

#### **SEPTEMBER 2019**

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT** 

Student Voting Rates for Princeton 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-questio

#### **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** 



## Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

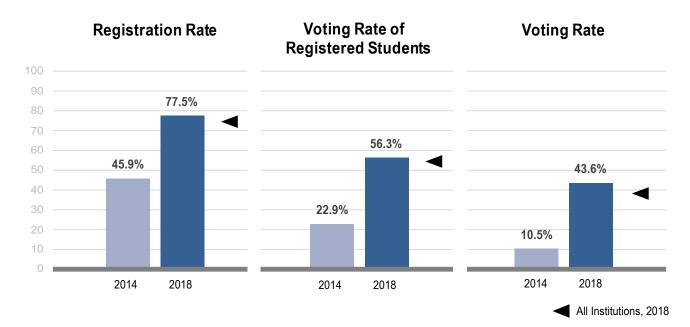
43.6%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+33.2

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%



	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	7,823	8,231 4	î	408
Age under 18/Unknown IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens FERPA records blocked	(64) (1,621) *	(62) (1,862) (22)		
Total eligible voters	6,129	6,285	î	156
Number of students who registered	2,810	4,871 4	î	2,061
Number of students who voted	643	2,743	î	2,100
Registration rate	45.9%	77.5% 4	•	31.7
Voting rate of registered students	22.9%	56.3%	•	33.4
Voting rate	10.5%	43.6%	î	33.2
Difference from all institutions	-9.2	+4.5		

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#### **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%

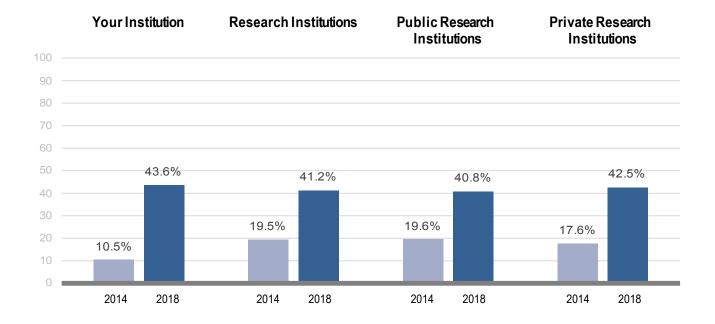
LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions

-9.2

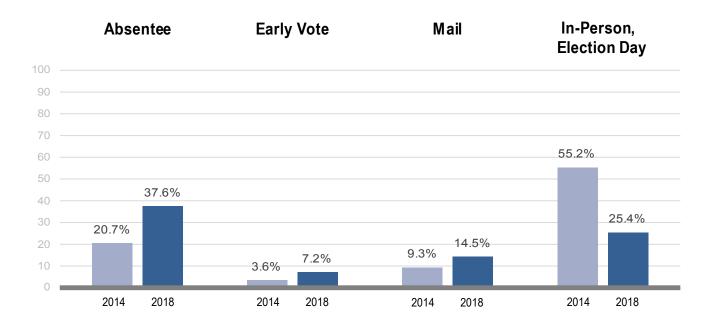
Difference from All Institutions

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# By Voting Method\*

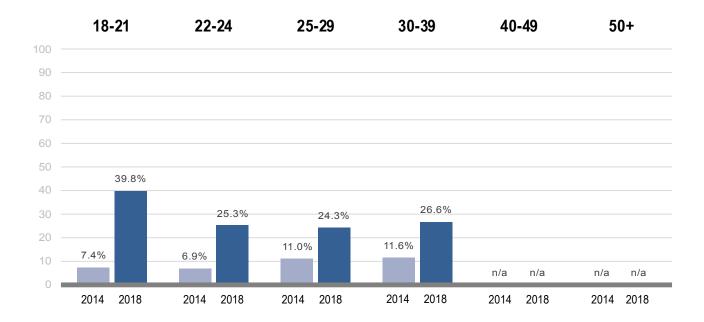


	2014		20	2018		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	133	20.7%	1,031	37.6%	•	16.9
Early Vote	23	3.6%	198	7.2%	1	3.6
Mail	60	9.3%	397	14.5%	1	5.1
In-Person, Election Day	355	55.2%	697	25.4%	1	-29.8
Unknown	72	11.2%	420	15.3%		
Total	643		2,743			

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<sup>\*</sup> 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 officals where your students voted.

### By Age Group\*

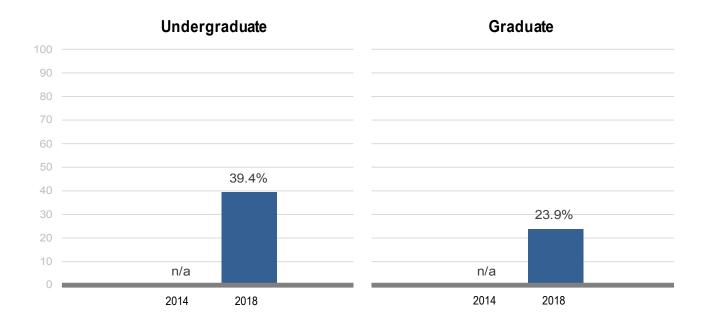


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
18-21	4,730	348	7.4%	4,758	1,894	39.8%	1	32.5
22-24	1,097	76	6.9%	1,277	323	25.3%	•	18.4
25-29	1,449	160	11.0%	1,589	386	24.3%	•	13.3
30-39	448	52	11.6%	500	133	26.6%	•	15.0
40-49	24	*	n/a	21	*	n/a		n/a
50+	*	*	n/a	*	0	n/a		n/a
Unknown	0			0				

