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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Saint Louis University

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.

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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at NSLVE@tufts.edu.

Warm regards,

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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS
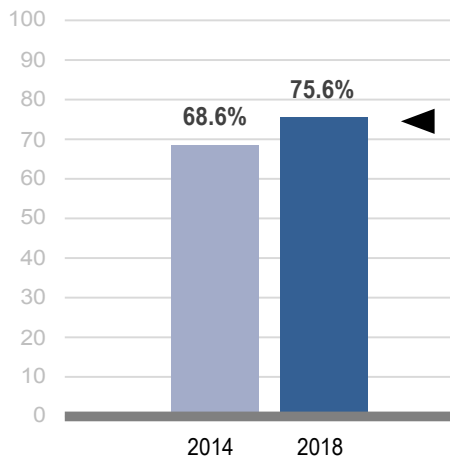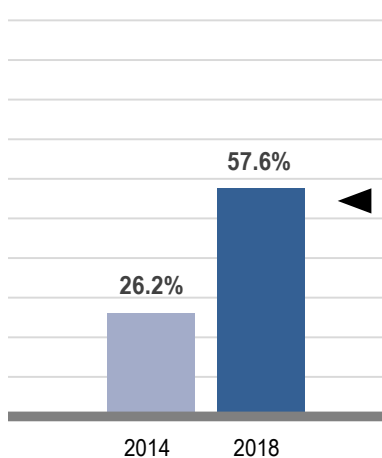
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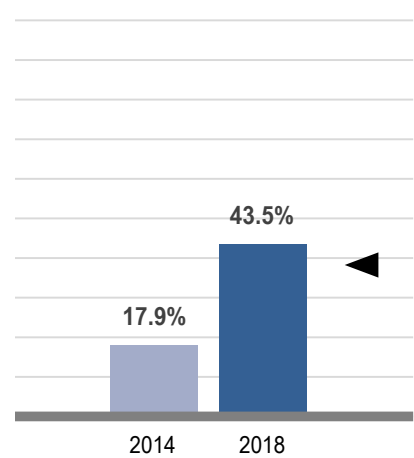
2018 Voting Rate

43.5%

CHANGE
FROM 2014

+25.6

2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate

Voting Rate of Registered Students

Voting Rate

◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	12,613	11,935	⬇	-678
Age under 18/Unknown	(31)	(31)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(717)	(679)		
FERPA records blocked	(17)	(21)		
Total eligible voters	11,848	11,204	⬇	-644
Number of students who registered	8,125	8,469	⬆	344
Number of students who voted	2,125	4,874	⬆	2,749
Registration rate	68.6%	75.6%	⬆	7.0
Voting rate of registered students	26.2%	57.6%	⬆	31.4
Voting rate	17.9%	43.5%	⬆	25.6
Difference from all institutions	-1.8	+4.4		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 54.0%
19.7%	LOW 1.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-1.8**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 64.1%
39.1%	LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **+4.4**

	Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2014	17.9%	19.5%	19.6%	17.6%
2018	43.5%	41.2%	40.8%	42.5%
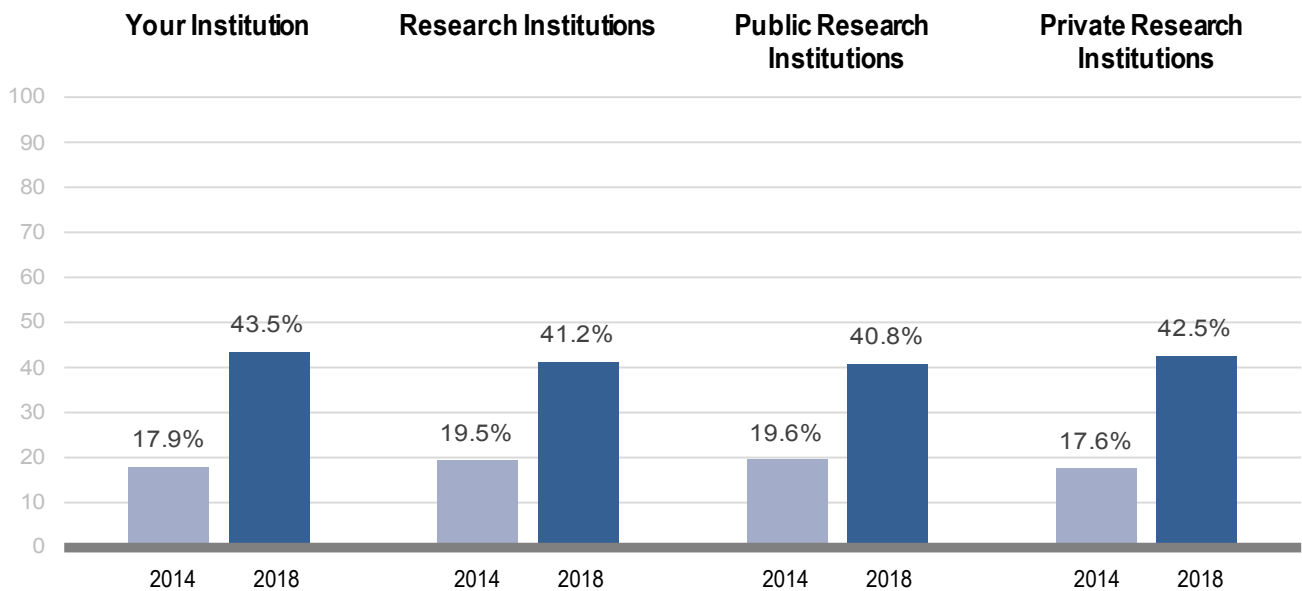
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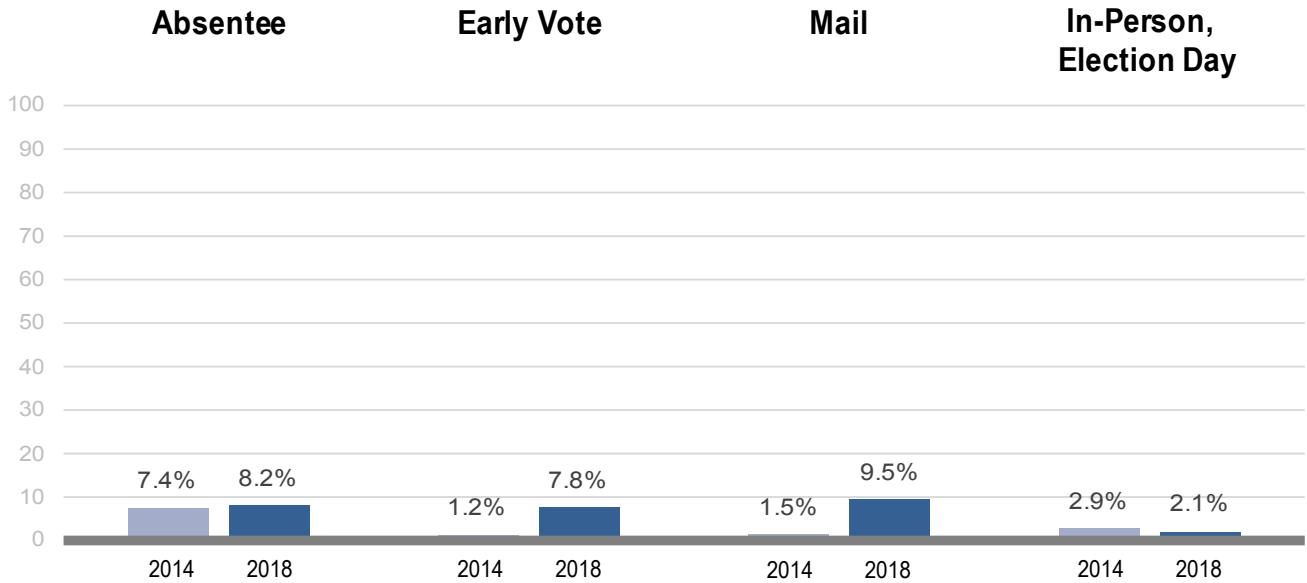
	2014			**2018**			
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	157	**7.4%**		399	**8.2%**	⬆	**0.8**
Early Vote	26	**1.2%**		380	**7.8%**	⬆	**6.6**
Mail	32	**1.5%**		464	**9.5%**	⬆	**8.0**
In-Person, Election Day	61	**2.9%**		101	**2.1%**	⬇	**-0.8**
Unknown	1,849	**87.0%**		3,530	**72.4%**		
Total	**2,125**			**4,874**			

* 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.

