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# Student Voting Rates for Temple University

2020 NSLVE Campus Report

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**Dear Colleagues:**

We are pleased to send this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for 2020. This report contains three years of relevant topline data: 2016, 2018, and 2020. As always, we disaggregate the data so you can better identify and address gaps in participation.

College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

As in past years, we urge you to share this report widely and strategically, particularly with faculty who, in 2020, were often the most consistent communicators with students about ever-changing voting conditions and deadlines. We also urge you to review our recommendations for engaging elections to cultivate a robust and healthy campus climate for political engagement, discourse, equity, and participation: Election Imperatives (2019) and the more recent Election Imperatives: A Time of Physical Distancing and Social Action. Since "pervasive political discussions" and attentiveness to the campus culture around speech and academic freedom are among our top recommendations, we direct you to our discussion guides on talking about your NSLVE report, on free speech and inclusion, and on hot topics, our Making Sense of ... guides.

Finally, we always encourage you to work with us. Help us help you get better data by reaching out. Email [IDHE@Tufts.edu](mailto:IDHE@Tufts.edu) for more information. And as always, watch your inbox for our periodic newsletter, IDHE Update, for announcements about upcoming releases and new resources.

Congratulations on engaging your students in the 2020 election. Remember, student political learning is a year-round objective. Elections may be episodic, but student political engagement should not be.

All the Best,  
IDHE Team



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# In This Report

This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut charts, and tables.



	2014			2018			2014-2018 Change (p.p.)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## Tables

The tables show, on the left-side columns, the numbers of students and the rates from 2016, 2018, and 2020. On the left-side, percentage point (p.p.) changes between 2016 and 2020. A red down arrow indicates a decrease, a green up arrow indicates an increase, and a yellow arrow pointing to the right indicates no change. "-" in these tables indicates that the data is unavailable/missing, or is available for 10 or less students.



# Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

73.0%

2020 Voting Rate

+13.6

Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

Year	Registration Rate
2016	78.6%
2018	76.6%
2020	83.6%

The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

Year	Voting Rate of Registered Students
2016	75.5%
2018	58.2%
2020	87.3%

The **Voting Rate of Registered Students** is the percent of registered students who voted on Election Day. We often refer to this as the “yield” rate.

VOTING RATE

Year	Voting Rate
2016	59.4%
2018	44.5%
2020	73.0%

The **Voting Rate** is the percentage of eligible students who voted on Election Day. The voting rate is also the product of the registration and yield rates.

# Looking Closer

## Voting and Registration Rates

	2016	2018	2020	2016-2020 Change (p.p.)
Total Student Enrollment	38,950	40,431	37,736	↓ -1,214
(Age under 18/Unknown)	–	–	–	–
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	3,257	3,154	2,206	↓ -1,051
(FERPA records blocked)	18	23	11	↓ -7
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	1,699	1,614	1,356	↓ -343
Total eligible voters	33,976	35,639	34,163	↑ 186
Number of students who registered	26,710	27,286	28,557	↑ 1,847
Number of students who voted	20,173	15,875	24,927	↑ 4,754
Registration Rate %	79	77	84	↑ 5
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	76	58	87	↑ 12
Voting Rate %	59	45	73	↑ 14

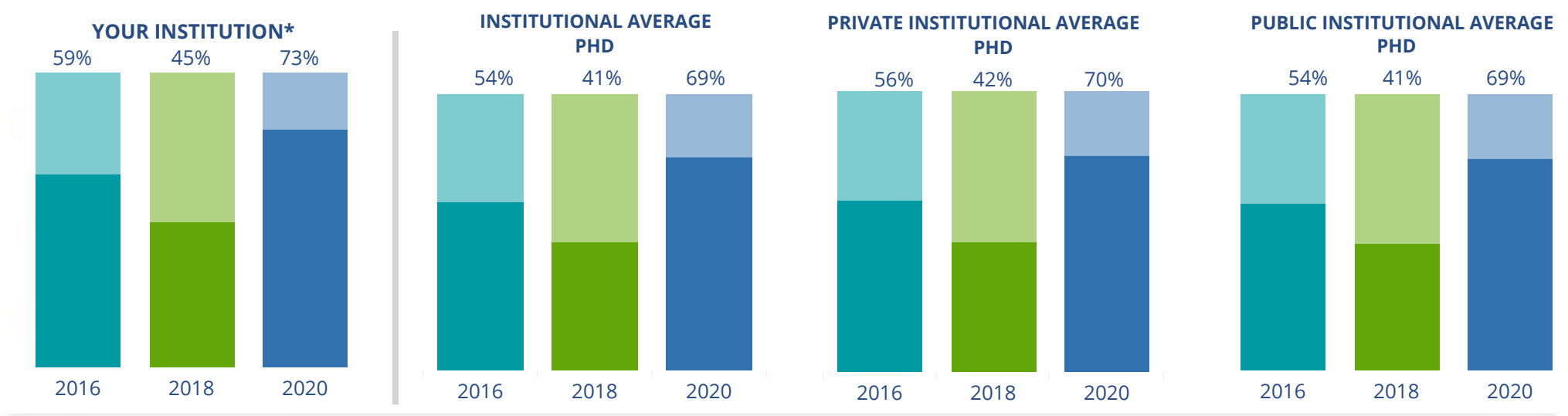
**This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates.** The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged, students who are not pursuing degrees.

