

## **2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

# Student Voting Rates for Northeastern Illinois University

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# 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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Warm regards,

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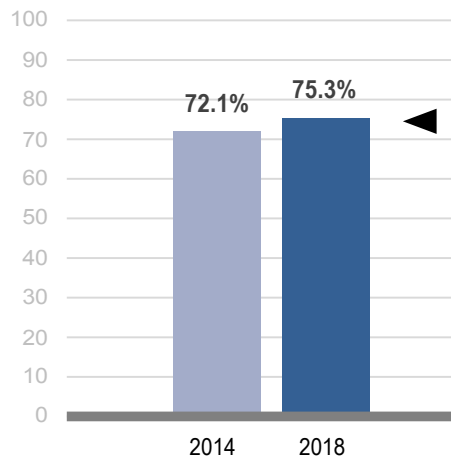
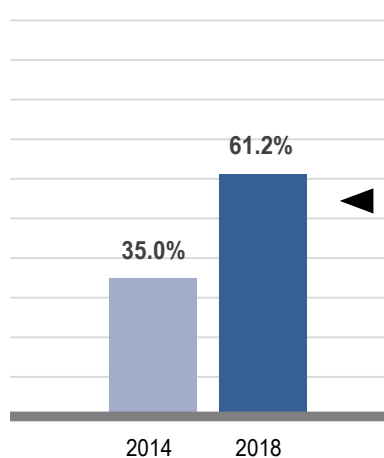
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## Voting and Registration Rates

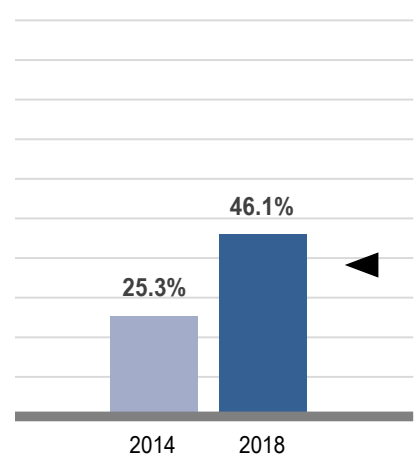
2018 Voting Rate

**46.1%**CHANGE  
FROM 2014**+20.8**2018 VOTING RATE  
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS**39.1%**

Registration Rate

Voting Rate of  
Registered Students

Voting Rate



All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	9,920	7,863	↓ -2,057
Age under 18/Unknown	(72)	(89)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(533)	(261)	
FERPA records blocked	*	(27)	
Total eligible voters	9,307	7,486	↓ -1,821
Number of students who registered	6,713	5,635	↓ -1,078
Number of students who voted	2,352	3,450	↑ 1,098
Registration rate	72.1%	75.3%	↑ 3.1
Voting rate of registered students	35.0%	61.2%	↑ 26.2
Voting rate	25.3%	46.1%	↑ 20.8
Difference from all institutions	+5.6	+7.0	

## HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate  
for All Institutions

**19.7%**

HIGH  
54.0%

LOW  
1.5%

2018 Voting Rate  
for All Institutions

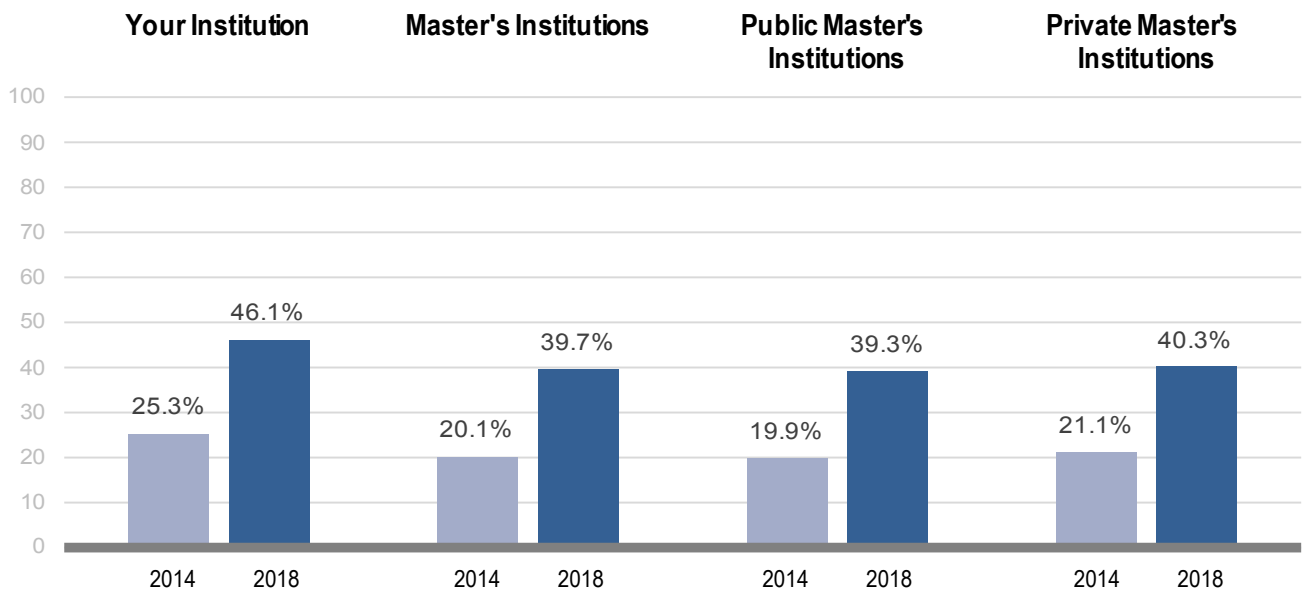
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

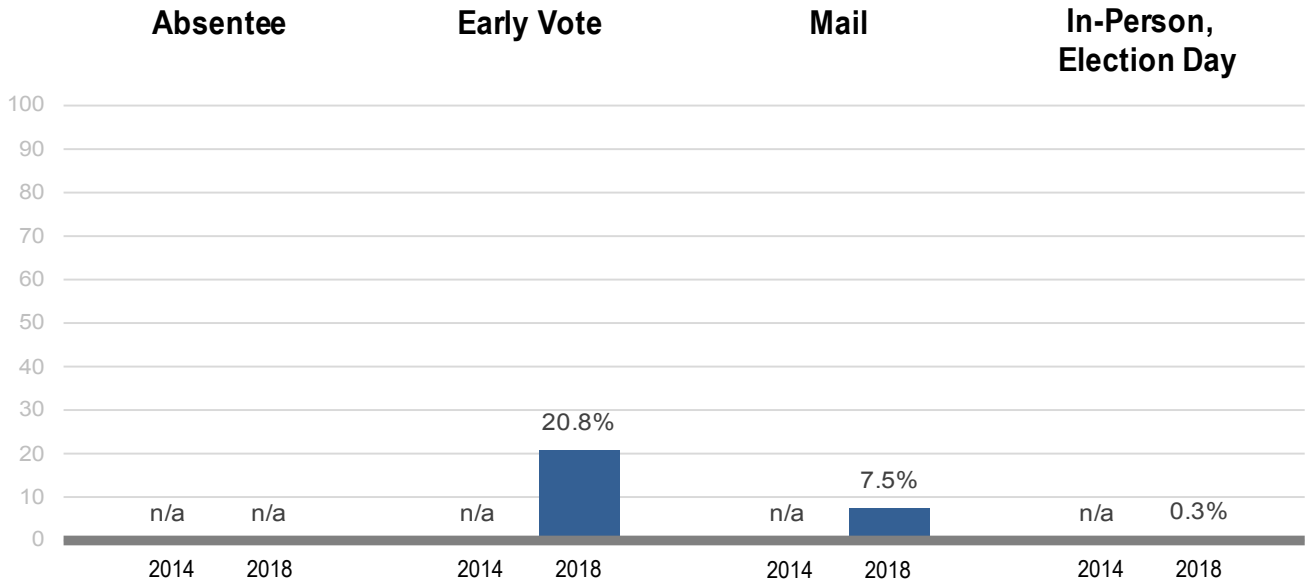
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## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# By Voting Method\*

