

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Otterbein 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:

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

Warm regards,

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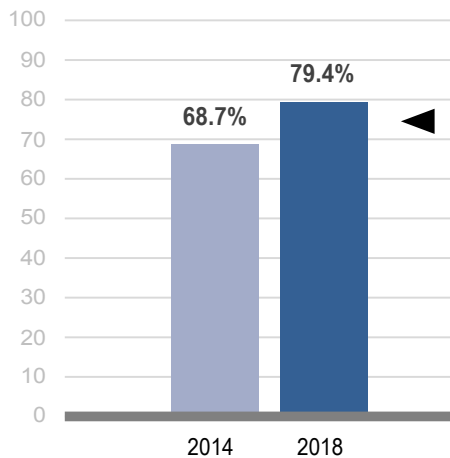
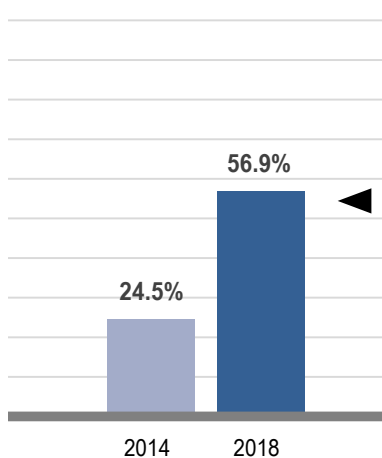
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

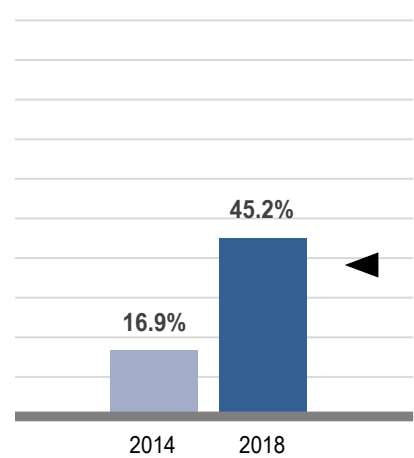
2018 Voting Rate

45.2%CHANGE
FROM 2014**+28.3**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	2,773	3,061	↑ 288
Age under 18/Unknown	(50)	(104)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(54)	(48)	
FERPA records blocked	0	*	
Total eligible voters	2,669	2,907	↑ 238
Number of students who registered	1,835	2,308	↑ 473
Number of students who voted	450	1,313	↑ 863
Registration rate	68.7%	79.4%	↑ 10.7
Voting rate of registered students	24.5%	56.9%	↑ 32.4
Voting rate	16.9%	45.2%	↑ 28.3
Difference from all institutions	-2.8	+6.1	

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

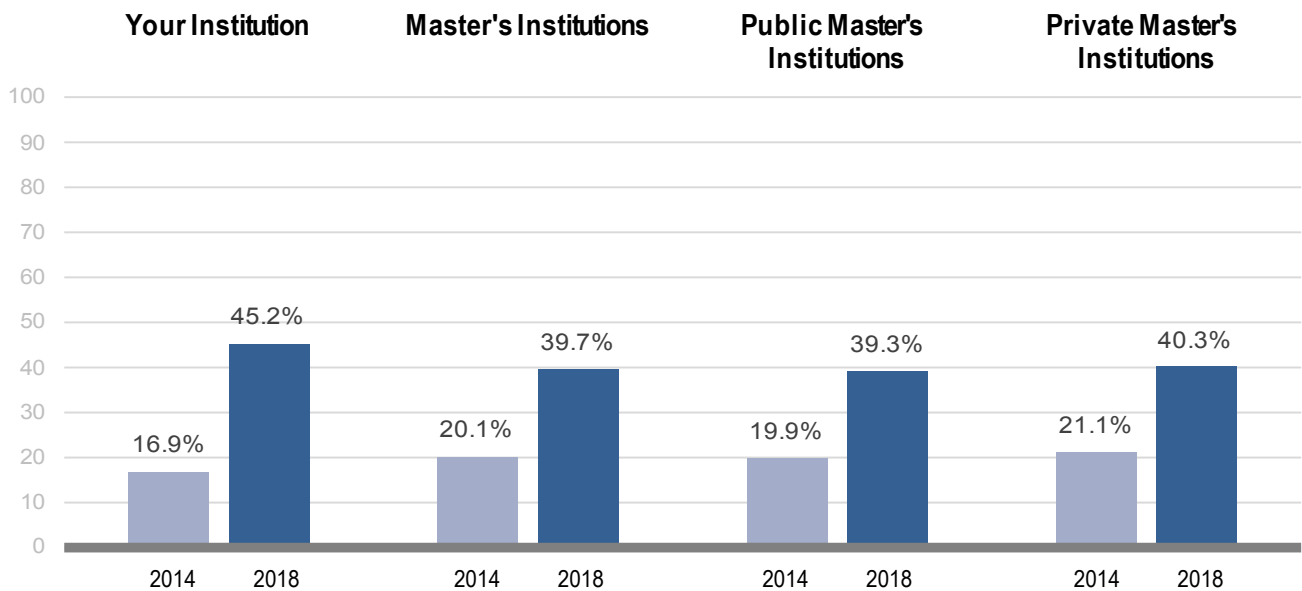
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

