

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Saint Mary's College of  
California

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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.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: <https://idhe.tufts.edu>.

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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at [NSLVE@tufts.edu](mailto:NSLVE@tufts.edu).

Warm regards,

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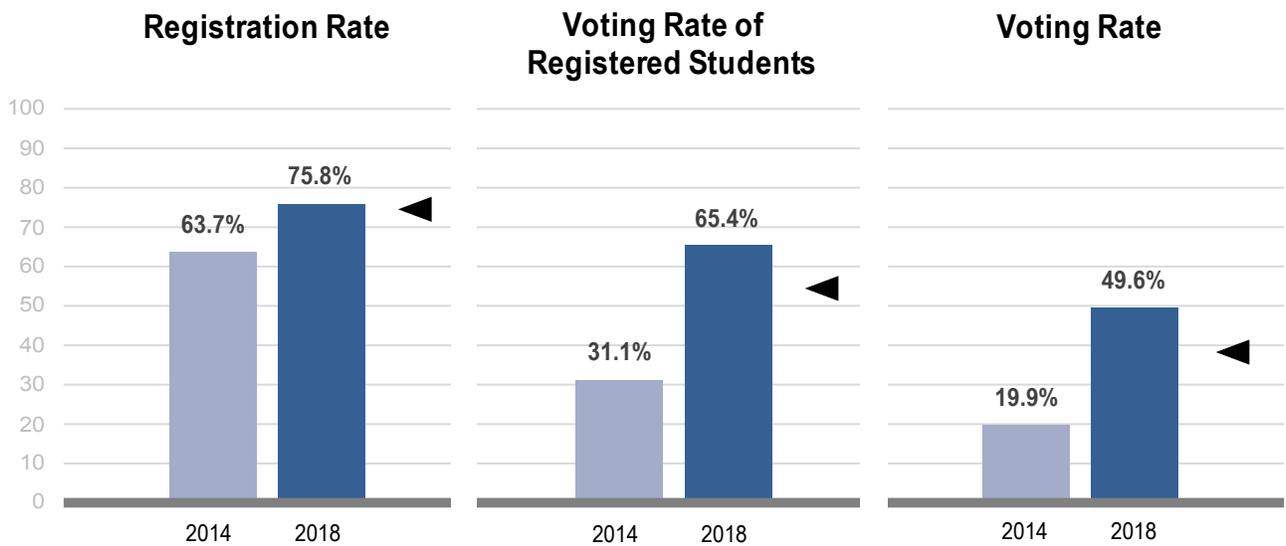
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2018 Voting Rate**  
**49.6%**

CHANGE FROM 2014  
**+29.7**

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**39.1%**



◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	3,976	3,835	↓ -141
Age under 18/Unknown	(80)	(88)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(72)	(103)	
FERPA records blocked	(25)	(33)	
Total eligible voters	3,799	3,611	↓ -188
Number of students who registered	2,421	2,739	↑ 318
Number of students who voted	754	1,791	↑ 1,037
Registration rate	63.7%	75.8%	↑ 12.1
Voting rate of registered students	31.1%	65.4%	↑ 34.3
Voting rate	19.9%	49.6%	↑ 29.7
Difference from all institutions	+0.2	+10.5	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate  
for All Institutions

