

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Old Dominion 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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Warm regards,

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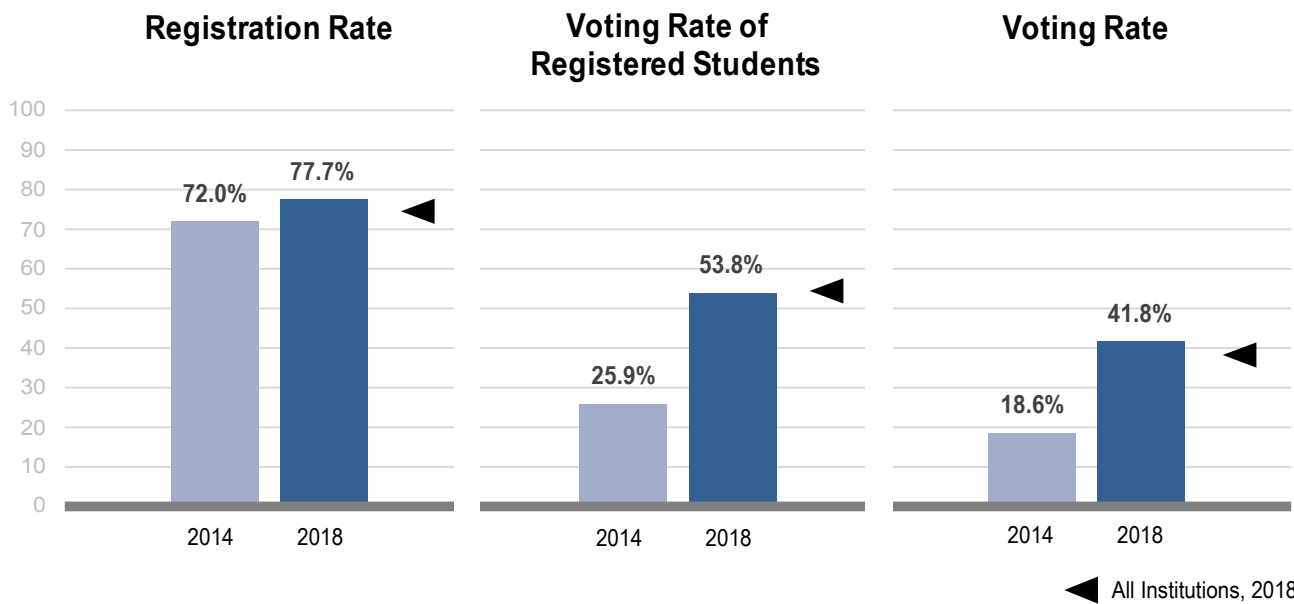
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2018 Voting Rate**  
**41.8%**

CHANGE FROM 2014  
**+23.2**

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**39.1%**



	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	24,737	23,616	↓ -1,121
Age under 18/Unknown	(78)	(89)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(811)	(736)	
FERPA records blocked	(12)	*	
<u>Total eligible voters</u>	<u>23,836</u>	<u>22,788</u>	↓ -1,048
<u>Number of students who registered</u>	<u>17,172</u>	<u>17,704</u>	↑ 532
<u>Number of students who voted</u>	<u>4,440</u>	<u>9,529</u>	↑ 5,089
<u>Registration rate</u>	<u>72.0%</u>	<u>77.7%</u>	↑ 5.6
<u>Voting rate of registered students</u>	<u>25.9%</u>	<u>53.8%</u>	↑ 28.0
<u>Voting rate</u>	<u>18.6%</u>	<u>41.8%</u>	↑ 23.2
Difference from all institutions	-1.1	+2.7	

