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Student Voting Rates for New York University

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

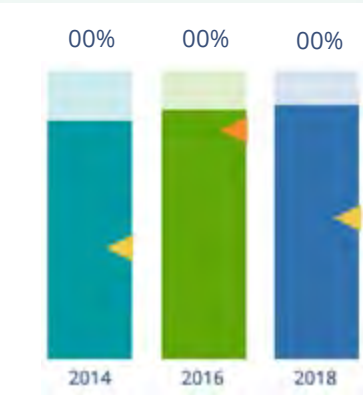


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We also want to acknowledge and thank **Syed Golam Mohaimen, M.S. student in Data Science at Tufts University** for his contributions toward the creation of these reports.

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.



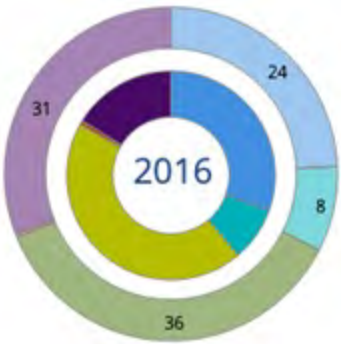
Vessel Chart

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.

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

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.



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

62.2%

2020 Voting Rate

+13.9

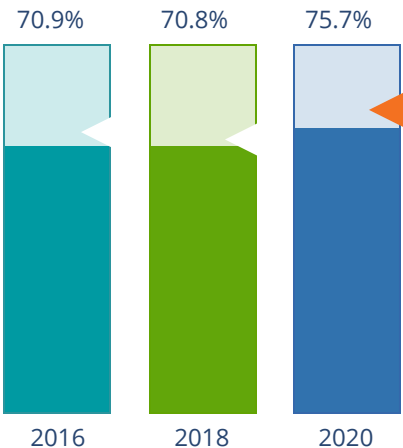
Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

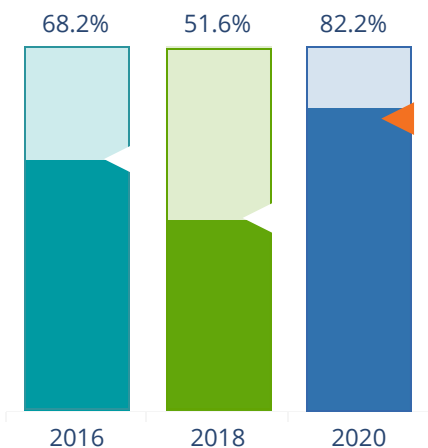
2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



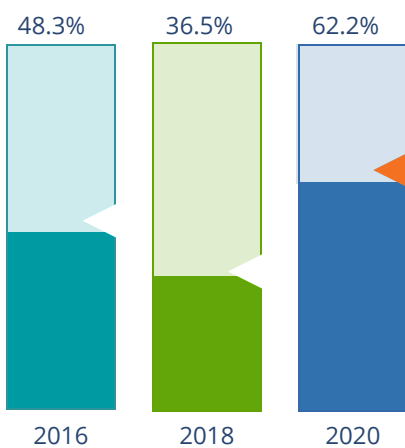
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS



