

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Samford 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 this 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.

Warm regards,

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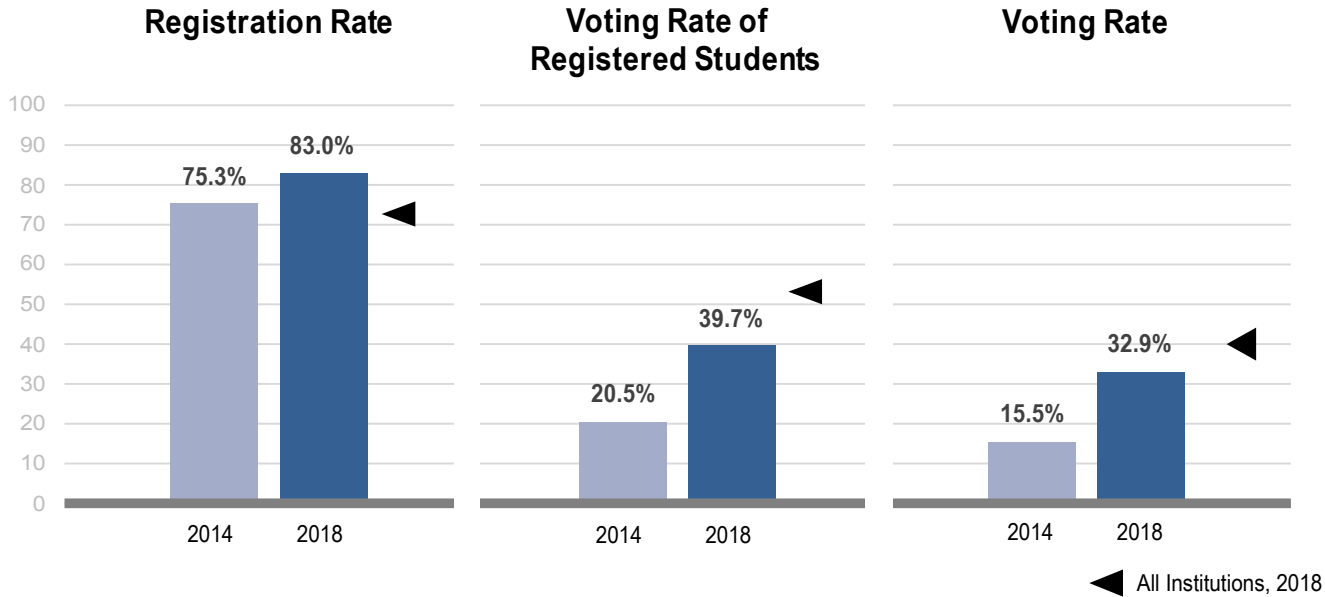
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate
32.9%

CHANGE FROM 2014
+17.5

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%



	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	4,762	5,571 ↑	809
Age under 18/Unknown	*	*	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(124)	(73)	
FERPA records blocked	(764)	(1,078)	
Total eligible voters	3,869	4,412 ↑	543
Number of students who registered	2,915	3,663 ↑	748
Number of students who voted	598	1,453 ↑	855
Registration rate	75.3%	83.0% ↑	7.7
Voting rate of registered students	20.5%	39.7% ↑	19.2
Voting rate	15.5%	32.9% ↑	17.5
Difference from all institutions	-4.2	-6.2	

