

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Middle Tennessee 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 and 2016 federal elections. Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of nearly 30 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 2012 and 2016 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (FERPA-blocked records excluded) and publicly available voting files collected by Catalyst.

Institutional voting rates 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, we cannot consistently adjust for students who are non-resident aliens, resident aliens, or undocumented students. This may result in your institution's actual voting rate being higher than we report. To calculate that percentage, and to read more about NSLVE data, see our [FAQ on Campus Reports](#). Please also see [Creating and Maintaining the NSLVE Database](#) paper for a more detailed study methodology.

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. This report provides a baseline measure of your students' engagement in democracy in 2012 and 2016, and compares your institution's voting rates to similar institutions. Visit our website for more comparison data.
- Share the report widely and strategically, including posting it online.
- Put your data into practice. Use our IDHE Resources to guide you.
- Address your campus climate for student political learning, discourse, and participation. Start by bringing the IDHE team to your campus or using the IDHE self-assessment rubric available on our website.
- Partner with IDHE. We are available with virtual office hours, webinars, brown bag discussions and in-person trainings.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: idhe.tufts.edu.

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Warm regards,
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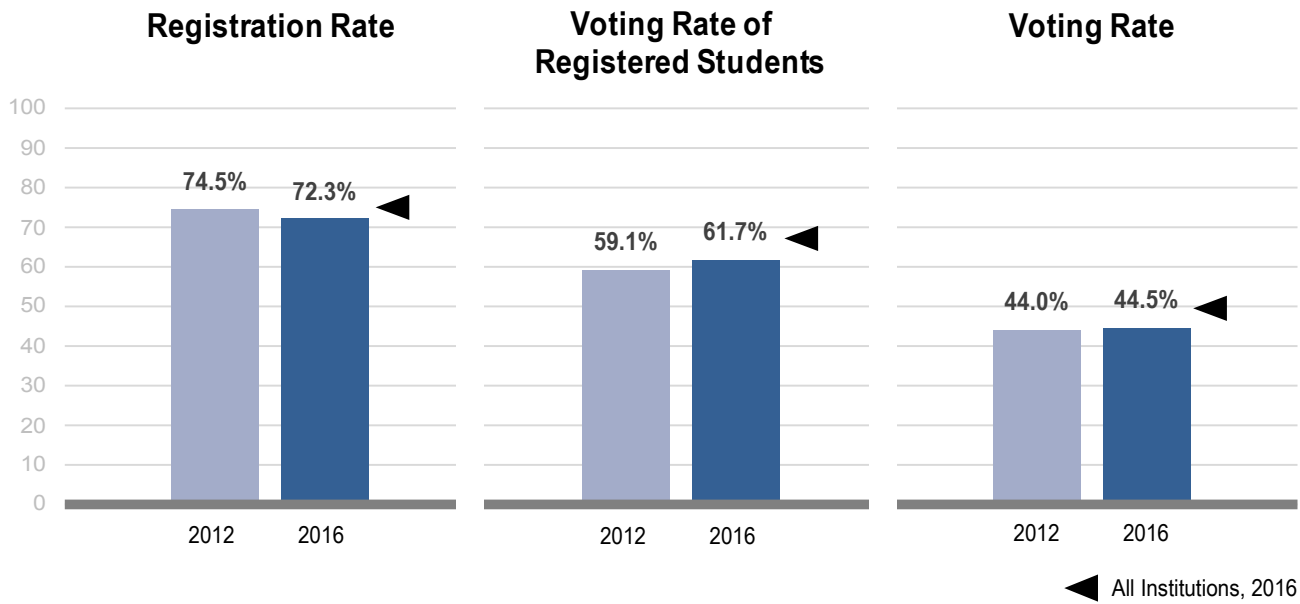
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
44.5%

CHANGE FROM 2012
0.5

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	24,213	21,475	↓ -2,738
Age under 18/Unknown	(95)	(507)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(614)	(1,053)	
FERPA records blocked	(134)	(28)	
Total eligible voters	23,370	19,887	↓ -3,483
Number of students who registered	17,416	14,369	↓ -3,047
Number of students who voted	10,290	8,858	↓ -1,432
Registration rate	74.5%	72.3%	↓ -2.3
Voting rate of registered students	59.1%	61.7%	↑ 2.6
Voting rate	44.0%	44.5%	↑ 0.5
Difference from all institutions	-2.9	-5.9	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

