

**2014 & 2018 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, 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 providing 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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Warm regards,

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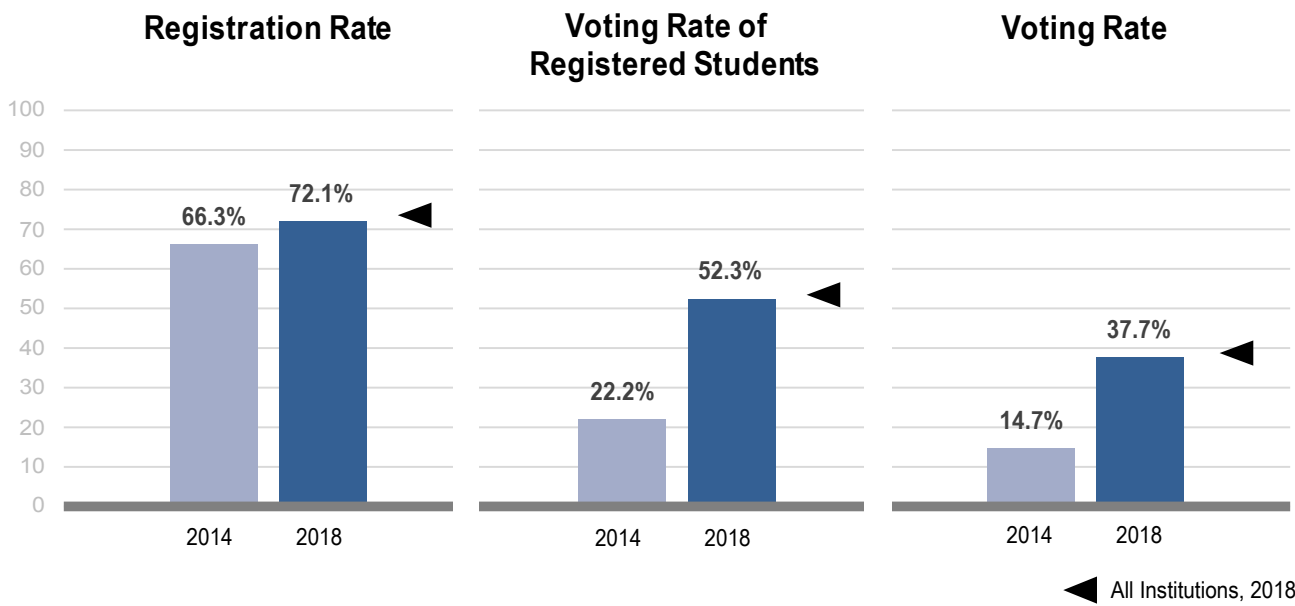
**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

# Voting and Registration Rates

**2018 Voting Rate**  
**37.7%**

CHANGE FROM 2014  
**+23.0**

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**39.1%**



	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	22,346	21,093	↓ -1,253
Age under 18/Unknown	(103)	(1,009)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(905)	(881)	
FERPA records blocked	(69)	(17)	
Total eligible voters	21,269	19,186	↓ -2,083
Number of students who registered	14,097	13,825	↓ -272
Number of students who voted	3,131	7,232	↑ 4,101
Registration rate	66.3%	72.1%	↑ 5.8
Voting rate of registered students	22.2%	52.3%	↑ 30.1
Voting rate	14.7%	37.7%	↑ 23.0
Difference from all institutions	-5.0	-1.4	

