

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Saginaw Valley State
University

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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.

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Warm regards,
IDHE Team



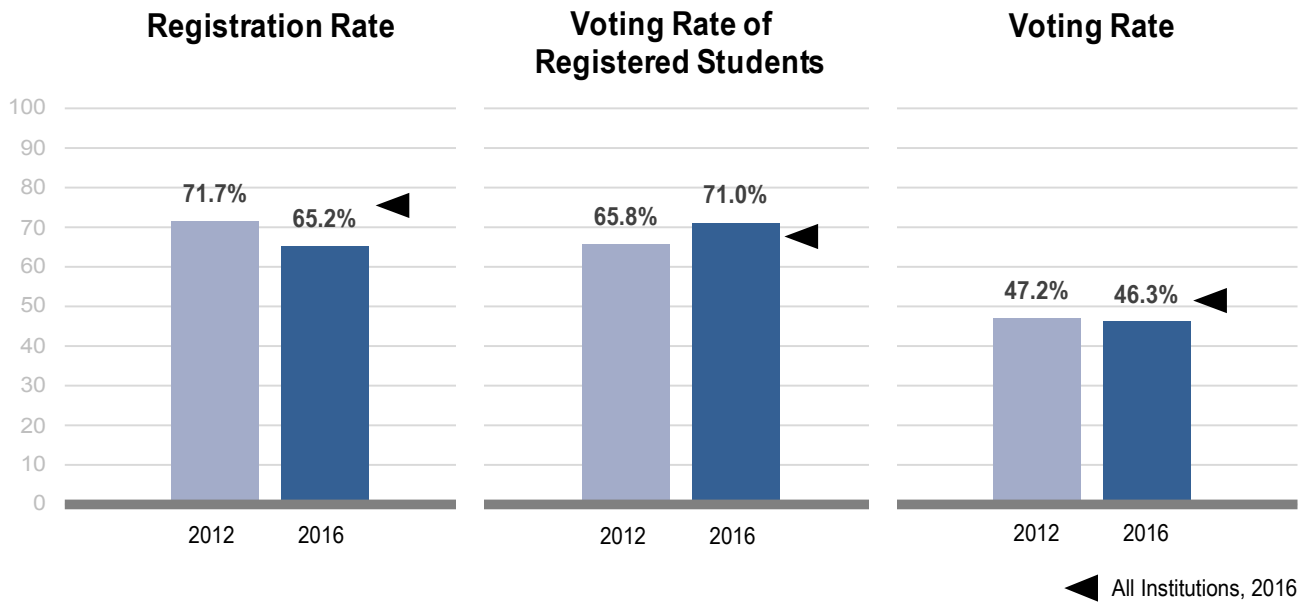
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
46.3%

CHANGE FROM 2012
-0.9

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	9,838	8,955	↓ -883
Age under 18/Unknown	(96)	(134)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(581)	(721)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	9,160	8,099	↓ -1,061
Number of students who registered	6,566	5,281	↓ -1,285
Number of students who voted	4,319	3,749	↓ -570
Registration rate	71.7%	65.2%	↓ -6.5
Voting rate of registered students	65.8%	71.0%	↑ 5.2
Voting rate	47.2%	46.3%	↓ -0.9
Difference from all institutions	+0.3	-4.1	

