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2014 & 2018 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, 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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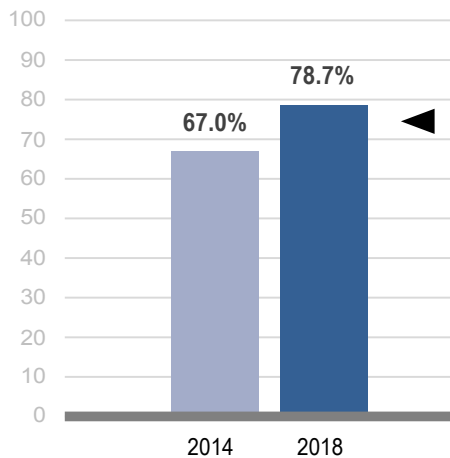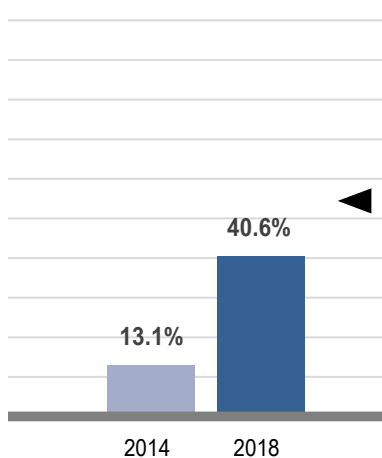
Warm regards,

IDHE Team

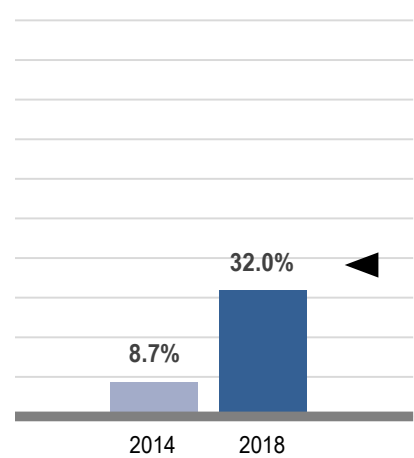**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

32.0%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+23.2

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate

Voting Rate of Registered Students

Voting Rate

67.0% 78.7% (2014 / 2018)

13.1% 40.6% (2014 / 2018)

8.7% 32.0% (2014 / 2018)

◄ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	**2018**		Change
Total student enrollment	**16,909**	**17,719**	⬆	**810**
Age under 18/Unknown	(268)	(252)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(2,724)	(2,618)		
FERPA records blocked	*	*		
Total eligible voters	**13,908**	**14,845**	⬆	**937**
Number of students who registered	**9,311**	**11,688**	⬆	**2,377**
Number of students who voted	**1,215**	**4,746**	⬆	**3,531**
Registration rate	**67.0%**	**78.7%**	⬆	**11.8**
Voting rate of registered students	**13.1%**	**40.6%**	⬆	**27.6**
Voting rate	**8.7%**	**32.0%**	⬆	**23.2**
Difference from all institutions	**-11.0**	**-7.1**		

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   **-11.0**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH 64.1%

LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-7.1**
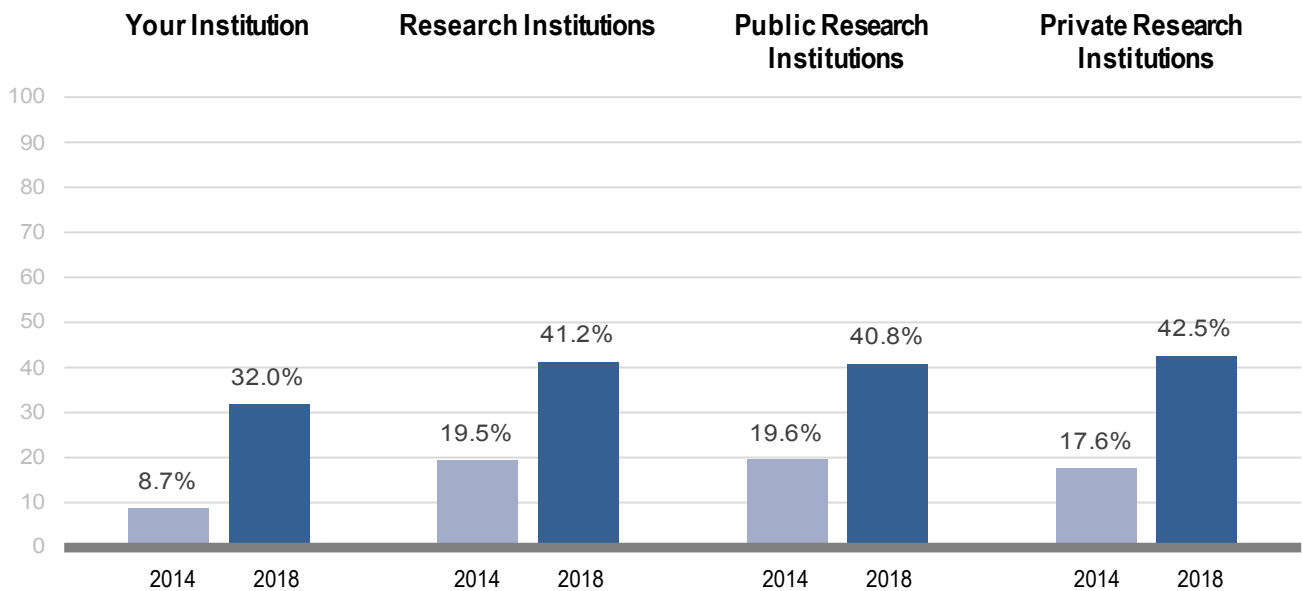
	Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2014	8.7%	19.5%	19.6%	17.6%
2018	32.0%	41.2%	40.8%	42.5%

By Voting Method*

	Absentee	Early Vote	Mail	In-Person, Election Day
2014	2.1%	n/a	n/a	4.2%
2018	2.8%	0.4%	0.8%	2.3%
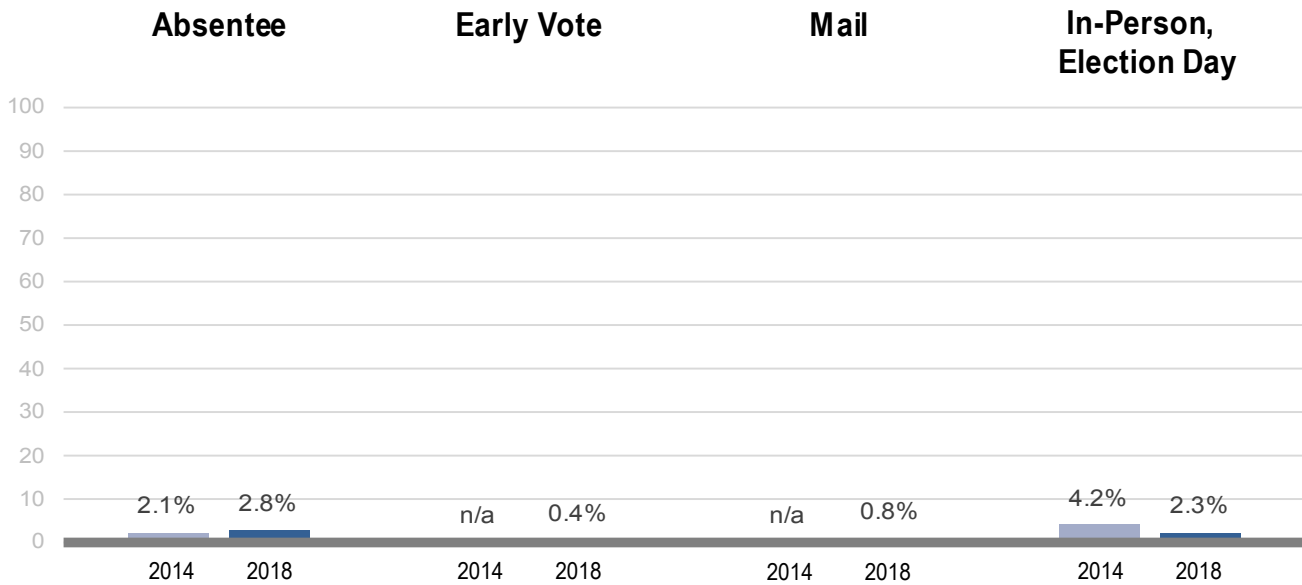
	2014		2018		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change
Absentee	26	**2.1%**	135	**2.8%**	⬆ **0.7**
Early Vote	*	**n/a**	18	**0.4%**	**n/a**
Mail	*	**n/a**	37	**0.8%**	**n/a**
In-Person, Election Day	51	**4.2%**	107	**2.3%**	⬇ **-2.0**
Unknown	1,132	**93.2%**	4,449	**93.7%**	
Total	**1,215**		**4,746**		