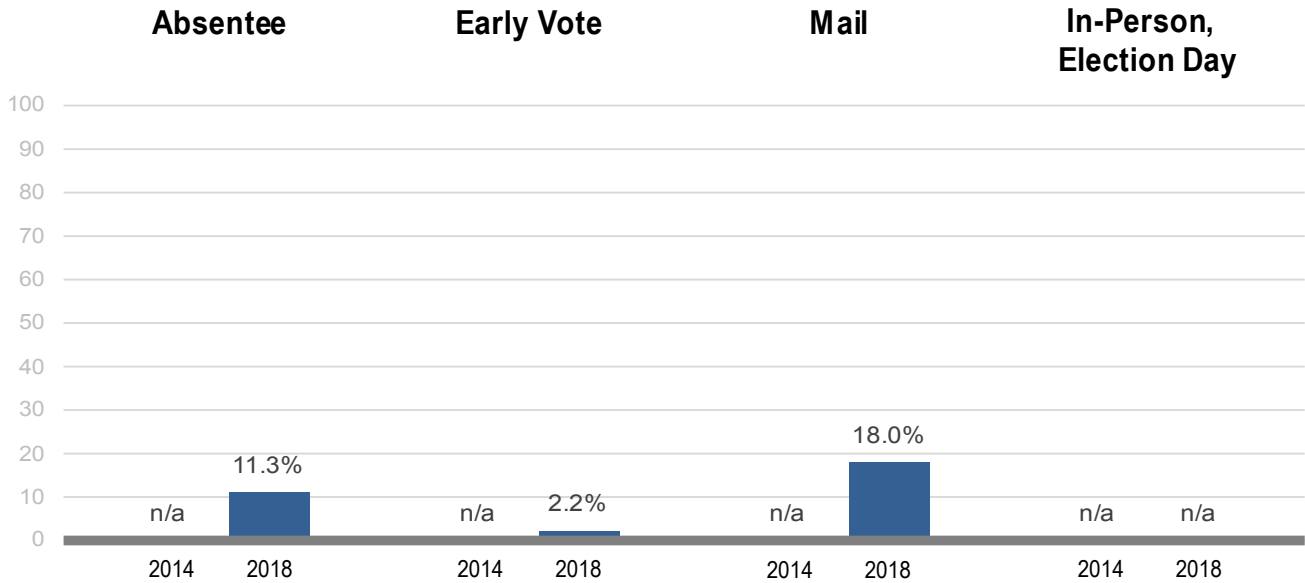
Difference from All Institutions **-2.8**

