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# Student Voting Rates for Rochester Community And Technical College

2020 NSLVE Campus Report

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**Dear Colleagues:**

We are pleased to send this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for 2020. This report contains three years of relevant topline data: 2016, 2018, and 2020. As always, we disaggregate the data so you can better identify and address gaps in participation.

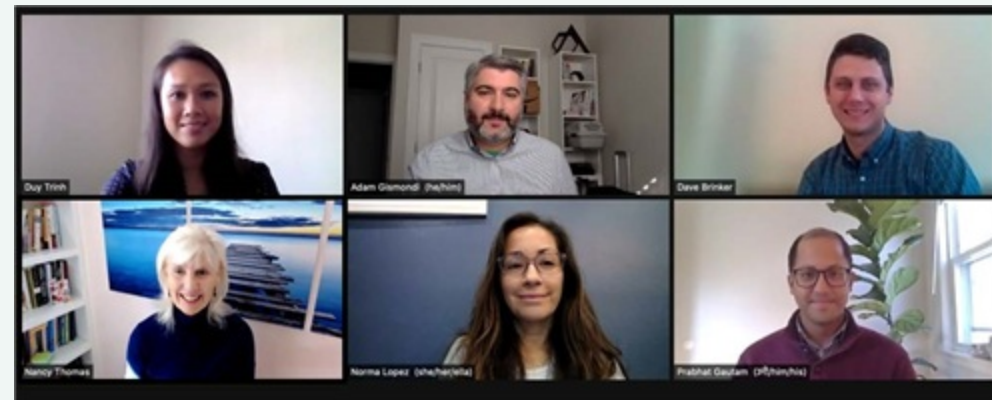
College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

As in past years, we urge you to share this report widely and strategically, particularly with faculty who, in 2020, were often the most consistent communicators with students about ever-changing voting conditions and deadlines. We also urge you to review our recommendations for engaging elections to cultivate a robust and healthy campus climate for political engagement, discourse, equity, and participation: Election Imperatives (2019) and the more recent Election Imperatives: A Time of Physical Distancing and Social Action. Since "pervasive political discussions" and attentiveness to the campus culture around speech and academic freedom are among our top recommendations, we direct you to our discussion guides on talking about your NSLVE report, on free speech and inclusion, and on hot topics, our Making Sense of ... guides.

Finally, we always encourage you to work with us. Help us help you get better data by reaching out. Email [IDHE@Tufts.edu](mailto:IDHE@Tufts.edu) for more information. And as always, watch your inbox for our periodic newsletter, IDHE Update, for announcements about upcoming releases and new resources.

Congratulations on engaging your students in the 2020 election. Remember, student political learning is a year-round objective. Elections may be episodic, but student political engagement should not be.

All the Best,  
IDHE Team



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We also want to acknowledge and thank **Syed Golam Mohaimen, M.S. student in Data Science at Tufts University** for his contributions toward the creation of these reports.

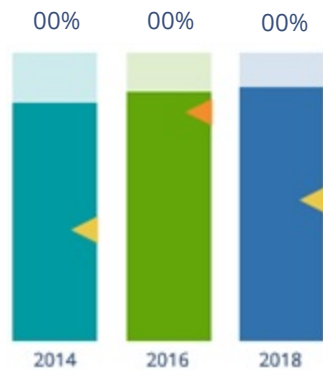
# In This Report

This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut charts, and tables.

	2014			2018			2014-2018 Change (p.p.)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

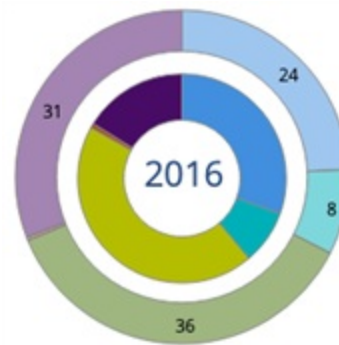
## Tables

The tables show, on the left-side columns, the numbers of students and the rates from 2016, 2018, and 2020. On the left-side, percentage point (p.p.) changes between 2016 and 2020. A red down arrow indicates a decrease, a green up arrow indicates an increase, and a yellow arrow pointing to the right indicates no change. "-" in these tables indicates that the data is unavailable/missing, or is available for 10 or less students.



## Vessel Chart

This chart shows rates out of 100%, with arrows to the right of each bar representing relevant national averages (medians), which you can find in IDHE's national report Democracy Counts 2020.



