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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Purdue University-Main Campus

Tufts UNIVERSITY | Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life

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.

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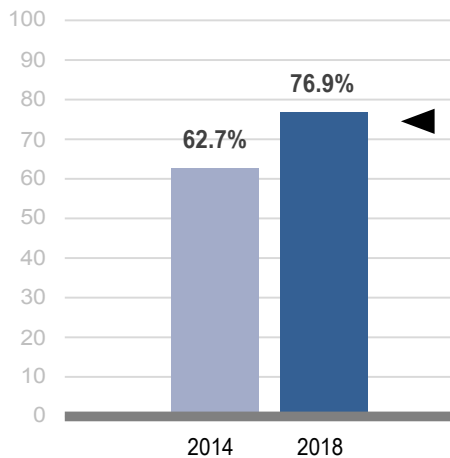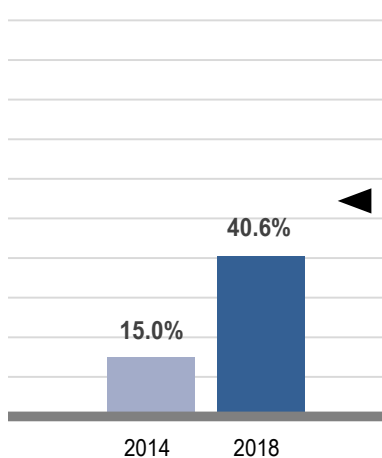
Warm regards,

IDHE Team

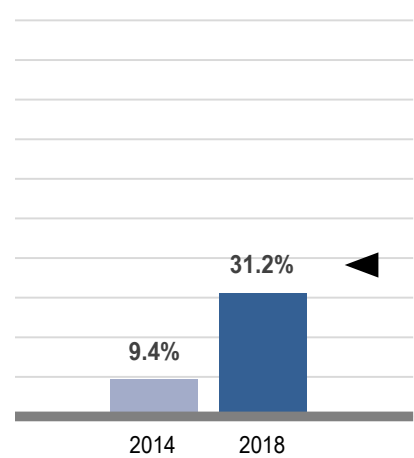**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

31.2%

CHANGE
FROM 2014

+21.9

2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate

76.9%
62.7%

2014   2018

Voting Rate of Registered Students

40.6%
15.0%

2014   2018

Voting Rate

31.2%
9.4%

2014   2018

◄ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	**2018**		Change
Total student enrollment	39,317	44,056	⬆	4,739
Age under 18/Unknown	(200)	(256)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(8,928)	(9,366)		
FERPA records blocked	(28)	(11)		
Total eligible voters	30,161	34,423	⬆	4,262
Number of students who registered	18,898	26,481	⬆	7,583
Number of students who voted	2,825	10,755	⬆	7,930
Registration rate	62.7%	76.9%	⬆	14.3
Voting rate of registered students	15.0%	40.6%	⬆	25.7
Voting rate	9.4%	31.2%	⬆	21.9
Difference from all institutions	-10.3	-7.9		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH 54.0%

LOW 1.5%

Difference from All Institutions **-10.3**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH 64.1%

LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions **-7.9**

	Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2014	9.4%	19.5%	19.6%	17.6%
2018	31.2%	41.2%	40.8%	42.5%
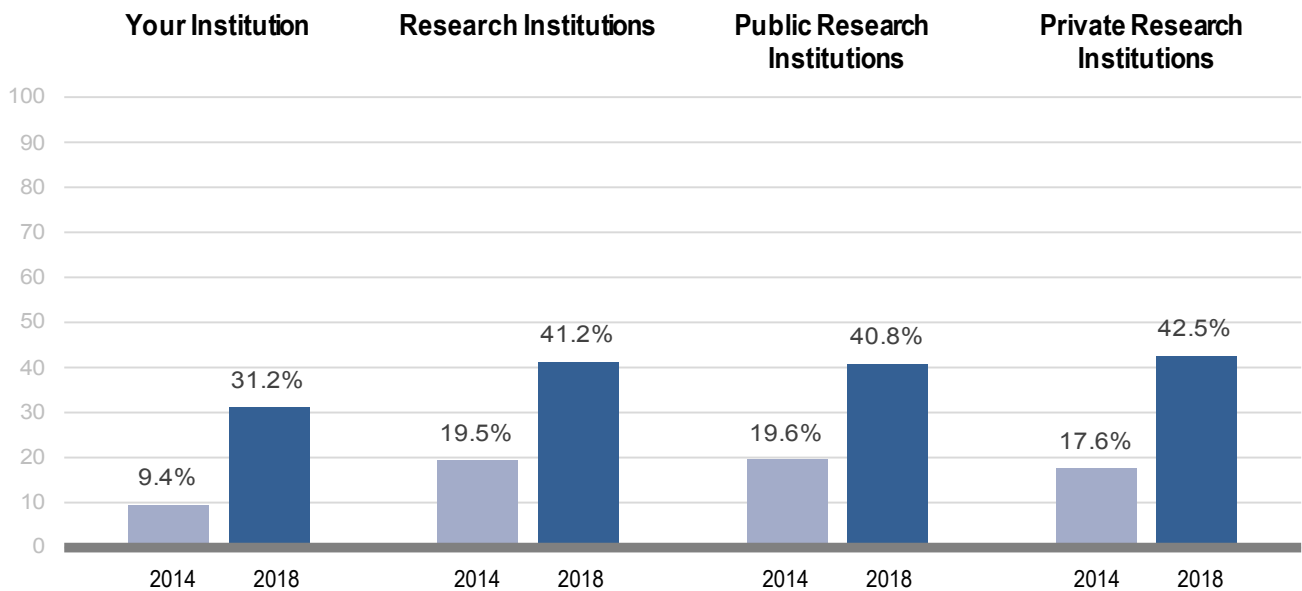
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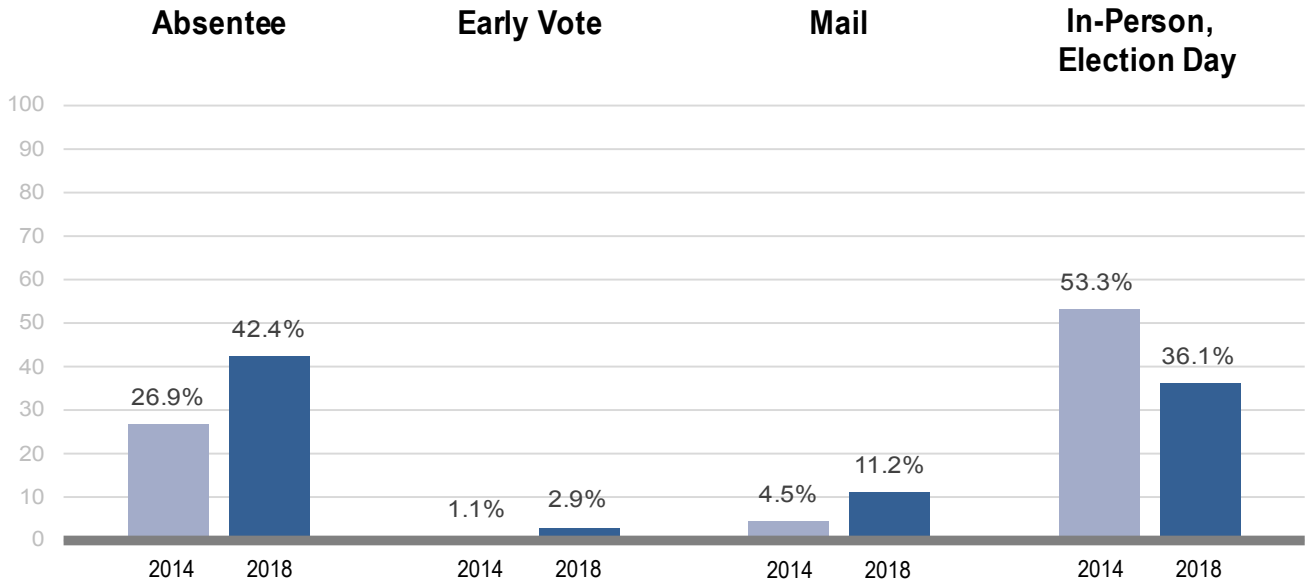
	2014			2018			
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	760	**26.9%**		4,560	**42.4%**	⬆	**15.5**
Early Vote	30	**1.1%**		316	**2.9%**	⬆	**1.9**
Mail	127	**4.5%**		1,200	**11.2%**	⬆	**6.7**
In-Person, Election Day	1,505	**53.3%**		3,886	**36.1%**	⬇	**-17.1**
Unknown	403	**14.3%**		793	**7.4%**		
