

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Mississippi 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,
IDHE Team



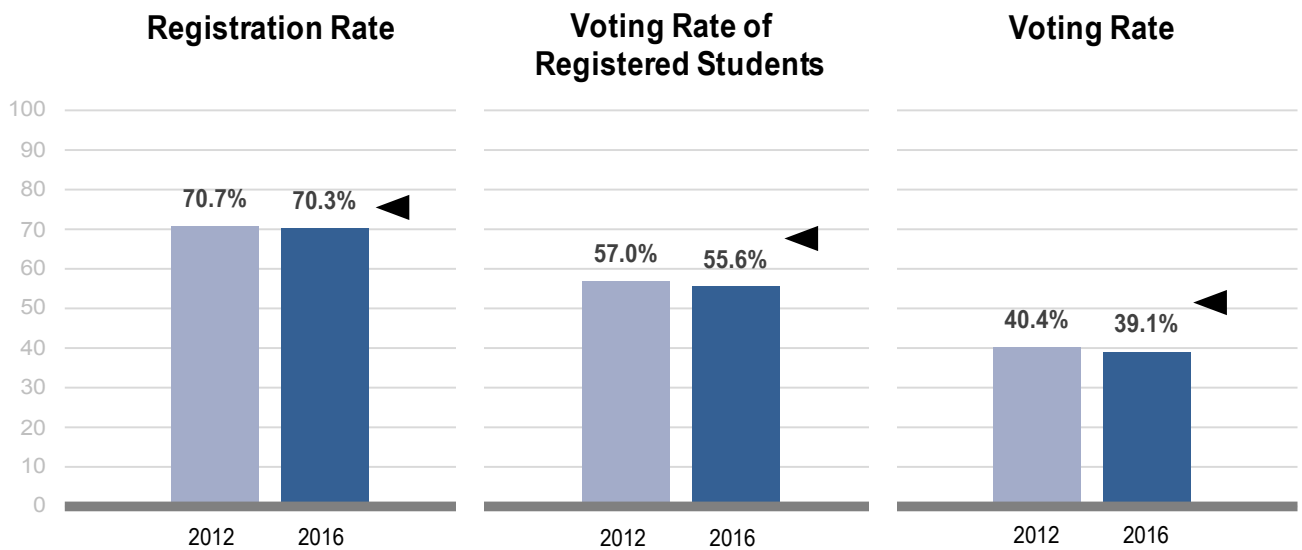
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
39.1%

CHANGE FROM 2012
-1.3

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



◀ All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	19,671	21,191	↑ 1,520
Age under 18/Unknown	(36)	(82)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(729)	(784)	
FERPA records blocked	(21)	*	
Total eligible voters	18,885	20,323	↑ 1,438
Number of students who registered	13,360	14,285	↑ 925
Number of students who voted	7,620	7,944	↑ 324
Registration rate	70.7%	70.3%	↓ -0.4
Voting rate of registered students	57.0%	55.6%	↓ -1.4
Voting rate	40.4%	39.1%	↓ -1.3
Difference from all institutions	-6.6	-11.3	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