**19.7%**

HIGH  
54.0%

LOW  
1.5%

2018 Voting Rate  
for All Institutions

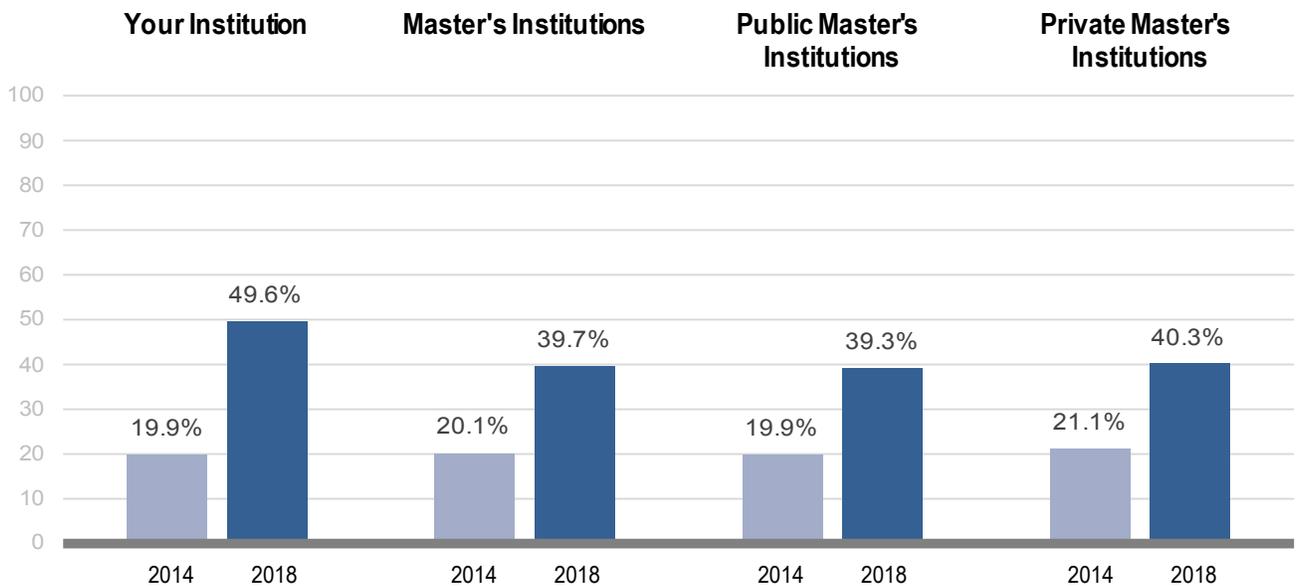
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

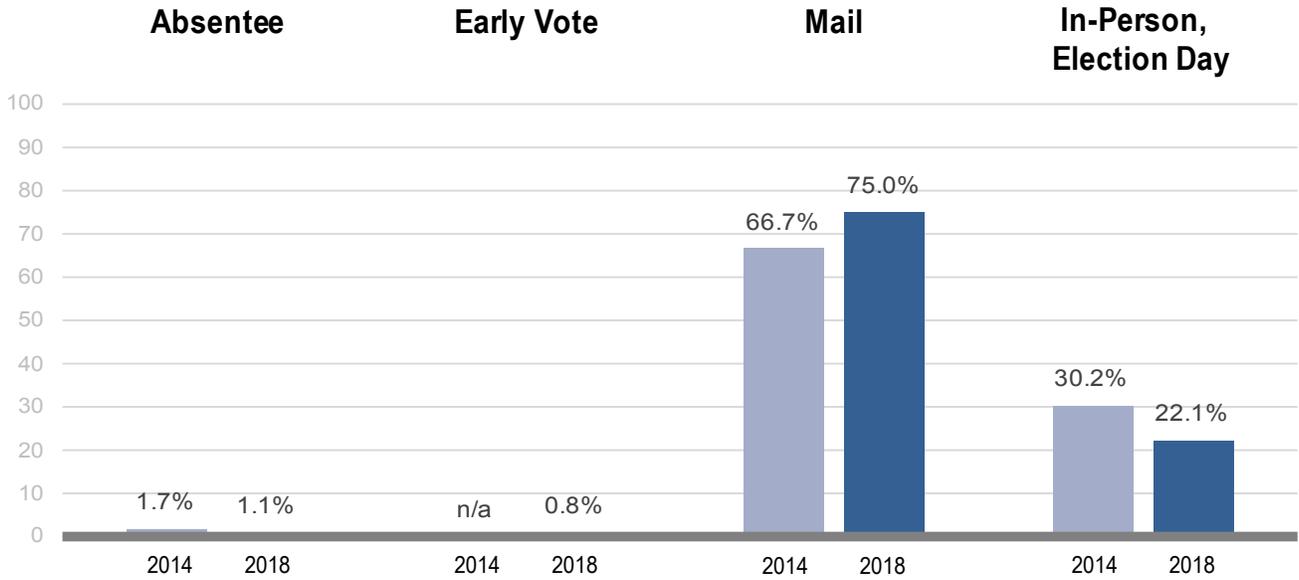
Difference from All Institutions **+0.2**

