

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Northern 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.

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

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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at NSLVE@tufts.edu.

Warm regards,

IDHE Team



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

38.5%

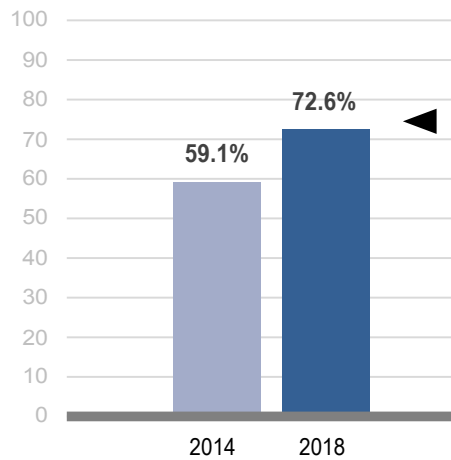
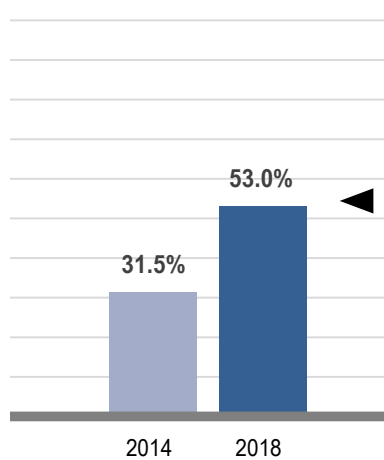
CHANGE
FROM 2014

+19.9

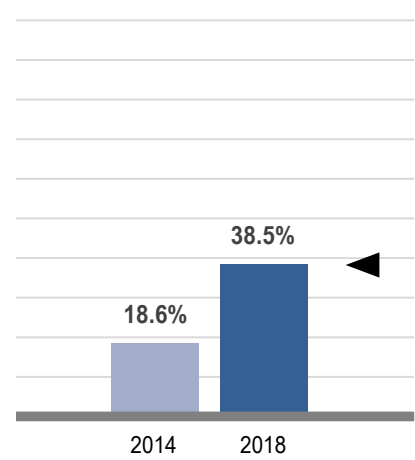
2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate


Voting Rate of
Registered Students


Voting Rate



All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	20,679	16,499	↓ -4,180
Age under 18/Unknown	(26)	(17)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,054)	(852)	
FERPA records blocked	(729)	(284)	
Total eligible voters	18,870	15,346	↓ -3,524
Number of students who registered	11,153	11,143	↓ -10
Number of students who voted	3,515	5,907	↑ 2,392
Registration rate	59.1%	72.6%	↑ 13.5
Voting rate of registered students	31.5%	53.0%	↑ 21.5
Voting rate	18.6%	38.5%	↑ 19.9
Difference from all institutions	-1.1	-0.6	

