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NATIONAL STUDY OF LEARNING, VOTING, AND ENGAGEMENT

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Skidmore College

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 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:
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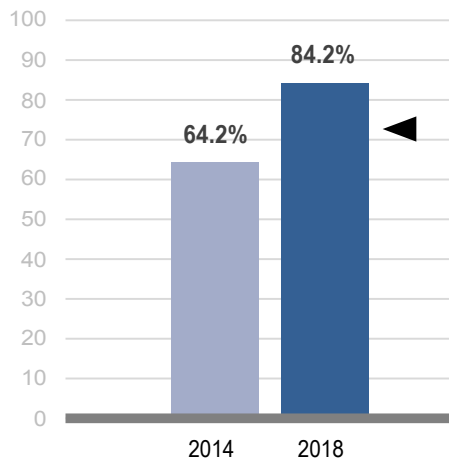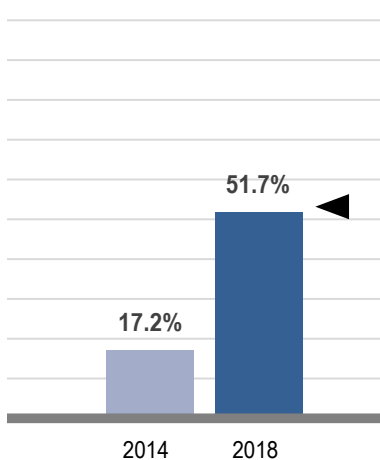**NSLVE@tufts.edu.**

Warm regards,

IDHE Team

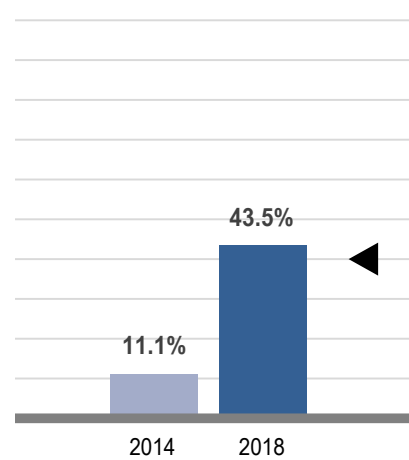**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

43.5%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+32.5

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	2,435	2,567	⬆	132
Age under 18/Unknown	(26)	(21)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(202)	(287)		
FERPA records blocked	*	*		
Total eligible voters	2,204	2,254	⬆	50
Number of students who registered	1,416	1,897	⬆	481
Number of students who voted	244	981	⬆	737
Registration rate	64.2%	84.2%	⬆	19.9
Voting rate of registered students	17.2%	51.7%	⬆	34.5
Voting rate	11.1%	43.5%	⬆	32.5
Difference from all institutions	-8.6	+4.4		