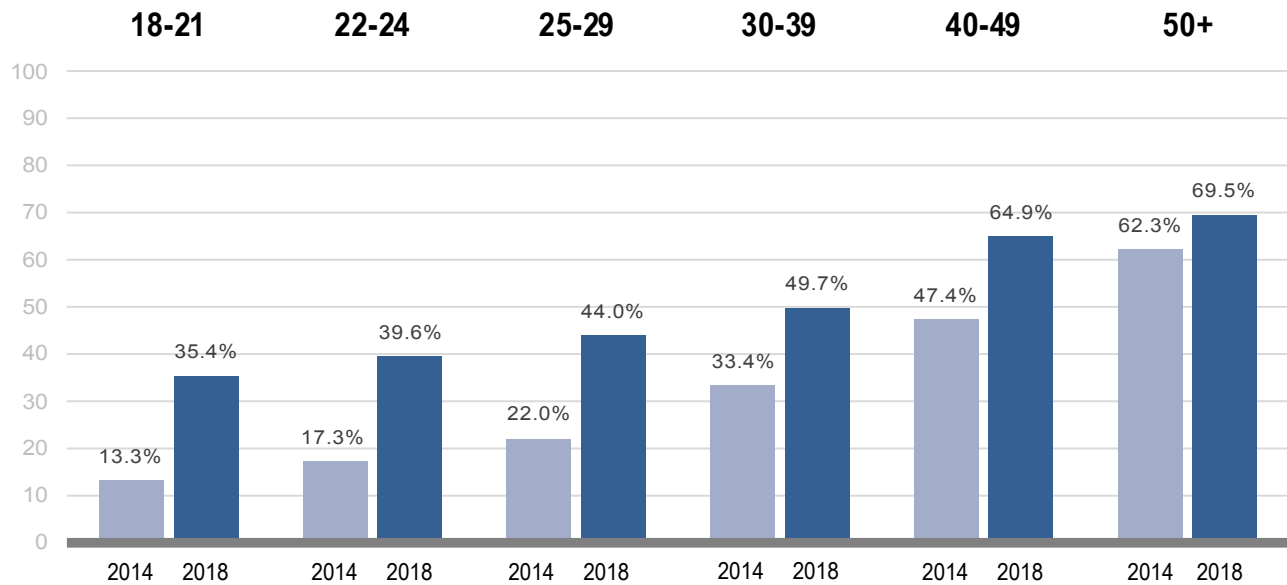


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
Early Vote	*	n/a	719	20.8%	n/a
Mail	*	n/a	259	7.5%	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	*	n/a	10	0.3%	n/a
Unknown	2,347	99.8%	2,457	71.2%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,352</b>		<b>3,450</b>		

\* 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 officials where your students voted.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Age Group\*