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

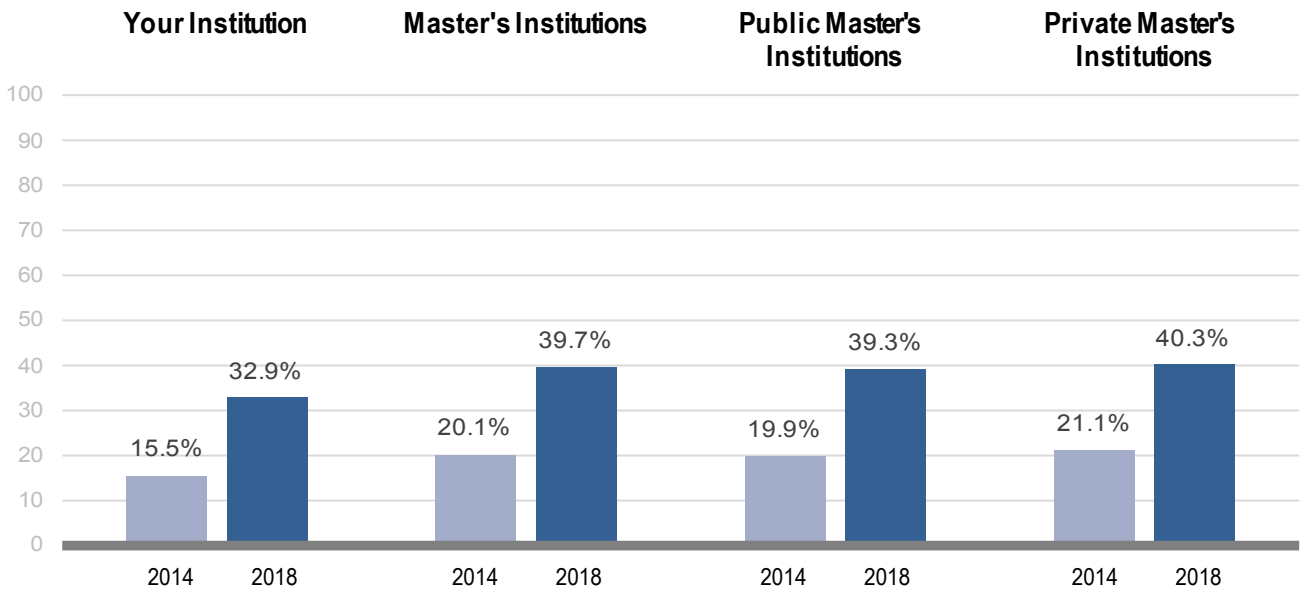
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

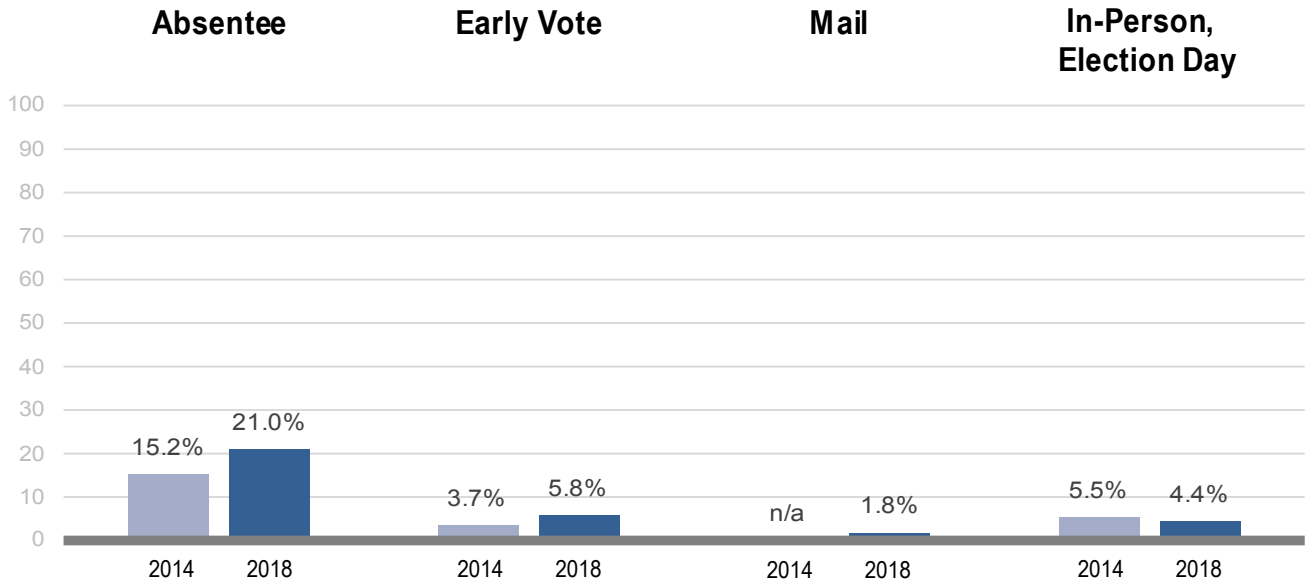
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By Voting Method*

