

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Northeastern 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 and 2016 federal elections. Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of nearly 30 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 2012 and 2016 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (FERPA-blocked records excluded) and publicly available voting files collected by Catalyst.

Institutional voting rates 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, we cannot consistently adjust for students who are non-resident aliens, resident aliens, or undocumented students. This may result in your institution's actual voting rate being higher than we report. To calculate that percentage, and to read more about NSLVE data, see our [FAQ on Campus Reports](#). Please also see [Creating and Maintaining the NSLVE Database](#) paper for a more detailed study methodology.

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. This report provides a baseline measure of your students' engagement in democracy in 2012 and 2016, and compares your institution's voting rates to similar institutions. Visit our website for more comparison data.
- Share the report widely and strategically, including posting it online.
- Put your data into practice. Use our IDHE Resources to guide you.
- Address your campus climate for student political learning, discourse, and participation. Start by bringing the IDHE team to your campus or using the IDHE self-assessment rubric available on our website.
- Partner with IDHE. We are available with virtual office hours, webinars, brown bag discussions and in-person trainings.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: idhe.tufts.edu.

Follow us on Twitter [@TuftsIDHE](https://twitter.com/TuftsIDHE) or email us at NSLVE@tufts.edu.

Warm regards,
IDHE Team



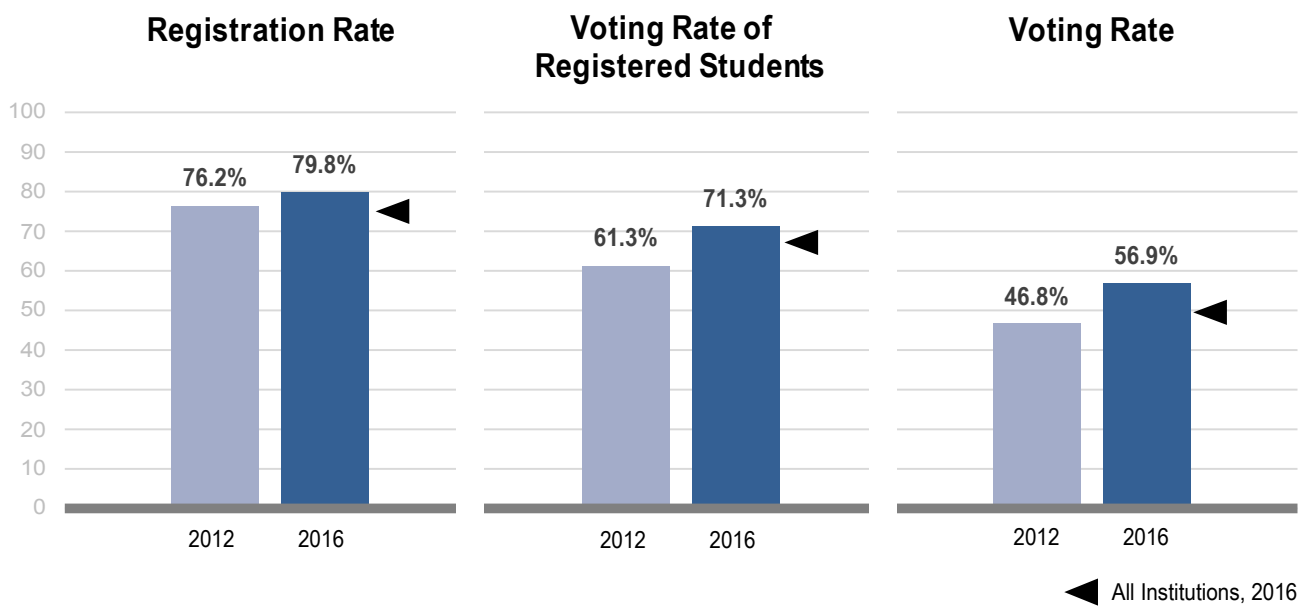
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
56.9%

CHANGE FROM 2012
10.2

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	23,558	22,891	↓ -667
Age under 18/Unknown	(144)	(116)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	n/a*	n/a*	
FERPA records blocked	(1,945)	(1,500)	
Total eligible voters	21,469	21,275	↓ -194
Number of students who registered	16,366	16,985	↑ 619
Number of students who voted	10,036	12,114	↑ 2,078
Registration rate	76.2%	79.8%	↑ 3.6
Voting rate of registered students	61.3%	71.3%	↑ 10.0
Voting rate	46.8%	56.9%	↑ 10.2
Difference from all institutions	-0.1	+6.5	

* Due to high level of discrepancy between enrollment numbers submitted by your institution to National Student Clearinghouse and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, we are currently unable to adjust voting rate and registration rate for non-resident aliens. Thus, your campus's actual voting and registration rates may be higher than we report because they are adjusted only for students who were age ineligible to vote and whose records were FERPA blocked.

