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Student Voting Rates for University of Colorado Denver

NSLVE Campus Report

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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to share this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for several recent election cycles. For the first time ever, this report contains *four* years of relevant topline data: the midterm elections of 2014, 2018, and 2022, along with contextual data from the 2020 presidential election year. As we build the NSLVE data over time, the additional years of data may help your institution to begin to understand longer-term trends and considerations for practice.

This month, we are also looking forward to the release of Democracy Counts 2022, our national report on our most recent midterm elections. The results from 2022 were mixed – some encouraging trends and some signs of more work to do. We are excited to dive into the results with you and share what we see as the major takeaways in the coming weeks, so stay tuned.

You've heard this from us before: we urge you to share this report widely and strategically across your campus community. NSLVE data is an important resource for not only understanding your institution but also building a culture of political learning in higher education. We also invite you to invite you to lean on our team's resources, including our Election Imperatives report series, which provides data-backed practical recommendations for centering civic and political learning and participation.

Other resources that you might find helpful in your work include our forthcoming national report (keep an eye on our homepage!), our report on how institutions use NSLVE reports, and our discussion guide on how to talk about your NSLVE reports on campus.

Finally, we always encourage you to reach out to us for support and with any questions that you may have. Email NSLVE@tufts.edu to get in touch with our team, and as always, watch your inbox (or sign up!) for our periodic newsletter, announcements about upcoming releases, and new resources.

Remember, student political learning is a constant effort, requiring year-round strategic building. Elections may be episodic, but student engagement in democracy should not be.

All the Best,
Adam, Duy, Mari, and Victoria
The NSLVE Team

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

	2014			2018			2014-2018
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p.)
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The tables show the numbers of students and the rates from 2014, 2018, 2020, and 2022,when available. The change column represents difference between comparable counts and rates. The change in rates are in terms of percentage points. 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 Democracy Counts, our national report series.

Overlapping Donut Chart

This chart is used to show the breakdown of vote method utilization (page 9), with the inner ring showing your campus's method utilization and the outer ring showing the national level utilization. These are described in percentages.

Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

51.4%
2022 Voting Rate

-6.0
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

| 73.3%	79.0%	85.3%	85.4%
2014	2018	2020	2022
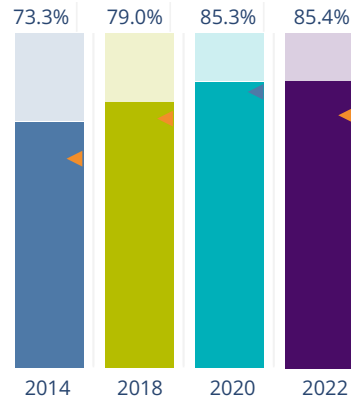
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

60.0%	72.6%	89.6%	60.3%
2014	2018	2020	2022

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

44.0%	57.4%	76.4%	51.4%
2014	2018	2020	2022
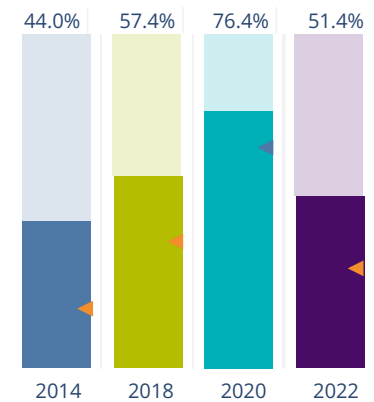
The **Voting Rate** is the percentage of eligible students who voted on Election Day. The voting rate is also the product of the registration and yield rates.

Looking Closer

Voting and Registration Rates

	2014	2018	2020	2022	2018-2022 Change
Total Student Enrollment	22,672	25,445	24,691	23,391	⬇ -2,054
Age under 18/Unknown	2,269	3,833	3,083	2,584	⬇ -1,249
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,439	1,170	1,216	1,586	⬆ 415
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	16	-	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	1,217	2,020	1,758	-	-
Total eligible voters	17,730	18,416	18,627	19,220	⬆ 804
Number of students who registered	12,997	14,557	15,898	16,411	⬆ 1,854
Number of students who voted	7,801	10,575	14,240	9,889	⬇ -686
Registration Rate %	73	79	85	85	⬆ 6
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	60	72	89	60	⬇ -12
Voting Rate %	43	57	76	51	⬇ -5

