

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Raritan Valley Community  
College

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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-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.

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](mailto:NSLVE@tufts.edu).

Warm regards,

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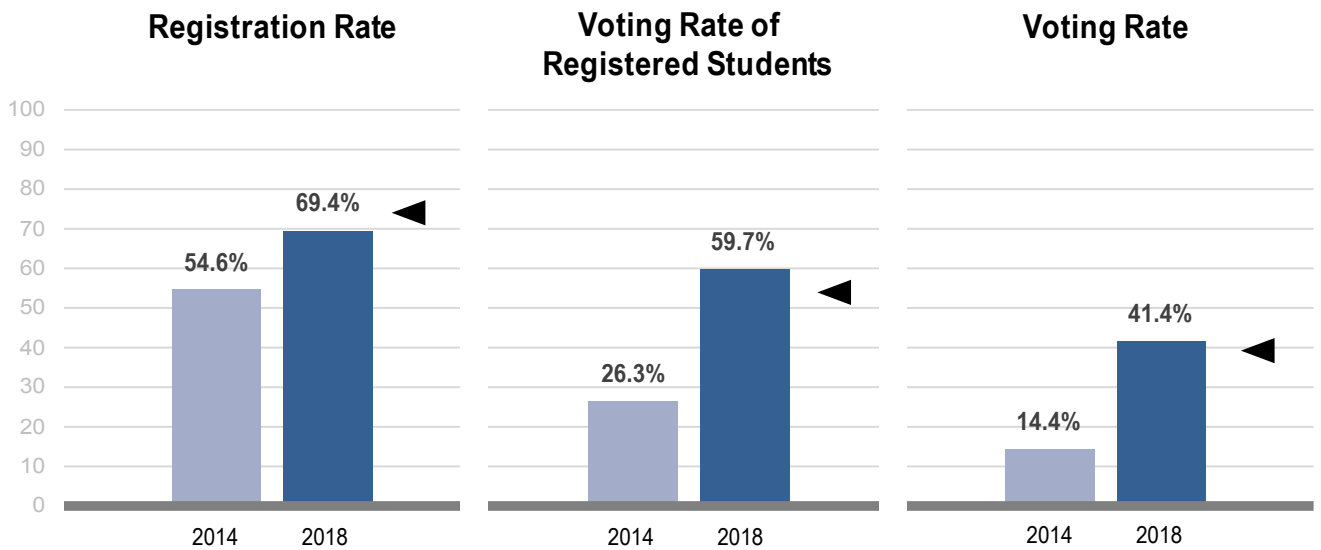
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2018 Voting Rate**  
**41.4%**

CHANGE FROM 2014  
**+27.1**

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**39.1%**



◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	6,820	7,480	↑ 660
Age under 18/Unknown	(259)	(889)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(188)	(150)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	6,371	6,439	↑ 68
Number of students who registered	3,479	4,470	↑ 991
Number of students who voted	915	2,668	↑ 1,753
Registration rate	54.6%	69.4%	↑ 14.8
Voting rate of registered students	26.3%	59.7%	↑ 33.4
Voting rate	14.4%	41.4%	↑ 27.1
Difference from all institutions	-5.3	+2.3	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

