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Student Voting Rates for Montgomery County Community College

2020 NSLVE Campus Report

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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to send this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for 2020. This report contains three years of relevant topline data: 2016, 2018, and 2020. As always, we disaggregate the data so you can better identify and address gaps in participation.

College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

As in past years, we urge you to share this report widely and strategically, particularly with faculty who, in 2020, were often the most consistent communicators with students about ever-changing voting conditions and deadlines. We also urge you to review our recommendations for engaging elections to cultivate a robust and healthy campus climate for political engagement, discourse, equity, and participation: Election Imperatives (2019) and the more recent Election Imperatives: A Time of Physical Distancing and Social Action. Since "pervasive political discussions" and attentiveness to the campus culture around speech and academic freedom are among our top recommendations, we direct you to our discussion guides on talking about your NSLVE report, on free speech and inclusion , and on hot topics, our Making Sense of ... guides.

Finally, we always encourage you to work with us. Help us help you get better data by reaching out. Email **IDHE@Tufts.edu** for more information. And as always, watch your inbox for our periodic newsletter, IDHE Update, for announcements about upcoming releases and new resources.

Congratulations on engaging your students in the 2020 election. Remember, student political learning is a year-round objective. Elections may be episodic, but student political engagement should not be.

All the Best,
IDHE Team

(Top Row from left) Duy Trinh, Program Administrator; Adam Gismondi, Director of Impact; Dave Brinker, Senior Researcher;
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We also want to acknowledge and thank **Syed Golam Mohaimen, M.S. student in Data Science at Tufts University** for his contributions toward the creation of these reports.
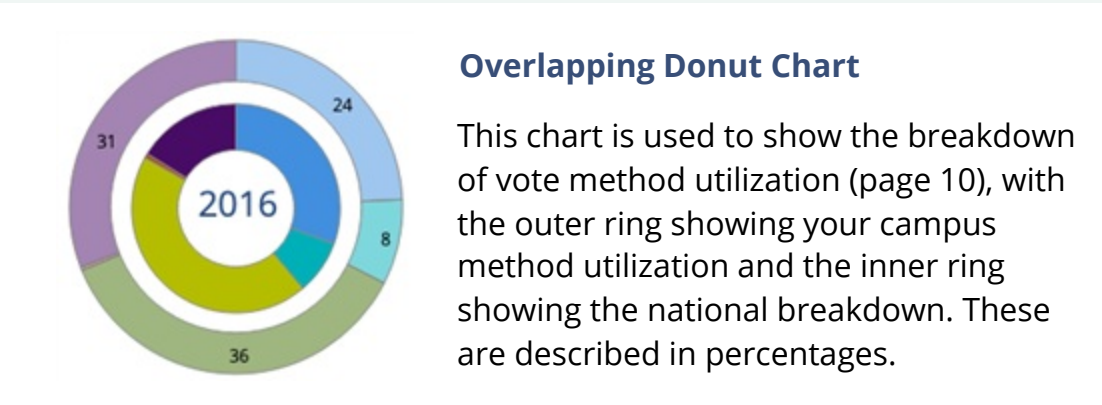
In This Report

This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut charts, and tables.

Tables

The tables show, on the left-side columns, the numbers of students and the rates from 2016, 2018, and 2020. On the left-side, percentage point (p.p.) changes between 2016 and 2020. A red down arrow indicates a decrease, a green up arrow indicates an increase, and a yellow arrow pointing to the right indicates no change. "-" in these tables indicates that the data is unavailable/missing, or is available for 10 or less students.

Vessel Chart

This chart shows rates out of 100%, with arrows to the right of each bar representing relevant national averages (medians), which you can find in IDHE's national report Democracy Counts 2020.

Overlapping Donut Chart

This chart is used to show the breakdown of vote method utilization (page 10), with the outer ring showing your campus method utilization and the inner ring showing the national breakdown. These are described in percentages.

Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

66.9%
2020 Voting Rate

+6.3
Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%
2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

72.6%	66.7%	77.3%
2016	2018	2020

The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

83.5%	66.4%	86.5%
2016	2018	2020

The **Voting Rate of Registered Students** is the percent of registered students who voted on Election Day. We often refer to this as the "yield" rate.

