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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for SUNY College at Cortland

Tufts UNIVERSITY | Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life

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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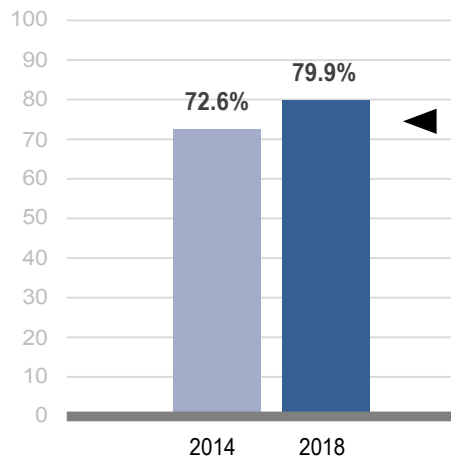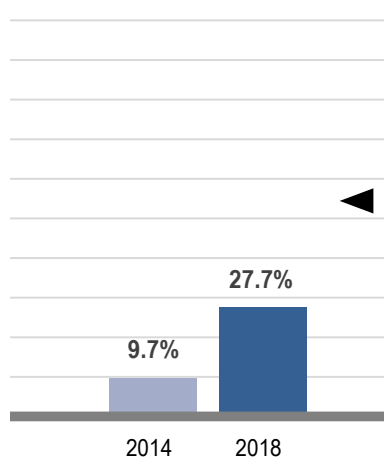
Warm regards,

IDHE Team

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

22.1%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+15.0

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate

72.6% 79.9%

Voting Rate of Registered Students

9.7% 27.7%

Voting Rate

7.1% 22.1%
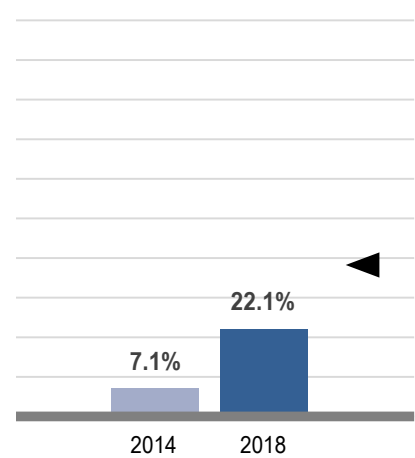
◄ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	7,038	6,998	⬇	-40
Age under 18/Unknown	(85)	(80)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(56)	(53)		
FERPA records blocked	*	*		
Total eligible voters	6,893	6,861	⬇	-32
Number of students who registered	5,004	5,480	⬆	476
Number of students who voted	487	1,515	⬆	1,028
Registration rate	72.6%	79.9%	⬆	7.3
Voting rate of registered students	9.7%	27.7%	⬆	17.9
Voting rate	7.1%	22.1%	⬆	15.0
Difference from all institutions	-12.6	-17.0		

