

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Sam Houston 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, 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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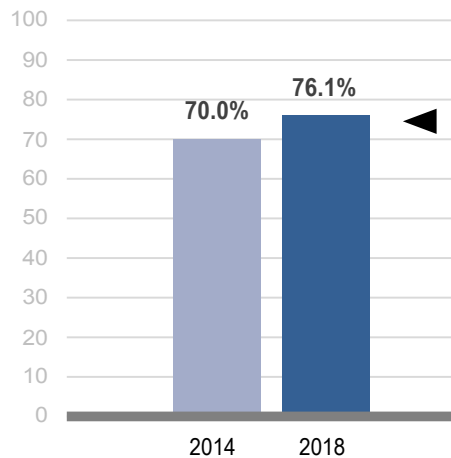
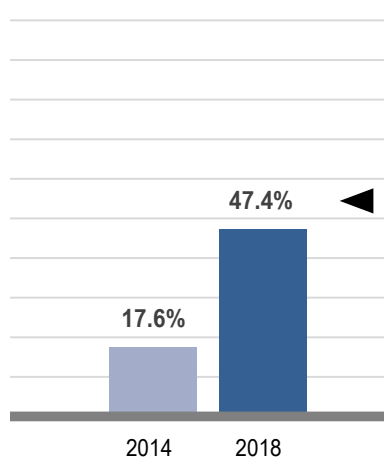
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## Voting and Registration Rates

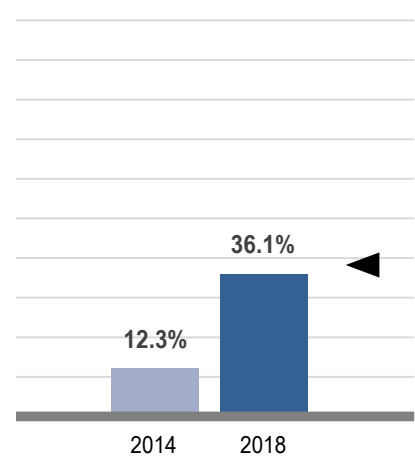
2018 Voting Rate

**36.1%**CHANGE  
FROM 2014**+23.8**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	19,387	20,799	↑ 1,412
Age under 18/Unknown	(35)	(34)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(372)	(286)	
FERPA records blocked	(176)	(457)	
Total eligible voters	18,804	20,022	↑ 1,218
Number of students who registered	13,163	15,235	↑ 2,072
Number of students who voted	2,311	7,224	↑ 4,913
Registration rate	70.0%	76.1%	↑ 6.1
Voting rate of registered students	17.6%	47.4%	↑ 29.9
Voting rate	12.3%	36.1%	↑ 23.8
Difference from all institutions	-7.4	-3.0	

