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CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for

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University-Main Campus

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About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE), housed at the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life, Tufts University. Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 850 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012 and 2014 elections. Participating colleges and universities are located in 48 states and represent all Carnegie classifications. With others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 7.5 million college student records that is already serving as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

NSLVE has recently published several resources including:

❑ *Talking Politics*: A tool for conversations on your campus regarding how to use the NSLVE report to spark change.

❑ *Democracy Matters: A Guide to Non-Statutory Barriers to Voting:* In this guide, we identify sometimes-hidden barriers students might face when registering to vote or voting, and strategies to overcome them.

❑ *National Data*: We have published data about the national landscape for college student political engagement including breakdowns by field of study and region.

Looking Ahead
Over the coming months, NSLVE will be releasing additional tools and resources that you can use to increase political learning and engagement in democracy on your campus. Here is a preview of some of this work.

❑ *Comparison Data*: We'll continue to aggregate comparison data for groups of participating campuses.

❑ *Case Studies:* We will be sharing the findings from our studies of campus climates for student political learning and engagement in democracy.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data and resources visit: **Activecitizen.tufts.edu/IDHE**

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 2014 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse ("Clearinghouse") and publicly available voting records collected by Catalist.

Using enrollment records submitted on a date closest to the election, we removed students under age 18 on Election Day. We also deducted an estimated number of students identified by your institution as non-resident aliens. This is based on the percentage of non-resident aliens reported by your institution to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). Please note that students who blocked the use of their information under FERPA were also removed from the enrollment lists.

When combining two datasets, matching errors can occur. That said, for each record, we receive a "confidence score." The average confidence score for the student records in our database is 96.6%. Nonetheless, some errors are still possible:

• On page three, we indicate the number of students who blocked their records from being used for any purpose, including research. If those students voted at a much lower or higher rate than your other students, it might affect the voting rate.

• Students not found in the voting database are considered non-voters, but we have no way to remove individual noncitizens (resident aliens and non-resident aliens). We use an estimate based on IPEDS data to account for non-resident aliens. We cannot adjust for resident aliens. This may result in your actual voting rate being higher than we report. To recalculate that percentage, see our **FAQ on campus reports**.

Reviewing the Data
Please use the following key to interpret the charts below:
* = number of students is less than 10
- = no data was collected for this field

For some colleges and universities, this report will contain categories for which data is "unknown." These categories likely reflect either the quantity or quality of the data your institution provides, a problem that can be corrected by more comprehensive reporting to the Clearinghouse.

NSLVE encourages campuses to share their data as broadly as possible, including posting your campus report . When doing so please reference, *Institute for Democracy and Higher Education:National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement;* as the data source.

Your Students' Voting and Registration Rates

2012 Voting Rate
46%

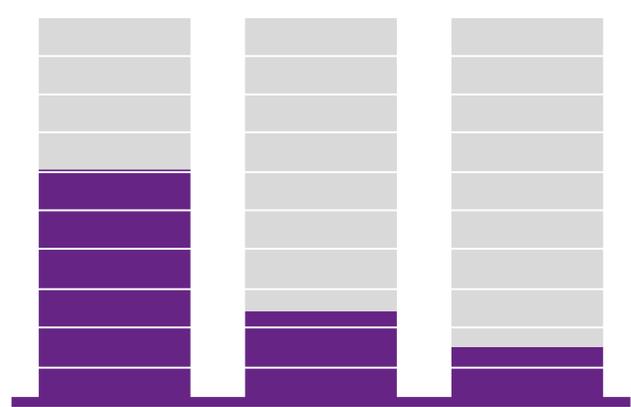2014 Voting Rate
14%

2012
Presidential Election

72.8%
Registration Rate

63.4%
Rate of Registered Students who Voted

46.1%
Voting Rate

Total student enrollment	**88,178**
Ineligible to vote because too young	**875**
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	**10,802**
FERPA records blocked	**67**
Number of students who registered	**55,620**
Number of students who voted	**35,266**