## Overlapping Donut Chart

This chart is used to show the breakdown of vote method utilization (page 10), with the outer ring showing your campus method utilization and the inner ring showing the national breakdown. These are described in percentages.

# Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

## YOUR INSTITUTION

63.5%

2020 Voting Rate

+5.6

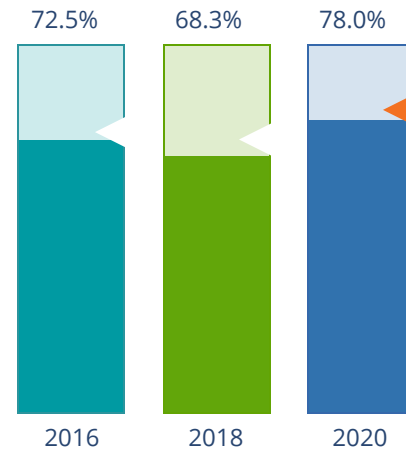
Change From 2016

## ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

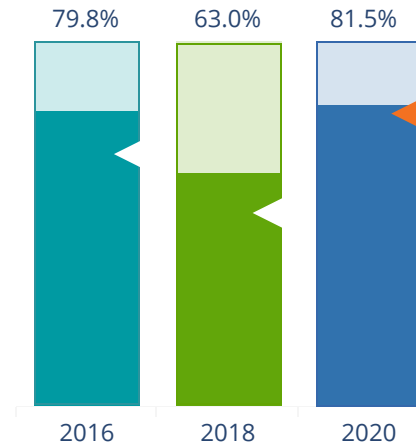
2020 Voting Rate

## REGISTRATION RATE



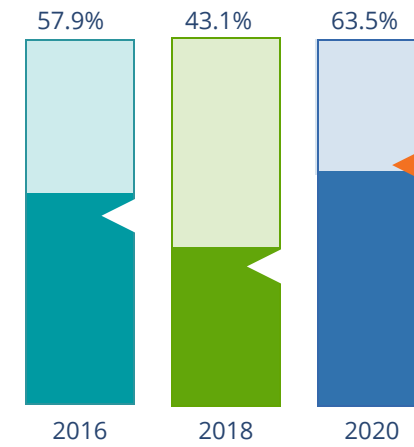
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

## VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS



The **Voting Rate of Registered Students** is the percent of registered students who voted on Election Day. We often refer to this as the “yield” rate.

## VOTING RATE



The **Voting Rate** is the percentage of eligible students who voted on Election Day. The voting rate is also the product of the registration and yield rates.

# Looking Closer

## Voting and Registration Rates

	2016	2018	2020	2016-2020 Change (p.p.)
<b>Total Student Enrollment</b>	4,577	4,532	3,883	↓ -694
(Age under 18/Unknown)	-	-	-	-
(NSC reported non-resident aliens)	104	55	31	↓ -73
(FERPA records blocked)	-	-	-	-
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	505	802	-	-
<b>Total eligible voters</b>	3,955	3,663	3,846	↓ -109
<b>Number of students who registered</b>	2,869	2,503	3,000	↑ 131
<b>Number of students who voted</b>	2,290	1,578	2,444	↑ 154
<b>Registration Rate %</b>	73	68	78	↑ 5
<b>Voting Rate of Registered Students %</b>	80	63	81	↑ 2
<b>Voting Rate %</b>	58	43	64	↑ 6

