

2012 & 2016 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). 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 and 2016 federal elections. Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of nearly 30 million college student records, about 10 million for each election year, that serve as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

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. The mission of IDHE is to shift college and university priorities and culture to advance political learning, agency, and equity. We achieve our mission through research, resource development, technical assistance, 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 actually voted in the 2012 and 2016 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (FERPA-blocked records excluded) and publicly available voting files collected by Catalyst.

Institutional voting rates 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, we cannot consistently adjust for students who are non-resident aliens, resident aliens, or undocumented students. This may result in your institution's actual voting rate being higher than we report. To calculate that percentage, and to read more about NSLVE data, see our [FAQ on Campus Reports](#). Please also see [Creating and Maintaining the NSLVE Database](#) paper for a more detailed study methodology.

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. This report provides a baseline measure of your students' engagement in democracy in 2012 and 2016, and compares your institution's voting rates to similar institutions. Visit our website for more comparison data.
- ❑ Share the report widely and strategically, including posting it online.
- ❑ Put your data into practice. Use our IDHE Resources to guide you.
- ❑ Address your campus climate for student political learning, discourse, and participation. Start by bringing the IDHE team to your campus or using the IDHE self-assessment rubric available on our website.
- ❑ Partner with IDHE. We are available with virtual office hours, webinars, brown bag discussions and in-person trainings.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: idhe.tufts.edu.

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Warm regards,
IDHE Team



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate

47.9%

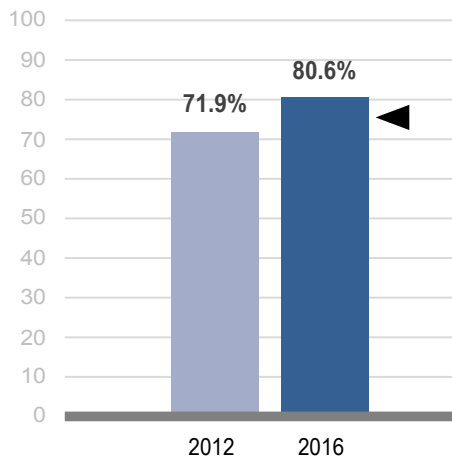
CHANGE FROM 2012

10.9

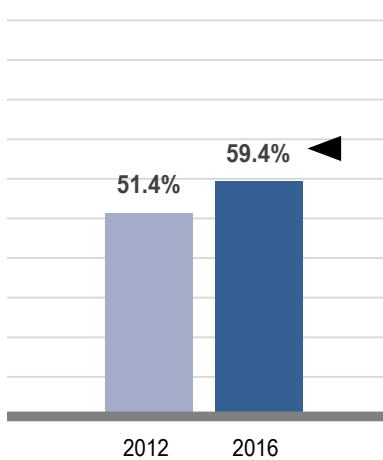
2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

50.4%

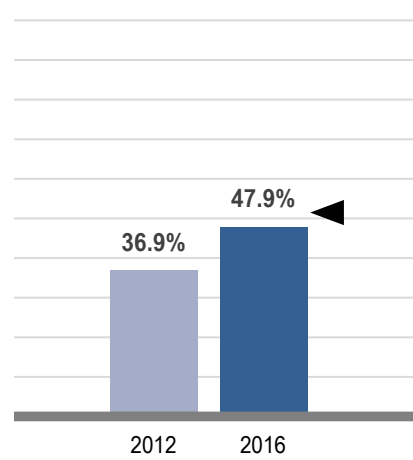
Registration Rate



Voting Rate of Registered Students



Voting Rate



◀ All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	39,147	41,184	↑ 2,037
Age under 18/Unknown	(151)	(240)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(8,293)	(9,389)	
FERPA records blocked	(34)	(17)	
Total eligible voters	30,669	31,538	↑ 869
Number of students who registered	22,038	25,404	↑ 3,366
Number of students who voted	11,322	15,093	↑ 3,771
Registration rate	71.9%	80.6%	↑ 8.7
Voting rate of registered students	51.4%	59.4%	↑ 8.0
Voting rate	36.9%	47.9%	↑ 10.9
Difference from all institutions	-10.0	-2.5	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