Difference from All Institutions **+10.5**



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# By Voting Method\*

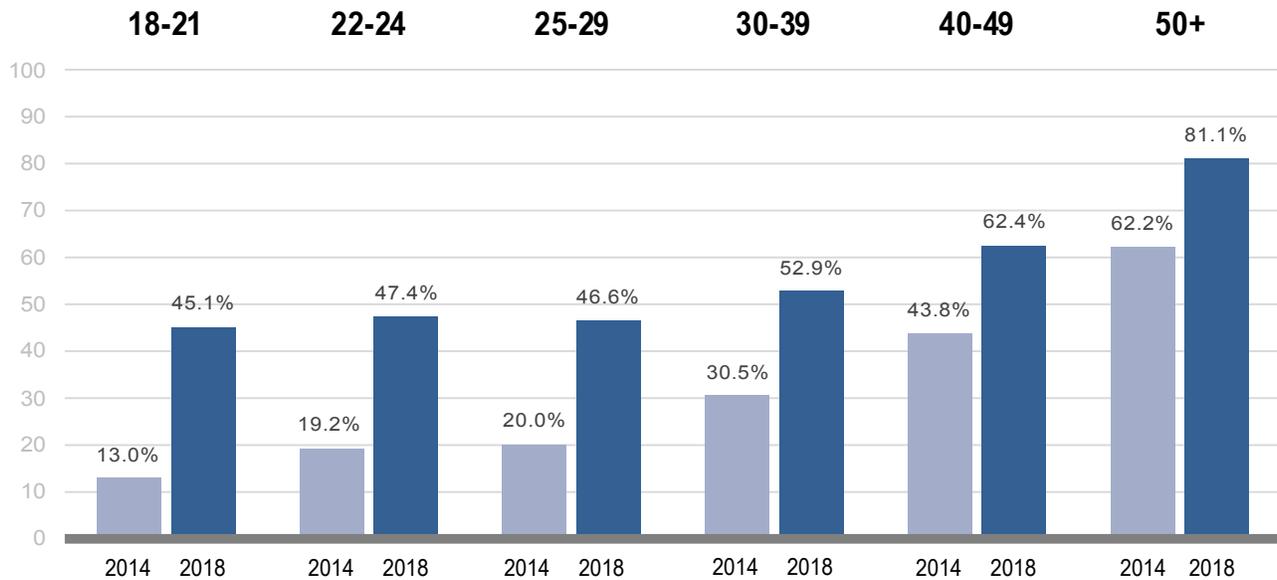


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	13	1.7%	19	1.1%	↓ -0.7
Early Vote	*	n/a	15	0.8%	n/a
Mail	503	66.7%	1,343	75.0%	↑ 8.3
In-Person, Election Day	228	30.2%	396	22.1%	↓ -8.1
Unknown	*	n/a	18	1.0%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>754</b>		<b>1,791</b>		