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

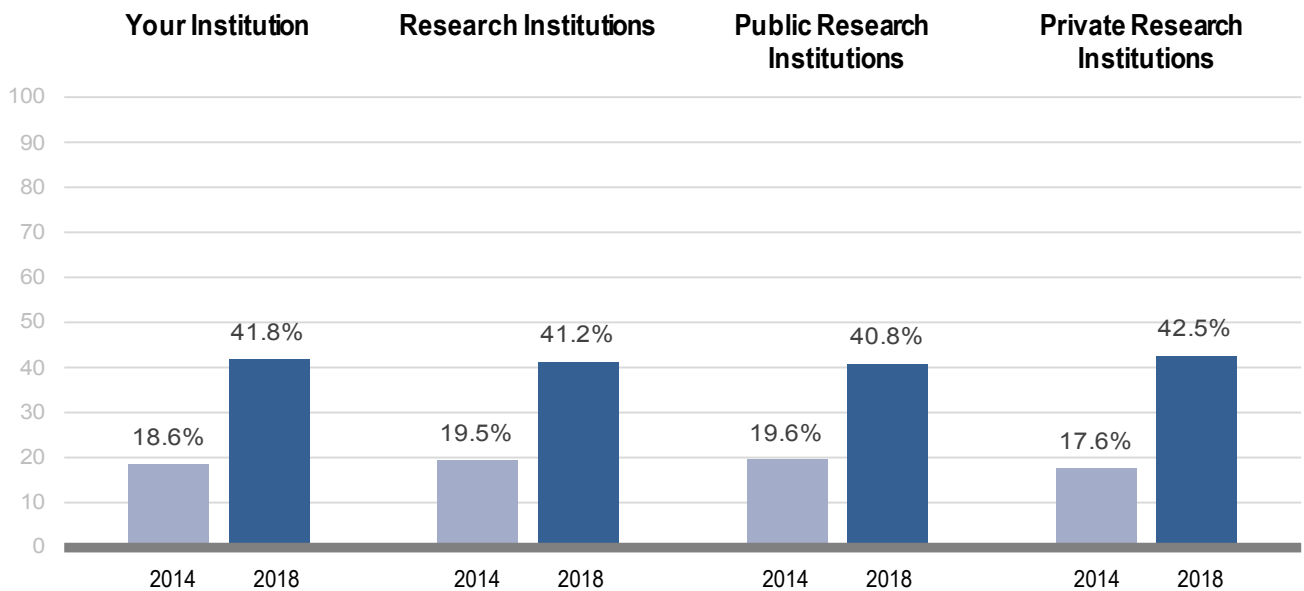
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

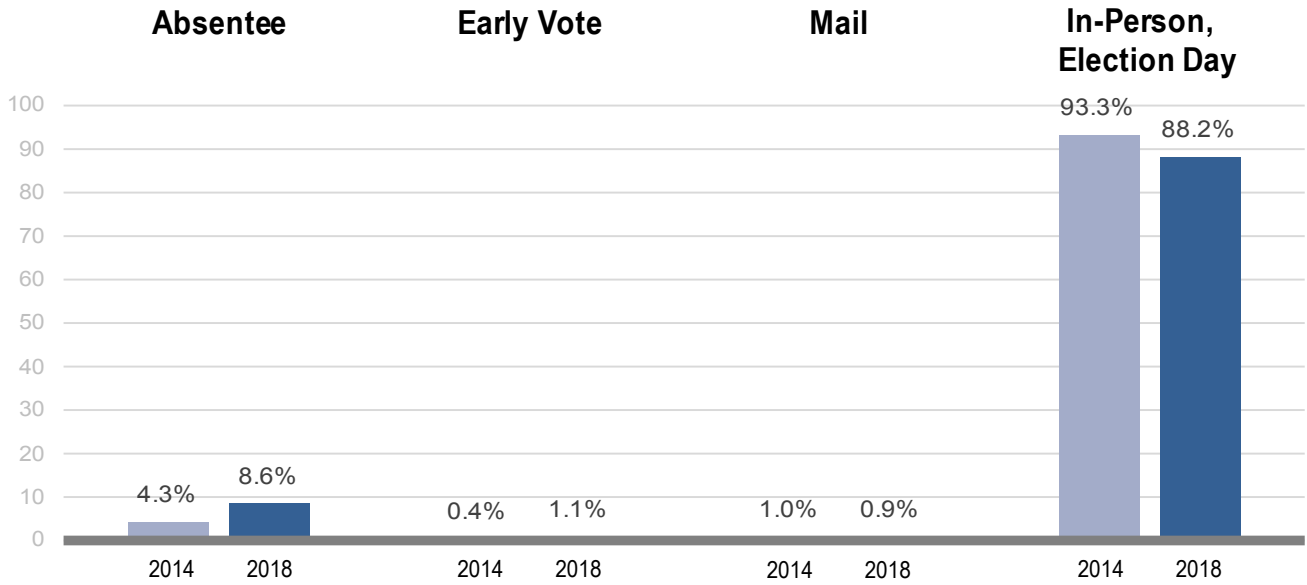
Difference from All Institutions **-1.1**