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.
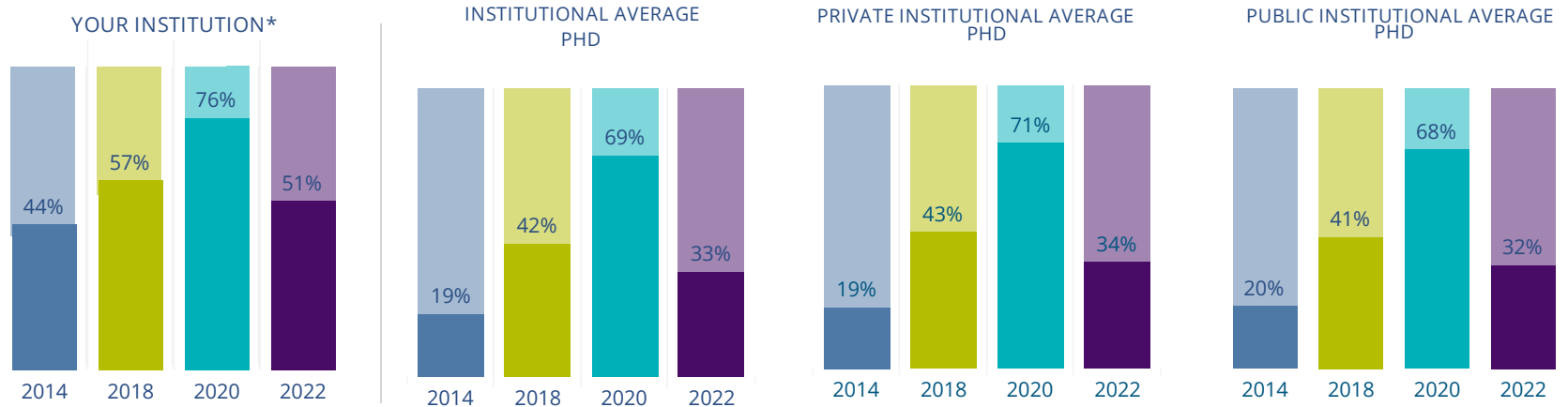
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to NSC, or we cannot verify the accuracy of the reported counts. This is indicated by IPEDS in the data source.

In the following pages with tables, **Enrolled** represents the eligible voters when we have used NSC as the data source. When we have used IPEDS as the data source, **Enrolled** includes non-resident aliens who are ineligible to vote, and for whom we are unable to account due to the lack of data from your institution.
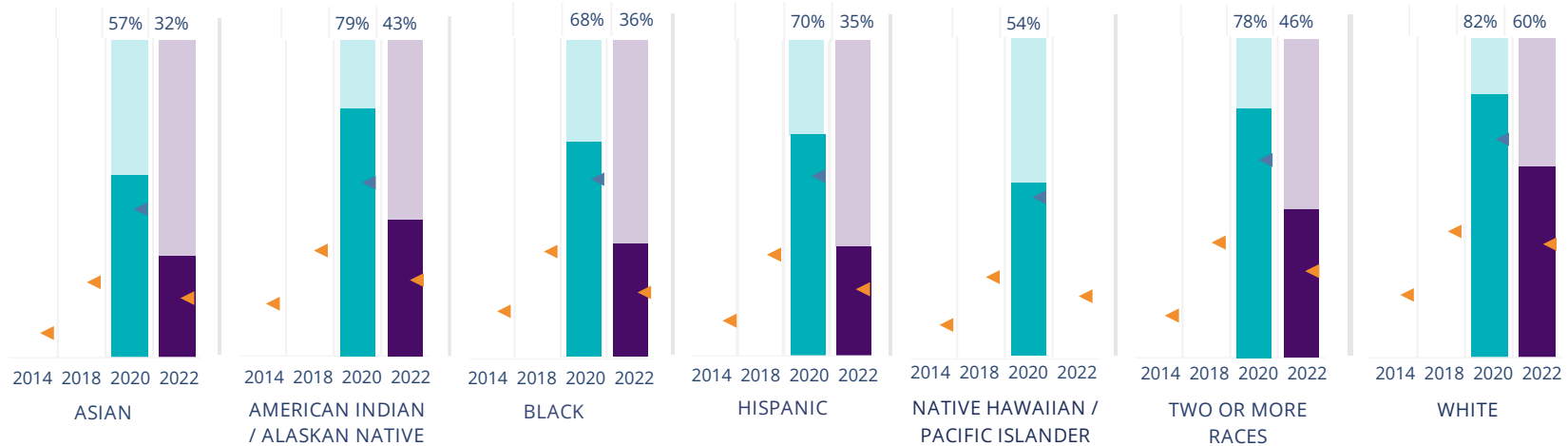
By Institution Types

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 79%
39.1%	LOW 7%

2022 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 68%
30.6%	LOW 4%

These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. For Associate institutions, we only share public associate institutional averages due to sample size. *"Your Institution" chart is presented at a different scale.