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



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

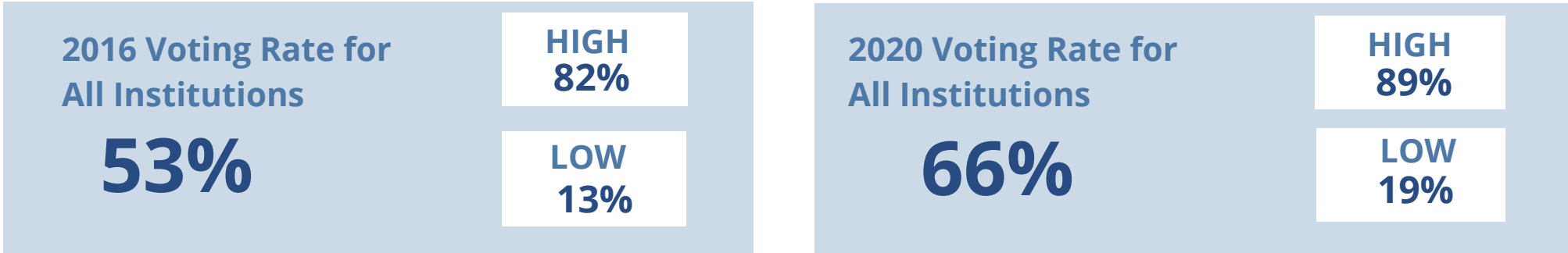
Voting and Registration Rates

	2016	2018	2020	2016-2020 Change (p.p.)
Total Student Enrollment	53,310	55,034	56,487	↑ 3,177
(Age under 18/Unknown)	–	–	–	–
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	13,925	15,239	15,689	↑ 1,764
(FERPA records blocked)	–	–	14	–
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	408	406	300	↓ -108
Total eligible voters	38,967	39,382	40,483	↑ 1,516
Number of students who registered	27,613	27,880	30,646	↑ 3,033
Number of students who voted	18,827	14,392	25,188	↑ 6,361
Registration Rate %	71	71	76	↑ 5
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	68	52	82	↑ 14
Voting Rate %	48	37	62	↑ 14

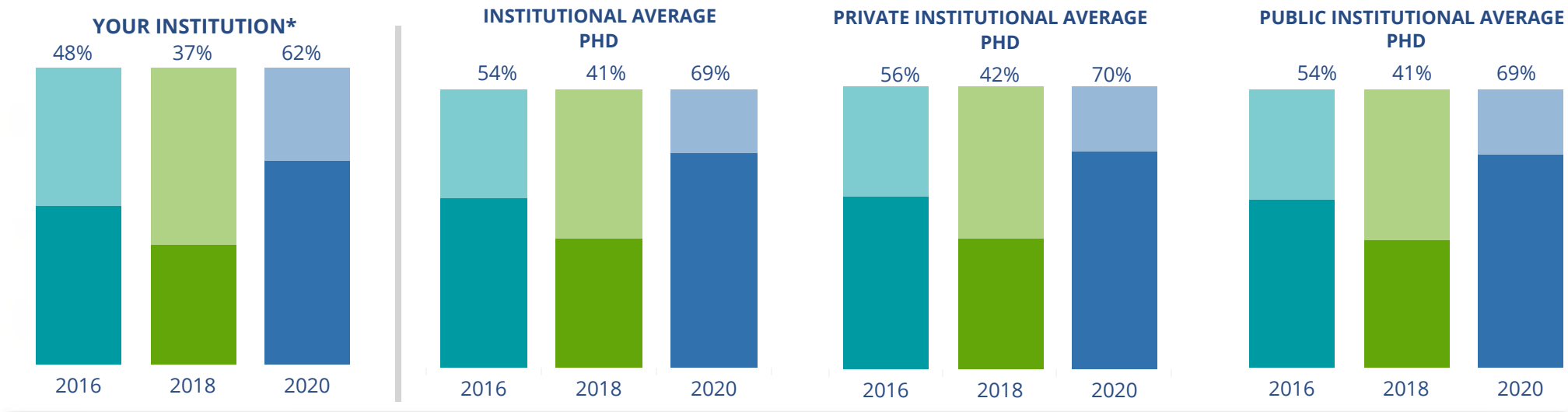
This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates. The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged, 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/nsive/nsive-recalculation-tool>.

