

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Pennsylvania State
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,

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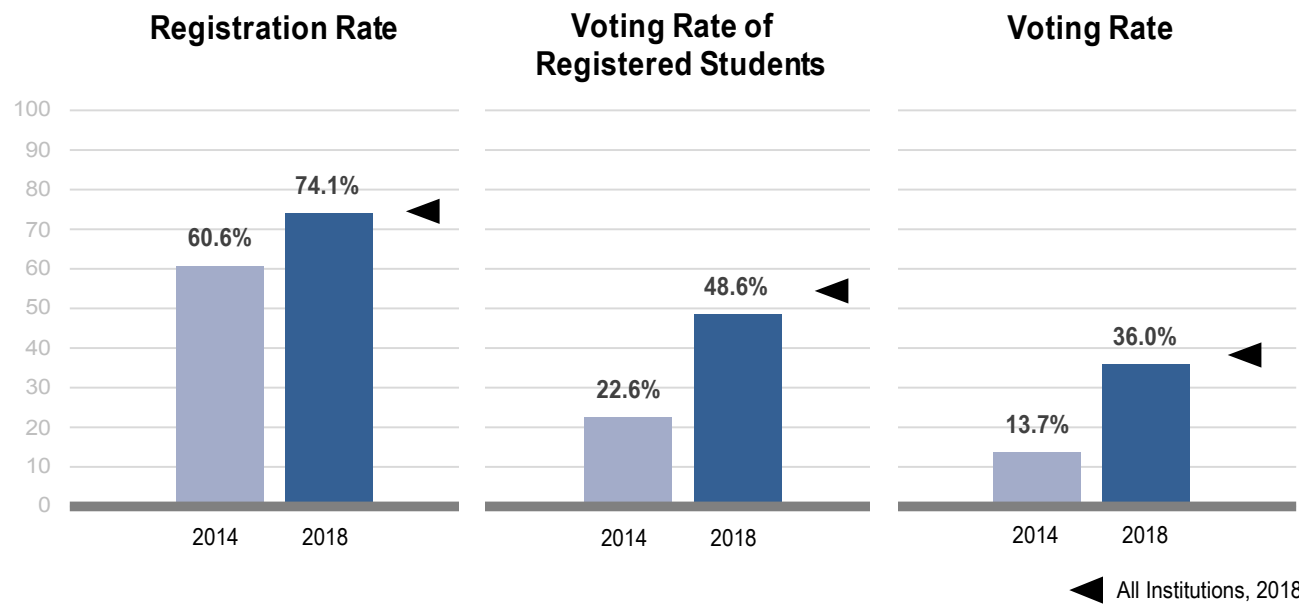
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate
36.0%

CHANGE FROM 2014
+22.3

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%



	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	91,454	91,232	↓ -222
Age under 18/Unknown	(971)	(804)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(8,555)	(9,844)	
FERPA records blocked	(52)	(32)	
Total eligible voters	81,876	80,552	↓ -1,324
Number of students who registered	49,639	59,671	↑ 10,032
Number of students who voted	11,208	28,978	↑ 17,770
Registration rate	60.6%	74.1%	↑ 13.5
Voting rate of registered students	22.6%	48.6%	↑ 26.0
Voting rate	13.7%	36.0%	↑ 22.3
Difference from all institutions	-6.0	-3.1	