Total	**2,825**			**10,755**			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*
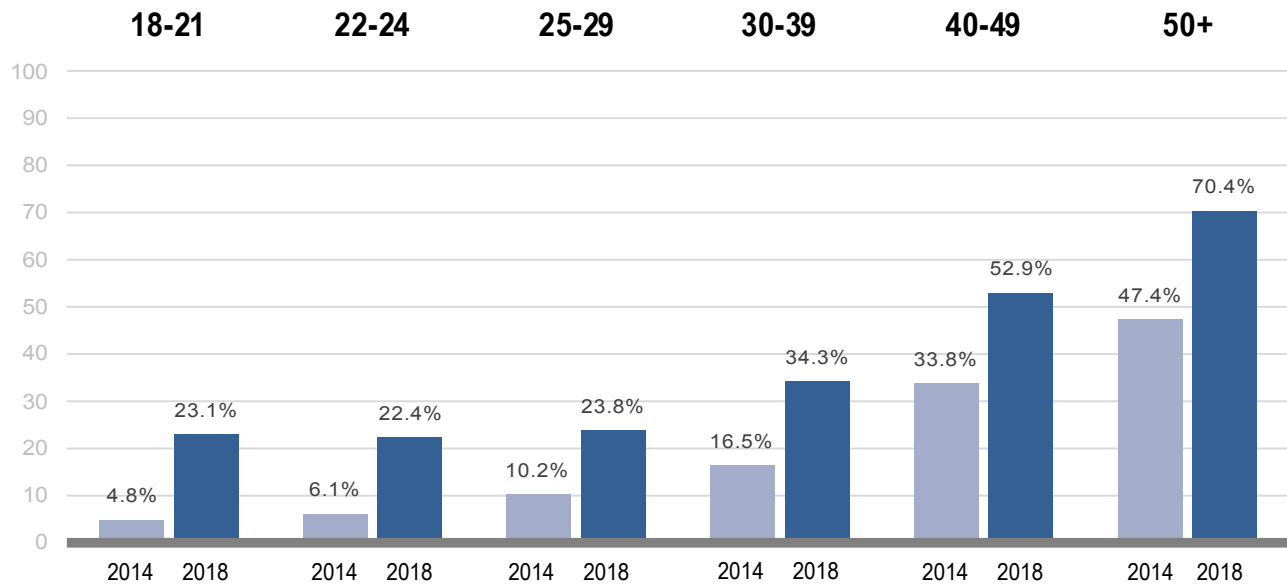
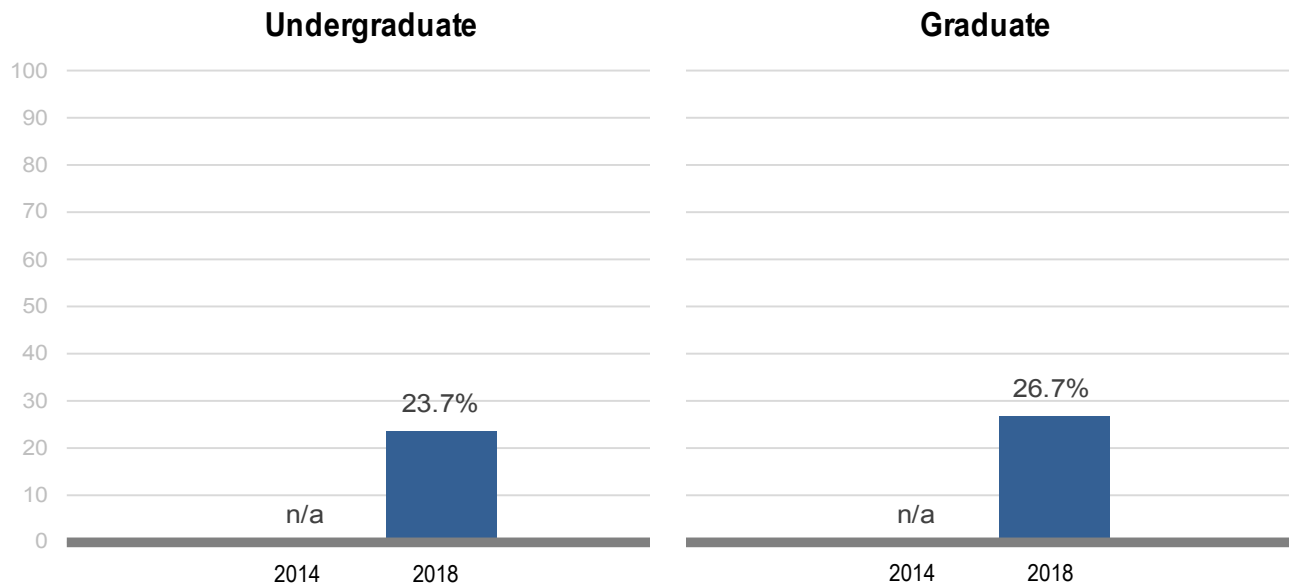|	2014				2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	22,712	1,089	**4.8%**		27,599	6,377	**23.1%**	⬆	**18.3**
22-24	8,554	518	**6.1%**		7,805	1,747	**22.4%**	⬆	**16.3**
25-29	4,325	443	**10.2%**		4,692	1,116	**23.8%**	⬆	**13.6**
30-39	2,579	426	**16.5%**		2,643	906	**34.3%**	⬆	**17.8**
40-49	636	215	**33.8%**		743	393	**52.9%**	⬆	**19.1**
50+	283	134	**47.4%**		307	216	**70.4%**	⬆	**23.0**
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.