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 **-12.6**

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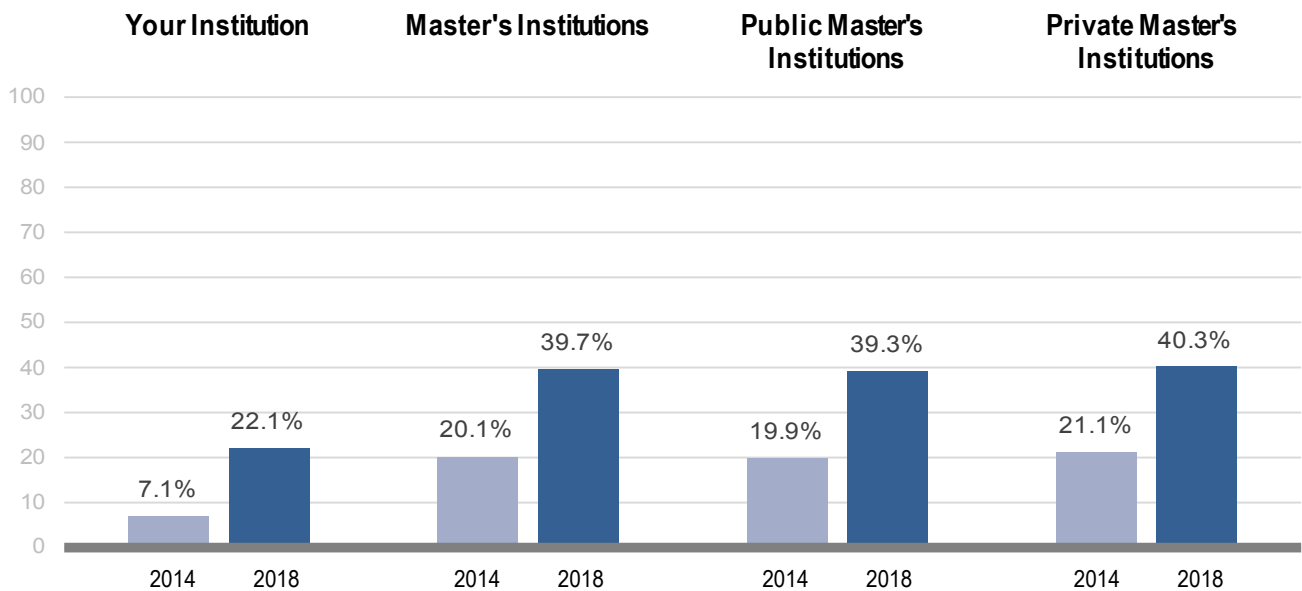
	Your Institution	Master's Institutions	Public Master's Institutions	Private Master's Institutions
2014	7.1%	20.1%	19.9%	21.1%
2018	22.1%	39.7%	39.3%	40.3%

By Voting Method*

	Absentee		Early Vote		Mail		In-Person, Election Day	
	n/a	1.8%	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.7%	n/a	1.5%
