

**2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Ramapo College of New  
Jersey

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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](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

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Warm regards,  
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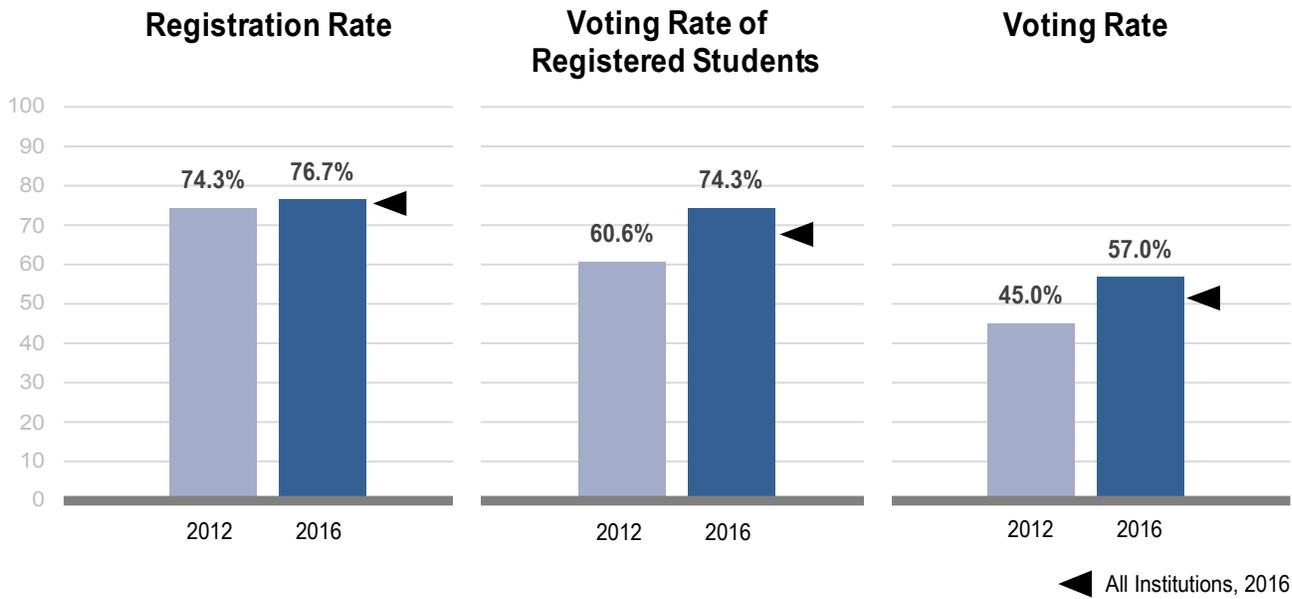
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2016 Voting Rate**  
**57.0%**

CHANGE FROM 2012  
**12.0**

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**50.4%**



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	5,714	6,139	↑ 425
Age under 18/Unknown	(27)	(17)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(71)	(108)	
FERPA records blocked	0	0	
Total eligible voters	5,616	6,014	↑ 398
Number of students who registered	4,172	4,610	↑ 438
Number of students who voted	2,527	3,426	↑ 899
Registration rate	74.3%	76.7%	↑ 2.4
Voting rate of registered students	60.6%	74.3%	↑ 13.8
Voting rate	45.0%	57.0%	↑ 12.0
Difference from all institutions	-1.9	+6.6	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