By Education Level*

	Undergraduate		**Graduate**	

	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**	32,929	7,788	**23.7%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**	10,553	2,819	**26.7%**	**n/a**
Unknown	39,089			307			

* 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.

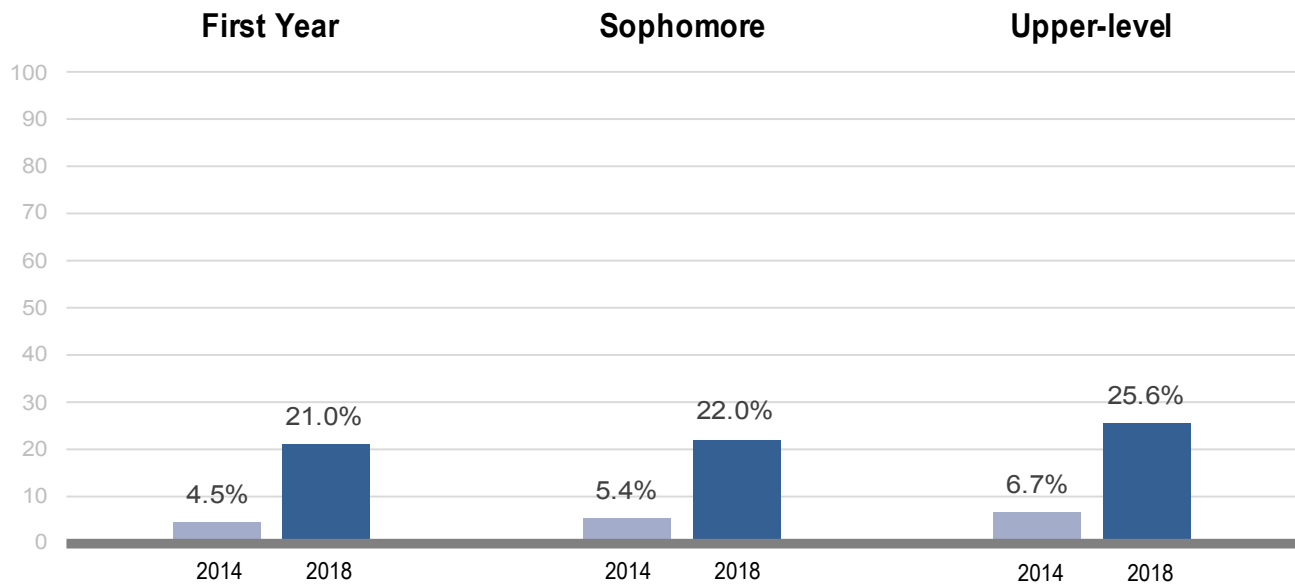**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Undergraduate Class Year*