\* 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\*

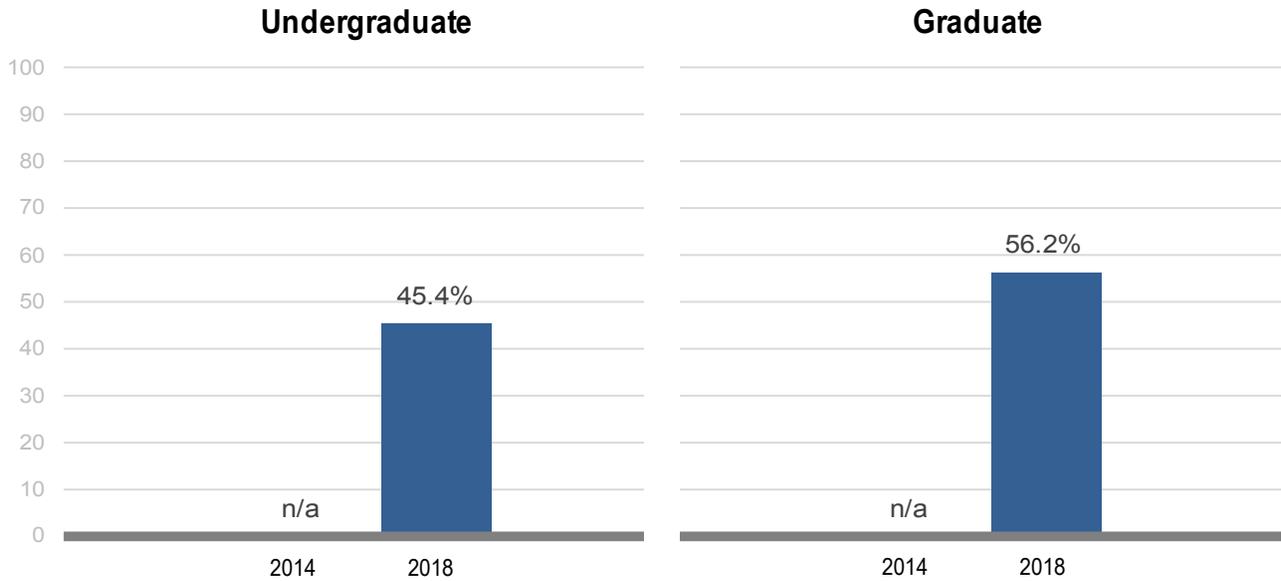


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	2,208	286	13.0%	2,203	994	45.1%	↑ 32.2
22-24	542	104	19.2%	490	232	47.4%	↑ 28.2
25-29	390	78	20.0%	380	177	46.6%	↑ 26.6
30-39	393	120	30.5%	333	176	52.9%	↑ 22.3
40-49	240	105	43.8%	202	126	62.4%	↑ 18.6
50+	98	61	62.2%	106	86	81.1%	↑ 18.9
Unknown	63			66			

