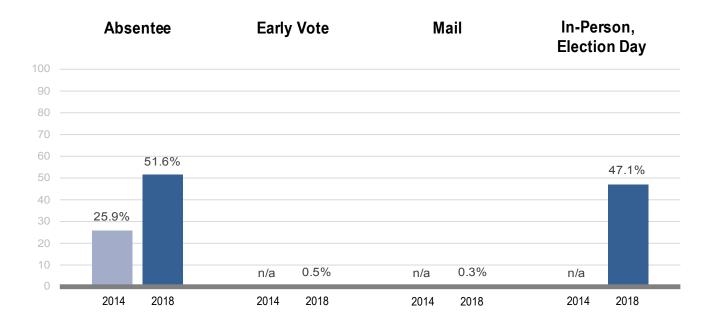
Difference from All Institutions

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By Voting Method*

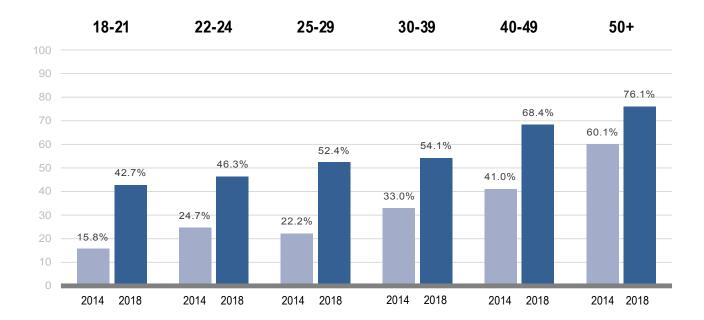


	20	14	20		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change
Absentee	434	25.9%	1,706	51.6%	1 25.7
Early Vote	*	n/a	16	0.5%	n/a
Mail	0	n/a	10	0.3%	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	*	n/a	1,560	47.1%	n/a
Unknown	1,234	73.5%	17	0.5%	
Total	1,678		3,309		

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^{*} 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*

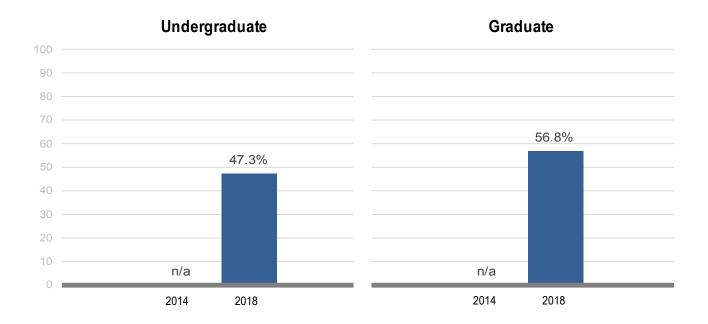


	2014							
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
18-21	3,564	562	15.8%	3,568	1,524	42.7%	1	26.9
22-24	1,398	345	24.7%	1,379	639	46.3%	•	21.7
25-29	961	213	22.2%	843	442	52.4%	•	30.3
30-39	905	299	33.0%	726	393	54.1%	•	21.1
40-49	385	158	41.0%	269	184	68.4%	•	27.4
50+	168	101	60.1%	167	127	76.1%	•	15.9
Unknown	0			0				

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^{*} 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*

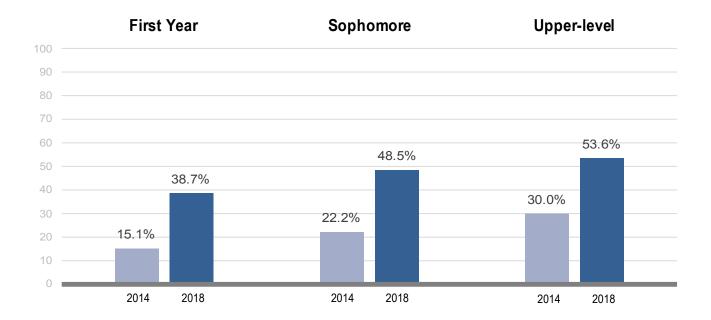


		2014			2018		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	6,736	3,185	47.3%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	213	121	56.8%	n/a
Unknown	7,381			*			

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^{*} 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*

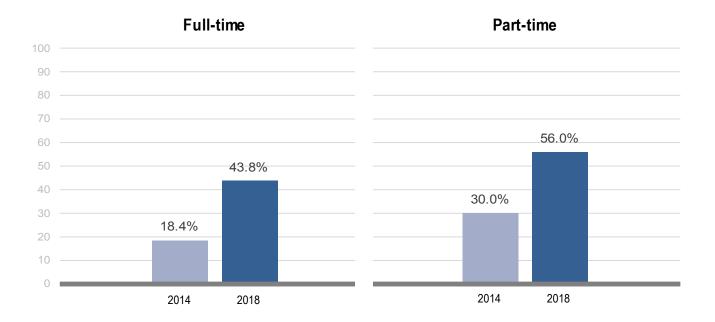


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	2,724	411	15.1%	2,368	917	38.7%	•	23.6
Sophomore	1,653	367	22.2%	1,425	691	48.5%	•	26.3
Upper-level	3,004	900	30.0%	2,947	1,580	53.6%	•	23.7

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^{*} 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.