By Carnegie Classification

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

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

Difference from All Institutions   **-8.6**

Difference from All Institutions   **+4.4**
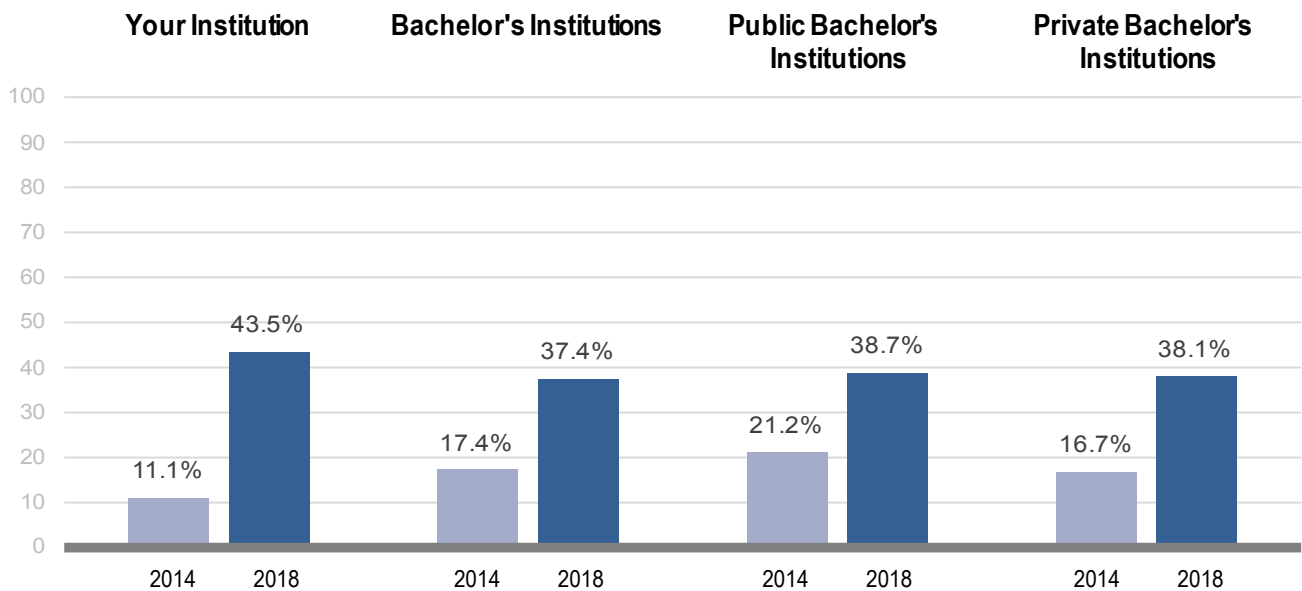
	Your Institution	Bachelor's Institutions	Public Bachelor's Institutions	Private Bachelor's Institutions
2014	11.1%	17.4%	21.2%	16.7%
2018	43.5%	37.4%	38.7%	38.1%

By Voting Method*

	Absentee	**Early Vote**	**Mail**	**In-Person, Election Day**
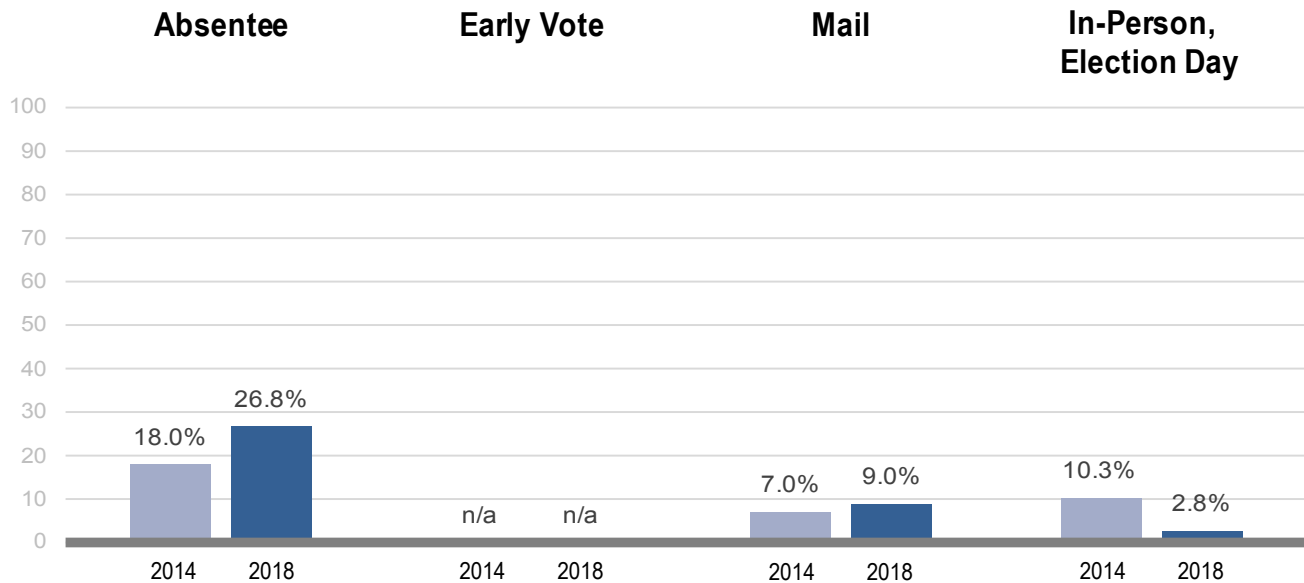
	2014		**2018**		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change
Absentee	44	**18.0%**	263	**26.8%** ⬆	**8.8**
Early Vote	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
Mail	17	**7.0%**	88	**9.0%** ⬆	**2.0**
In-Person, Election Day	25	**10.3%**	27	**2.8%** ⬇	**-7.5**
Unknown	155	**63.5%**	599	**61.1%**	
Total	**244**		**981**		