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

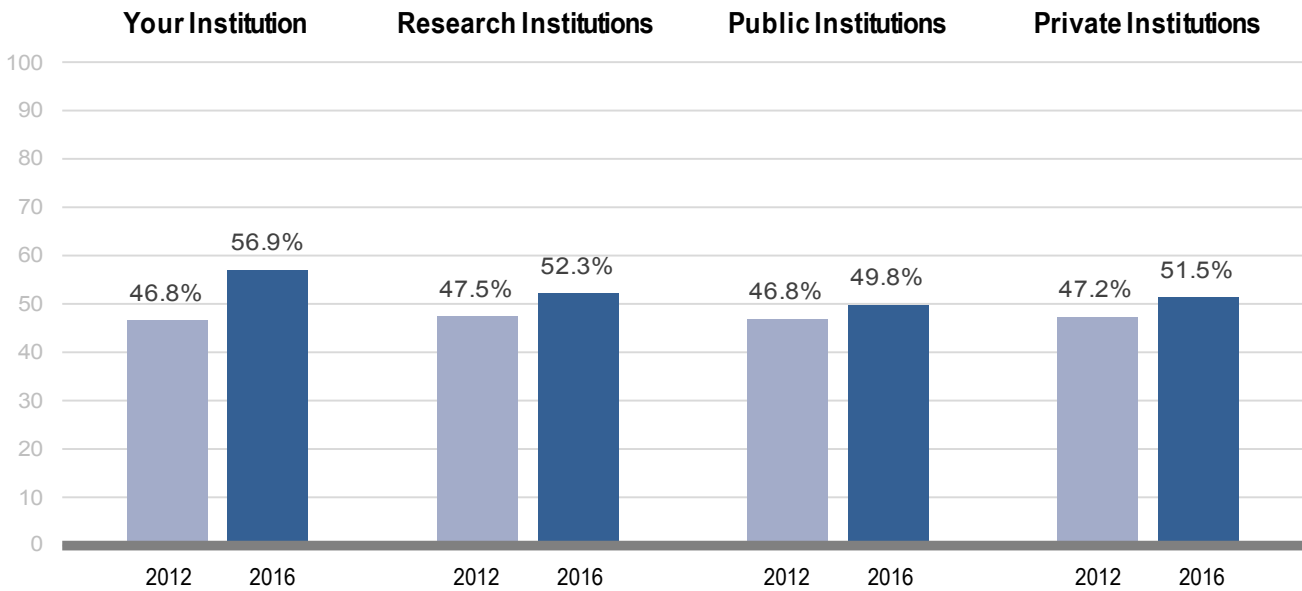
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

