NSLVE NATIONAL STUDY OF LEARNING, VOTING, AND ENGAGEMENT

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Mississippi State University

Tufts UNIVERSITY | Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life

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 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.

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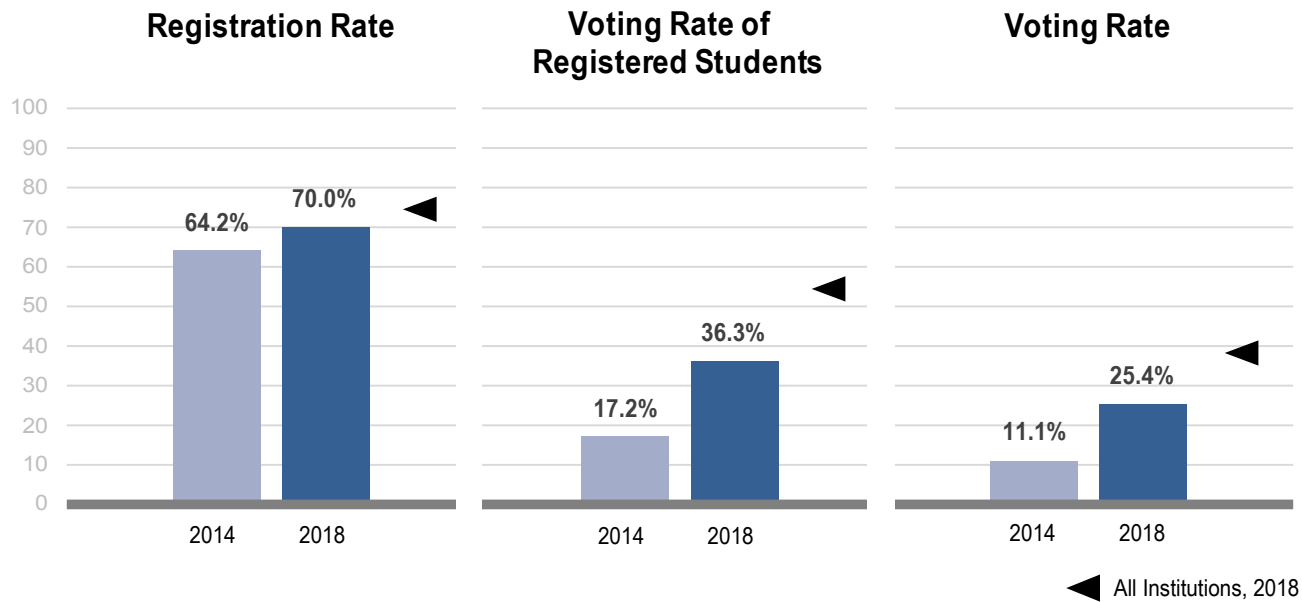
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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate
25.4%

CHANGE FROM 2014
+14.3

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%

Registration Rate

Voting Rate of Registered Students

Voting Rate

		2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment		**19,737**	**21,763**	⬆	**2,026**
	Age under 18/Unknown	(65)	(71)		
	IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(761)	(794)		
	FERPA records blocked	*	*		
Total eligible voters		**18,903**	**20,897**	⬆	**1,994**
Number of students who registered		**12,128**	**14,632**	⬆	**2,504**
Number of students who voted		**2,089**	**5,306**	⬆	**3,217**
Registration rate		**64.2%**	**70.0%**	⬆	**5.9**
Voting rate of registered students		**17.2%**	**36.3%**	⬆	**19.0**
Voting rate		**11.1%**	**25.4%**	⬆	**14.3**
	Difference from all institutions	**-8.7**	**-13.7**		

◀ All Institutions, 2018

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions	**HIGH 54.0%**
19.7%	**LOW 1.5%**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	**HIGH 64.1%**
39.1%	**LOW 11.5%**

