

**2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
SUNY at Binghamton

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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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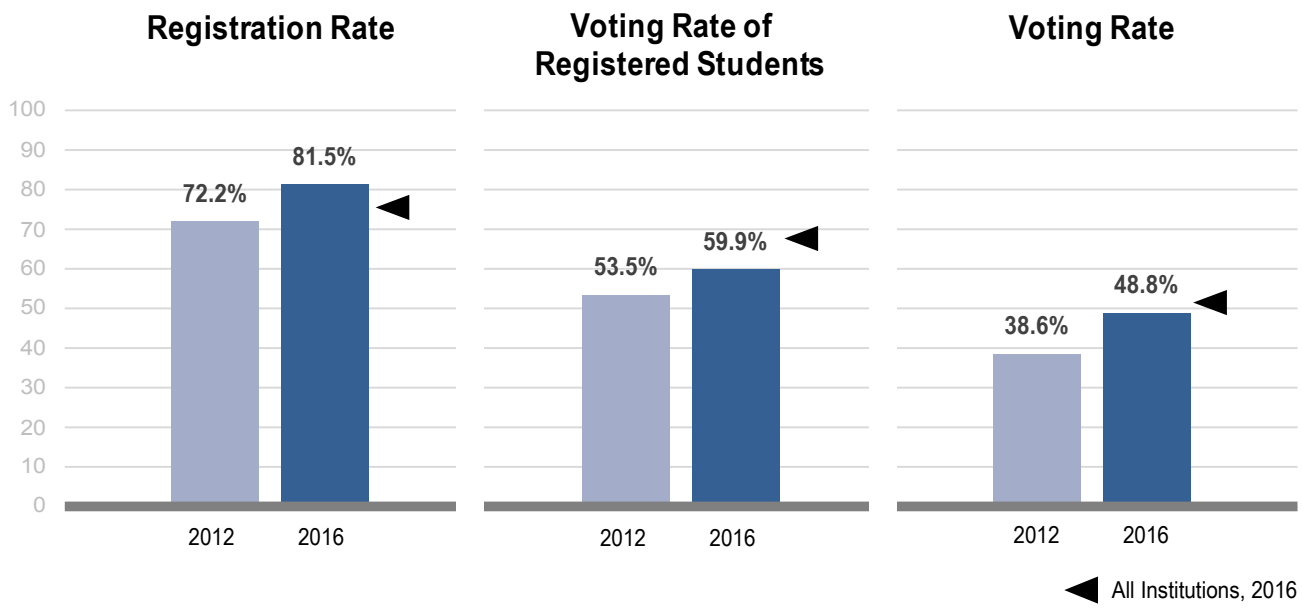
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2016 Voting Rate**  
**48.8%**

CHANGE FROM 2012  
**10.2**

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



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	15,226	17,241	↑ 2,015
Age under 18/Unknown	(216)	(257)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(2,325)	(2,867)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	12,681	14,108	↑ 1,427
Number of students who registered	9,150	11,500	↑ 2,350
Number of students who voted	4,894	6,887	↑ 1,993
Registration rate	72.2%	81.5%	↑ 9.4
Voting rate of registered students	53.5%	59.9%	↑ 6.4
Voting rate	38.6%	48.8%	↑ 10.2
Difference from all institutions	-8.3	-1.6	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