YOUR INSTITUTION*

2014	2018	2020	2022
44%	57%	76%	51%

INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

2014	2018	2020	2022
19%	42%	69%	33%

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

2014	2018	2020	2022
19%	43%	71%	34%

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

2014	2018	2020	2022
20%	41%	68%	32%

By Race / Ethnicity

57% 32%	79% 43%	68% 36%	70% 35%	54%	78% 46%	82% 60%	

2014 2018 2020 2022 — ASIAN
2014 2018 2020 2022 — AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE
2014 2018 2020 2022 — BLACK
2014 2018 2020 2022 — HISPANIC
2014 2018 2020 2022 — NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER
2014 2018 2020 2022 — TWO OR MORE RACES
2014 2018 2020 2022 — WHITE

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 : https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq

If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data or reports this data as unknown; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

*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. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data or reports this data as unknown; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

| | 2014 | | | 2018 | | | 2020 | | | 2022 | | | 2018-2022 |
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,067	1,181	57	2,122	674	31	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	56	44	78	81	35	43	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	944	637	67	1,069	381	35	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	869	609	70	826	286	34	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	13	54	24	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,822	2,963	77	4,293	1,973	45	-
White	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,130	8,312	82	10,524	6,261	59	-
Race Unknown	18,908	7,801	41	19,232	10,575	54	1,632	481	29	1,868	273	14	⬇-40

By Voting Method

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

Donut charts labeled 2014, 2018, 2020, 2022
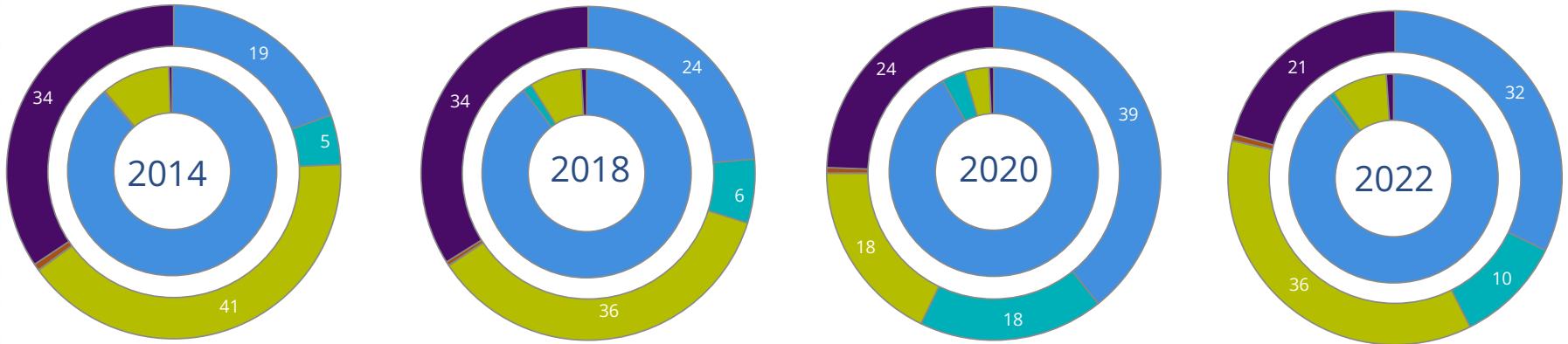
	2014		2018		2020		2022		2018-2022	
	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Change	
Early Vote	13	0	153	1	506	3	79	0	⇨	0
In-Person	825	10	857	8	534	3	851	8	⇨	0
Not-In-Person	6,918	88	9,490	89	13,080	91	8,848	89	⇨	0
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Voting Method Unknown	43	0	75	0	117	0	109	1	⇨	0

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. The inner ring in these charts show your campus's method utilization and the outer ring show the national level utilization.

By Age Group

	2014	2018	2020	2022
18-21	31%	47%	67%	37%
22-24	35%	52%	70%	40%
25-29	41%	56%	75%	48%
30-39	50%	62%	76%	58%
40-49	59%	69%	79%	67%
50+	72%	76%	86%	74%

Voting is habit-forming and young voters will often continue as voters in subsequent elections. Also, elected officials and public opinion polls solicit opinions from people they can locate - people in the voter files. Our 2020 data showed a surge among the youngest voters on college campuses, yet 2022 saw a return to past trends, with older students voting at higher rates than their younger counterparts. This change underscores the importance of continued need for institutionalized learning -- working with students to help them understand their political voice and power as they arrive on campus.