We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to NSC, or we cannot verify the accuracy of the reported counts. This estimate is given by "IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens" on this page. If you believe the number of international students reported on this report is incorrect, you can manually adjust your institution's voting rates by using our recalculation tool. <https://id-he.tufts.edu/nsive/nsive-recalculation-tool>.

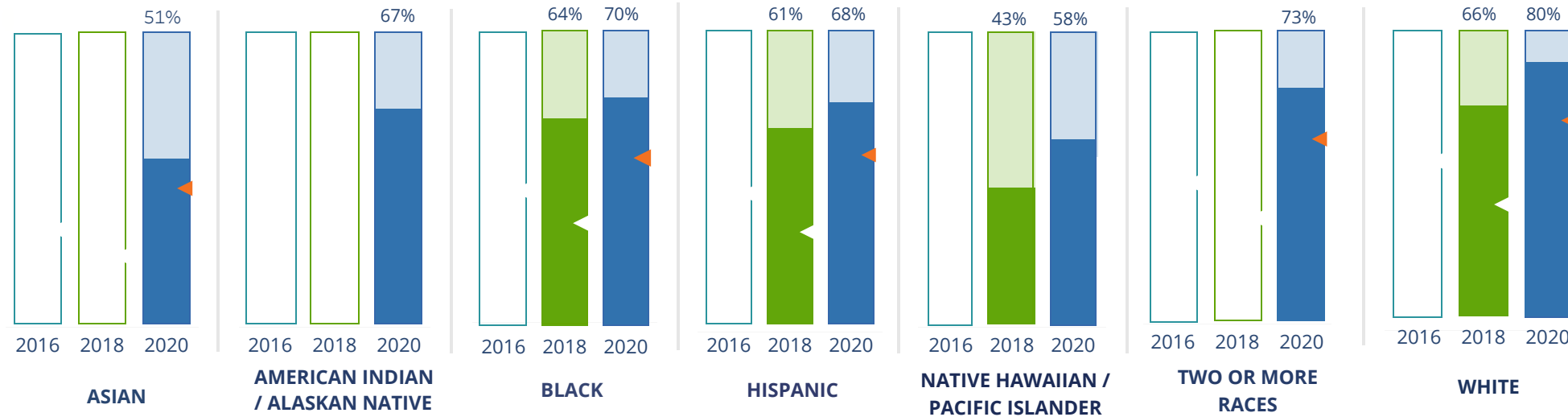
# By Institution Types



These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. \*"Your Institution" chart is presented at a different scale.



## By Race / Ethnicity



**These are estimated voting rates for race / ethnicity groups.** These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following race reporting procedures\* defined by the National Center for Education Statistics of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Please see our FAQ for more detail on why we cannot report national benchmark for some of the demographic groups:

<https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nsive-report-faq>

If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

\* <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/report-your-data/race-ethnicity-collecting-data-for-reporting-purposes>