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

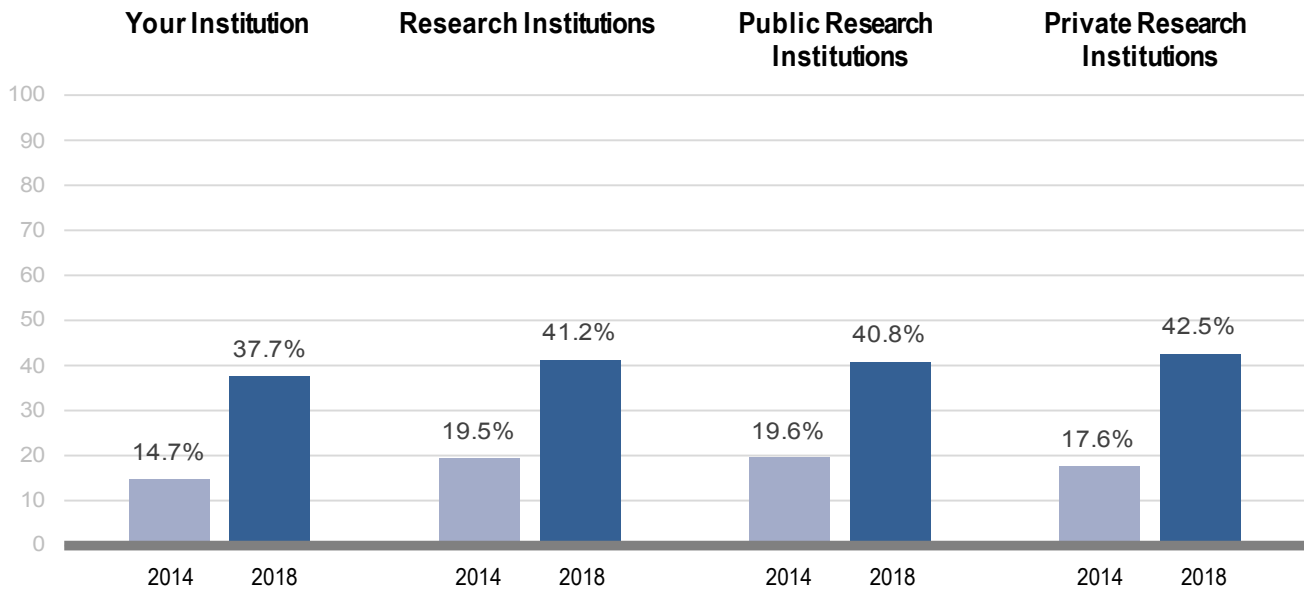
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

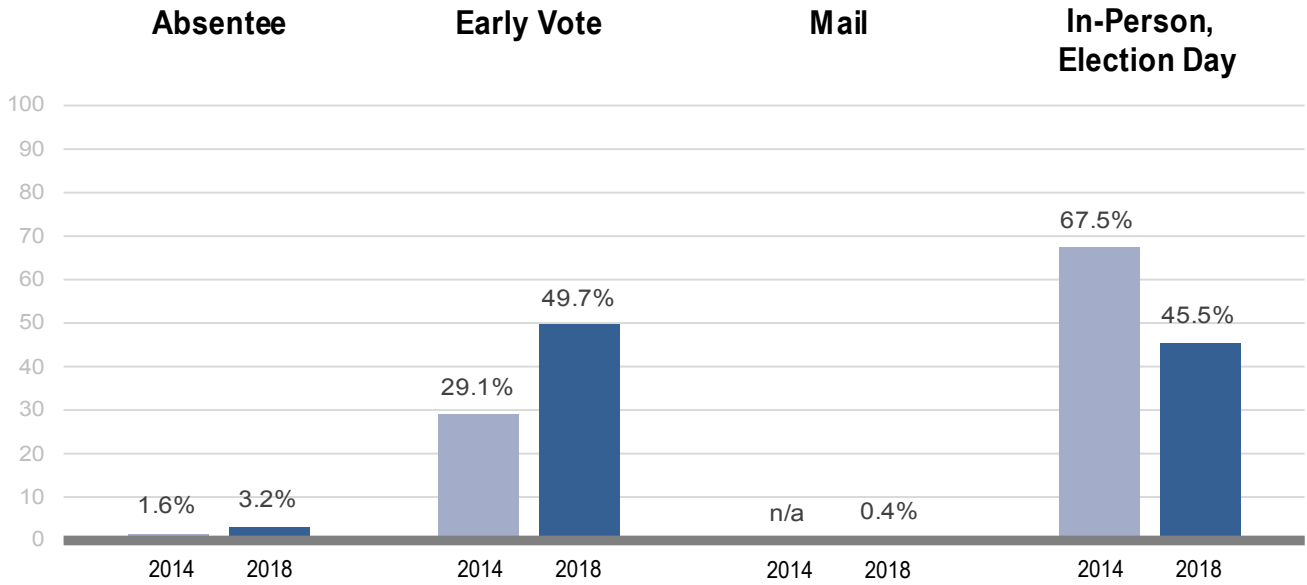
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# By Voting Method\*

