

CAMPUS REPORT
Student Voting
Rates for
Purdue 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

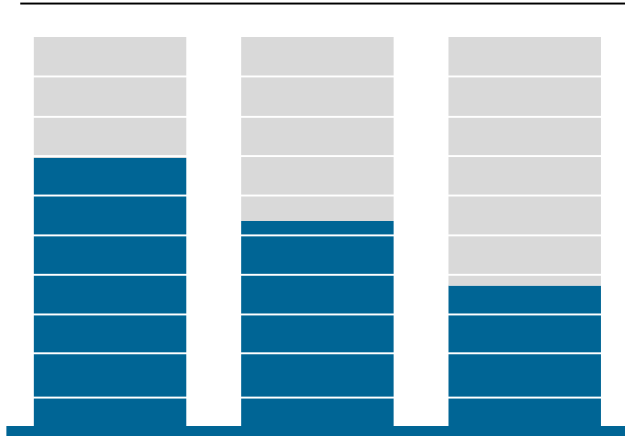
2012 Voting Rate

37%

2014 Voting Rate

9%

2012 Presidential Election



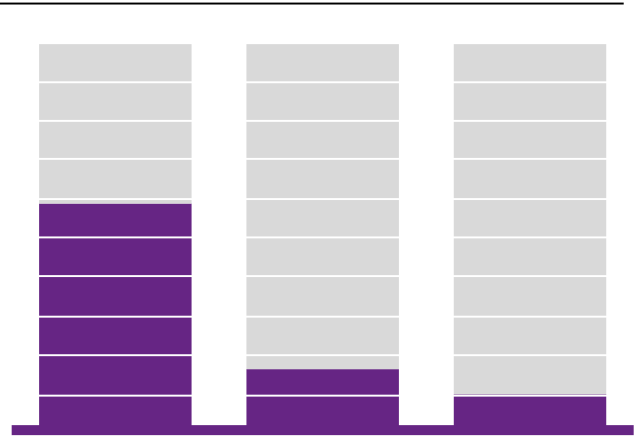
69.3%
Registration Rate

53.3%
Rate of Registered Students who Voted

36.9%
Voting Rate

Total student enrollment	39,147
Ineligible to vote because too young	151
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	8,293
FERPA records blocked	34
Number of students who registered	21,253
Number of students who voted	11,322

2014 Midterm Election



58.7%
Registration Rate

15.8%
Rate of Registered Students who Voted

9.3%
Voting Rate

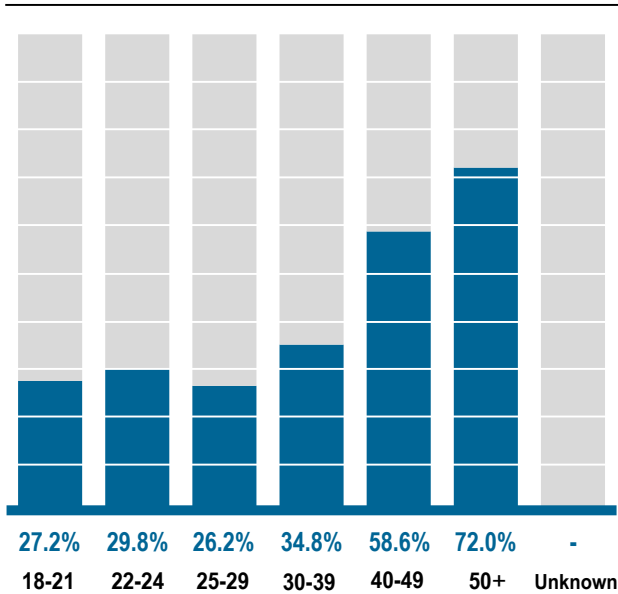
Total student enrollment	39,317
Ineligible to vote because too young	200
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	8,593
FERPA records blocked	28
Number of students who registered	17,891
Number of students who voted	2,825