Difference from All Institutions **+6.1**



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

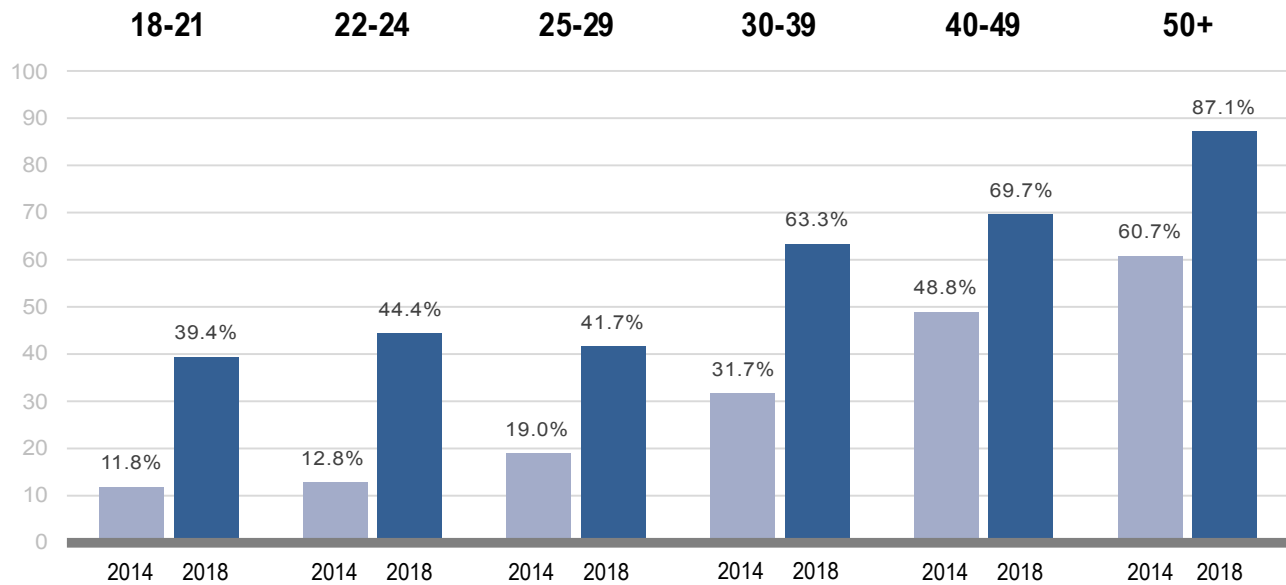


	2014		2018		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change
Absentee	*	n/a	148	11.3%	n/a
Early Vote	0	n/a	29	2.2%	n/a
Mail	*	n/a	236	18.0%	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
Unknown	444	98.7%	896	68.2%	
Total	450		1,313		

* 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*

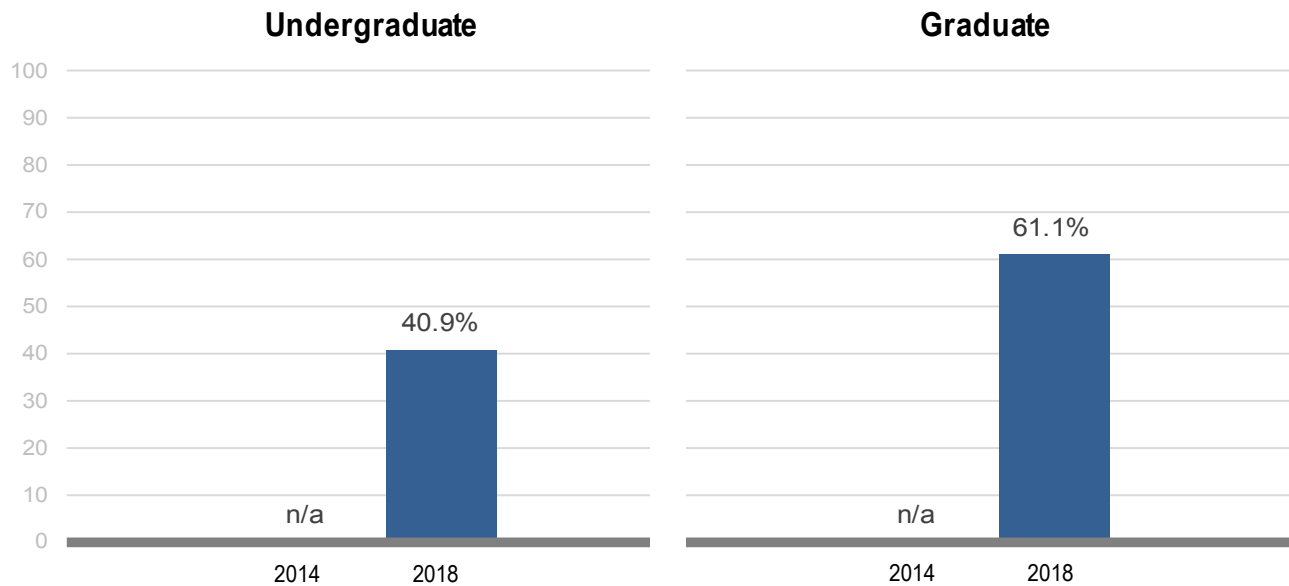


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	1,835	217	11.8%	1,997	786	39.4%	↑ 27.5
22-24	328	42	12.8%	324	144	44.4%	↑ 31.6
25-29	195	37	19.0%	204	85	41.7%	↑ 22.7
30-39	180	57	31.7%	215	136	63.3%	↑ 31.6
40-49	129	63	48.8%	145	101	69.7%	↑ 20.8
50+	56	34	60.7%	70	61	87.1%	↑ 26.4
Unknown	*			14			