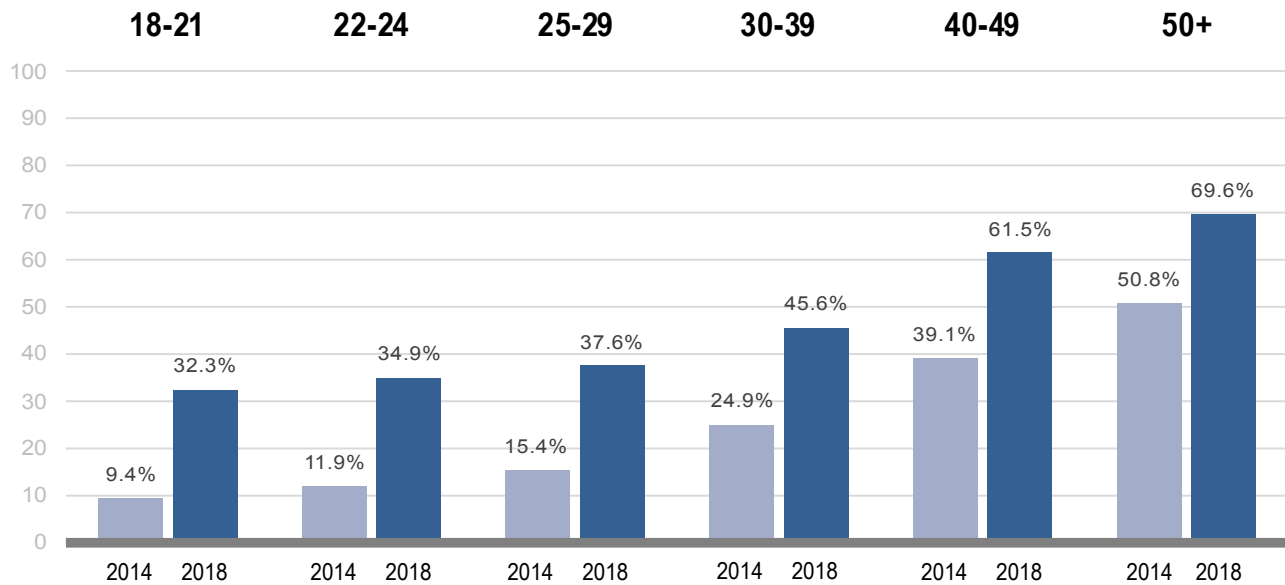


	2014		2018		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change
Absentee	50	1.6%	228	3.2%	↑ 1.6
Early Vote	910	29.1%	3,594	49.7%	↑ 20.6
Mail	*	n/a	27	0.4%	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	2,113	67.5%	3,293	45.5%	↓ -22.0
Unknown	49	1.6%	90	1.2%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,131</b>		<b>7,232</b>		