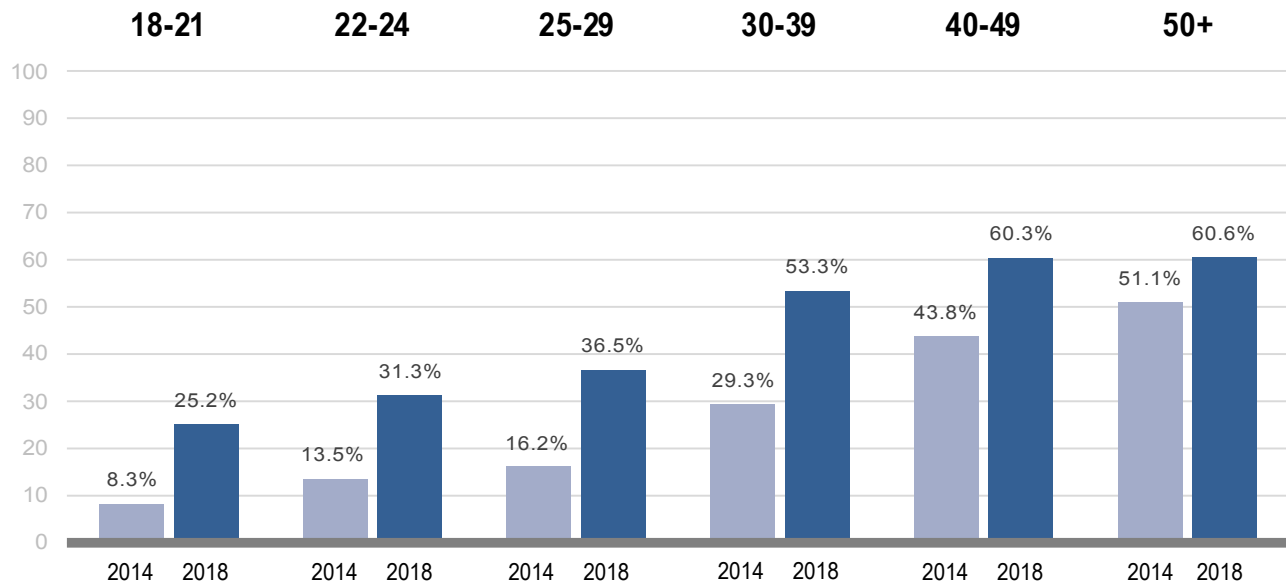


	2014		2018		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	91	15.2%	305	21.0%	↑	5.8
Early Vote	22	3.7%	84	5.8%	↑	2.1
Mail	*	n/a	26	1.8%		n/a
In-Person, Election Day	33	5.5%	64	4.4%	↓	-1.1
Unknown	446	74.6%	974	67.0%		
Total	598		1,453			