Difference from All Institutions   **-8.7**

Difference from All Institutions   **-13.7**

	Your Institution		Research Institutions		Public Research Institutions		Private Research Institutions	
	2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018
	11.1%	25.4%	19.5%	41.2%	19.6%	40.8%	17.6%	42.5%
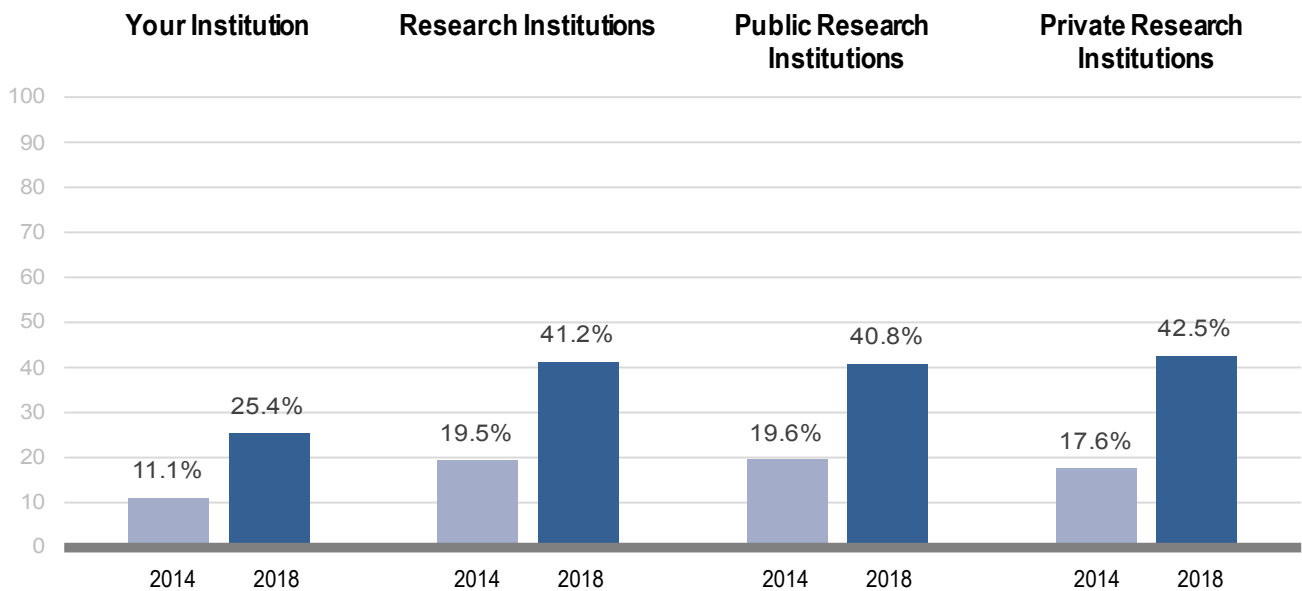
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By Voting Method*

	Absentee	Early Vote	Mail	In-Person, Election Day
2014	5.3%	6.1%	1.4%	5.4%
2018	7.4%	4.4%	2.1%	5.1%
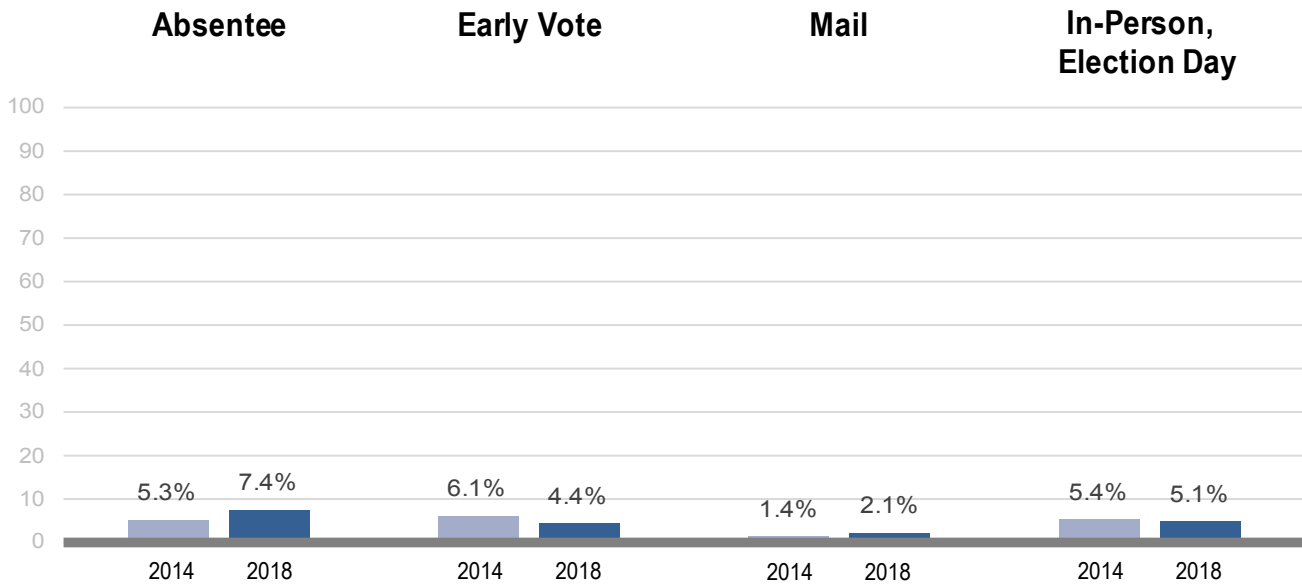
	2014		2018			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	110	**5.3%**	394	**7.4%**	⬆	**2.2**
Early Vote	128	**6.1%**	234	**4.4%**	⬇	**-1.7**
Mail	30	**1.4%**	113	**2.1%**	⬆	**0.7**
In-Person, Election Day	112	**5.4%**	268	**5.1%**	⬇	**-0.3**
Unknown	1,709	**81.8%**	4,297	**81.0%**		
Total	**2,089**		**5,306**			