	2014				**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	7,011	315	**4.5%**		7,555	1,588	**21.0%**	⬆	**16.5**
Sophomore	6,881	368	**5.4%**		7,722	1,702	**22.0%**	⬆	**16.7**
Upper-level	15,921	1,058	**6.7%**		17,850	4,572	**25.6%**	⬆	**19.0**

* 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*

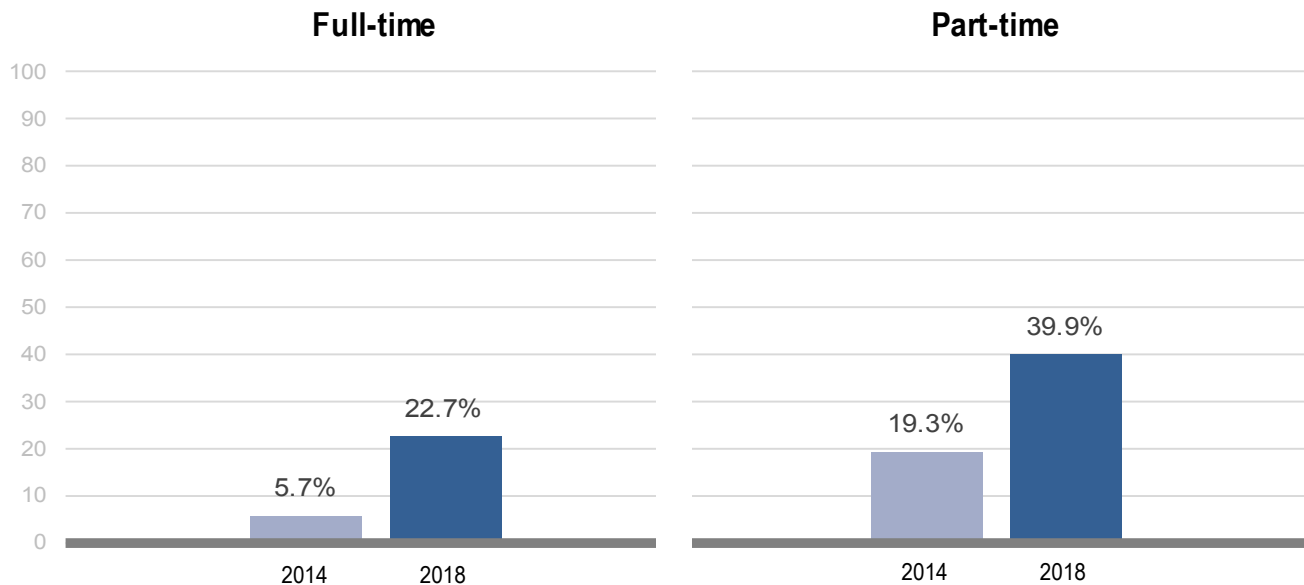**Full-time**

Part-time

	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	34,801	1,997	**5.7%**	38,950	8,823	**22.7%**	⬆	**16.9**
Part-time	4,288	828	**19.3%**	4,839	1,932	**39.9%**	⬆	**20.6**
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.
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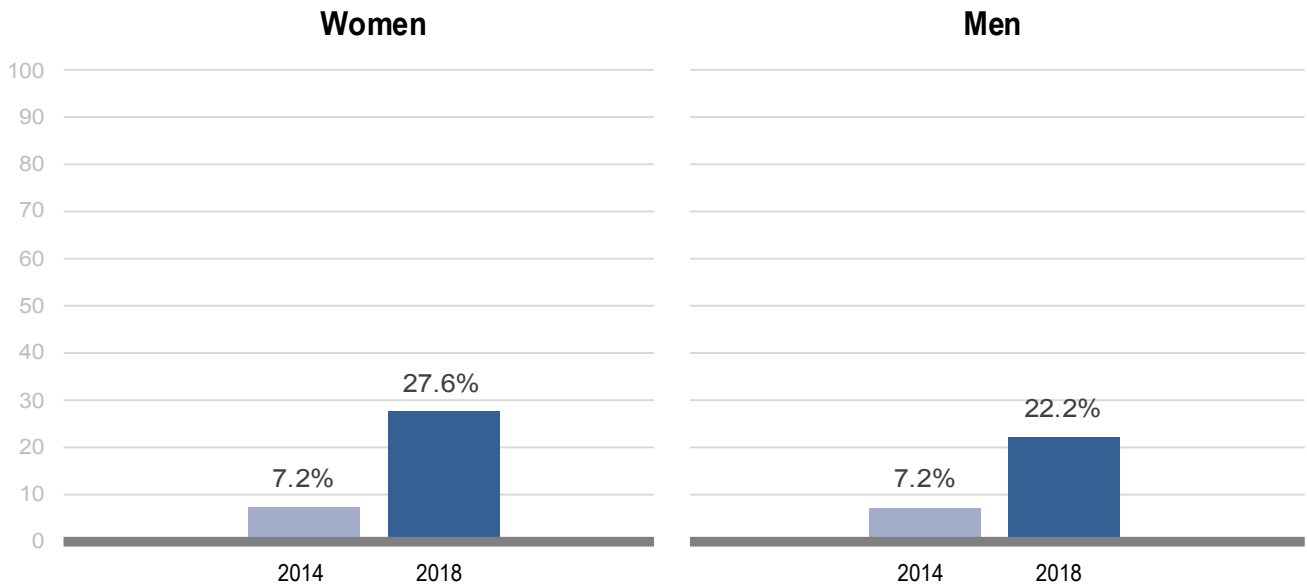**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Gender*

Women

Men