\* 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\*

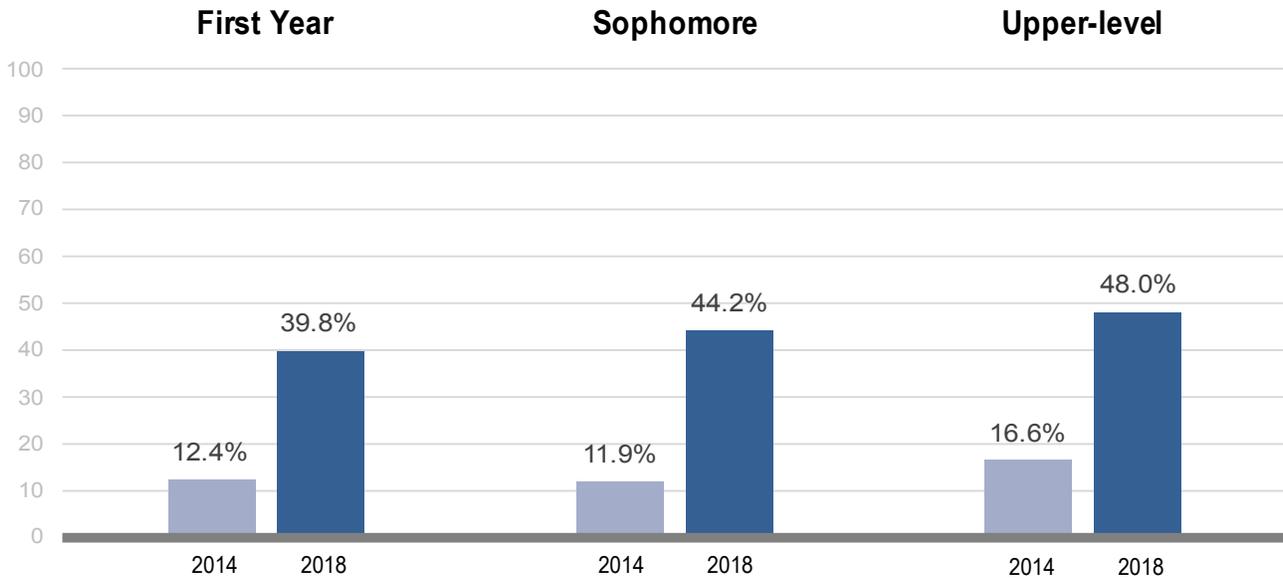


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	2,715	1,233	45.4%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	986	554	56.2%	n/a
Unknown	3,871			13			

\* 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\*

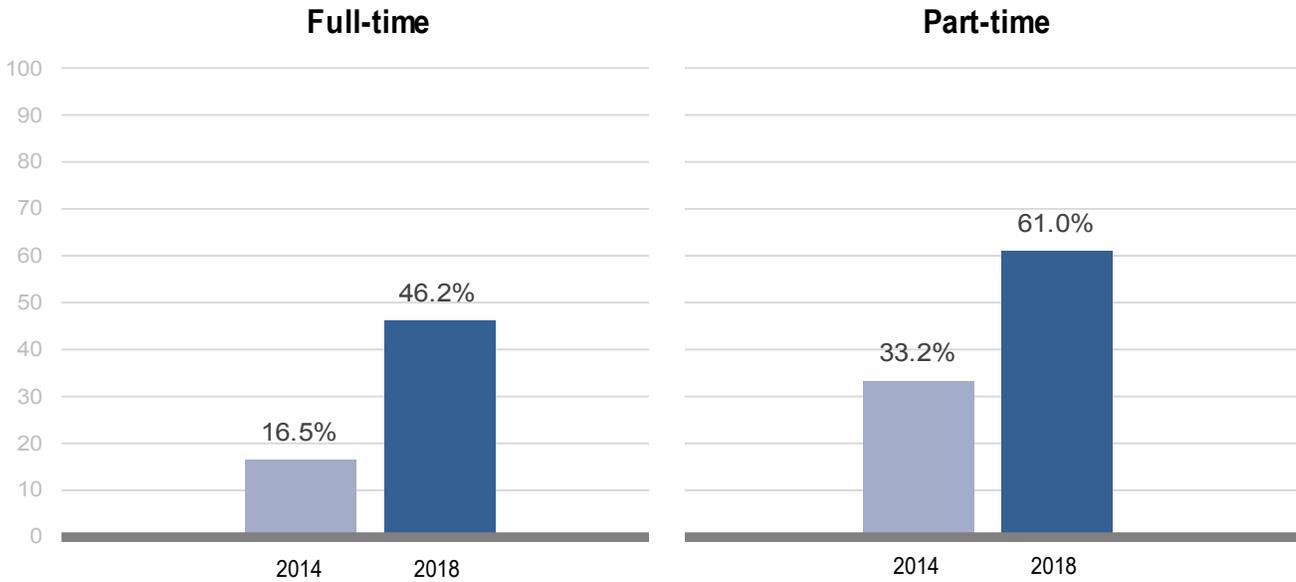


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	604	75	12.4%	721	287	39.8%	↑ 27.4
Sophomore	679	81	11.9%	604	267	44.2%	↑ 32.3
Upper-level	1,420	235	16.6%	1,307	627	48.0%	↑ 31.4