	2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018
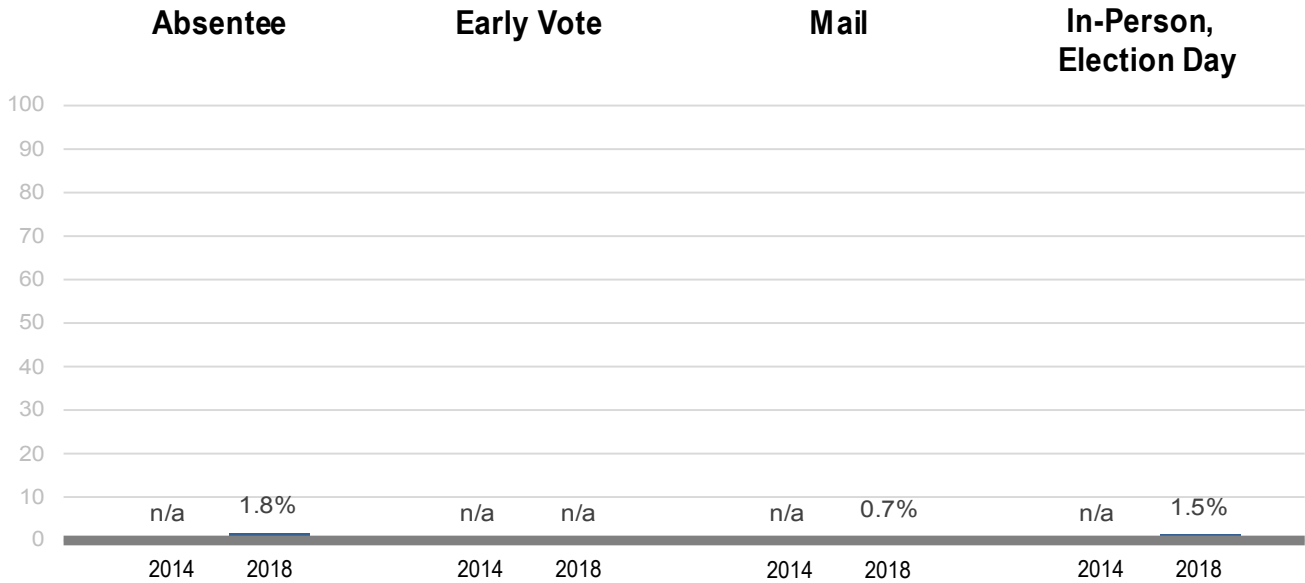
	2014		2018		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change
Absentee	*	**n/a**	27	**1.8%**	**n/a**
Early Vote	0	**n/a**	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
Mail	*	**n/a**	11	**0.7%**	**n/a**
In-Person, Election Day	*	**n/a**	23	**1.5%**	**n/a**
Unknown	473	**97.1%**	1,448	**95.6%**	
Total	**487**		**1,515**		