By Age Group*
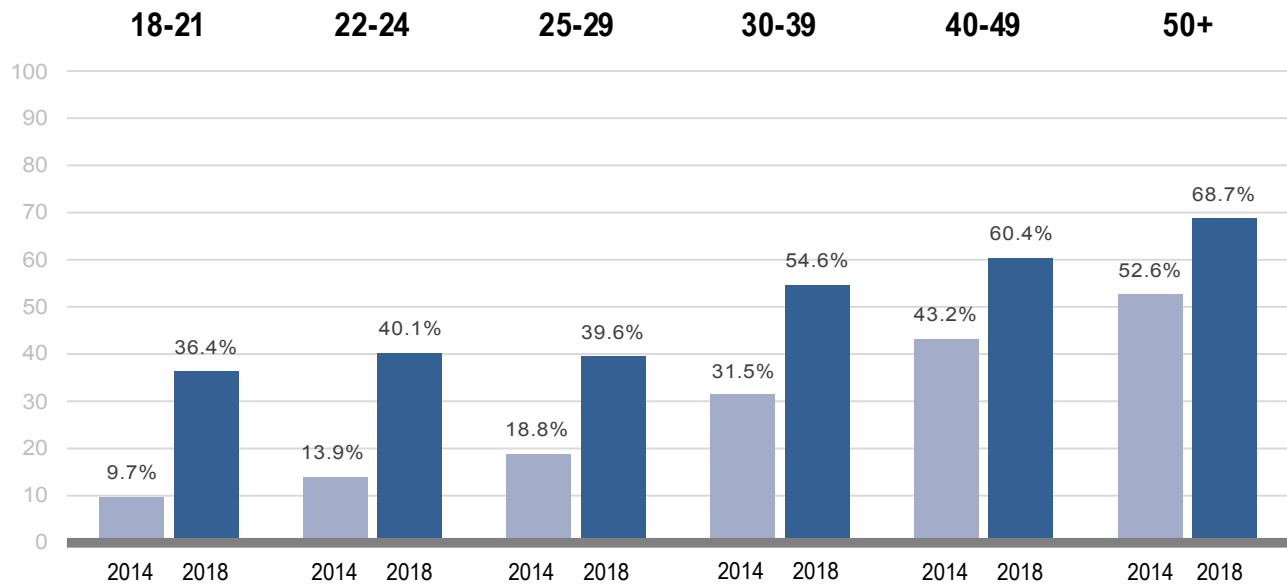
	2014				**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	6,088	593	**9.7%**		5,860	2,131	**36.4%**	⬆	**26.6**
22-24	2,570	356	**13.9%**		2,395	961	**40.1%**	⬆	**26.3**
25-29	1,583	297	**18.8%**		1,717	679	**39.6%**	⬆	**20.8**
30-39	1,328	418	**31.5%**		1,197	653	**54.6%**	⬆	**23.1**
40-49	669	289	**43.2%**		487	294	**60.4%**	⬆	**17.2**
50+	327	172	**52.6%**		227	156	**68.7%**	⬆	**16.1**
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
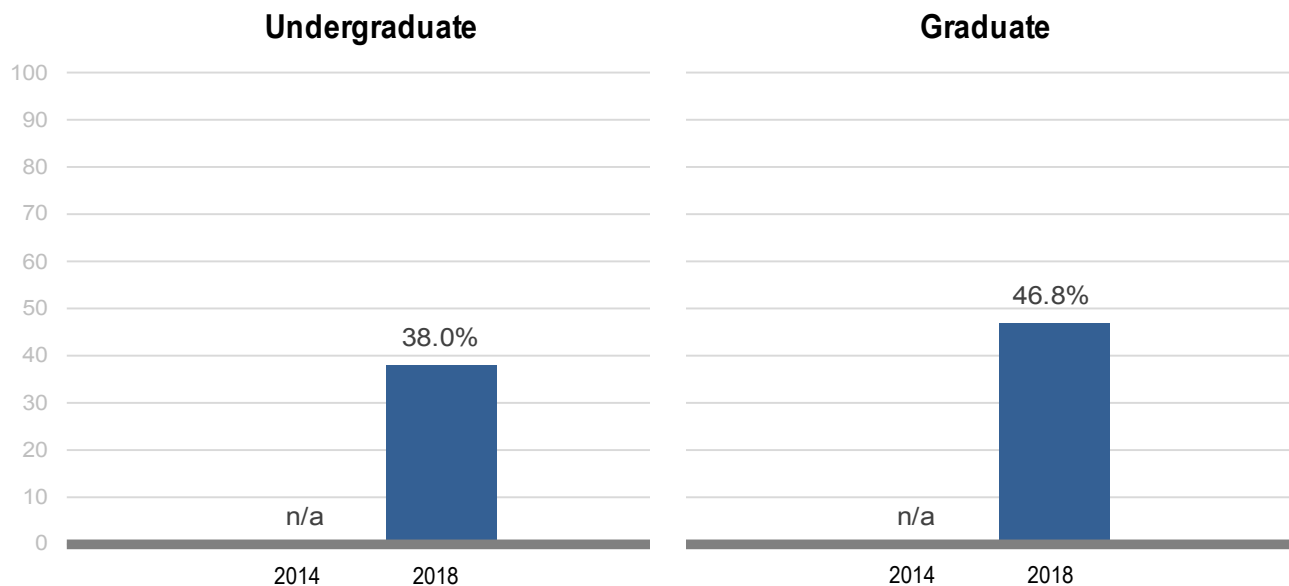
Graduate