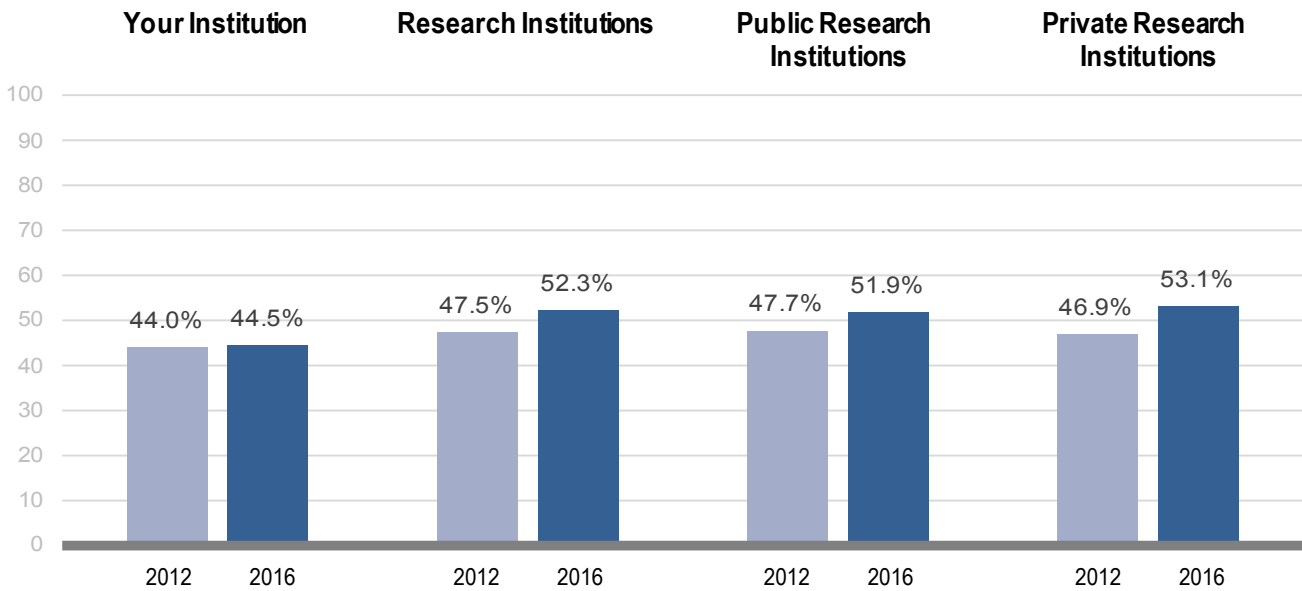
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

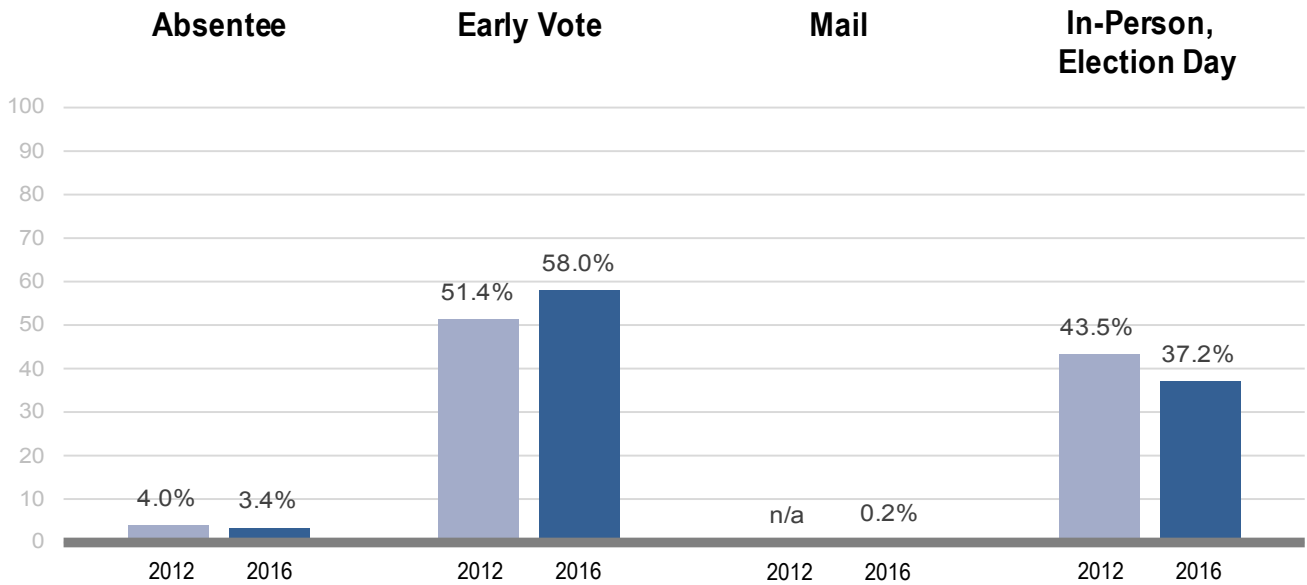
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Difference from All Institutions **-5.9**