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

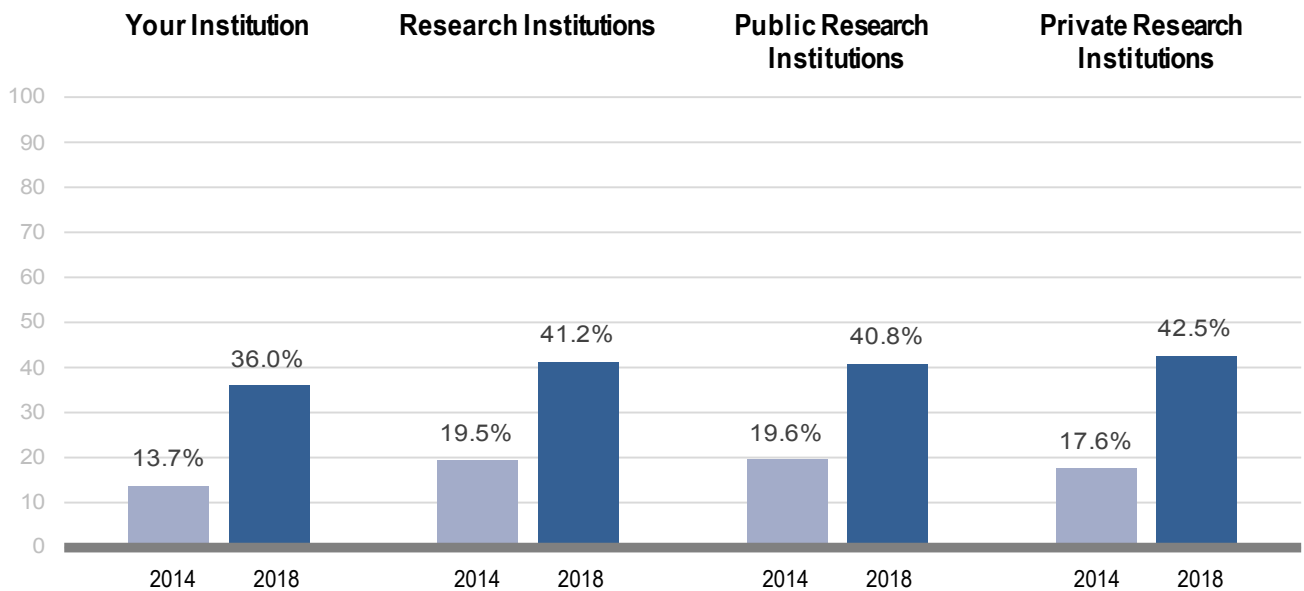
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

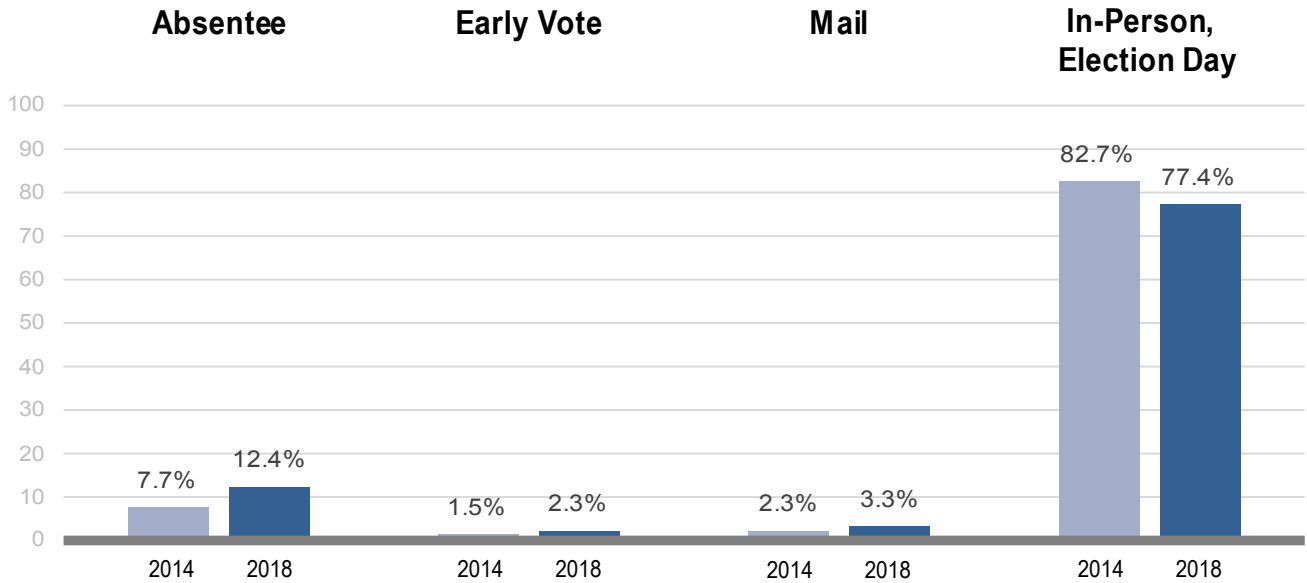
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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

