

#### **SEPTEMBER 2019**

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT** 

Student Voting Rates for St Petersburg College

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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-questio

#### **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,

**IDHE Team** 



# Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

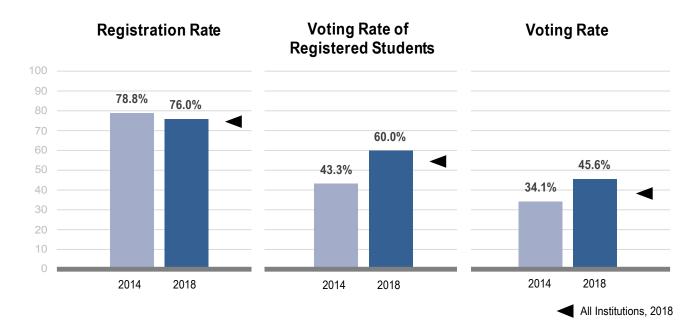
45.6%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+11.5

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%



	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	32,715	28,307 👢	-4,408
Age under 18/Unknown IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens FERPA records blocked	(2,409) (208) (978)	(2,644) (196) (527)	
Total eligible voters	29,120	24,940	-4,180
Number of students who registered	22,952	18,945 👢	-4,007
Number of students who voted	9,931	11,369 👚	1,438
Registration rate	78.8%	76.0% 👃	-2.9
Voting rate of registered students	43.3%	60.0%	16.7
Voting rate	34.1%	45.6%	11.5
Difference from all institutions	+14.4	+6.5	

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### **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%

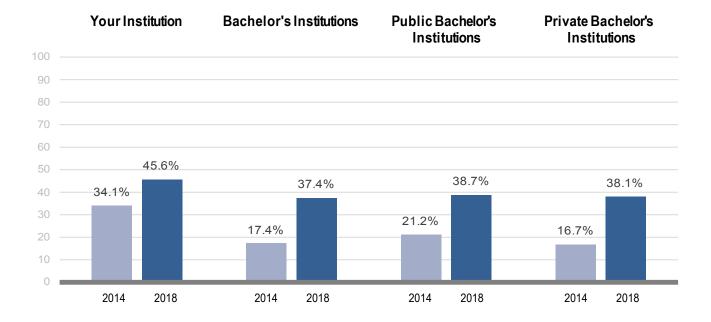
LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions

+14.4

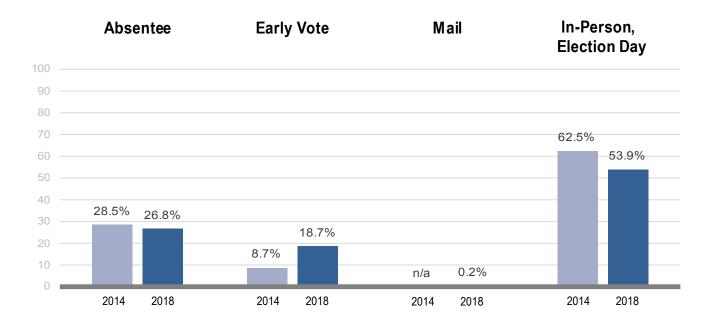
Difference from All Institutions

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# By Voting Method\*

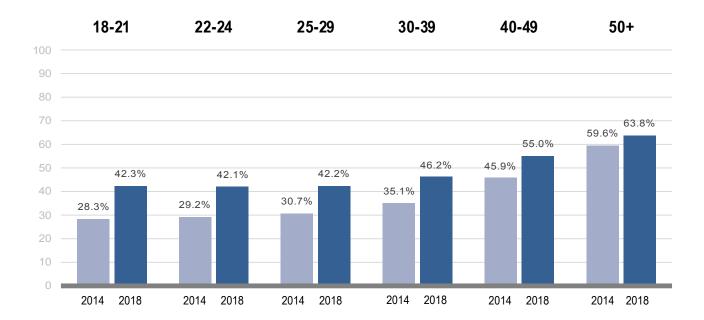


	2014		20	2018		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	2,832	28.5%	3,051	26.8%	1	-1.7
Early Vote	867	8.7%	2,122	18.7%	1	9.9
Mail	*	n/a	26	0.2%		n/a
In-Person, Election Day	6,202	62.5%	6,130	53.9%	1	-8.5
Unknown	23	0.2%	40	0.4%		
Total	9,931		11,369			