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By Voting Method*

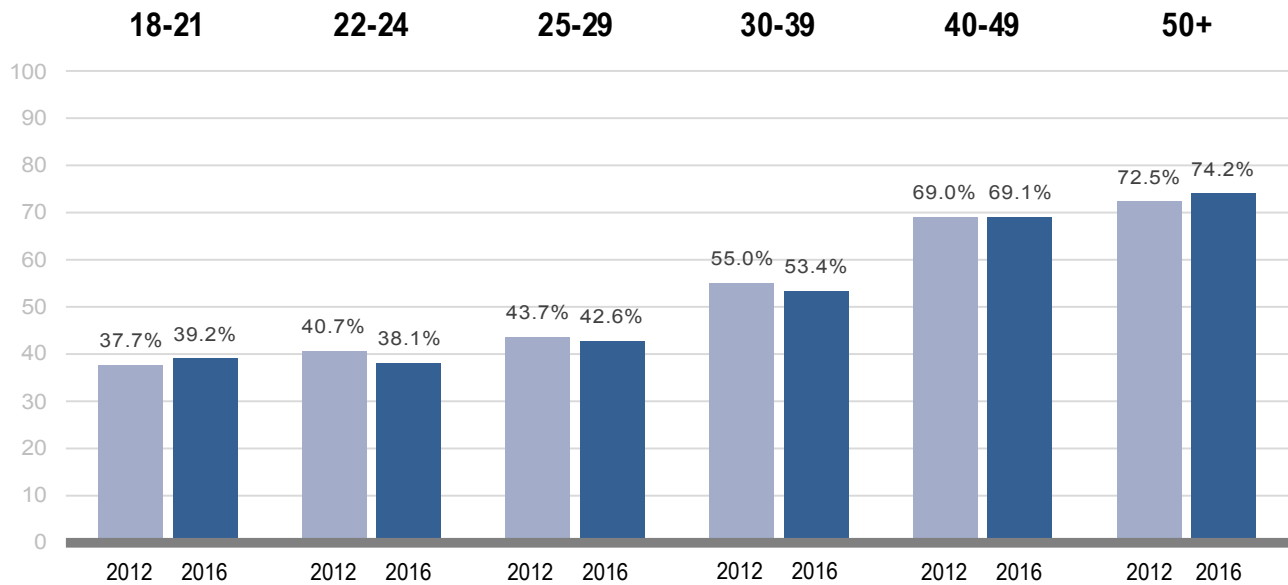


	2012		2016		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change
Absentee	407	4.0%	302	3.4%	↓ -0.6
Early Vote	5,285	51.4%	5,138	58.0%	↑ 6.6
Mail	*	n/a	16	0.2%	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	4,472	43.5%	3,291	37.2%	↓ -6.3
Unknown	120	1.2%	111	1.3%	
Total	10,290		8,858		

* 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.