VOTING RATE

60.6%	44.3%	66.9%
2016	2018	2020

The **Voting Rate** is the percentage of eligible students who voted on Election Day. The voting rate is also the product of the registration and yield rates.

Looking Closer

Voting and Registration Rates

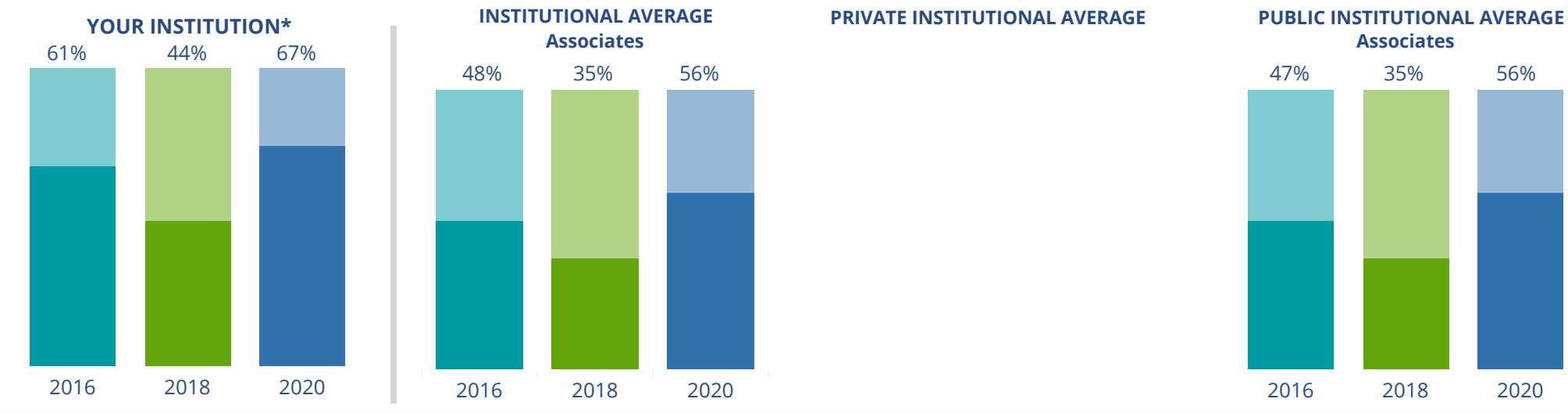|	2016	2018	2020	2016-2020 Change (p.p.)
Total Student Enrollment	10,316	9,434	8,873	⬇ -1,444
(Age under 18/Unknown)	13	31	15	⬆ 2
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	189	151	114	⬇ -75
(FERPA records blocked)	–	–	–	–
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	–	–	–	–
Total eligible voters	10,115	9,252	8,743	⬇ -1,371
Number of students who registered	7,340	6,172	6,761	⬇ -579
Number of students who voted	6,131	4,098	5,846	⬇ -285
Registration Rate %	73	67	77	⬆ 5
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	84	66	86	⬆ 3
Voting Rate %	61	44	67	⬆ 6

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates. The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged, students who are not pursuing degrees.