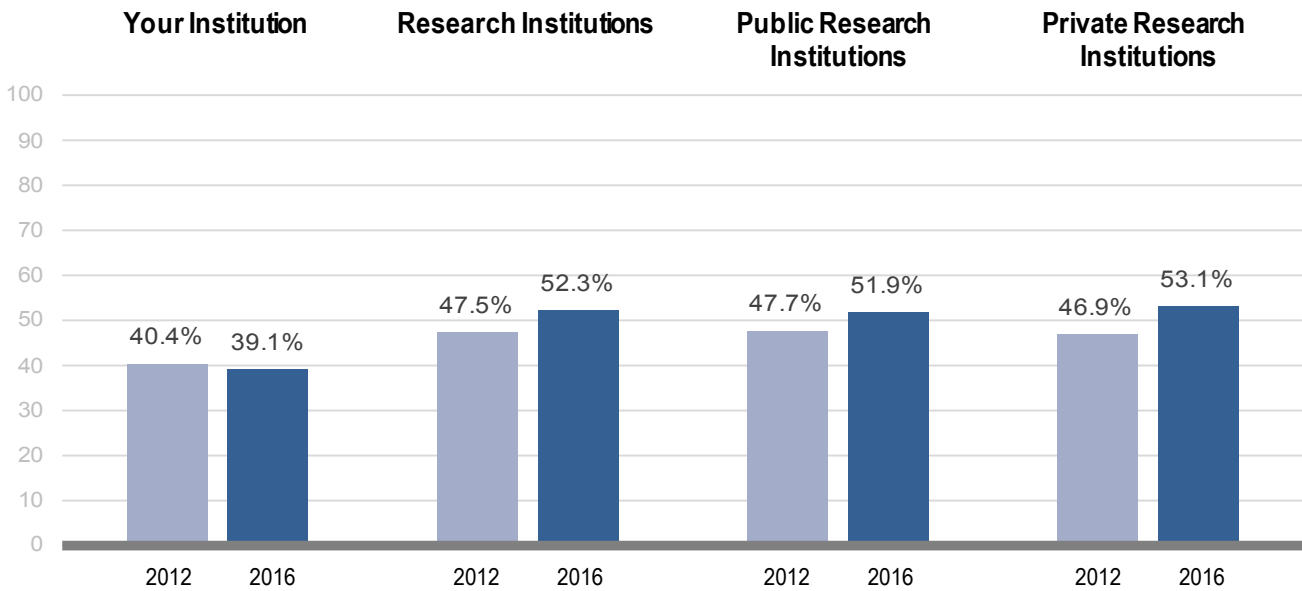
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

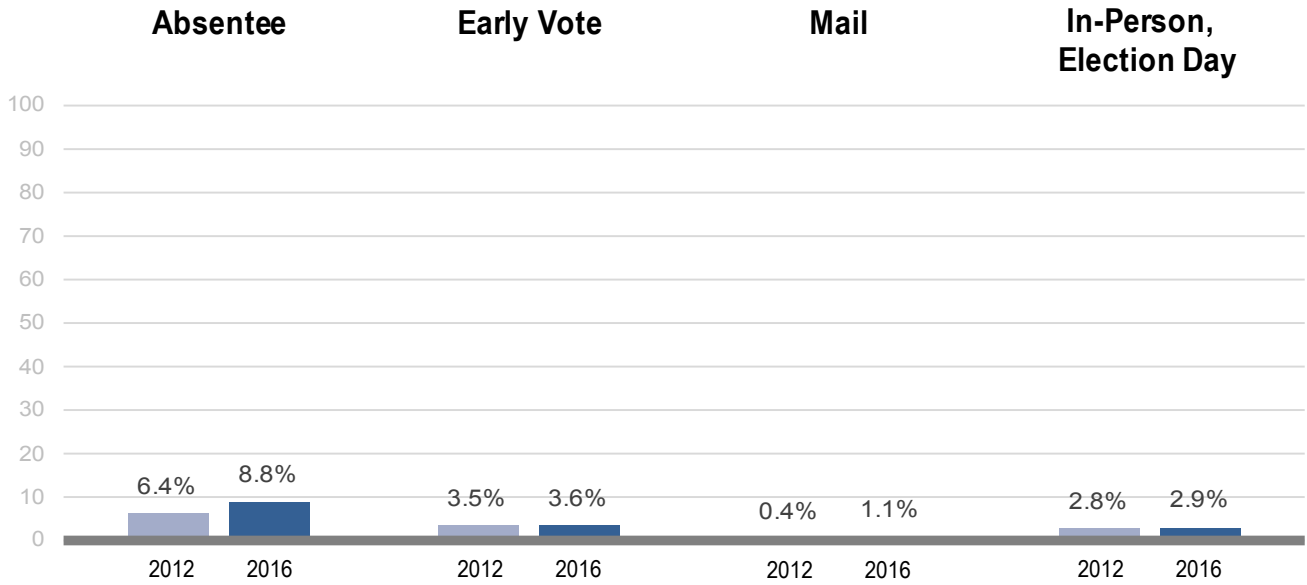
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By Voting Method*