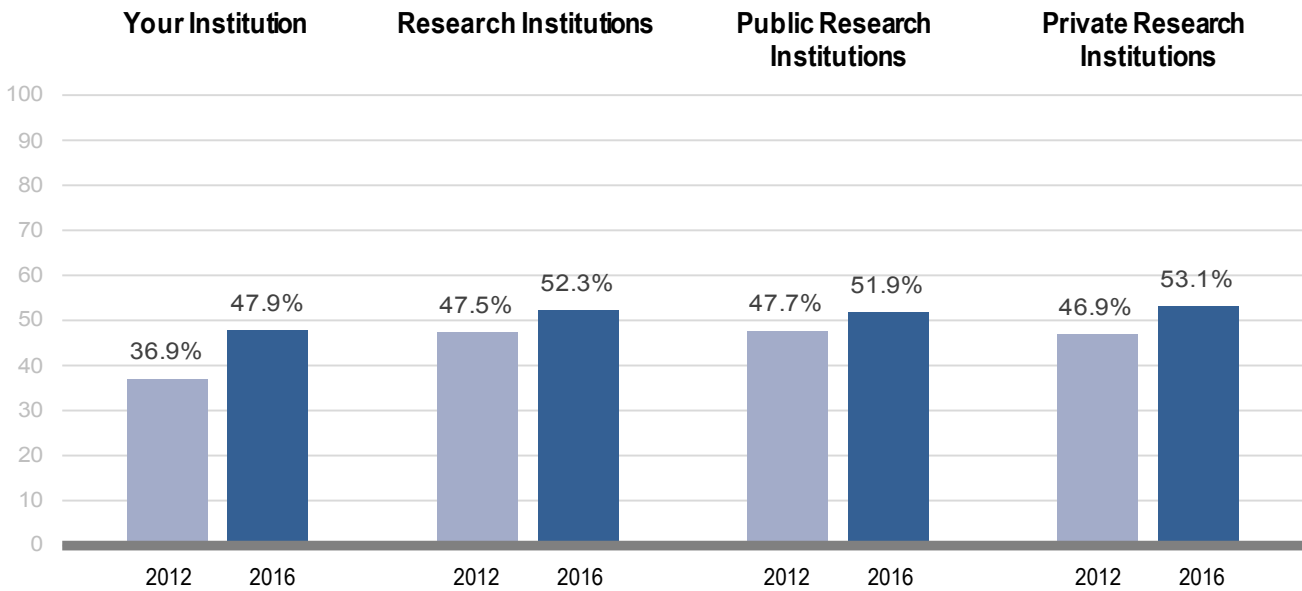
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

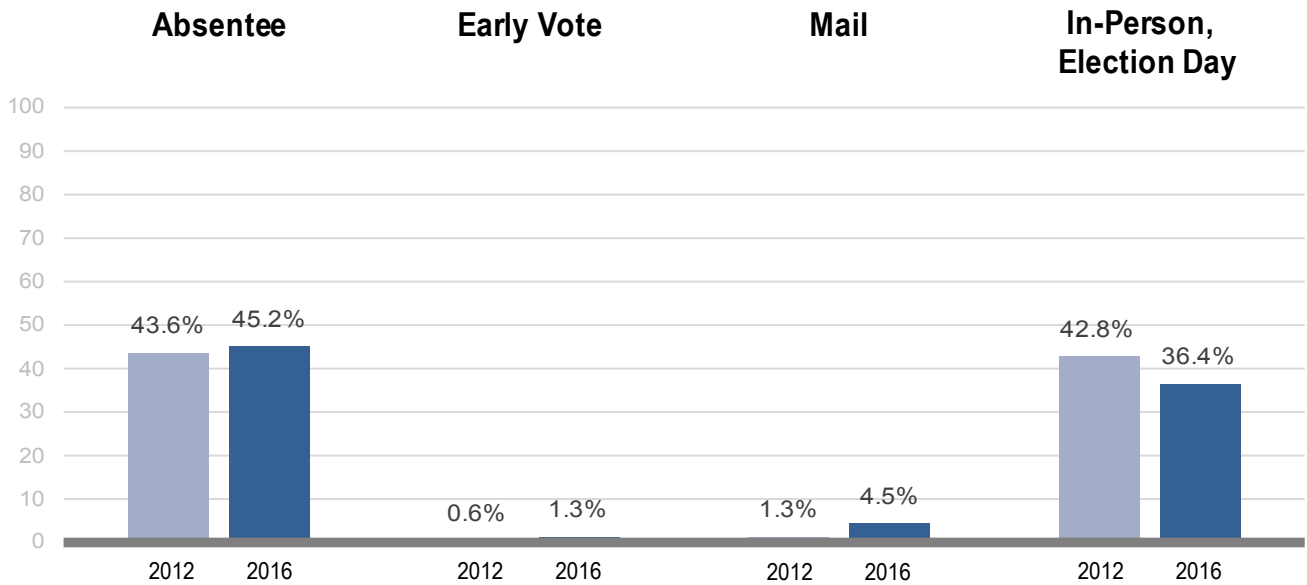
Difference from All Institutions **-10.0**