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

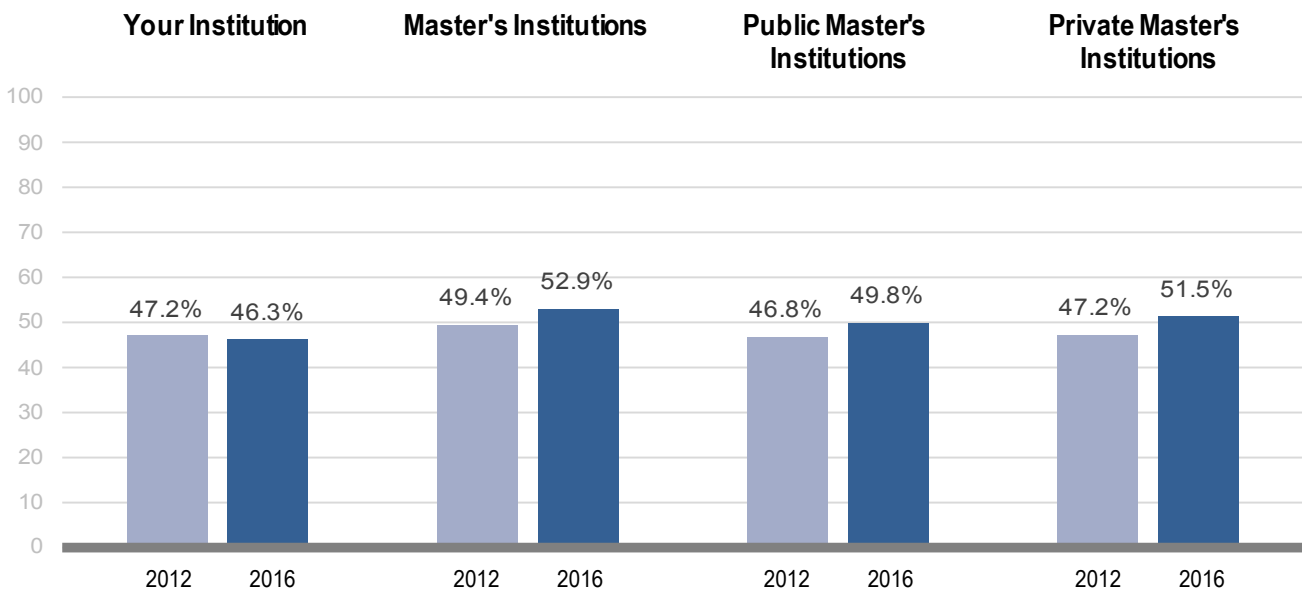
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%

LOW 13.1%

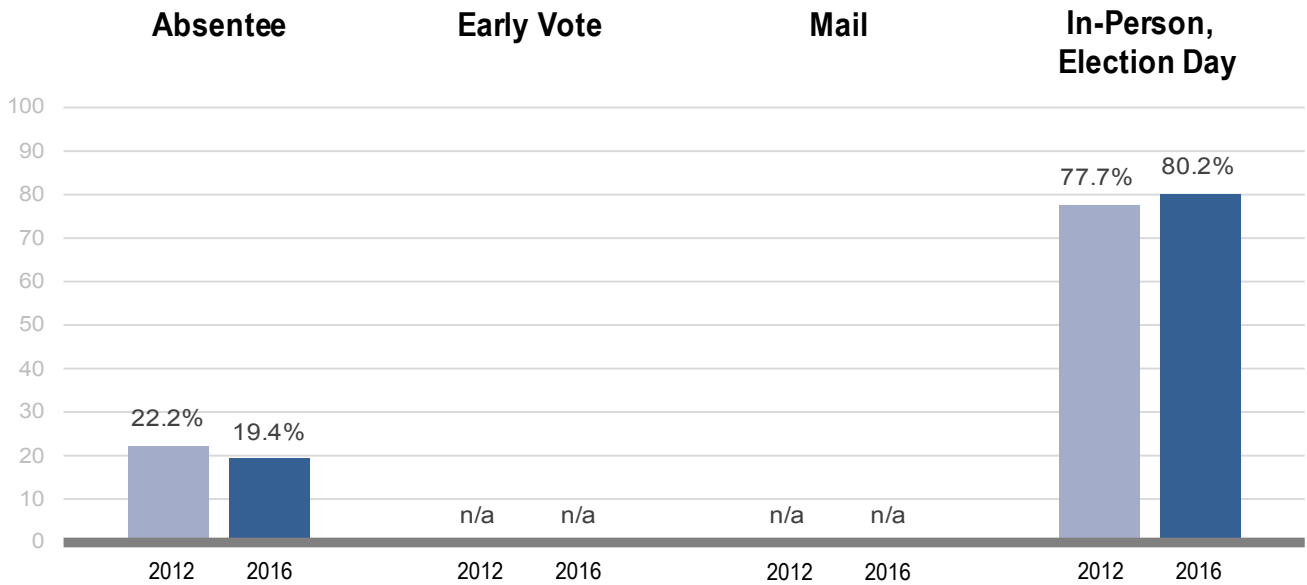
Difference from All Institutions **+0.3**