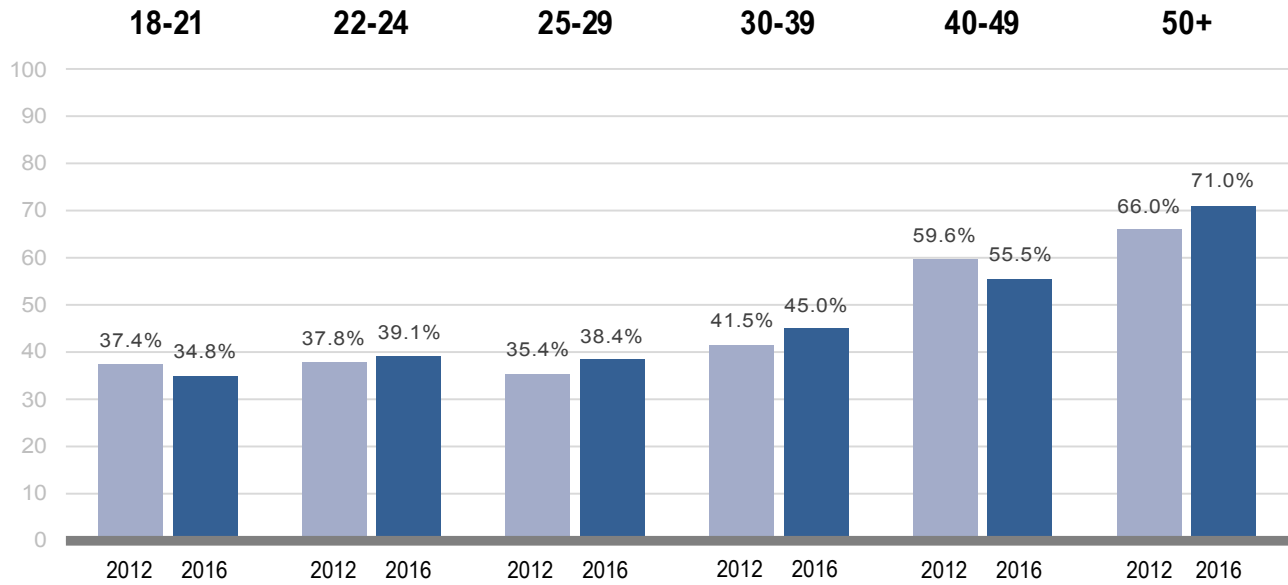


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	487	6.4%	699	8.8%	↑ 2.4
Early Vote	267	3.5%	286	3.6%	↑ 0.1
Mail	27	0.4%	85	1.1%	↑ 0.7
In-Person, Election Day	216	2.8%	231	2.9%	↑ 0.1
Unknown	6,623	86.9%	6,643	83.6%	
Total	7,620		7,944		