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

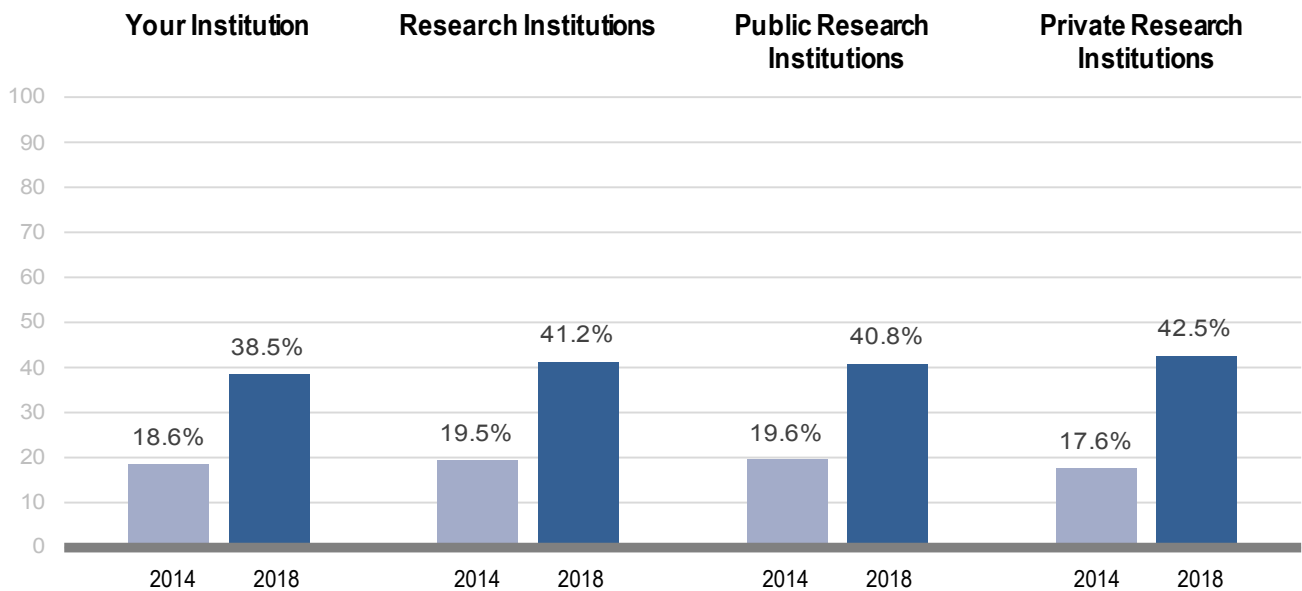
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

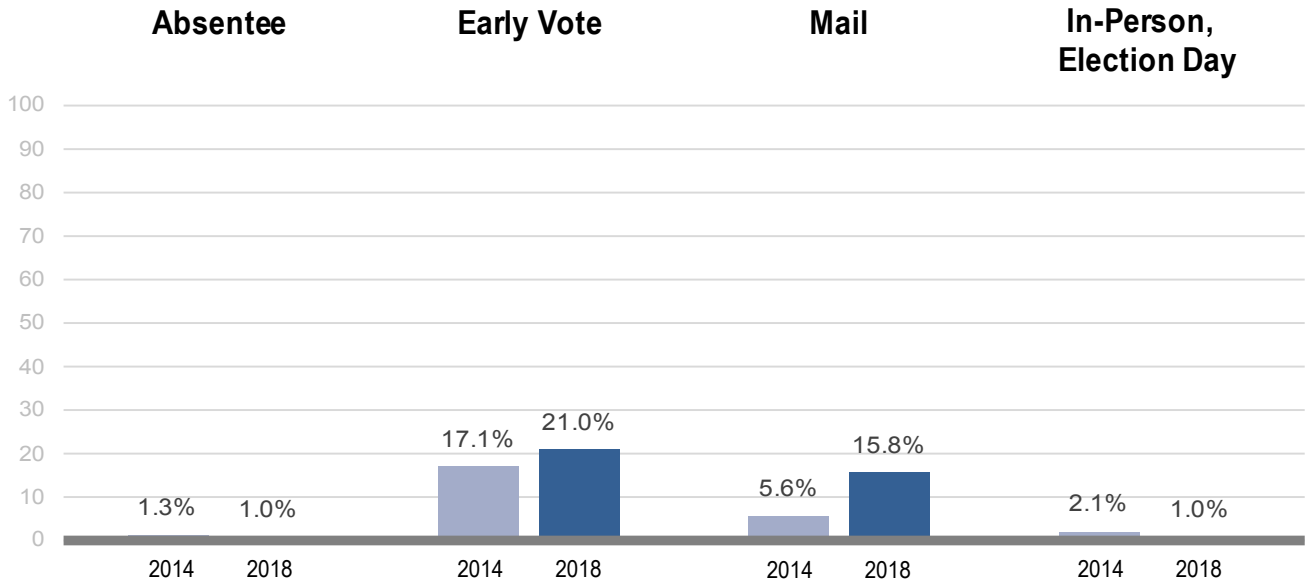
Difference from All Institutions **-1.1**