* 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 offical where your students voted.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*
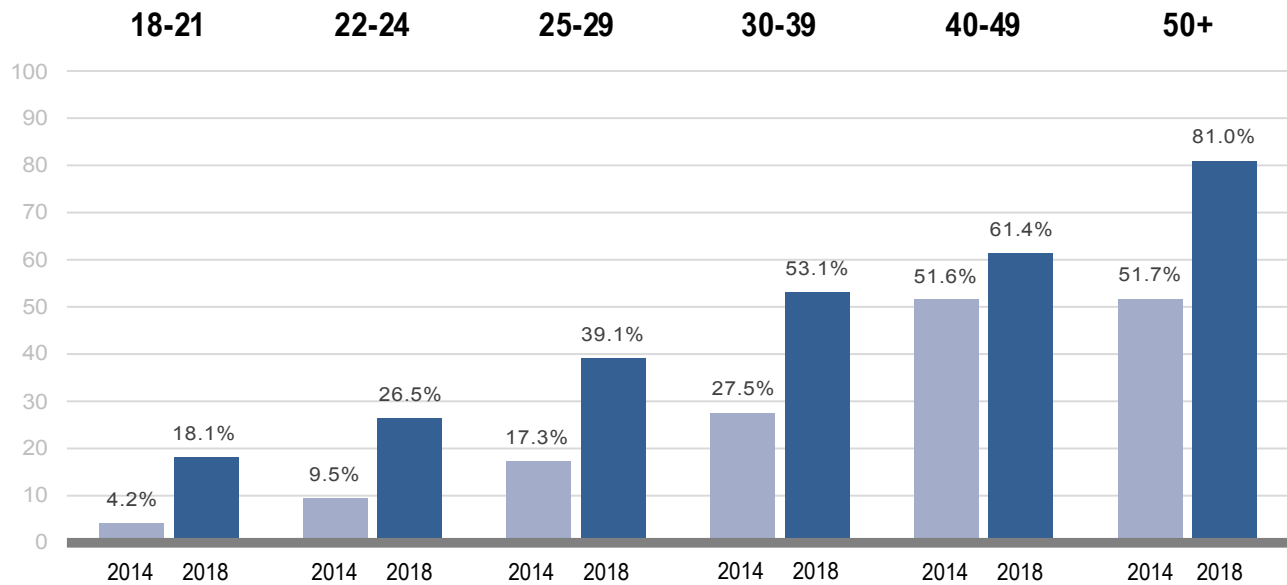
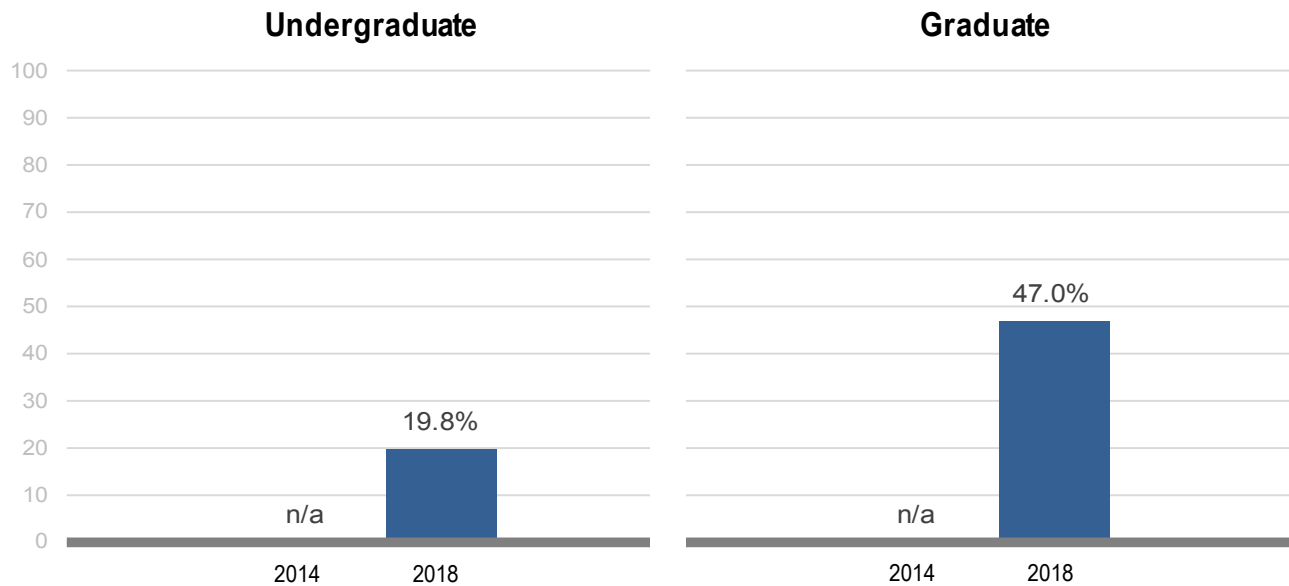|	**2014**				**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	5,104	215	**4.2%**		5,240	948	**18.1%**	⬆	**13.9**
22-24	1,237	117	**9.5%**		1,102	292	**26.5%**	⬆	**17.0**
25-29	335	58	**17.3%**		289	113	**39.1%**	⬆	**21.8**
30-39	182	50	**27.5%**		192	102	**53.1%**	⬆	**25.7**
40-49	62	32	**51.6%**		70	43	**61.4%**	⬆	**9.8**
50+	29	15	**51.7%**		21	17	**81.0%**	⬆	**29.2**
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.

