

**2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Millersville University of  
Pennsylvania

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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](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

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Warm regards,  
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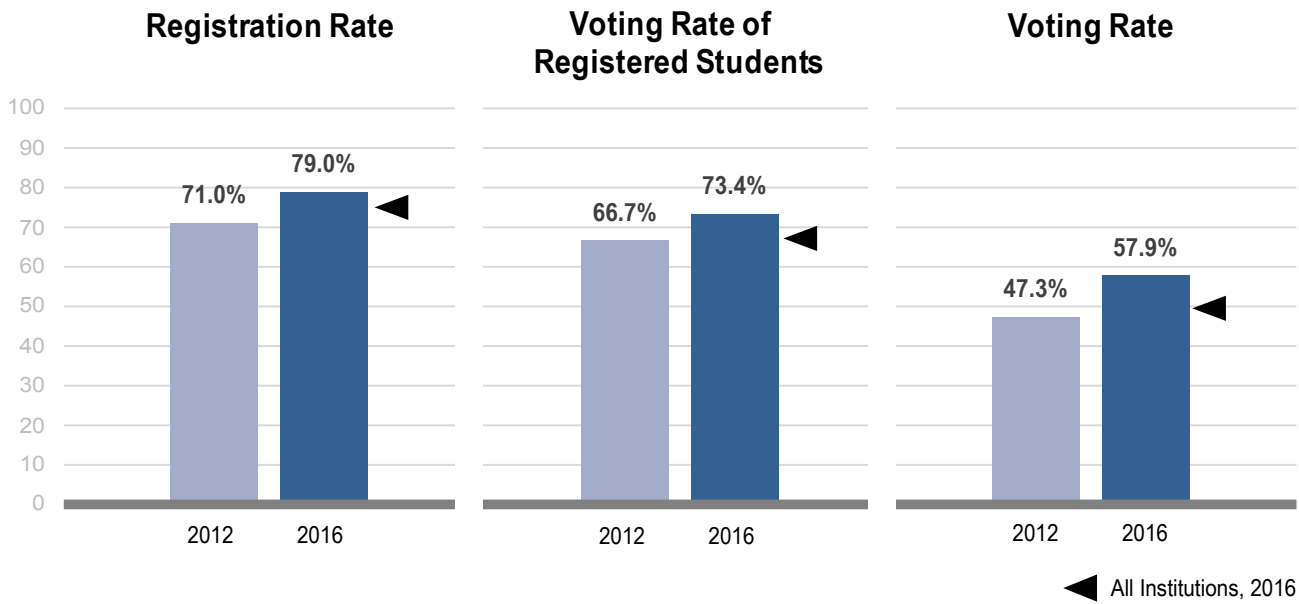
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2016 Voting Rate**  
**57.9%**

CHANGE FROM 2012  
**10.6**

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**50.4%**



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	8,282	7,782	↓ -500
Age under 18/Unknown	(18)	(33)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(45)	(53)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	8,214	7,691	↓ -523
Number of students who registered	5,829	6,072	↑ 243
Number of students who voted	3,886	4,456	↑ 570
Registration rate	71.0%	79.0%	↑ 8.0
Voting rate of registered students	66.7%	73.4%	↑ 6.7
Voting rate	47.3%	57.9%	↑ 10.6
Difference from all institutions	+0.4	+7.5	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