**2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**46.9%**

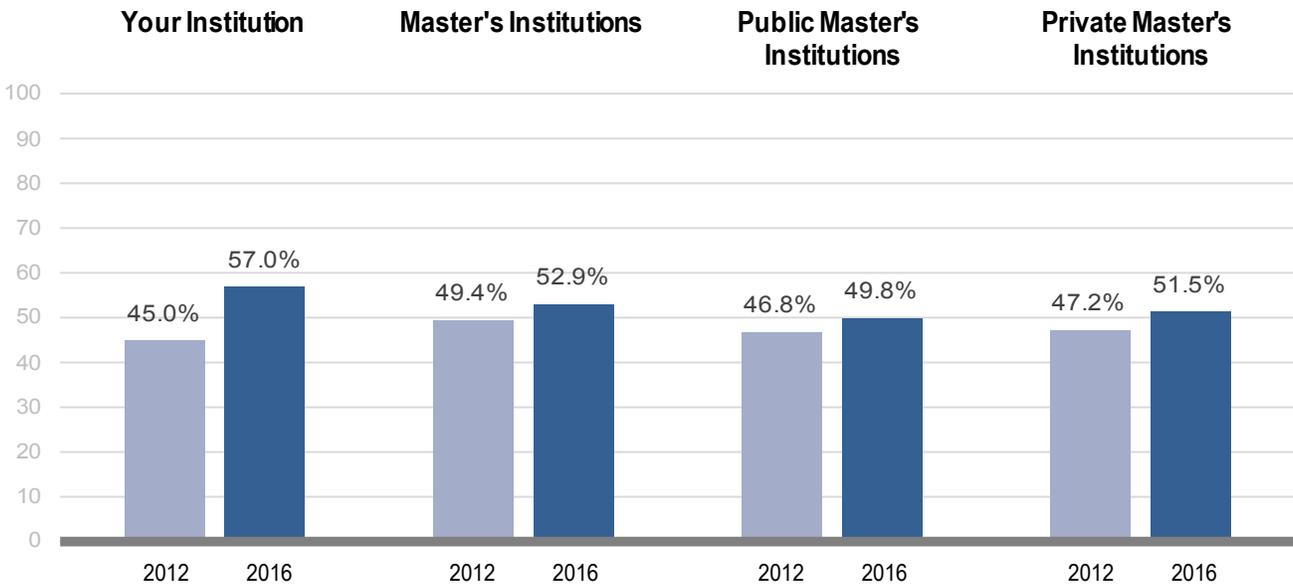
HIGH 72.9%  
 LOW 19.3%

**2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**50.4%**

HIGH 81.4%  
 LOW 13.1%

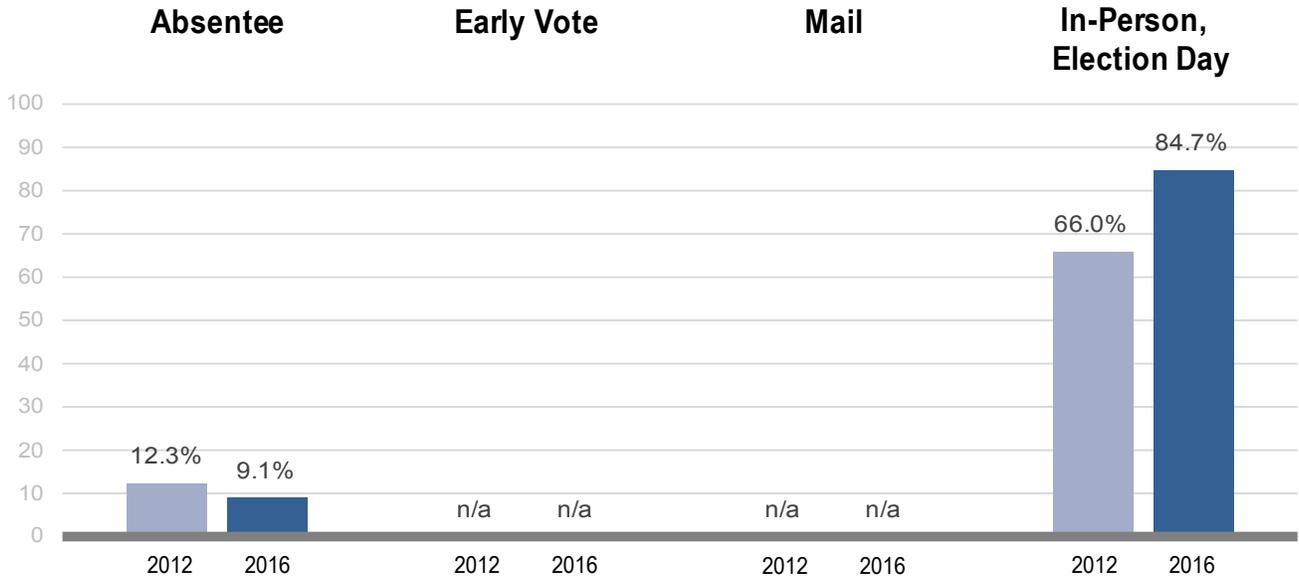
Difference from All Institutions **-1.9**