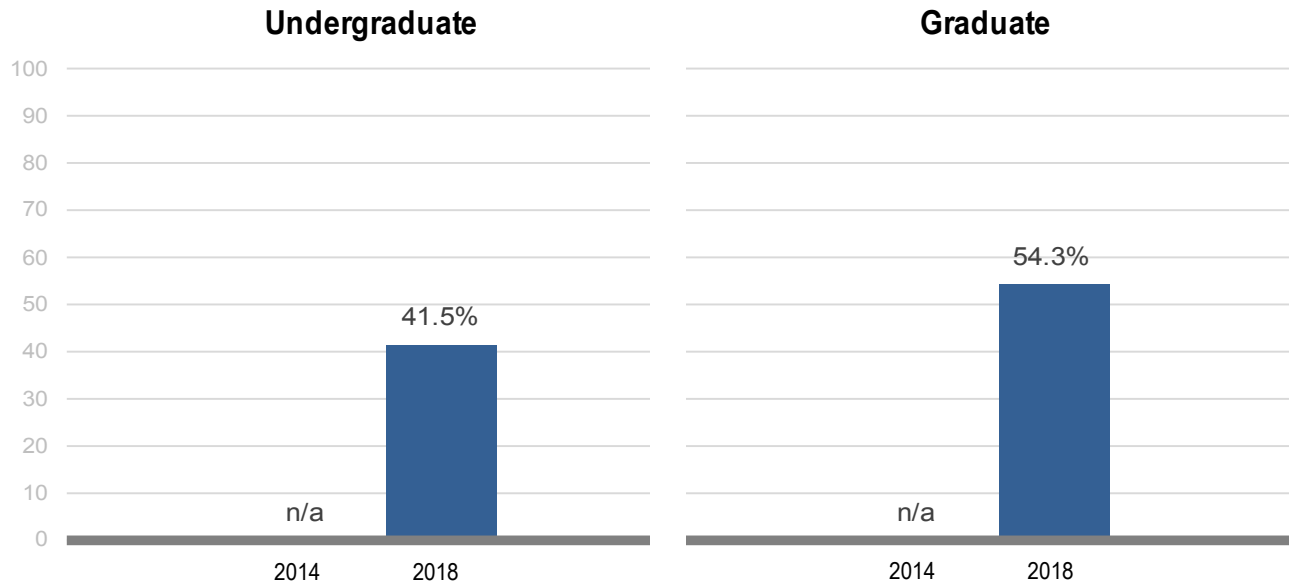


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	2,401	319	13.3%	1,687	597	35.4%	↑	22.1
22-24	2,523	437	17.3%	1,957	774	39.6%	↑	22.2
25-29	2,214	488	22.0%	1,891	831	44.0%	↑	21.9
30-39	1,667	557	33.4%	1,338	665	49.7%	↑	16.3
40-49	627	297	47.4%	530	344	64.9%	↑	17.5
50+	408	254	62.3%	344	239	69.5%	↑	7.2
Unknown	38			43				