Difference from All Institutions **-4.1**



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By Voting Method*

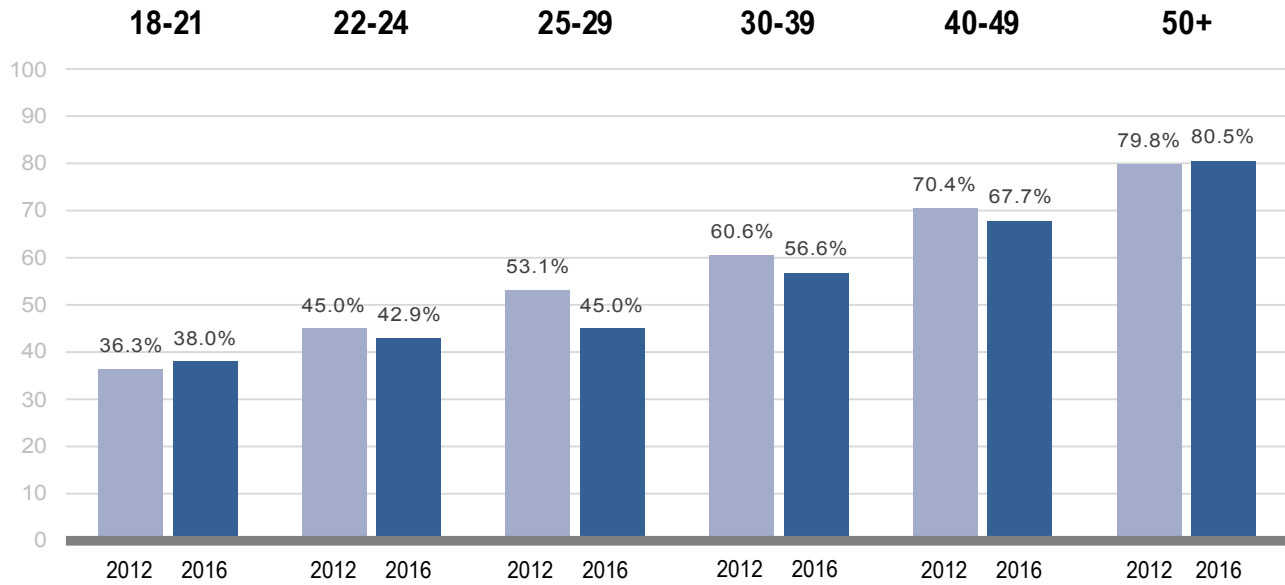


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	960	22.2%	726	19.4%	↓ -2.9
Early Vote	0	n/a	0	n/a	n/a
Mail	0	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	3,355	77.7%	3,006	80.2%	↑ 2.5
Unknown	*	n/a	13	0.4%	
Total	4,319		3,749		