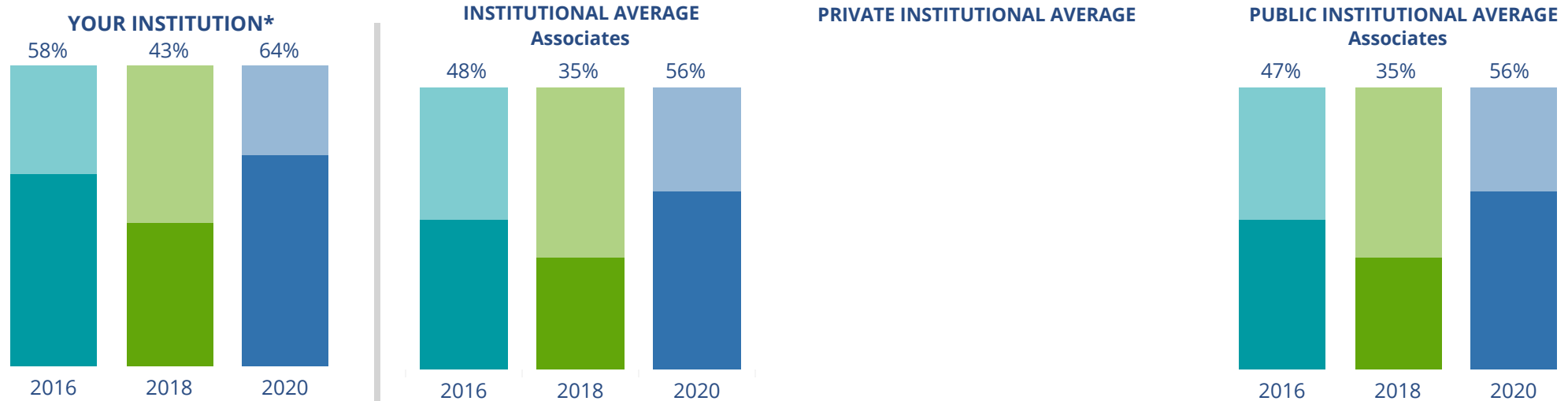
**This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates.** The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged, students who are not pursuing degrees.

We have removed non-resident aliens (international students) based on your institution's enrollment submission to the National Student Clearinghouse. This is indicated by "NSC reported non-resident aliens" on this page.

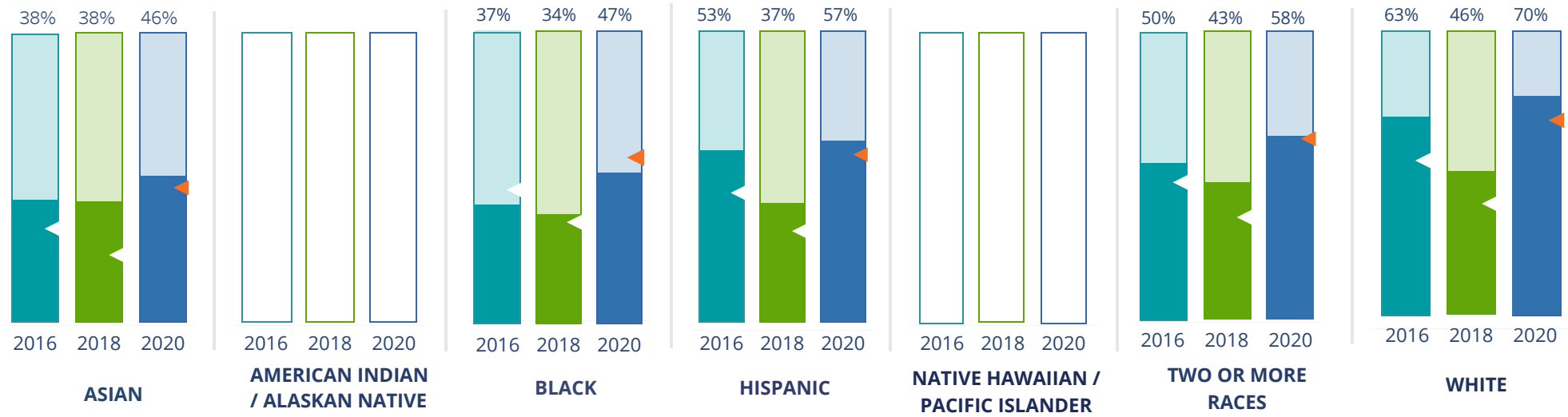
## By Institution Types



These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. \*"Your Institution" chart is presented at a different scale.



# By Race / Ethnicity



**These are estimated voting rates for race / ethnicity groups.** These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following race reporting procedures\* defined by the National Center for Education Statistics of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Please see our FAQ for more detail on why we cannot report national benchmark for some of the demographic groups:

<https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq>

If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

\* <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/report-your-data/race-ethnicity-collecting-data-for-reporting-purposes>