* 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 offcials where your students voted.

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

By Age Group*
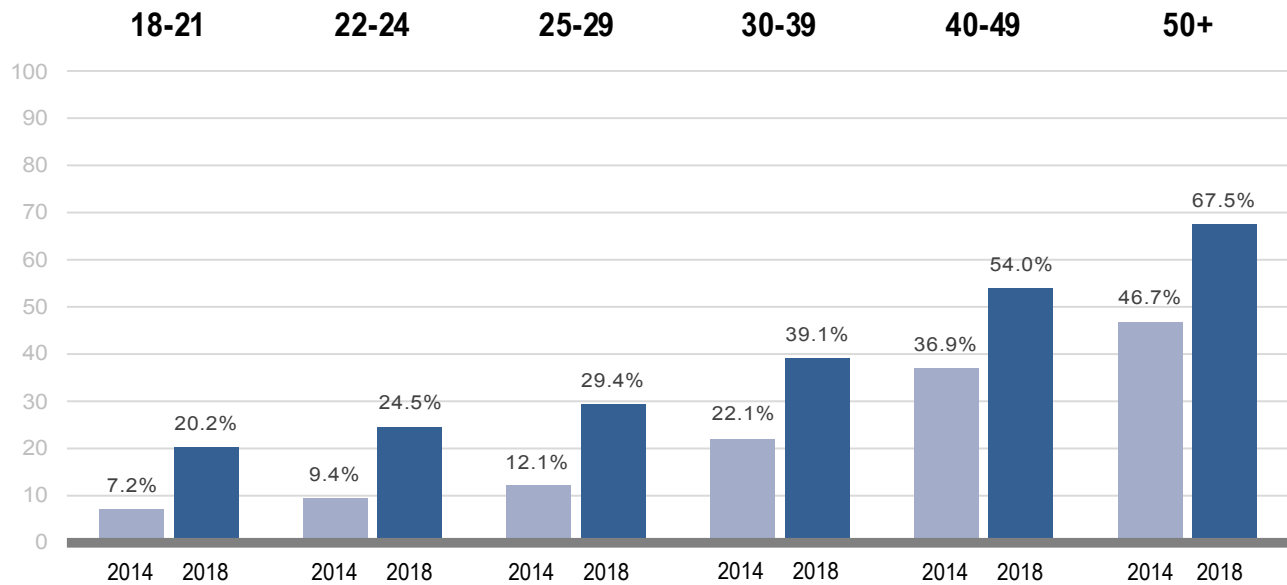
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	10,967	788	**7.2%**	13,072	2,646	**20.2%**	⬆	**13.1**
22-24	4,617	432	**9.4%**	4,653	1,140	**24.5%**	⬆	**15.1**
25-29	1,842	223	**12.1%**	1,864	548	**29.4%**	⬆	**17.3**
30-39	1,405	310	**22.1%**	1,321	517	**39.1%**	⬆	**17.1**
40-49	542	200	**36.9%**	535	289	**54.0%**	⬆	**17.1**
50+	291	136	**46.7%**	246	166	**67.5%**	⬆	**20.7**
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.