**2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**46.9%**

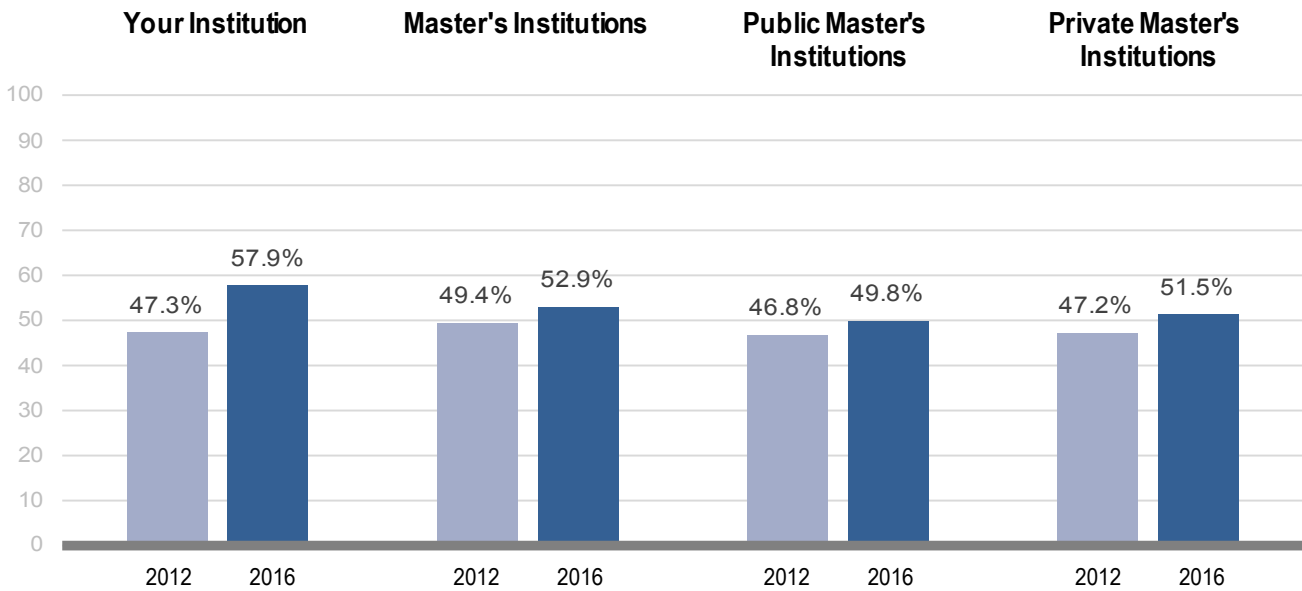
HIGH 72.9%  
 LOW 19.3%

**2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**50.4%**

HIGH 81.4%  
 LOW 13.1%

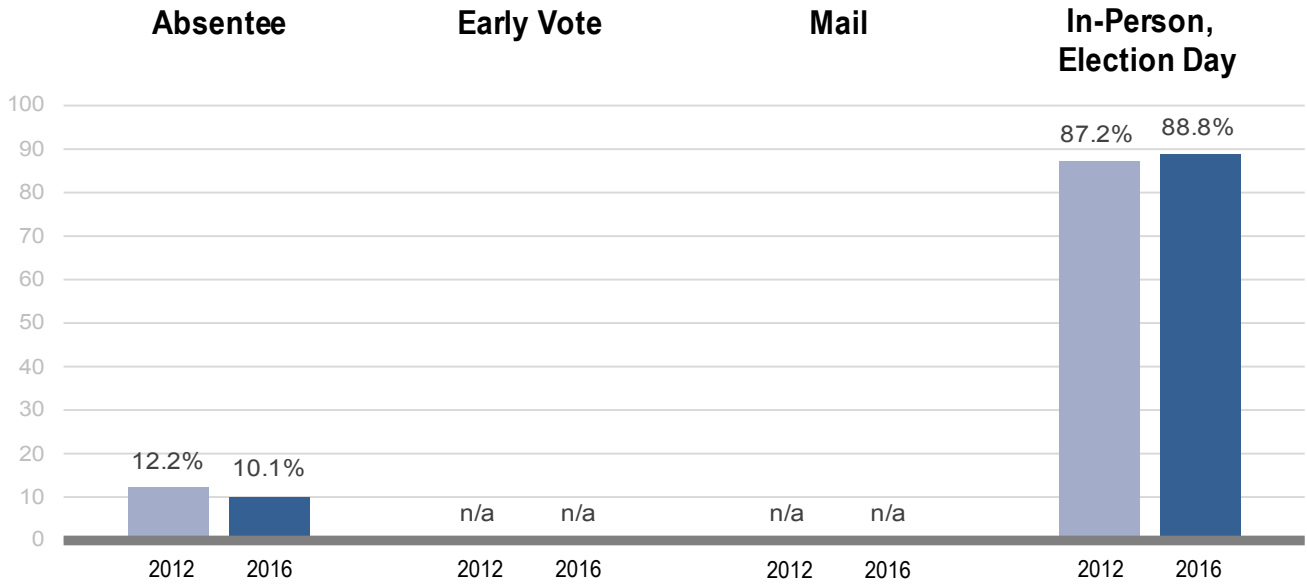
Difference from All Institutions **+0.4**