Difference from All Institutions **-2.5**



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

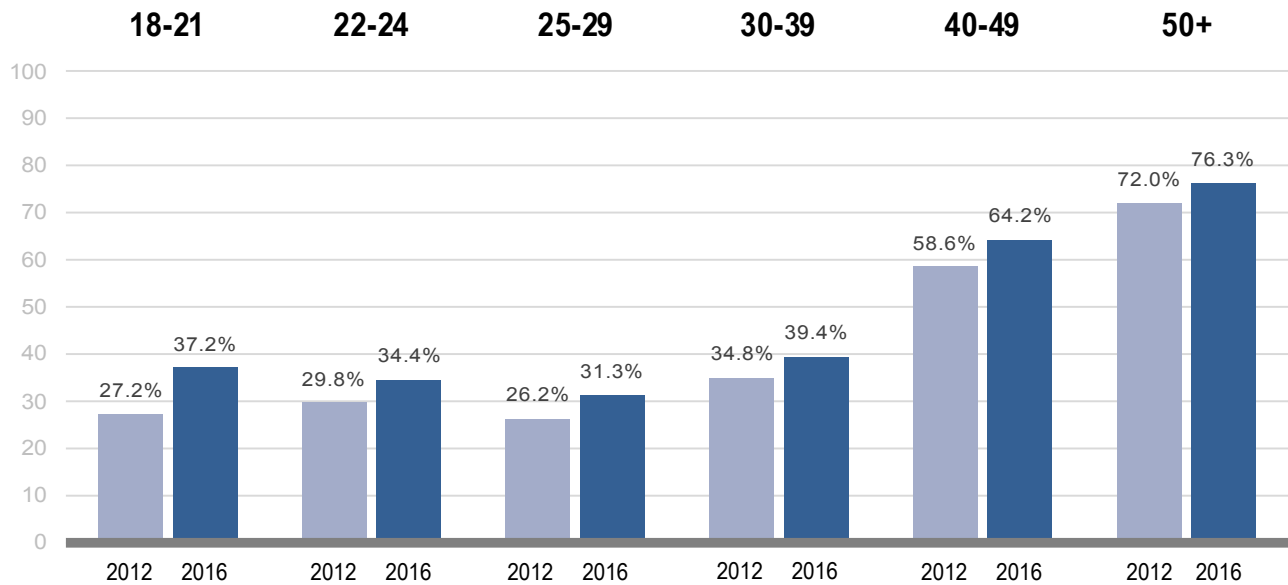


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	4,941	43.6%	6,826	45.2%	↑ 1.6
Early Vote	70	0.6%	199	1.3%	↑ 0.7
Mail	142	1.3%	672	4.5%	↑ 3.2
In-Person, Election Day	4,846	42.8%	5,498	36.4%	↓ -6.4
Unknown	1,323	11.7%	1,898	12.6%	
Total	11,322		15,093		

* 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 | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Age Group*