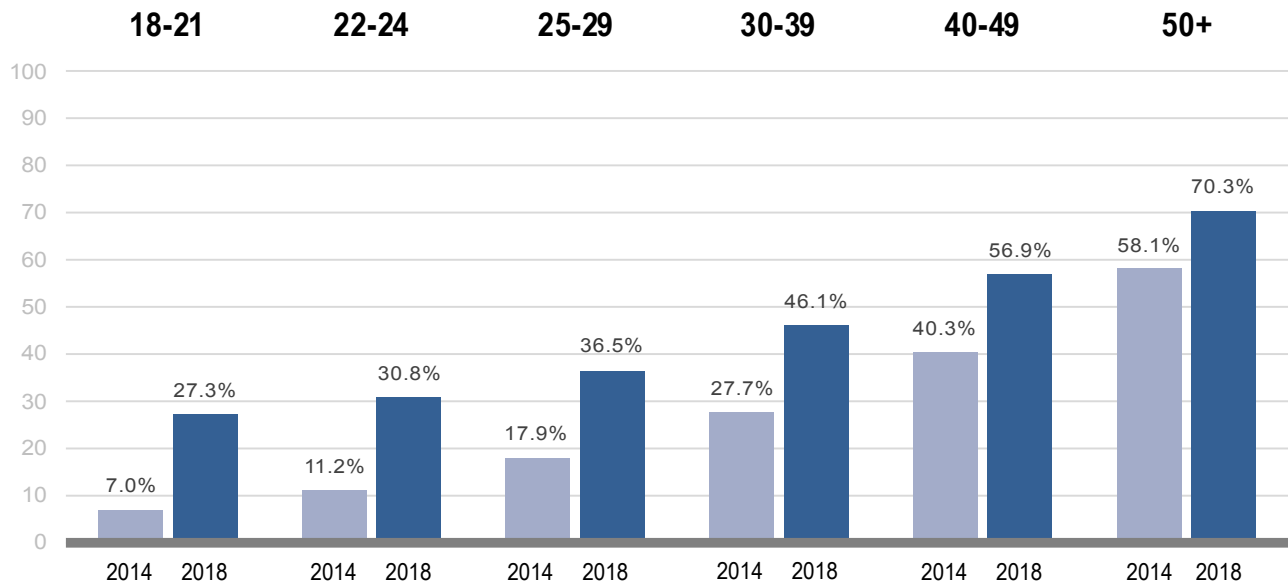


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	867	7.7%	3,579	12.4%	↑ 4.6
Early Vote	165	1.5%	654	2.3%	↑ 0.8
Mail	256	2.3%	943	3.3%	↑ 1.0
In-Person, Election Day	9,274	82.7%	22,437	77.4%	↓ -5.3
Unknown	646	5.8%	1,365	4.7%	
Total	11,208		28,978		