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.

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
18-21	4,725	1,497	31	5,849	2,772	47	5,756	3,883	67	6,243	2,318	37	⬇ -10
22-24	4,095	1,461	35	4,079	2,138	52	3,992	2,833	70	4,134	1,693	40	⬇ -11
25-29	4,922	2,035	41	4,744	2,702	56	4,723	3,576	75	4,650	2,265	48	⬇ -8
30-39	3,582	1,805	50	3,220	2,005	62	3,545	2,699	76	3,817	2,241	58	⬇ -3
40-49	1,130	672	59	985	688	69	1,119	895	79	1,388	942	67	⬇ -1
50+	454	331	72	355	270	76	409	354	86	575	430	74	⬇ -1

Looking Closer

By Sex

| | 2014 | | | 2018 | | | 2020 | | | 2022 | | | 2018-2022 |
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022 Rate Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
EDUCATION LEVEL													
Undergraduate	10,548	3,820	36	11,664	5,910	50	11,169	7,735	69	10,672	4,249	39	⬇ -10
Graduate	8,359	3,980	47	7,566	4,665	61	8,374	6,505	77	8,386	4,491	53	⬇ -8
Class Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,749	880	50	-
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	2,239	612	27	2,413	1,018	42	2,023	1,282	63	2,444	718	29	⬇ -12
Sophomore	2,110	714	33	2,286	1,119	48	2,191	1,463	66	1,963	739	37	⬇ -11
Upperclassman	6,200	2,495	40	6,956	3,773	54	6,952	4,987	71	6,270	2,793	44	⬇ -9
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	14,357	5,798	40	15,671	8,459	53	15,761	11,370	72	16,397	7,506	45	⬇ -8
Part-time	4,551	2,003	44	3,561	2,116	59	3,783	2,870	75	4,410	2,383	54	⬇ -5

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (under-graduate/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	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Architecture	615	231	37	807	427	52	768	544	70	657	291	44	⬇ -8
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	18	12	66	28	18	64	-	-	-	17	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,372	570	41	1,545	860	55	1,813	1,346	74	2,054	926	45	⬇ -10
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,840	1,098	38	2,716	1,412	51	3,061	2,196	71	3,298	1,427	43	⬇ -8
Communication and Journalism	436	134	30	483	181	37	511	196	38	460	96	20	⬇ -16

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.

*https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Computer and Information Sciences	388	109	28	521	195	37	685	406	59	1,016	304	29	⬇ -7
Education	1,165	652	55	862	613	71	990	821	82	1,304	827	63	⬇ -7
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,435	458	31	1,443	702	48	1,216	776	63	1,128	425	37	⬇ -10
English Language and Literature	330	150	45	284	179	63	271	222	81	192	103	53	⬇ -9
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	-	-	-	82	44	53	198	153	77	128	65	50	⬇ -2
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	58	34	58	40	26	65	25	20	80	23	20	86	⬆ 21
Health Professions	4,972	2,055	41	5,012	2,875	57	4,447	3,511	78	4,097	2,177	53	⬇ -4
History	160	99	61	124	88	70	116	105	90	107	75	70	➡ 0
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	292	121	41	381	191	50	376	283	75	407	165	40	⬇ -9
Library Science	120	72	60	66	51	77	89	69	77	99	77	77	➡ 0

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	164	73	44	458	230	50	546	409	74	507	205	40	⬇ -9
Mathematics and Statistics	169	73	43	170	91	53	174	130	74	121	76	62	⬆ 9
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	240	121	50	238	152	63	199	159	79	1,345	821	61	⬇ -2
Philosophy and Religious Studies	32	12	37	39	26	66	41	35	85	31	21	67	⬆ 1
Social Sciences	1,259	444	35	1,194	558	46	1,143	587	51	1,020	362	35	⬇ -11
Visual and Performing Arts	1,194	511	42	1,314	792	60	1,275	1,030	80	1,178	593	50	⬇ -9
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	12	-	-	-

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, 2020, and 2022 federal elections.

Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database representing an average of well over 10 million students for each election year, that serves as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

The National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement (NSLVE, "en-solve") is a service offered to colleges and universities that provides a tailored report on their students' voting rates and other metrics. Launched in 2013 at Tufts University's Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life, NSLVE represents more than 1,200 campuses in all 50 states + D.C. and now serves as a widely impactful resource for the work of understanding and fostering student political learning.

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 2014, 2018, 2020, and 2022 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.

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://nslve.tufts.edu.

References: NSLVE 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: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2024). 2022 report for _____ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.

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