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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Southeast Missouri State 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.

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

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Warm regards,

IDHE Team

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

36.1%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+19.2

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate
77.0% (2014)   78.9% (2018)

Voting Rate of Registered Students
21.9% (2014)   45.7% (2018)
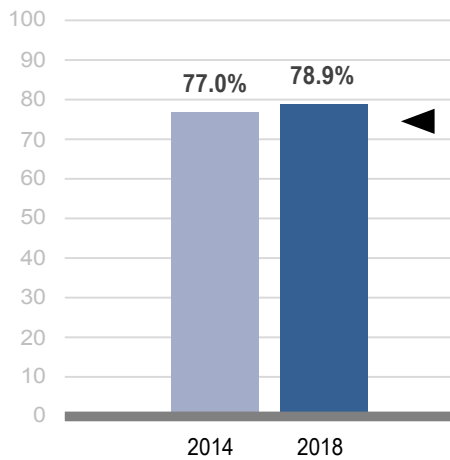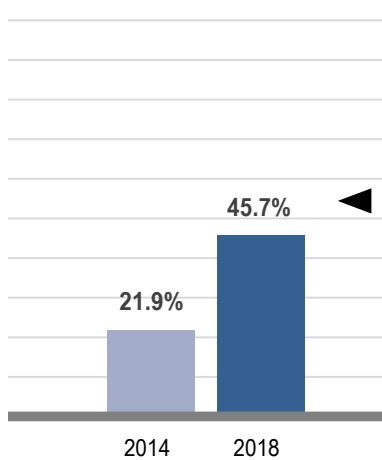
Voting Rate
16.8% (2014)   36.1% (2018)
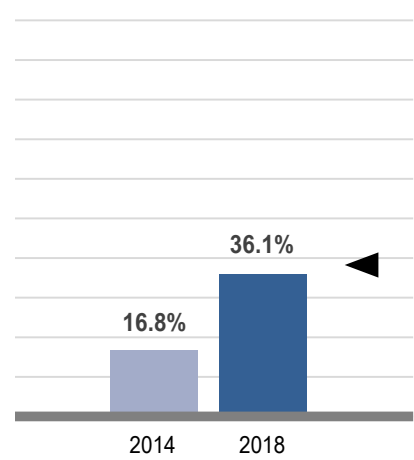
◄ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	11,835	10,823	⬇	-1,012
Age under 18/Unknown	(802)	(1,181)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(967)	(620)		
FERPA records blocked	(21)	*		
Total eligible voters	10,045	9,013	⬇	-1,032
Number of students who registered	7,733	7,110	⬇	-623
Number of students who voted	1,691	3,250	⬆	1,559
Registration rate	77.0%	78.9%	⬆	1.9
Voting rate of registered students	21.9%	45.7%	⬆	23.8
Voting rate	16.8%	36.1%	⬆	19.2
Difference from all institutions	-2.9	-3.0		

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH
54.0%

LOW
1.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-2.9**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-3.0**

	Your Institution	Master's Institutions	Public Master's Institutions	Private Master's Institutions
2014	16.8%	20.1%	19.9%	21.1%
2018	36.1%	39.7%	39.3%	40.3%