Difference from All Institutions **-0.6**



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

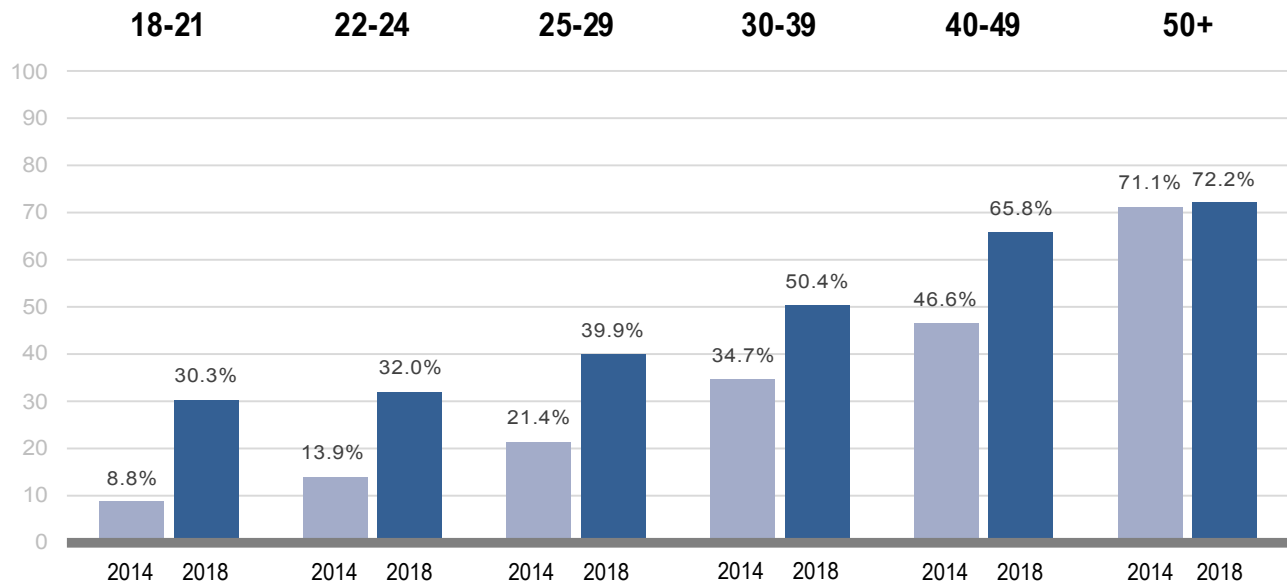


	2014		2018			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change	
Absentee	46	1.3%	60	1.0%	↓	-0.3
Early Vote	602	17.1%	1,238	21.0%	↑	3.8
Mail	198	5.6%	932	15.8%	↑	10.2
In-Person, Election Day	72	2.1%	61	1.0%	↓	-1.0
Unknown	2,597	73.9%	3,616	61.2%		
Total	3,515		5,907			