Difference from All Institutions **+6.6**



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# By Voting Method\*

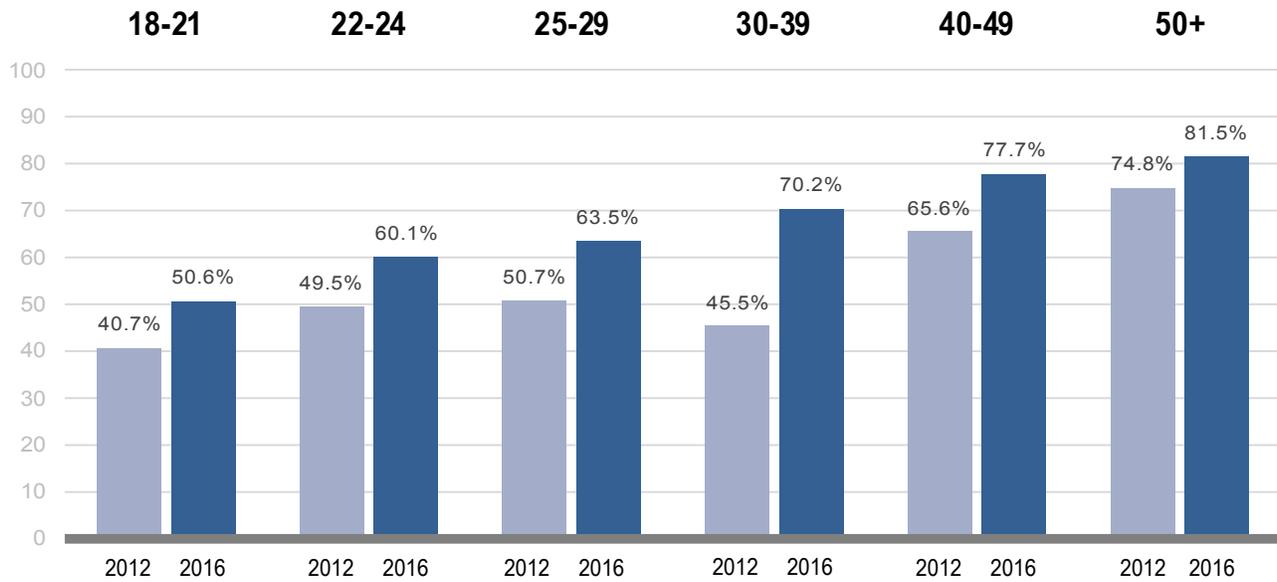


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	311	12.3%	311	9.1%	↓ -3.2
Early Vote	0	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
Mail	0	n/a	0	n/a	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	1,667	66.0%	2,901	84.7%	↑ 18.7
Unknown	549	21.7%	213	6.2%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,527</b>		<b>3,426</b>		

\* 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.

