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Student Voting Rates for SUNY College at Brockport

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** 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

(Top Row from left) Duy Trinh, Program Administrator; Adam Gismondi, Director of Impact; Dave Brinker, Senior Researcher;
(Botton Row from left) Nancy Thomas, Director; Norma López, Postdoctoral Scholar; Prabhat Gautam, Data Manager.

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.

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

59.3%

2020 Voting Rate

+15.4

Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

73.1%	73.5%	82.2%
2016	2018	2020

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

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

60.1%	36.0%	72.1%
2016	2018	2020

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

43.9%	26.5%	59.3%
2016	2018	2020

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

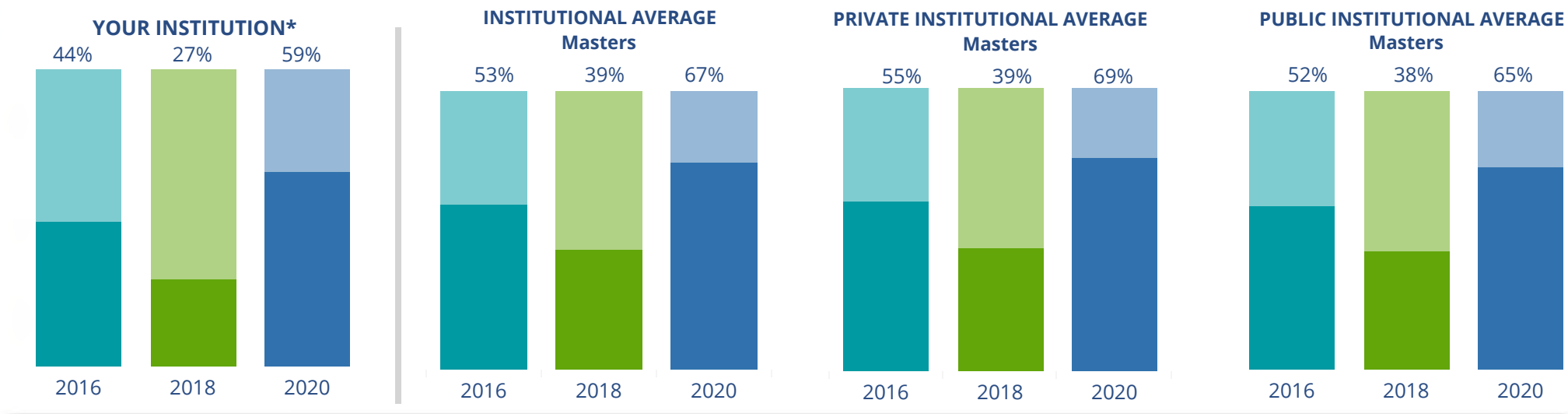|	2016	2018	2020	2016-2020 Change (p.p.)	
Total Student Enrollment	8,383	8,134	7,423	⬇	-960
(Age under 18/Unknown)	–	–	–		–
(NSC reported non-resident aliens)	98	77	44	⬇	-54
(FERPA records blocked)	–	–	–		–
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	176	196	190	⬆	14
Total eligible voters	8,104	7,853	7,187	⬇	-917
Number of students who registered	5,924	5,770	5,908	⬇	-16
Number of students who voted	3,560	2,080	4,259	⬆	699
Registration Rate %	73	73	82	⬆	9
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	60	36	72	⬆	12
Voting Rate %	44	26	59	⬆	15

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

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 82%
53%	LOW 13%

2020 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 89%
66%	LOW 19%

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.

YOUR INSTITUTION*

44%	27%	59%
2016	2018	2020

INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE
Masters

53%	39%	67%
2016	2018	2020

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE
Masters

55%	39%	69%
2016	2018	2020

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE
Masters

52%	38%	65%
2016	2018	2020

By Race / Ethnicity

	ASIAN			AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE			BLACK			HISPANIC			NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER			TWO OR MORE RACES			WHITE		
	38%	26%	54%				36%	22%	48%	29%	19%	50%				46%	26%	58%	46%	28%	62%
	2016	2018	2020	2016	2018	2020	2016	2018	2020	2016	2018	2020	2016	2018	2020	2016	2018	2020	2016	2018	2020

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

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

Looking Closer

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.

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	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Enrolled**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Enrolled**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Change (p.p)**
Asian	155	59	38	161	42	26	151	81	54	⬆ 16
American Indian/ Alaska Native	23	–	–	20	–	–	16	–	–	–
Black	837	301	36	830	186	22	813	392	48	⬆ 12
Hispanic	478	139	29	570	108	19	563	280	50	⬆ 21
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2 or More Races	193	88	46	219	57	26	212	123	58	⬆ 12
White	5,884	2,729	46	5,620	1,580	28	5,091	3,176	62	⬆ 16
Race Unknown	534	235	44	433	102	24	336	195	58	⬆ 14