**2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**19.7%**

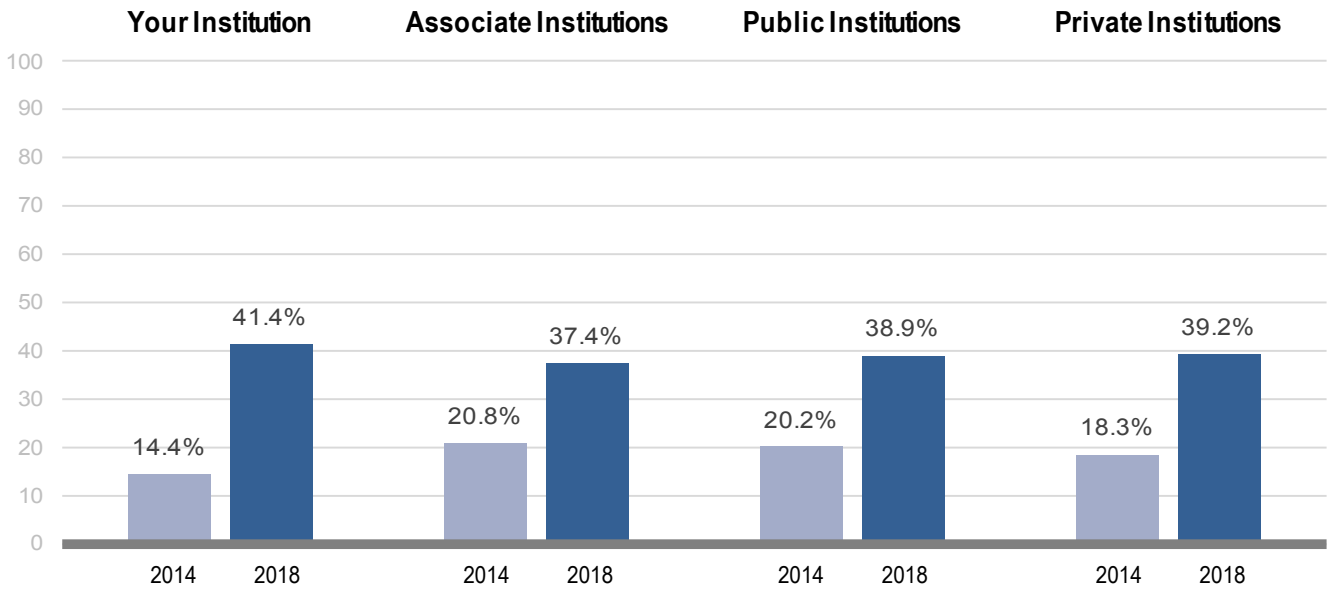
HIGH 54.0%  
 LOW 1.5%

**2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**39.1%**

HIGH 64.1%  
 LOW 11.5%

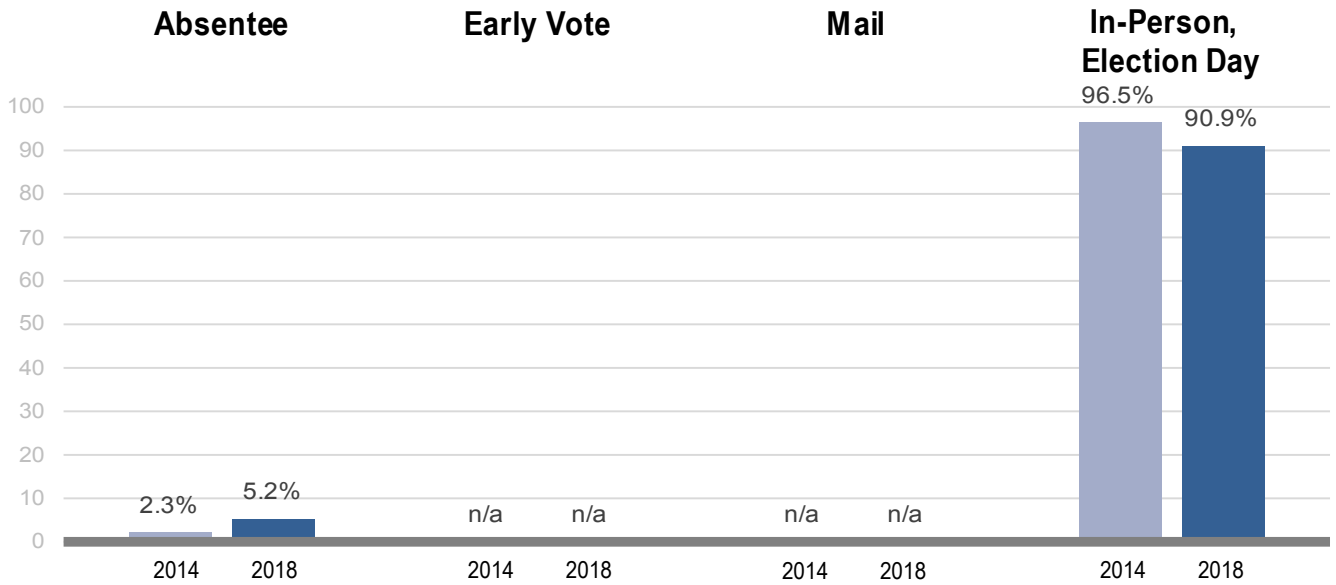
Difference from All Institutions **-5.3**