* 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*
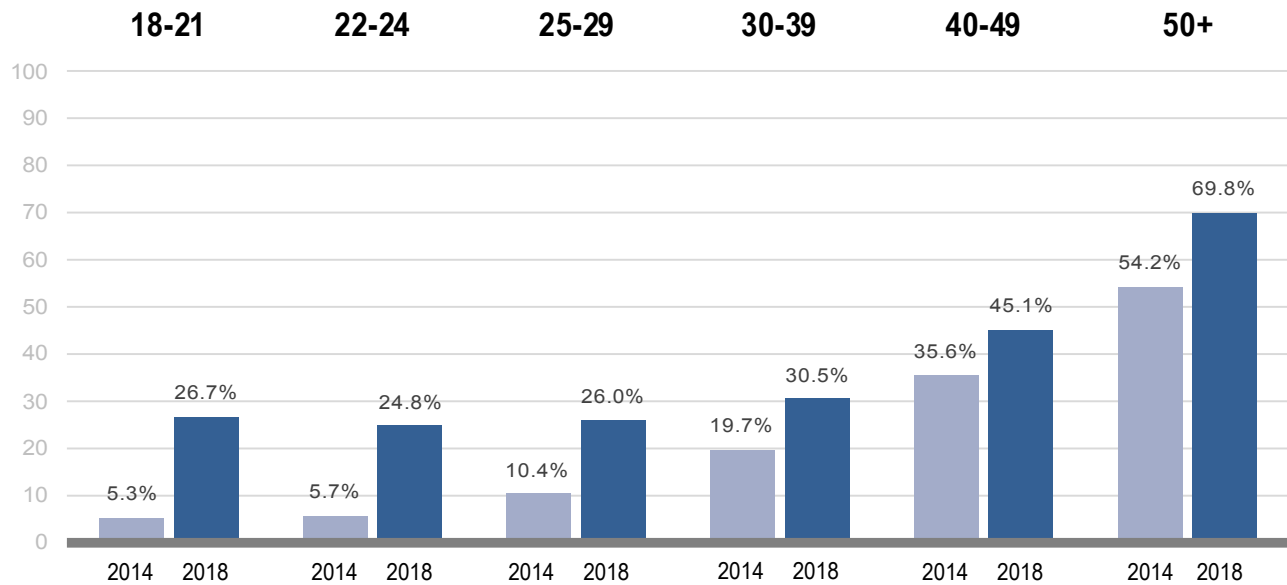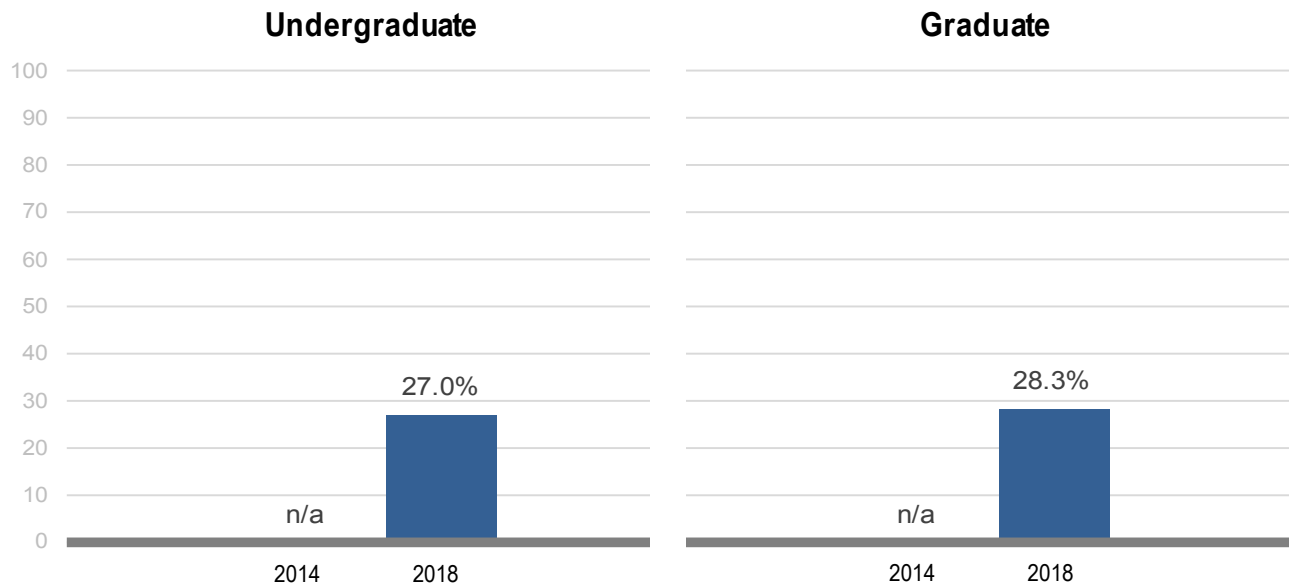