* 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*

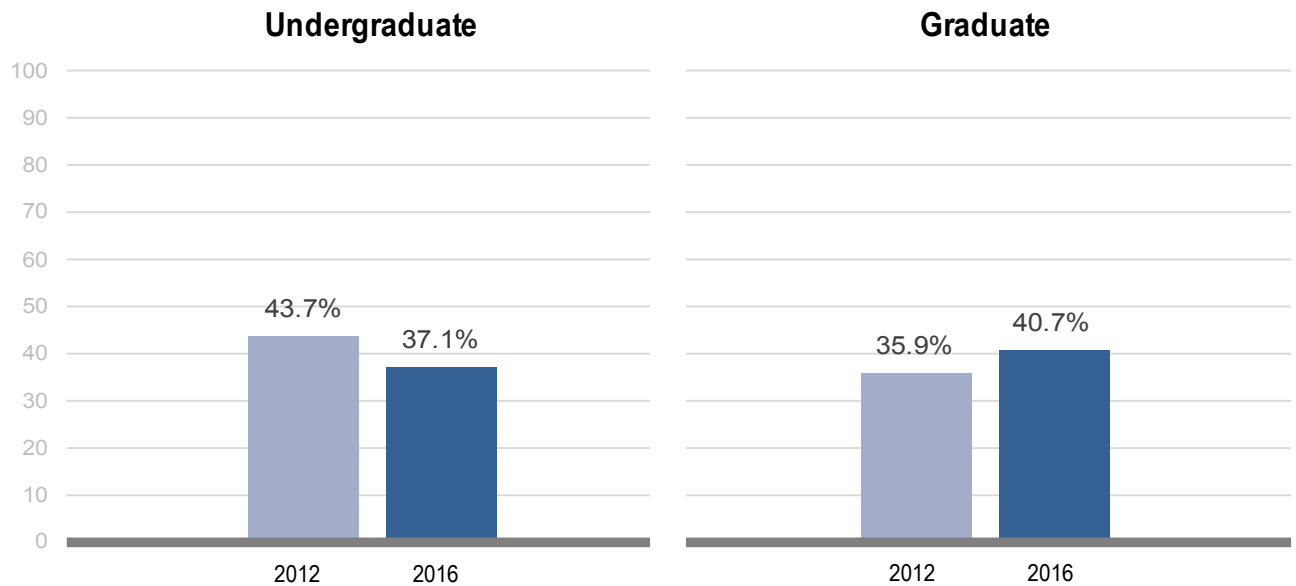


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	10,318	3,862	37.4%	12,450	4,332	34.8%	↓ -2.6
22-24	4,649	1,756	37.8%	4,690	1,832	39.1%	↑ 1.3
25-29	2,053	726	35.4%	1,847	710	38.4%	↑ 3.1
30-39	1,613	669	41.5%	1,370	617	45.0%	↑ 3.6
40-49	631	376	59.6%	512	284	55.5%	↓ -4.1
50+	350	231	66.0%	238	169	71.0%	↑ 5.0
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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Education Level*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	893	390	43.7%	17,801	6,598	37.1%	↓ -6.6
Graduate	248	89	35.9%	3,306	1,346	40.7%	↑ 4.8
Unknown	18,473			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*

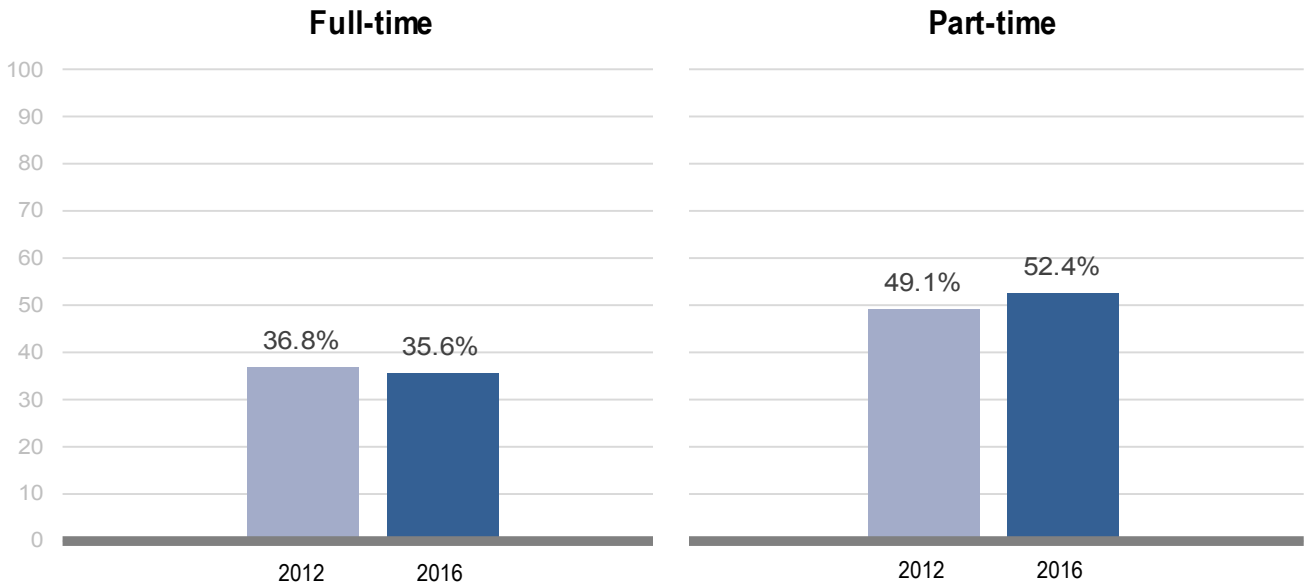


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Upperclassman	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a