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

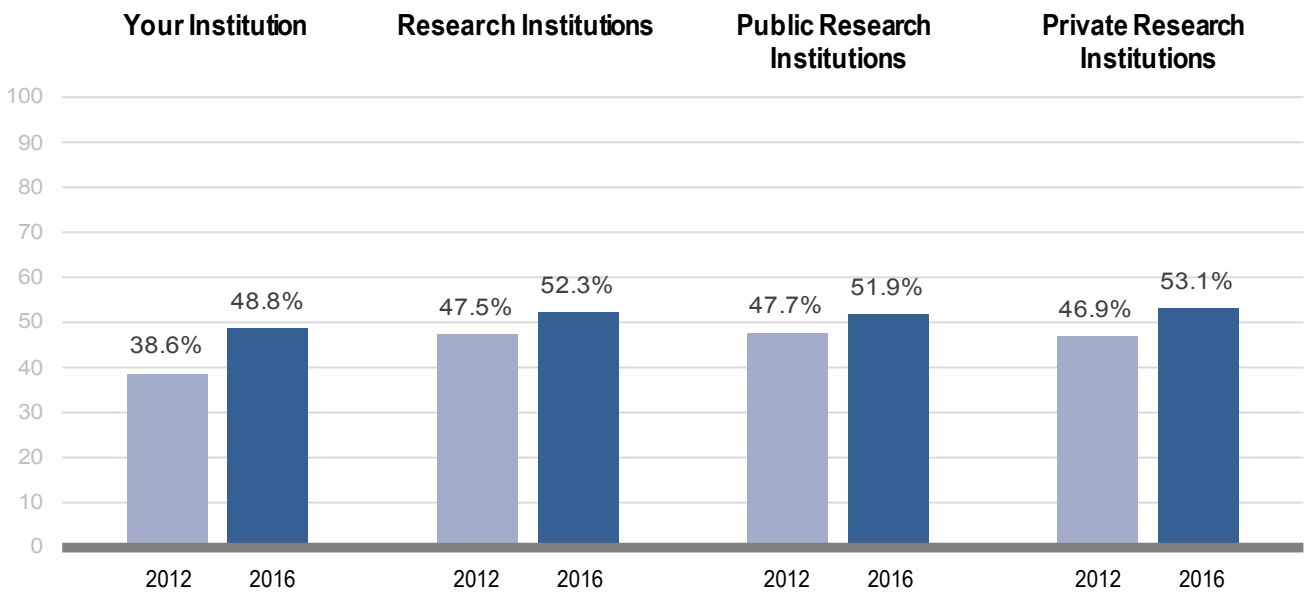
HIGH 72.9%  
 LOW 19.3%

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

HIGH 81.4%  
 LOW 13.1%

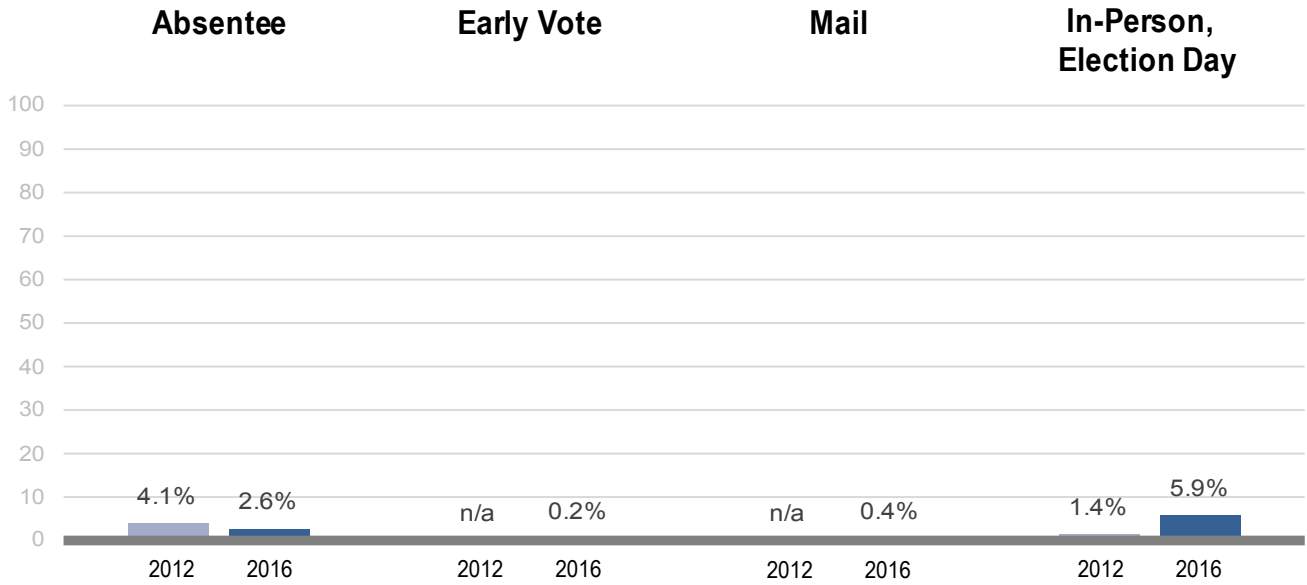
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# By Voting Method\*