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY AGE GROUP

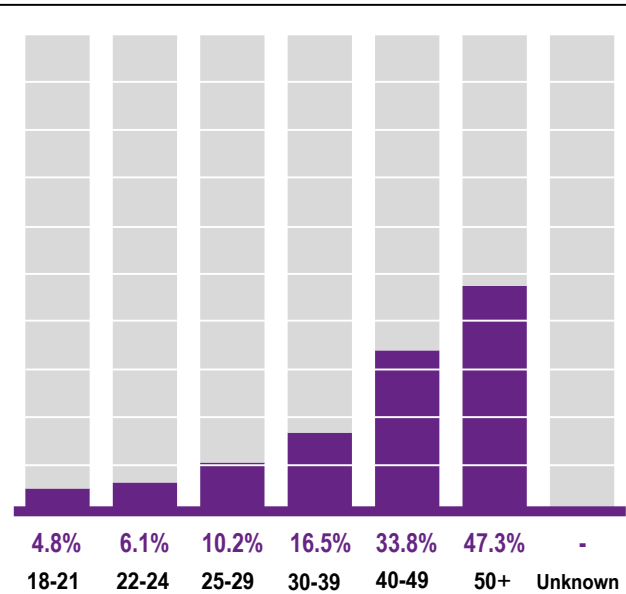
Your students' data broken down by age at the time of the election. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting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

2012 Presidential Election



AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	22,435	6,102
22-24	8,883	2,648
25-29	4,187	1,095
30-39	2,476	862
40-49	681	399
50+	300	216
Unknown	-	-

2014 Midterm Election



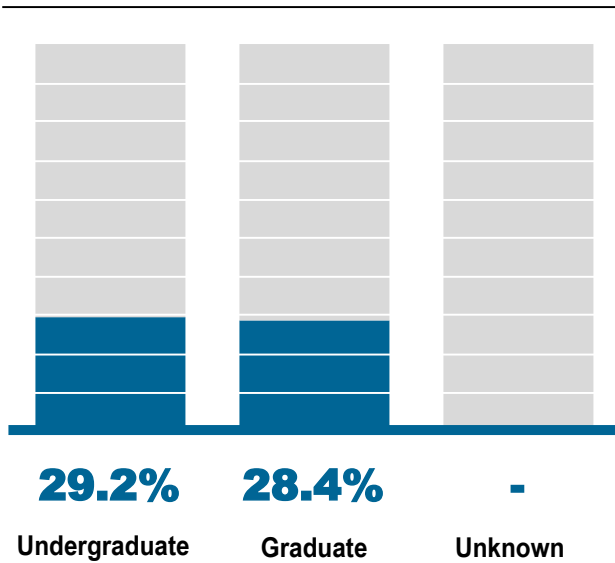
AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	22,712	1,089
22-24	8,554	518
25-29	4,325	443
30-39	2,579	426
40-49	636	215
50+	283	134
Unknown	-	-

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

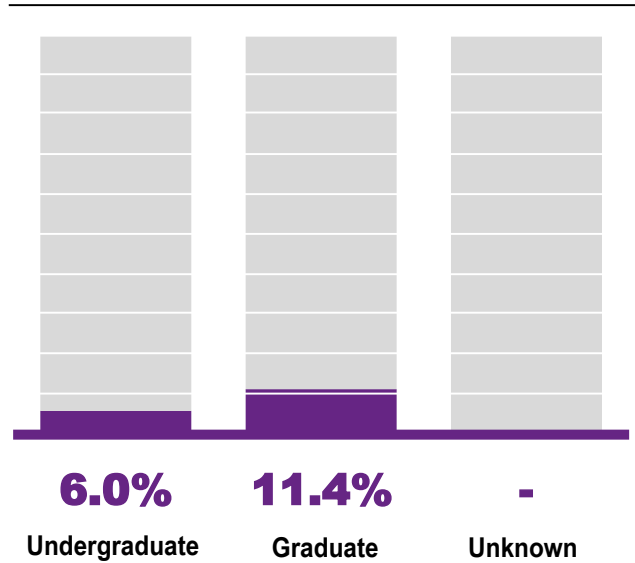
BY EDUCATION LEVEL

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



2014 Midterm Election



EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	30,542	8,931
Graduate	8,420	2,391
Unknown	-	-