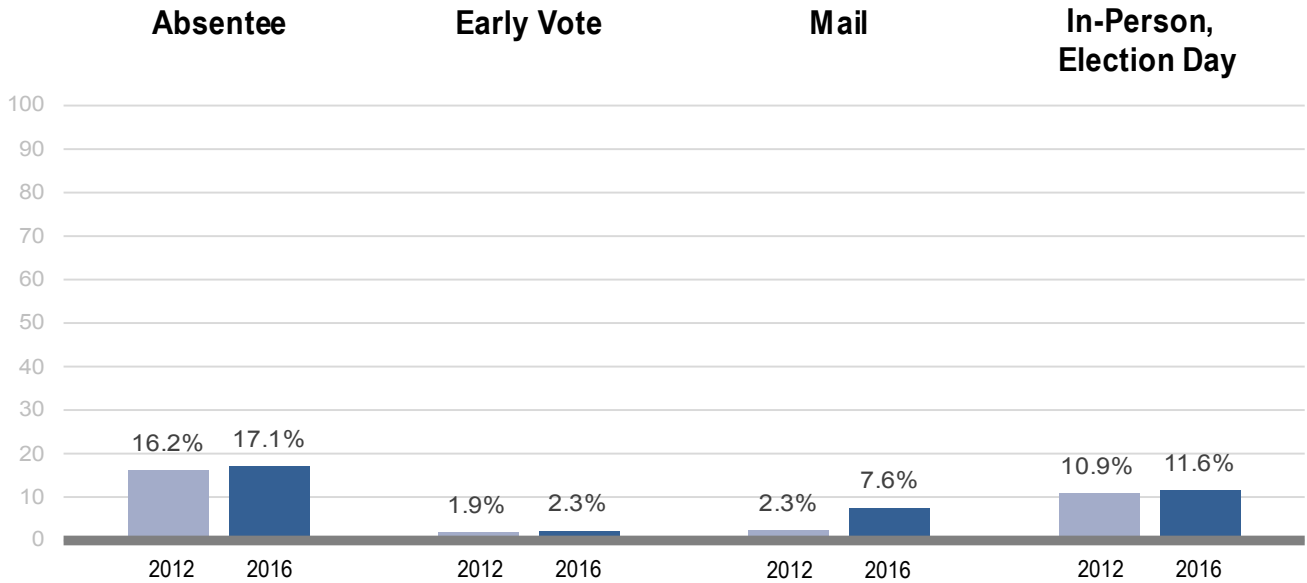
Difference from All Institutions **-0.1**

Difference from All Institutions **+6.5**



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By Voting Method*

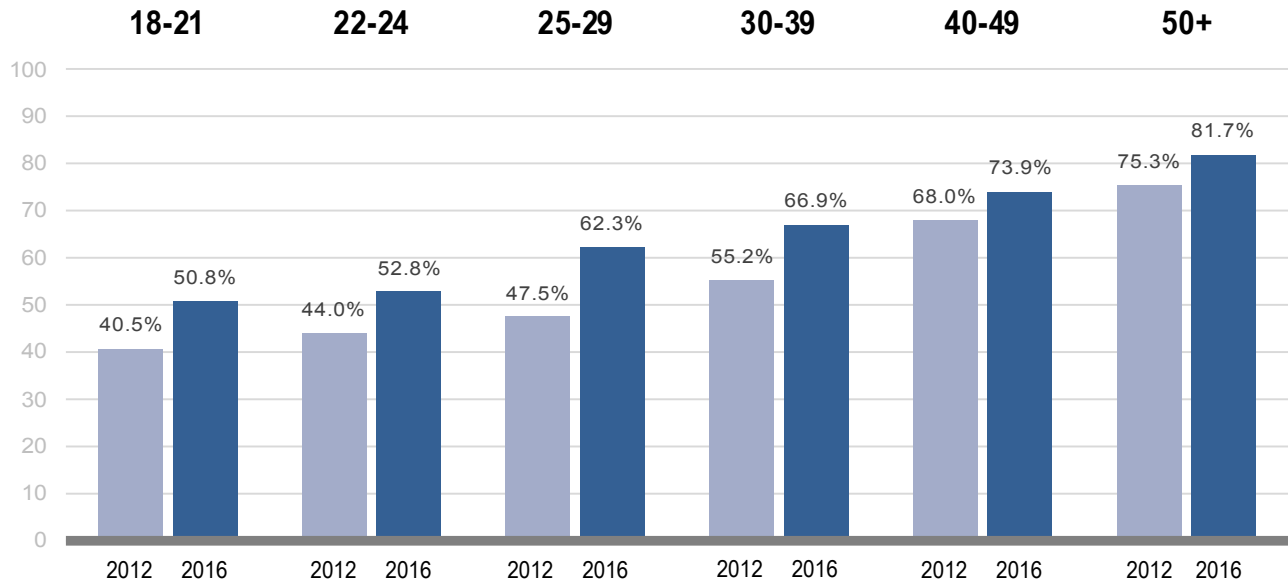


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	1,627	16.2%	2,070	17.1%	↑ 0.9
Early Vote	187	1.9%	280	2.3%	↑ 0.5
Mail	233	2.3%	918	7.6%	↑ 5.3
In-Person, Election Day	1,097	10.9%	1,410	11.6%	↑ 0.7
Unknown	6,892	68.7%	7,436	61.4%	
Total	10,036		12,114		

* 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.