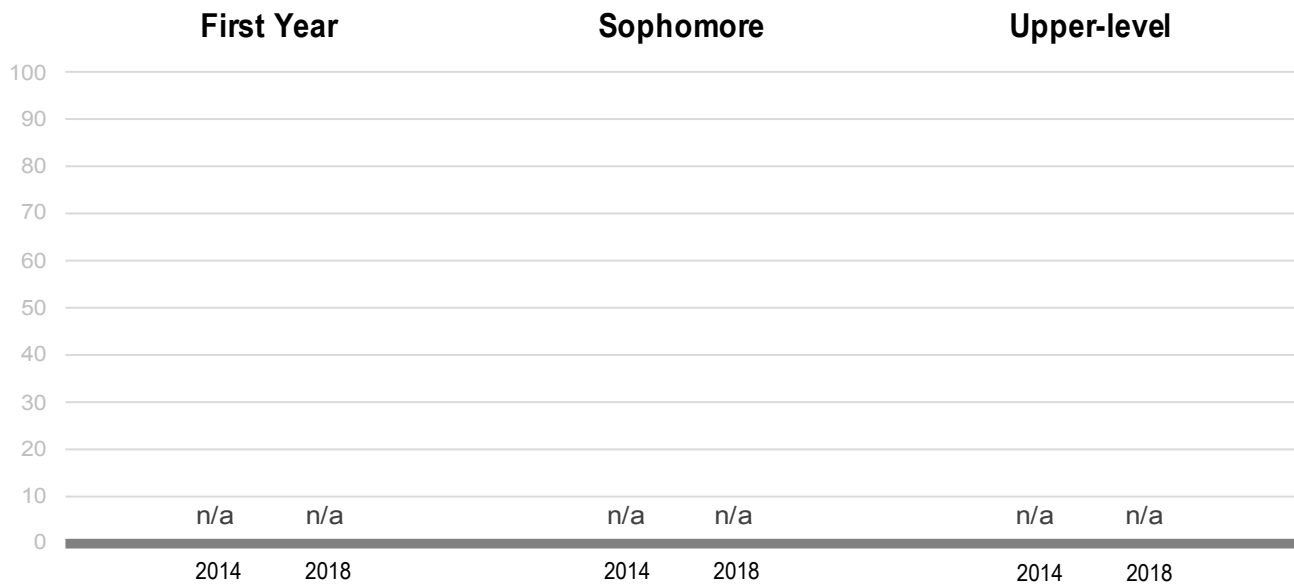**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Education Level*