\* 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\*

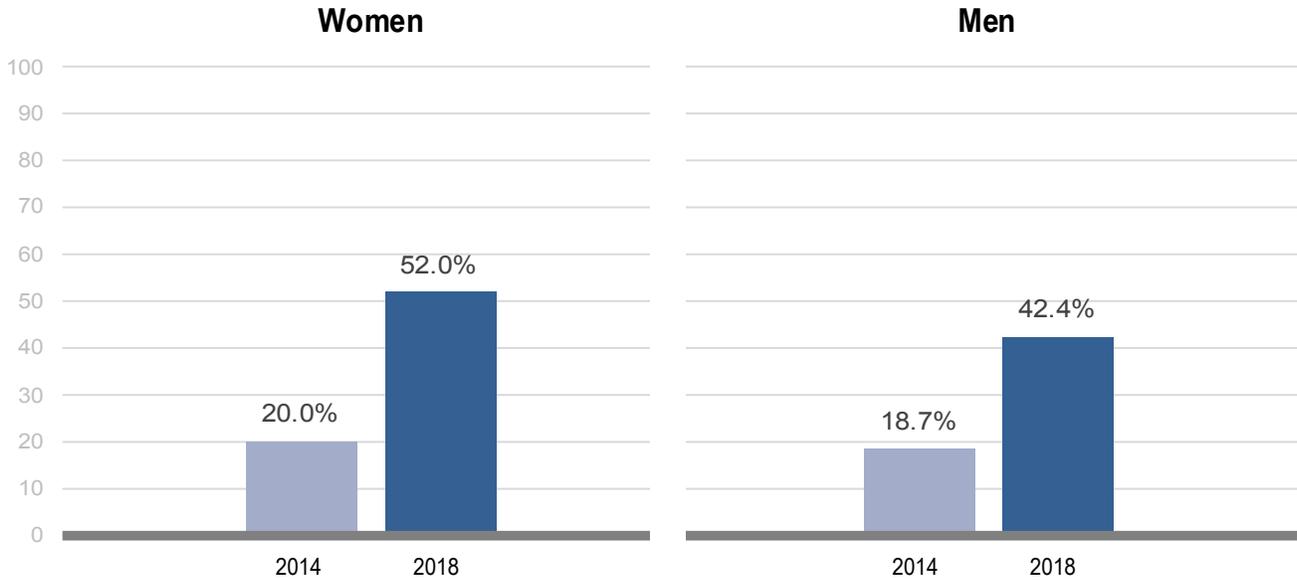


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	3,182	525	16.5%	3,199	1,477	46.2%	↑ 29.7
Part-time	689	229	33.2%	515	314	61.0%	↑ 27.7
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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\*