* 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.

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By Age Group*
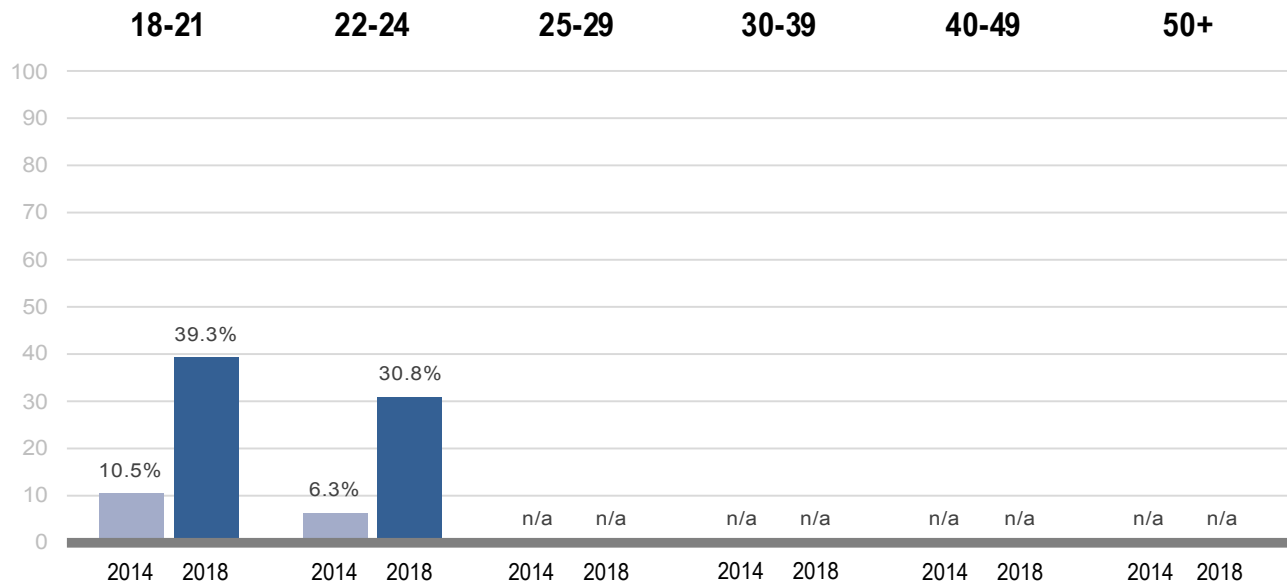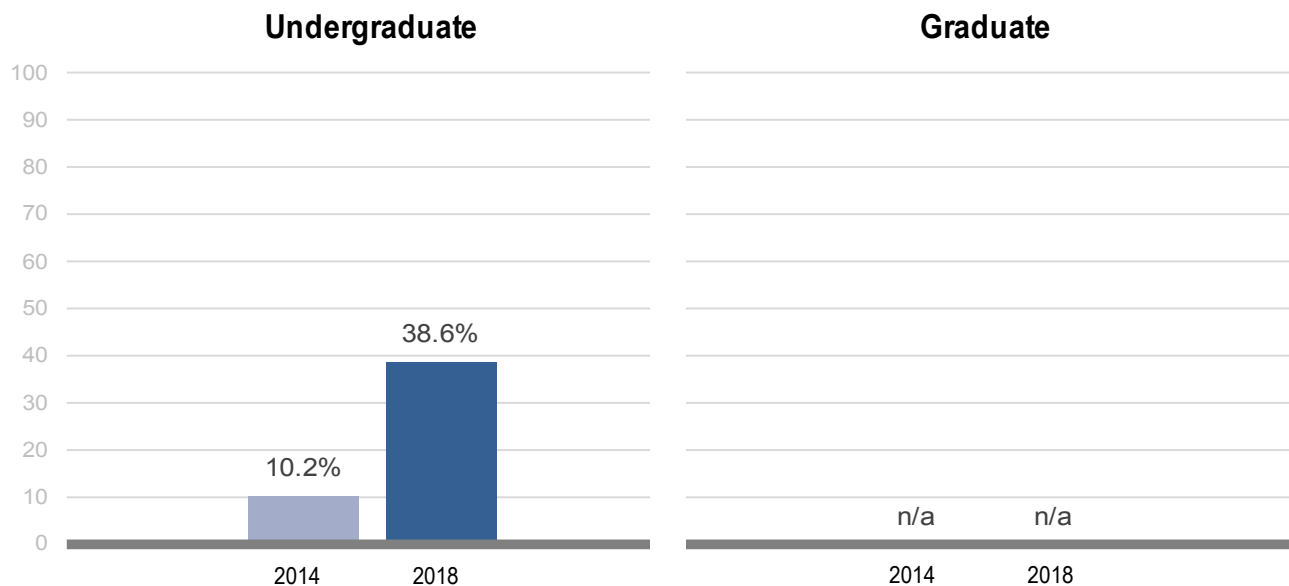