* 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*

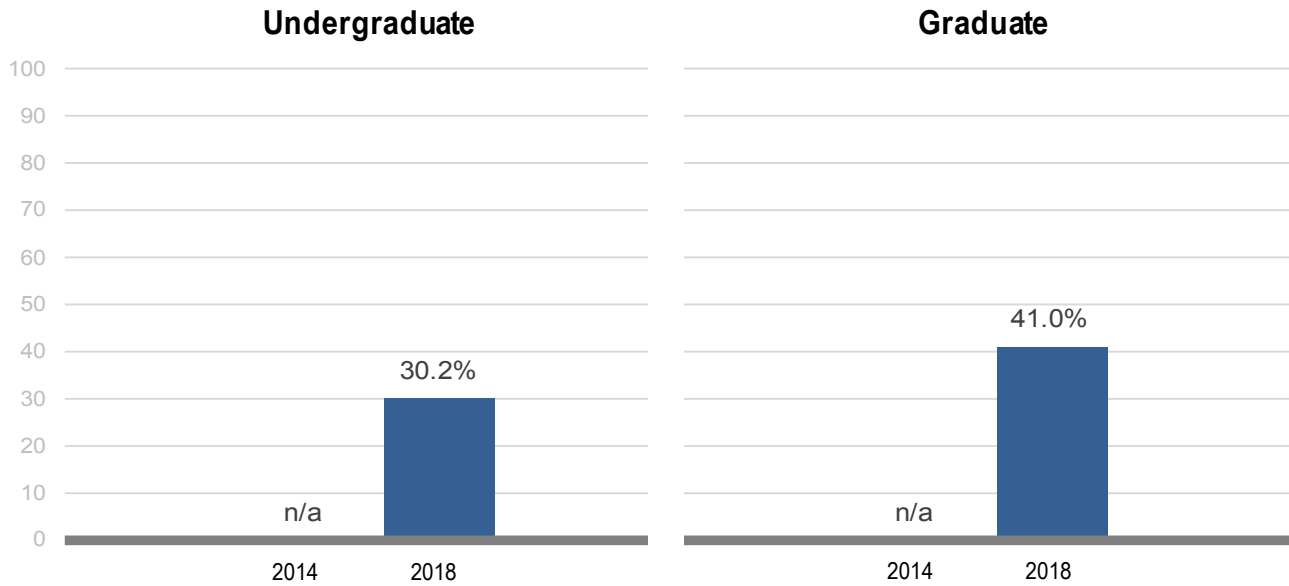


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	55,114	3,844	7.0%	54,299	14,806	27.3%	↑ 20.3
22-24	14,120	1,584	11.2%	14,298	4,401	30.8%	↑ 19.6
25-29	9,170	1,644	17.9%	9,569	3,490	36.5%	↑ 18.5
30-39	7,692	2,132	27.7%	7,828	3,609	46.1%	↑ 18.4
40-49	2,891	1,165	40.3%	3,140	1,785	56.9%	↑ 16.6
50+	1,444	839	58.1%	1,262	887	70.3%	↑ 12.2
Unknown	*			*			