## 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

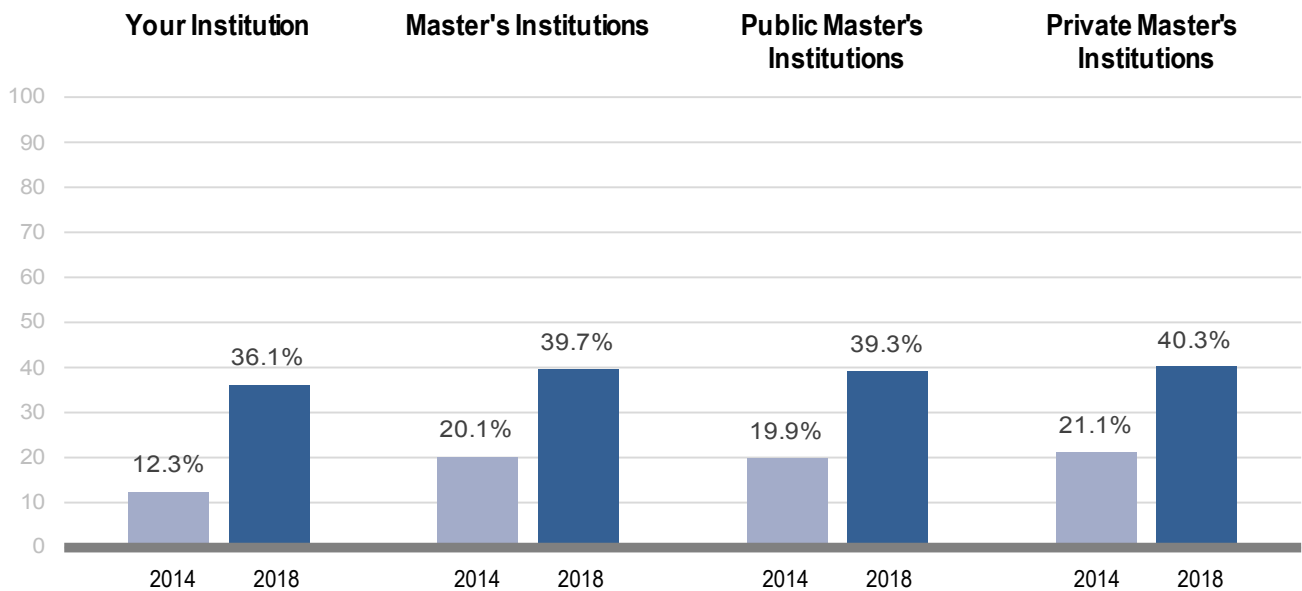
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

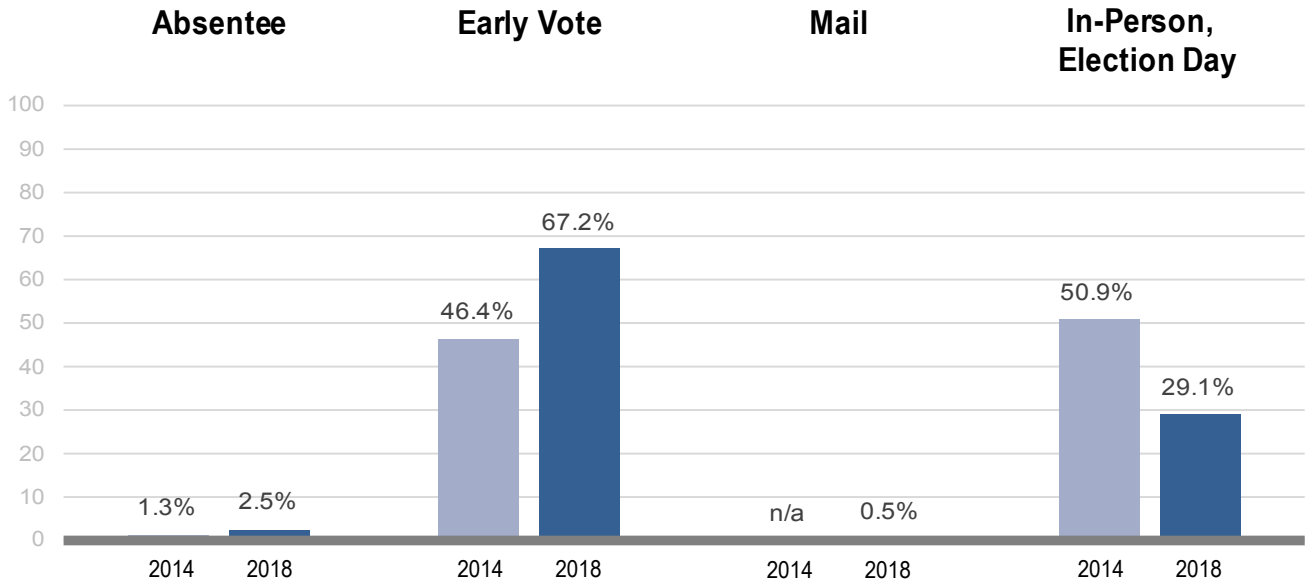
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## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# By Voting Method\*