\* 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\*

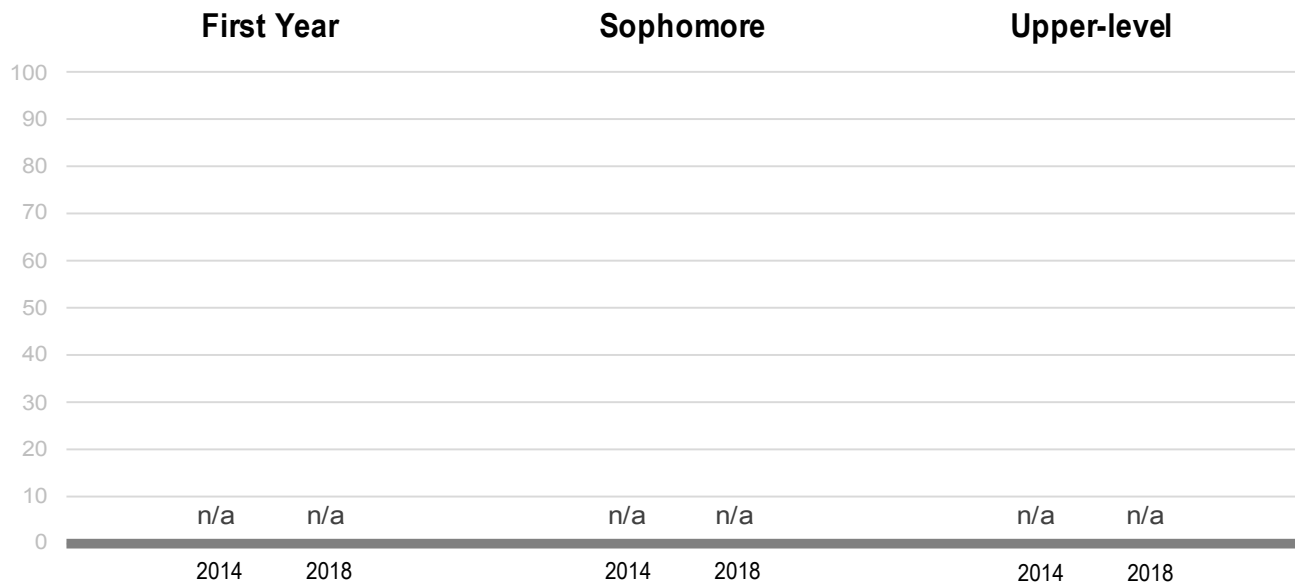


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	6,083	2,524	41.5%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	1,274	692	54.3%	n/a
Unknown	9,840			390			

\* 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.

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## By Undergraduate Class Year\*



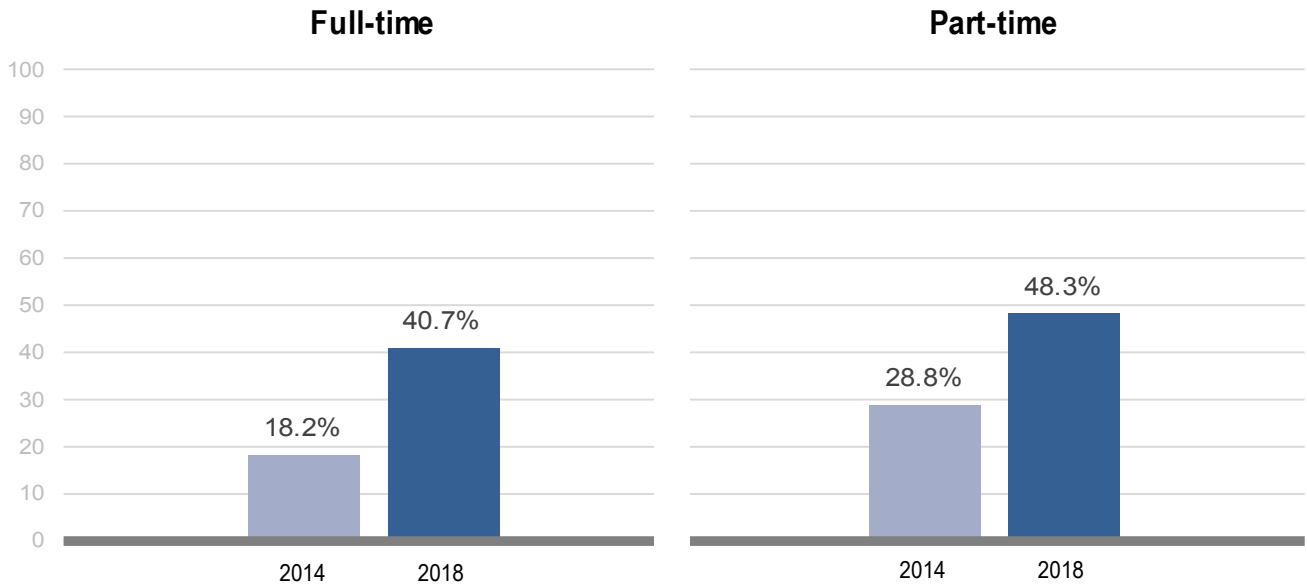
	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Upper-level	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a

\* 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.