* 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*

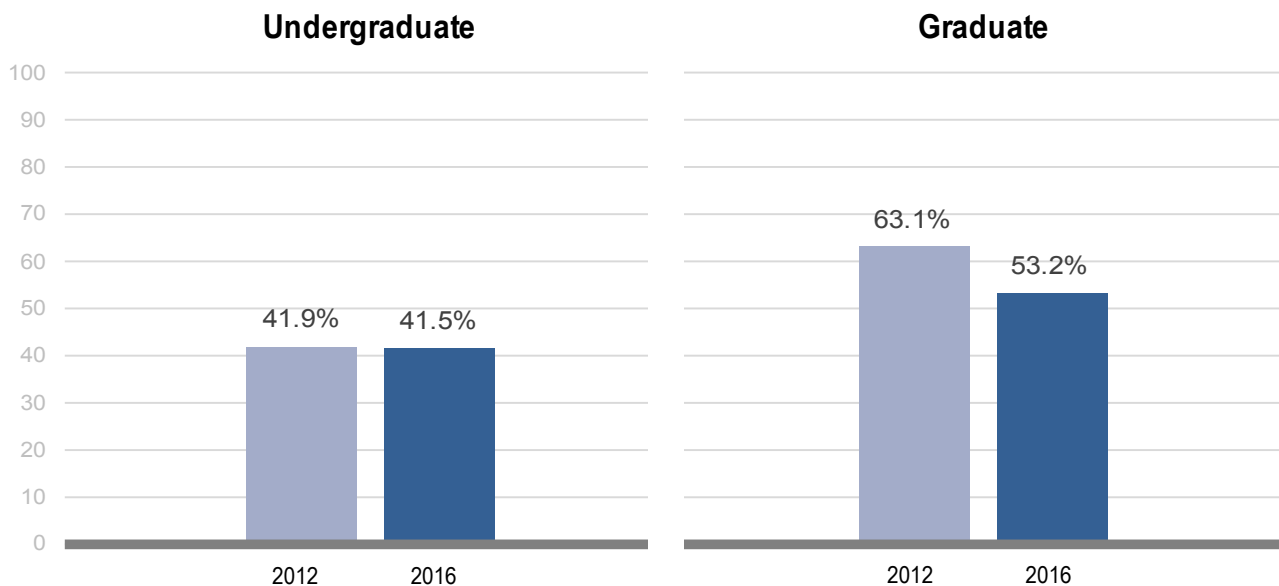


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	5,098	1,852	36.3%	4,724	1,797	38.0%	↑ 1.7
22-24	2,131	958	45.0%	2,191	940	42.9%	↓ -2.1
25-29	1,109	589	53.1%	978	440	45.0%	↓ -8.1
30-39	845	512	60.6%	597	338	56.6%	↓ -4.0
40-49	395	278	70.4%	248	168	67.7%	↓ -2.6
50+	163	130	79.8%	82	66	80.5%	↑ 0.7
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*