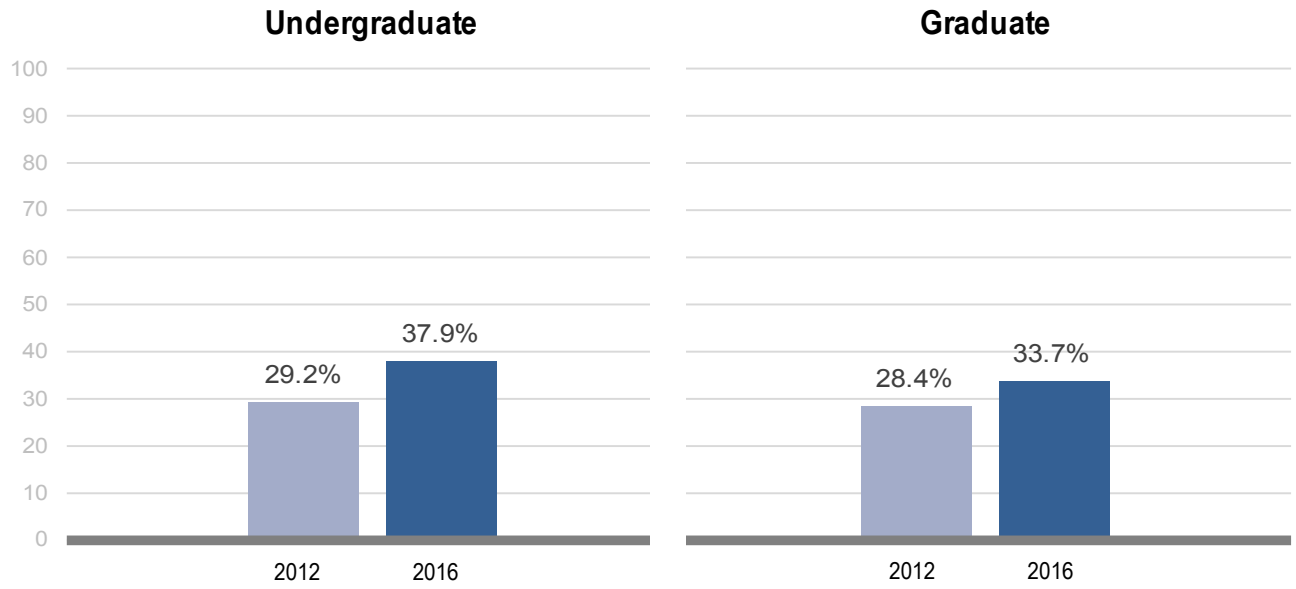


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	22,435	6,102	27.2%	24,558	9,135	37.2%	↑ 10.0
22-24	8,883	2,648	29.8%	8,149	2,803	34.4%	↑ 4.6
25-29	4,187	1,095	26.2%	4,563	1,429	31.3%	↑ 5.2
30-39	2,476	862	34.8%	2,657	1,046	39.4%	↑ 4.6
40-49	681	399	58.6%	684	439	64.2%	↑ 5.6
50+	300	216	72.0%	316	241	76.3%	↑ 4.3
Unknown	0			0			

* 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 | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Education Level*