By Education Level*

Undergraduate

Graduate

	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**	6,287	1,242	**19.8%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**	511	240	**47.0%**	**n/a**
Unknown	6,949			116			

* 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.

By Undergraduate Class Year*

	First Year	Sophomore	Upper-level
2014	4.4%	3.0%	6.8%
2018	16.4%	17.3%	21.9%
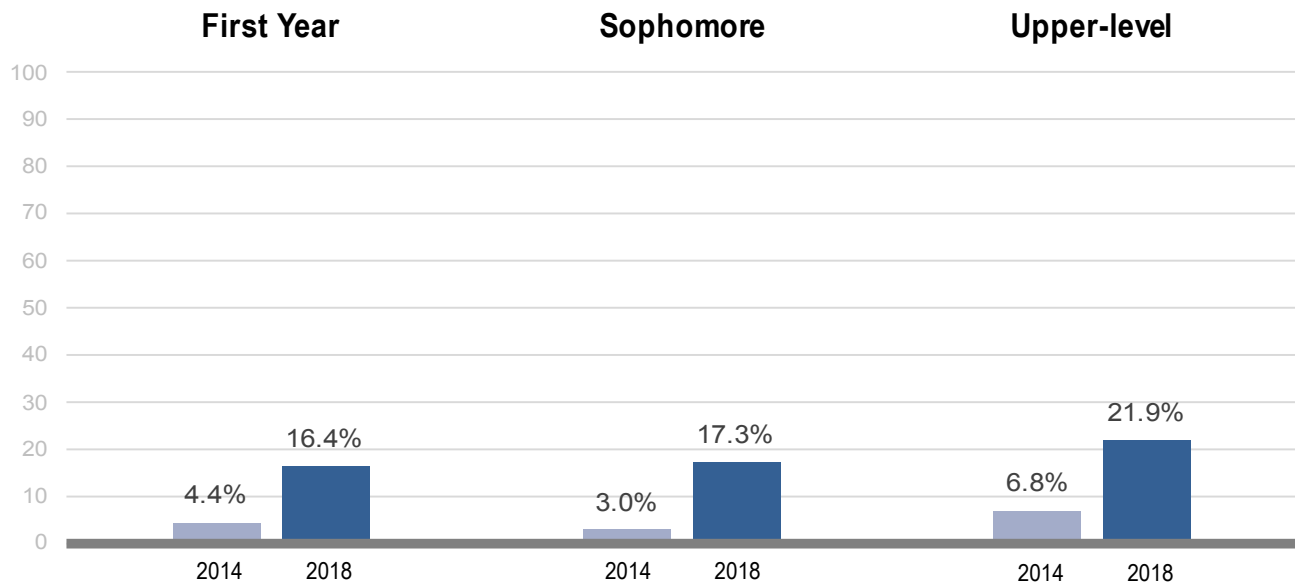
	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	1,196	52	**4.4%**	1,238	203	**16.4%**	⬆	12.1
Sophomore	1,398	42	**3.0%**	1,495	258	**17.3%**	⬆	14.3
Upper-level	3,687	251	**6.8%**	3,628	795	**21.9%**	⬆	15.1

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By Enrollment Status*
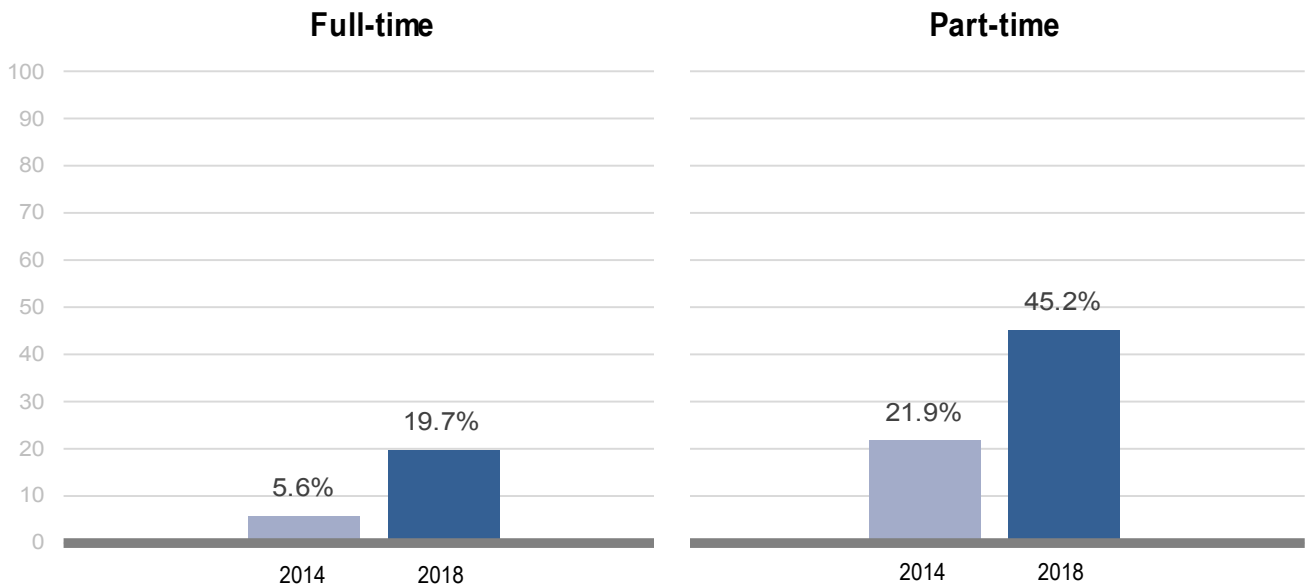
	Full-time	**Part-time**