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## By Enrollment Status\*

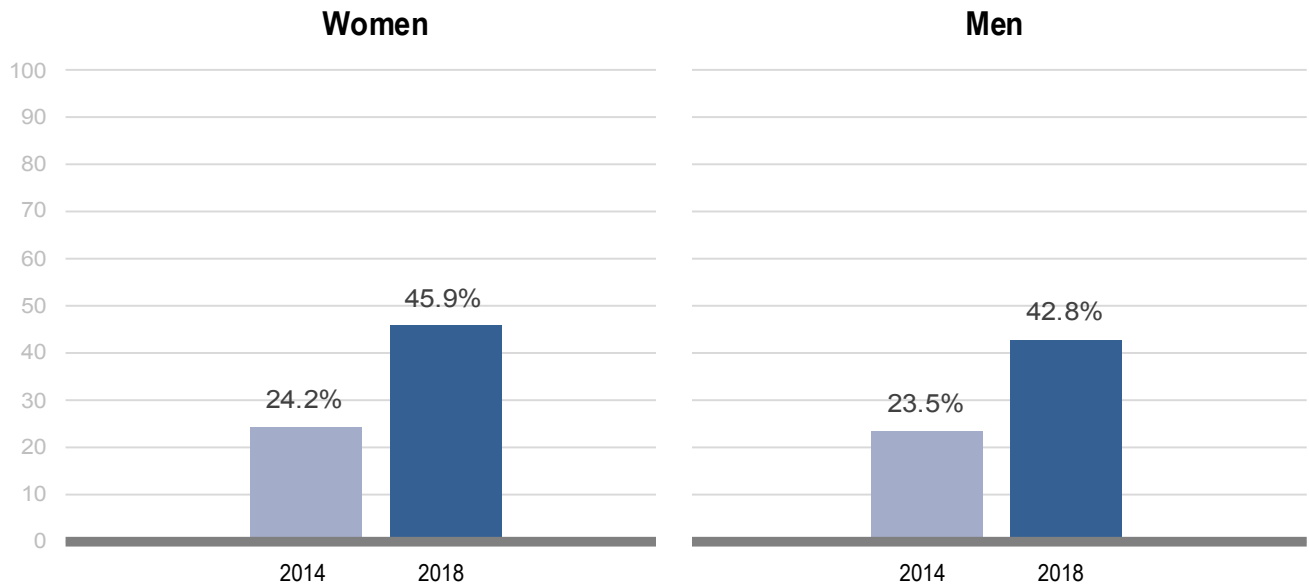


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	4,552	830	18.2%	3,854	1,570	40.7%	↑	22.5
Part-time	5,288	1,522	28.8%	3,893	1,880	48.3%	↑	19.5
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

\* 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. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens, resident aliens or undocumented students.