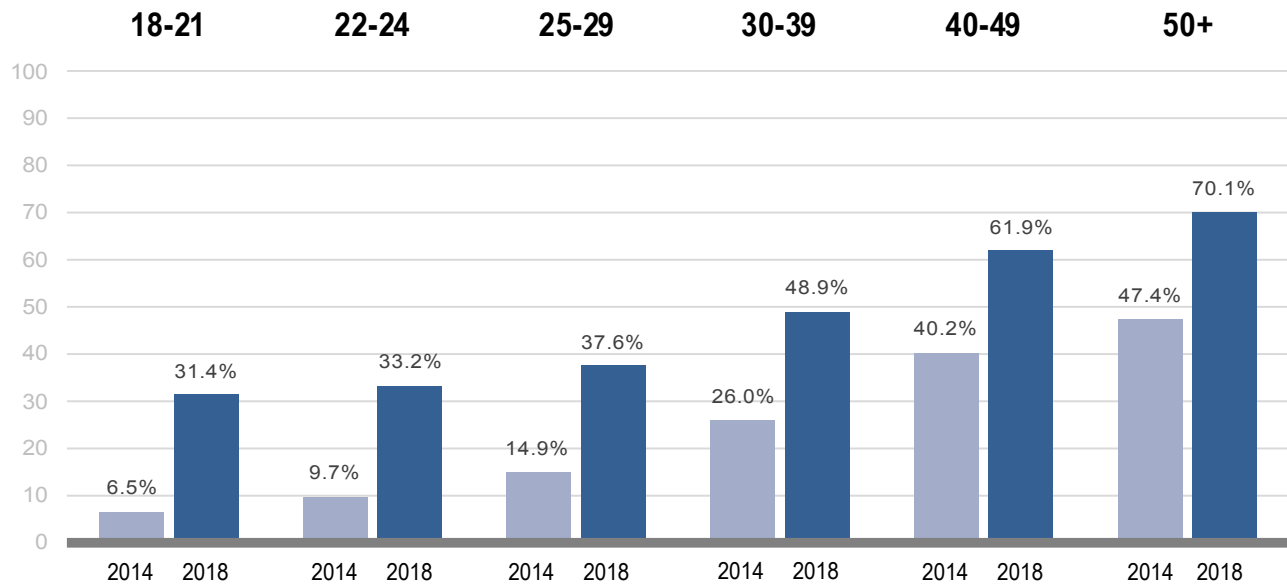


	2014		2018		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	31	1.3%	183	2.5%	↑	1.2
Early Vote	1,072	46.4%	4,852	67.2%	↑	20.8
Mail	*	n/a	34	0.5%		n/a
In-Person, Election Day	1,176	50.9%	2,103	29.1%	↓	-21.8
Unknown	24	1.0%	52	0.7%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,311</b>		<b>7,224</b>			

\* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Age Group\*

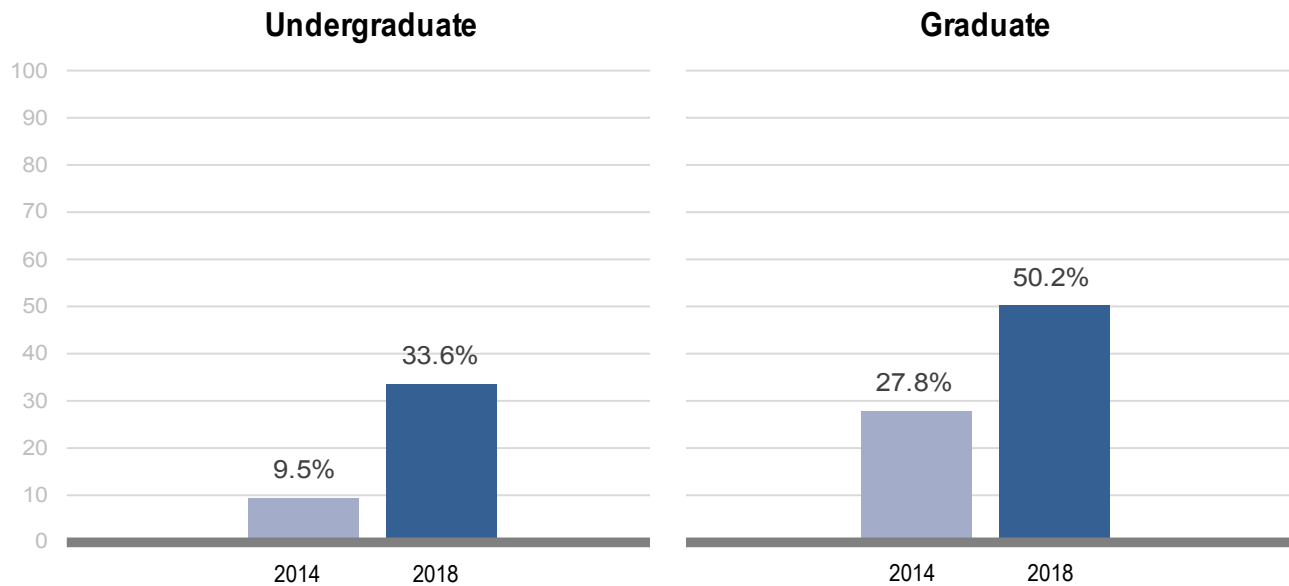


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	9,519	620	6.5%	10,342	3,252	31.4%	↑	24.9
22-24	4,712	457	9.7%	5,118	1,699	33.2%	↑	23.5
25-29	2,124	317	14.9%	2,228	837	37.6%	↑	22.7
30-39	1,701	442	26.0%	1,598	781	48.9%	↑	22.9
40-49	778	313	40.2%	751	465	61.9%	↑	21.7
50+	342	162	47.4%	271	190	70.1%	↑	22.7
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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Education Level\*