* 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*

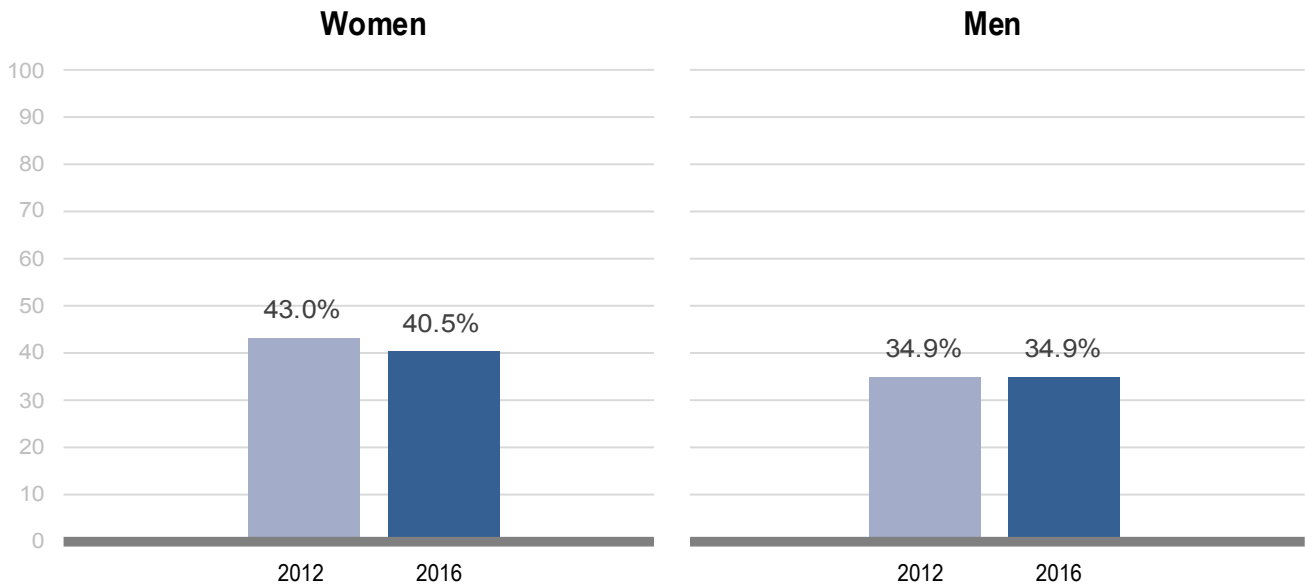


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	16,384	6,033	36.8%	18,495	6,575	35.6%	↓ -1.3
Part-time	3,230	1,587	49.1%	2,612	1,369	52.4%	↑ 3.3
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