* 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*

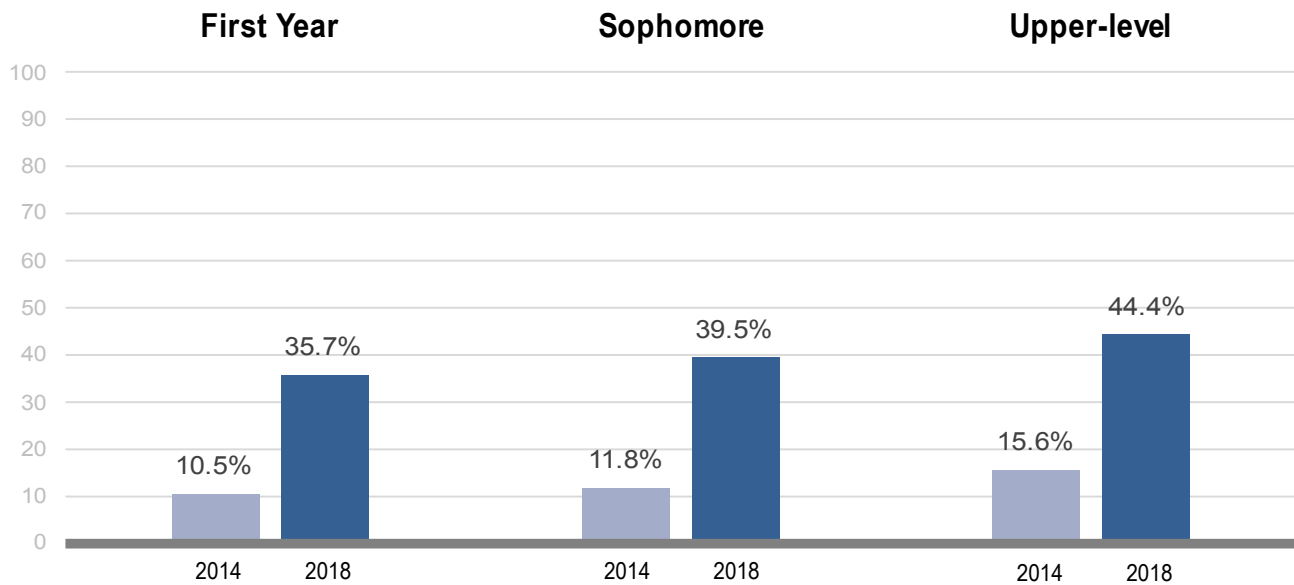


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	2,431	993	40.9%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	524	320	61.1%	n/a
Unknown	2,723			0			