* 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*

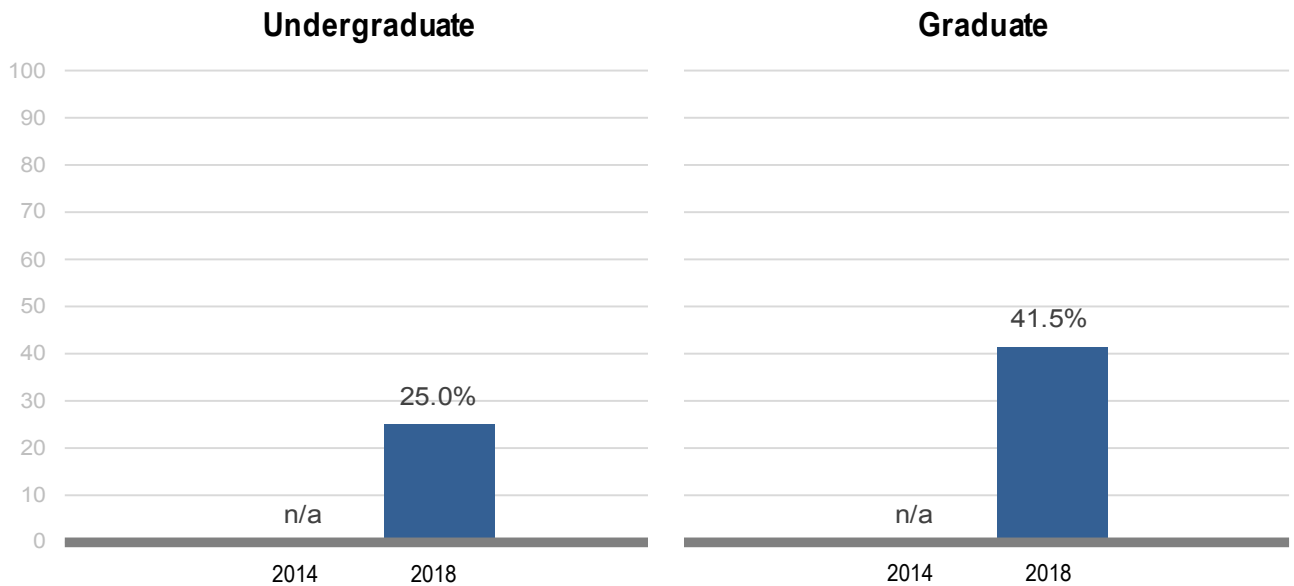


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	1,984	164	8.3%	2,361	594	25.2%	↑ 16.9
22-24	872	118	13.5%	912	285	31.3%	↑ 17.7
25-29	518	84	16.2%	562	205	36.5%	↑ 20.3
30-39	317	93	29.3%	332	177	53.3%	↑ 24.0
40-49	208	91	43.8%	209	126	60.3%	↑ 16.5
50+	94	48	51.1%	109	66	60.6%	↑ 9.5
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*