2014
Midterm Election

60.6%
Registration Rate

23.6%
Rate of Registered Students who Voted

14.3%
Voting Rate

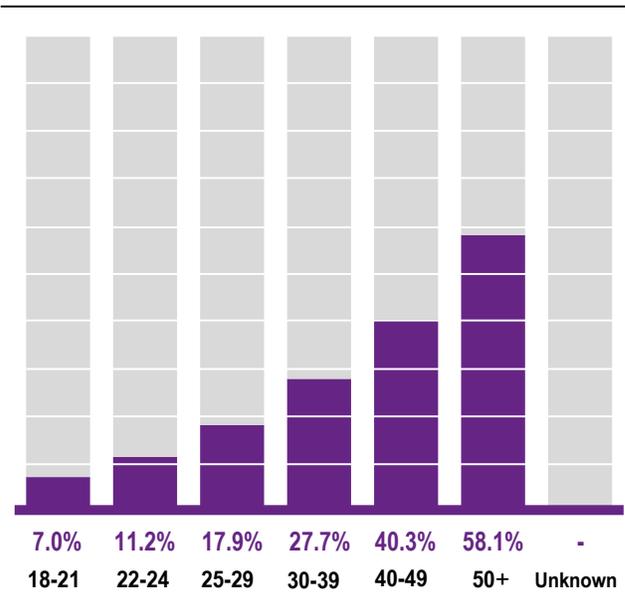|	
Total student enrollment	**91,454**
Ineligible to vote because too young	**970**
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	**12,145**
FERPA records blocked	**52**
Number of students who registered	**47,448**
Number of students who voted	**11,208**

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY AGE GROUP

Your students' data broken down by age at the time of the election. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election

36.5%	38.0%	41.9%	53.5%	67.6%	78.9%	-
18-21	22-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Unknown

2014 Midterm Election

7.0%	11.2%	17.9%	27.7%	40.3%	58.1%	-
18-21	22-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Unknown
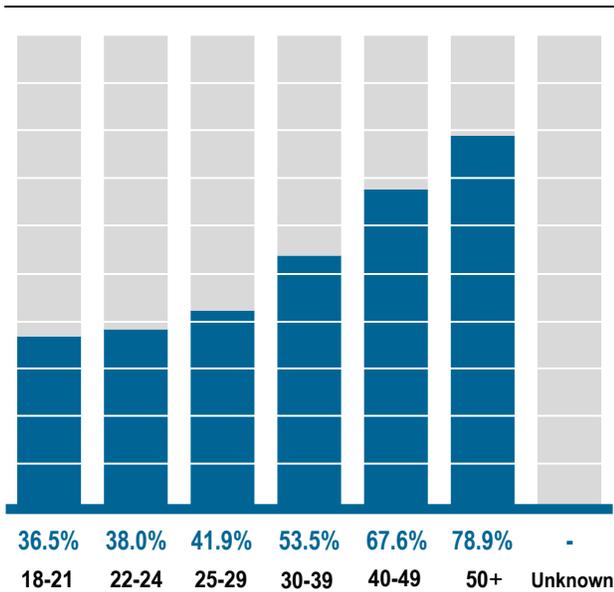
AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	52,614	19,196
22-24	14,159	5,376
25-29	8,958	3,757
30-39	7,091	3,797
40-49	2,975	2,010
50+	1,432	1,130
Unknown	*	-

AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	55,114	3,844
22-24	14,120	1,584
25-29	9,170	1,644
30-39	7,692	2,132
40-49	2,891	1,165
50+	1,444	839
Unknown	*	-

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY EDUCATION LEVEL

Your students' data broken down by undergraduate and graduate students. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election
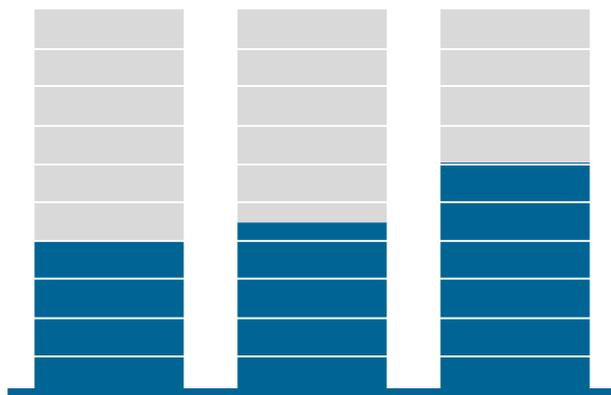
39.6%	44.5%	60.1%
Undergraduate	Graduate	Unknown

EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	74,060	29,356
Graduate	12,895	5,741
Unknown	281	169

2014 Midterm Election
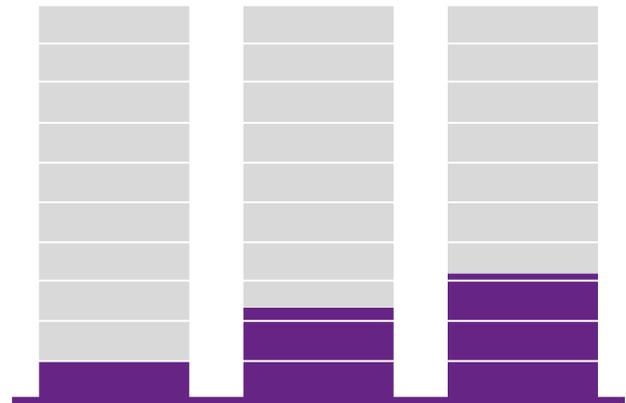
10.3%	23.8%	32.5%
Undergraduate	Graduate	Unknown

EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	76,612	7,894
Graduate	13,509	3,213
Unknown	311	101