* 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*

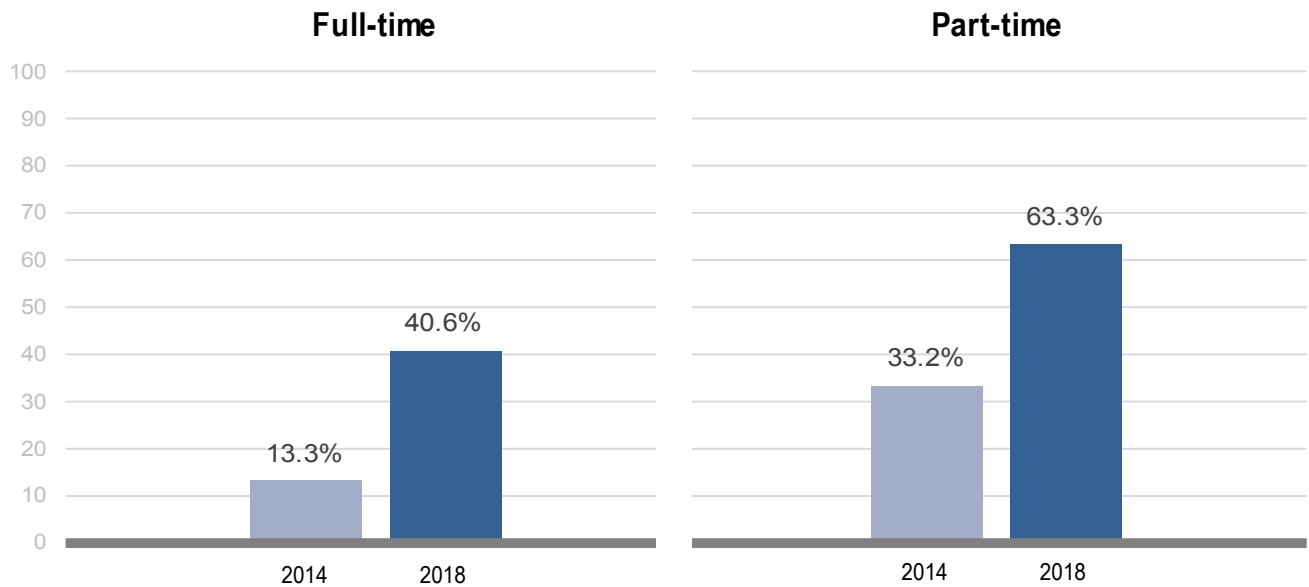


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	714	75	10.5%	728	260	35.7%	↑	25.2
Sophomore	507	60	11.8%	569	225	39.5%	↑	27.7
Upper-level	1,028	160	15.6%	1,120	497	44.4%	↑	28.8

* 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.

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By Enrollment Status*

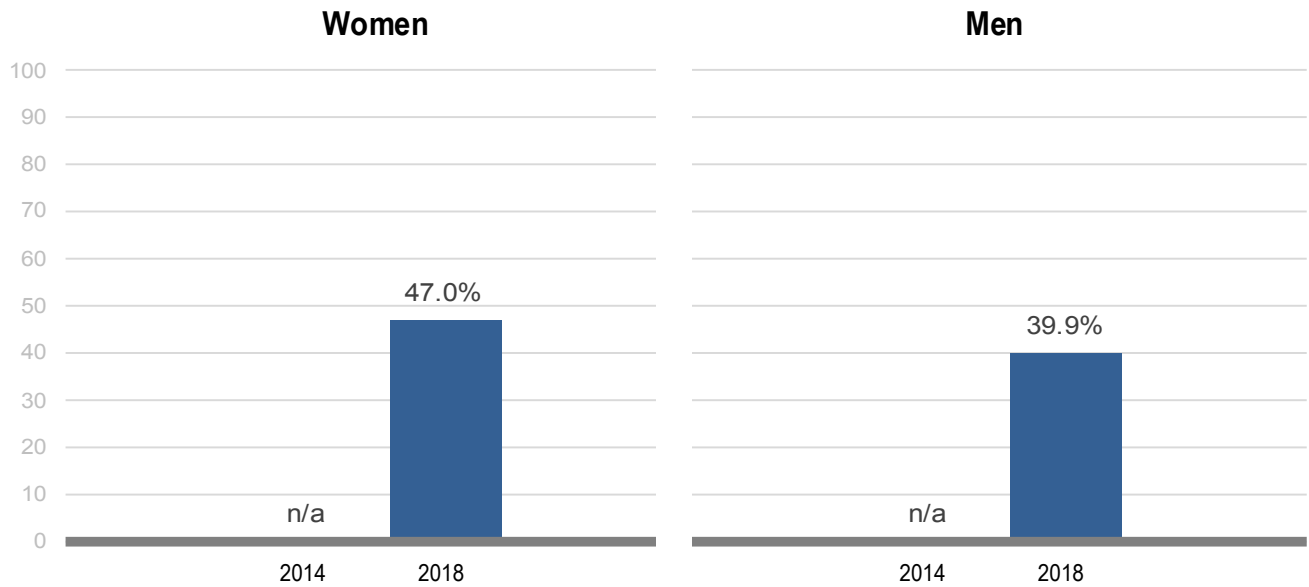


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	2,280	303	13.3%	2,456	997	40.6%	↑	27.3
Part-time	443	147	33.2%	499	316	63.3%	↑	30.2
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