Undergraduate
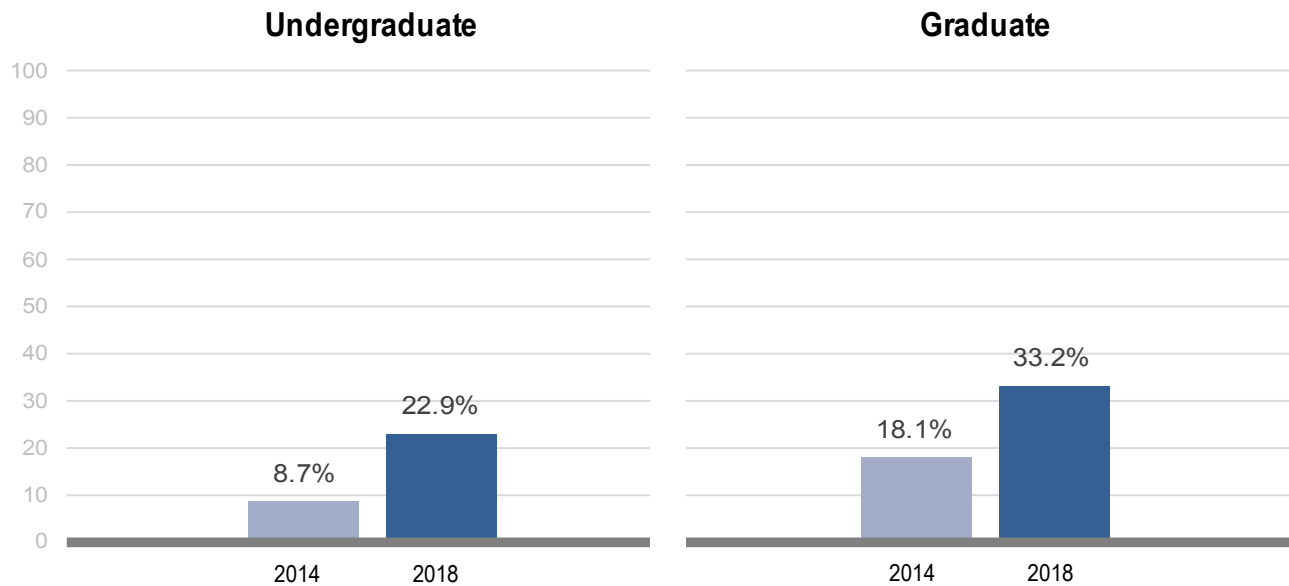
Graduate

	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Undergraduate	15,076	1,317	**8.7%**	17,609	4,038	**22.9%**	⬆	**14.2**
Graduate	3,333	604	**18.1%**	3,344	1,110	**33.2%**	⬆	**15.1**
Unknown	1,255			738				

* 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*

	First Year			**Sophomore**			**Upper-level**	
100								
90								
80								
70								
60								
50								
40								
30								
20								
10	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a
0								
	2014	2018		2014	2018		2014	2018

	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
First Year	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Sophomore	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Upper-level	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.

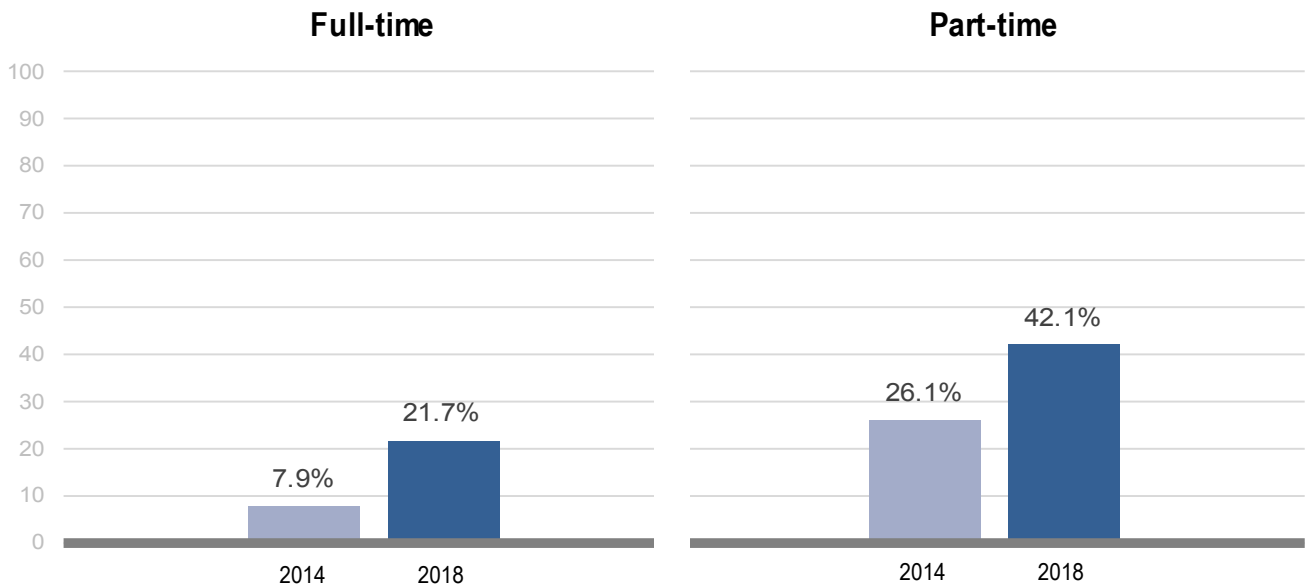**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Enrollment Status*