Difference from All Institutions **+7.5**



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# By Voting Method\*

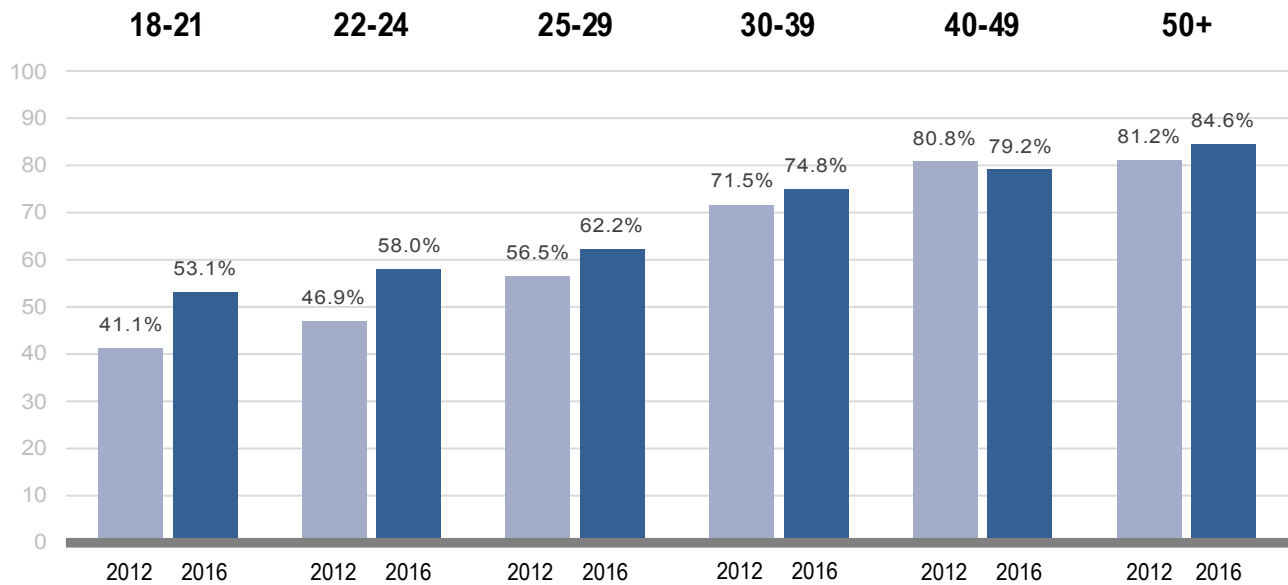


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	475	12.2%	449	10.1%	↓ -2.1
Early Vote	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
Mail	0	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	3,390	87.2%	3,956	88.8%	↑ 1.5
Unknown	13	0.3%	40	0.9%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,886</b>		<b>4,456</b>		