	2014				2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**		7,276	2,765	**38.0%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**		4,413	2,066	**46.8%**	**n/a**
Unknown	12,565				194			

* 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*
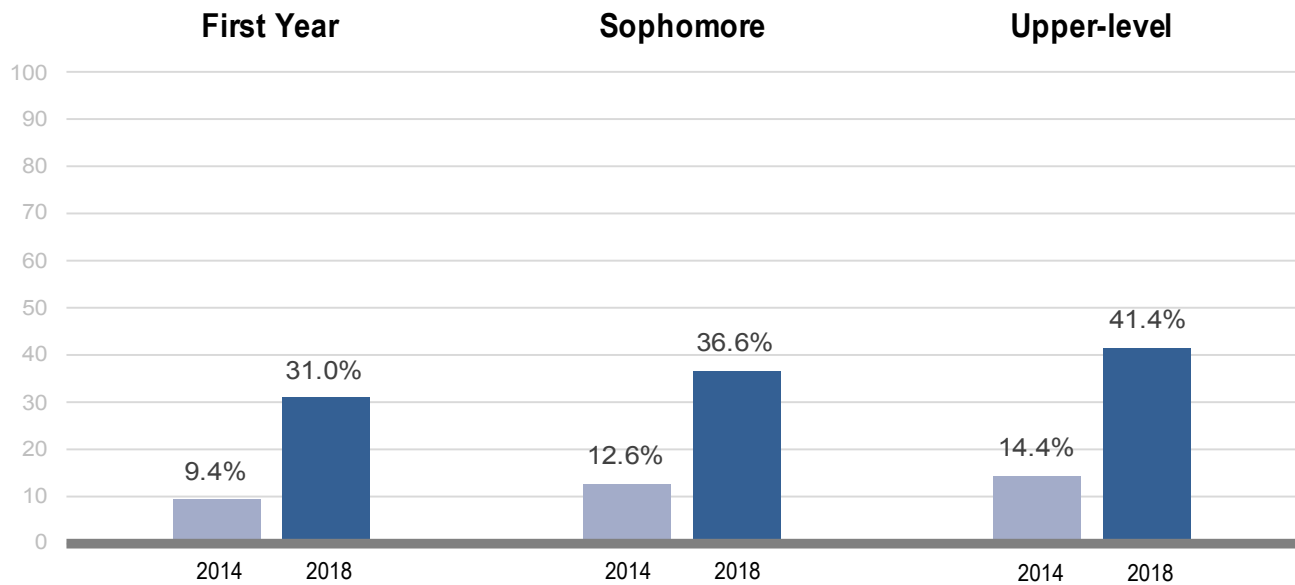
	2014				**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	2,337	220	**9.4%**		1,944	603	**31.0%**	⬆	**21.6**
Sophomore	1,829	231	**12.6%**		1,795	657	**36.6%**	⬆	**24.0**
Upper-level	4,197	604	**14.4%**		3,709	1,535	**41.4%**	⬆	**27.0**