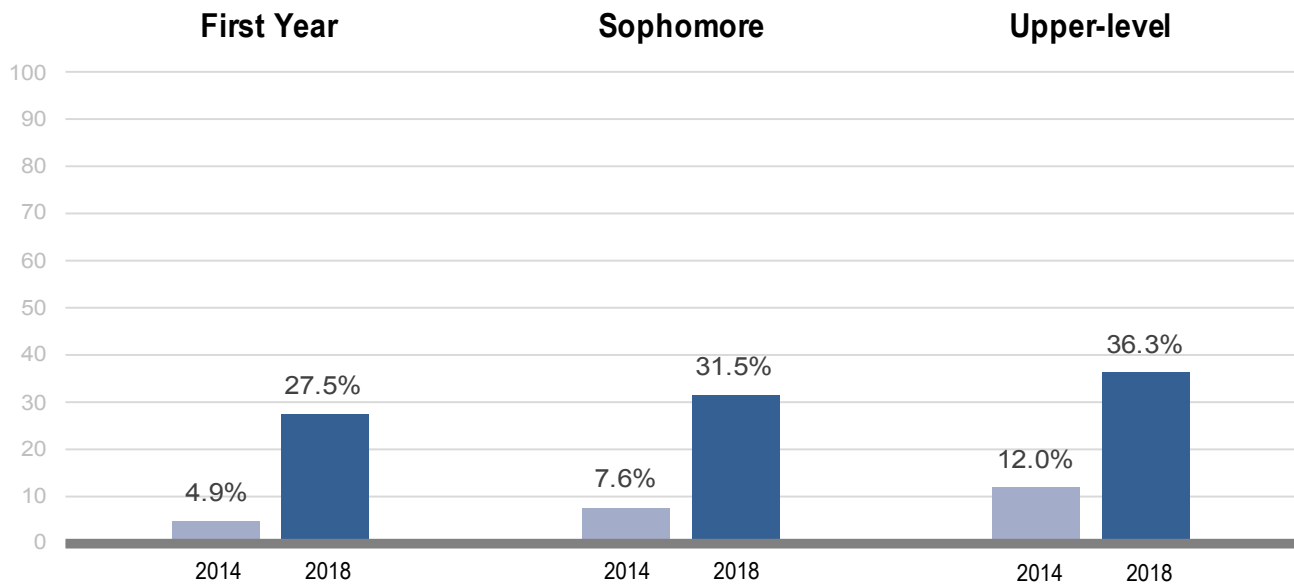


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Undergraduate	16,450	1,557	9.5%	17,846	5,988	33.6%	↑	24.1
Graduate	2,705	752	27.8%	2,426	1,218	50.2%	↑	22.4
Unknown	21			36				

\* 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\*



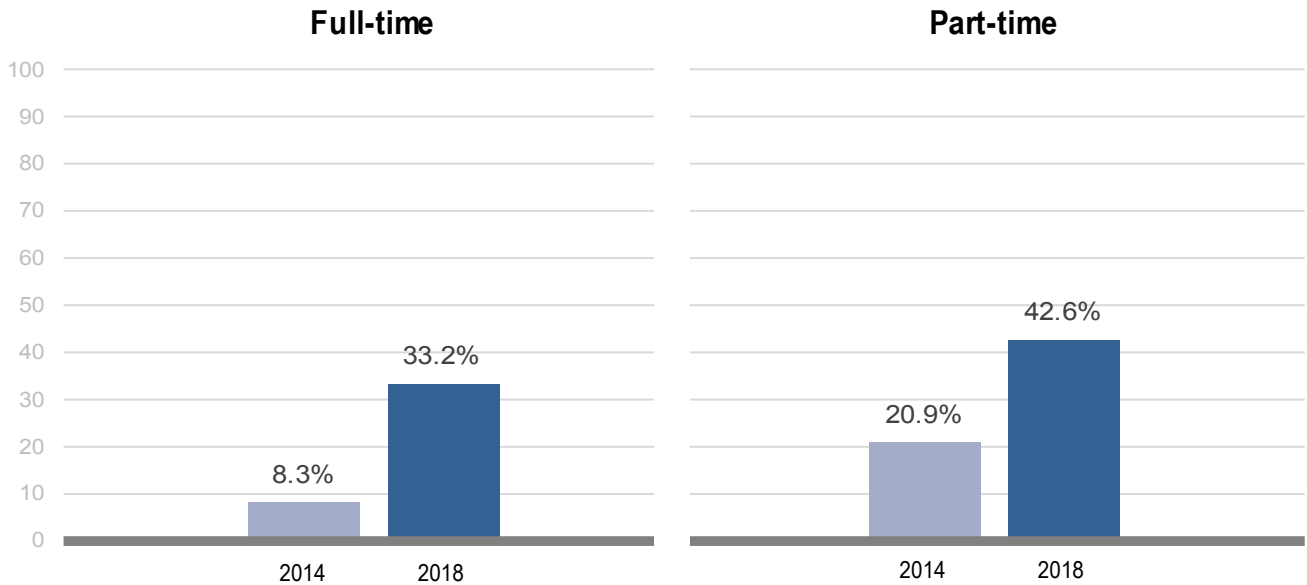
	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	3,669	178	4.9%	3,608	992	27.5%	↑	22.6
Sophomore	3,449	263	7.6%	3,623	1,141	31.5%	↑	23.9
Upper-level	9,336	1,116	12.0%	10,620	3,853	36.3%	↑	24.3