\* 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\*

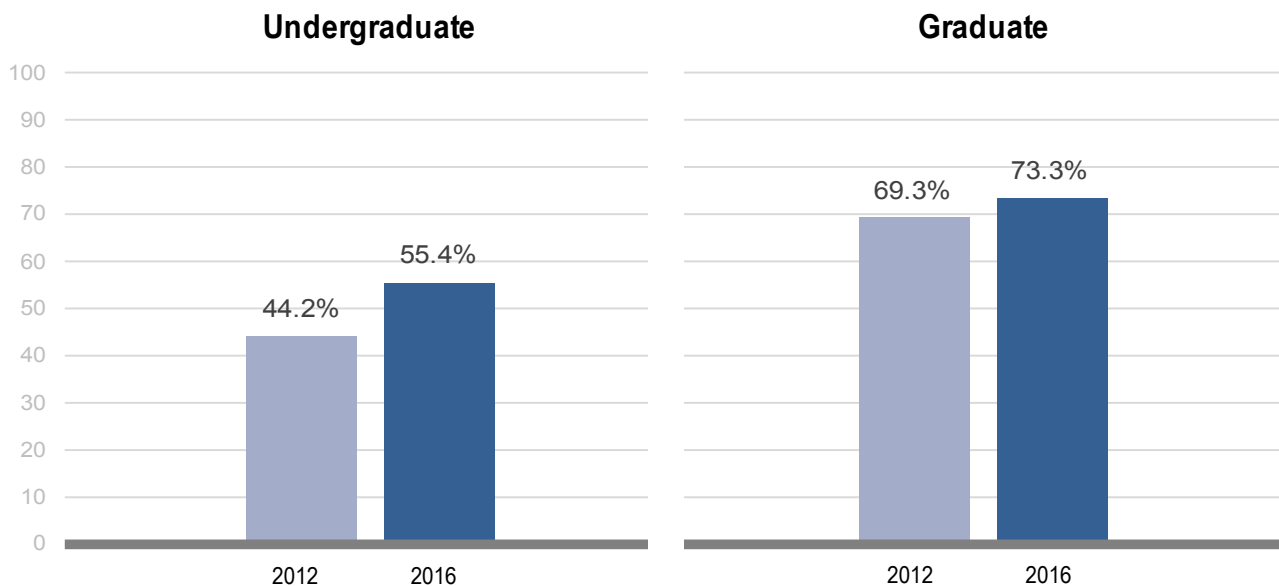


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	4,949	2,036	41.1%	4,571	2,428	53.1%	↑ 12.0
22-24	1,786	838	46.9%	1,591	922	58.0%	↑ 11.0
25-29	740	418	56.5%	781	486	62.2%	↑ 5.7
30-39	428	306	71.5%	465	348	74.8%	↑ 3.3
40-49	234	189	80.8%	226	179	79.2%	↓ -1.6
50+	122	99	81.2%	110	93	84.6%	↑ 3.4
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\*

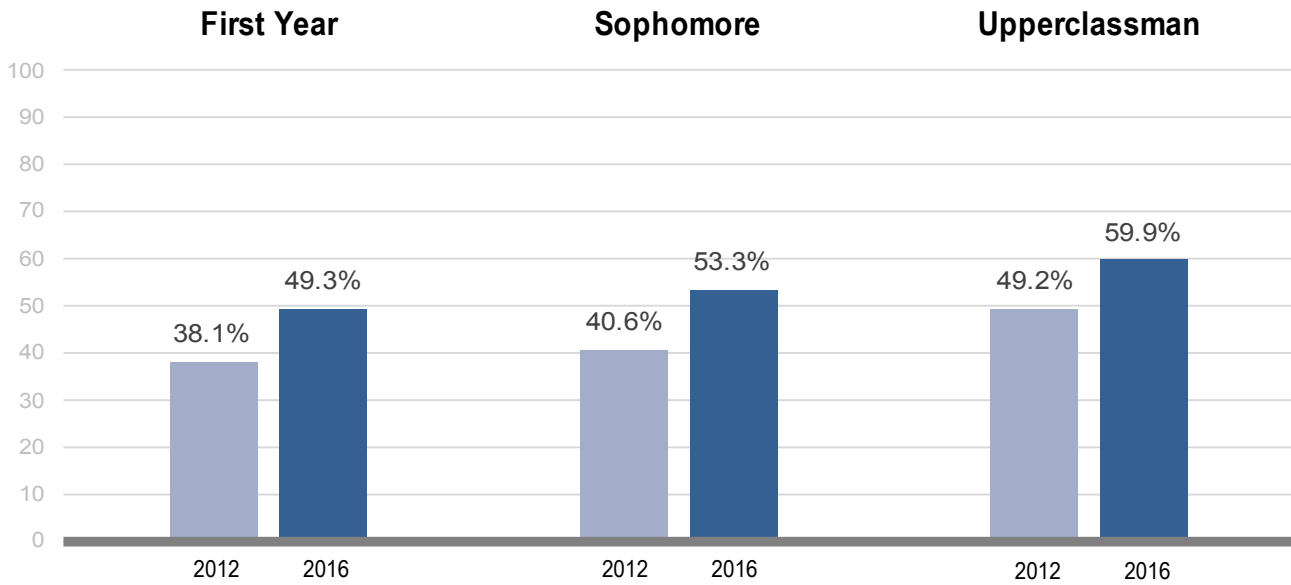


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	7,313	3,230	<b>44.2%</b>	6,799	3,763	<b>55.4%</b>	↑ 11.2
Graduate	946	656	<b>69.3%</b>	945	693	<b>73.3%</b>	↑ 4.0
Unknown	0			0			