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## By Gender\*

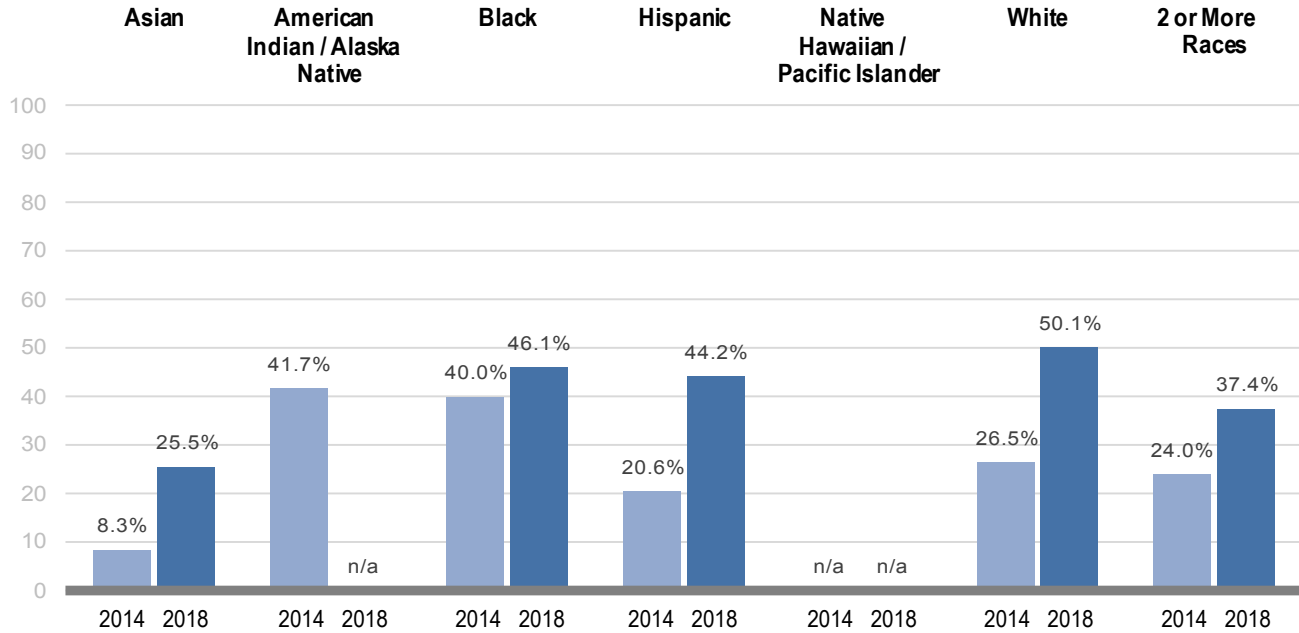


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	5,597	1,355	24.2%	4,451	2,042	45.9%	↑	21.7
Men	4,211	990	23.5%	3,160	1,352	42.8%	↑	19.3
Unknown	32			136				

\* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# By Race/Ethnicity\*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	1,055	88	8.3%	741	189	25.5%	↑ 17.2
American Indian/ Alaska Native	24	10	41.7%	20	*	n/a	n/a
Black	1,001	400	40.0%	804	371	46.1%	↑ 6.2
Hispanic	3,350	690	20.6%	2,958	1,307	44.2%	↑ 23.6
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	25	*	n/a	17	*	n/a	n/a
White	3,945	1,044	26.5%	2,598	1,302	50.1%	↑ 23.7
2 or More Races	167	40	24.0%	139	52	37.4%	↑ 13.5
Unknown	273			470			

\* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## 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			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	126	56	44.4%	75	38	50.7% ↑	6.2
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	491	77	15.7%	357	145	40.6% ↑	24.9
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,208	181	15.0%	1,270	436	34.3% ↑	19.4
Communication and Journalism	306	72	23.5%	226	117	51.8% ↑	28.2
Computer and Information Sciences	495	75	15.2%	481	157	32.6% ↑	17.5
Education	987	360	36.5%	900	503	55.9% ↑	19.4
English Language and Literature	214	59	27.6%	190	124	65.3% ↑	37.7
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	158	42	26.6%	89	41	46.1% ↑	19.5
Health Professions	158	39	24.7%	125	70	56.0% ↑	31.3
History	192	79	41.2%	114	78	68.4% ↑	27.3
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	345	76	22.0%	194	78	40.2% ↑	18.2
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	3,036	686	22.6%	1,726	684	39.6% ↑	17.0
Mathematics and Statistics	158	42	26.6%	112	46	41.1% ↑	14.5
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	26	11	42.3%	35	19	54.3% ↑	12.0
Natural Resources and Conservation	62	21	33.9%	51	31	60.8% ↑	26.9
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	37	13	35.1%	17	*	n/a	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	18	*	n/a	19	11	57.9%	n/a
Physical Sciences	177	32	18.1%	125	49	39.2% ↑	21.1
Psychology	424	75	17.7%	395	177	44.8% ↑	27.1
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	549	143	26.1%	429	205	47.8% ↑	21.7
Social Sciences	435	140	32.2%	293	139	47.4% ↑	15.3
Visual and Performing Arts	225	59	26.2%	199	100	50.3% ↑	24.0
Unknown	13	*	n/a	325	197	60.6%	n/a

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