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By Age Group*

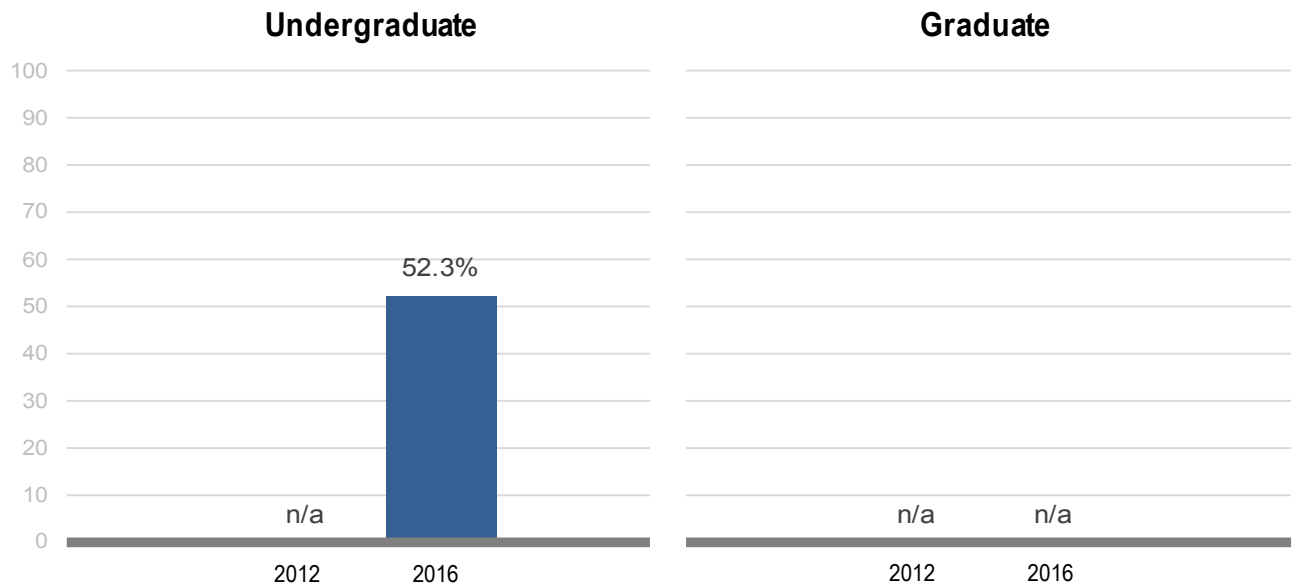


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	9,404	3,812	40.5%	9,689	4,920	50.8%	↑ 10.2
22-24	4,372	1,924	44.0%	4,213	2,224	52.8%	↑ 8.8
25-29	3,007	1,428	47.5%	3,019	1,881	62.3%	↑ 14.8
30-39	2,812	1,551	55.2%	2,540	1,700	66.9%	↑ 11.8
40-49	1,239	843	68.0%	1,196	884	73.9%	↑ 5.9
50+	635	478	75.3%	618	505	81.7%	↑ 6.4
Unknown	26			*			

* 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.