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## By Race/Ethnicity

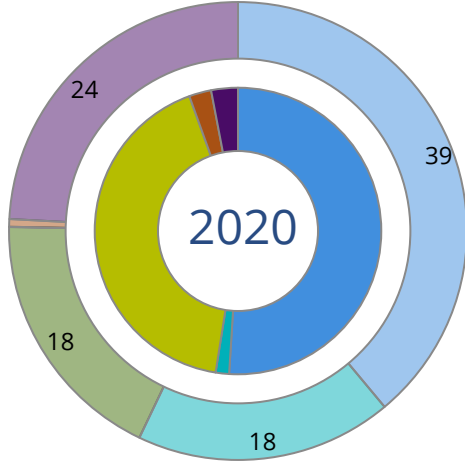
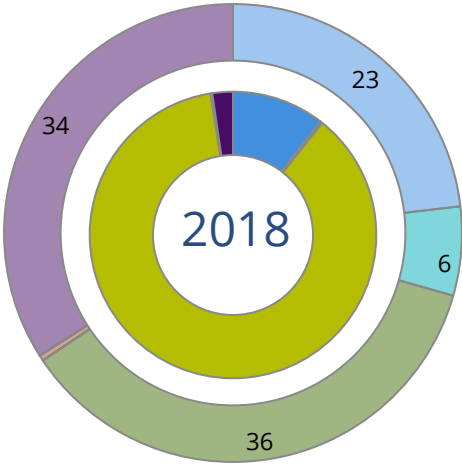
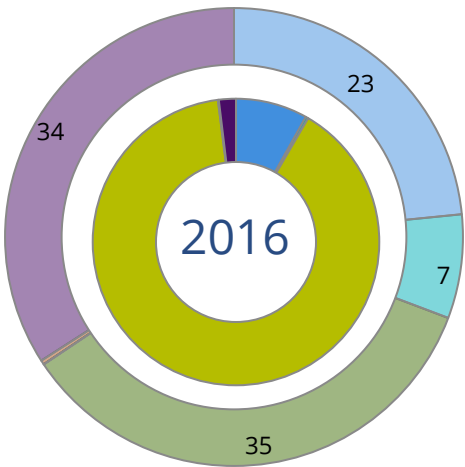
This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates. We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,353	2,729	51	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	16	67	-
Black	-	-	-	156	99	63	4,651	3,258	70	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	33	20	61	2,825	1,925	68	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	77	33	43	26	15	58	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,297	950	73	-
White	-	-	-	414	275	66	19,061	15,267	80	-
Race Unknown	37,081	20,173	54	37,979	15,448	41	3,045	767	25	↓ -29



# By Voting Method

■ Not-In-Person 
 ■ Early Vote 
 ■ In-Person 
 ■ Other 
 ■ Provisional 
 ■ Unknown



	2016		2018		2020		2016-2020	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p.)	
Early Vote	51	0	45	0	374	2	1	↑
In-Person on Election Day	18,079	90	13,787	87	10,461	42	-48	↓
Not-In-Person	1,628	8	1,652	10	12,706	51	43	↑
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provisional	30	0	34	0	614	3	2	↑
Voting Method Unknown	384	2	356	2	770	3	1	↑

**These are estimated rates for vote method utilization, the number of students utilizing each method, and the percent of students utilizing each method.** Not all U.S. states provide information on vote method; voting method for voter files from these states are classified "Voting Method Unknown." For a list of these states, see our FAQ. <https://idhe.tufts.edu/nsive/nsive-faq#CampusReports>

# By Age Group

	2016	2018	2020
18-21	54%	39%	72%
22-24	52%	40%	65%
25-29	55%	45%	64%
30-39	57%	49%	62%
40-49	61%	51%	61%
50+	75%	65%	72%

**Voting is habit-forming and young voters will usually continue as voters in subsequent elections.** Also, young voters are more likely to be contacted by campaigns and are visible, and therefore significant, to elected officials. While in the past, we have seen voting rates increase across age groups, in recent cycles, the most significant increases have been among first-time and the youngest voters. Some colleges serve primarily young students, traditionally viewed as students in the 18-21 or 22-24 categories here. Others have much higher numbers of enrolled older undergraduate or graduate students.

# Looking Closer

## By Age Group

Here, we provide the numbers of students in each age category and the voting rates for each group. These are based on the student's age on the day of the election, as calculated by the National Student Clearinghouse using data from student enrollment records.

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
18-21	19,607	10,635	54	20,964	8,133	39	19,938	14,420	72	↑	18
22-24	8,620	4,472	52	8,416	3,337	40	7,921	5,164	65	↑	13
25-29	4,874	2,703	55	4,881	2,174	45	4,625	2,956	64	↑	8
30-39	2,785	1,579	57	3,108	1,517	49	2,622	1,628	62	↑	5
40-49	778	472	61	876	443	51	800	487	61	↑	0
50+	417	312	75	414	271	65	376	272	72	↓	-2

# Looking Closer

## By Sex

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Female	–	–	–	502	302	60	282	228	81	–
Male	–	–	–	459	263	57	227	170	75	–

**These are estimated voting rates for sex groups and the numbers we used to calculate their voting rates.** These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following the reporting procedures defined by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Presently, NCES requires institutions to report students as “Male” or “Female” only.\*

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\*<https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/public/survey-materials/faq?faqid=11>