Difference from All Institutions **+2.7**



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# By Voting Method\*

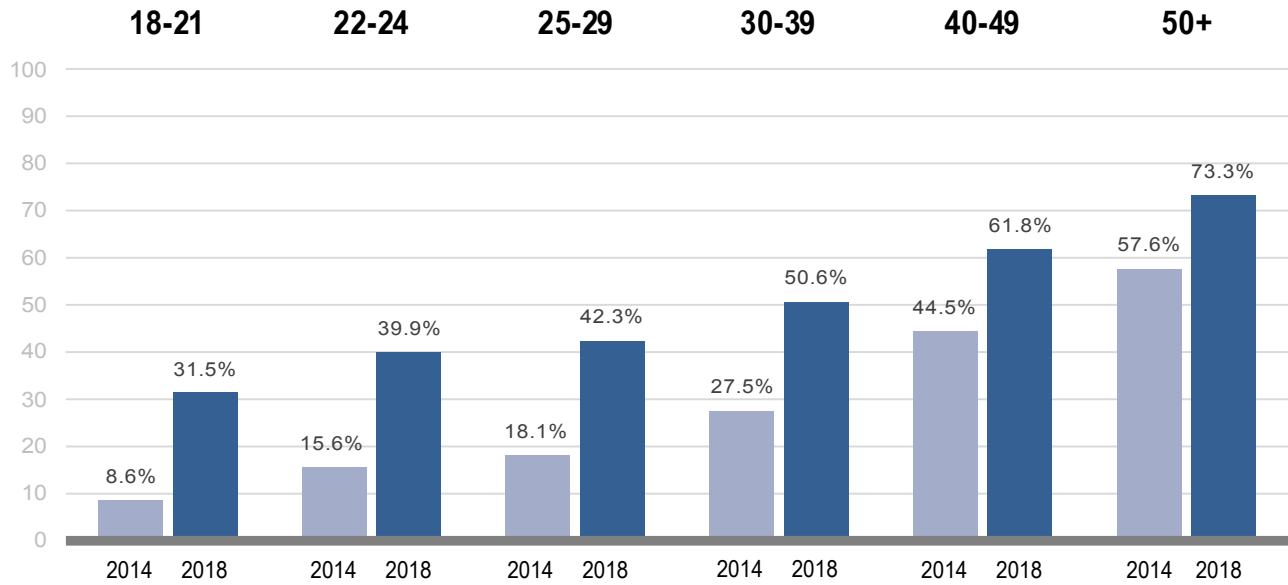


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	190	4.3%	822	8.6%	↑ 4.4
Early Vote	17	0.4%	103	1.1%	↑ 0.7
Mail	46	1.0%	81	0.9%	↓ -0.2
In-Person, Election Day	4,141	93.3%	8,406	88.2%	↓ -5.1
Unknown	46	1.0%	117	1.2%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,440</b>		<b>9,529</b>		

\* 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.