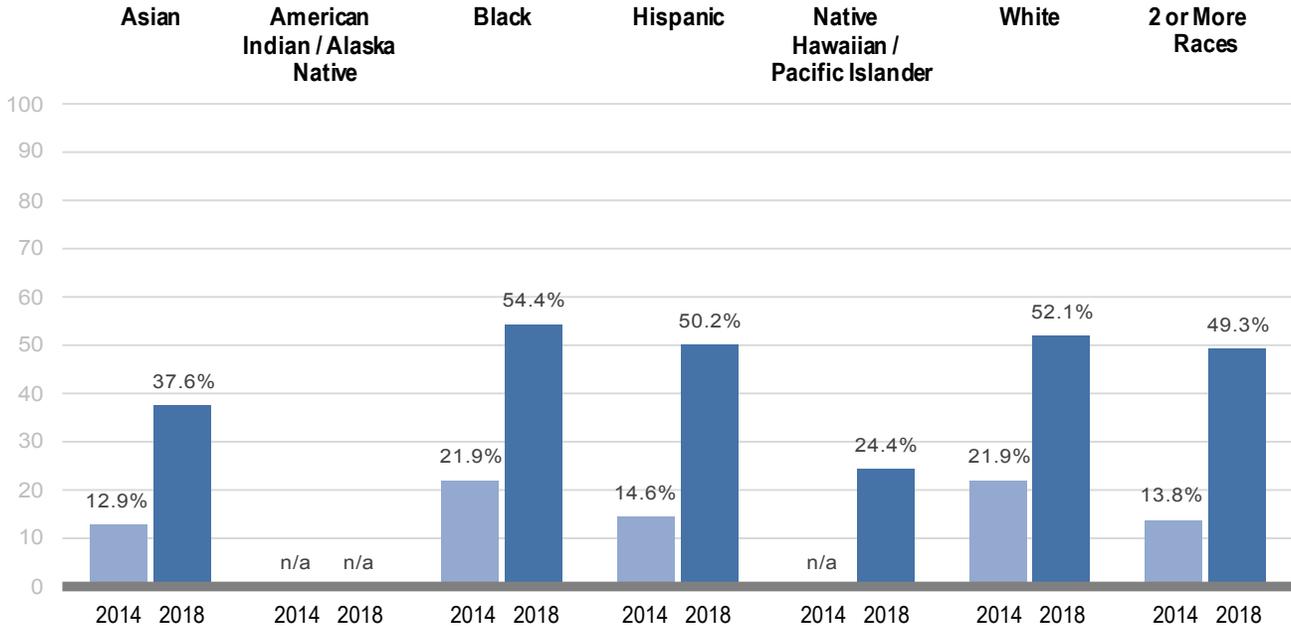


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	2,338	467	20.0%	2,249	1,170	52.0%	↑ 32.1
Men	1,532	286	18.7%	1,463	620	42.4%	↑ 23.7
Unknown	*			*			

\* 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.

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# By Race/Ethnicity\*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	403	52	12.9%	359	135	37.6%	↑ 24.7
American Indian/ Alaska Native	11	*	n/a	13	*	n/a	n/a
Black	210	46	21.9%	195	106	54.4%	↑ 32.5
Hispanic	897	131	14.6%	935	469	50.2%	↑ 35.6
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	21	*	n/a	45	11	24.4%	n/a
White	1,766	386	21.9%	1,602	835	52.1%	↑ 30.3
2 or More Races	210	29	13.8%	207	102	49.3%	↑ 35.5
Unknown	353			358			

\* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## 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	23	*	n/a	24	14	58.3%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	161	23	14.3%	172	73	42.4% ↑	28.2
Business, Management, and Marketing	922	174	18.9%	891	353	39.6% ↑	20.8
Communication and Journalism	150	18	12.0%	125	58	46.4% ↑	34.4
Education	498	183	36.8%	459	291	63.4% ↑	26.7
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	22	0	n/a	11	*	n/a	n/a
English Language and Literature	127	27	21.3%	122	66	54.1% ↑	32.8
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	*	*	n/a	11	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	102	12	11.8%	88	45	51.1% ↑	39.4
History	31	*	n/a	32	13	40.6%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	955	142	14.9%	897	411	45.8% ↑	31.0
Mathematics and Statistics	15	*	n/a	52	29	55.8%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	14	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	33	*	n/a	39	20	51.3%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	160	14	8.8%	170	75	44.1% ↑	35.4
Philosophy and Religious Studies	21	*	n/a	19	12	63.2%	n/a
Physical Sciences	26	*	n/a	20	10	50.0%	n/a
Psychology	213	33	15.5%	230	121	52.6% ↑	37.1
Social Sciences	179	51	28.5%	175	89	50.9% ↑	22.4
Visual and Performing Arts	174	39	22.4%	156	87	55.8% ↑	33.4
Unknown	37	*	n/a	21	14	66.7%	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>.

**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. (2019). *2014 and 2018 report for \_\_\_\_\_* [name of institution]. Medford, MA.

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