Full-time

Part-time

	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	16,711	1,318	**7.9%**	18,704	4,049	**21.7%**	⬆	**13.8**
Part-time	2,953	771	**26.1%**	2,987	1,257	**42.1%**	⬆	**16.0**
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.
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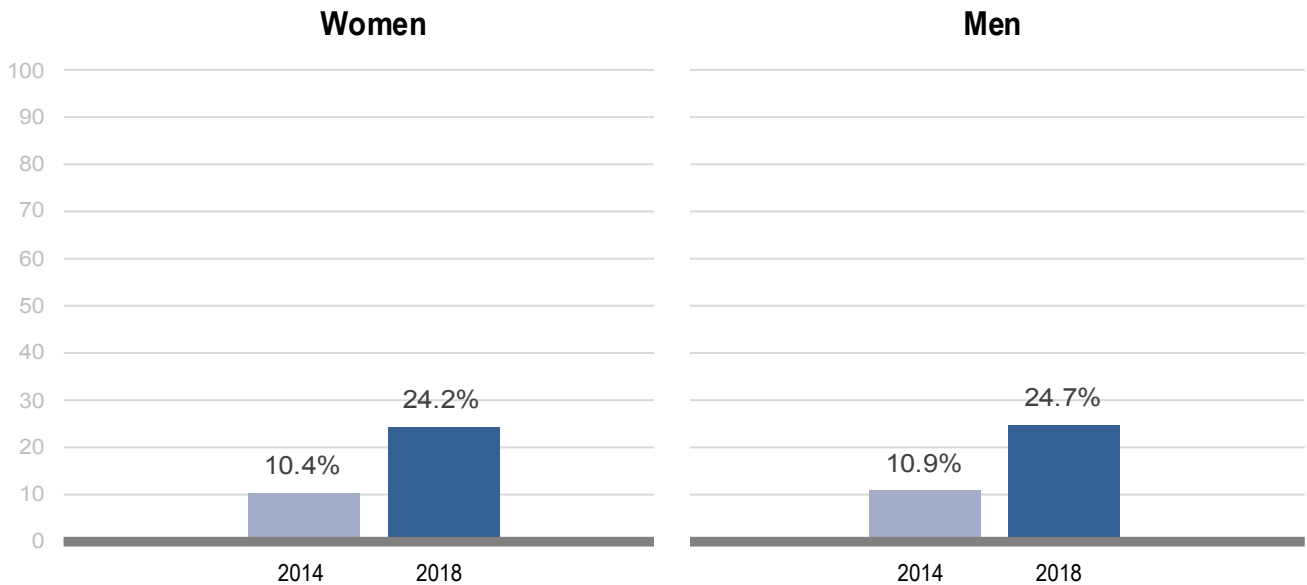## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Gender*

Women   **Men**

	2014				2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	9,566	993	**10.4%**		10,839	2,624	**24.2%**	⬆	**13.8**
Men	10,098	1,096	**10.9%**		10,852	2,682	**24.7%**	⬆	**13.9**
Unknown	0				0				