\* 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\*

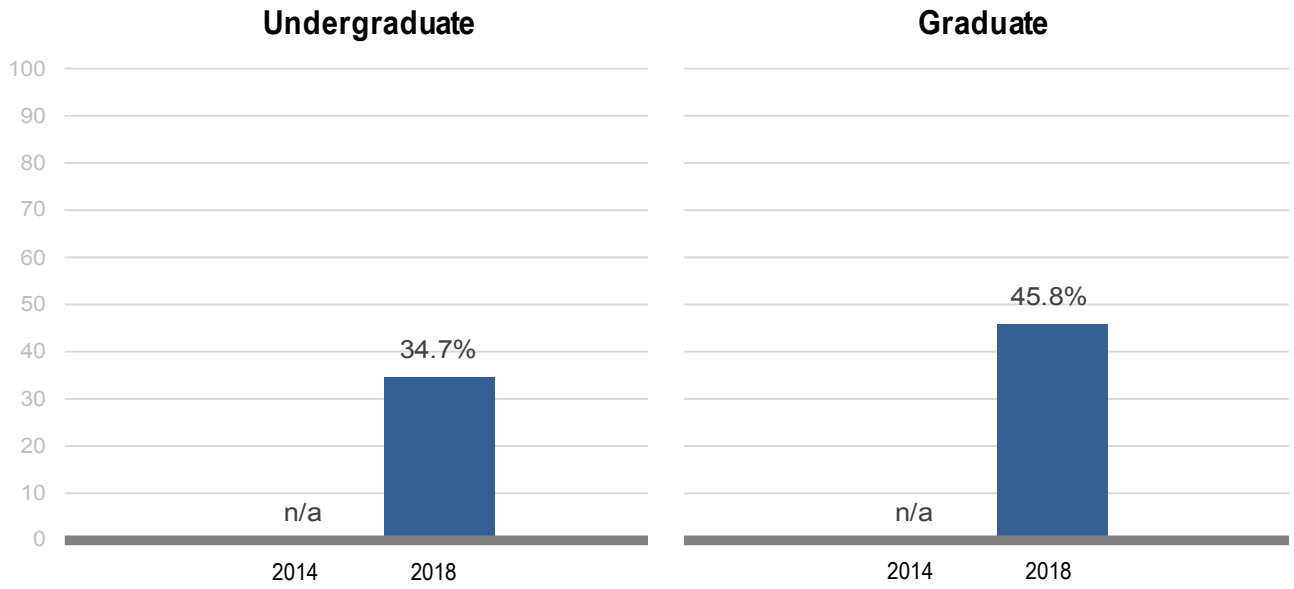


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	10,789	1,018	9.4%	10,759	3,476	32.3%	↑ 22.9
22-24	5,245	626	11.9%	4,355	1,521	34.9%	↑ 23.0
25-29	2,795	431	15.4%	2,447	919	37.6%	↑ 22.1
30-39	2,082	519	24.9%	1,558	710	45.6%	↑ 20.6
40-49	891	348	39.1%	665	409	61.5%	↑ 22.4
50+	372	189	50.8%	283	197	69.6%	↑ 18.8
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\*

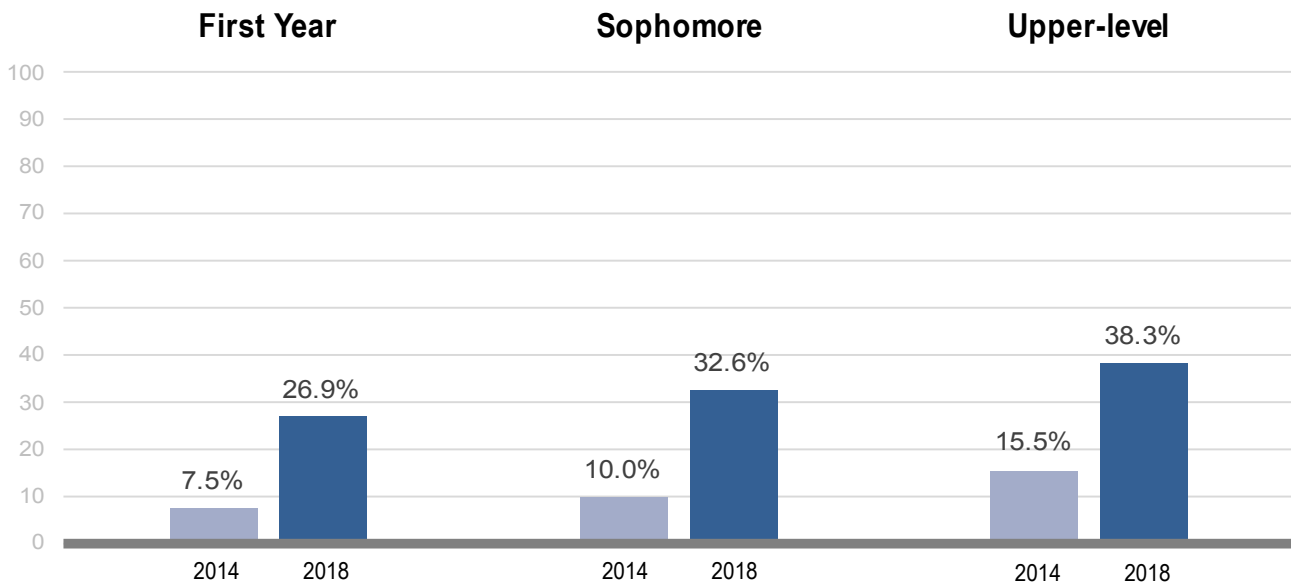


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	17,456	6,061	34.7%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	2,181	999	45.8%	n/a
Unknown	22,174			430			