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY GENDER

Your students' data broken down by gender. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election

43.2%	38.1%	25.7%
Women	Men	Unknown

2014 Midterm Election
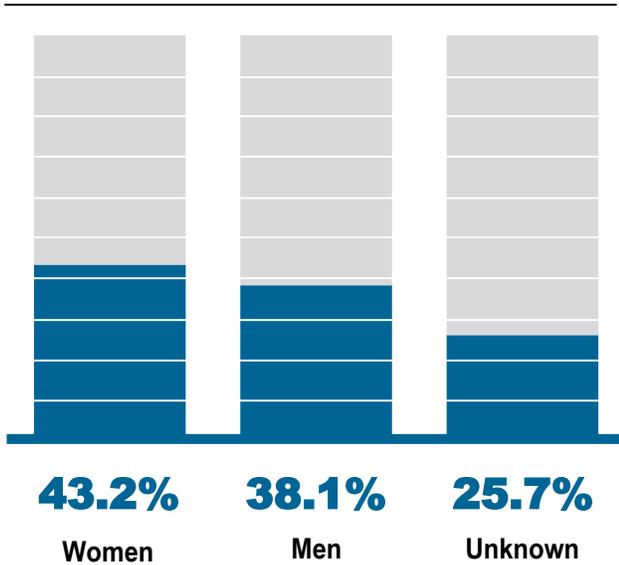
12.5%	12.3%	7.5%
Women	Men	Unknown

GENDER	ENROLLED	VOTED
Women	40,375	17,434
Men	46,760	17,806
Unknown	101	26

GENDER	ENROLLED	VOTED
Women	41,660	5,215
Men	48,705	5,988
Unknown	67	*

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown
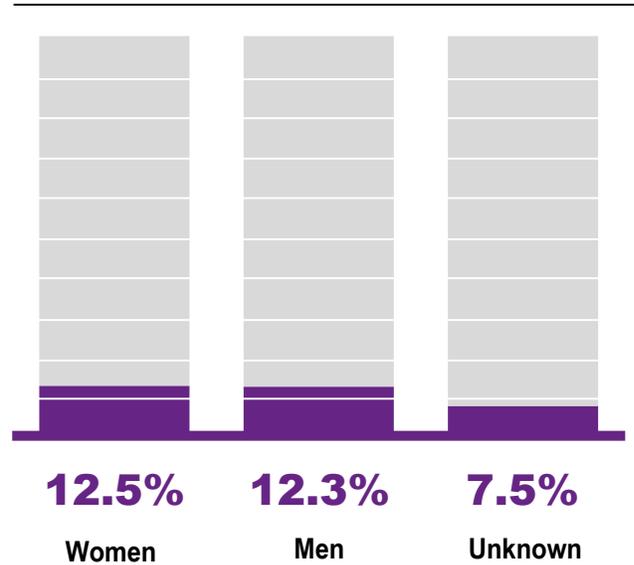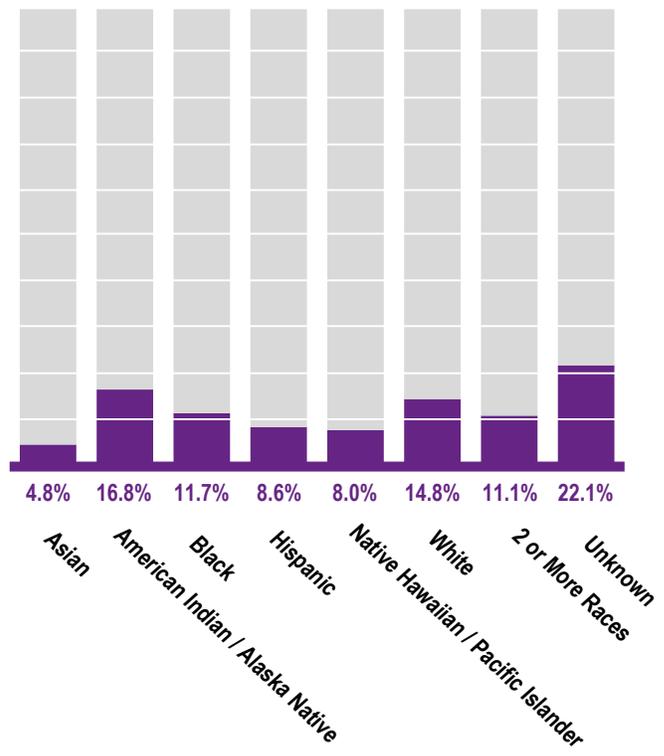
BY RACE/ETHNICITY