We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to NSC, or we cannot verify the accuracy of the reported counts. This estimate is given by "IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens" on this page. If you believe the number of international students reported on this report is incorrect, you can manually adjust your institution's voting rates by using our recalculation tool. https://id-he.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-recalculation-tool.
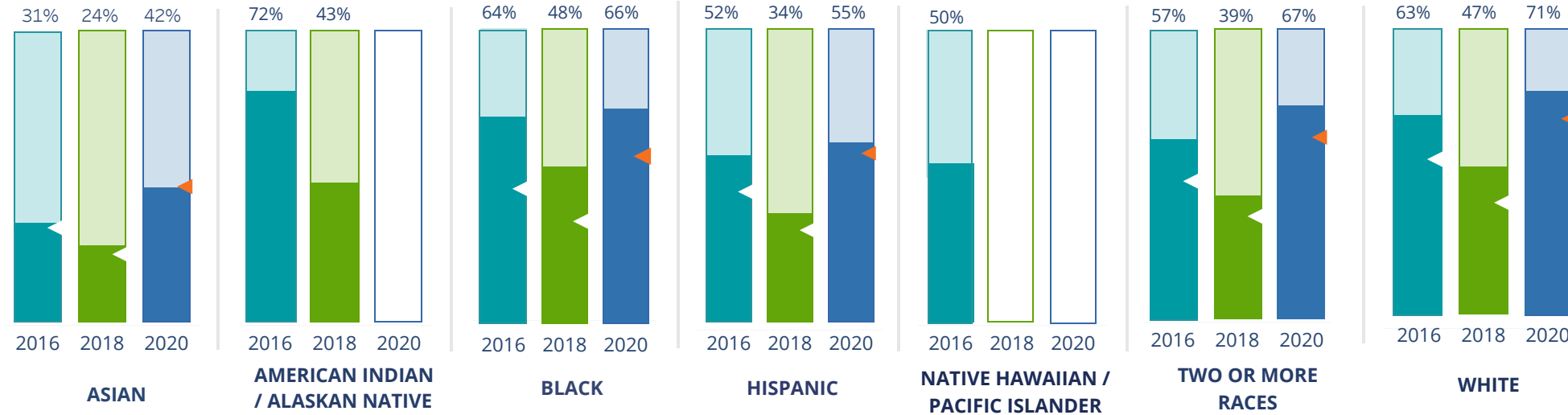
By Institution Types

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions

53%

HIGH 82%

LOW 13%

2020 Voting Rate for All Institutions

66%

HIGH 89%

LOW 19%

These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. *"Your Institution" chart is presented at a different scale.

YOUR INSTITUTION*

61%   44%   67%

2016   2018   2020

INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE
Associates

48%   35%   56%

2016   2018   2020

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE
Associates

47%   35%   56%

2016   2018   2020

By Race / Ethnicity

ASIAN — 2016: 31%, 2018: 24%, 2020: 42%

AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE — 2016: 72%, 2018: 43%

BLACK — 2016: 64%, 2018: 48%, 2020: 66%

HISPANIC — 2016: 52%, 2018: 34%, 2020: 55%

NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER — 2016: 50%

TWO OR MORE RACES — 2016: 57%, 2018: 39%, 2020: 67%

WHITE — 2016: 63%, 2018: 47%, 2020: 71%

These are estimated voting rates for race / ethnicity groups. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following race reporting procedures* defined by the National Center for Education Statistics of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Please see our FAQ for more detail on why we cannot report national benchmark for some of the demographic groups:
https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq

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* https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/report-your-data/race-ethnicity-collecting-data-for-reporting-purposes
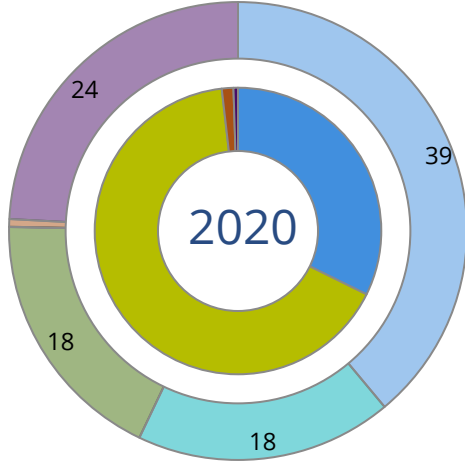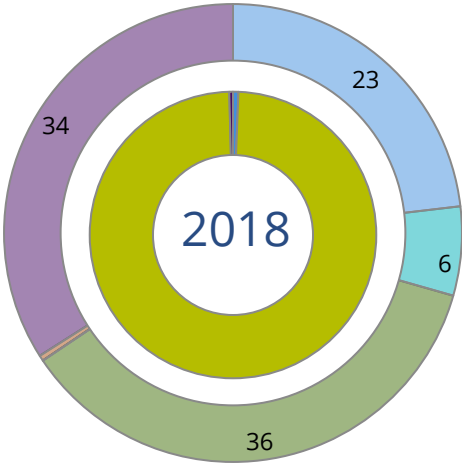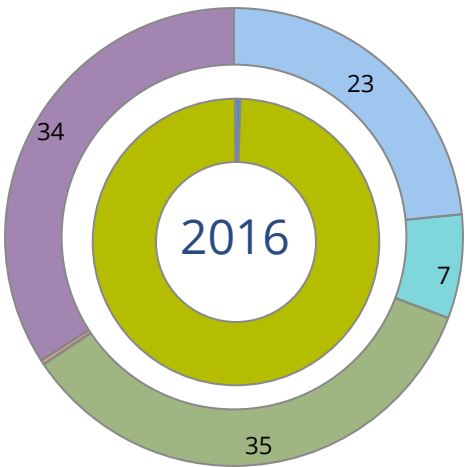
Looking Closer