	2014				**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
18-21	2,221	232	**10.5%**		2,317	910	**39.3%**	⬆	**28.8**
22-24	175	11	**6.3%**		211	65	**30.8%**	⬆	**24.5**
25-29	*	*	**n/a**		*	0	**n/a**		**n/a**
30-39	*	0	**n/a**		*	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
40-49	*	0	**n/a**		*	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
50+	0	0	**n/a**		*	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
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	2,404	244	**10.2%**		2,538	979	**38.6%**	⬆	**28.4**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**		0	0	**n/a**		**n/a**
Unknown	*				*				

* 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*
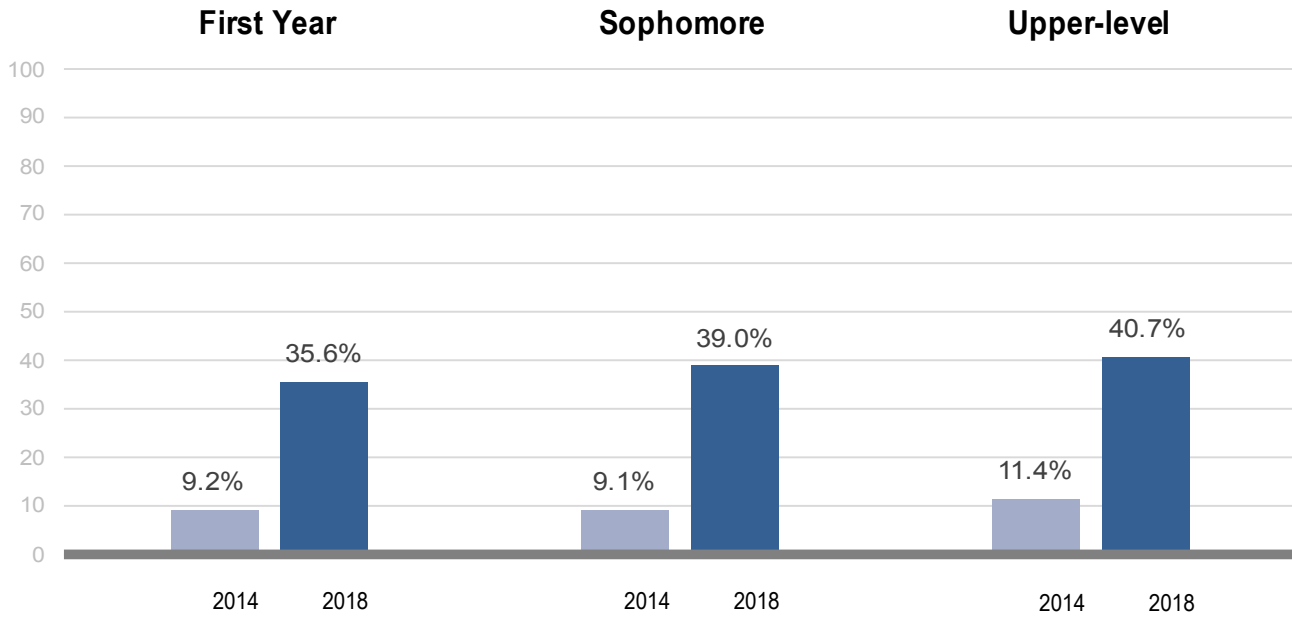
	2014			**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	752	69	**9.2%**	843	300	**35.6%**	⬆	**26.4**
Sophomore	594	54	**9.1%**	593	231	**39.0%**	⬆	**29.9**
Upper-level	1,060	121	**11.4%**	1,102	448	**40.7%**	⬆	**29.2**