Difference from All Institutions **+2.3**



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# By Voting Method\*

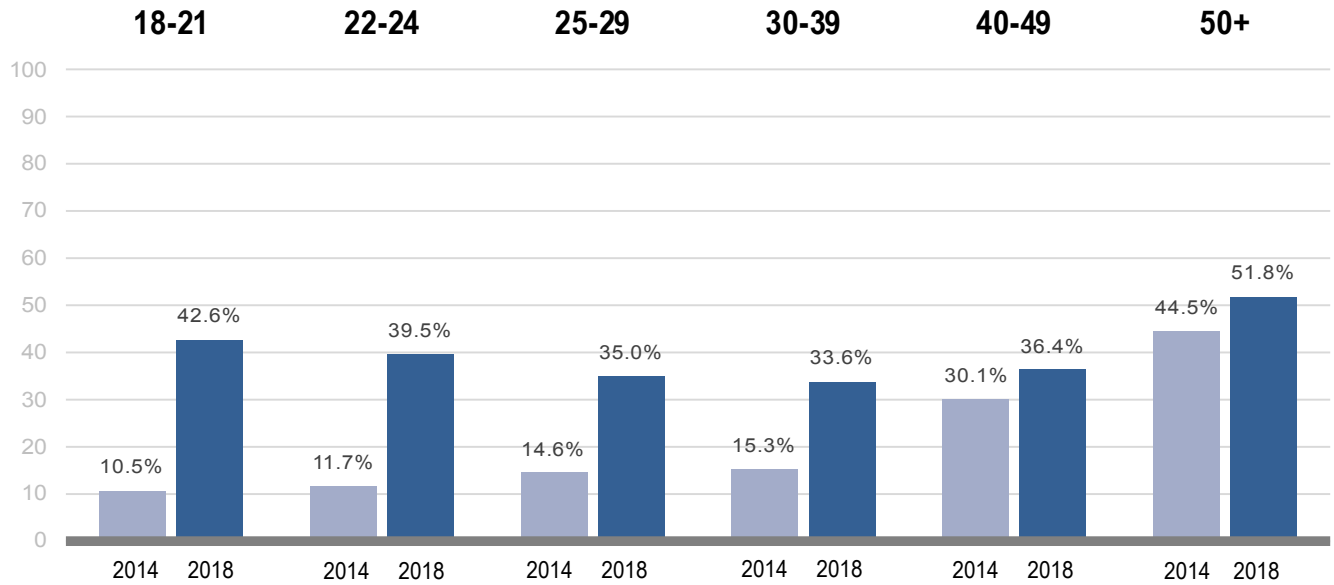


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	21	2.3%	139	5.2%	↑ 2.9
Early Vote	0	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
Mail	0	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	883	96.5%	2,424	90.9%	↓ -5.7
Unknown	11	1.2%	101	3.8%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>915</b>		<b>2,668</b>		