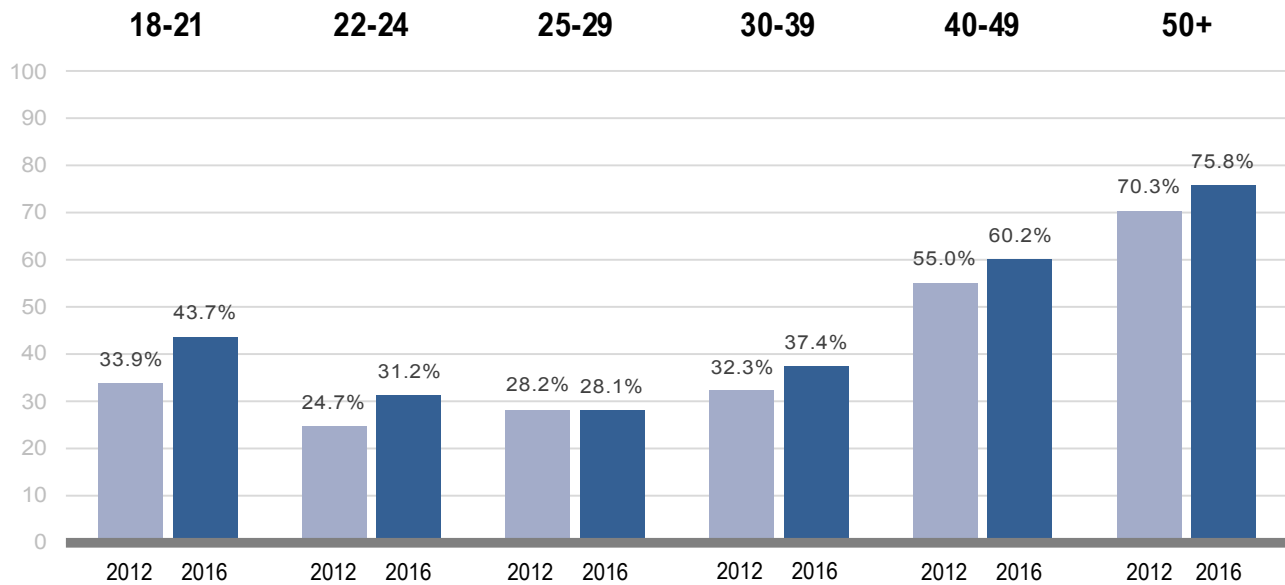


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	201	4.1%	182	2.6%	↓ -1.5
Early Vote	*	n/a	13	0.2%	n/a
Mail	*	n/a	24	0.4%	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	70	1.4%	403	5.9%	↑ 4.4
Unknown	4,612	94.2%	6,265	91.0%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,894</b>		<b>6,887</b>		