* 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.

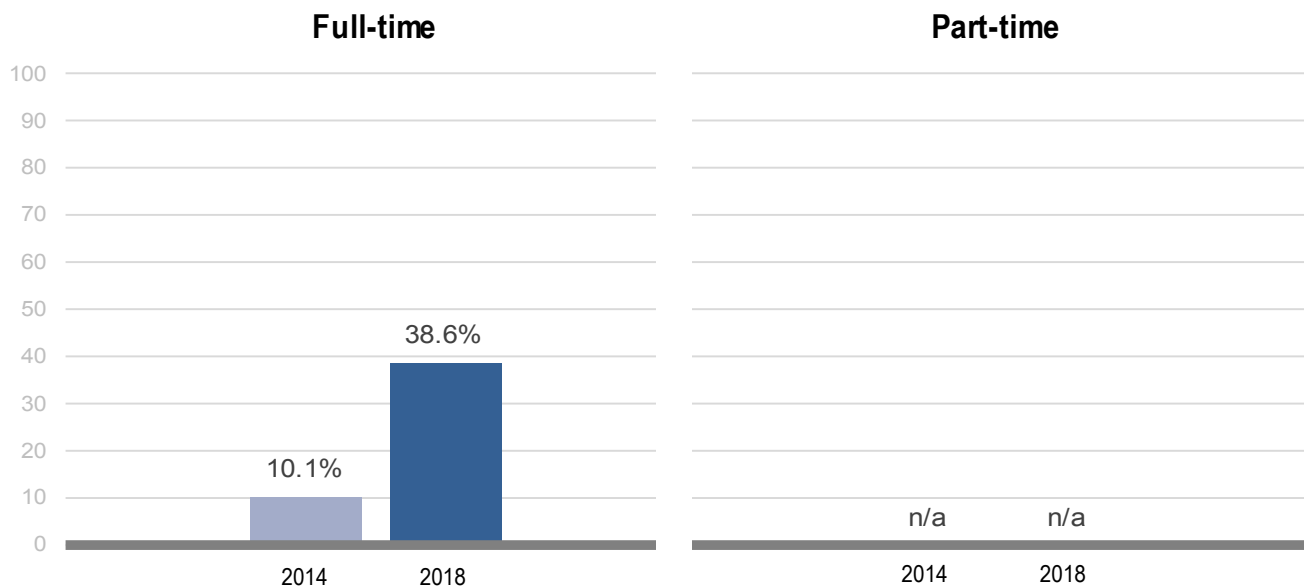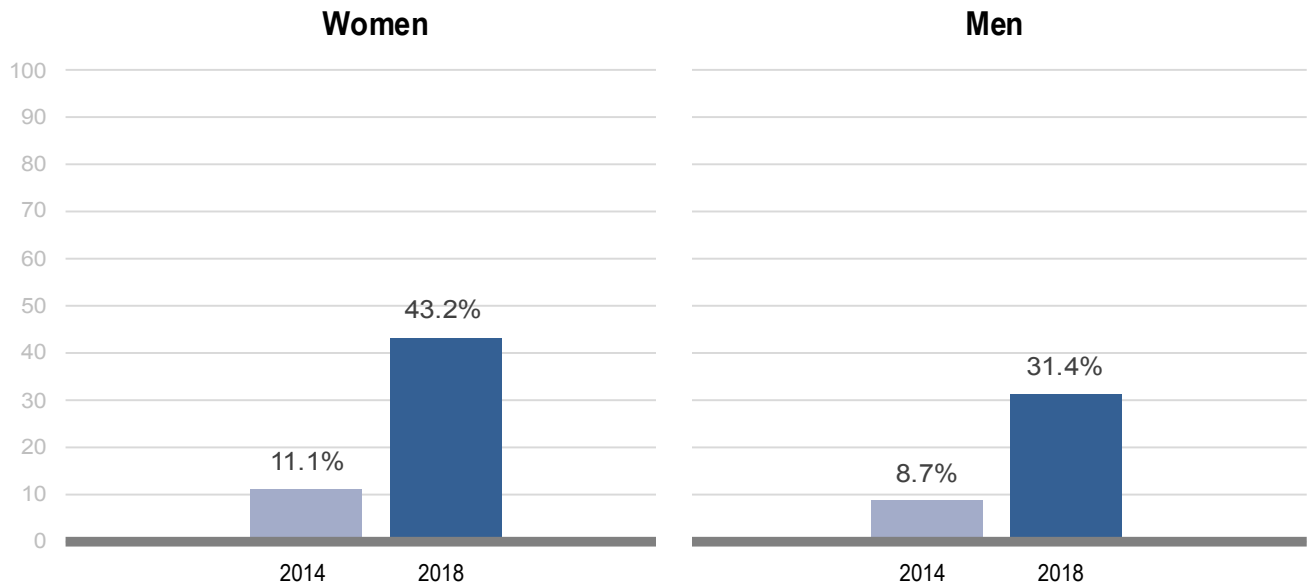**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Enrollment Status*