By Race/Ethnicity

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates. We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years.
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	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Enrolled**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Enrolled**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Change (p.p)**
Asian	686	212	31	658	158	24	589	247	42	⬆ 11
American Indian/ Alaska Native	39	28	72	30	13	43	11	–	–	–
Black	1,495	952	64	1,411	681	48	1,357	893	66	⬆ 2
Hispanic	679	350	52	760	256	34	795	439	55	⬆ 4
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	28	14	50	26	–	–	12	–	–	–
2 or More Races	308	174	56	328	128	39	398	267	67	⬆ 11
White	6,119	3,862	63	5,592	2,607	47	5,200	3,684	71	⬆ 8
Race Unknown	928	539	58	580	245	42	480	302	63	⬆ 5

By Voting Method

Legend: Not-In-Person · Early Vote · In-Person · Other · Provisional · Unknown

2016 — 23, 34, 35, 7
2018 — 23, 34, 36, 6
2020 — 24, 39, 18, 18

	2016		2018		2020		2016-2020
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p.)
Early Vote	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
In-Person on Election Day	6,093	99	4,058	99	3,854	66	-34 ⬇
Not-In-Person	31	1	25	1	1,891	32	32 ⬆
Other	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Provisional	–	–	–	–	78	1	–
Voting Method Unknown	–	–	15	0	22	1	–

These are estimated rates for vote method utilization, the number of students utilizing each method, and the percent of students utilizing each method. Not all U.S. states provide information on vote method; voting method for voter files from these states are classified "Voting Method Unknown." For a list of these states, see our FAQ. https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-faq#CampusReports

By Age Group

	2016	2018	2020
18-21	57%	40%	66%
22-24	59%	42%	62%
25-29	57%	42%	62%
30-39	62%	49%	68%
40-49	70%	55%	74%
50+	82%	76%	80%

Voting is habit-forming and young voters will usually continue as voters in subsequent elections. Also, young voters are more likely to be contacted by campaigns and are visible, and therefore significant, to elected officials. While in the past, we have seen voting rates increase across age groups, in recent cycles, the most significant increases have been among first-time and the youngest voters. Some colleges serve primarily young students, traditionally viewed as students in the 18-21 or 22-24 categories here. Others have much higher numbers of enrolled older undergraduate or graduate students.

Looking Closer

By Age Group

Here, we provide the numbers of students in each age category and the voting rates for each group. These are based on the student's age on the day of the election, as calculated by the National Student Clearinghouse using data from student enrollment records.

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
18-21	4,954	2,824	57	4,635	1,835	40	4,349	2,888	66	⬆ 9
22-24	1,685	991	59	1,541	640	42	1,369	851	62	⬆ 3
25-29	1,396	791	57	1,229	516	42	1,214	749	62	⬆ 5
30-39	1,249	776	62	1,121	552	49	1,158	786	68	⬆ 6
40-49	571	400	70	458	250	55	487	360	74	⬆ 4
50+	427	349	82	401	305	76	265	212	80	⬇ -2

Looking Closer

By Sex

| | 2016 | | | 2018 | | | 2020 | | | 2016-2020 |
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Female	5,766	3,486	60	5,294	2,302	43	5,343	3,546	66	⬆ 6
Male	4,511	2,641	59	4,074	1,790	44	3,490	2,294	66	⬆ 7

These are estimated voting rates for sex groups and the numbers we used to calculate their voting rates. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following the reporting procedures defined by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Presently, NCES requires institutions to report students as "Male" or "Female" only.*