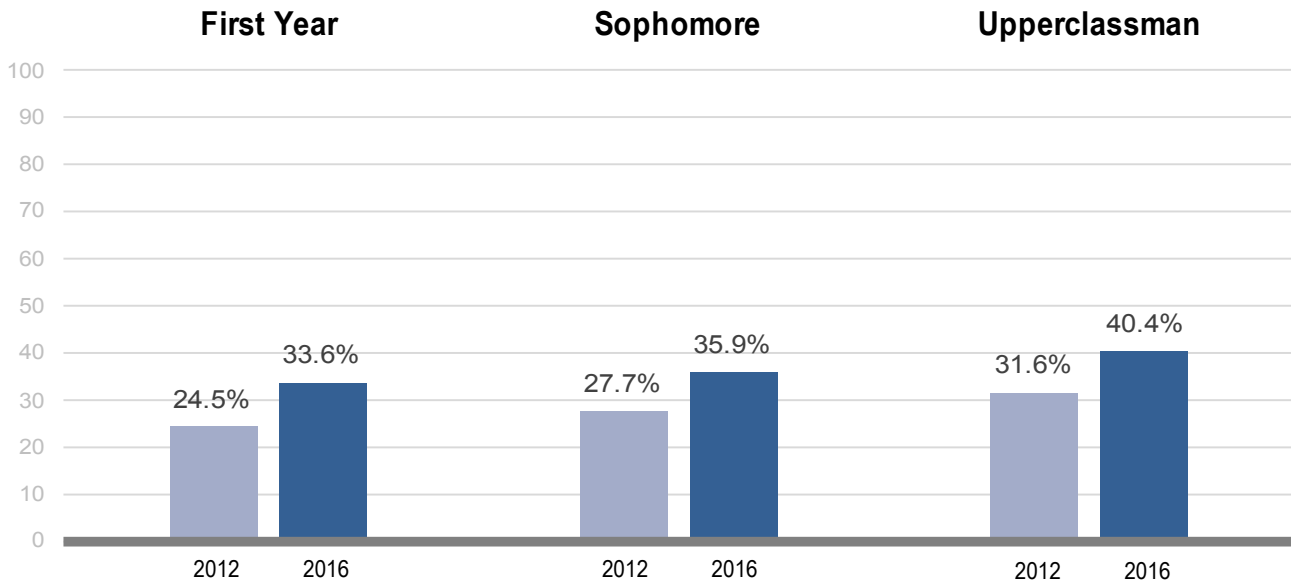


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	30,542	8,931	29.2%	30,950	11,730	37.9%	↑ 8.7
Graduate	8,420	2,391	28.4%	9,977	3,363	33.7%	↑ 5.3
Unknown	0			0			

* 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*

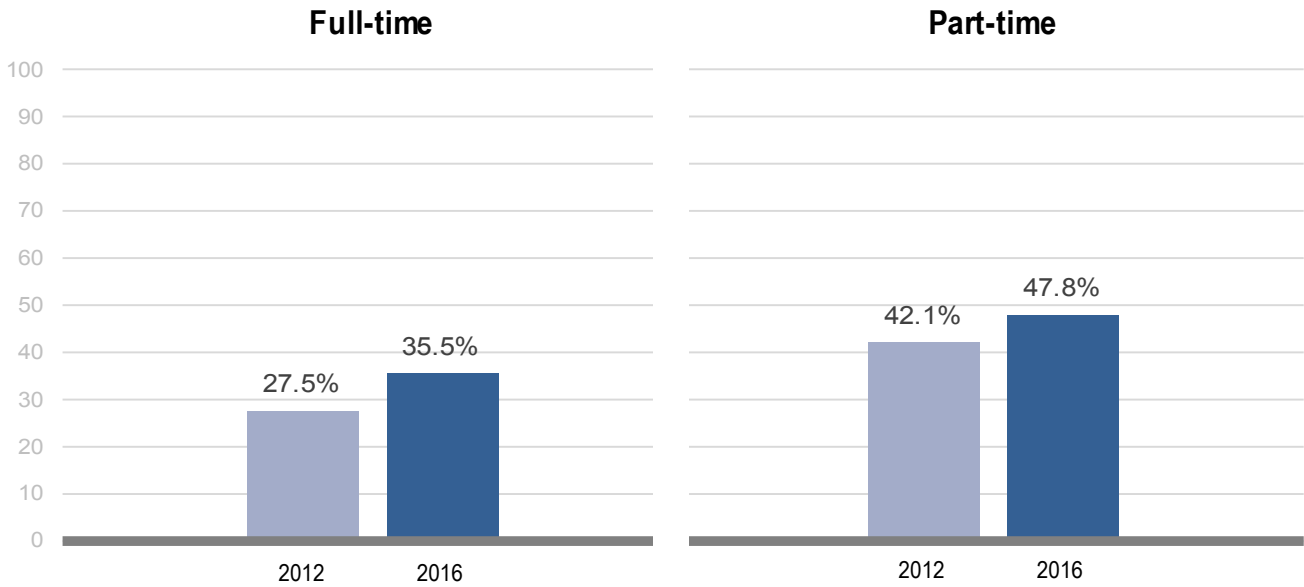


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	7,608	1,862	24.5%	7,288	2,449	33.6%	↑ 9.1
Sophomore	7,090	1,963	27.7%	7,104	2,548	35.9%	↑ 8.2
Upperclassman	14,412	4,547	31.6%	16,221	6,549	40.4%	↑ 8.8