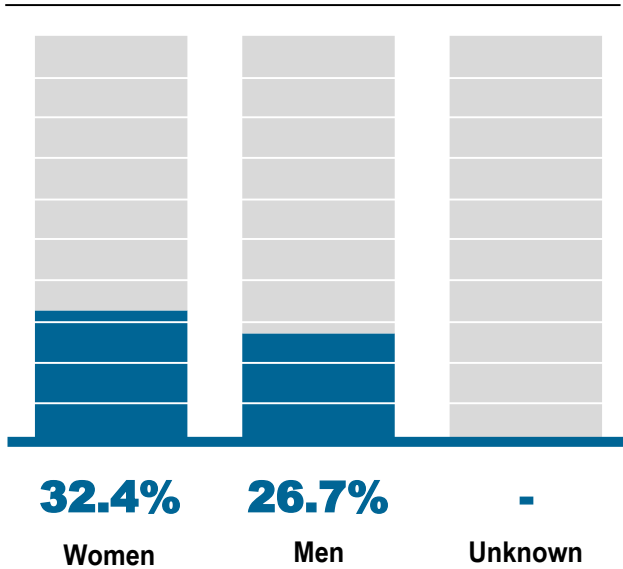
EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	30,104	1,798
Graduate	8,985	1,027
Unknown	-	-

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

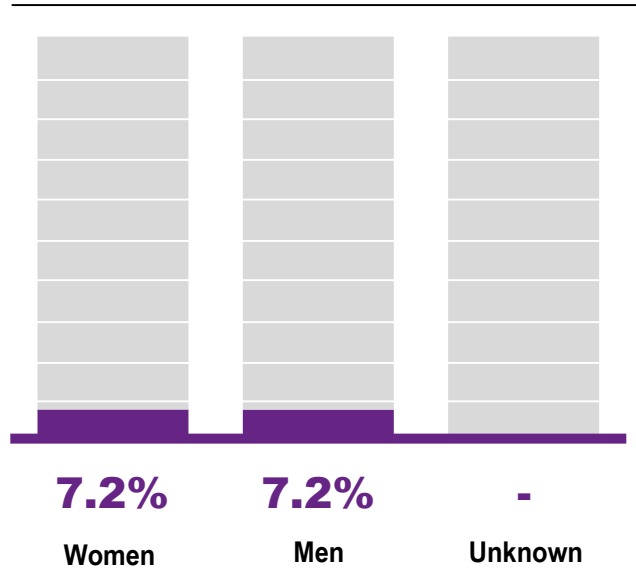
BY GENDER

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



2014 Midterm Election



GENDER	ENROLLED	VOTED
Women	16,201	5,243
Men	22,761	6,079
Unknown	-	-

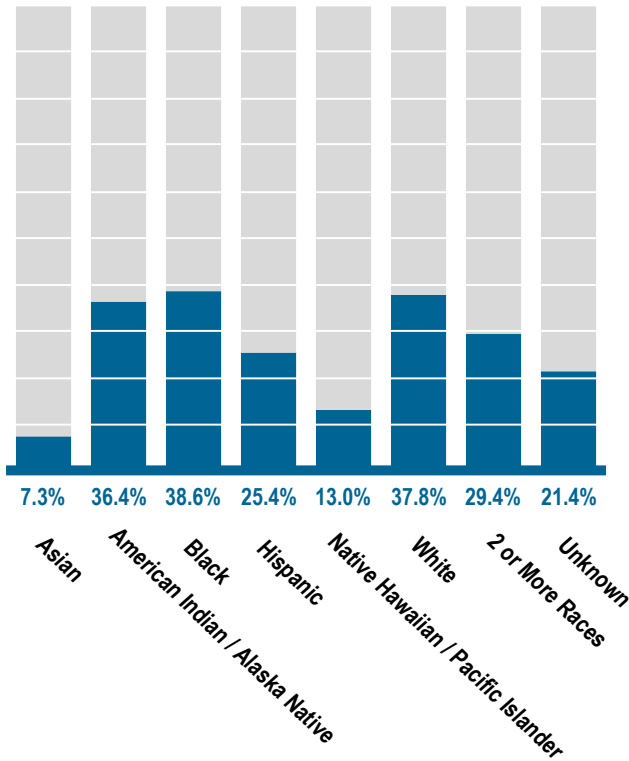
GENDER	ENROLLED	VOTED
Women	16,304	1,181
Men	22,785	1,644
Unknown	-	-

