Student Voting Rates for The Community College of Baltimore County

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;
(Botton Row from left) Nancy Thomas, Director; Norma López, Postdoctoral Scholar; Prabhat Gautam, Data Manager.

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

56.5%
2020 Voting Rate

+0.6
Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%
2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

77.1%	75.4%	78.1%

| 2016 | 2018 | 2020 |

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

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

72.5%	53.2%	72.3%

| 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

55.9%	40.1%	56.5%

| 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

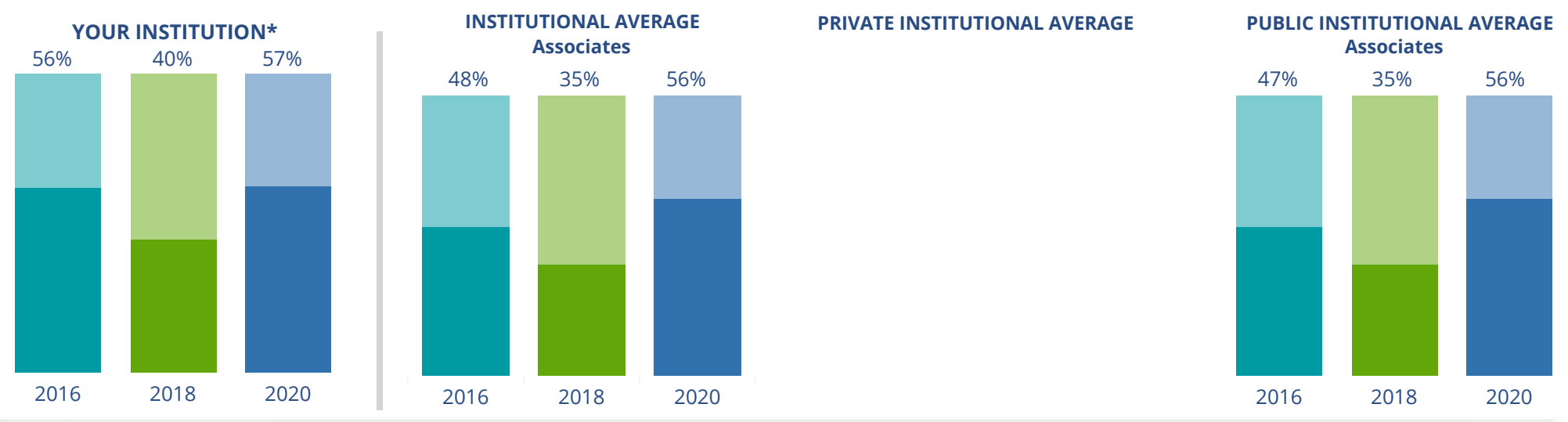|	2016	2018	2020	2016-2020 Change (p.p.)
Total Student Enrollment	22,703	21,335	19,414	⬇ -3,289
(Age under 18/Unknown)	14	83	51	⬆ 37
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	1,168	1,331	1,312	⬆ 144
(FERPA records blocked)	14	–	–	–
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	–	797	1,031	–
Total eligible voters	21,507	19,115	17,013	⬇ -4,494
Number of students who registered	16,572	14,417	13,280	⬇ -3,292
Number of students who voted	12,017	7,666	9,608	⬇ -2,409
Registration Rate %	77	75	78	⬆ 1
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	73	53	72	⬇ 0
Voting Rate %	56	40	56	⬆ 1

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	HIGH 82%
53%	LOW 13%

2020 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 89%
66%	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*

56% 40% 57%

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	2018	2020
27%	16%	34%

AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE

2016	2018	2020
49%	27%	40%

BLACK

2016	2018	2020
57%	40%	54%

HISPANIC

2016	2018	2020
44%	29%	44%

NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER

2016	2018	2020
38%	32%	32%

TWO OR MORE RACES

2016	2018	2020
51%	37%	56%

WHITE

2016	2018	2020
57%	43%	58%

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	1,463	394	27	1,404	226	16	1,245	421	34	⬆ 7
American Indian/ Alaska Native	81	40	49	68	18	26	62	25	40	⬇ -9
Black	9,147	5,224	57	8,644	3,442	40	7,857	4,264	54	⬇ -3
Hispanic	1,190	525	44	1,200	342	29	1,262	558	44	⬆ 0
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	56	21	38	50	16	32	38	12	32	⬇ -6
2 or More Races	766	390	51	741	276	37	745	419	56	⬆ 5
White	9,284	5,316	57	7,634	3,250	43	6,500	3,760	58	⬆ 1
Race Unknown	612	107	17	555	96	17	436	149	34	⬆ 17