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By Age Group*

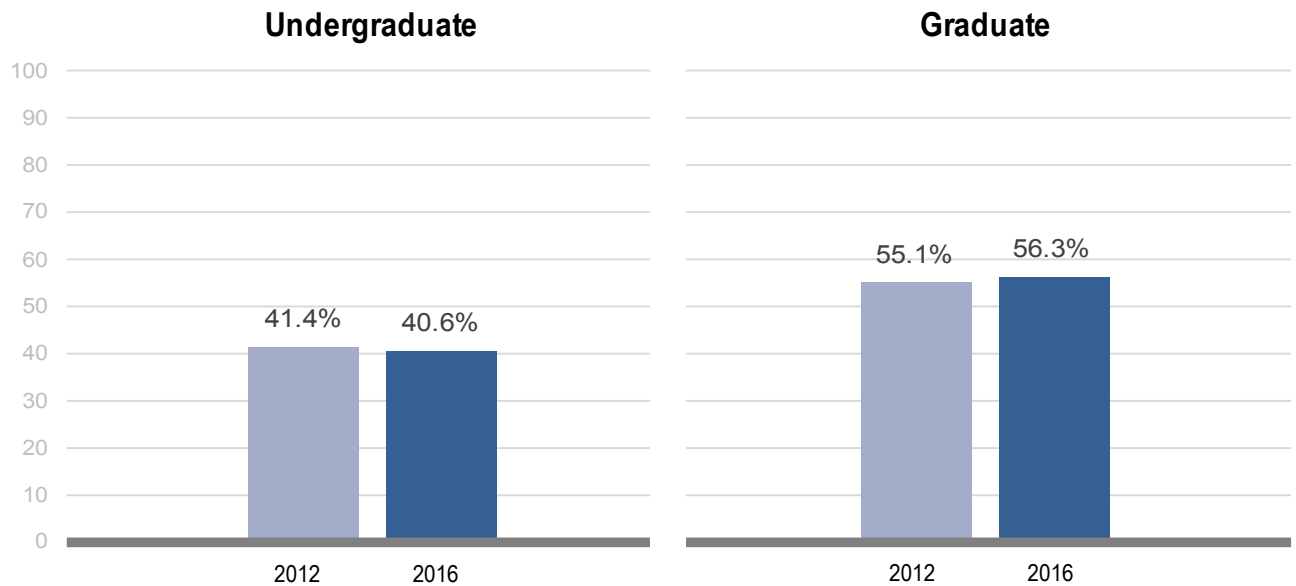


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	11,222	4,227	37.7%	10,504	4,116	39.2%	↑ 1.5
22-24	5,721	2,326	40.7%	4,812	1,834	38.1%	↓ -2.6
25-29	3,106	1,356	43.7%	2,644	1,127	42.6%	↓ -1.0
30-39	2,490	1,370	55.0%	1,882	1,005	53.4%	↓ -1.6
40-49	1,053	727	69.0%	753	520	69.1%	→ 0.0
50+	392	284	72.5%	345	256	74.2%	↑ 1.8
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.