* 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*

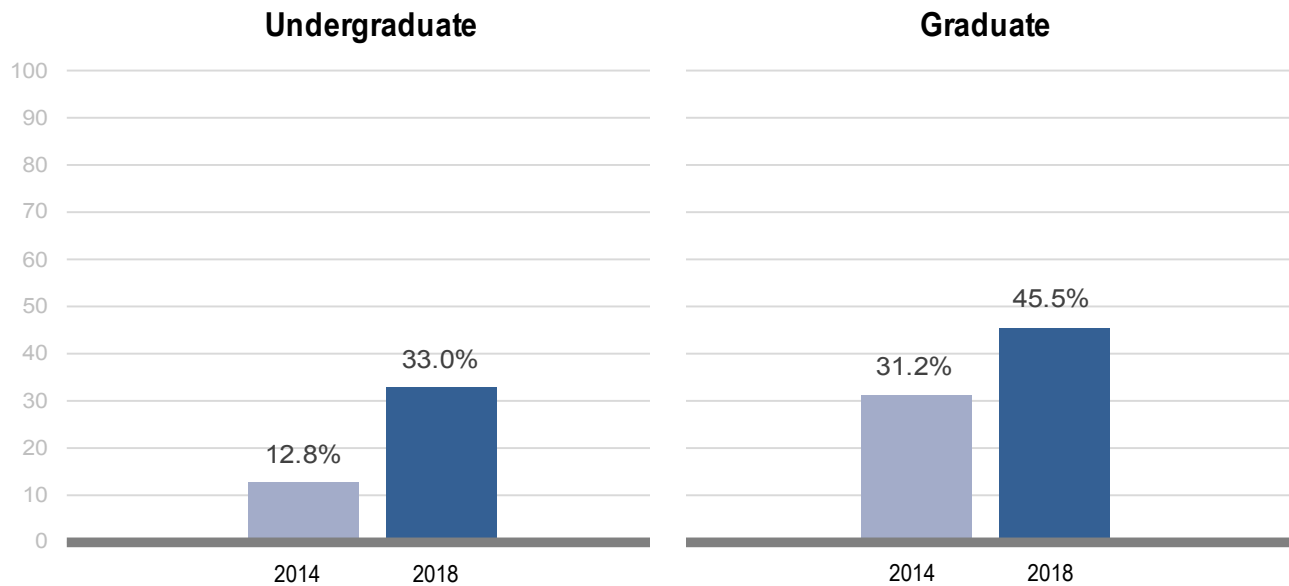


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	8,479	742	8.8%	6,783	2,052	30.3%	↑	21.5
22-24	5,218	725	13.9%	4,496	1,438	32.0%	↑	18.1
25-29	2,870	613	21.4%	2,321	927	39.9%	↑	18.6
30-39	2,022	702	34.7%	1,561	786	50.4%	↑	15.6
40-49	882	411	46.6%	695	457	65.8%	↑	19.2
50+	453	322	71.1%	342	247	72.2%	↑	1.1
Unknown	0			0				