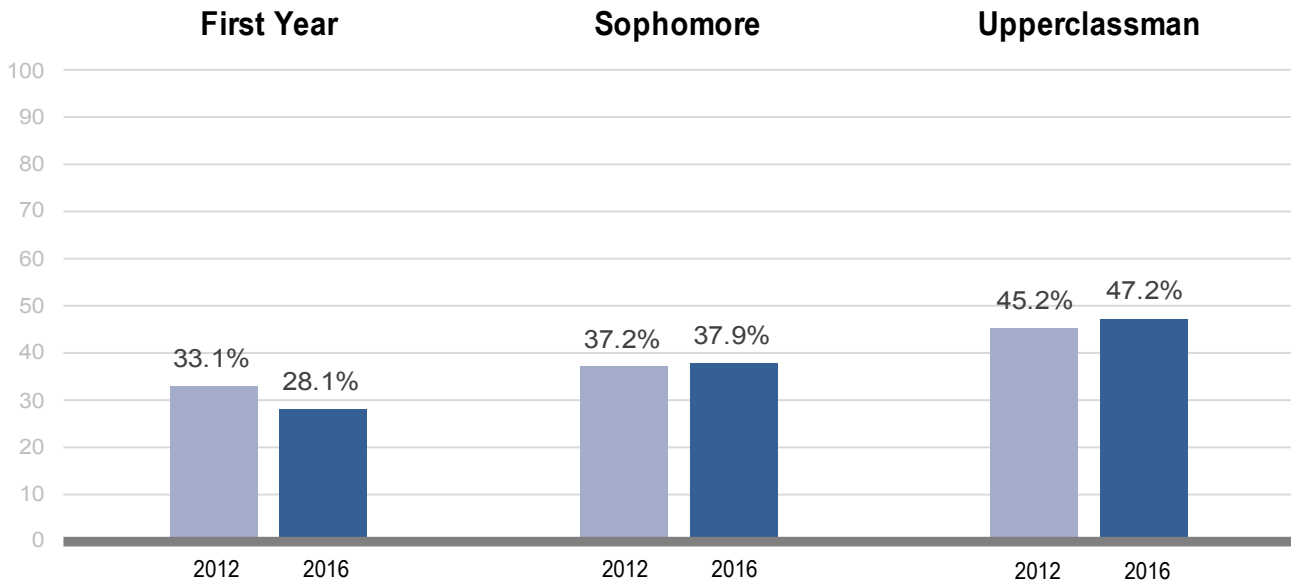


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	8,595	3,598	41.9%	8,052	3,343	41.5%	↓ -0.3
Graduate	1,136	717	63.1%	758	403	53.2%	↓ -10.0
Unknown	10			10			

* 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*

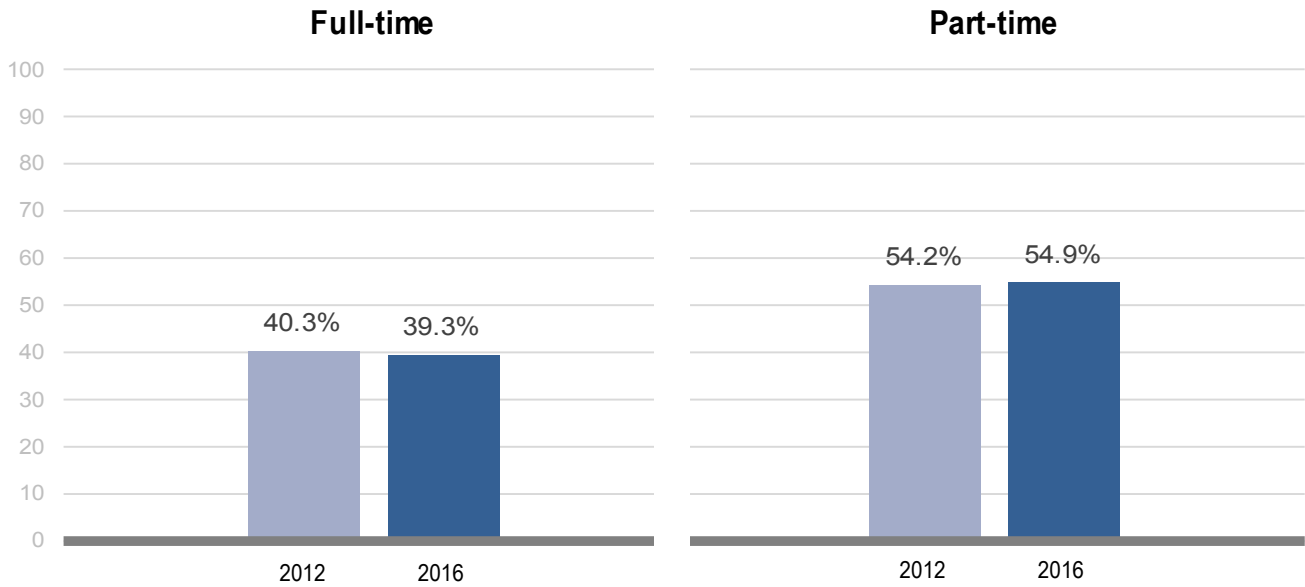


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	1,911	632	33.1%	1,470	413	28.1%	↓ -5.0
Sophomore	1,714	637	37.2%	1,521	576	37.9%	↑ 0.7
Upperclassman	4,685	2,117	45.2%	4,716	2,224	47.2%	↑ 2.0