\* 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\*

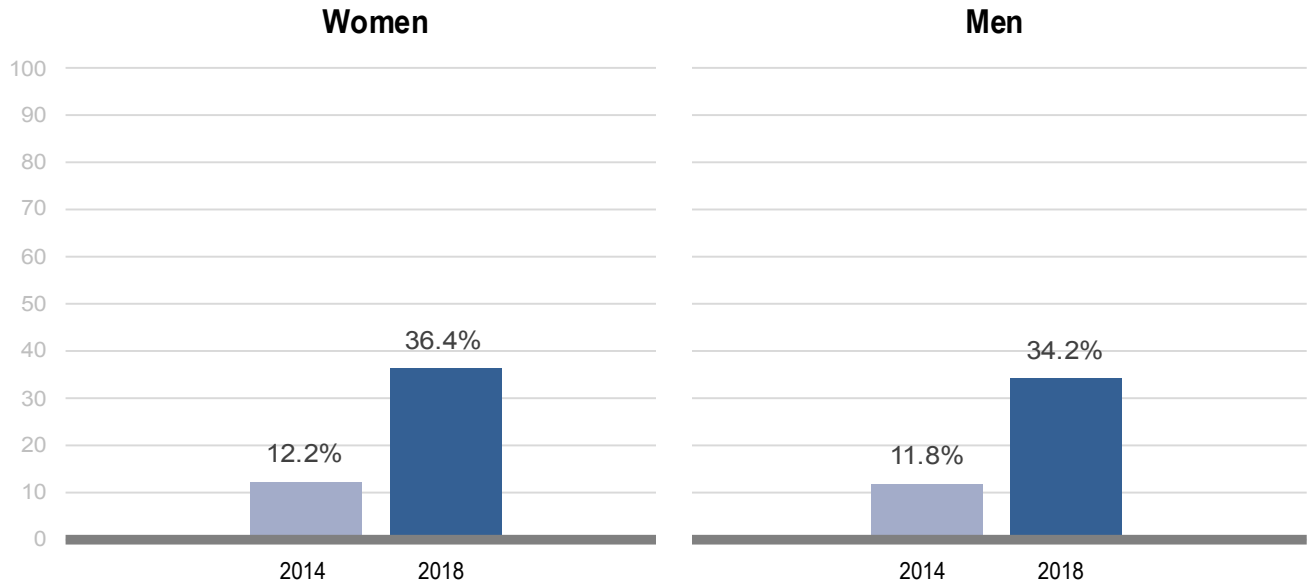


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	13,427	1,112	8.3%	15,259	5,071	33.2%	↑	25.0
Part-time	5,749	1,199	20.9%	5,049	2,153	42.6%	↑	21.8
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