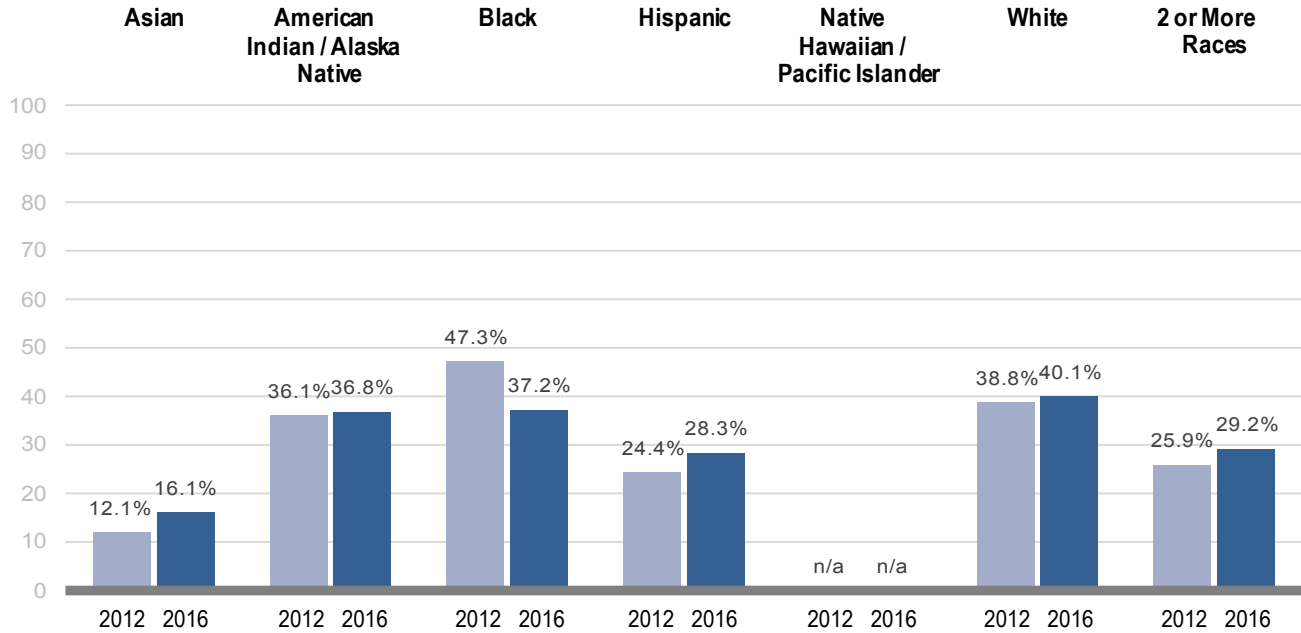


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	9,520	4,096	43.0%	10,445	4,226	40.5%	↓ -2.6
Men	10,094	3,524	34.9%	10,661	3,718	34.9%	→ 0.0
Unknown	0	0	n/a	*	0	n/a	

* 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 Race/Ethnicity*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	265	32	12.1%	379	61	16.1%	↑ 4.0
American Indian/ Alaska Native	97	35	36.1%	87	32	36.8%	↑ 0.7
Black	4,027	1,906	47.3%	4,022	1,495	37.2%	↓ -10.2
Hispanic	369	90	24.4%	598	169	28.3%	↑ 3.9
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	17	*	n/a	18	*	n/a	n/a
White	13,945	5,406	38.8%	15,065	6,045	40.1%	↑ 1.4
2 or More Races	224	58	25.9%	329	96	29.2%	↑ 3.3
Unknown	223			132			

* 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.

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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	926	324	35.0%	1,128	434	38.5% ↑	3.5
Architecture	387	120	31.0%	384	126	32.8% ↑	1.8
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,438	583	40.5%	1,615	551	34.1% ↓	-6.4
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,649	1,035	39.1%	2,948	1,114	37.8% ↓	-1.3
Communication and Journalism	614	271	44.1%	588	241	41.0% ↓	-3.2
Computer and Information Sciences	339	92	27.1%	350	97	27.7% ↑	0.6
Education	3,604	1,652	45.8%	1,847	886	48.0% ↑	2.1
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	3,104	1,079	34.8%	4,184	1,474	35.2% ↑	0.5
English Language and Literature	168	66	39.3%	132	48	36.4% ↓	-2.9
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	326	135	41.4%	443	179	40.4% ↓	-1.0
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	64	22	34.4%	45	14	31.1% ↓	-3.3
Health Professions	480	122	25.4%	592	196	33.1% ↑	7.7
History	196	84	42.9%	149	73	49.0% ↑	6.1
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,096	381	34.8%	1,168	392	33.6% ↓	-1.2
Mathematics and Statistics	89	19	21.4%	114	28	24.6% ↑	3.2
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	336	187	55.7%	463	210	45.4% ↓	-10.3
Natural Resources and Conservation	489	162	33.1%	580	219	37.8% ↑	4.6
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	0	0	n/a	1,370	480	35.0%	n/a
Personal and Culinary Services	10	*	n/a	11	*	n/a	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	48	14	29.2%	36	12	33.3% ↑	4.2
Physical Sciences	1,017	404	39.7%	933	405	43.4% ↑	3.7
Psychology	718	253	35.2%	765	271	35.4% ↑	0.2
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	243	137	56.4%	262	132	50.4% ↓	-6.0

Social Sciences	725	271	37.4%	700	254	36.3% ↓	-1.1
Visual and Performing Arts	334	98	29.3%	295	101	34.2% ↑	4.9
Other	210	105	50.0%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a

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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