* 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*
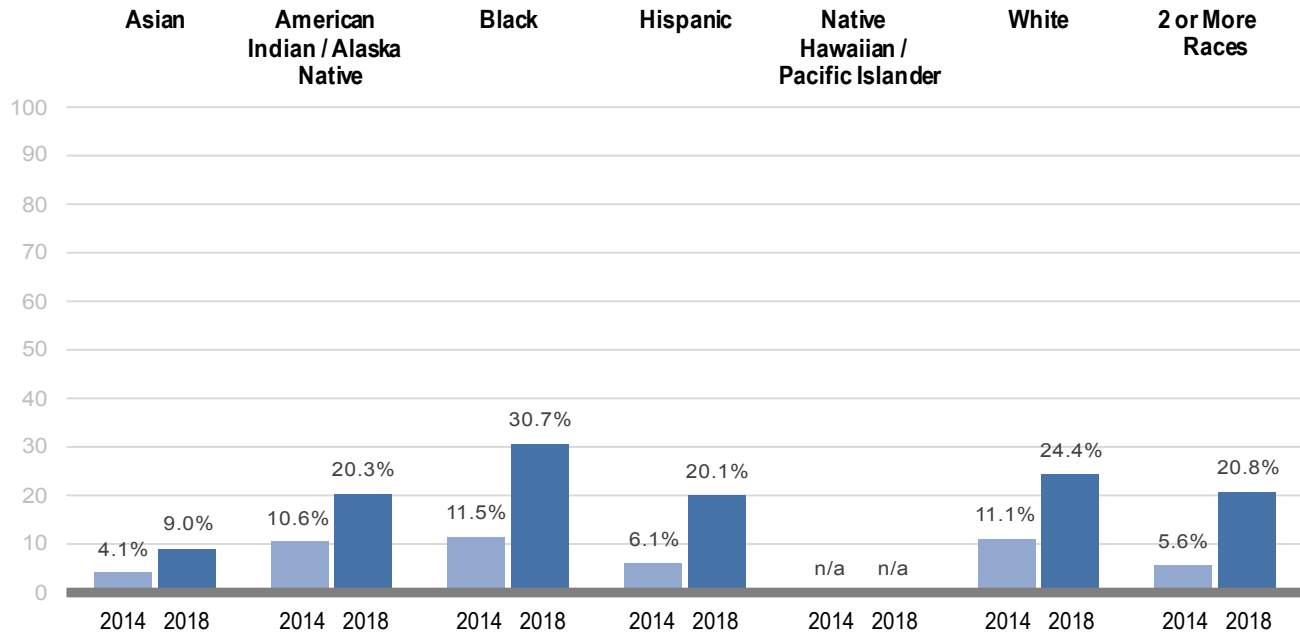
	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Asian	315	13	**4.1%**	388	35	**9.0%**	⬆	**4.9**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	104	11	**10.6%**	118	24	**20.3%**	⬆	**9.8**
Black	3,792	434	**11.5%**	3,915	1,200	**30.7%**	⬆	**19.2**
Hispanic	489	30	**6.1%**	673	135	**20.1%**	⬆	**13.9**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	16	*	**n/a**	16	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
White	14,029	1,550	**11.1%**	15,507	3,784	**24.4%**	⬆	**13.4**
2 or More Races	266	15	**5.6%**	394	82	**20.8%**	⬆	**15.2**
Unknown	653			680				

* 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
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	1,071	116	**10.8%**	1,094	240	**21.9%** ⬆	**11.1**
Architecture	358	16	**4.5%**	419	85	**20.3%** ⬆	**15.8**
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,427	112	**7.9%**	1,760	321	**18.2%** ⬆	**10.4**
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,590	250	**9.7%**	3,074	731	**23.8%** ⬆	**14.1**
Communication and Journalism	592	48	**8.1%**	561	155	**27.6%** ⬆	**19.5**
Computer and Information Sciences	291	23	**7.9%**	424	102	**24.1%** ⬆	**16.2**
Education	1,922	331	**17.2%**	1,885	621	**32.9%** ⬆	**15.7**
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	3,574	322	**9.0%**	4,442	994	**22.4%** ⬆	**13.4**
English Language and Literature	139	11	**7.9%**	138	44	**31.9%** ⬆	**24.0**
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	422	44	**10.4%**	367	77	**21.0%** ⬆	**10.6**
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	43	*	**n/a**	211	47	**22.3%**	**n/a**
Health Professions	501	36	**7.2%**	555	112	**20.2%** ⬆	**13.0**
History	160	29	**18.1%**	144	55	**38.2%** ⬆	**20.1**
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,273	166	**13.0%**	1,033	225	**21.8%** ⬆	**8.7**
Mathematics and Statistics	112	*	**n/a**	140	20	**14.3%**	**n/a**
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	412	84	**20.4%**	585	205	**35.0%** ⬆	**14.7**
Natural Resources and Conservation	510	48	**9.4%**	609	139	**22.8%** ⬆	**13.4**
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,368	102	**7.5%**	1,297	294	**22.7%** ⬆	**15.2**
Personal and Culinary Services	11	0	**n/a**	20	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Philosophy and Religious Studies	41	*	**n/a**	27	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
Physical Sciences	977	164	**16.8%**	941	310	**32.9%** ⬆	**16.2**
Psychology	702	55	**7.8%**	787	184	**23.4%** ⬆	**15.6**
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	252	50	**19.8%**	211	74	**35.1%** ⬆	**15.2**

Social Sciences	624	58	**9.3%**		691	191	**27.6% ⬆**	**18.4**
Visual and Performing Arts	289	*	**n/a**		266	67	**25.2%**	**n/a**
Unknown	*	0	**n/a**		10	*	**n/a**	**n/a**

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