\* 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\*

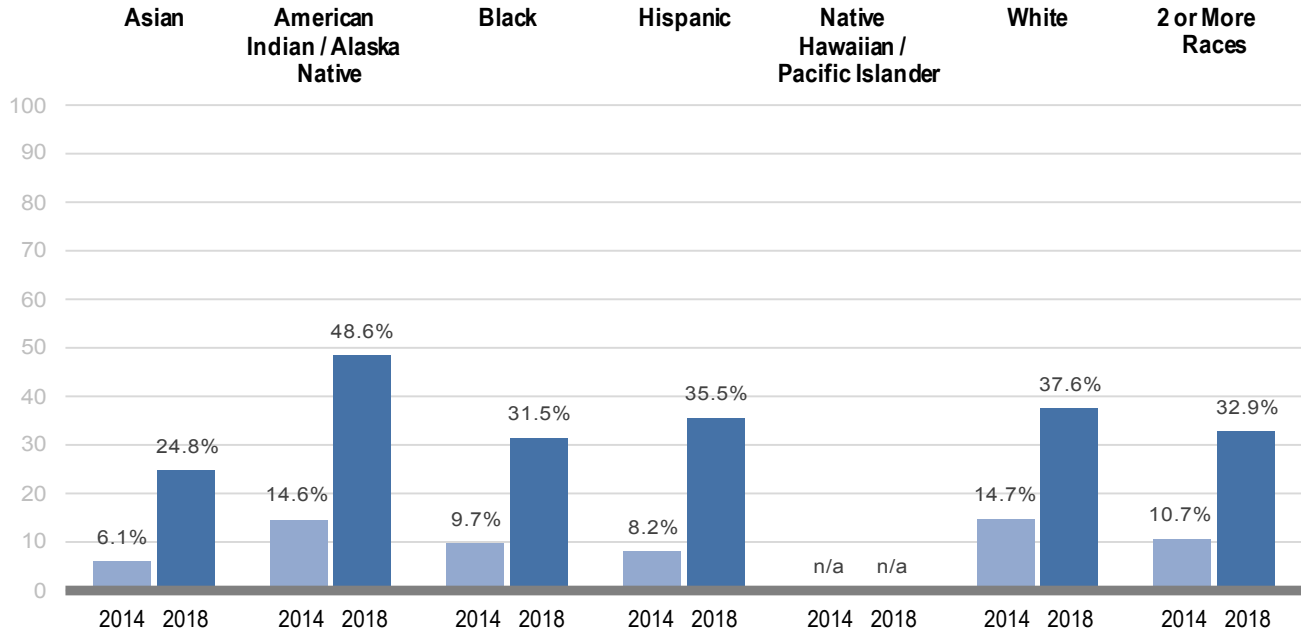


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change	
Women	11,605	1,415	12.2%	12,776	4,650	36.4%	↑	24.2
Men	7,555	894	11.8%	7,532	2,574	34.2%	↑	22.3
Unknown	16			0				

\* 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.

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# By Race/Ethnicity\*



	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Asian	327	20	6.1%	467	116	24.8%	↑	18.7
American Indian/ Alaska Native	82	12	14.6%	105	51	48.6%	↑	33.9
Black	3,434	333	9.7%	3,458	1,088	31.5%	↑	21.8
Hispanic	3,544	289	8.2%	4,898	1,740	35.5%	↑	27.4
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	32	0	n/a	23	*	n/a		n/a
White	10,488	1,537	14.7%	10,267	3,860	37.6%	↑	23.0
2 or More Races	683	73	10.7%	721	237	32.9%	↑	22.2
Unknown	586			369				

\* 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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	785	60	7.6%	1,038	336	32.4% ↑	24.7
Architecture	53	*	n/a	68	17	25.0%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	722	43	6.0%	756	228	30.2% ↑	24.2
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,651	449	12.3%	3,504	1,236	35.3% ↑	23.0
Communication and Journalism	798	72	9.0%	776	323	41.6% ↑	32.6
Communications Technologies/Technicians	169	12	7.1%	245	75	30.6% ↑	23.5
Computer and Information Sciences	359	54	15.0%	331	119	36.0% ↑	20.9
Education	1,753	327	18.7%	789	420	53.2% ↑	34.6
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	250	27	10.8%	589	170	28.9% ↑	18.1
English Language and Literature	290	51	17.6%	275	111	40.4% ↑	22.8
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	171	17	9.9%	151	51	33.8% ↑	23.8
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	68	*	n/a	39	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	1,041	63	6.1%	2,004	672	33.5% ↑	27.5
History	395	117	29.6%	479	226	47.2% ↑	17.6
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	3,238	369	11.4%	3,497	1,191	34.1% ↑	22.7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	209	25	12.0%	165	54	32.7% ↑	20.8
Library Science	188	62	33.0%	157	89	56.7% ↑	23.7
Mathematics and Statistics	166	11	6.6%	184	50	27.2% ↑	20.5
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,526	186	12.2%	1,597	569	35.6% ↑	23.4
Natural Resources and Conservation	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	0	0	n/a	754	188	24.9%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	16	*	n/a	23	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	623	42	6.7%	452	152	33.6% ↑	26.9

Psychology	1,095	113	10.3%	1,046	374	35.8% ↑	25.4
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	40	17	42.5%	46	32	69.6% ↑	27.1
Social Sciences	491	106	21.6%	419	192	45.8% ↑	24.2
Visual and Performing Arts	1,045	64	6.1%	874	308	35.2% ↑	29.1
Unknown	34	*	n/a	42	21	50.0%	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: <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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