Your students' data broken down by race/ethnicity. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election

| 23.5% | 50.0% | 47.1% | 35.1% | 33.3% | 44.9% | 40.1% | 51.7% |

Asian, American Indian / Alaska Native, Black, Hispanic, Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander, White, 2 or More Races, Unknown

2014 Midterm Election

| 4.8% | 16.8% | 11.7% | 8.6% | 8.0% | 14.8% | 11.1% | 22.1% |
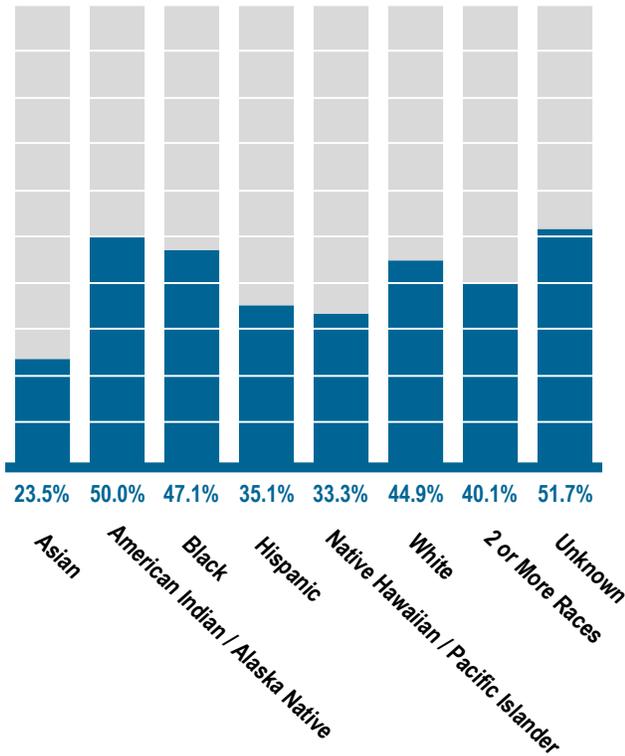
Asian, American Indian / Alaska Native, Black, Hispanic, Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander, White, 2 or More Races, Unknown

RACE/ETHNICITY	ENROLLED	VOTED
Asian	4,252	1,000
American Indian/ Alaska Native	114	57
Black	5,666	2,670
Hispanic	4,672	1,642
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	63	21
White	62,518	28,048
2 or More Races	1,786	716
Unknown	2,151	1,112

RACE/ETHNICITY	ENROLLED	VOTED
Asian	4,994	240
American Indian/ Alaska Native	95	16
Black	5,458	636
Hispanic	5,361	461
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	88	*
White	61,904	9,133
2 or More Races	2,049	228
Unknown	2,199	487

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY FIELD OF STUDY

Your students' data broken down by field of study. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

	2012 Presidential Election			2014 Midterm Election		
	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout
Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences	1,025	367	**35.8%**	2,304	211	**9.2%**
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,249	793	**35.3%**	2,326	189	**8.1%**
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support	12,832	5,280	**41.1%**	13,931	1,851	**13.3%**
Communications, Journalism, and Related Programs	2,101	870	**41.4%**	3,920	353	**9.0%**
Computer and Information and Library Sciences	3,522	1,408	**40.0%**	4,264	624	**14.6%**
Education	3,698	1,834	**49.6%**	3,254	684	**21.0%**
Engineering	13,464	4,557	**33.8%**	14,689	1,153	**7.8%**
Health Professions and Related Sciences, Knowledge, and Skills	5,799	2,687	**46.3%**	6,014	925	**15.4%**
Humanities	1,621	773	**47.7%**	1,249	230	**18.4%**
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and General Studies	15,483	6,481	**41.9%**	15,407	2,172	**14.1%**
Mathematics and Statistics	669	186	**27.8%**	751	88	**11.7%**
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	5,164	1,963	**38.0%**	5,423	398	**7.3%**
Parks and Recreation	1,480	483	**32.6%**	1,278	87	**6.8%**
Physical Sciences	2,720	1,018	**37.4%**	3,145	335	**10.7%**
Professions	1,594	760	**47.7%**	1,605	367	**22.9%**
Psychology, Personal Awareness, and Self-Improvement	2,569	1,102	**42.9%**	2,436	341	**14.0%**
Social Sciences	3,483	1,438	**41.3%**	3,654	532	**14.6%**
Technologies/Technicians	503	190	**37.8%**	314	44	**14.0%**
Trades	3,613	1,642	**45.4%**	3,292	501	**15.2%**
Visual and Performing Arts	1,167	467	**40.0%**	1,036	115	**11.1%**
Unknown	2,480	967	**39.0%**	140	*	**5.7%**