By Voting Method*

	Absentee	Early Vote	Mail	In-Person, Election Day
100				
90				
80				
70				
60				
50				
40				
30				
20				
10	n/a 0.6%	0.6% 2.9%	n/a 3.1%	0.9% 1.0%
0	2014 2018	2014 2018	2014 2018	2014 2018
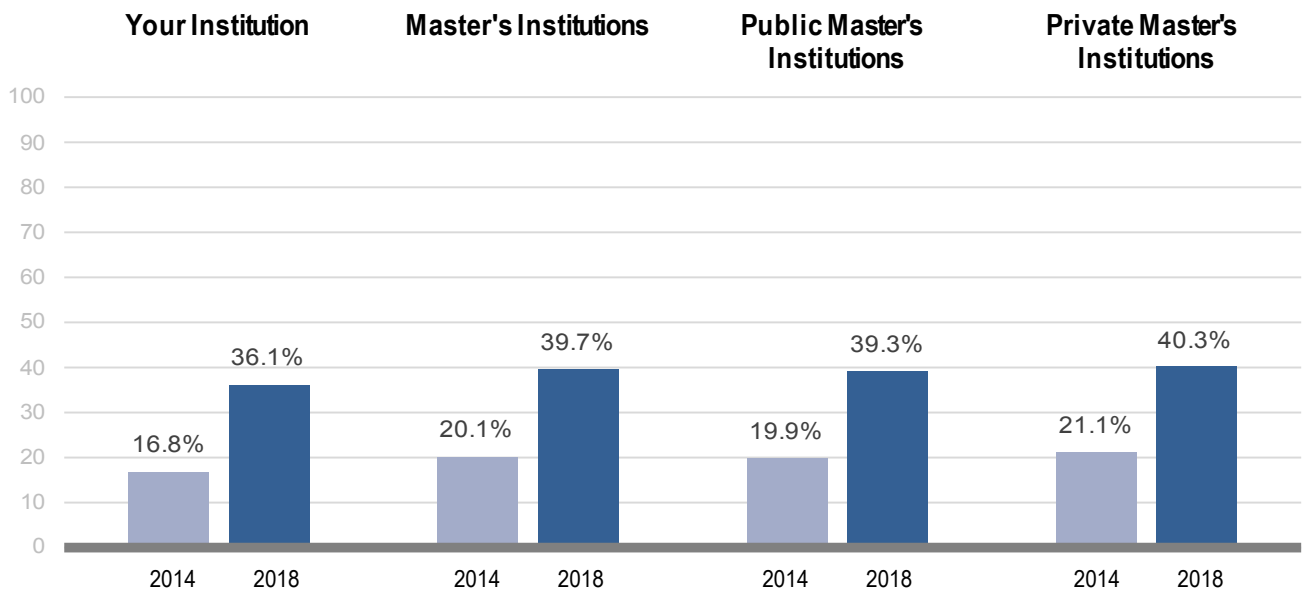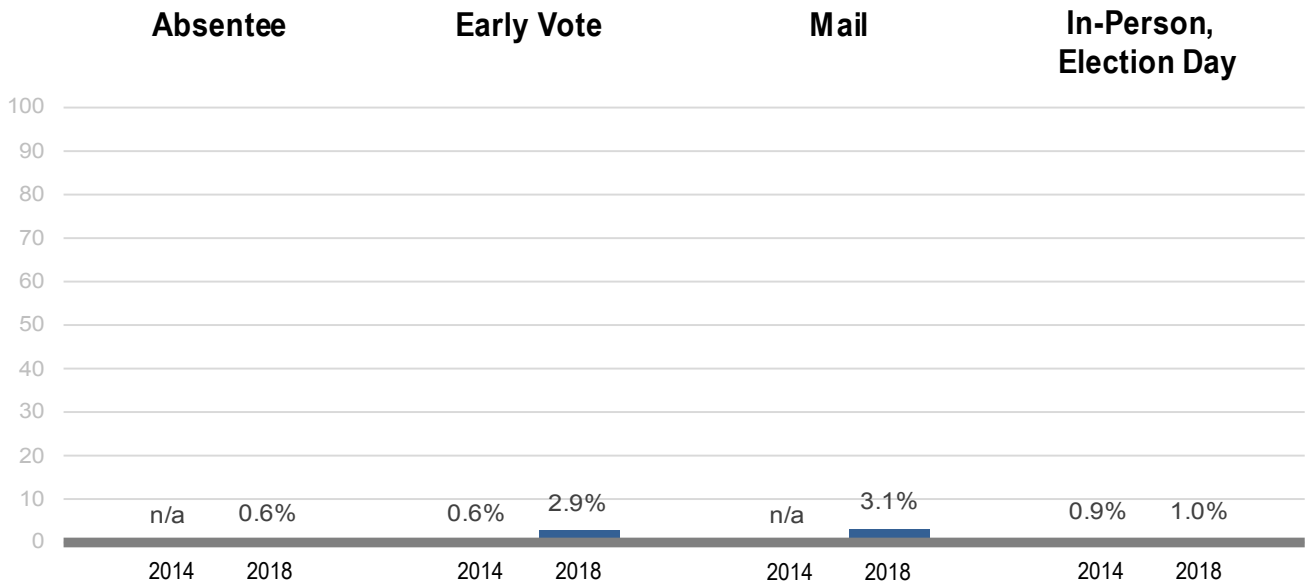
	2014		2018			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	*	n/a	20	0.6%		n/a
Early Vote	10	0.6%	94	2.9%	⬆	2.3
Mail	*	n/a	101	3.1%		n/a
In-Person, Election Day	15	0.9%	31	1.0%	⬆	0.1
Unknown	1,656	97.9%	3,004	92.4%		
Total	**1,691**		**3,250**			