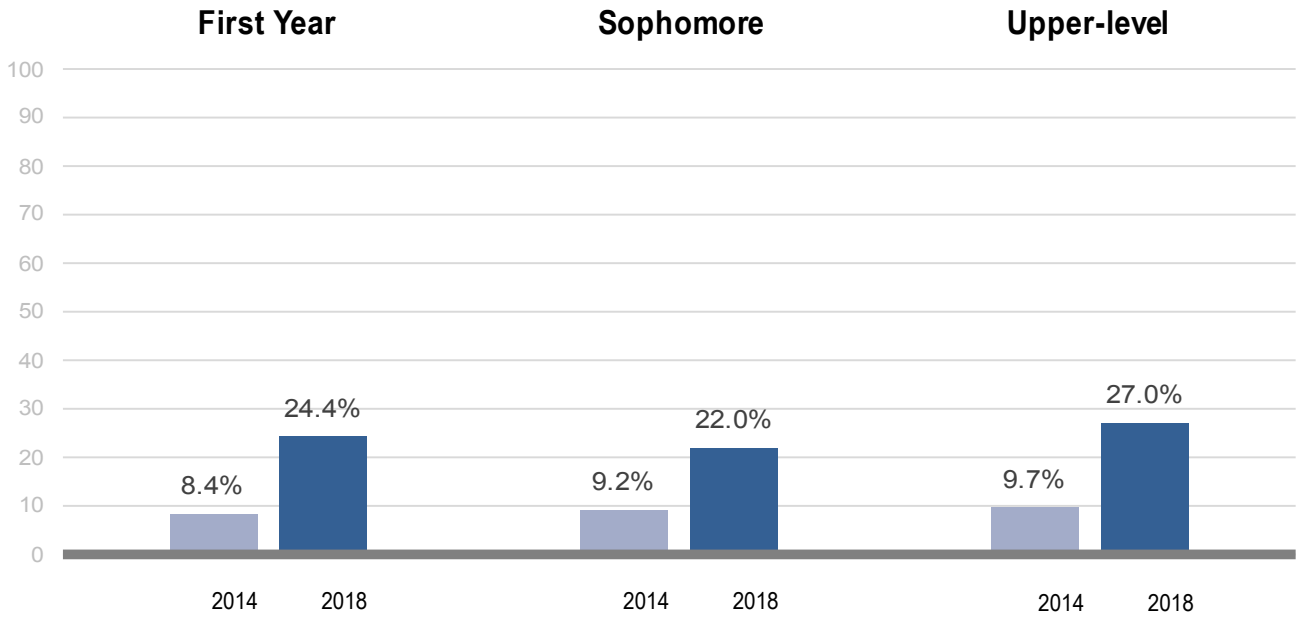


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	2,505	626	25.0%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	1,942	806	41.5%	n/a
Unknown	3,993			38			

* 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*

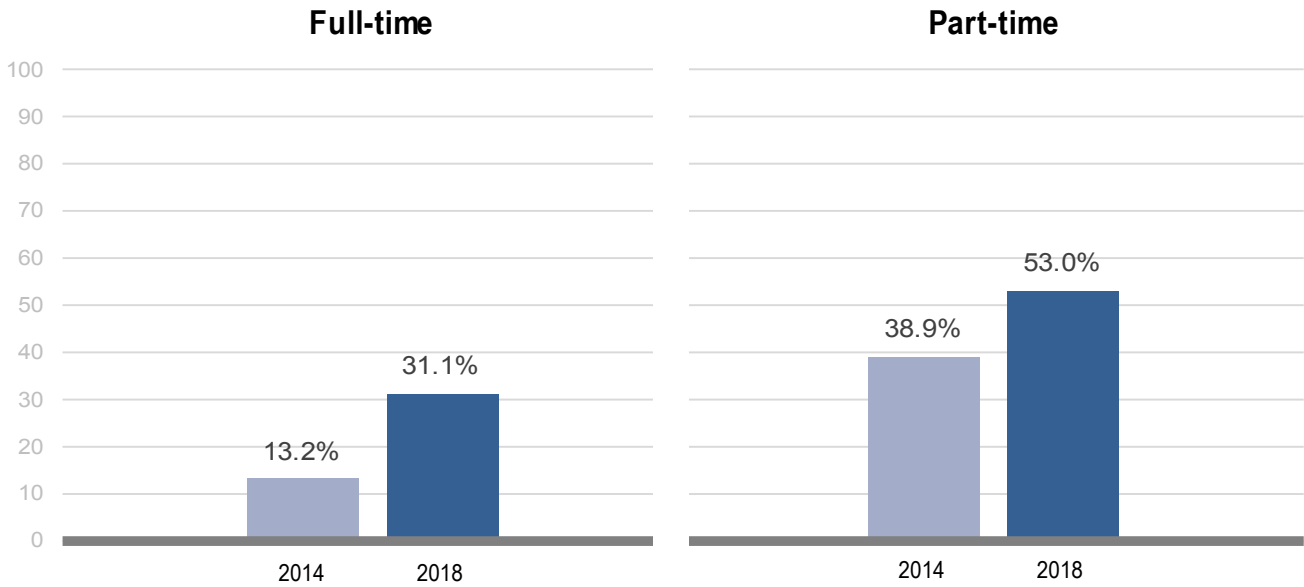


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	606	51	8.4%	974	238	24.4%	↑ 16.0
Sophomore	523	48	9.2%	564	124	22.0%	↑ 12.8
Upper-level	1,049	102	9.7%	1,191	322	27.0%	↑ 17.3