By Enrollment Status*

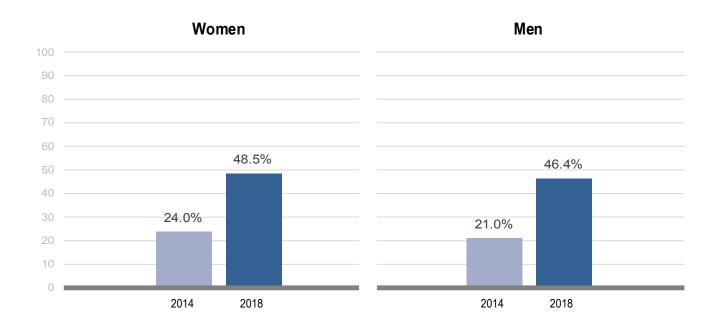


	2014				2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	4,636	855	18.4%	4,780	2,093	43.8%	1	25.4
Part-time	2,745	823	30.0%	2,172	1,216	56.0%	•	26.0
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

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^{*} 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.

By Gender*

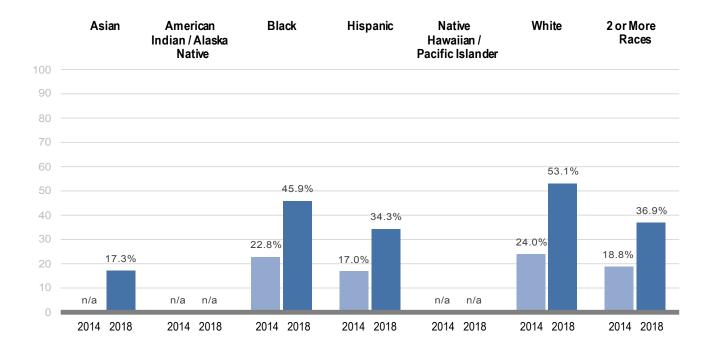


		2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	4,273	1,024	24.0%	3,986	1,934	48.5%	⇧	24.6
Men	3,108	654	21.0%	2,966	1,375	46.4%	•	25.3
Unknown	0			0				

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^{*} 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			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Asian	180	*	n/a	231	40	17.3%		n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	19	*	n/a	10	*	n/a		n/a
Black	2,499	570	22.8%	2,489	1,142	45.9%	1	23.1
Hispanic	259	44	17.0%	397	136	34.3%	•	17.3
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	10	0	n/a	*	*	n/a		n/a
White	4,155	997	24.0%	3,528	1,874	53.1%	1	29.1
2 or More Races	208	39	18.8%	252	93	36.9%	•	18.2
Unknown	51			38			1	

^{*} 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			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	380	76	20.0%	436	180	41.3% 🁚	21.3
Business, Management, and Marketing	848	246	29.0%	900	465	51.7% 🁚	22.7
Communication and Journalism	91	22	24.2%	169	80	47.3% 🁚	23.2
Computer and Information Sciences	564	154	27.3%	842	415	49.3% 👚	22.0
Education	392	111	28.3%	96	56	58.3% 🁚	30.0
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	44	*	n/a	15	*	n/a	n/a
English Language and Literature	115	23	20.0%	93	47	50.5% 🁚	30.5
Health Professions	1,736	414	23.9%	1,902	882	46.4% 🁚	22.5
History	98	32	32.7%	83	49	59.0% 👚	26.4
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	147	25	17.0%	239	96	40.2% 👚	23.2
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,045	374	18.3%	884	451	51.0% 🁚	32.7
Mathematics and Statistics	83	18	21.7%	53	20	37.7% 🛖	16.1
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	88	14	15.9%	118	41	34.8% 👚	18.8
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Psychology	280	59	21.1%	407	186	45.7% 👚	24.6
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	135	48	35.6%	139	85	61.2% 👚	25.6
Transportation and Materials Moving	328	52	15.9%	534	223	41.8% 🁚	25.9
Visual and Performing Arts	0	0	n/a	15	*	n/a	n/a
Unknown	*	*	n/a	22	16	72.7%	n/a

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