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# By Age Group\*

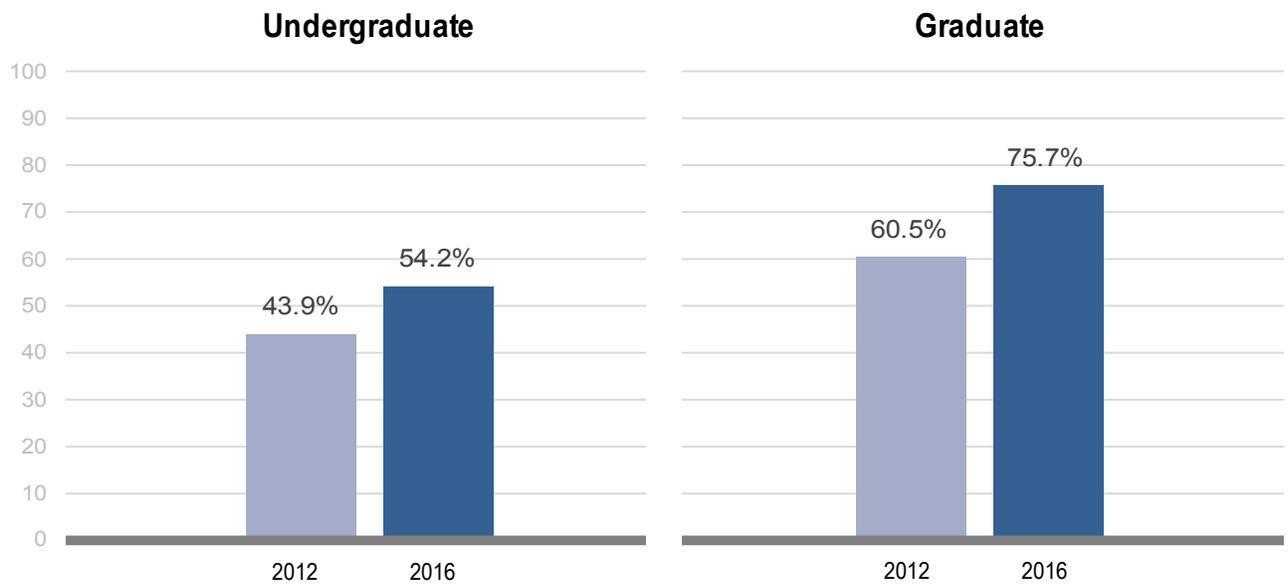


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	3,742	1,523	40.7%	3,801	1,924	50.6%	↑ 9.9
22-24	1,191	589	49.5%	1,195	718	60.1%	↑ 10.6
25-29	345	175	50.7%	523	332	63.5%	↑ 12.8
30-39	187	85	45.5%	295	207	70.2%	↑ 24.7
40-49	119	78	65.6%	157	122	77.7%	↑ 12.2
50+	103	77	74.8%	151	123	81.5%	↑ 6.7
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.