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# By Age Group\*

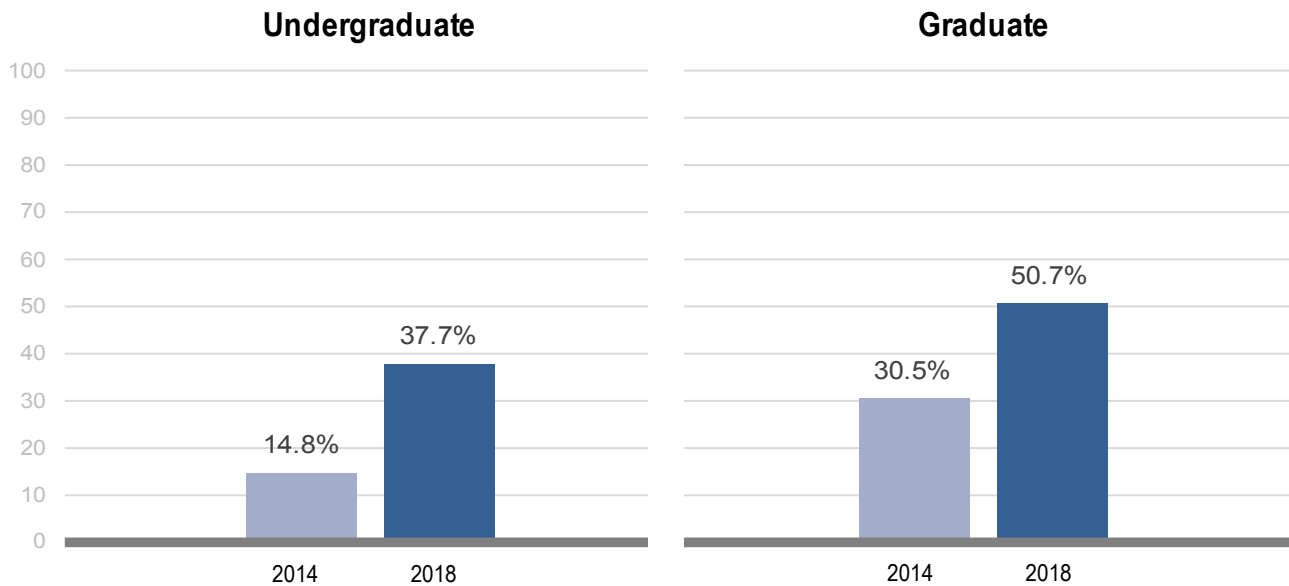


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	10,048	863	8.6%	9,912	3,120	31.5%	↑ 22.9
22-24	5,027	786	15.6%	4,702	1,877	39.9%	↑ 24.3
25-29	3,831	695	18.1%	3,543	1,500	42.3%	↑ 24.2
30-39	3,338	918	27.5%	3,292	1,665	50.6%	↑ 23.1
40-49	1,570	698	44.5%	1,331	822	61.8%	↑ 17.3
50+	833	480	57.6%	744	545	73.3%	↑ 15.6
Unknown	*			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.