Full-time
- 2014: 5.6%
- 2018: 19.7%

Part-time
- 2014: 21.9%
- 2018: 45.2%

	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	6,345	355	**5.6%**	6,314	1,244	**19.7%**	⬆	**14.1**
Part-time	604	132	**21.9%**	600	271	**45.2%**	⬆	**23.3**
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.
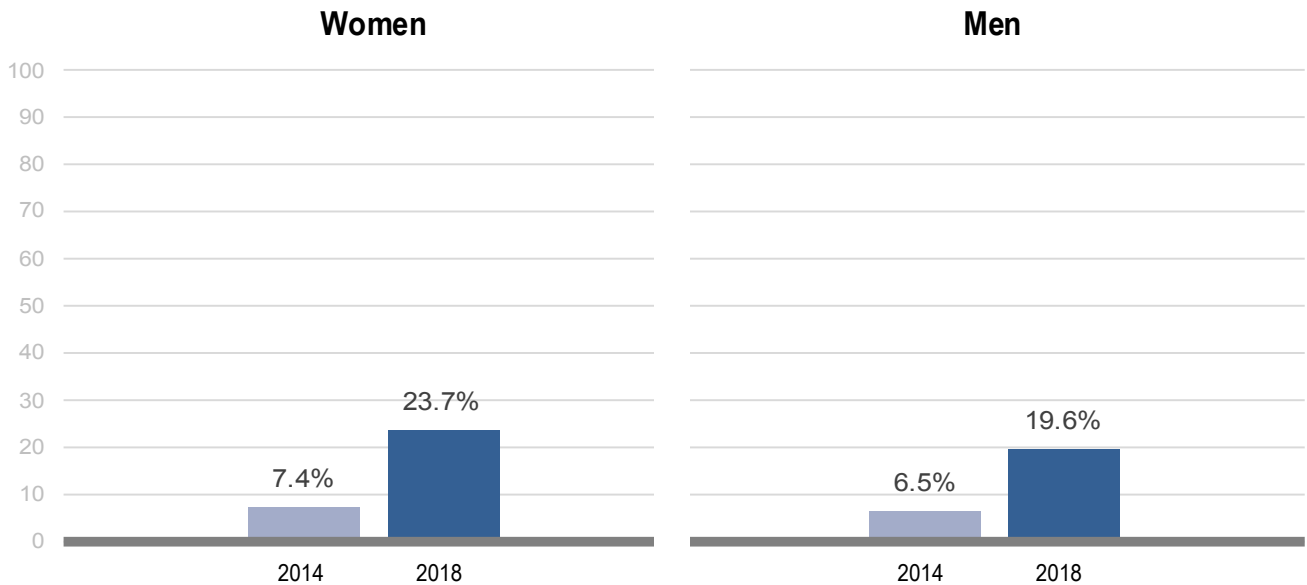
By Gender*

	2014				2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	4,017	296	**7.4%**		3,939	933	**23.7%**	⬆	**16.3**
Men	2,932	191	**6.5%**		2,975	582	**19.6%**	⬆	**13.1**
Unknown	0				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.