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

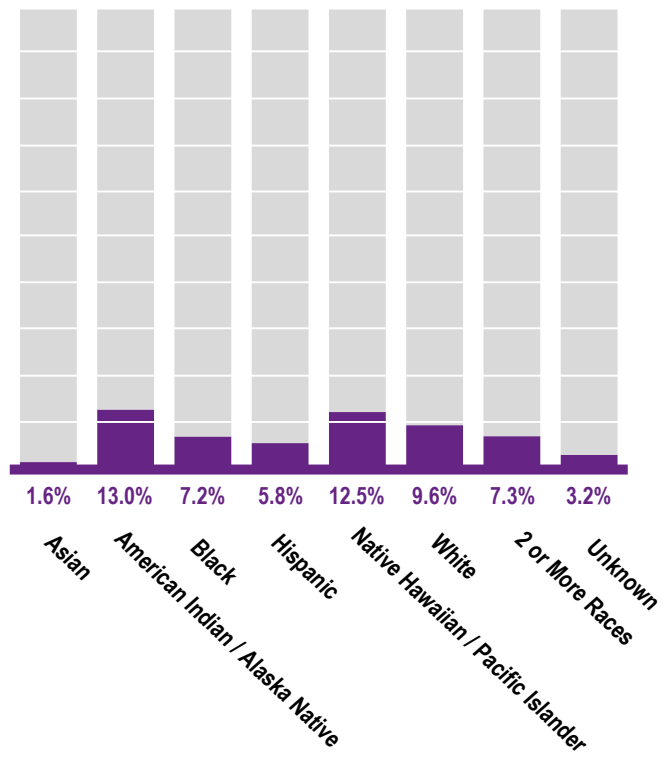
BY RACE/ETHNICITY

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**



**2014
Midterm Election**



RACE/ETHNICITY	ENROLLED	VOTED
Asian	3,245	238
American Indian/ Alaska Native	44	16
Black	1,077	416
Hispanic	1,249	317
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	23	*
White	19,232	7,274
2 or More Races	591	174
Unknown	13,501	2,884

RACE/ETHNICITY	ENROLLED	VOTED
Asian	4,492	73
American Indian/ Alaska Native	46	*
Black	1,239	89
Hispanic	1,669	96
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	32	*
White	23,470	2,264
2 or More Races	772	56
Unknown	7,369	237

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.

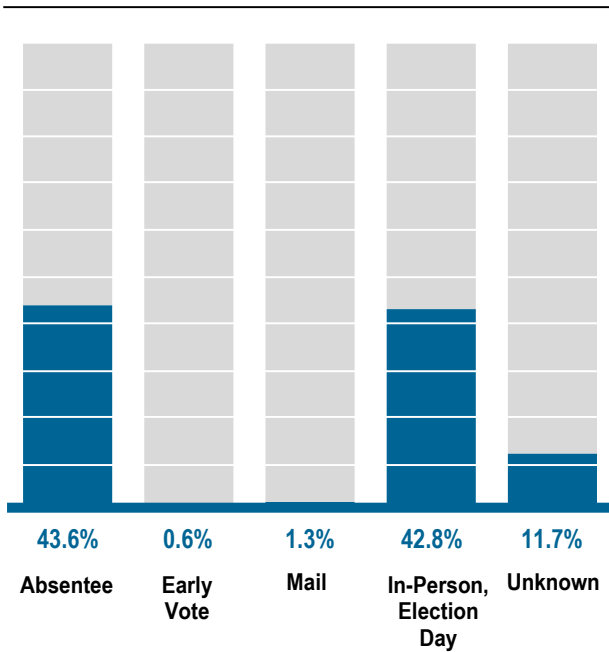
	2012 Presidential Election			2014 Midterm Election		
	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout
Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences	1,713	577	33.7%	2,037	158	7.8%
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,459	410	28.1%	1,507	78	5.2%
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support	3,319	942	28.4%	4,633	305	6.6%
Communications, Journalism, and Related Programs	238	90	37.8%	699	73	10.4%
Computer and Information and Library Sciences	1,883	466	24.7%	2,302	121	5.3%
Education	1,353	624	46.1%	1,714	230	13.4%
Engineering	9,953	2,375	23.9%	10,879	724	6.7%
Health Professions and Related Sciences, Knowledge, and Skills	1,574	569	36.1%	3,746	243	6.5%
Humanities	979	362	37.0%	820	116	14.1%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and General Studies	570	168	29.5%	1,942	107	5.5%
Mathematics and Statistics	1,116	159	14.2%	701	38	5.4%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	227	72	31.7%	167	22	13.2%
Parks and Recreation	21	*	23.8%	324	12	3.7%
Physical Sciences	1,371	371	27.1%	1,568	105	6.7%
Professions	653	220	33.7%	92	*	4.3%
Psychology, Personal Awareness, and Self-Improvement	294	96	32.7%	589	35	5.9%
Social Sciences	864	276	31.9%	1,319	114	8.6%
Technologies/Technicians	2,369	808	34.1%	2,249	231	10.3%
Trades	303	107	35.3%	1,091	60	5.5%
Visual and Performing Arts	84	27	32.1%	675	41	6.1%
Unknown	8,619	2,598	30.1%	35	*	22.9%