\* 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\*

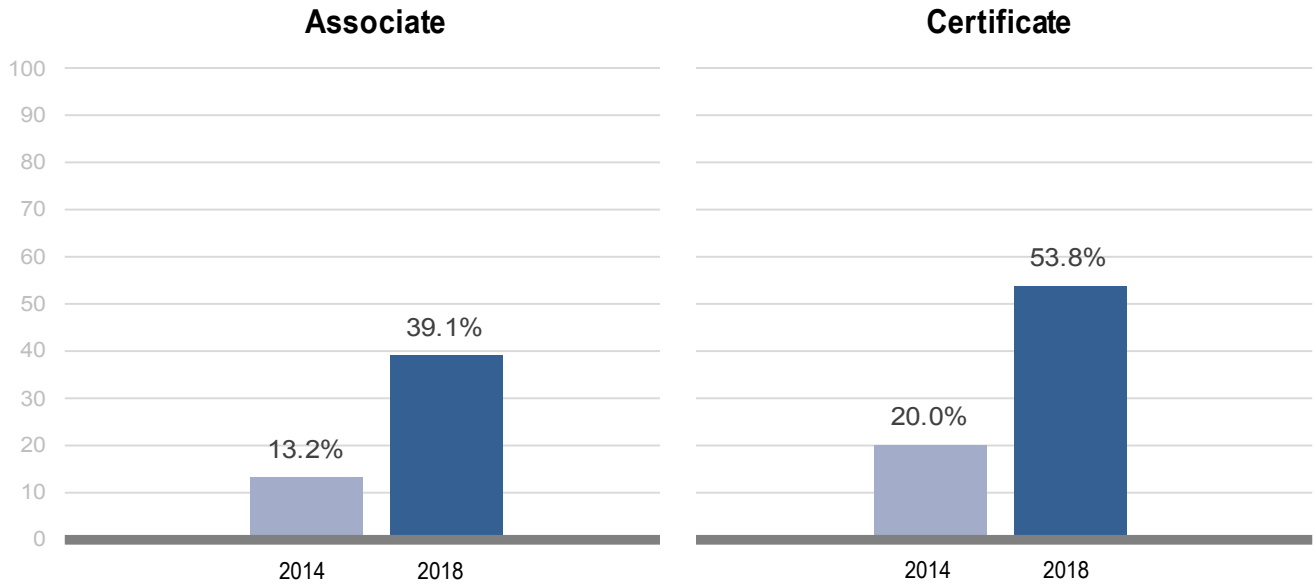


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	3,640	383	10.5%	3,737	1,592	42.6%	↑ 32.1
22-24	1,025	120	11.7%	982	388	39.5%	↑ 27.8
25-29	749	109	14.6%	772	270	35.0%	↑ 20.4
30-39	536	82	15.3%	589	198	33.6%	↑ 18.3
40-49	346	104	30.1%	283	103	36.4%	↑ 6.3
50+	263	117	44.5%	226	117	51.8%	↑ 7.3
Unknown	77			21			

\* 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 Program of Study\*

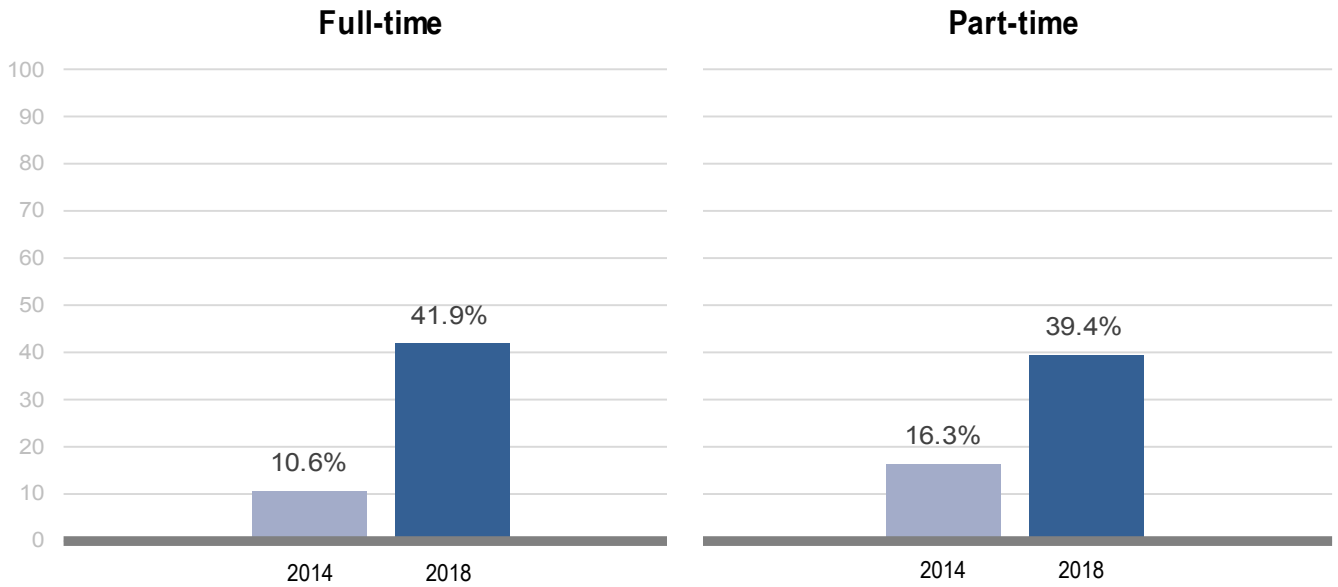


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Associate	5,791	765	13.2%	5,693	2,224	39.1%	↑ 25.9
Certificate	701	140	20.0%	675	363	53.8%	↑ 33.8