\* 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\*

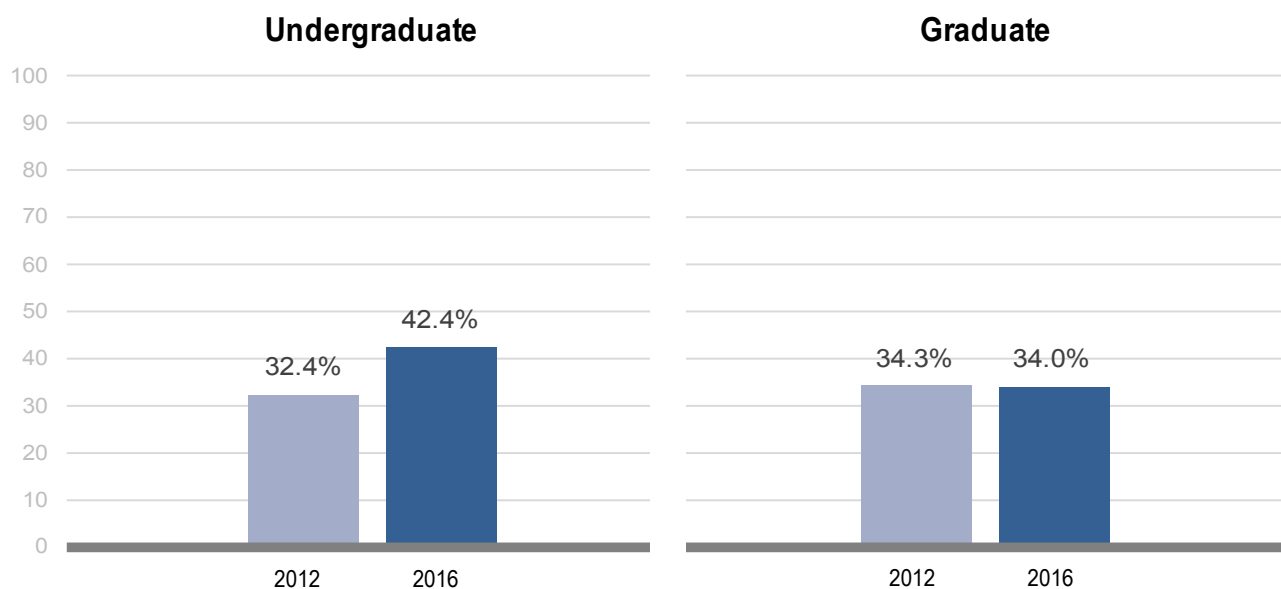


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	10,172	3,447	33.9%	11,595	5,063	43.7%	↑ 9.8
22-24	2,425	600	24.7%	2,743	857	31.2%	↑ 6.5
25-29	1,216	343	28.2%	1,418	398	28.1%	↓ -0.1
30-39	777	251	32.3%	824	308	37.4%	↑ 5.1
40-49	258	142	55.0%	246	148	60.2%	↑ 5.1
50+	158	111	70.3%	149	113	75.8%	↑ 5.6
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\*