	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	11,326	599	**5.3%**	12,307	3,288	**26.7%**	⬆	**21.4**
22-24	2,797	159	**5.7%**	2,545	632	**24.8%**	⬆	**19.2**
25-29	1,363	142	**10.4%**	1,337	348	**26.0%**	⬆	**15.6**
30-39	766	151	**19.7%**	881	269	**30.5%**	⬆	**10.8**
40-49	225	80	**35.6%**	264	119	**45.1%**	⬆	**9.5**
50+	155	84	**54.2%**	129	90	**69.8%**	⬆	**15.6**
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.

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

By Education Level*

Undergraduate

Graduate

27.0%

28.3%

n/a

n/a

	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**	13,496	3,647	**27.0%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**	3,698	1,047	**28.3%**	**n/a**
Unknown	16,632			269			

* 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*

	First Year				**Sophomore**				**Upper-level**		
2014	3.8%				4.8%				6.6%		
2018	22.3%				25.8%				28.4%		
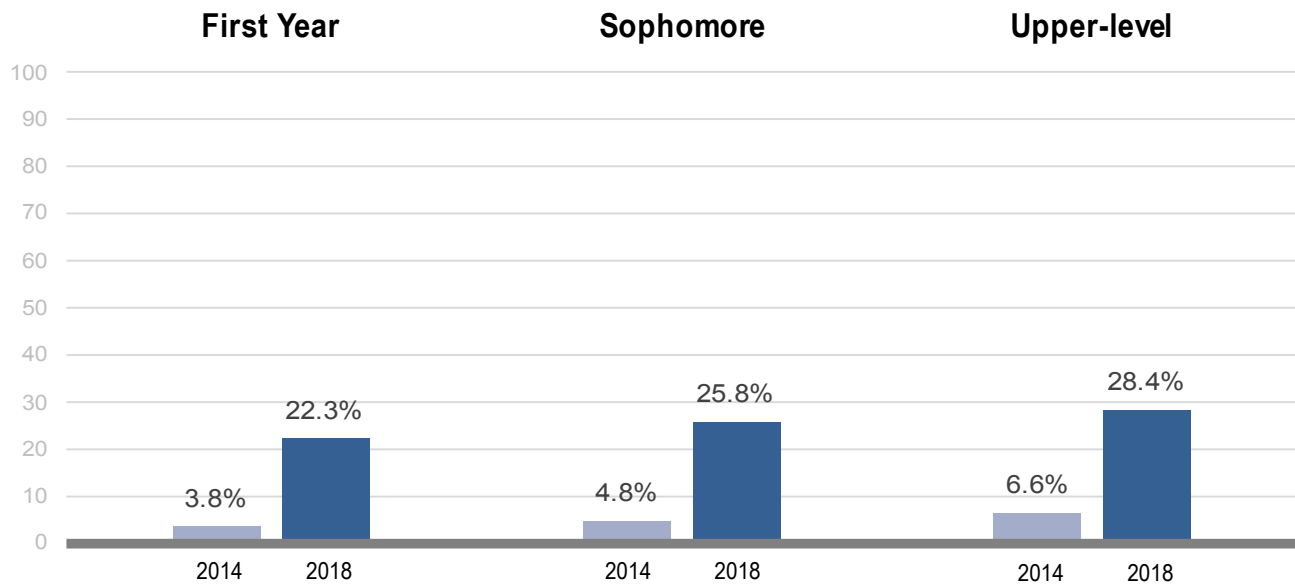
	2014				**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	2,123	81	**3.8%**		1,979	442	**22.3%**	⬆	18.5
Sophomore	3,132	150	**4.8%**		3,319	856	**25.8%**	⬆	21.0
Upper-level	8,109	532	**6.6%**		8,473	2,404	**28.4%**	⬆	21.8

* 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*
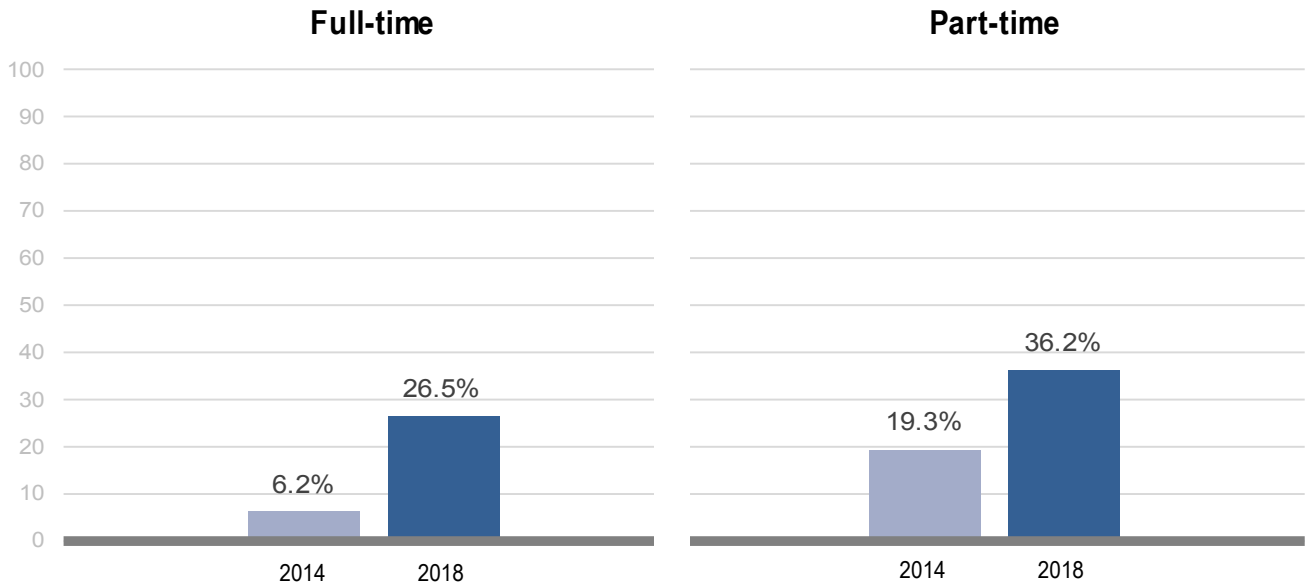
	Full-time		**Part-time**