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# By Enrollment Status\*



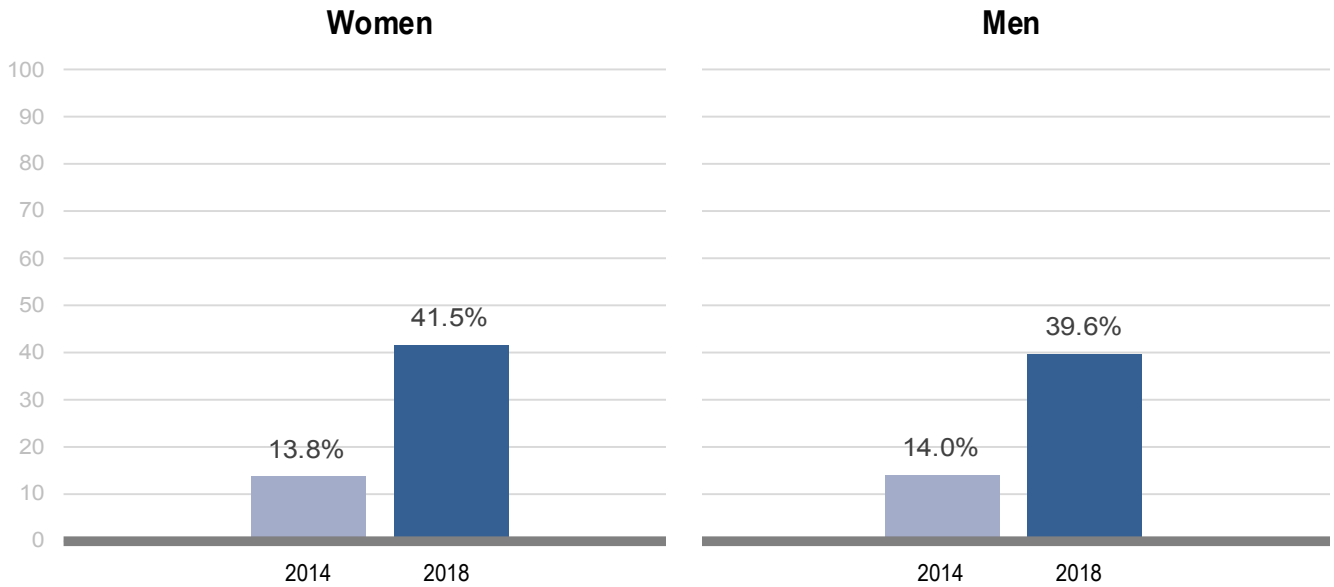
	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	2,690	286	10.6%	2,868	1,202	41.9%	↑ 31.3
Part-time	3,869	629	16.3%	3,721	1,466	39.4%	↑ 23.1
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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\*