By Voting Method

Legend: ■ Not-In-Person   ■ Early Vote   ■ In-Person   ■ Other   ■ Provisional   ■ Unknown
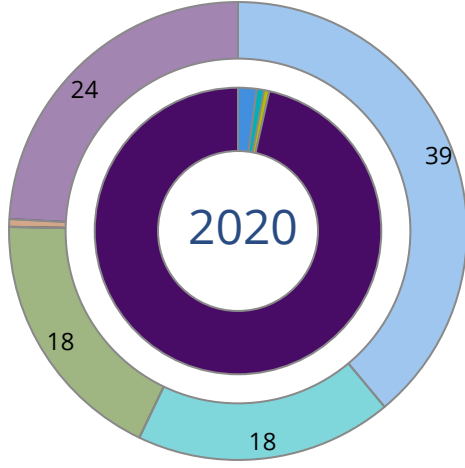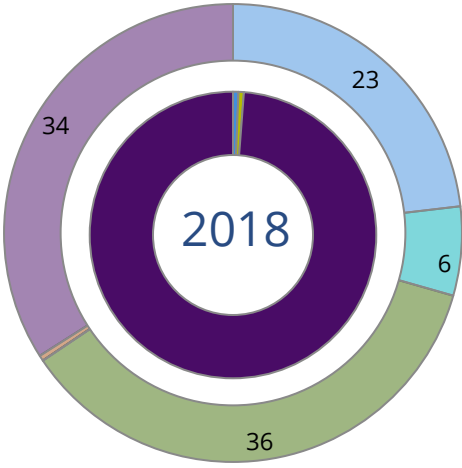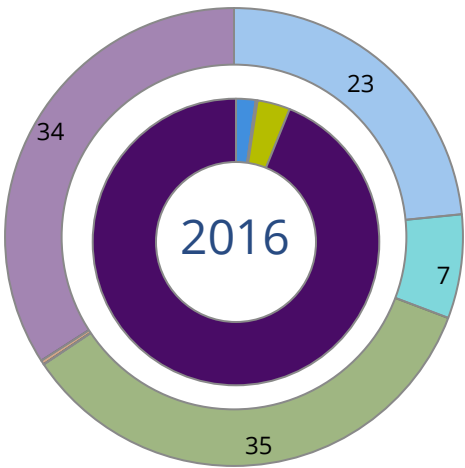
	2016		2018		2020		2016-2020
	Voted	**Rate**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Change (p.p.)**
Early Vote	–	–	–	–	33	1	–
In-Person on Election Day	132	4	12	1	24	1	-3 ↓
Not-In-Person	77	2	12	1	88	2	0 ↓
Other	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Provisional	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Voting Method Unknown	3,343	94	2,056	99	4,114	97	3 ↑

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/nslve/nslve-faq#CampusReports

By Age Group

	2016	2018	2020
18-21	35%	19%	55%
22-24	45%	30%	61%
25-29	57%	41%	64%
30-39	66%	50%	71%
40-49	70%	55%	79%
50+	86%	73%	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)
18-21	4,650	1,632	35	4,724	874	19	4,155	2,280	55	⬆ 20
22-24	1,614	728	45	1,587	473	30	1,474	903	61	⬆ 16
25-29	803	461	57	777	316	41	774	493	64	⬆ 6
30-39	560	370	66	474	236	50	490	347	71	⬆ 5
40-49	249	174	70	177	98	55	191	151	79	⬆ 9
50+	228	195	86	114	83	73	103	85	83	⬇ -3

Looking Closer

By Sex

| | 2016 | | | 2018 | | | 2020 | | | 2016-2020 |
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Female	4,665	2,281	49	4,571	1,336	29	4,272	2,719	64	⬆ 15
Male	3,431	1,275	37	3,282	744	23	2,915	1,540	53	⬆ 16

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 Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	2018 Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	2020 Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	2016-2020 Change (p.p)
EDUCATION LEVEL										
Undergraduate	6,849	2,692	39	6,792	1,559	23	6,073	3,423	56	↑ 17
Graduate	875	569	65	983	464	47	1,067	800	75	↑ 10
Class Unknown	380	299	79	78	57	73	47	36	77	↓ -2
CLASS YEAR										
First Year	1,096	31	336	1,142	16	183	972	48	465	↑ 17
Second Year	1,241	33	408	1,227	16	201	1,028	51	524	↑ 18
Upper Level	4,552	43	1,969	4,434	27	1,185	4,087	60	2,443	↑ 17
ENROLLMENT STATUS										
Full-time	6,702	2,648	40	6,619	1,529	23	5,827	3,323	57	↑ 18
Part-time	1,402	912	65	1,234	551	45	1,360	936	69	↑ 4

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
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	17	13	76	18	–	–	20	16	80	⬆ 4
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	857	289	34	600	103	17	525	294	56	⬆ 22
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,079	384	36	1,001	200	20	882	468	53	⬆ 17
Communication and Journalism	340	146	43	306	87	28	248	157	63	⬆ 20
Computer and Information Sciences	239	88	37	233	67	29	177	114	64	⬆ 28
Education	1,127	505	45	1,106	300	27	1,267	792	63	⬆ 18
English Language and Literature	238	133	56	280	95	34	186	110	59	⬆ 3

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.

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

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Enrolled**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Enrolled**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Change (p.p)**
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	32	20	63	27	11	41	11	–	–	–
Health Professions	900	359	40	1,169	273	23	1,169	684	59	⬆ 19
History	239	135	56	209	88	42	182	125	69	⬆ 12
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protec..	427	143	33	390	65	17	347	180	52	⬆ 18
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	149	51	34	202	44	22	124	58	47	⬆ 13
Mathematics and Statistics	98	42	43	104	32	31	75	50	67	⬆ 24
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	42	20	48	29	12	41	23	12	52	⬆ 5
Natural Resources and Conservation	–	–	–	154	50	32	136	93	68	–
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Stu..	419	116	28	455	64	14	429	181	42	⬆ 15
Philosophy and Religious Studies	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Physical Sciences	127	55	43	127	41	32	113	77	68	⬆ 25
Psychology	440	212	48	444	121	27	440	243	55	⬆ 7
Public Administration and Social Service P..	510	314	62	440	193	44	374	265	71	⬆ 9
Social Sciences	204	110	54	209	80	38	173	125	72	⬆ 18

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Visual and Performing Arts	241	129	54	259	87	34	214	156	73	⬆ 19
Unknown	373	292	78	83	58	70	64	49	77	⬇ -2

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.

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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