* 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*

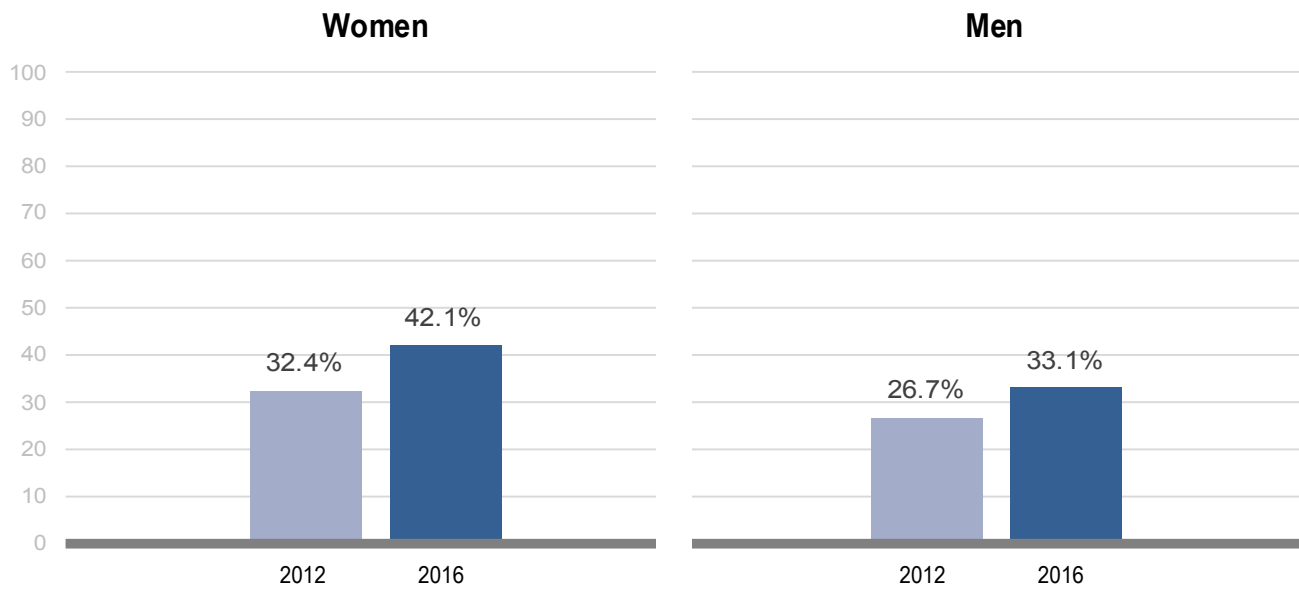


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	34,838	9,584	27.5%	36,433	12,943	35.5%	↑ 8.0
Part-time	4,124	1,738	42.1%	4,494	2,150	47.8%	↑ 5.7
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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.