\* 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\*



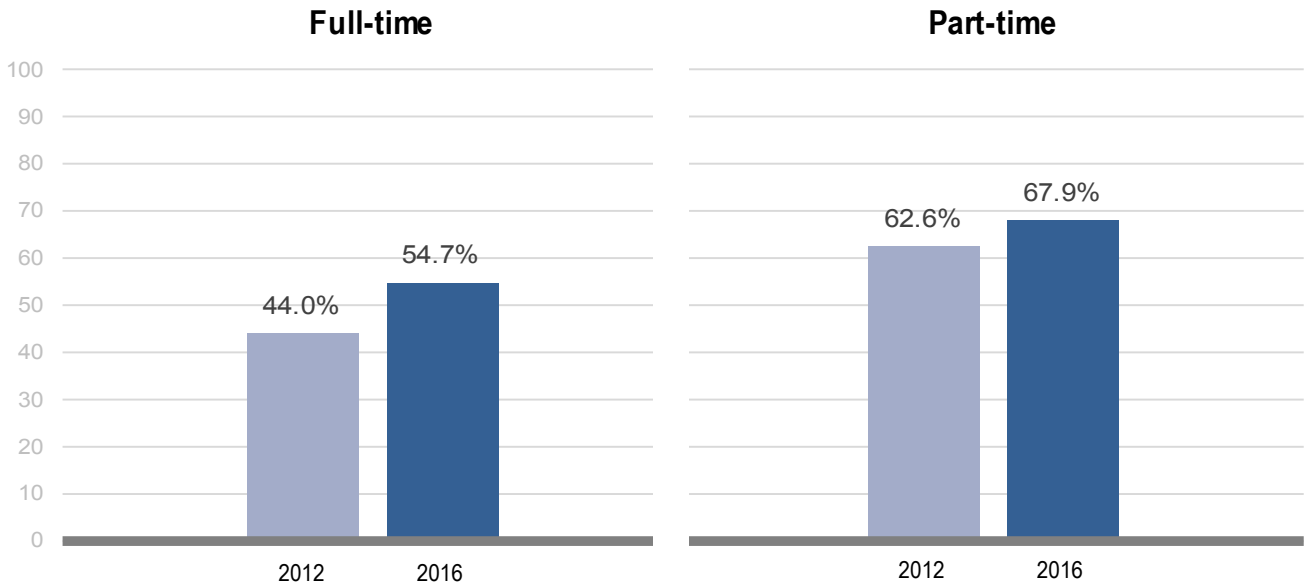
	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	2,009	766	<b>38.1%</b>	1,939	955	<b>49.3%</b>	↑ 11.1
Sophomore	1,615	655	<b>40.6%</b>	1,545	824	<b>53.3%</b>	↑ 12.8
Upperclassman	3,247	1,597	<b>49.2%</b>	3,315	1,984	<b>59.9%</b>	↑ 10.7