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<sup>\*</sup> 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\*

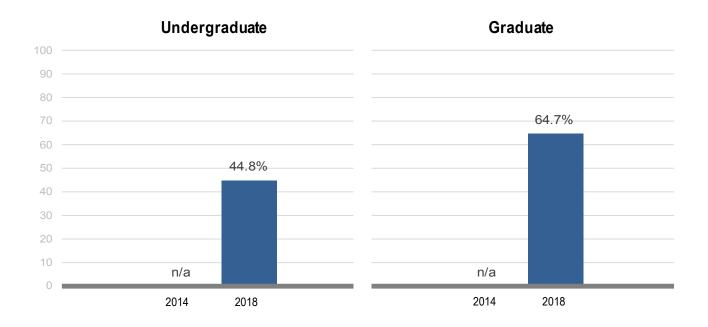


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
18-21	9,184	2,598	28.3%	8,532	3,607	42.3%	•	14.0
22-24	4,606	1,343	29.2%	3,685	1,552	42.1%	•	13.0
25-29	5,114	1,571	30.7%	4,671	1,972	42.2%	•	11.5
30-39	5,597	1,965	35.1%	4,699	2,173	46.2%	1	11.1
40-49	3,069	1,407	45.9%	2,249	1,236	55.0%	•	9.1
50+	1,758	1,047	59.6%	1,300	829	63.8%	•	4.2
Unknown	*			0				

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<sup>\*</sup> 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\*

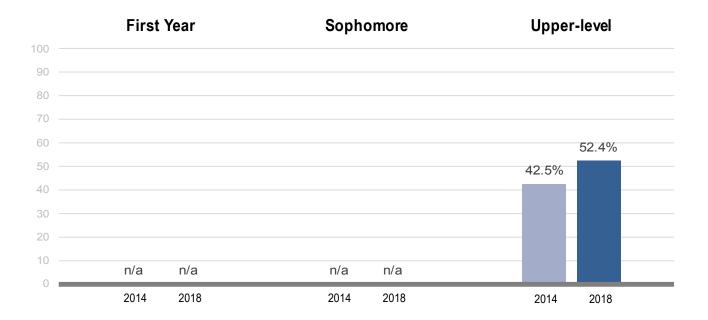


		2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	23,535	10,552	44.8%	n/a	
Graduate	0	0	n/a	85	55	64.7%	n/a	
Unknown	29,328			1,516				

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<sup>\*</sup> 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\*

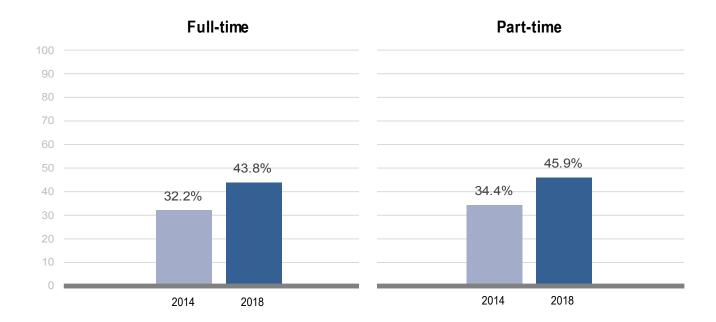


	2014				2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change		
First Year	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	_	
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	_	
Upper-level	4,226	1,794	42.5%	4,308	2,256	52.4%	<b>1</b> 9.9		