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By Gender*

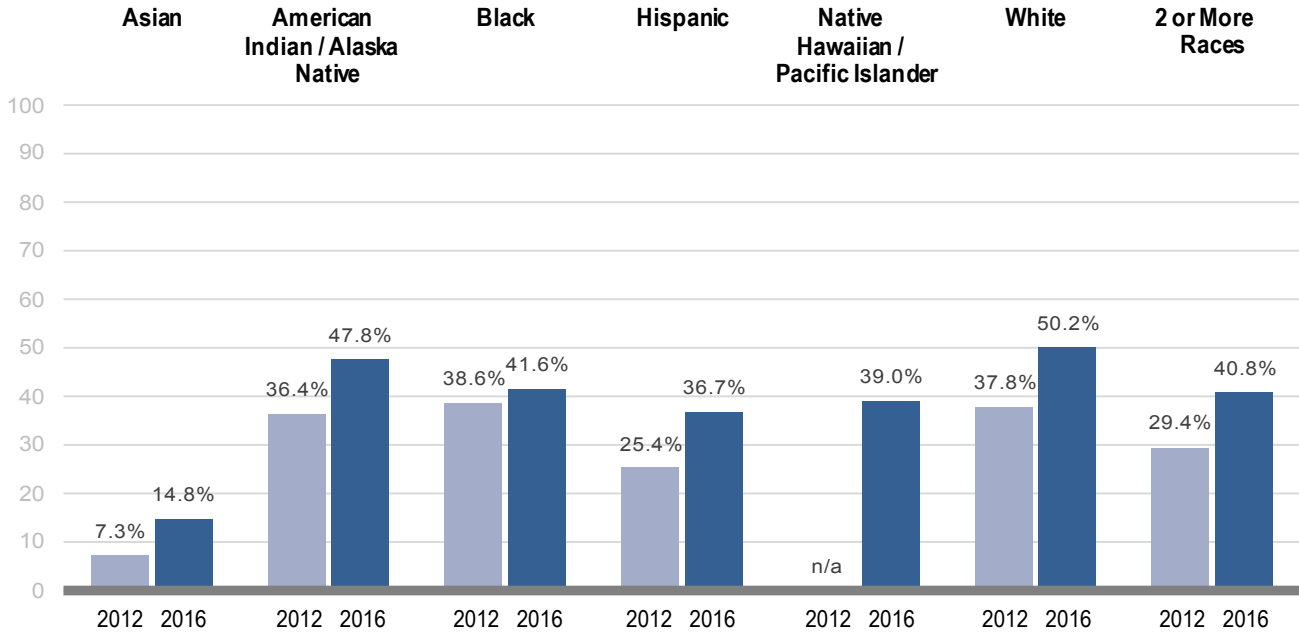


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	16,201	5,243	32.4%	17,183	7,236	42.1%	↑ 9.8
Men	22,761	6,079	26.7%	23,744	7,857	33.1%	↑ 6.4
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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.

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By Race/Ethnicity*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	3,245	238	7.3%	4,777	708	14.8%	↑ 7.5
American Indian/ Alaska Native	44	16	36.4%	67	32	47.8%	↑ 11.4
Black	1,077	416	38.6%	1,284	534	41.6%	↑ 3.0
Hispanic	1,249	317	25.4%	1,919	704	36.7%	↑ 11.3
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	23	*	n/a	41	16	39.0%	n/a
White	19,232	7,274	37.8%	24,234	12,161	50.2%	↑ 12.4
2 or More Races	591	174	29.4%	916	374	40.8%	↑ 11.4
Unknown	13,501			7,689			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL 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.

	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	1,713	577	33.7%	2,051	910	44.4% ↑	10.7
Architecture	93	26	28.0%	77	28	36.4% ↑	8.4
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	62	30	48.4%	71	35	49.3% ↑	0.9
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,459	410	28.1%	1,518	606	39.9% ↑	11.8
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,319	942	28.4%	4,267	1,377	32.3% ↑	3.9
Communication and Journalism	238	90	37.8%	998	550	55.1% ↑	17.3
Computer and Information Sciences	1,883	466	24.8%	3,105	881	28.4% ↑	3.6
Construction Trades	11	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Education	1,353	624	46.1%	1,934	987	51.0% ↑	4.9
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	12,322	3,183	25.8%	14,859	4,921	33.1% ↑	7.3
English Language and Literature	418	165	39.5%	346	167	48.3% ↑	8.8
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	49	22	44.9%	340	153	45.0% ↑	0.1
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	270	64	23.7%	215	74	34.4% ↑	10.7
Health Professions	1,574	569	36.2%	3,848	1,728	44.9% ↑	8.8
History	211	102	48.3%	135	81	60.0% ↑	11.7
Legal Professions and Studies	398	130	32.7%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	570	168	29.5%	1,755	622	35.4% ↑	6.0
Mathematics and Statistics	1,116	159	14.3%	627	170	27.1% ↑	12.9
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	165	42	25.5%	138	48	34.8% ↑	9.3
Natural Resources and Conservation	269	84	31.2%	372	179	48.1% ↑	16.9
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	21	*	n/a	266	106	39.9%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	80	31	38.8%	78	33	42.3% ↑	3.6
Physical Sciences	1,102	287	26.0%	1,176	361	30.7% ↑	4.7

Psychology	294	96	32.7%	659	244	37.0% ↑	4.4
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	162	64	39.5%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Social Sciences	864	276	31.9%	1,082	421	38.9% ↑	7.0
Transportation and Materials Moving	243	85	35.0%	425	171	40.2% ↑	5.3
Visual and Performing Arts	84	27	32.1%	567	230	40.6% ↑	8.4
Unknown	8,619	2,598	30.1%	18	10	55.6% ↑	25.4

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: idhe.tufts.edu.

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