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# By Education Level\*

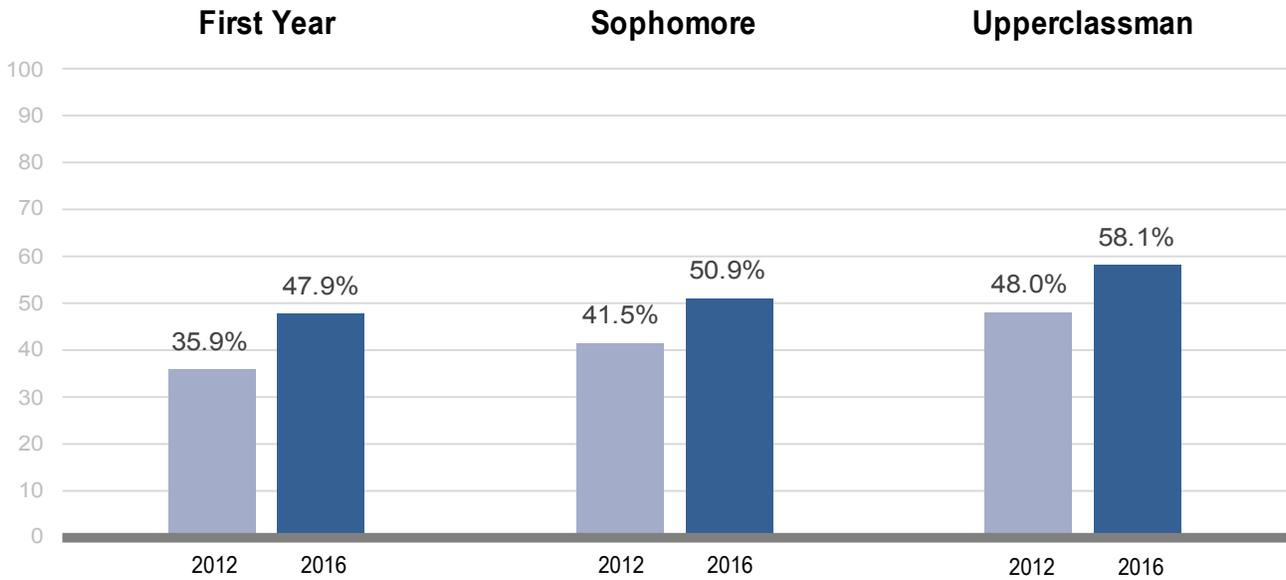


	2012			2016			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Undergraduate	5,487	2,406	<b>43.9%</b>	5,610	3,038	<b>54.2%</b>	↑	<b>10.3</b>
Graduate	200	121	<b>60.5%</b>	511	387	<b>75.7%</b>	↑	<b>15.2</b>
Unknown	0			*				

\* 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\*

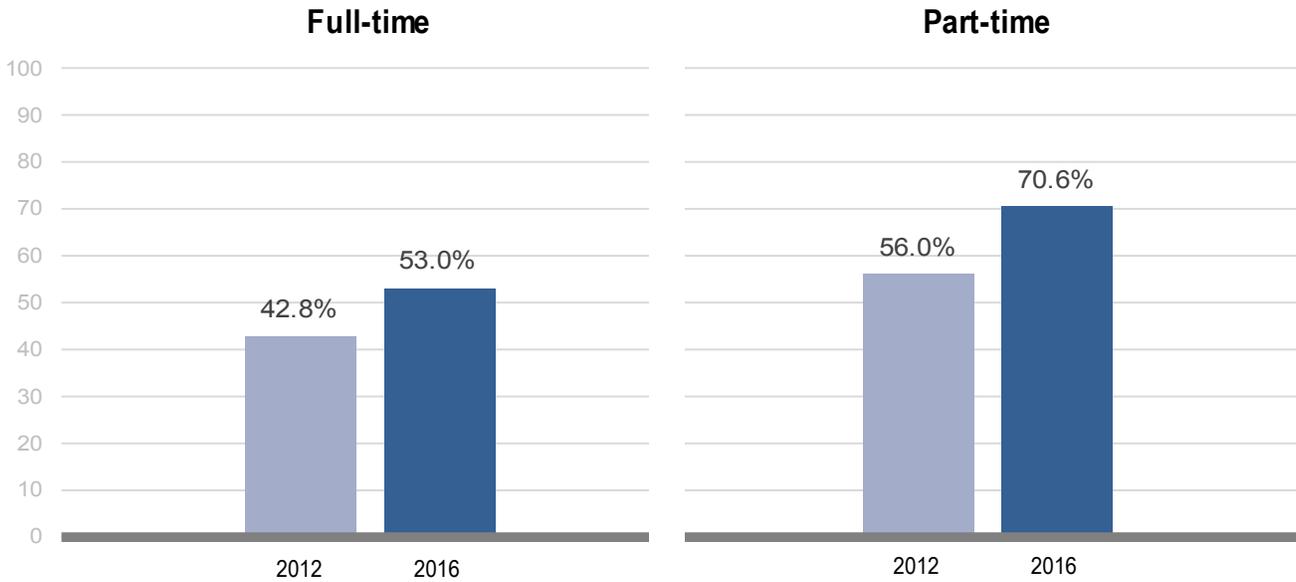


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	1,269	455	<b>35.9%</b>	1,428	684	<b>47.9%</b>	↑ 12.0
Sophomore	1,147	476	<b>41.5%</b>	1,126	573	<b>50.9%</b>	↑ 9.4
Upperclassman	2,831	1,359	<b>48.0%</b>	3,036	1,764	<b>58.1%</b>	↑ 10.1