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By Education Level*

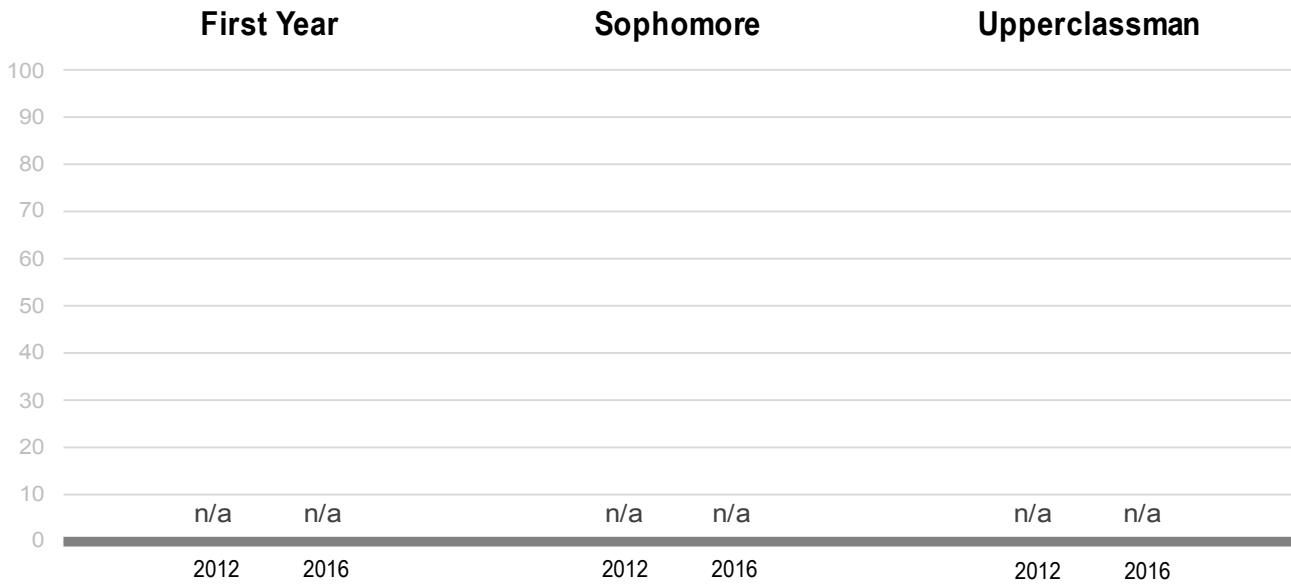


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	13,745	7,190	52.3%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	21,469			7,530			

* 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*

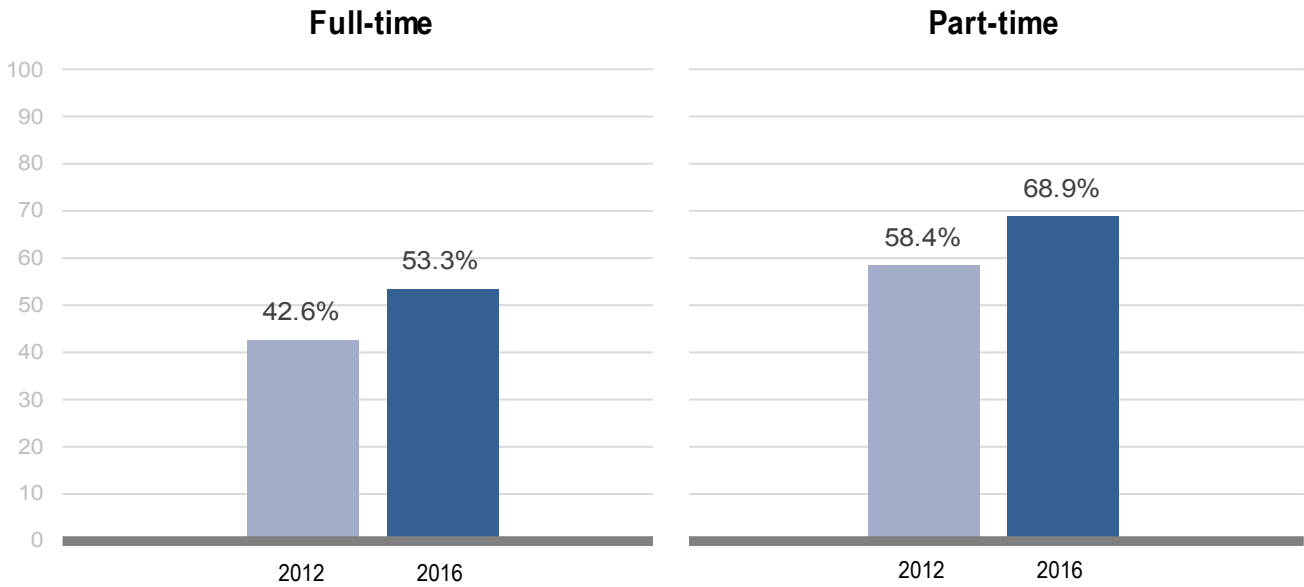


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Upperclassman	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a