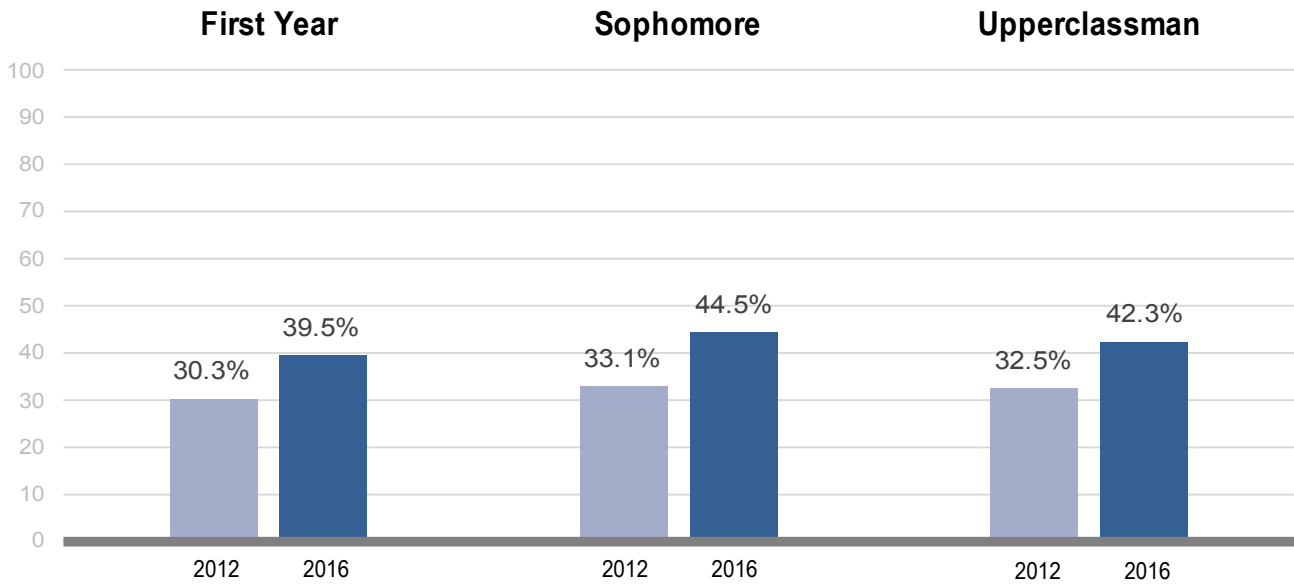


	2012			2016			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Undergraduate	12,122	3,921	<b>32.4%</b>	13,345	5,654	<b>42.4%</b>	↑	<b>10.0</b>
Graduate	2,784	956	<b>34.3%</b>	3,630	1,233	<b>34.0%</b>	↓	<b>-0.4</b>
Unknown	100			0				

\* 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\*



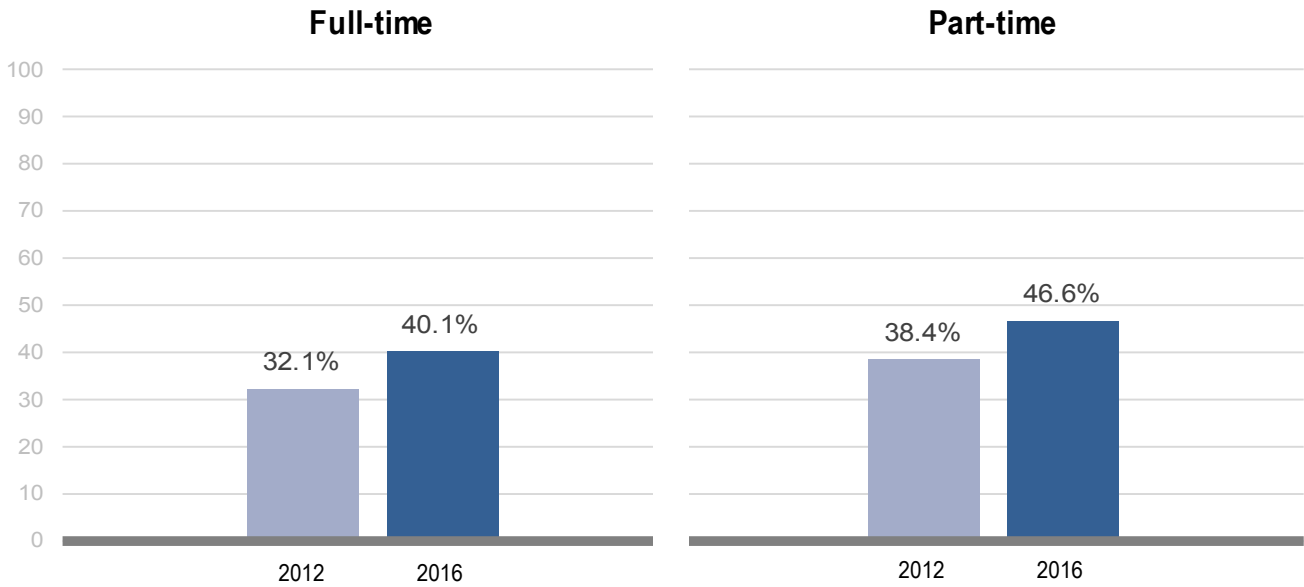
	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	2,048	621	<b>30.3%</b>	1,971	778	<b>39.5%</b>	↑ 9.2
Sophomore	3,017	997	<b>33.1%</b>	3,109	1,384	<b>44.5%</b>	↑ 11.5
Upperclassman	6,749	2,195	<b>32.5%</b>	8,265	3,492	<b>42.3%</b>	↑ 9.7