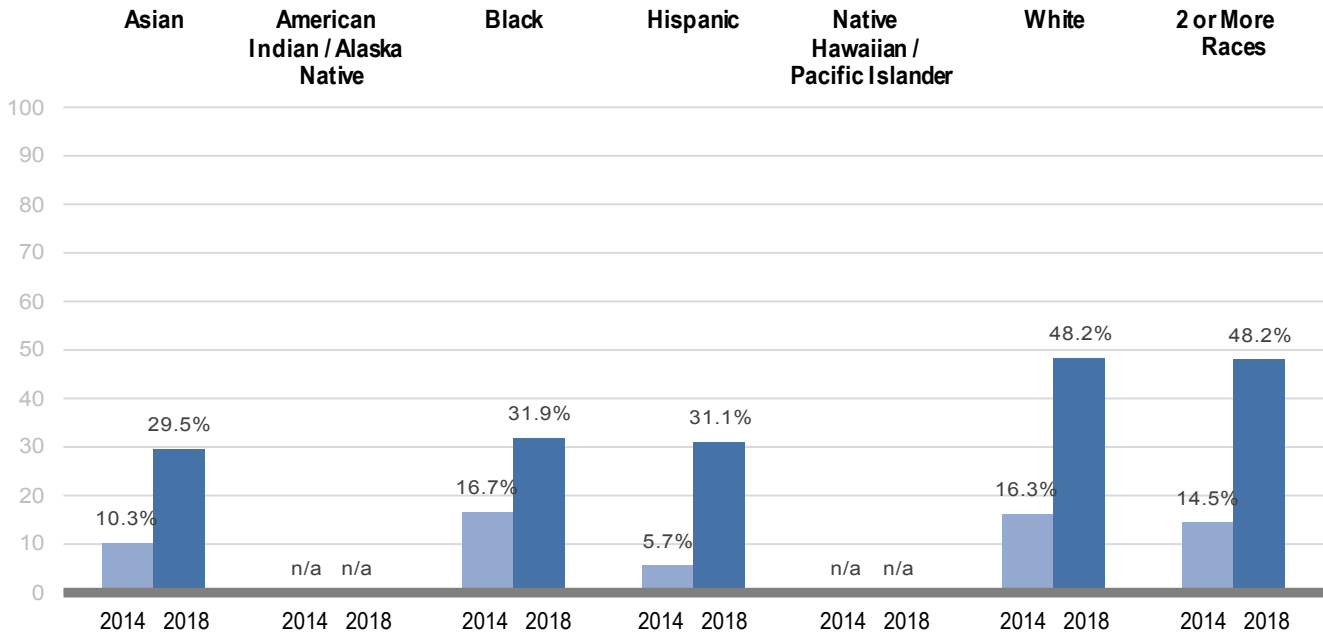


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	3,346	460	13.8%	3,194	1,326	41.5%	↑ 27.8
Men	3,169	445	14.0%	3,330	1,318	39.6%	↑ 25.5
Unknown	44			65			

\* 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\*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	378	39	10.3%	410	121	29.5%	↑ 19.2
American Indian/ Alaska Native	12	*	n/a	16	*	n/a	n/a
Black	683	114	16.7%	791	252	31.9%	↑ 15.2
Hispanic	1,279	73	5.7%	1,604	498	31.1%	↑ 25.3
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	22	0	n/a	24	*	n/a	n/a
White	3,710	604	16.3%	3,207	1,547	48.2%	↑ 32.0
2 or More Races	152	22	14.5%	162	78	48.2%	↑ 33.7
Unknown	323			375			

\* 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	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	18	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	882	122	13.8%	951	374	39.3% ↑	25.5
Communication and Journalism	55	*	n/a	91	51	56.0%	n/a
Communications Technologies/Technicians	45	*	n/a	58	27	46.6%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	142	29	20.4%	144	60	41.7% ↑	21.3
Construction Trades	0	0	n/a	42	22	52.4%	n/a
Education	330	30	9.1%	293	124	42.3% ↑	33.2
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	289	31	10.7%	306	129	42.2% ↑	31.4
English Language and Literature	67	12	17.9%	48	24	50.0% ↑	32.1
Health Professions	1,094	151	13.8%	1,061	390	36.8% ↑	23.0
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	387	54	14.0%	315	133	42.2% ↑	28.3
Legal Professions and Studies	78	14	18.0%	43	23	53.5% ↑	35.5
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,952	299	15.3%	2,035	821	40.3% ↑	25.0
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	39	*	n/a	25	*	n/a	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	579	72	12.4%	622	247	39.7% ↑	27.3
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	160	18	11.3%	143	53	37.1% ↑	25.8
Personal and Culinary Services	49	*	n/a	45	19	42.2%	n/a
Precision Production	0	0	n/a	10	*	n/a	n/a
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	93	15	16.1%	81	37	45.7% ↑	29.6
Visual and Performing Arts	269	36	13.4%	245	116	47.4% ↑	34.0
Unknown	31	10	32.3%	31	12	38.7% ↑	6.5

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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