# Looking Closer

## By Education Level / Undergraduate Class Year

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p)	
EDUCATION LEVEL											
Undergraduate	29,088	15,620	54	29,766	11,767	40	27,767	19,377	70	↑	16
Graduate	7,988	4,550	57	8,859	4,093	46	8,509	5,547	65	↑	8
Class Unknown	-	-	-	34	15	44	-	-	-	-	-
CLASS YEAR											
First Year	6,507	51	3,321	6,430	34	2,208	5,944	68	4,018	↑	17
Second Year	6,831	52	3,539	6,729	37	2,518	6,125	69	4,241	↑	17
Upper Level	15,764	56	8,770	16,624	42	7,029	15,756	71	11,158	↑	15
ENROLLMENT STATUS											
Full-time	32,768	17,488	53	34,247	13,628	40	32,207	22,182	69	↑	16
Part-time	4,313	2,685	62	4,412	2,247	51	4,075	2,745	67	↑	5

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (undergraduate/graduate), Class Year, and Enrollment Status (full-time/part-time), and the numbers we used to calculate these rates.

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## By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 RateChange (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Architecture	430	225	52	431	178	41	496	360	73	↑ 20
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	168	74	44	177	72	41	147	73	50	↑ 6
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,444	1,293	53	2,586	892	34	2,409	1,711	71	↑ 18
Business, Management, and Marketing	7,828	3,707	47	8,381	2,796	33	7,319	4,676	64	↑ 17
Communication and Journalism	2,973	1,854	62	2,874	1,401	49	2,800	2,054	73	↑ 11
Computer and Information Sciences	1,559	717	46	1,718	570	33	1,679	985	59	↑ 13
Education	1,847	1,166	63	1,944	1,028	53	1,622	1,199	74	↑ 11

**These are estimated voting rates by field of study, and the numbers we used to calculate the field of study rates.** For an explanation of CIP codes, please see our FAQ.\* There are roughly 8,000 fields of study among U.S. colleges and universities, so we provide rates for condensed categories.

\*<https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq>

## By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,029	905	45	2,054	669	33	1,725	1,069	62	↑ 17
English Language and Literature	416	286	69	405	224	55	334	270	81	↑ 12
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	102	72	71	125	60	48	95	77	81	↑ 10
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	252	123	49	231	85	37	181	104	57	↑ 9
Health Professions	4,115	2,320	56	4,802	1,892	39	5,363	3,887	72	↑ 16
History	256	187	73	248	154	62	204	177	87	↑ 14
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protec..	701	420	60	727	326	45	774	577	75	↑ 15
Legal Professions and Studies	1,051	685	65	1,037	609	59	1,060	756	71	↑ 6
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,371	700	51	1,419	558	39	1,090	694	64	↑ 13
Mathematics and Statistics	224	98	44	328	104	32	339	203	60	↑ 16
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	184	116	63	313	172	55	328	238	73	↑ 10
Natural Resources and Conservation	179	132	74	205	127	62	224	193	86	↑ 12
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Stu..	1,833	903	49	1,415	457	32	1,082	724	67	↑ 18
Philosophy and Religious Studies	167	107	64	127	59	46	124	69	56	↓ -8



## By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Physical Sciences	629	284	45	569	194	34	448	247	55	↑ 10
Psychology	1,580	994	63	1,599	783	49	1,795	1,298	72	↑ 9
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	721	543	75	633	410	65	679	550	81	↑ 6
Social Sciences	1,381	752	54	1,586	753	47	1,466	950	65	↑ 10
Visual and Performing Arts	2,496	1,419	57	2,585	1,234	48	2,396	1,708	71	↑ 14
Unknown	86	49	57	94	42	45	67	54	81	↑ 24

# About This Report

## Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement.

Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, nearly 1,200 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020 federal elections.

Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 50 million college student records, about 10 million for each election year, that serve as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

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. The mission of IDHE is to shift college and university priorities and culture to advance political learning, agency, and equity. We achieve our mission through research, resource development, technical assistance, 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 actually voted in the 2016, 2018, and 2020 elections.

These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) and publicly available voting files collected by L2 Political.

Enrollment lists are adjusted by deducting students under age 18 (at the time of the election), people identified as non-degree seeking and those identified by campuses as "nonresident aliens" (NRAs) (the federal government's category for mostly international students). Unfortunately, not all campuses report NRAs to NSC. For those campuses, we use IPEDS to calculate the number of NRA students on each campus and adjust NSC enrollment numbers to estimate the number of students to remove. We also quality check NRA removals by verifying that there is little to no discrepancy between the number of international students reported by the campus to IPEDS and to NSC. We cannot adjust subgroup analyses absent identification of NRAs verified by the process above. We welcome closer partnerships with individual colleges and universities to provide more accurate rates. For more on the data and the matching process, see our FAQ on Campus Reports.

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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. (2021). 2016, 2018, and 2020 report for \_\_\_\_\_ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.



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