\* 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\*

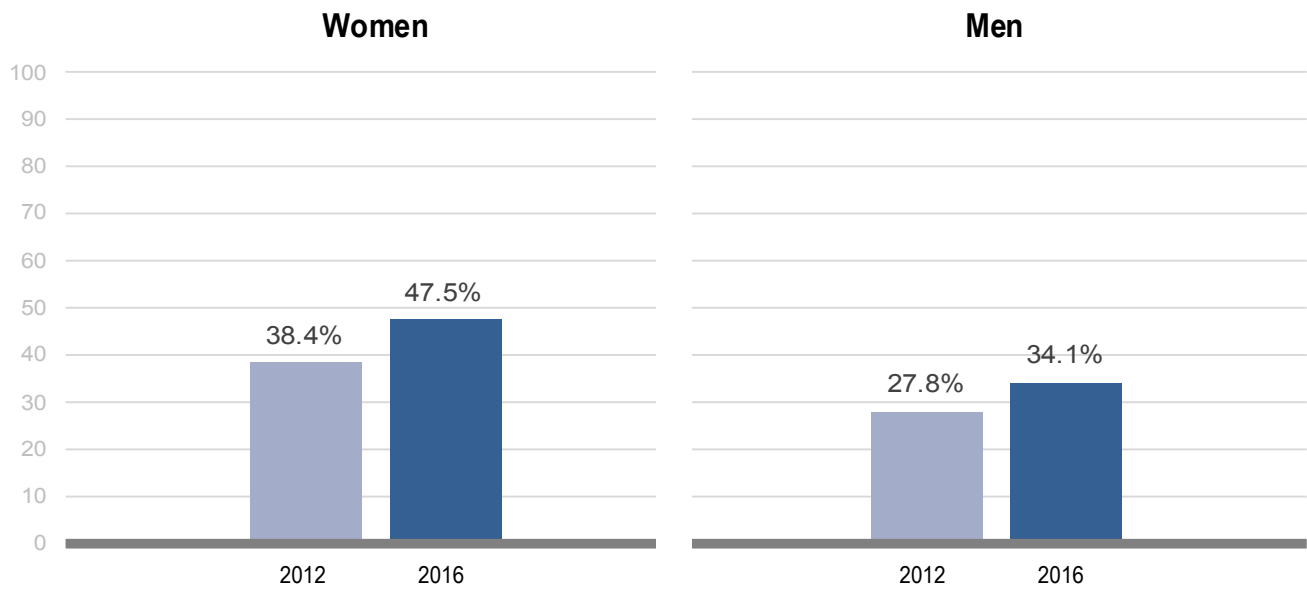


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	13,762	4,416	<b>32.1%</b>	15,738	6,311	<b>40.1%</b>	↑ 8.0
Part-time	1,244	478	<b>38.4%</b>	1,237	576	<b>46.6%</b>	↑ 8.1
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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\*