* 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*

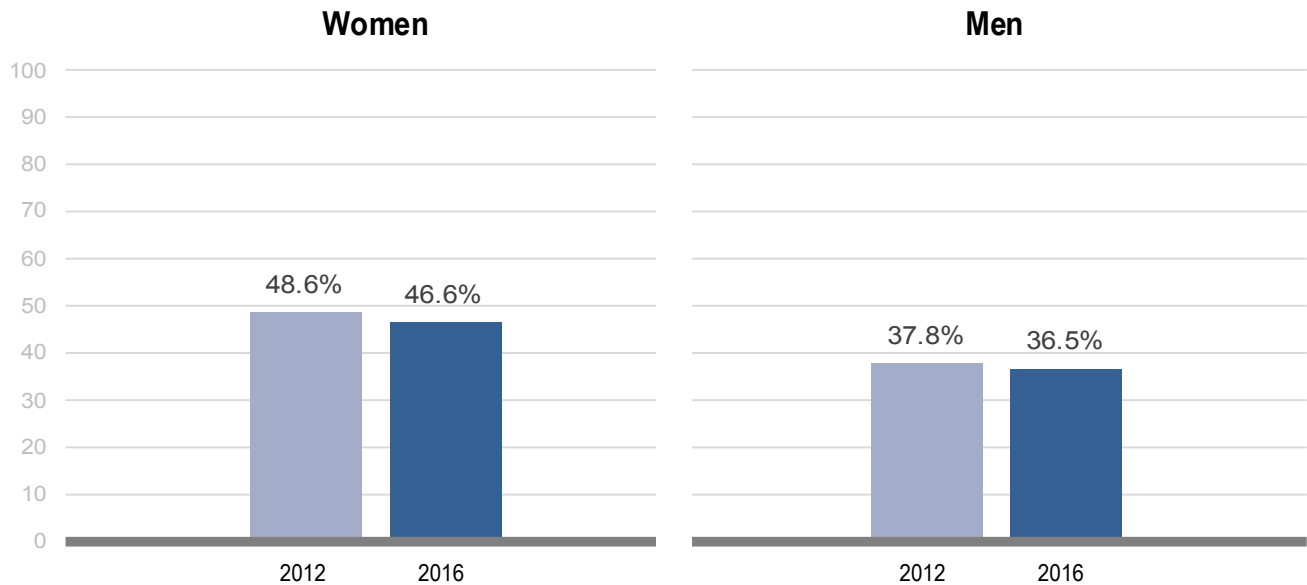


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	6,903	2,780	40.3%	7,017	2,759	39.3%	↓ -1.0
Part-time	2,838	1,539	54.2%	1,803	990	54.9%	↑ 0.7
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