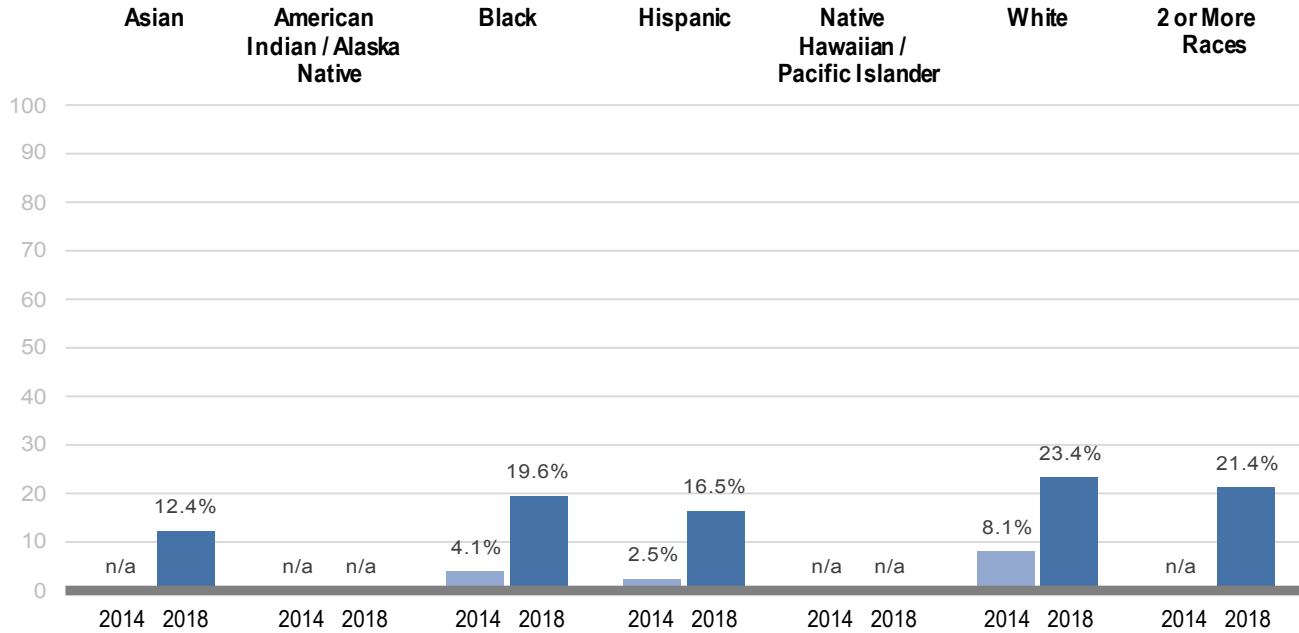**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Race/Ethnicity*

	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Asian	91	*	**n/a**	97	12	**12.4%**		**n/a**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	14	*	**n/a**	17	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
Black	321	13	**4.1%**	404	79	**19.6%**	⬆	**15.5**
Hispanic	687	17	**2.5%**	825	136	**16.5%**	⬆	**14.0**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	*	0	**n/a**	*	0	**n/a**		**n/a**
White	5,267	424	**8.1%**	5,111	1,194	**23.4%**	⬆	**15.3**
2 or More Races	129	*	**n/a**	145	31	**21.4%**		**n/a**
Unknown	434			310				

* 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	Change
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	0	0	n/a		*	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	378	21	5.6%		354	68	19.2% ⬆	13.7
Business, Management, and Marketing	347	14	4.0%		429	68	15.9% ⬆	11.8
Communication and Journalism	354	11	3.1%		316	64	20.3% ⬆	17.1
Education	2,161	213	9.9%		2,258	524	23.2% ⬆	13.4
English Language and Literature	87	*	n/a		70	30	42.9%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	11	0	n/a		17	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	694	33	4.8%		626	142	22.7% ⬆	17.9
History	90	13	14.4%		67	25	37.3% ⬆	22.9
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	475	27	5.7%		230	46	20.0% ⬆	14.3
Mathematics and Statistics	27	*	n/a		37	10	27.0%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,250	55	4.4%		1,259	231	18.4% ⬆	14.0
Philosophy and Religious Studies	*	*	n/a		24	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	113	11	9.7%		82	18	22.0% ⬆	12.2
Psychology	306	18	5.9%		312	65	20.8% ⬆	15.0
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	17	*	n/a		11	*	n/a	n/a
Social Sciences	529	44	8.3%		569	142	25.0% ⬆	16.6
Visual and Performing Arts	92	*	n/a		120	30	25.0%	n/a
Unknown	11	*	n/a		126	37	29.4%	n/a

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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