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# By Education Level\*

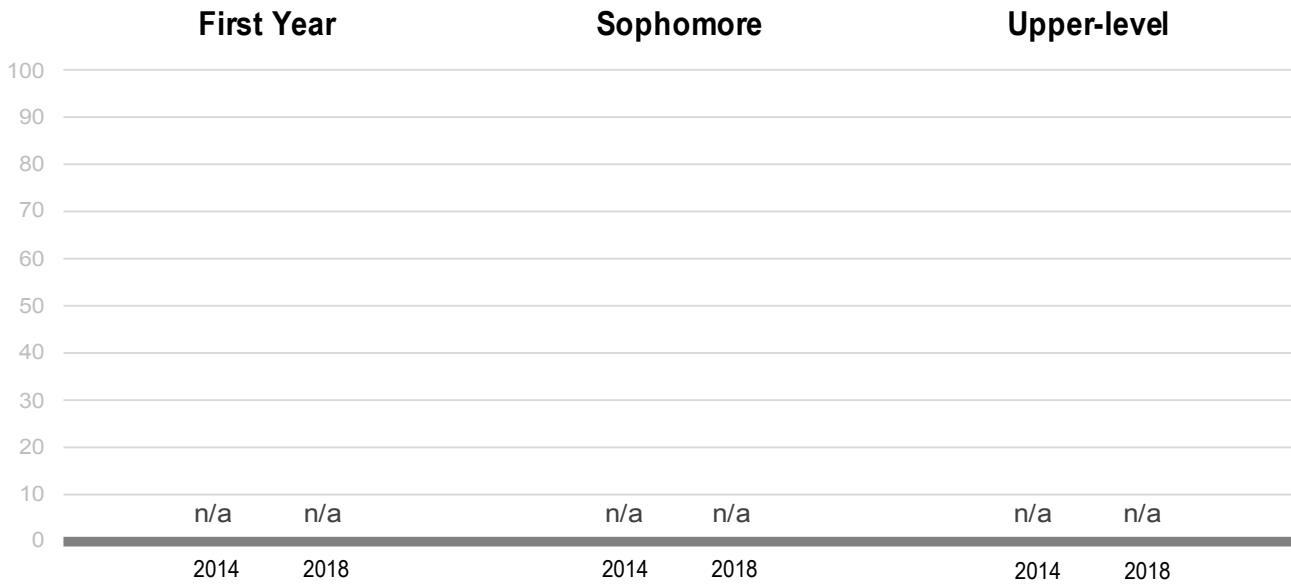


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	19,440	2,868	14.8%	18,603	7,017	37.7%	↑ 23.0
Graduate	4,682	1,427	30.5%	4,547	2,305	50.7%	↑ 20.2
Unknown	525			374			

\* 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\*



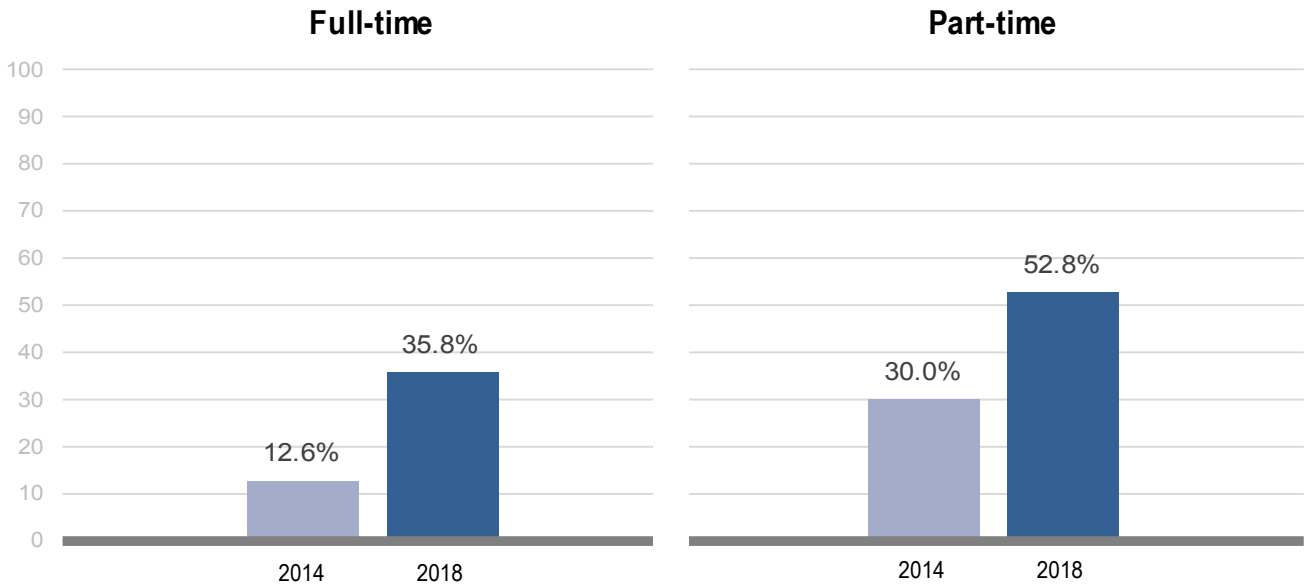
	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Upper-level	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a