	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	16,304	1,181	**7.2%**	18,792	5,195	**27.6%**	⬆	**20.4**
Men	22,785	1,644	**7.2%**	24,996	5,560	**22.2%**	⬆	**15.0**
Unknown	0			*				

* 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*
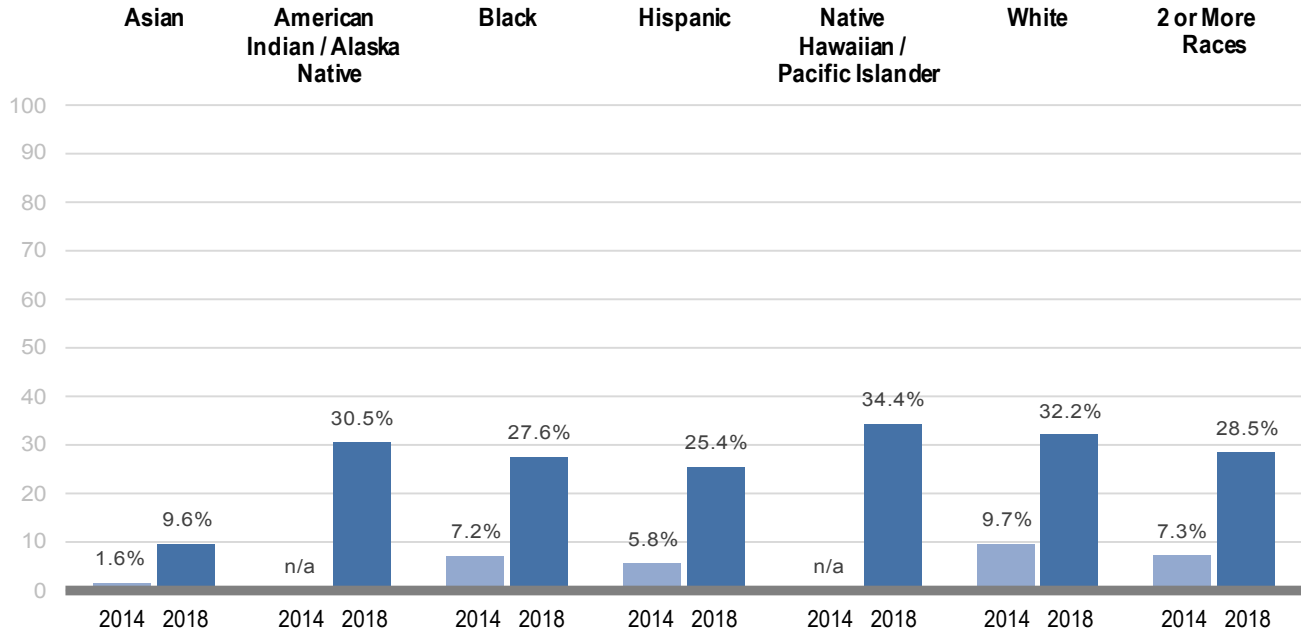
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Asian	4,492	73	**1.6%**	6,294	603	**9.6%**	⬆	**8.0**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	46	*	**n/a**	59	18	**30.5%**		**n/a**
Black	1,239	89	**7.2%**	1,361	375	**27.6%**	⬆	**20.4**
Hispanic	1,669	96	**5.8%**	2,454	624	**25.4%**	⬆	**19.7**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	32	*	**n/a**	32	11	**34.4%**		**n/a**
White	23,470	2,264	**9.7%**	26,084	8,385	**32.2%**	⬆	**22.5**
2 or More Races	772	56	**7.3%**	1,342	383	**28.5%**	⬆	**21.3**
Unknown	7,369			6,163				