	2014			**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	15,261	950	**6.2%**	16,256	4,309	**26.5%**	⬆	**20.3**
Part-time	1,371	265	**19.3%**	1,207	437	**36.2%**	⬆	**16.9**
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

Women chart: 2014 = 8.0%, 2018 = 30.6%

Men chart: 2014 = 6.7%, 2018 = 23.8%
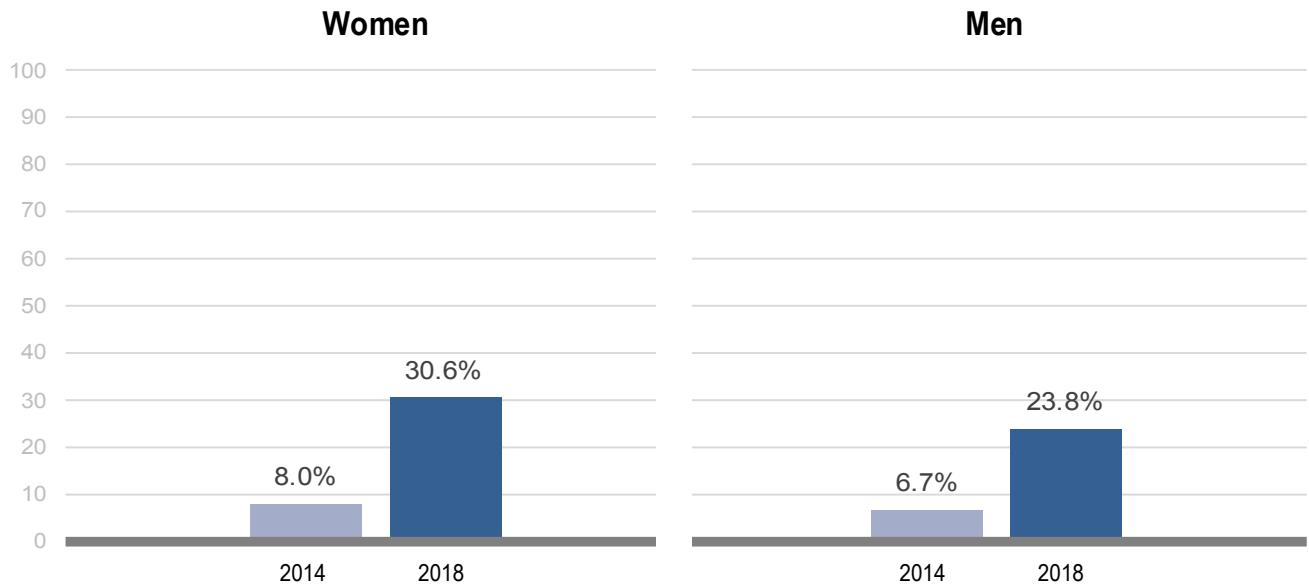
	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	7,896	629	**8.0%**	8,661	2,649	**30.6%**	⬆	**22.6**
Men	8,736	586	**6.7%**	8,801	2,097	**23.8%**	⬆	**17.1**
Unknown	0			*				