* 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*

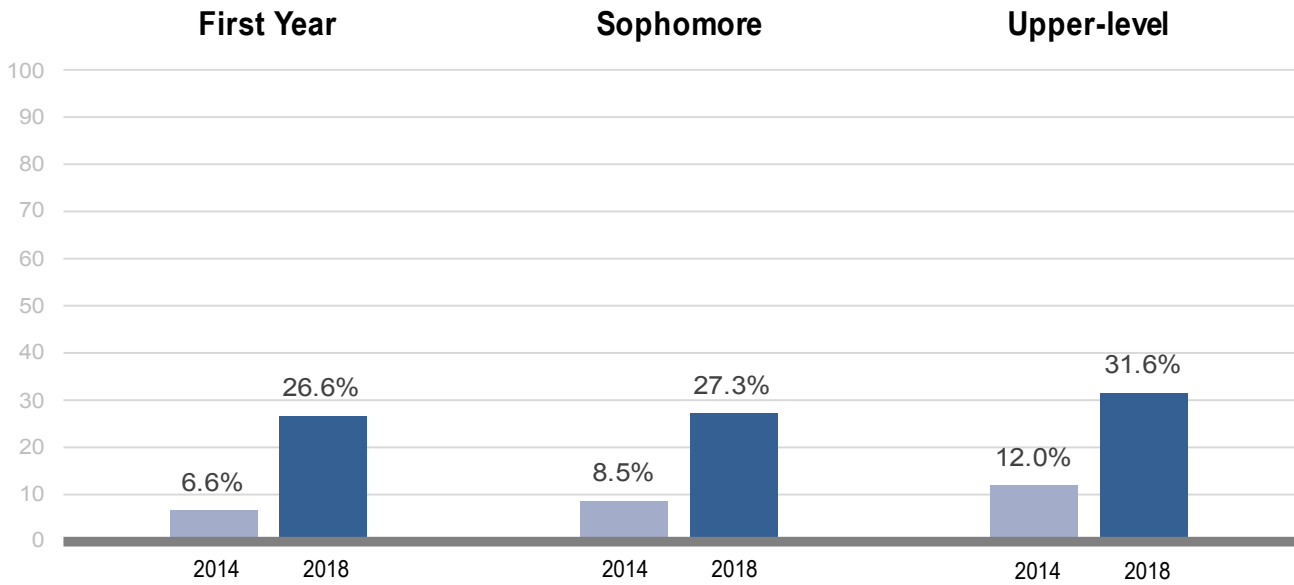


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	74,780	22,566	30.2%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	15,434	6,320	41.0%	n/a
Unknown	90,431			182			

* 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*

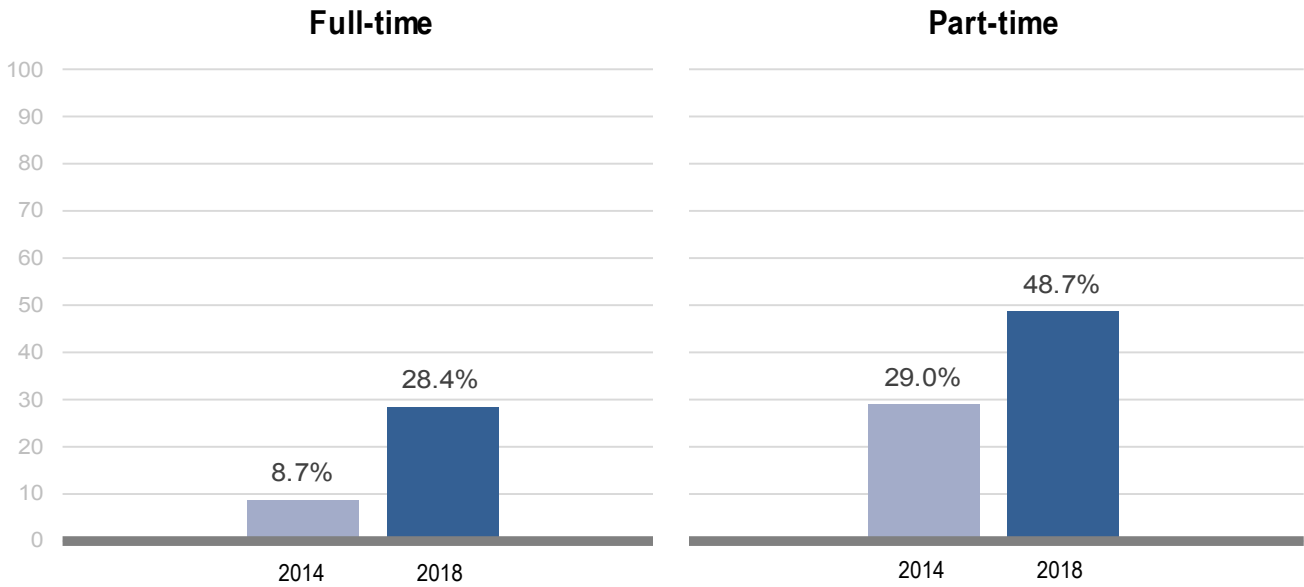


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	18,317	1,214	6.6%	15,393	4,095	26.6%	↑ 20.0
Sophomore	17,878	1,523	8.5%	16,018	4,378	27.3%	↑ 18.8
Upper-level	37,753	4,536	12.0%	40,575	12,812	31.6%	↑ 19.6