* 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*
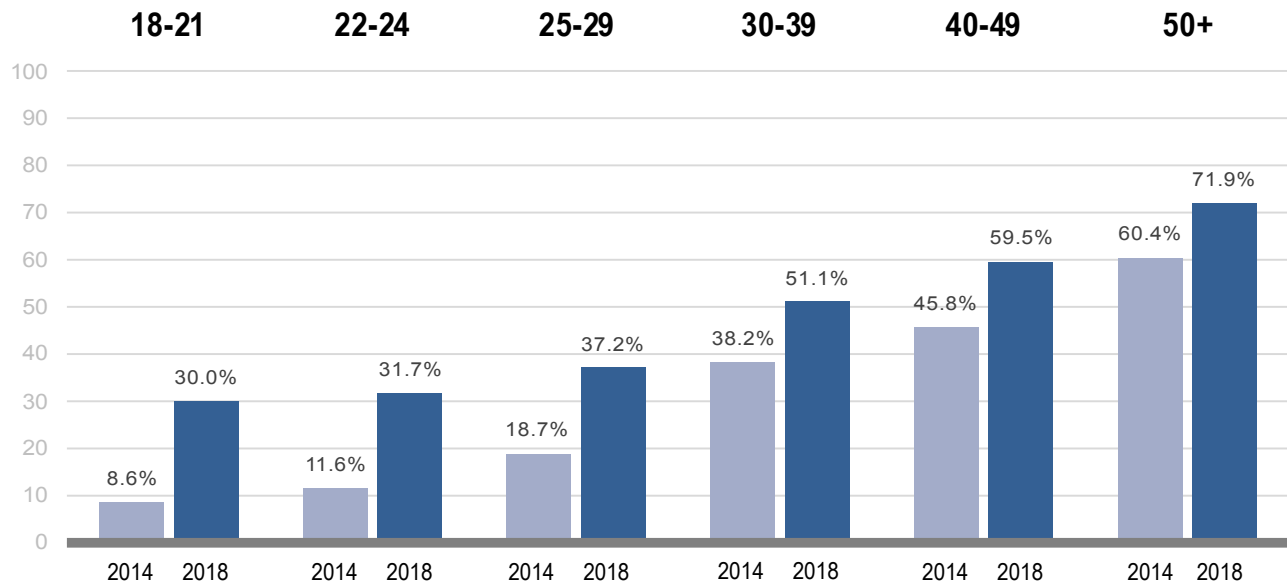
	2014				2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	5,843	505	**8.6%**		5,793	1,739	**30.0%**	⬆	**21.4**
22-24	2,408	280	**11.6%**		1,962	621	**31.7%**	⬆	**20.0**
25-29	1,174	220	**18.7%**		842	313	**37.2%**	⬆	**18.4**
30-39	938	358	**38.2%**		638	326	**51.1%**	⬆	**12.9**
40-49	437	200	**45.8%**		284	169	**59.5%**	⬆	**13.7**
50+	212	128	**60.4%**		114	82	**71.9%**	⬆	**11.6**
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.

By Education Level*

Undergraduate

Graduate

	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**	8,199	2,629	**32.1%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**	961	430	**44.8%**	**n/a**
Unknown	11,012			473			

* 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*
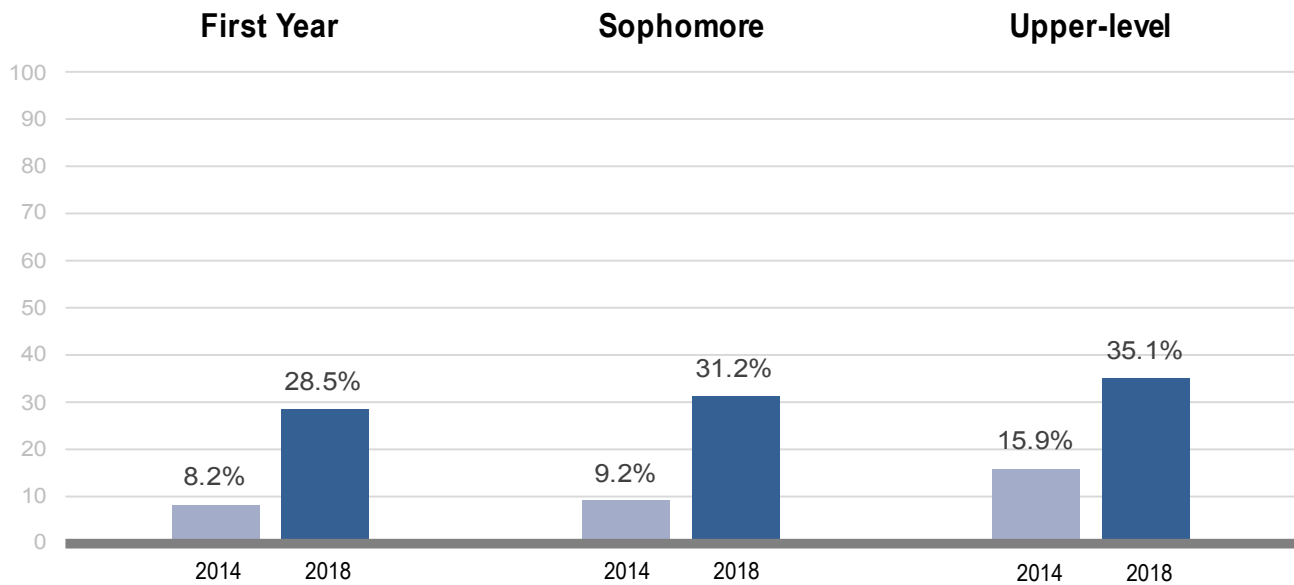
	2014				**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	2,954	241	**8.2%**		2,434	694	**28.5%**	⬆	**20.4**
Sophomore	1,912	176	**9.2%**		1,848	577	**31.2%**	⬆	**22.0**
Upper-level	4,832	766	**15.9%**		4,367	1,532	**35.1%**	⬆	**19.2**