\* 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\*



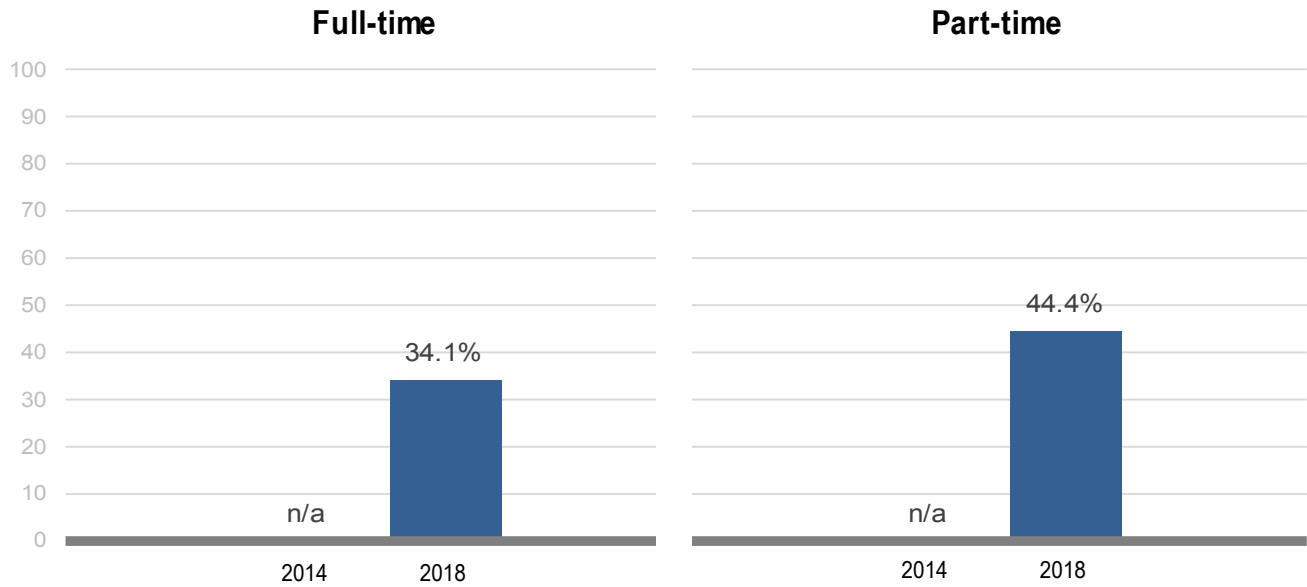
	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	4,504	337	7.5%	3,834	1,033	26.9%	↑ 19.5
Sophomore	4,014	400	10.0%	3,532	1,151	32.6%	↑ 22.6
Upper-level	9,461	1,465	15.5%	10,096	3,863	38.3%	↑ 22.8

\* 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	0	0	n/a	16,223	5,524	34.1%	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	3,843	1,708	44.4%	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 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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	480	72	15.0%	450	134	29.8% ↑	14.8
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	0	0	n/a	16	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	975	121	12.4%	1,145	389	34.0% ↑	21.6
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,172	442	13.9%	3,014	991	32.9% ↑	19.0
Communication and Journalism	1,257	181	14.4%	1,034	487	47.1% ↑	32.7
Communications Technologies/Technicians	33	*	n/a	195	65	33.3%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	487	66	13.6%	574	188	32.8% ↑	19.2
Education	1,741	347	19.9%	1,161	513	44.2% ↑	24.3
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	758	67	8.8%	918	261	28.4% ↑	19.6
English Language and Literature	437	101	23.1%	328	150	45.7% ↑	22.6
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	580	65	11.2%	542	170	31.4% ↑	20.2
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	150	26	17.3%	145	62	42.8% ↑	25.4
Health Professions	1,442	184	12.8%	1,003	344	34.3% ↑	21.5
History	308	91	29.6%	276	149	54.0% ↑	24.4
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	790	82	10.4%	660	225	34.1% ↑	23.7
Leisure and Recreational Activities	430	30	7.0%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,552	303	19.5%	1,090	440	40.4% ↑	20.9
Library Science	0	0	n/a	44	30	68.2%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	187	23	12.3%	139	54	38.9% ↑	26.6
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,234	150	12.2%	622	216	34.7% ↑	22.6
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	909	78	8.6%	1,010	291	28.8% ↑	20.2
Philosophy and Religious Studies	42	*	n/a	44	21	47.7%	n/a
Physical Sciences	326	40	12.3%	283	97	34.3% ↑	22.0

Psychology	1,027	157	15.3%	1,078	414	38.4% ↑	23.1
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	387	67	17.3%	331	119	36.0% ↑	18.6
Social Sciences	599	156	26.0%	520	265	51.0% ↑	24.9
Transportation and Materials Moving	667	55	8.3%	865	238	27.5% ↑	19.3
Visual and Performing Arts	2,086	173	8.3%	2,141	734	34.3% ↑	26.0
Unknown	118	41	34.8%	439	179	40.8% ↑	6.0

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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