* 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**			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	2,037	158	**7.8%**	1,979	521	**26.3%** ⬆	**18.6**
Architecture	92	*	**n/a**	86	16	**18.6%**	**n/a**
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	81	21	**25.9%**	61	24	**39.3%** ⬆	**13.4**
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,507	78	**5.2%**	1,691	414	**24.5%** ⬆	**19.3**
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,633	305	**6.6%**	4,556	949	**20.8%** ⬆	**14.3**
Communication and Journalism	699	73	**10.4%**	965	421	**43.6%** ⬆	**33.2**
Computer and Information Sciences	2,302	121	**5.3%**	3,596	693	**19.3%** ⬆	**14.0**
Education	1,714	230	**13.4%**	1,839	677	**36.8%** ⬆	**23.4**
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	13,128	955	**7.3%**	15,601	3,585	**23.0%** ⬆	**15.7**
English Language and Literature	366	54	**14.8%**	389	162	**41.7%** ⬆	**26.9**
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	468	22	**4.7%**	326	72	**22.1%** ⬆	**17.4**
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	224	20	**8.9%**	186	56	**30.1%** ⬆	**21.2**
Health Professions	3,746	243	**6.5%**	4,257	1,119	**26.3%** ⬆	**19.8**
History	151	27	**17.9%**	129	60	**46.5%** ⬆	**28.6**
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,942	107	**5.5%**	2,042	467	**22.9%** ⬆	**17.4**
Mathematics and Statistics	701	38	**5.4%**	836	140	**16.8%** ⬆	**11.3**
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	86	*	**n/a**	261	60	**23.0%**	**n/a**
Natural Resources and Conservation	392	20	**5.1%**	415	129	**31.1%** ⬆	**26.0**
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	324	12	**3.7%**	337	70	**20.8%** ⬆	**17.1**
Philosophy and Religious Studies	79	15	**19.0%**	77	18	**23.4%** ⬆	**4.4**
Physical Sciences	1,176	85	**7.2%**	1,217	280	**23.0%** ⬆	**15.8**
Psychology	589	35	**5.9%**	760	201	**26.5%** ⬆	**20.5**
Social Sciences	1,319	114	**8.6%**	1,083	327	**30.2%** ⬆	**21.6**

Transportation and Materials Moving	623	38	**6.1%**		514	144	**28.0%** ⬆	**21.9**
Visual and Performing Arts	675	41	**6.1%**		540	132	**24.4%** ⬆	**18.4**
Unknown	35	*	**n/a**		46	18	**39.1%**	**n/a**

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