\* 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\*

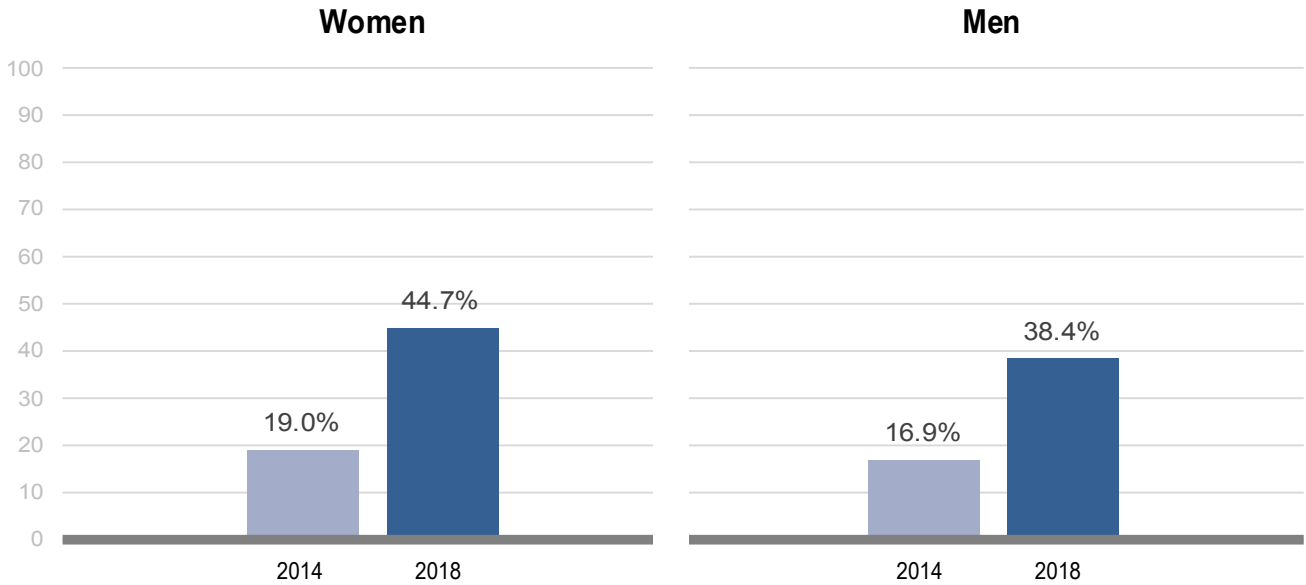


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	16,941	2,131	12.6%	17,044	6,109	35.8%	↑ 23.3
Part-time	7,706	2,309	30.0%	6,480	3,420	52.8%	↑ 22.8
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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\*