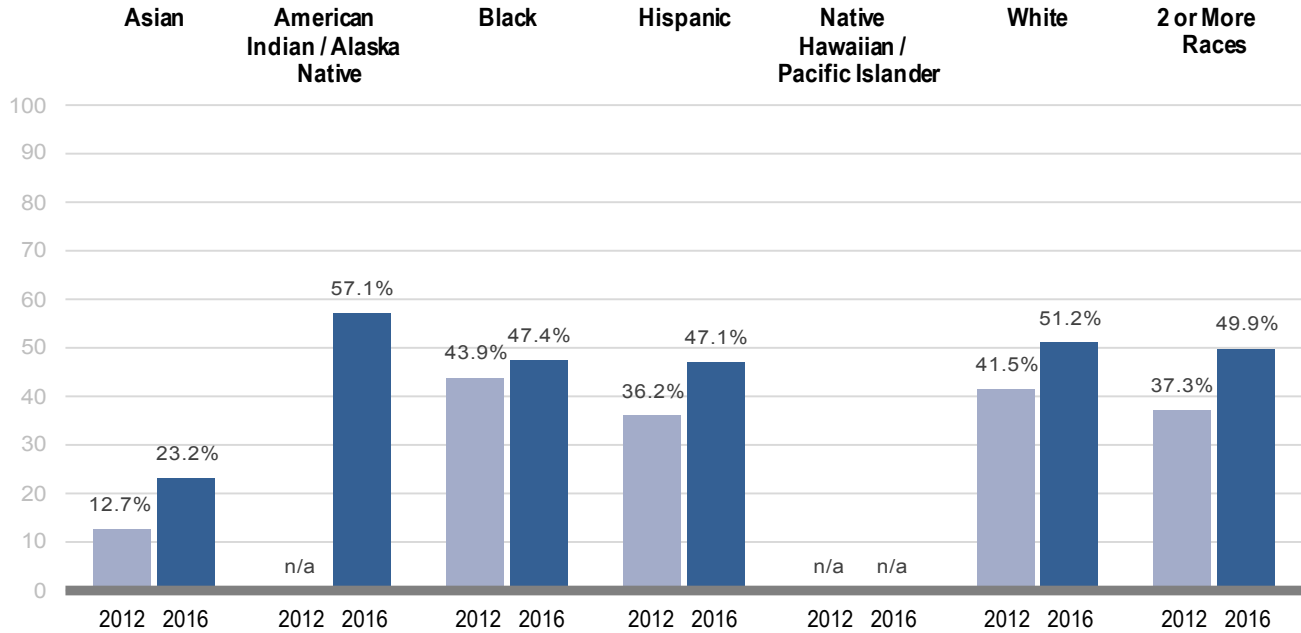


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	7,062	2,713	<b>38.4%</b>	8,205	3,898	<b>47.5%</b>	↑ 9.1
Men	7,837	2,181	<b>27.8%</b>	8,770	2,989	<b>34.1%</b>	↑ 6.3
Unknown	107	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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	2,771	352	12.7%	3,020	700	23.2%	↑ 10.5
American Indian/ Alaska Native	20	*	n/a	21	12	57.1%	n/a
Black	718	315	43.9%	829	393	47.4%	↑ 3.5
Hispanic	1,255	454	36.2%	1,603	755	47.1%	↑ 10.9
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	12	*	n/a	12	*	n/a	n/a
White	7,854	3,257	41.5%	9,097	4,660	51.2%	↑ 9.8
2 or More Races	263	98	37.3%	353	176	49.9%	↑ 12.6
Unknown	2,113			2,040			

\* 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	63	19	30.2%	95	33	34.7% ↑	4.6
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	885	280	31.6%	1,565	760	48.6% ↑	16.9
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,708	412	24.1%	1,977	645	32.6% ↑	8.5
Computer and Information Sciences	720	153	21.3%	957	211	22.1% ↑	0.8
Education	271	157	57.9%	273	187	68.5% ↑	10.6
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,710	439	25.7%	2,061	670	32.5% ↑	6.8
English Language and Literature	688	273	39.7%	513	239	46.6% ↑	6.9
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	431	165	38.3%	458	264	57.6% ↑	19.4
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	283	92	32.5%	263	86	32.7% ↑	0.2
Health Professions	575	248	43.1%	618	339	54.9% ↑	11.7
History	295	149	50.5%	231	115	49.8% ↓	-0.7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,968	1,011	34.1%	3,006	1,254	41.7% ↑	7.7
Mathematics and Statistics	284	70	24.7%	443	144	32.5% ↑	7.9
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	313	123	39.3%	279	146	52.3% ↑	13.0
Natural Resources and Conservation	158	61	38.6%	181	102	56.4% ↑	17.7
Philosophy and Religious Studies	96	32	33.3%	74	30	40.5% ↑	7.2
Physical Sciences	336	104	31.0%	377	156	41.4% ↑	10.4
Psychology	893	340	38.1%	776	386	49.7% ↑	11.7
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	194	110	56.7%	330	215	65.2% ↑	8.5
Social Sciences	1,501	439	29.3%	1,889	658	34.8% ↑	5.6
Visual and Performing Arts	318	110	34.6%	327	134	41.0% ↑	6.4
Unknown	316	107	33.9%	282	113	40.1% ↑	6.2

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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