* 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.

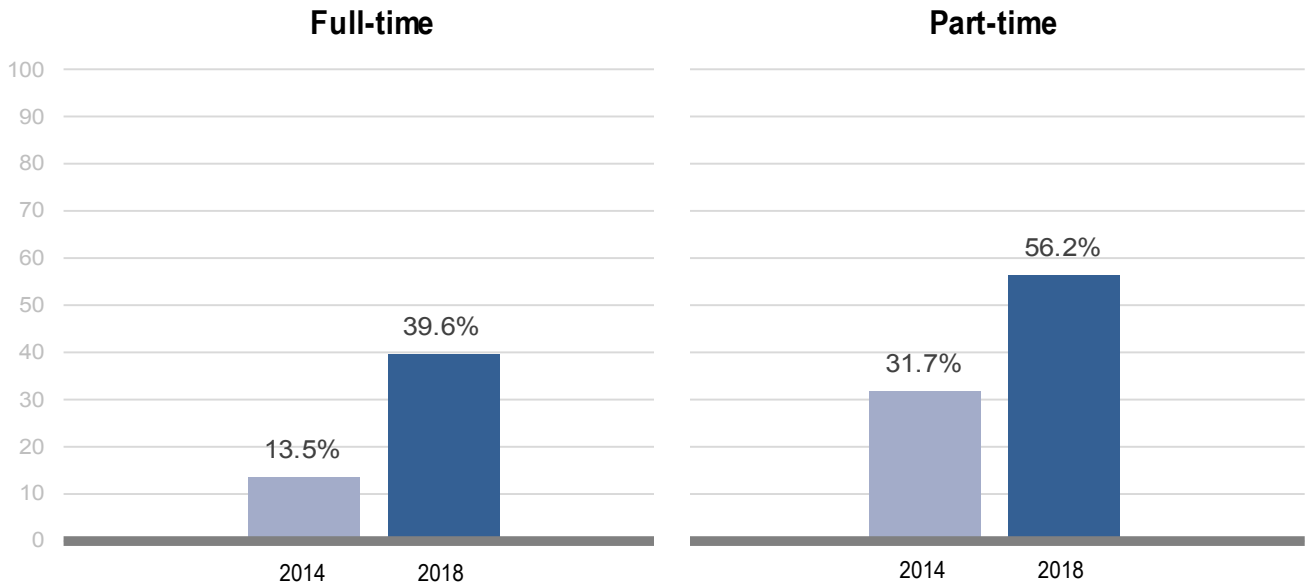**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Enrollment Status*

Full-time

Part-time

	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	10,217	1,381	**13.5%**	10,873	4,306	**39.6%**	⬆	**26.1**
Part-time	2,348	744	**31.7%**	1,010	568	**56.2%**	⬆	**24.6**
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.