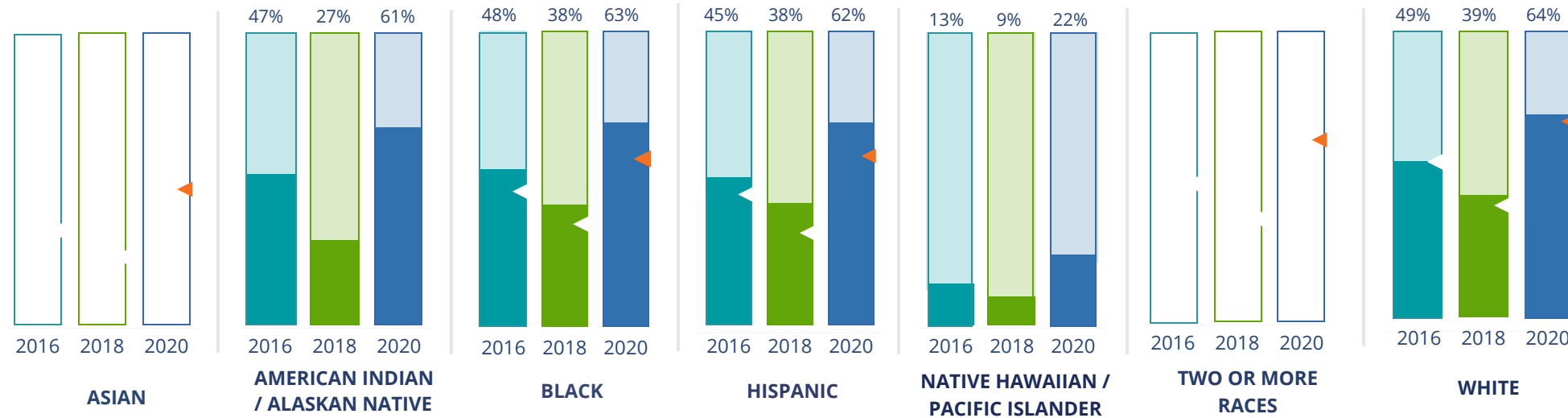
By Institution Types



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.



By Race / Ethnicity



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-nsve-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; (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>

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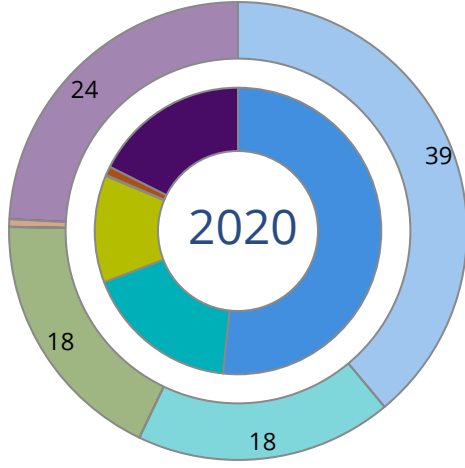
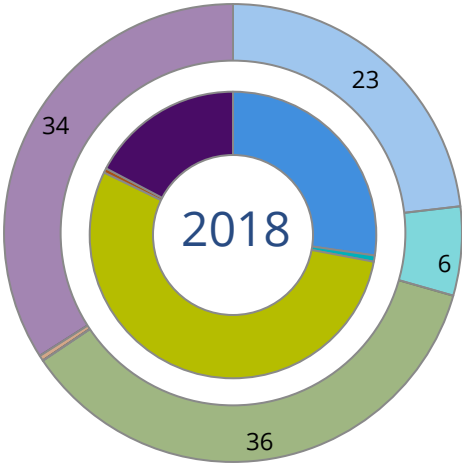
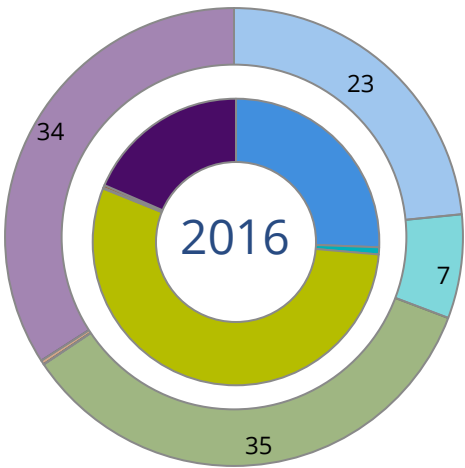
By Race/Ethnicity

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; (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.

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	49	23	47	49	13	27	70	43	61	↑ 14
Black	2,854	1,377	48	3,399	1,274	37	4,014	2,509	63	↑ 14
Hispanic	1,639	742	45	1,812	682	38	1,944	1,214	62	↑ 17
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	9,043	1,197	13	8,611	788	9	7,119	1,590	22	↑ 9
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	23,501	11,592	49	22,901	8,860	39	21,922	14,031	64	↑ 15
Race Unknown	15,603	3,896	25	17,618	2,775	16	20,884	5,801	28	↑ 3

By Voting Method

Not-In-Person Early Vote In-Person Other Provisional Unknown



	2016		2018		2020		2016-2020	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p.)	
Early Vote	159	1	98	1	4,419	18	17	↑
In-Person on Election Day	10,305	55	7,801	54	3,038	12	-43	↓
Not-In-Person	4,812	26	3,922	27	13,024	52	26	↑
Other	-	-	-	-	13	0	-	
Provisional	62	0	66	1	240	1	1	↑
Voting Method Unknown	3,479	19	2,498	17	4,454	18	-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/nsive/nsive-faq#CampusReports>