\* 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\*

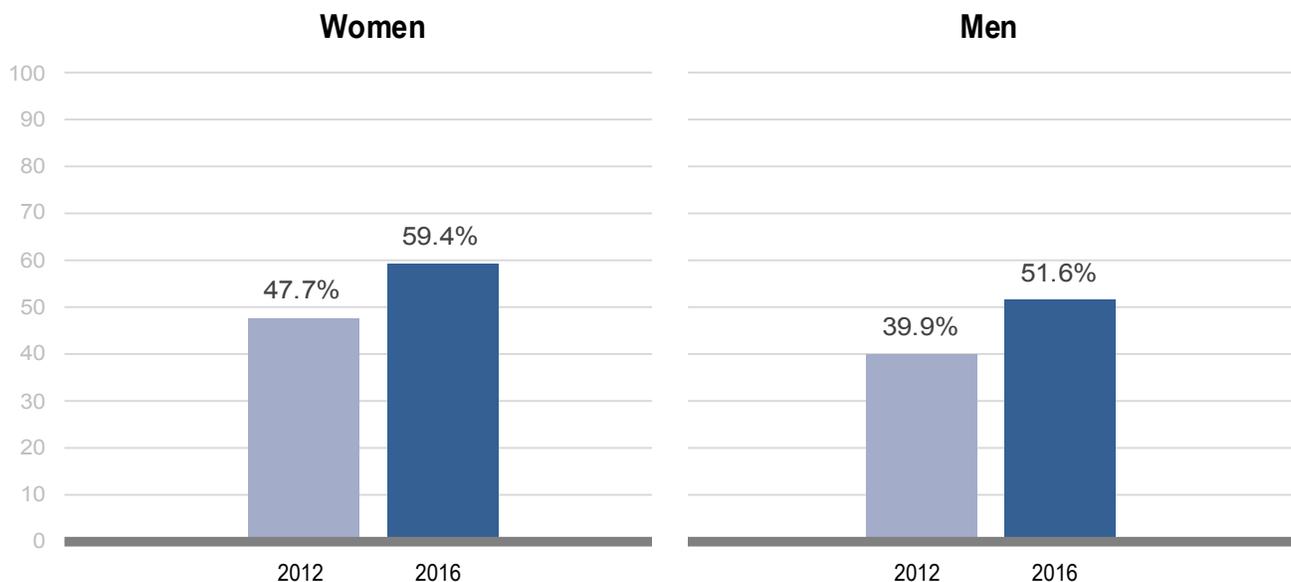


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	4,991	2,137	<b>42.8%</b>	5,079	2,690	<b>53.0%</b>	↑ 10.1
Part-time	696	390	<b>56.0%</b>	1,043	736	<b>70.6%</b>	↑ 14.5
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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\*