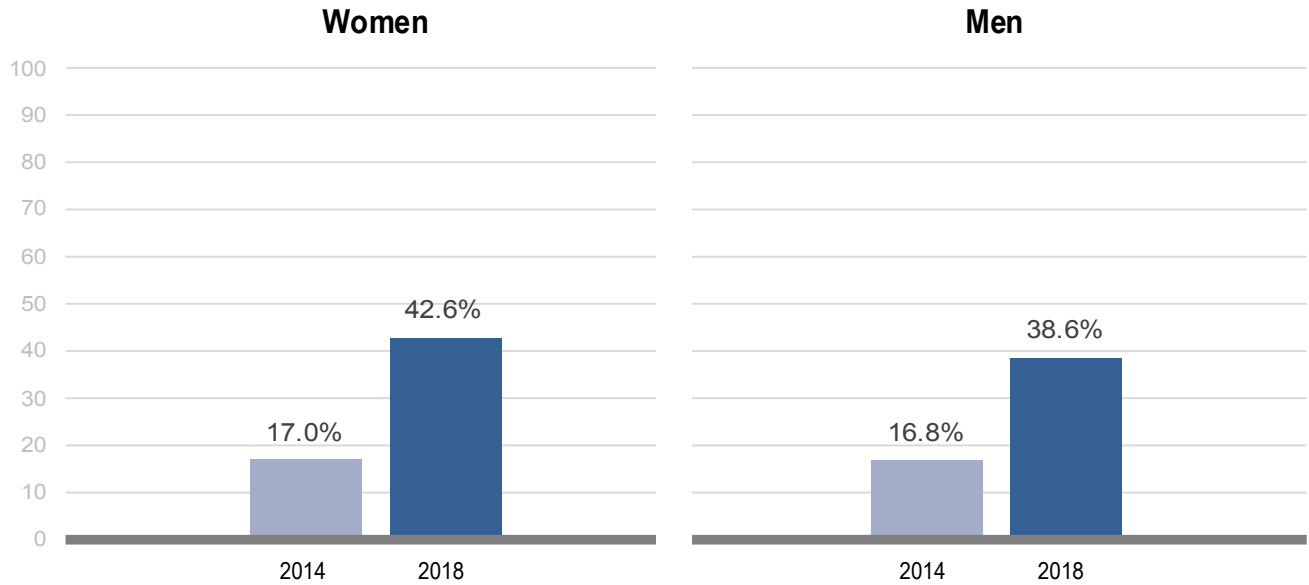**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Gender*

Women	Men

	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	7,431	1,263	**17.0%**	7,101	3,027	**42.6%**	⬆	**25.6**
Men	5,133	862	**16.8%**	4,778	1,843	**38.6%**	⬆	**21.8**
Unknown		*			*			