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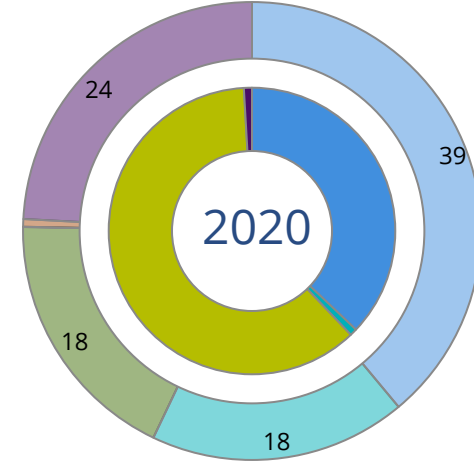
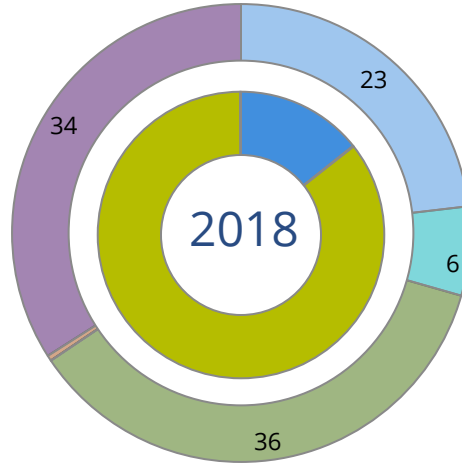
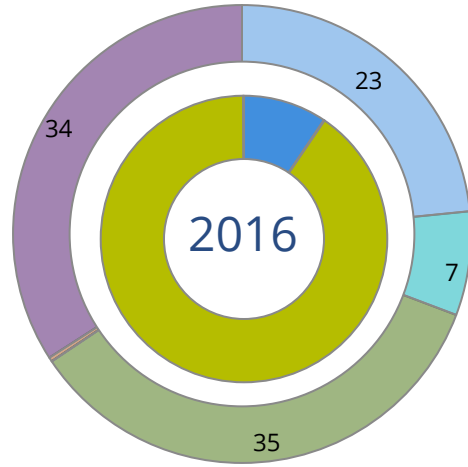
## By Race/Ethnicity

**This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates.** We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
<b>Asian</b>	193	74	38	187	71	38	203	93	46	↑ 7
<b>American Indian/ Alaska Native</b>	17	-	-	12	-	-	13	-	-	-
<b>Black</b>	420	156	37	454	154	34	518	243	47	↑ 10
<b>Hispanic</b>	232	124	53	271	101	37	317	179	56	↑ 3
<b>Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>2 or More Races</b>	113	56	50	176	76	43	158	92	58	↑ 9
<b>White</b>	2,945	1,853	63	2,539	1,161	46	2,599	1,807	70	↑ 7
<b>Race Unknown</b>	35	21	60	24	-	-	38	20	53	↓ -7

# By Voting Method

■ Not-In-Person 
 ■ Early Vote 
 ■ In-Person 
 ■ Other 
 ■ Provisional 
 ■ Unknown



	2016		2018		2020		2016-2020	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p.)	
Early Vote	-	-	-	-	20	1	-	
In-Person on Election Day	2,071	90	1,349	86	1,495	61	-29	↓
Not-In-Person	215	9	226	14	906	37	28	↑
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Voting Method Unknown	-	-	-	-	23	1	-	

**These are estimated rates for vote method utilization, the number of students utilizing each method, and the percent of students utilizing each method.** Not all U.S. states provide information on vote method; voting method for voter files from these states are classified "Voting Method Unknown." For a list of these states, see our FAQ. <https://idhe.tufts.edu/nsive/nsive-faq#CampusReports>

## By Age Group

	2016	2018	2020
18-21	57%	42%	64%
22-24	50%	41%	60%
25-29	60%	40%	57%
30-39	59%	48%	64%
40-49	69%	50%	71%
50+	72%	64%	83%

**Voting is habit-forming and young voters will usually continue as voters in subsequent elections.**

Also, young voters are more likely to be contacted by campaigns and are visible, and therefore significant, to elected officials. While in the past, we have seen voting rates increase across age groups, in recent cycles, the most significant increases have been among first-time and the youngest voters. Some colleges serve primarily young students, traditionally viewed as students in the 18-21 or 22-24 categories here. Others have much higher numbers of enrolled older undergraduate or graduate students.

# Looking Closer

## By Age Group

**Here, we provide the numbers of students in each age category and the voting rates for each group.** These are based on the student's age on the day of the election, as calculated by the National Student Clearinghouse using data from student enrollment records.