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

## By Enrollment Status\*

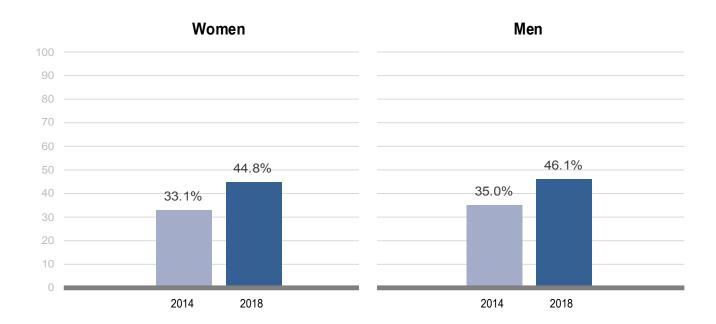


	2014				2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	6,919	2,229	32.2%	8,020	3,515	43.8%	•	11.6
Part-time	22,409	7,702	34.4%	17,116	7,854	45.9%	•	11.5
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

### By Gender\*

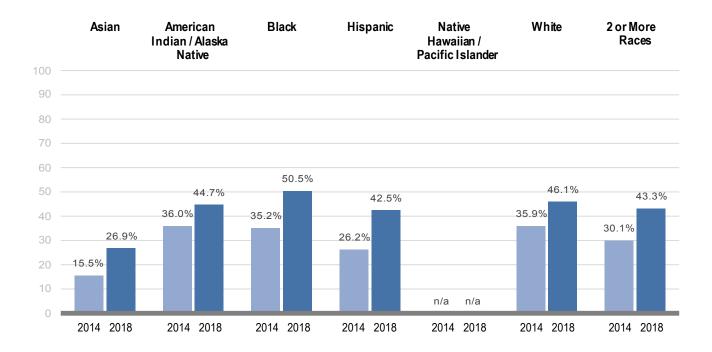


		2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	17,138	5,664	33.1%	15,102	6,765	44.8%	1	11.8
Men	11,456	4,014	35.0%	9,459	4,358	46.1%	1	11.0
Unknown	734			575				

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<sup>\*</sup> 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	949	147	15.5%	1,021	275	26.9%	1	11.4	
American Indian/ Alaska Native	111	40	36.0%	76	34	44.7%	1	8.7	
Black	4,175	1,469	35.2%	3,399	1,715	50.5%	1	15.3	
Hispanic	3,373	885	26.2%	3,936	1,671	42.5%	1	16.2	
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a	
White	19,092	6,854	35.9%	15,213	7,014	46.1%	1	10.2	
2 or More Races	658	198	30.1%	860	372	43.3%	1	13.2	
Unknown	970	,	,	631	,				

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

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### 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			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Architecture	75	20	26.7%	92	33	35.9% 👚	9.2
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	23	*	n/a	59	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	249	97	39.0%	154	80	52.0% 🎓	13.0
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,221	828	37.3%	2,334	1,096	47.0% 🁚	9.7
Communication and Journalism	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	1,776	657	37.0%	1,856	882	47.5% 🎓	10.5
Education	902	342	37.9%	776	425	54.8%	16.9
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	245	94	38.4%	249	110	44.2% 🁚	5.8
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	0	0	n/a	16	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	6,683	2,161	32.3%	5,214	2,177	41.8% 👚	9.4
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	1,117	396	35.5%	869	427	49.1% 👚	13.7
Legal Professions and Studies	426	191	44.8%	257	133	51.8% 🁚	6.9
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	12,247	3,766	30.8%	10,618	4,609	43.4% 👚	12.7
Natural Resources and Conservation	256	125	48.8%	272	153	56.3% 👚	7.4
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Personal and Culinary Services	104	61	58.7%	293	160	54.6% 🔱	-4.0
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	103	74	71.8%	389	202	51.9% 🔱	-19.9
Science Technologies/Technicians	0	0	n/a	81	40	49.4%	n/a
Transportation and Materials Moving	32	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	347	108	31.1%	184	88	47.8% 👚	16.7
Unknown	2,509	993	39.6%	1,417	738	52.1% 👚	12.5

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