* 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*
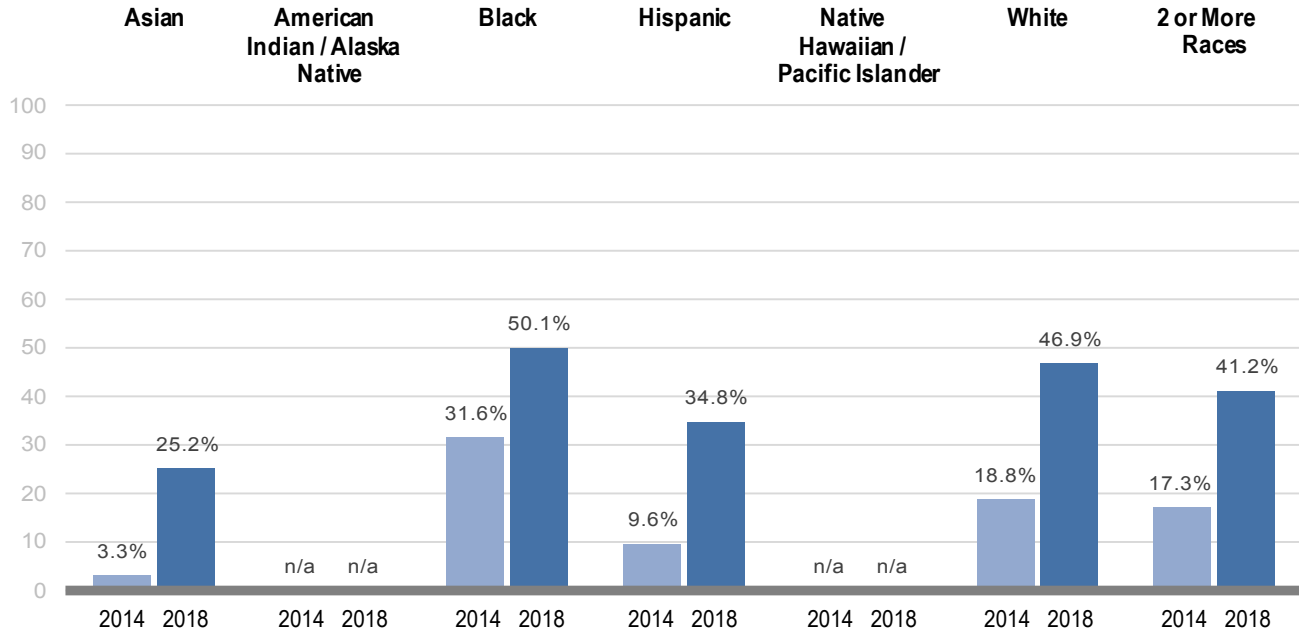
	2014				**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Asian	1,368	45	**3.3%**		1,268	320	**25.2%**	⬆	**22.0**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	*	*	**n/a**		13	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
Black	882	279	**31.6%**		719	360	**50.1%**	⬆	**18.4**
Hispanic	573	55	**9.6%**		718	250	**34.8%**	⬆	**25.2**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	**n/a**		0	0	**n/a**		**n/a**
White	8,507	1,602	**18.8%**		7,850	3,681	**46.9%**	⬆	**28.1**
2 or More Races	550	95	**17.3%**		481	198	**41.2%**	⬆	**23.9**
Unknown	676				834				

* 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	
Architecture	19	*	n/a	14	10	71.4%	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	48	13	27.1%	40	24	60.0% ⬆	32.9
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	784	75	9.6%	873	367	42.0% ⬆	32.5
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,128	366	17.2%	1,653	662	40.1% ⬆	22.9
Communication and Journalism	253	39	15.4%	194	71	36.6% ⬆	21.2
Computer and Information Sciences	224	64	28.6%	253	108	42.7% ⬆	14.1
Education	591	207	35.0%	457	262	57.3% ⬆	22.3
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	692	76	11.0%	718	262	36.5% ⬆	25.5
English Language and Literature	137	30	21.9%	117	58	49.6% ⬆	27.7
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	85	15	17.7%	46	25	54.4% ⬆	36.7
Health Professions	3,601	545	15.1%	3,910	1,473	37.7% ⬆	22.5
History	98	31	31.6%	81	41	50.6% ⬆	19.0
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	169	37	21.9%	172	72	41.9% ⬆	20.0
Legal Professions and Studies	534	167	31.3%	525	336	64.0% ⬆	32.7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,016	87	8.6%	463	128	27.7% ⬆	19.1
Mathematics and Statistics	54	11	20.4%	59	22	37.3% ⬆	16.9
Military Science, Leadership and Operational Art	0	0	n/a	11	*	n/a	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	28	10	35.7%	16	*	n/a	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	33	*	n/a	39	23	59.0%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	473	39	8.3%	482	134	27.8% ⬆	19.6
Philosophy and Religious Studies	84	15	17.9%	103	46	44.7% ⬆	26.8
Physical Sciences	207	33	15.9%	169	56	33.1% ⬆	17.2
Psychology	398	43	10.8%	337	135	40.1% ⬆	29.3

Public Administration and Social Service Professions	369	93	**25.2%**	305	188	**61.6%** ⬆	**36.4**
Social Sciences	248	60	**24.2%**	337	148	**43.9%** ⬆	**19.7**
Theology and Religious Vocations	75	19	**25.3%**	45	28	**62.2%** ⬆	**36.9**
Transportation and Materials Moving	119	26	**21.9%**	183	93	**50.8%** ⬆	**29.0**
Visual and Performing Arts	65	*	**n/a**	59	28	**47.5%**	**n/a**
Unknown	33	*	**n/a**	222	60	**27.0%**	**n/a**

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