* 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*

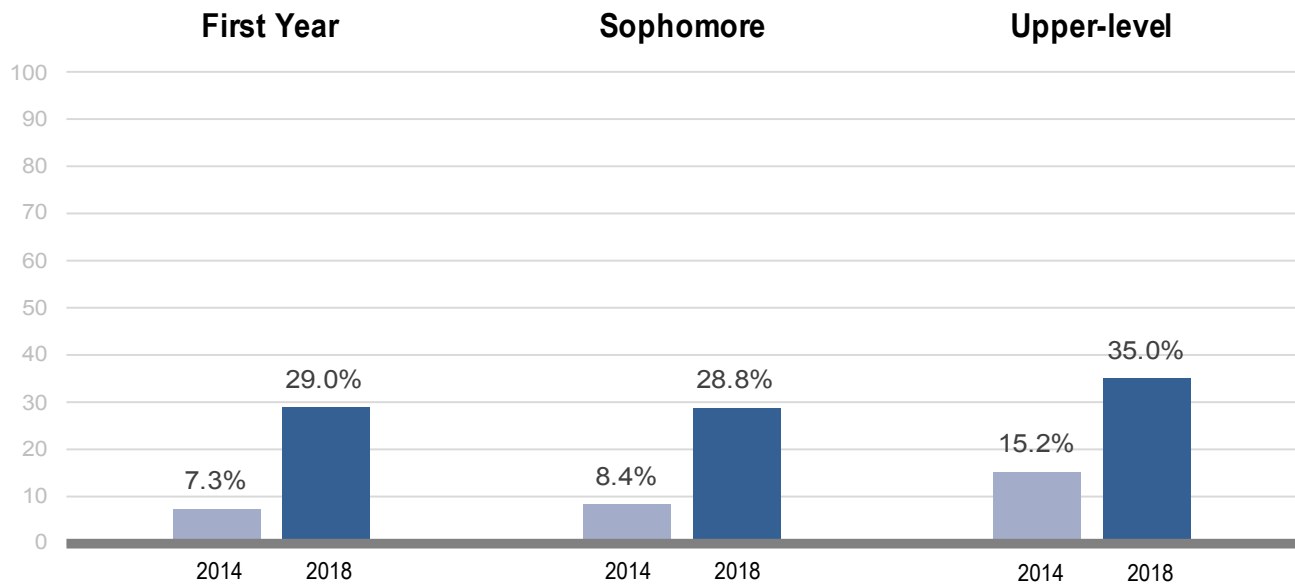


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Undergraduate	14,078	1,797	12.8%	11,914	3,933	33.0%	↑	20.3
Graduate	4,954	1,545	31.2%	3,729	1,696	45.5%	↑	14.3
Unknown	892			555				

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Undergraduate Class Year*

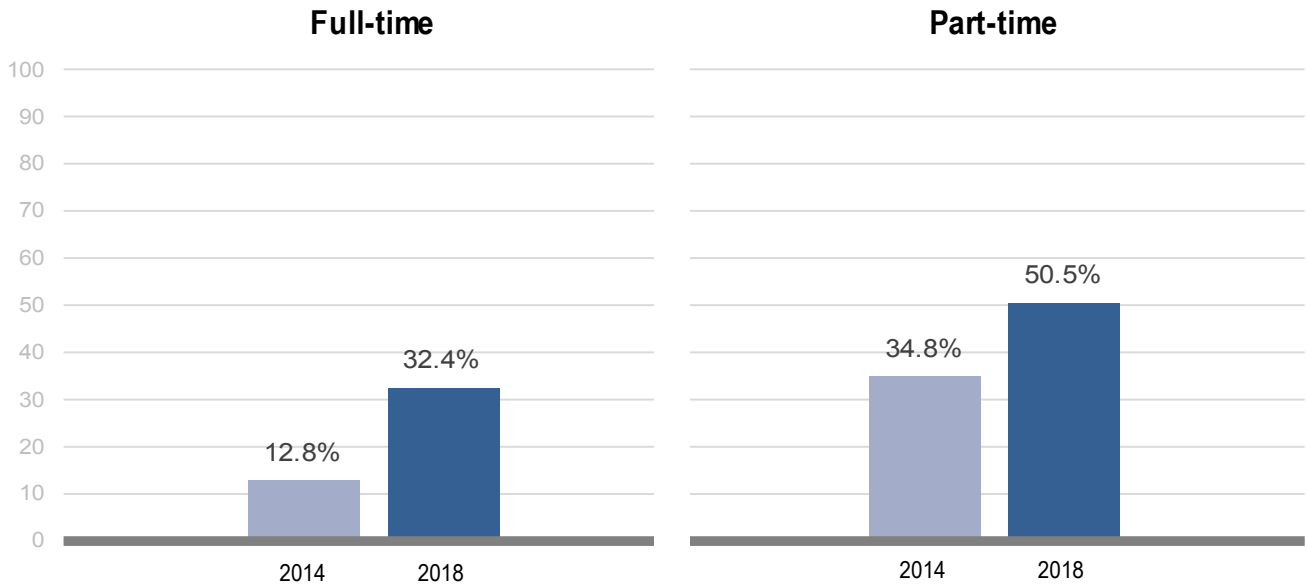


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	2,876	209	7.3%	2,240	649	29.0%	↑	21.7
Sophomore	2,405	202	8.4%	1,721	496	28.8%	↑	20.4
Upper-level	9,230	1,403	15.2%	6,434	2,253	35.0%	↑	19.8