* 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*

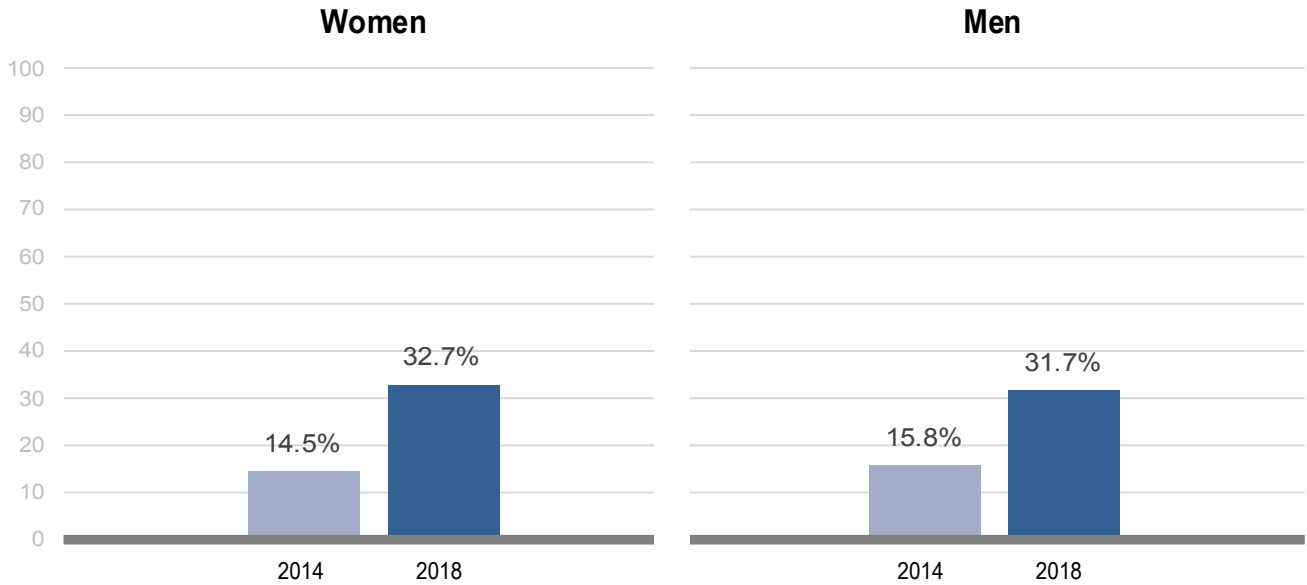


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	3,723	493	13.2%	4,221	1,313	31.1%	↑ 17.9
Part-time	270	105	38.9%	264	140	53.0%	↑ 14.1
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	2,515	365	14.5%	2,997	981	32.7%	↑ 18.2
Men	1,478	233	15.8%	1,488	472	31.7%	↑ 16.0
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 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	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	82	12	14.6%	112	30	26.8% ↑	12.2
Business, Management, and Marketing	462	58	12.6%	553	127	23.0% ↑	10.4
Communication and Journalism	175	12	6.9%	213	68	31.9% ↑	25.1
Computer and Information Sciences	36	*	n/a	26	*	n/a	n/a
Education	489	144	29.5%	432	192	44.4% ↑	15.0
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	43	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
English Language and Literature	47	*	n/a	49	21	42.9%	n/a
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	112	*	n/a	112	29	25.9%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	21	*	n/a	19	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	1,130	157	13.9%	1,682	510	30.3% ↑	16.4
History	52	10	19.2%	42	14	33.3% ↑	14.1
Legal Professions and Studies	419	91	21.7%	454	205	45.2% ↑	23.4
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	119	*	n/a	93	17	18.3%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	20	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	*	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	153	*	n/a	53	19	35.9%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	35	*	n/a	27	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	*	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Psychology	75	*	n/a	66	15	22.7%	n/a
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	22	*	n/a	43	20	46.5%	n/a
Social Sciences	65	11	16.9%	81	33	40.7% ↑	23.8

Theology and Religious Vocations	189	34	18.0%	151	66	43.7% ↑	25.7
Visual and Performing Arts	160	13	8.1%	199	47	23.6% ↑	15.5
Unknown	64	*	n/a	43	11	25.6%	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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