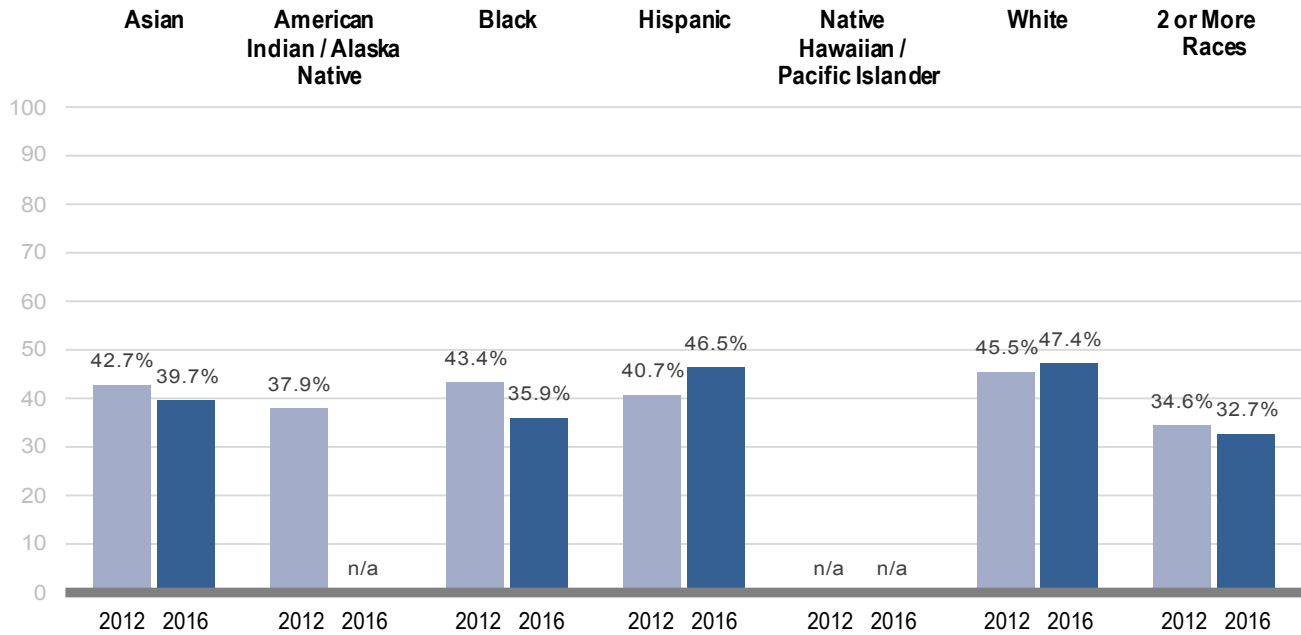


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	5,882	2,860	48.6%	5,229	2,437	46.6%	↓ -2.0
Men	3,859	1,459	37.8%	3,591	1,312	36.5%	↓ -1.3
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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	82	35	42.7%	68	27	39.7%	↓ -3.0
American Indian/ Alaska Native	29	11	37.9%	16	*	n/a	n/a
Black	1,014	440	43.4%	739	265	35.9%	↓ -7.5
Hispanic	305	124	40.7%	346	161	46.5%	↑ 5.9
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	*	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
White	7,710	3,510	45.5%	6,480	3,070	47.4%	↑ 1.9
2 or More Races	133	46	34.6%	205	67	32.7%	↓ -1.9
Unknown	461			966			

* 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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	10	*	n/a	12	*	n/a	n/a
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	0	0	n/a	53	0	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	385	173	44.9%	366	176	48.1% ↑	3.2
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,197	429	35.8%	1,332	459	34.5% ↓	-1.4
Communication and Journalism	228	111	48.7%	266	110	41.4% ↓	-7.3
Computer and Information Sciences	275	108	39.3%	289	119	41.2% ↑	1.9
Education	1,925	1,107	57.5%	1,026	527	51.4% ↓	-6.2
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	359	158	44.0%	569	222	39.0% ↓	-5.0
English Language and Literature	230	112	48.7%	152	79	52.0% ↑	3.3
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	53	26	49.1%	20	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	1,979	833	42.1%	2,163	918	42.4% ↑	0.3
History	15	*	n/a	114	60	52.6%	n/a
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	499	164	32.9%	331	120	36.3% ↑	3.4
Legal Professions and Studies	30	13	43.3%	*	*	n/a	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	288	80	27.8%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	103	44	42.7%	51	26	51.0% ↑	8.3
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	318	86	27.0%	361	122	33.8% ↑	6.8
Physical Sciences	127	67	52.8%	90	44	48.9% ↓	-3.9
Psychology	332	134	40.4%	273	126	46.2% ↑	5.8
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	483	244	50.5%	471	253	53.7% ↑	3.2
Social Sciences	334	176	52.7%	150	90	60.0% ↑	7.3
Visual and Performing Arts	382	143	37.4%	344	153	44.5% ↑	7.1

Other	453	167	36.9%	59	30	50.9% ↑	14.0
Unknown	19	*	n/a	30	18	60.0%	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: idhe.tufts.edu.

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