By Age Group

	2016	2018	2020
18-21	36%	25%	47%
22-24	27%	20%	36%
25-29	38%	31%	47%
30-39	41%	34%	49%
40-49	50%	46%	60%
50+	66%	59%	70%

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	23,797	8,625	36	24,954	6,117	25	25,863	12,035	47	↑	10
22-24	10,754	2,925	27	11,669	2,346	20	12,147	4,347	36	↑	9
25-29	10,997	4,134	38	10,906	3,360	31	10,721	5,046	47	↑	9
30-39	5,594	2,303	41	5,415	1,846	34	5,663	2,773	49	↑	8
40-49	1,115	554	50	1,029	476	46	1,089	656	60	↑	11
50+	432	286	66	417	247	59	470	331	70	↑	4

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
Female	29,402	11,778	40	31,055	9,252	30	32,003	15,677	49	↑	9
Male	23,007	6,927	30	23,202	5,089	22	23,848	9,456	40	↑	10

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			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p)	
EDUCATION LEVEL											
Undergraduate	27,111	9,856	36	28,251	6,997	25	29,661	13,561	46	↑	9
Graduate	24,347	8,648	36	25,198	7,192	29	25,583	11,296	44	↑	9
Class Unknown	1,231	323	26	941	203	22	709	331	47	↑	20
CLASS YEAR											
First Year	7,515	32	2,389	7,475	20	1,529	8,207	43	3,551	↑	11
Second Year	6,907	35	2,440	7,259	23	1,658	7,549	45	3,396	↑	10
Upper Level	13,124	39	5,110	13,516	28	3,808	13,915	48	6,617	↑	9
ENROLLMENT STATUS											
Full-time	43,492	14,514	33	45,852	10,841	24	47,484	20,234	43	↑	9
Part-time	9,197	4,313	47	8,538	3,551	42	8,468	4,953	58	↑	12

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 RateChange (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Architecture	101	43	43	110	58	53	97	68	70	↑ 28
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	280	142	51	301	119	40	338	188	56	↑ 5
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,442	517	36	1,468	417	28	2,247	1,132	50	↑ 15
Business, Management, and Marketing	8,511	2,551	30	8,352	1,618	19	8,198	3,391	41	↑ 11
Communication and Journalism	1,813	683	38	1,770	517	29	1,716	753	44	↑ 6
Communications Technologies/Technicians	36	16	44	38	–	–	22	–	–	–
Computer and Information Sciences	3,028	669	22	4,452	673	15	5,119	1,500	29	↑ 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.

*<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)	
Education	1,435	674	47	1,608	602	37	1,279	691	54	↑	7
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	3,296	667	20	2,899	420	14	3,407	870	26	↑	5
English Language and Literature	625	328	52	651	254	39	578	352	61	↑	8
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	370	175	47	184	97	53	172	99	58	↑	10
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	596	232	39	489	152	31	417	172	41	↑	2
Health Professions	5,201	2,095	40	5,671	1,656	29	5,530	3,232	58	↑	18
History	338	147	43	368	133	36	331	200	60	↑	17
Legal Professions and Studies	2,124	1,044	49	2,074	820	40	1,710	1,069	63	↑	13
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	7,221	2,526	35	7,474	1,831	24	8,172	3,649	45	↑	10
Mathematics and Statistics	1,154	160	14	1,539	170	11	1,874	350	19	↑	5
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	266	125	47	499	152	30	552	260	47	↑	0
Natural Resources and Conservation	–	–	–	26	17	65	27	15	56		–

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
Philosophy and Religious Studies	194	65	34	228	48	21	212	59	28	↓	-6
Physical Sciences	459	124	27	724	155	21	699	303	43	↑	16
Psychology	1,022	464	45	1,402	430	31	1,921	980	51	↑	6
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	2,301	1,197	52	1,907	936	49	1,735	1,063	61	↑	9
Social Sciences	3,350	1,043	31	3,378	864	26	3,356	1,238	37	↑	6
Visual and Performing Arts	6,305	2,887	46	5,805	2,034	35	5,466	3,186	58	↑	12
Unknown	1,206	251	21	960	209	22	752	355	47	↑	26

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.

New York University

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.



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