Full-time

Part-time

	2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Full-time	2,388	241	**10.1%**	2,522	973	**38.6%** ⬆	**28.5**
Part-time	18	*	**n/a**	16	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
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.
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By Gender*

	Women	Men
	43.2%	31.4%
	11.1%	8.7%
	2014 2018	2014 2018

	2014			**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	1,422	158	**11.1%**	1,546	668	**43.2%**	⬆	**32.1**
Men	984	86	**8.7%**	992	311	**31.4%**	⬆	**22.6**
Unknown	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.

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	26	*	n/a	27	20	**74.1%**	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	83	12	**14.5%**	140	64	**45.7%** ⬆	31.3
Business, Management, and Marketing	188	12	**6.4%**	210	52	**24.8%** ⬆	18.4
Computer and Information Sciences	27	*	n/a	32	*	n/a	n/a
Education	25	0	n/a	32	14	**43.8%**	n/a
English Language and Literature	112	16	**14.3%**	102	50	**49.0%** ⬆	34.7
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	27	*	n/a	33	16	**48.5%**	n/a
History	32	*	n/a	48	27	**56.3%**	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,071	99	**9.2%**	1,077	389	**36.1%** ⬆	26.9
Mathematics and Statistics	28	*	n/a	38	*	n/a	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	59	*	n/a	56	29	**51.8%**	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	59	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	24	*	n/a	30	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	81	*	n/a	79	35	**44.3%**	n/a
Psychology	117	10	**8.6%**	131	48	**36.6%** ⬆	28.1
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	13	*	n/a	25	13	**52.0%**	n/a
Social Sciences	251	41	**16.3%**	277	101	**36.5%** ⬆	20.1
Visual and Performing Arts	173	14	**8.1%**	195	96	**49.2%** ⬆	41.1
Unknown	10	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	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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