* 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*
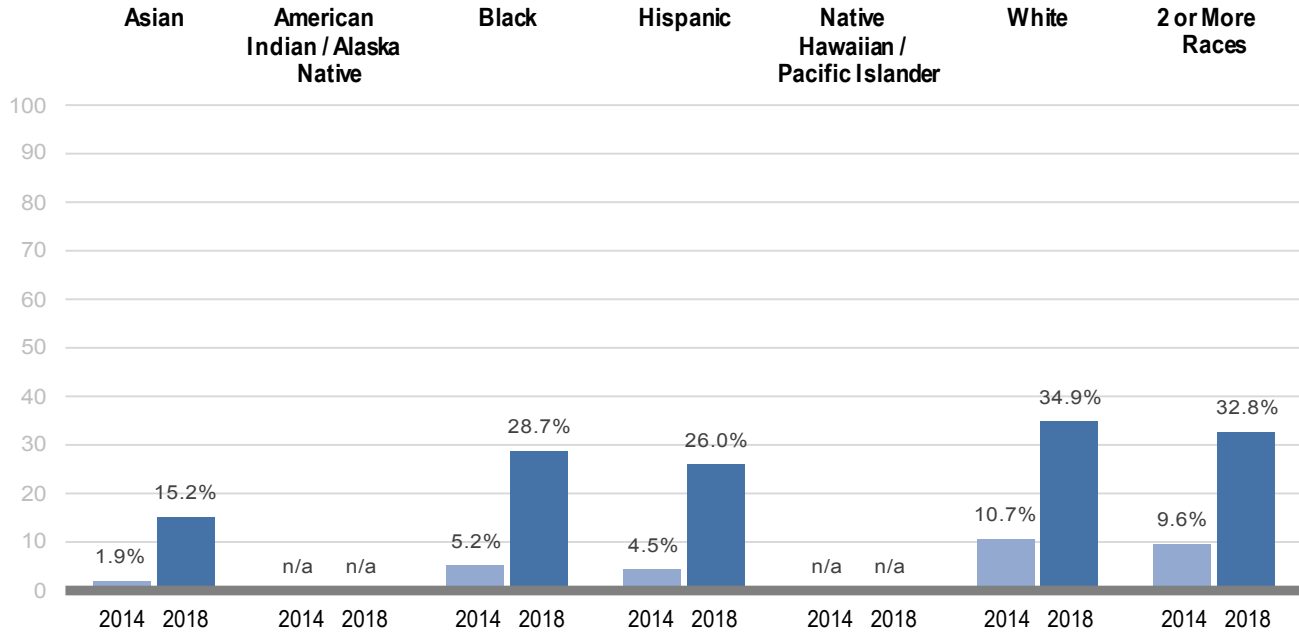
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Asian	3,109	59	**1.9%**	2,970	452	**15.2%**	⬆	**13.3**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	18	*	**n/a**	16	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
Black	789	41	**5.2%**	891	256	**28.7%**	⬆	**23.5**
Hispanic	1,489	67	**4.5%**	1,778	463	**26.0%**	⬆	**21.5**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	10	*	**n/a**	*	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
White	8,819	941	**10.7%**	9,534	3,326	**34.9%**	⬆	**24.2**
2 or More Races	354	34	**9.6%**	412	135	**32.8%**	⬆	**23.2**
Unknown	2,044			1,856				

* 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.

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	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	86	*	n/a	85	23	27.1%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,246	83	6.7%	1,674	484	28.9% ⬆	22.3
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,002	86	4.3%	1,906	387	20.3% ⬆	16.0
Computer and Information Sciences	897	36	4.0%	963	132	13.7% ⬆	9.7
Education	262	76	29.0%	291	147	50.5% ⬆	21.5
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,990	95	4.8%	2,093	493	23.6% ⬆	18.8
English Language and Literature	612	68	11.1%	438	168	38.4% ⬆	27.3
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	440	42	9.6%	451	145	32.2% ⬆	22.6
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	255	16	6.3%	297	72	24.2% ⬆	18.0
Health Professions	610	81	13.3%	781	242	31.0% ⬆	17.7
History	261	45	17.2%	240	86	35.8% ⬆	18.6
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	3,327	152	4.6%	2,931	740	25.3% ⬆	20.7
Mathematics and Statistics	369	25	6.8%	548	120	21.9% ⬆	15.1
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	329	46	14.0%	311	113	36.3% ⬆	22.4
Natural Resources and Conservation	155	*	n/a	223	103	46.2%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	83	12	14.5%	80	26	32.5% ⬆	18.0
Physical Sciences	332	27	8.1%	362	111	30.7% ⬆	22.5
Psychology	887	52	5.9%	887	228	25.7% ⬆	19.8
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	233	78	33.5%	332	192	57.8% ⬆	24.4
Social Sciences	1,668	147	8.8%	1,894	525	27.7% ⬆	18.9
Visual and Performing Arts	341	26	7.6%	372	141	37.9% ⬆	30.3
Unknown	247	10	4.1%	304	68	22.4% ⬆	18.3

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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