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY VOTING METHOD

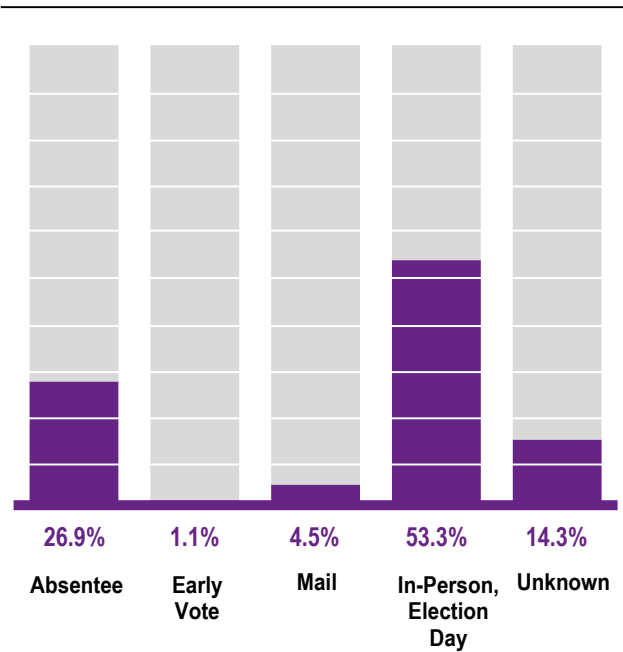
Your students' data broken down by voting method. If your campus has a high percentage of "unknown" voting methods, it means that this information is not reported by local officials.

2012 Presidential Election



VOTING METHOD	VOTED
Absentee	4,941
Early Vote	70
Mail	142
In-person, Election Day	4,846
Unknown	1,323
Total	11,322

2014 Midterm Election



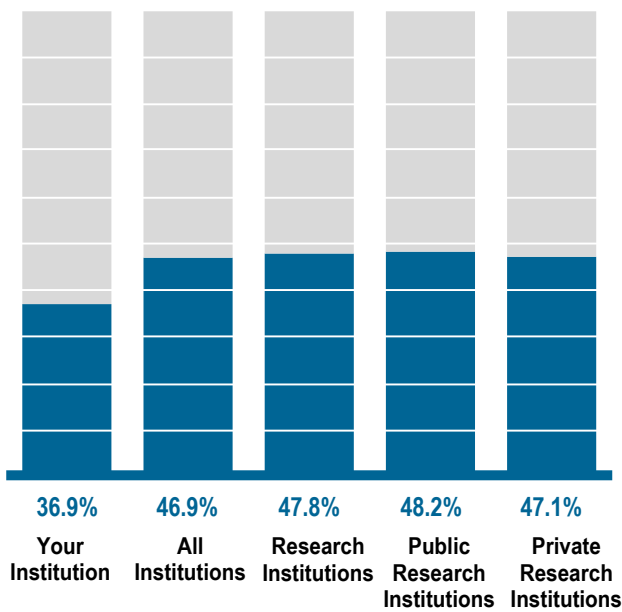
VOTING METHOD	VOTED
Absentee	760
Early Vote	30
Mail	127
In-person, Election Day	1,505
Unknown	403
Total	2,825

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



2014 Midterm Election