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Enrollment Status*

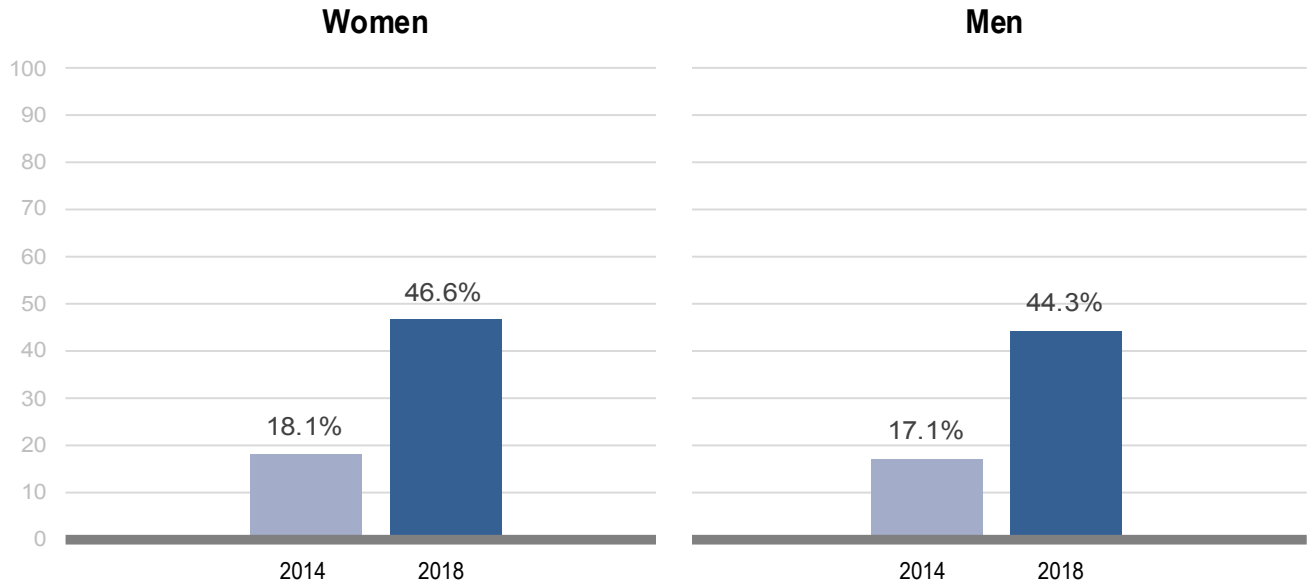


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	15,522	1,983	12.8%	12,575	4,079	32.4%	↑	19.7
Part-time	4,402	1,532	34.8%	3,623	1,828	50.5%	↑	15.7
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Gender*