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*https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/public/survey-materials/faq?faqid=11

Looking Closer

By Education Level / Undergraduate Class Year

	2016 Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	2018 Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	2020 Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	2016-2020 Change (p.p)
EDUCATION LEVEL										
Undergraduate	9,013	5,310	59	8,267	3,506	42	7,706	5,022	65	↑ 6
Graduate	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Class Unknown	1,269	821	65	1,118	592	53	1,136	824	73	↑ 8
CLASS YEAR										
First Year	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Second Year	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Upper Level	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
ENROLLMENT STATUS										
Full-time	3,924	2,301	59	3,264	1,327	41	3,149	2,047	65	↑ 6
Part-time	6,358	3,830	60	6,121	2,771	45	5,693	3,799	67	↑ 6

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (undergraduate/graduate), Class Year, and Enrollment Status (full-time/part-time), and the numbers we used to calculate these rates.

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By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Enrolled**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Enrolled**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Change (p.p)**
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	47	26	55	40	15	38	48	28	58	⬆ 3
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,374	777	57	1,309	502	38	1,241	829	67	⬆ 10
Communication and Journalism	201	136	68	172	91	53	175	128	73	⬆ 5
Communications Technologies/Technicians	78	47	60	109	56	51	124	88	71	⬆ 11
Computer and Information Sciences	472	273	58	515	211	41	560	327	58	⬆ 1
Education	625	376	60	580	276	48	418	277	66	⬆ 6
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	410	223	54	417	180	43	400	246	62	⬆ 7

These are estimated voting rates by field of study, and the numbers we used to calculate the field of study rates. For an explanation of CIP codes, please see our FAQ.* There are roughly 8,000 fields of study among U.S. colleges and universities, so we provide rates for condensed categories.

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By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Health Professions	1,181	695	59	1,015	417	41	2,140	1,347	63	⬆ 4
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protec..	456	299	66	316	118	37	242	163	67	⬆ 2
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	3,264	1,909	58	2,586	1,097	42	1,220	842	69	⬆ 11
Mathematics and Statistics	48	26	54	26	–	–	23	18	78	⬆ 24
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	–	–	–	23	16	70	19	13	68	–
Natural Resources and Conservation	39	27	69	47	25	53	57	47	82	⬆ 13
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Stu..	46	24	52	47	16	34	130	86	66	⬆ 14
Personal and Culinary Services	218	142	65	182	77	42	103	60	58	⬇ -7
Physical Sciences	80	47	59	69	27	39	35	20	57	⬇ -2
Psychology	229	149	65	364	158	43	397	263	66	⬆ 1
Science Technologies/Technicians	216	126	58	311	129	41	265	154	58	⬇ 0
Social Sciences	144	91	63	86	54	63	61	46	75	⬆ 12
Visual and Performing Arts	321	198	62	288	144	50	247	176	71	⬆ 10
Unknown	820	528	64	883	479	54	937	688	73	⬆ 9

About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement.

Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, nearly 1,200 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020 federal elections.

Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 50 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 2016, 2018, and 2020 elections.

These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) and publicly available voting files collected by L2 Political.

Enrollment lists are adjusted by deducting students under age 18 (at the time of the election), people identified as non-degree seeking and those identified by campuses as "nonresident aliens" (NRAs) (the federal government's category for mostly international students). Unfortunately, not all campuses report NRAs to NSC. For those campuses, we use IPEDS to calculate the number of NRA students on each campus and adjust NSC enrollment numbers to estimate the number of students to remove. We also quality check NRA removals by verifying that there is little to no discrepancy between the number of international students reported by the campus to IPEDS and to NSC. We cannot adjust subgroup analyses absent identification of NRAs verified by the process above. We welcome closer partnerships with individual colleges and universities to provide more accurate rates. For more on the data and the matching process, see our FAQ on Campus Reports.

Montgomery County Community College

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.

References: IDHE encourages report recipients to share this report as broadly as possible, including posting it on the college or university's website. When doing so, please use the following citation: Institute for Democracy & Higher Education: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2021). 2016, 2018, and 2020 report for _____ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.