* 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.

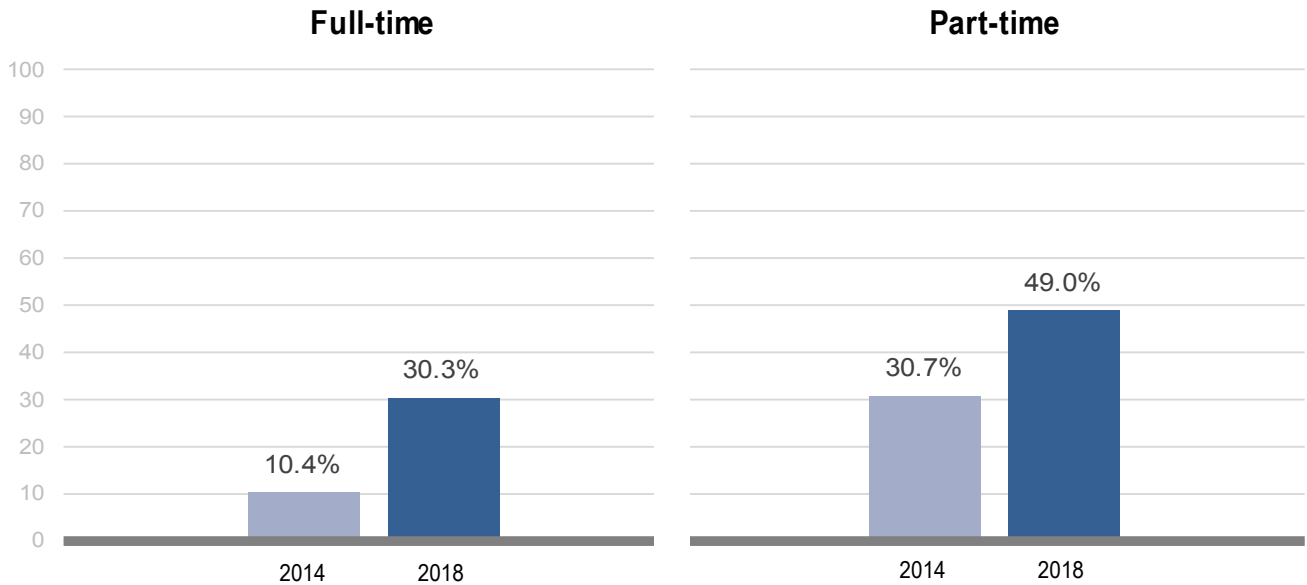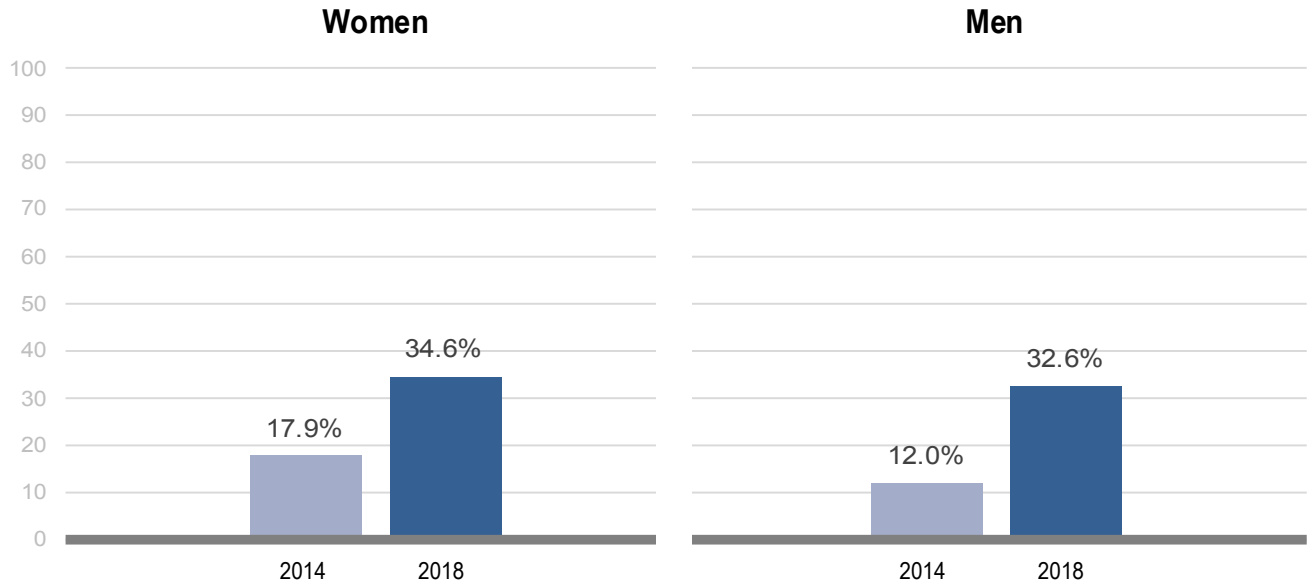**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Enrollment Status*