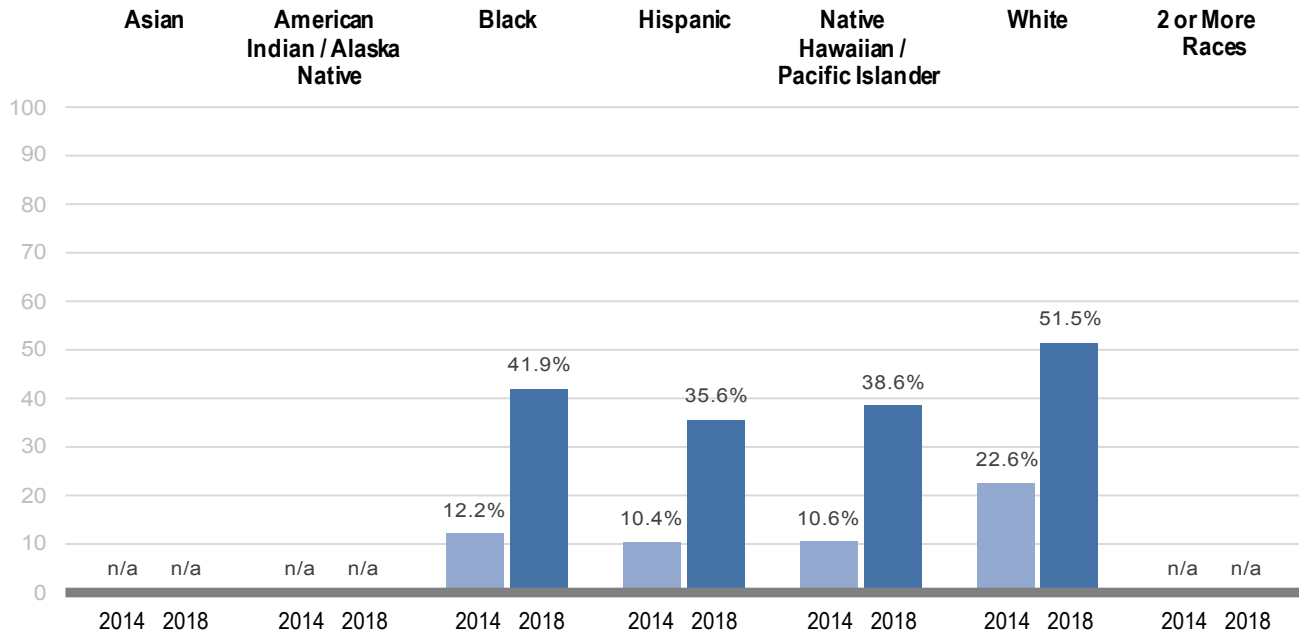


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	10,020	1,817	18.1%	879	410	46.6%	↑	28.5
Men	9,889	1,693	17.1%	770	341	44.3%	↑	27.2
Unknown	15			14,549				

* 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				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change	
Asian	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	
American Indian/ Alaska Native	27	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	
Black	2,513	306	12.2%	246	103	41.9%	↑	29.7
Hispanic	1,227	127	10.4%	104	37	35.6%	↑	25.2
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	793	84	10.6%	57	22	38.6%	↑	28.0
White	11,763	2,656	22.6%	940	484	51.5%	↑	28.9
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	
Unknown	3,601			14,851				

* 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	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	678	84	12.4%	535	186	34.8% ↑	22.4
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,176	473	14.9%	2,736	790	28.9% ↑	14.0
Communication and Journalism	859	113	13.2%	573	188	32.8% ↑	19.7
Computer and Information Sciences	765	84	11.0%	813	232	28.5% ↑	17.6
Education	1,841	583	31.7%	1,983	902	45.5% ↑	13.8
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,695	224	13.2%	1,504	460	30.6% ↑	17.4
English Language and Literature	380	90	23.7%	306	159	52.0% ↑	28.3
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	322	47	14.6%	361	104	28.8% ↑	14.2
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	117	24	20.5%	101	40	39.6% ↑	19.1
Health Professions	3,041	438	14.4%	2,139	734	34.3% ↑	19.9
History	283	85	30.0%	217	115	53.0% ↑	23.0
Legal Professions and Studies	264	90	34.1%	243	121	49.8% ↑	15.7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	194	49	25.3%	822	336	40.9% ↑	15.6
Mathematics and Statistics	297	53	17.9%	233	88	37.8% ↑	19.9
Natural Resources and Conservation	106	15	14.2%	109	66	60.6% ↑	46.4
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	370	41	11.1%	350	79	22.6% ↑	11.5
Philosophy and Religious Studies	45	*	n/a	46	17	37.0%	n/a
Physical Sciences	509	75	14.7%	384	140	36.5% ↑	21.7
Psychology	921	132	14.3%	736	281	38.2% ↑	23.9
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	140	54	38.6%	144	89	61.8% ↑	23.2
Social Sciences	1,007	179	17.8%	765	328	42.9% ↑	25.1
Visual and Performing Arts	831	112	13.5%	728	278	38.2% ↑	24.7
Other	12	*	n/a	10	*	n/a	n/a

Unknown	2,071	458	22.1%	360	171	47.5% ↑	25.4
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