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

## By Education Level\*

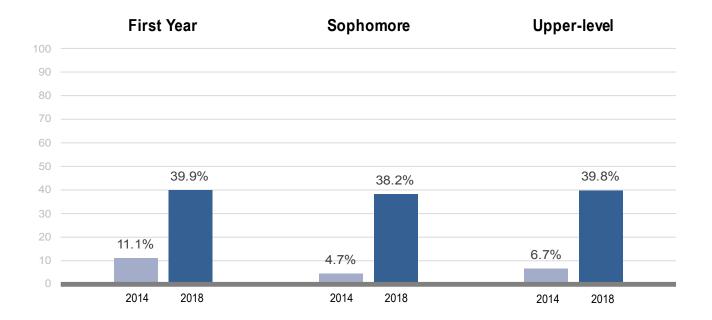


	2014				2018		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	5,177	2,041	39.4%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	2,873	686	23.9%	n/a
Unknown	7,750			97			

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

# By Undergraduate Class Year\*

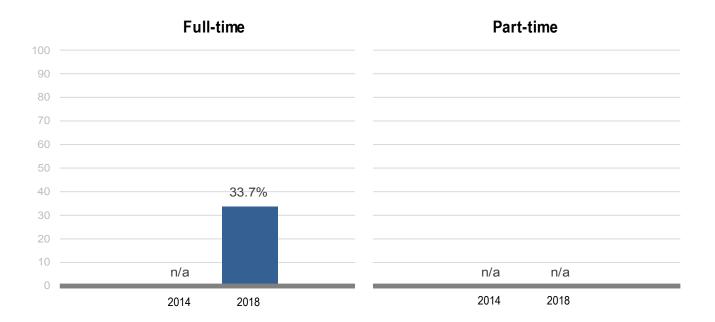


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	1,220	135	11.1%	1,274	508	39.9%	1	28.8
Sophomore	1,265	59	4.7%	1,302	497	38.2%	•	33.5
Upper-level	2,614	176	6.7%	2,601	1,036	39.8%	•	33.1

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

## By Enrollment Status\*

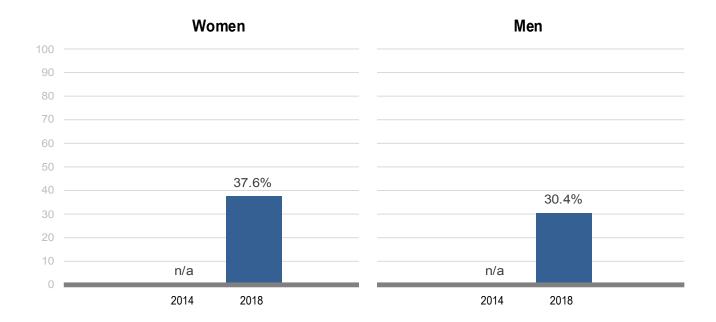


		2014			2018		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Full-time	0	0	n/a	8,147	2,743	33.7%	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

## By Gender\*

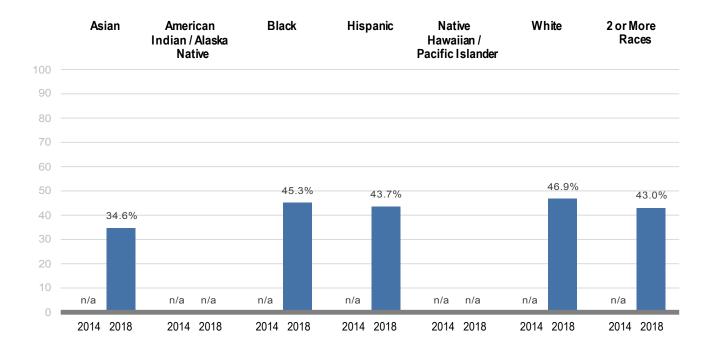


		2014			2018		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Women	0	0	n/a	3,692	1,389	37.6%	n/a
Men	0	0	n/a	4,433	1,348	30.4%	n/a
Unknown	7,750		,	22	,		

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

## By Race/Ethnicity\*



	2014						
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Asian	0	0	n/a	1,331	461	34.6%	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Black	0	0	n/a	464	210	45.3%	n/a
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	712	311	43.7%	n/a
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
White	0	0	n/a	3,157	1,479	46.9%	n/a
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	309	133	43.0%	n/a
Unknown	7,750			2,158			

<sup>\*</sup> 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			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Architecture	107	*	n/a	131	32	24.4%	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	111	*	n/a	113	31	27.4%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	444	37	8.3%	538	203	37.7% 🁚	29.4
Business, Management, and Marketing	44	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	108	11	10.2%	601	171	28.5% 🁚	18.3
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,415	72	5.1%	1,455	438	30.1% 👚	25.0
English Language and Literature	168	23	13.7%	153	55	36.0% 👚	22.3
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	248	25	10.1%	276	100	36.2% 👚	26.2
History	302	33	10.9%	289	113	39.1% 👚	28.2
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	1,896	762	40.2%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	152	10	6.6%	220	45	20.5% 🎓	13.9
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	12	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	0	0	n/a	12	*	n/a	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	150	14	9.3%	163	59	36.2% 👚	26.9
Physical Sciences	477	34	7.1%	584	157	26.9% 👚	19.8
Psychology	189	11	5.8%	123	40	32.5% 👚	26.7
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	494	61	12.4%	420	189	45.0% 👚	32.7
Social Sciences	810	86	10.6%	913	280	30.7% 🎓	20.1
Visual and Performing Arts	169	14	8.3%	161	51	31.7% 🏠	23.4
Unknown	2,350	199	8.5%	99	16	16.2% 👚	7.7

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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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