* 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*

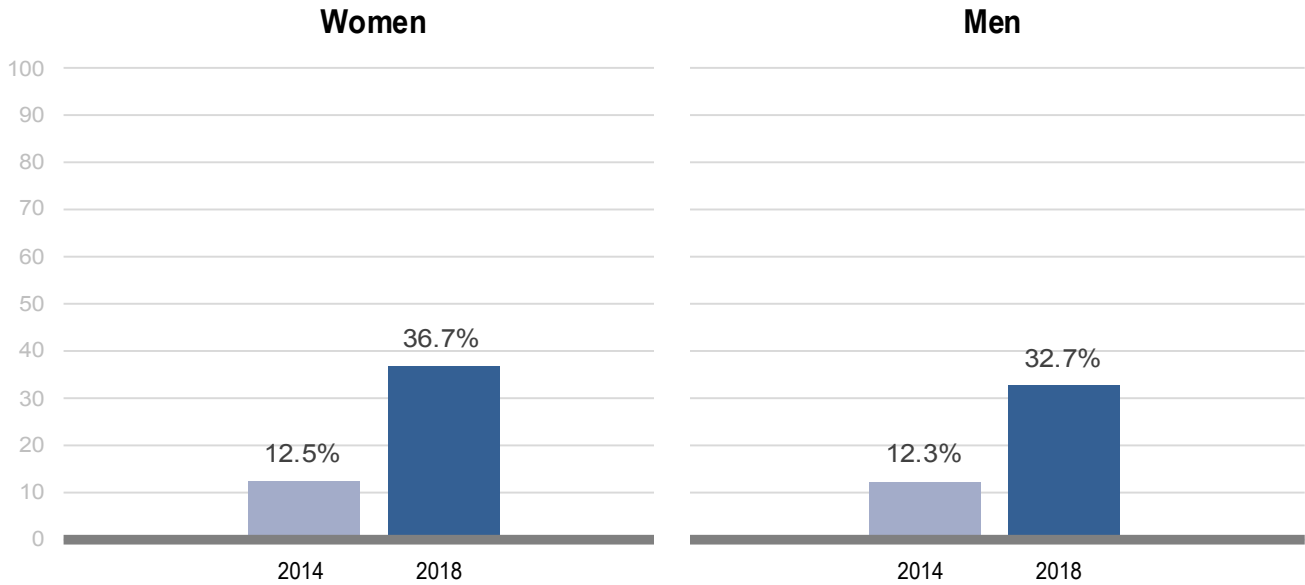


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	74,017	6,446	8.7%	74,090	21,036	28.4%	↑ 19.7
Part-time	16,414	4,762	29.0%	16,298	7,939	48.7%	↑ 19.7
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