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By Education Level*

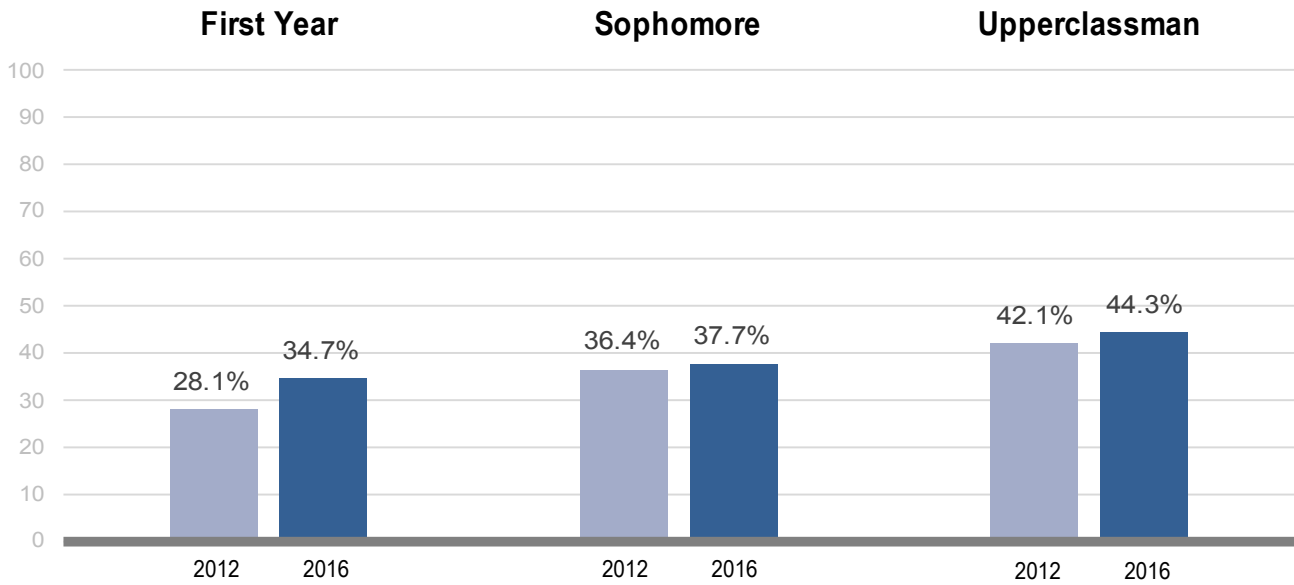


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	18,161	7,515	41.4%	18,624	7,555	40.6%	↓ -0.8
Graduate	2,691	1,482	55.1%	2,304	1,296	56.3%	↑ 1.2
Unknown	3,132			12			

* 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*

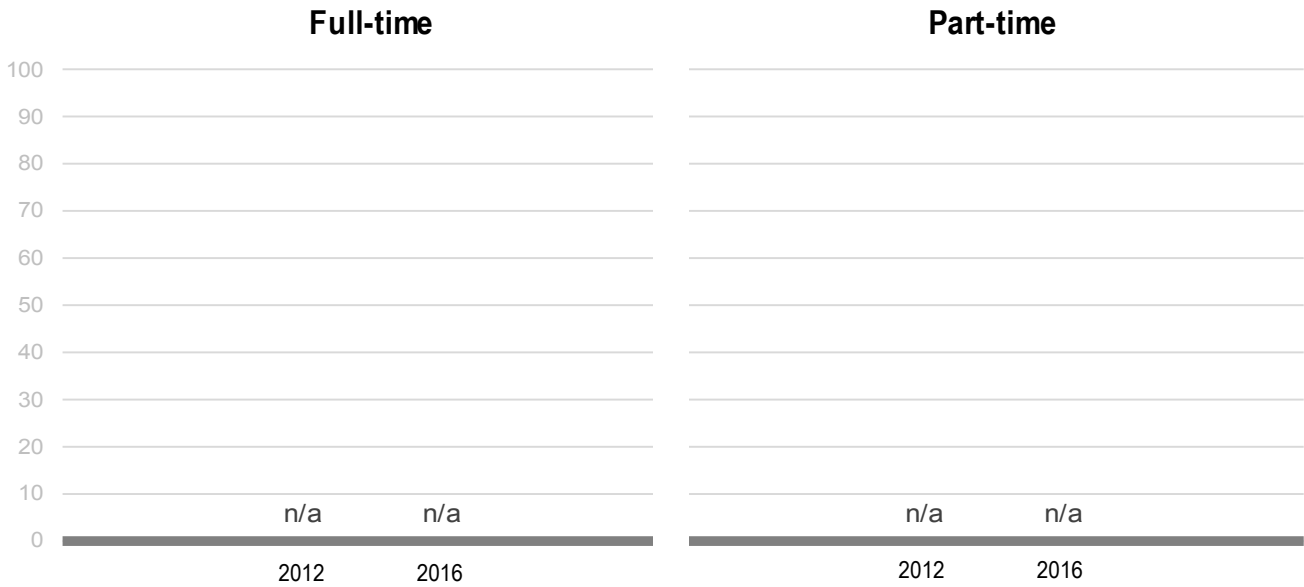


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	1,137	319	28.1%	4,059	1,408	34.7%	↑ 6.6
Sophomore	3,247	1,183	36.4%	3,814	1,439	37.7%	↑ 1.3
Upperclassman	10,086	4,247	42.1%	10,472	4,643	44.3%	↑ 2.2