* 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*

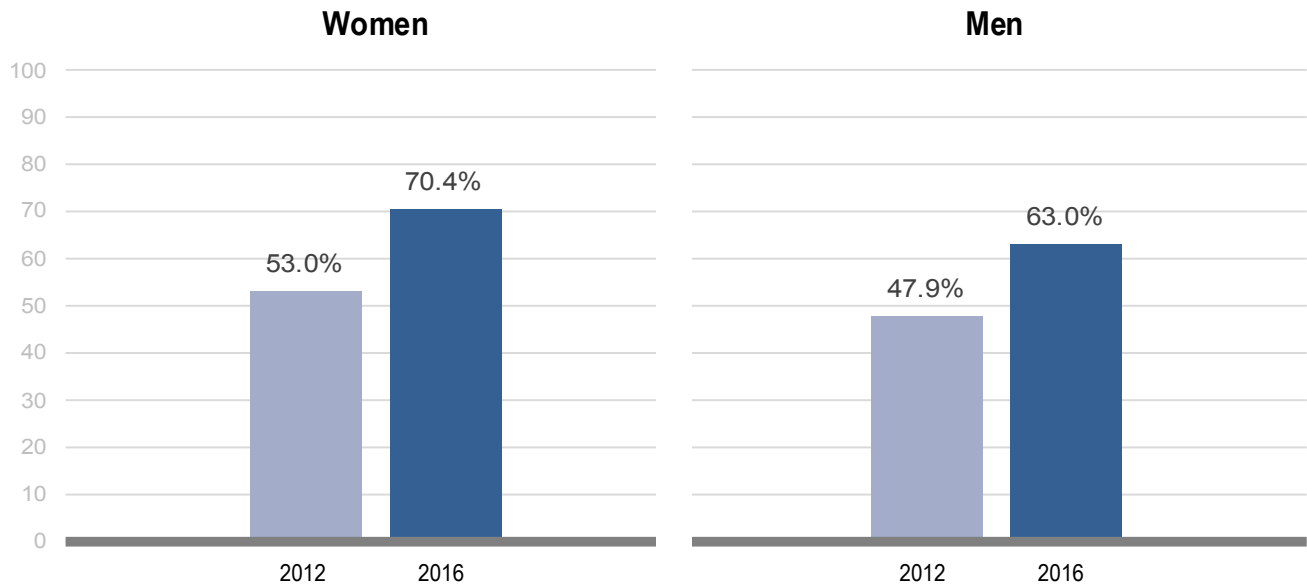


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	15,850	6,755	42.6%	16,313	8,697	53.3%	↑ 10.7
Part-time	5,616	3,280	58.4%	4,962	3,417	68.9%	↑ 10.5
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	10,564	5,602	53.0%	9,929	6,991	70.4%	↑ 17.4
Men	9,186	4,400	47.9%	7,960	5,017	63.0%	↑ 15.1
Unknown	1,719	34	2.0%	3,386	106	3.1%	

* 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.

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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.

	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Architecture	0	0	n/a	201	113	56.2%	n/a
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	0	0	n/a	*	0	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	0	0	n/a	1,355	730	53.9%	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	0	0	n/a	4,159	2,291	55.1%	n/a
Communication and Journalism	0	0	n/a	750	447	59.6%	n/a
Communications Technologies/Technicians	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	0	0	n/a	1,200	646	53.8%	n/a
Education	0	0	n/a	1,470	1,103	75.0%	n/a
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	0	0	n/a	3,033	1,624	53.5%	n/a
English Language and Literature	0	0	n/a	191	111	58.1%	n/a
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	0	0	n/a	13	12	92.3%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	0	0	n/a	56	31	55.4%	n/a
Health Professions	0	0	n/a	3,232	1,793	55.5%	n/a
History	0	0	n/a	101	68	67.3%	n/a
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	0	0	n/a	332	204	61.5%	n/a
Legal Professions and Studies	0	0	n/a	564	338	59.9%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	980	443	45.2%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	0	0	n/a	172	87	50.6%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	318	195	61.3%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	0	0	n/a	187	124	66.3%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	0	0	n/a	144	95	66.0%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	0	0	n/a	16	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	0	0	n/a	351	185	52.7%	n/a

Psychology	0	0	n/a	543	313	57.6%	n/a
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	0	0	n/a	242	170	70.3%	n/a
Social Sciences	0	0	n/a	1,130	680	60.2%	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	0	0	n/a	423	239	56.5%	n/a
Unknown	21,469	10,036	46.8%	103	63	61.2% ↑	14.4

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: idhe.tufts.edu.

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