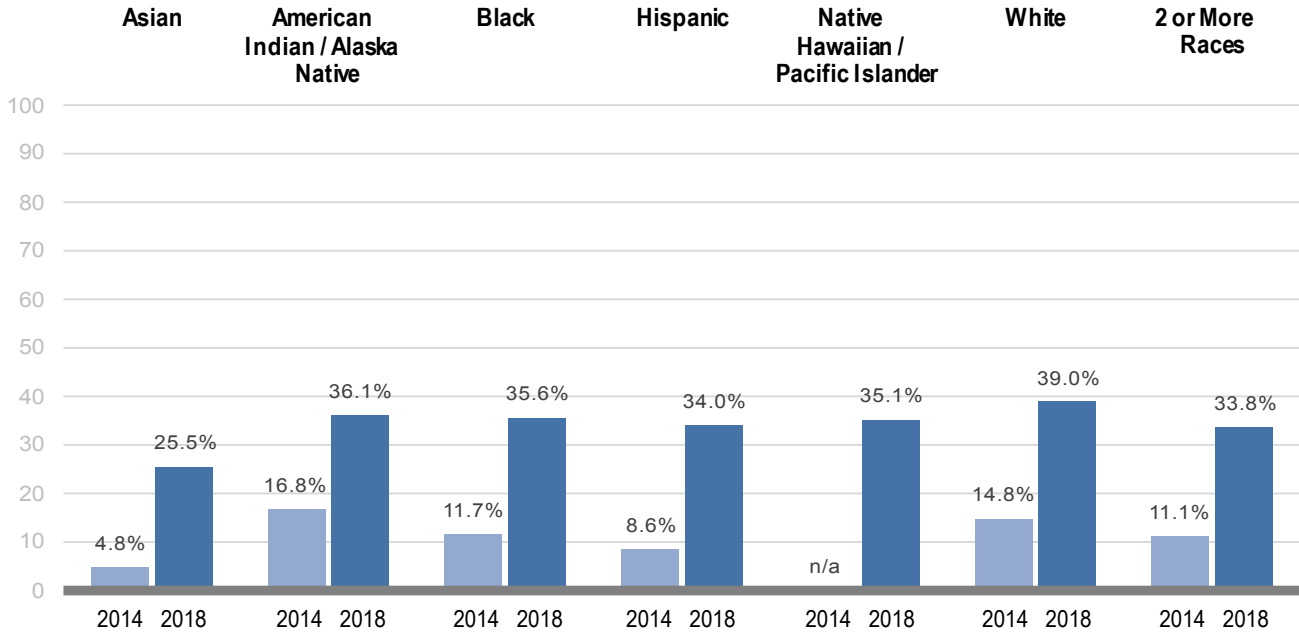


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	41,660	5,215	12.5%	12,671	4,654	36.7%	↑ 24.2
Men	48,705	5,988	12.3%	15,687	5,125	32.7%	↑ 20.4
Unknown	66			62,038			

* 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	4,994	240	4.8%	1,663	424	25.5%	↑ 20.7
American Indian/ Alaska Native	95	16	16.8%	36	13	36.1%	↑ 19.3
Black	5,458	636	11.7%	1,614	575	35.6%	↑ 24.0
Hispanic	5,361	461	8.6%	1,889	643	34.0%	↑ 25.4
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	88	*	n/a	37	13	35.1%	n/a
White	61,904	9,133	14.8%	19,242	7,497	39.0%	↑ 24.2
2 or More Races	2,049	228	11.1%	723	244	33.8%	↑ 22.6
Unknown	10,482			65,192			

* 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	2,304	211	9.2%	2,307	712	30.9% ↑	21.7
Architecture	468	33	7.1%	488	130	26.6% ↑	19.6
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	158	73	46.2%	143	82	57.3% ↑	11.1
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,326	189	8.1%	3,061	966	31.6% ↑	23.4
Business, Management, and Marketing	13,931	1,851	13.3%	14,464	5,002	34.6% ↑	21.3
Communication and Journalism	3,920	353	9.0%	3,662	1,119	30.6% ↑	21.6
Computer and Information Sciences	4,264	624	14.6%	6,105	1,982	32.5% ↑	17.8
Education	3,254	684	21.0%	3,649	1,549	42.5% ↑	21.4
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	14,932	1,194	8.0%	15,482	4,097	26.5% ↑	18.5
English Language and Literature	599	102	17.0%	417	206	49.4% ↑	32.4
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	1,649	252	15.3%	995	389	39.1% ↑	23.8
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	306	50	16.3%	277	102	36.8% ↑	20.5
Health Professions	6,014	925	15.4%	5,687	1,870	32.9% ↑	17.5
History	266	59	22.2%	237	110	46.4% ↑	24.2
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	1,643	249	15.2%	1,841	657	35.7% ↑	20.5
Legal Professions and Studies	776	168	21.7%	881	310	35.2% ↑	13.5
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	15,407	2,172	14.1%	11,273	3,321	29.5% ↑	15.4
Mathematics and Statistics	751	88	11.7%	1,138	337	29.6% ↑	17.9
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	5,265	325	6.2%	5,691	1,697	29.8% ↑	23.7
Natural Resources and Conservation	542	96	17.7%	505	211	41.8% ↑	24.1
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,278	87	6.8%	1,192	286	24.0% ↑	17.2
Philosophy and Religious Studies	78	19	24.4%	89	39	43.8% ↑	19.5

Physical Sciences	2,603	239	9.2%	2,213	647	29.2% ↑	20.1
Psychology	2,436	341	14.0%	2,531	909	35.9% ↑	21.9
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	361	166	46.0%	390	228	58.5% ↑	12.5
Science Technologies/Technicians	71	*	n/a	60	15	25.0%	n/a
Social Sciences	3,654	532	14.6%	4,423	1,537	34.8% ↑	20.2
Visual and Performing Arts	1,036	115	11.1%	1,002	380	37.9% ↑	26.8
Unknown	139	*	n/a	186	83	44.6%	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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