By Voting Method

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

2016 · 2018 · 2020 donut charts
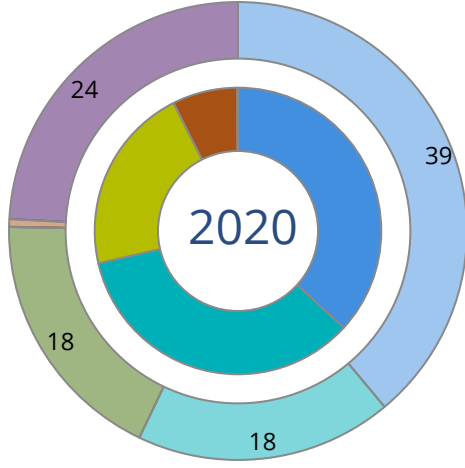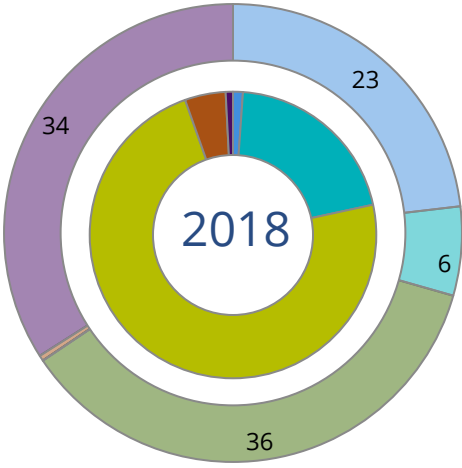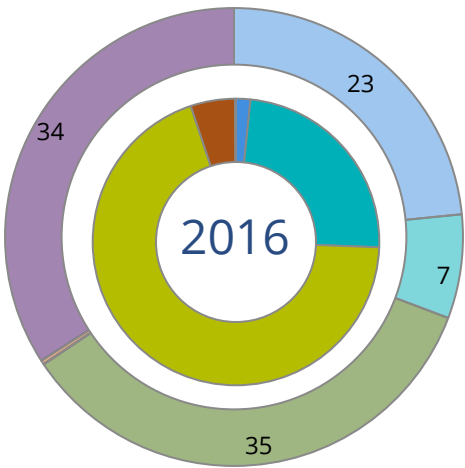
	2016		2018		2020		2016-2020	
	Voted	**Rate**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Change (p.p.)**	
Early Vote	2,883	24	1,569	21	3,320	35	11	⬆
In-Person on Election Day	8,326	69	5,594	73	2,034	21	-48	⬇
Not-In-Person	193	2	86	1	3,539	37	35	⬆
Other	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Provisional	596	5	349	5	706	7	2	⬆
Voting Method Unknown	19	0	68	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	50%	33%	50%
22-24	49%	30%	50%
25-29	49%	34%	49%
30-39	56%	42%	55%
40-49	66%	52%	64%
50+	76%	70%	74%

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	8,715	4,323	50	7,687	2,556	33	7,087	3,573	50	⬆ 1
22-24	3,465	1,688	49	3,099	943	30	2,676	1,338	50	⬆ 1
25-29	3,817	1,887	49	3,429	1,170	34	3,009	1,471	49	⬇ -1
30-39	3,715	2,096	56	3,519	1,468	42	3,230	1,775	55	⬇ -1
40-49	1,697	1,114	66	1,469	768	52	1,334	851	64	⬇ -2
50+	1,190	909	76	1,093	761	70	809	600	74	⬇ -2

Looking Closer

By Sex

| | 2016 | | | 2018 | | | 2020 | | | 2016-2020 |
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
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

	2016 Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	2018 Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	2020 Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	2016-2020 Change (p.p)	
EDUCATION LEVEL											
Undergraduate	20,576	10,783	52	19,448	7,175	37	17,522	9,208	53	↑	0
Graduate	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		–
Class Unknown	2,023	1,232	61	848	491	58	623	400	64	↑	3
CLASS YEAR											
First Year	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		–
Second Year	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		–
Upper Level	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		–
ENROLLMENT STATUS											
Full-time	5,894	2,891	49	5,028	1,659	33	4,724	2,392	51	↑	2
Part-time	16,705	9,126	55	15,268	6,007	39	13,421	7,216	54	↓	-1

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)
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	–	–	–	20	15	75	87	59	68	–
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,404	1,221	51	2,121	754	36	1,905	947	50	⬇ -1
Communications Technologies/Technicians	46	21	46	82	36	44	120	75	63	⬆ 17
Computer and Information Sciences	1,061	506	48	1,073	370	34	996	469	47	⬇ -1
Construction Trades	107	54	50	82	27	33	65	33	51	⬆ 0
Education	730	436	60	632	281	44	612	371	61	⬆ 1
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	976	443	45	780	242	31	620	267	43	⬇ -2

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	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Enrolled**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Enrolled**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Change (p.p)**
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	136	74	54	151	58	38	139	83	60	⬆ 5
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	198	136	69	117	59	50	75	52	69	⬆ 1
Health Professions	6,258	3,292	53	5,800	2,023	35	5,417	2,752	51	⬇ -2
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protec..	651	362	56	607	219	36	561	291	52	⬇ -4
Legal Professions and Studies	211	131	62	162	66	41	153	96	63	⬆ 1
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	6,404	3,433	54	5,725	2,211	39	4,906	2,667	54	⬆ 1
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Techni..	307	123	40	234	78	33	208	104	50	⬆ 10
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	795	397	50	689	240	35	582	294	51	⬆ 1
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Stu..	146	75	51	93	33	35	118	66	56	⬆ 5
Personal and Culinary Services	223	138	62	209	97	46	202	121	60	⬇ -2
Precision Production	20	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Social Sciences	47	38	81	13	–	–	–	–	–	–
Visual and Performing Arts	642	367	57	461	218	47	462	298	65	⬆ 7

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Unknown	899	589	66	835	482	58	642	411	64	⬇ -1

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.

The Community College of Baltimore County

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.