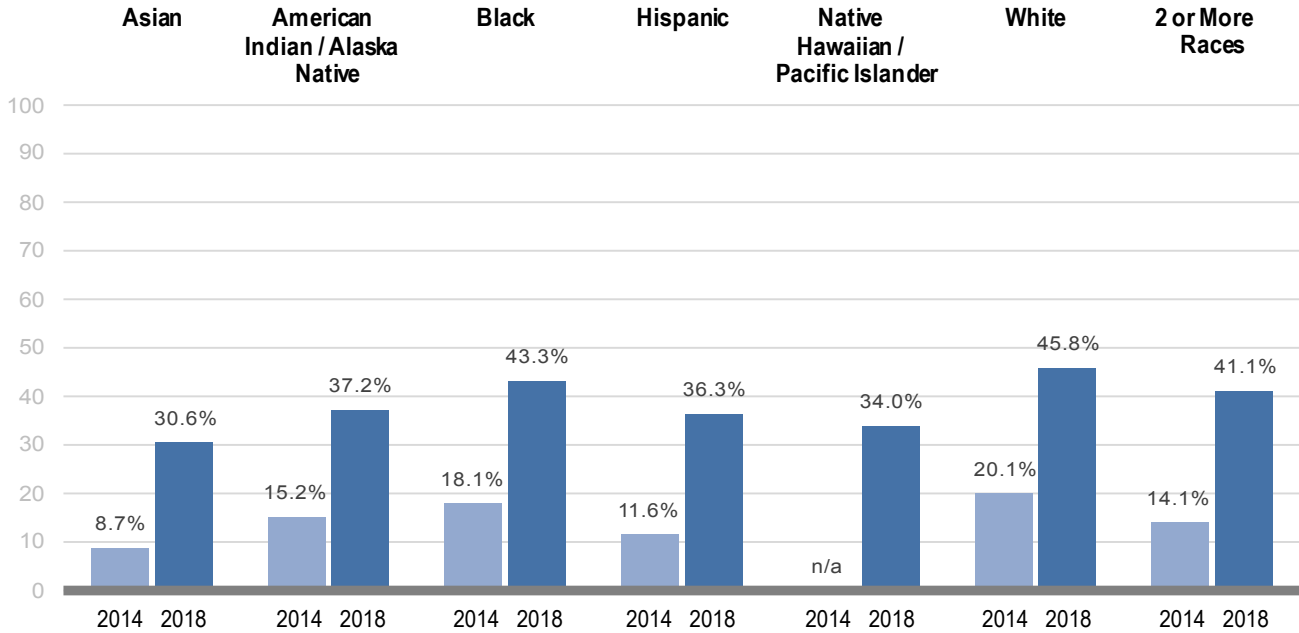


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	13,527	2,564	19.0%	9,409	4,210	44.7%	↑ 25.8
Men	11,116	1,876	16.9%	7,465	2,868	38.4%	↑ 21.5
Unknown	*			6,650			

\* 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 Race/Ethnicity\*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	943	82	8.7%	778	238	30.6%	↑ 21.9
American Indian/ Alaska Native	79	12	15.2%	43	16	37.2%	↑ 22.0
Black	5,584	1,010	18.1%	4,576	1,980	43.3%	↑ 25.2
Hispanic	1,497	174	11.6%	1,361	494	36.3%	↑ 24.7
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	95	*	n/a	53	18	34.0%	n/a
White	12,230	2,460	20.1%	7,875	3,609	45.8%	↑ 25.7
2 or More Races	1,429	201	14.1%	1,090	448	41.1%	↑ 27.0
Unknown	2,790			7,748			

\* 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.

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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.

	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	50	*	n/a	50	27	54.0%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,464	166	11.3%	1,442	492	34.1% ↑	22.8
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,326	529	15.9%	3,333	1,222	36.7% ↑	20.8
Communication and Journalism	24	*	n/a	21	11	52.4%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	680	107	15.7%	882	334	37.9% ↑	22.1
Education	2,750	628	22.8%	2,196	1,054	48.0% ↑	25.2
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	3,233	561	17.4%	3,174	1,132	35.7% ↑	18.3
English Language and Literature	1,395	241	17.3%	1,291	597	46.2% ↑	29.0
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	68	*	n/a	54	20	37.0%	n/a
Health Professions	3,542	609	17.2%	3,369	1,374	40.8% ↑	23.6
History	340	95	27.9%	236	130	55.1% ↑	27.1
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,667	452	27.1%	1,025	552	53.9% ↑	26.7
Mathematics and Statistics	187	24	12.8%	145	61	42.1% ↑	29.2
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,010	225	22.3%	1,654	626	37.9% ↑	15.6
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	257	31	12.1%	483	149	30.9% ↑	18.8
Philosophy and Religious Studies	42	*	n/a	34	14	41.2%	n/a
Physical Sciences	430	75	17.4%	344	114	33.1% ↑	15.7
Psychology	1,301	197	15.1%	1,281	501	39.1% ↑	24.0
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	165	95	57.6%	170	102	60.0% ↑	2.4
Social Sciences	2,013	289	14.4%	1,596	642	40.2% ↑	25.9
Visual and Performing Arts	686	83	12.1%	626	288	46.0% ↑	33.9
Unknown	17	*	n/a	118	87	73.7%	n/a

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