* 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*

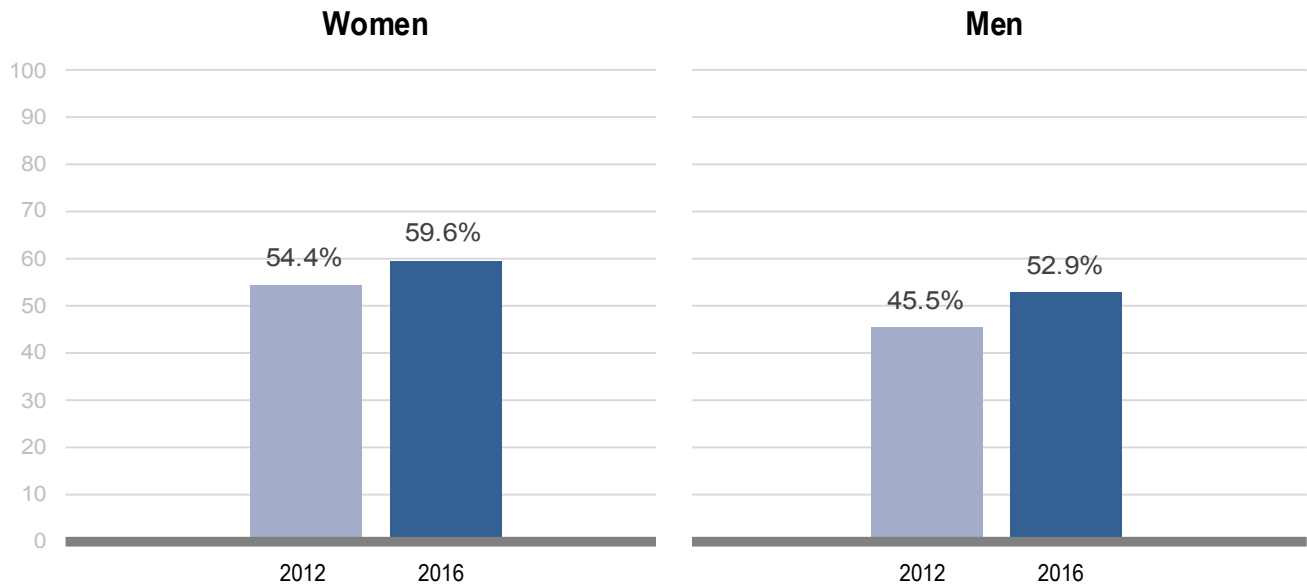


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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.

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By Gender*



	2012			2016			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	11,288	6,144	54.4%	8,889	5,293	59.6%	↑	5.1
Men	9,113	4,144	45.5%	6,739	3,562	52.9%	↑	7.4
Unknown	3,583	*	n/a	5,312	*	n/a		

* 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.

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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.

	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	539	235	43.6%	495	209	42.2% ↓	-1.4
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	892	366	41.0%	1,073	435	40.5% ↓	-0.5
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,406	1,400	41.1%	3,025	1,203	39.8% ↓	-1.3
Communication and Journalism	1,375	571	41.5%	1,232	580	47.1% ↑	5.6
Communications Technologies/Technicians	35	*	n/a	84	36	42.9%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	419	164	39.1%	552	189	34.2% ↓	-4.9
Education	2,421	1,350	55.8%	1,349	739	54.8% ↓	-1.0
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	720	237	32.9%	791	264	33.4% ↑	0.5
English Language and Literature	535	245	45.8%	375	199	53.1% ↑	7.3
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	606	270	44.6%	502	184	36.7% ↓	-7.9
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	167	76	45.5%	166	75	45.2% ↓	-0.3
Health Professions	1,663	778	46.8%	1,426	662	46.4% ↓	-0.4
History	421	231	54.9%	308	174	56.5% ↑	1.6
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	875	349	39.9%	700	260	37.1% ↓	-2.8
Leisure and Recreational Activities	161	106	65.8%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,380	642	46.5%	1,626	770	47.4% ↑	0.8
Library Science	0	0	n/a	21	17	81.0%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	261	94	36.0%	178	67	37.6% ↑	1.6
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,248	487	39.0%	880	378	43.0% ↑	3.9
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	934	346	37.0%	938	337	35.9% ↓	-1.1
Philosophy and Religious Studies	52	20	38.5%	40	14	35.0% ↓	-3.5
Physical Sciences	328	138	42.1%	319	136	42.6% ↑	0.6
Psychology	1,182	509	43.1%	931	393	42.2% ↓	-0.9

Public Administration and Social Service Professions	416	230	55.3%	339	166	49.0% ↓	-6.3
Social Sciences	802	377	47.0%	575	291	50.6% ↑	3.6
Transportation and Materials Moving	721	257	35.6%	741	249	33.6% ↓	-2.0
Visual and Performing Arts	2,367	767	32.4%	1,845	675	36.6% ↑	4.2
Unknown	58	37	63.8%	429	156	36.4% ↓	-27.4

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: idhe.tufts.edu.

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