\* 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\*

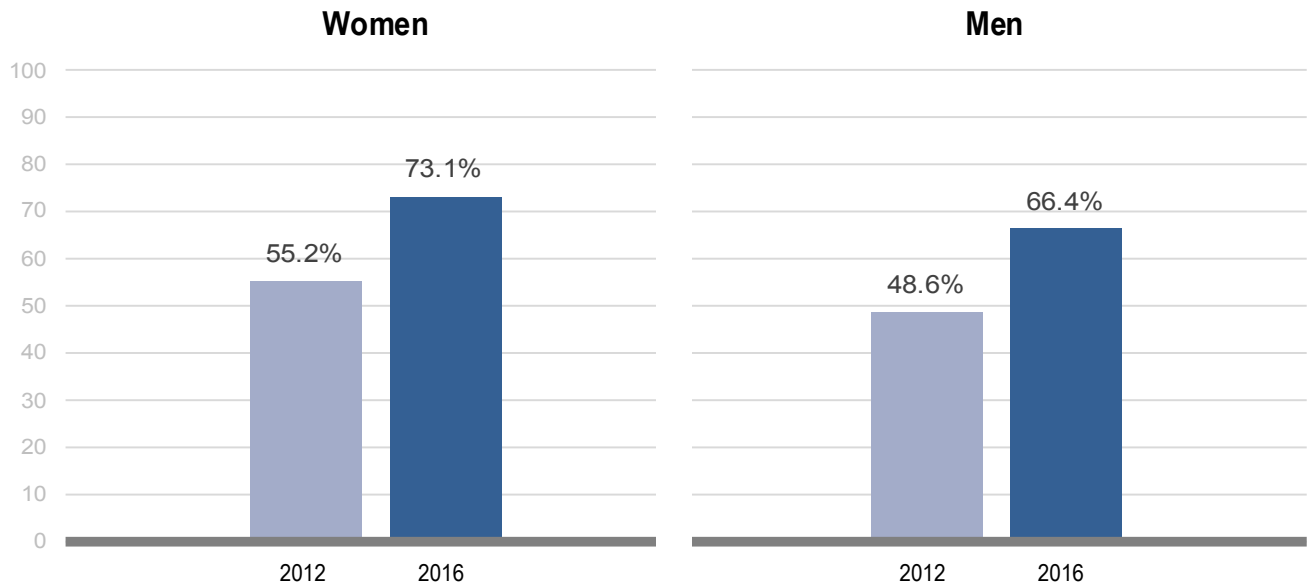


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	6,905	3,039	<b>44.0%</b>	6,070	3,319	<b>54.7%</b>	↑ 10.7
Part-time	1,354	847	<b>62.6%</b>	1,674	1,137	<b>67.9%</b>	↑ 5.4
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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	4,204	2,320	55.2%	3,586	2,621	73.1%	↑ 17.9
Men	3,100	1,506	48.6%	2,603	1,728	66.4%	↑ 17.8
Unknown	955	60	6.3%	1,555	107	6.9%	

\* 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	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	87	46	52.9%	60	39	65.0% ↑	12.1
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	676	253	37.4%	608	325	53.5% ↑	16.0
Business, Management, and Marketing	837	332	39.7%	871	404	46.4% ↑	6.7
Communication and Journalism	427	220	51.5%	438	278	63.5% ↑	12.0
Computer and Information Sciences	185	66	35.7%	243	131	53.9% ↑	18.2
Education	1,020	546	53.5%	1,112	682	61.3% ↑	7.8
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	461	179	38.8%	471	227	48.2% ↑	9.4
English Language and Literature	432	233	53.9%	223	146	65.5% ↑	11.5
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	121	65	53.7%	82	56	68.3% ↑	14.6
Health Professions	226	131	58.0%	388	256	66.0% ↑	8.0
History	148	91	61.5%	98	65	66.3% ↑	4.8
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	0	0	n/a	59	41	69.5%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	345	155	44.9%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	258	105	40.7%	156	98	62.8% ↑	22.1
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	57	38	66.7%	115	71	61.7% ↓	-4.9
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	47	26	55.3%	28	16	57.1% ↑	1.8
Philosophy and Religious Studies	31	18	58.1%	24	15	62.5% ↑	4.4
Physical Sciences	369	150	40.7%	356	186	52.3% ↑	11.6
Psychology	617	280	45.4%	491	299	60.9% ↑	15.5
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	459	275	59.9%	464	289	62.3% ↑	2.4
Science Technologies/Technicians	*	*	n/a	13	10	76.9%	n/a
Social Sciences	674	366	54.3%	574	352	61.3% ↑	7.0
Visual and Performing Arts	373	175	46.9%	401	230	57.4% ↑	10.4

Unknown	746	288	38.6%	124	85	68.6% ↑	29.9
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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](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

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