* 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*

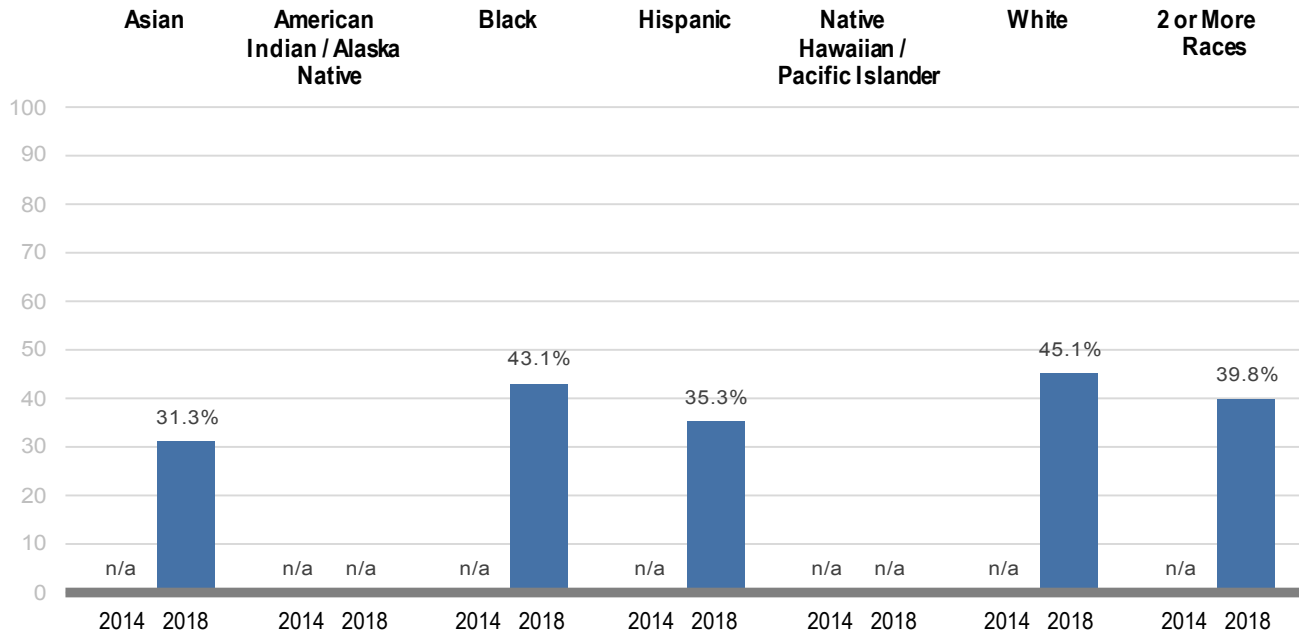


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	0	0	n/a	1,884	886	47.0%	n/a
Men	0	0	n/a	1,062	424	39.9%	n/a
Unknown	2,723			*			

* 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	0	0	n/a	64	20	31.3%	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	11	*	n/a	n/a
Black	0	0	n/a	202	87	43.1%	n/a
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	116	41	35.3%	n/a
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
White	0	0	n/a	2,069	934	45.1%	n/a
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	113	45	39.8%	n/a
Unknown	2,723			380			

* 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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	26	*	n/a	29	*	n/a	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	99	13	13.1%	170	78	45.9% ↑	32.8
Business, Management, and Marketing	334	55	16.5%	386	150	38.9% ↑	22.4
Communication and Journalism	133	21	15.8%	122	56	45.9% ↑	30.1
Computer and Information Sciences	30	*	n/a	38	18	47.4%	n/a
Education	311	78	25.1%	330	156	47.3% ↑	22.2
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	0	0	n/a	99	46	46.5%	n/a
English Language and Literature	71	*	n/a	54	37	68.5%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	758	121	16.0%	742	299	40.3% ↑	24.3
History	31	*	n/a	18	*	n/a	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	171	45	26.3%	260	149	57.3% ↑	31.0
Mathematics and Statistics	18	*	n/a	29	15	51.7%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	*	*	n/a	14	*	n/a	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	90	10	11.1%	101	39	38.6% ↑	27.5
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	138	14	10.1%	102	36	35.3% ↑	25.2
Philosophy and Religious Studies	17	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	47	*	n/a	23	14	60.9%	n/a
Psychology	103	18	17.5%	91	43	47.3% ↑	29.8
Social Sciences	80	14	17.5%	101	31	30.7% ↑	13.2
Visual and Performing Arts	230	24	10.4%	212	103	48.6% ↑	38.2
Unknown	21	*	n/a	17	*	n/a	n/a

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>.

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