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
<b>18-21</b>	1,784	1,020	57	1,787	742	42	1,884	1,203	64	↑ 7	
<b>22-24</b>	636	318	50	520	212	41	500	301	60	↑ 10	
<b>25-29</b>	563	339	60	561	222	40	547	312	57	↓ -3	
<b>30-39</b>	590	346	59	499	241	48	536	342	64	↑ 5	
<b>40-49</b>	274	189	69	208	105	50	249	178	71	↑ 3	
<b>50+</b>	108	78	72	88	56	64	130	108	83	↑ 11	

# Looking Closer

## By Sex

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
Female	2,450	1,462	60	2,255	956	42	2,390	1,536	64	↑	5
Male	1,490	821	55	1,398	618	44	1,445	903	62	↑	7

**These are estimated voting rates for sex groups and the numbers we used to calculate their voting rates.** These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following the reporting procedures defined by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Presently, NCES requires institutions to report students as “Male” or “Female” only.\*

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\*<https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/public/survey-materials/faq?faqid=11>

# Looking Closer

## By Education Level / Undergraduate Class Year

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p)	
<b>EDUCATION LEVEL</b>											
Undergraduate	3,702	2,141	58	3,555	1,529	43	3,171	1,973	62	↑	4
Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Class Unknown	253	149	59	108	49	45	675	299	44	↓	-15
<b>CLASS YEAR</b>											
First Year	1,132	52	586	1,138	37	417	1,178	57	666	↑	5
Second Year	2,397	59	1,414	2,198	44	977	2,106	65	1,361	↑	6
Upper Level	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>ENROLLMENT STATUS</b>											
Full-time	1,952	1,091	56	1,760	722	41	1,629	1,047	64	↑	8
Part-time	2,003	1,199	60	1,903	856	45	2,217	1,397	63	↑	3

**These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (undergraduate/graduate), Class Year, and Enrollment Status (full-time/part-time), and the numbers we used to calculate these rates.**

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## By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 RateChange (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	36	16	44	43	24	56	67	39	58	↑ 14
Business, Management, and Marketing	278	161	58	297	118	40	343	221	64	↑ 7
Communication and Journalism	22	-	-	18	12	67	24	15	63	-
Computer and Information Sciences	87	46	53	104	49	47	124	75	60	↑ 8
Construction Trades	70	51	73	68	28	41	80	48	60	↓ -13
Education	15	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	-
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	94	50	53	99	46	46	69	45	65	↑ 12

**These are estimated voting rates by field of study, and the numbers we used to calculate the field of study rates.** For an explanation of CIP codes, please see our FAQ.\* There are roughly 8,000 fields of study among U.S. colleges and universities, so we provide rates for condensed categories.

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# By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	39	27	69	26	-	-	12	-	-	-
Health Professions	1,579	905	57	1,430	576	40	1,530	962	63	↑ 6
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protec..	151	95	63	132	53	40	93	62	67	↑ 4
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,018	590	58	1,014	463	46	989	655	66	↑ 8
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Techni..	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	13	54	-
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	202	120	59	126	68	54	31	20	65	↑ 5
Natural Resources and Conservation	23	16	70	19	-	-	17	14	82	↑ 13
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Stu..	29	14	48	37	-	-	34	14	41	↓ -7
Physical Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Precision Production	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-
Public Administration and Social Service P..	36	19	53	33	12	36	94	60	64	↑ 11
Visual and Performing Arts	71	42	59	77	41	53	80	50	63	↑ 3
Unknown	158	95	60	110	55	50	118	74	63	↑ 3

# About This Report

## Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement.

Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, nearly 1,200 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020 federal elections.

Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 50 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 2016, 2018, and 2020 elections.

These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) and publicly available voting files collected by L2 Political.

Enrollment lists are adjusted by deducting students under age 18 (at the time of the election), people identified as non-degree seeking and those identified by campuses as "nonresident aliens" (NRAs) (the federal government's category for mostly international students). Unfortunately, not all campuses report NRAs to NSC. For those campuses, we use IPEDS to calculate the number of NRA students on each campus and adjust NSC enrollment numbers to estimate the number of students to remove. We also quality check NRA removals by verifying that there is little to no discrepancy between the number of international students reported by the campus to IPEDS and to NSC. We cannot adjust subgroup analyses absent identification of NRAs verified by the process above. We welcome closer partnerships with individual colleges and universities to provide more accurate rates. For more on the data and the matching process, see our FAQ on Campus Reports.

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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>.

References: IDHE encourages report recipients to share this report as broadly as possible, including posting it on the college or university's website. When doing so, please use the following citation: Institute for Democracy & Higher Education: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2021). 2016, 2018, and 2020 report for \_\_\_\_\_ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.



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