Full-time

Part-time

	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	8,309	862	**10.4%**	7,862	2,383	**30.3%**	⬆	**19.9**
Part-time	2,703	829	**30.7%**	1,771	867	**49.0%**	⬆	**18.3**
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**
17.9% (2014) 34.6% (2018)	12.0% (2014) 32.6% (2018)

	2014			**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	6,280	1,121	**17.9%**	5,689	1,966	**34.6%**	⬆	**16.7**
Men	4,728	569	**12.0%**	3,941	1,283	**32.6%**	⬆	**20.5**
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**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Asian	142	*	**n/a**	163	31	**19.0%**		**n/a**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	52	10	**19.2%**	25	10	**40.0%**	⬆	**20.8**
Black	981	87	**8.9%**	823	184	**22.4%**	⬆	**13.5**
Hispanic	183	14	**7.7%**	221	54	**24.4%**	⬆	**16.8**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**		**n/a**
White	8,404	1,507	**17.9%**	7,638	2,902	**38.0%**	⬆	**20.1**
2 or More Races	*	*	**n/a**	154	43	**27.9%**		**n/a**
Unknown	1,241			609				

* 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	297	52	17.5%	321	122	38.0% ⬆	20.5
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	465	33	7.1%	485	158	32.6% ⬆	25.5
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,633	168	10.3%	1,296	381	29.4% ⬆	19.1
Communication and Journalism	488	39	8.0%	575	162	28.2% ⬆	20.2
Computer and Information Sciences	319	14	4.4%	421	95	22.6% ⬆	18.2
Education	1,853	561	30.3%	1,546	643	41.6% ⬆	11.3
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	665	57	8.6%	485	125	25.8% ⬆	17.2
English Language and Literature	122	15	12.3%	107	49	45.8% ⬆	33.5
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	325	29	8.9%	256	70	27.3% ⬆	18.4
Health Professions	1,298	166	12.8%	1,080	357	33.1% ⬆	20.3
History	58	16	27.6%	66	30	45.5% ⬆	17.9
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	422	49	11.6%	305	111	36.4% ⬆	24.8
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,274	336	26.4%	963	368	38.2% ⬆	11.8
Mathematics and Statistics	40	*	n/a	39	*	n/a	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	165	27	16.4%	160	53	33.1% ⬆	16.8
Natural Resources and Conservation	78	*	n/a	54	24	44.4%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	352	18	5.1%	211	50	23.7% ⬆	18.6
Philosophy and Religious Studies	*	*	n/a	13	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	151	*	n/a	108	32	29.6%	n/a
Psychology	300	34	11.3%	423	150	35.5% ⬆	24.1
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	199	22	11.1%	185	66	35.7% ⬆	24.6
Social Sciences	122	19	15.6%	161	74	46.0% ⬆	30.4
Visual and Performing Arts	358	17	4.8%	354	113	31.9% ⬆	27.2

| Unknown | 19 | * | n/a | 19 | * | 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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