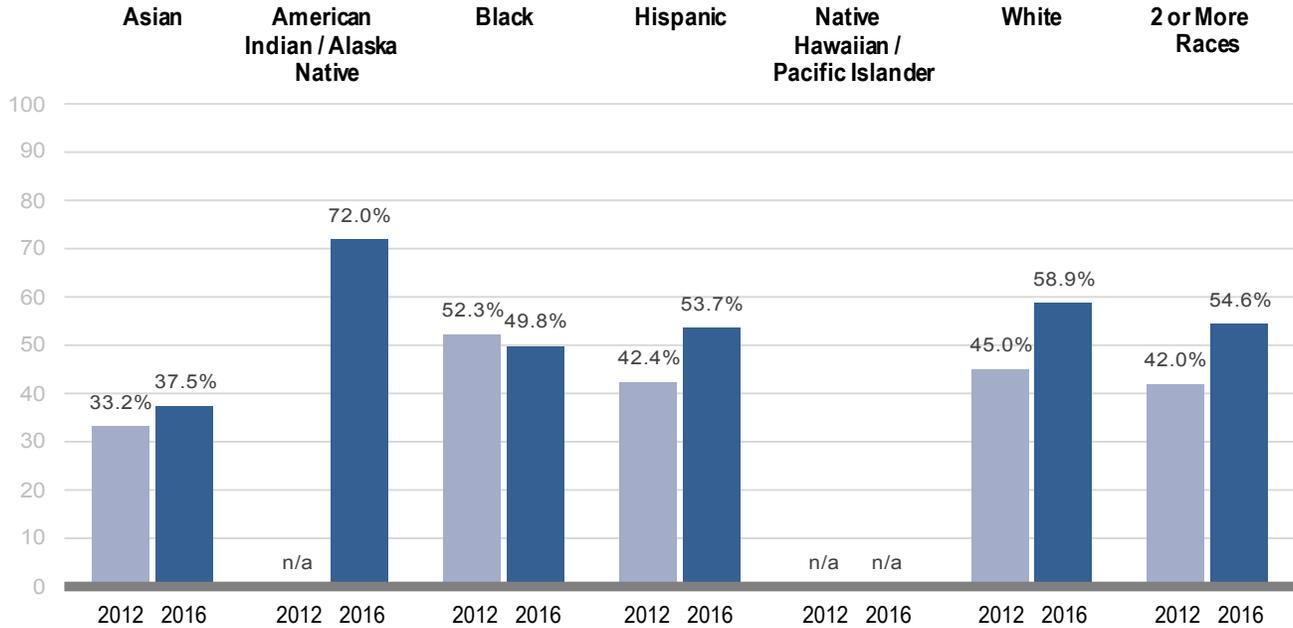


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	3,315	1,581	47.7%	3,437	2,040	59.4%	↑ 11.7
Men	2,372	946	39.9%	2,685	1,386	51.6%	↑ 11.7
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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	304	101	33.2%	467	175	37.5%	↑ 4.3
American Indian/ Alaska Native	11	*	n/a	25	18	72.0%	n/a
Black	258	135	52.3%	319	159	49.8%	↓ -2.5
Hispanic	686	291	42.4%	849	456	53.7%	↑ 11.3
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	21	*	n/a	10	*	n/a	n/a
White	4,007	1,804	45.0%	3,993	2,352	58.9%	↑ 13.9
2 or More Races	69	29	42.0%	55	30	54.6%	↑ 12.5
Unknown	331			404			

\* 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.

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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.

	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	69	37	53.6%	54	37	68.5% ↑	14.9
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	382	152	39.8%	455	198	43.5% ↑	3.7
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,134	448	39.5%	1,334	728	54.6% ↑	15.1
Communication and Journalism	484	216	44.6%	410	222	54.2% ↑	9.5
Computer and Information Sciences	136	55	40.4%	288	143	49.7% ↑	9.2
Education	93	57	61.3%	306	251	82.0% ↑	20.7
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	32	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	196	111	56.6%	150	101	67.3% ↑	10.7
Health Professions	528	241	45.6%	590	323	54.8% ↑	9.1
History	151	82	54.3%	120	88	73.3% ↑	19.0
Legal Professions and Studies	145	61	42.1%	106	64	60.4% ↑	18.3
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	128	73	57.0%	666	353	53.0% ↓	-4.0
Mathematics and Statistics	118	53	44.9%	79	49	62.0% ↑	17.1
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	13	*	n/a	13	*	n/a	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	141	70	49.7%	123	72	58.5% ↑	8.9
Physical Sciences	31	12	38.7%	75	28	37.3% ↓	-1.4
Psychology	646	263	40.7%	465	250	53.8% ↑	13.1
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	180	105	58.3%	315	190	60.3% ↑	2.0
Social Sciences	197	92	46.7%	198	109	55.1% ↑	8.4
Visual and Performing Arts	409	200	48.9%	375	212	56.5% ↑	7.6
Unknown	474	185	39.0%	0	0	n/a	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: [idhe.tufts.edu](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

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