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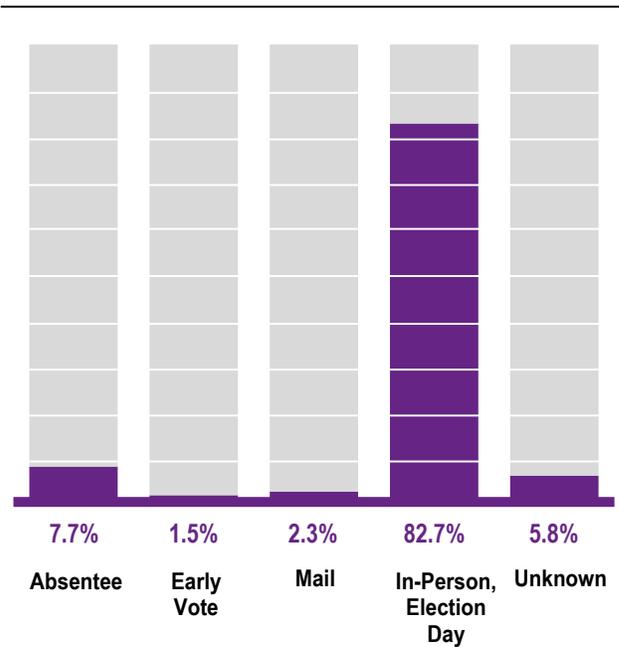
BY VOTING METHOD

Your students' data broken down by voting method. If your campus has a high percentage of "unknown" voting methods, it means that this information is not reported by local officals.

2012
Presidential Election

14.7%	1.1%	0.5%	79.5%	4.3%
Absentee	**Early Vote**	**Mail**	**In-Person, Election Day**	**Unknown**
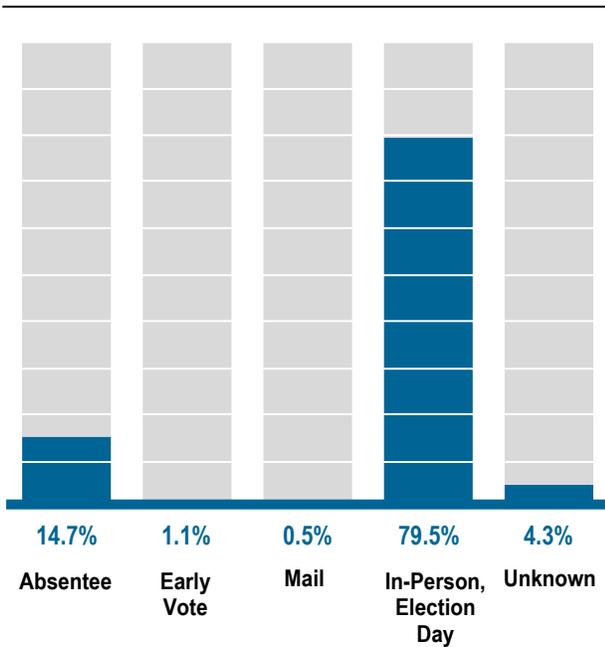
VOTING METHOD	VOTED
Absentee	**5,176**
Early Vote	**375**
Mail	**178**
In-person, Election Day	**28,034**
Unknown	**1,503**
Total	**35,266**

2014
Midterm Election

7.7%	1.5%	2.3%	82.7%	5.8%
Absentee	**Early Vote**	**Mail**	**In-Person, Election Day**	**Unknown**

VOTING METHOD	VOTED
Absentee	**867**
Early Vote	**165**
Mail	**256**
In-person, Election Day	**9,274**
Unknown	**646**
Total	**11,208**

How Your Numbers Compare

BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

See how your campus voting rate compares to others in your institution's Carnegie classification. This comparison data allows your campus to understand your voting rate in the context of similar institutions.

2012 Presidential Election

46.1%	46.9%	47.8%	48.2%	47.1%
Your Institution	All Institutions	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions

2014 Midterm Election

14.3%	18.8%	18.9%	19.2%	18.4%
Your Institution	All Institutions	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions