

## **2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

# Student Voting Rates for Tennessee State 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 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:

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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at [NSLVE@tufts.edu](mailto:NSLVE@tufts.edu).

Warm regards,

IDHE Team



## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

## 32.4%

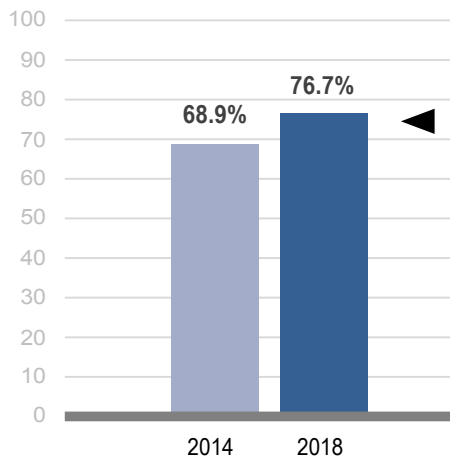
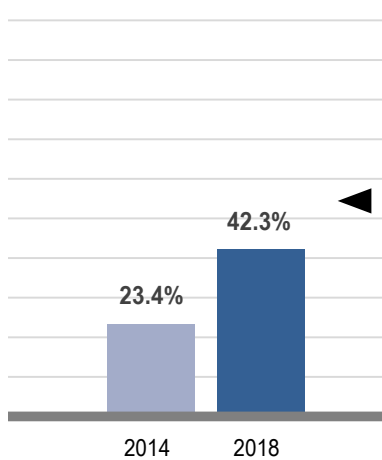
CHANGE  
FROM 2014

## +16.3

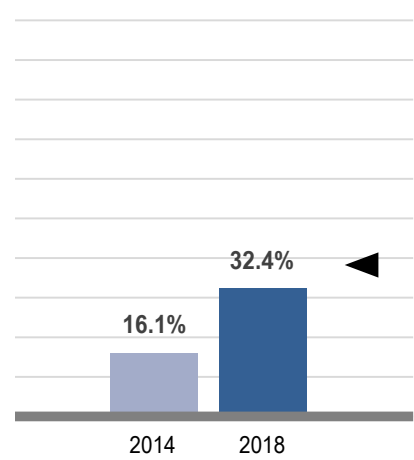
2018 VOTING RATE  
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

## 39.1%

Registration Rate


Voting Rate of  
Registered Students


Voting Rate



All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	8,821	7,296	↓ -1,525
Age under 18/Unknown	(30)	(27)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(855)	(697)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	7,935	6,569	↓ -1,366
Number of students who registered	5,467	5,036	↓ -431
Number of students who voted	1,280	2,131	↑ 851
Registration rate	68.9%	76.7%	↑ 7.8
Voting rate of registered students	23.4%	42.3%	↑ 18.9
Voting rate	16.1%	32.4%	↑ 16.3
Difference from all institutions	-3.6	-6.7	

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

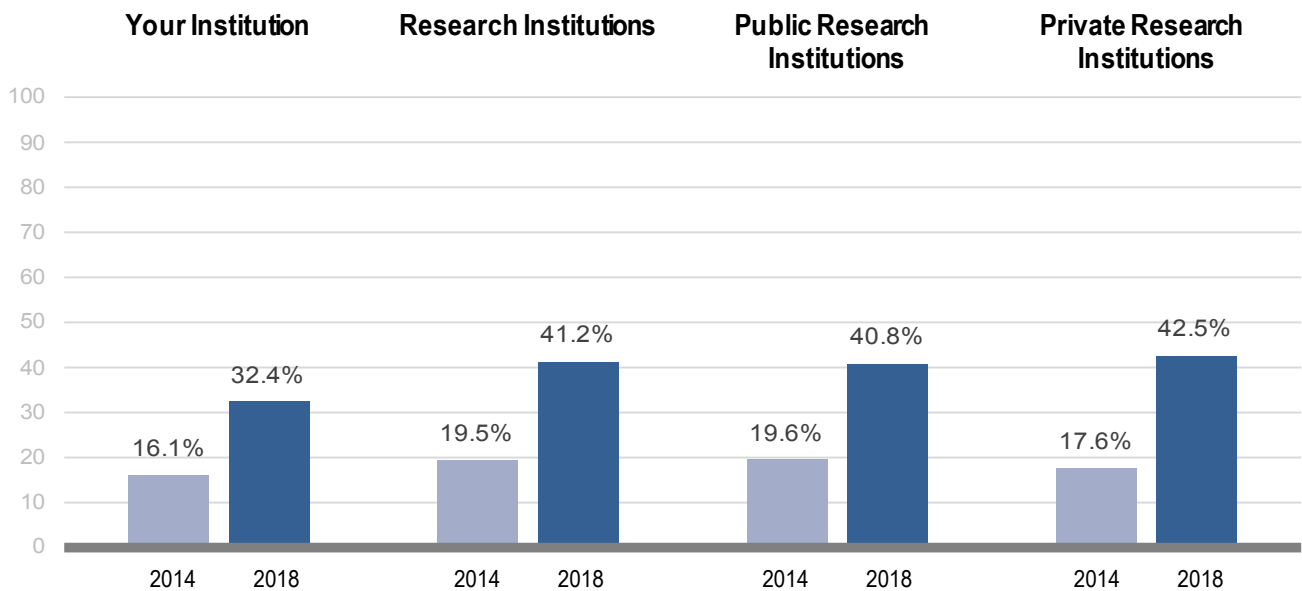
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

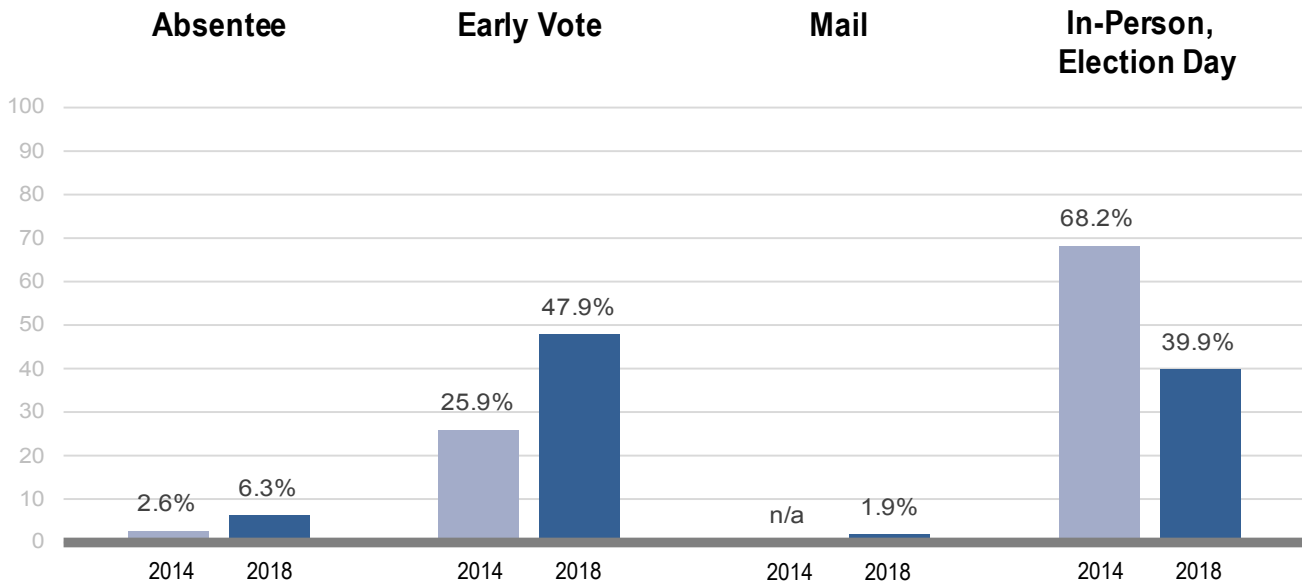
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## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Voting Method\*

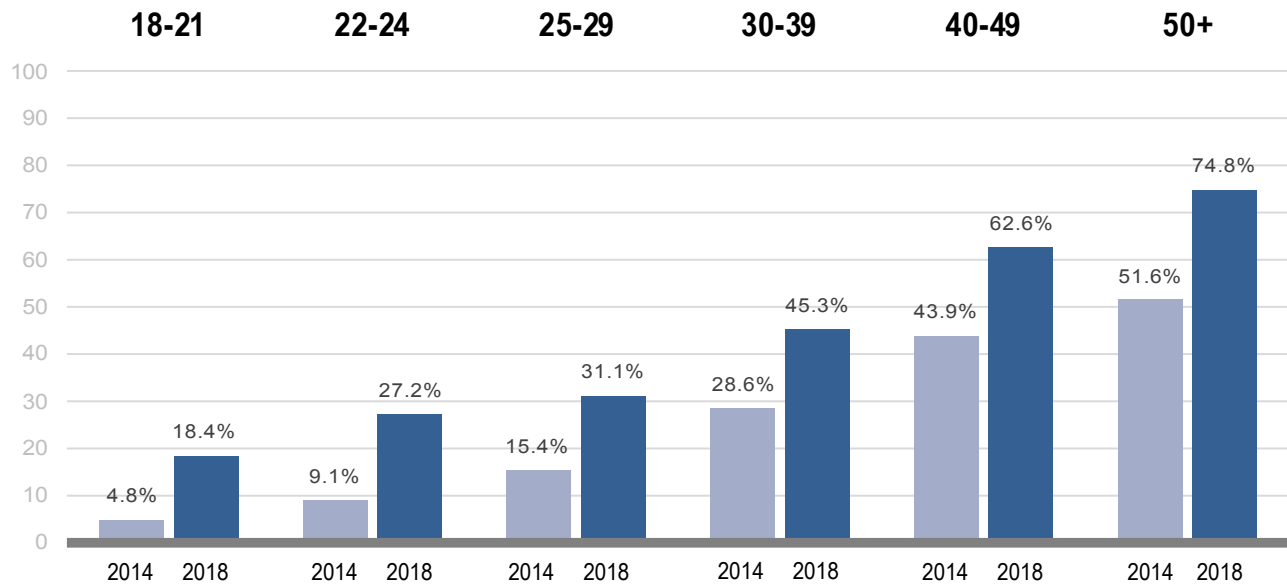


	2014		2018		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	33	2.6%	135	6.3%	↑	3.8
Early Vote	331	25.9%	1,020	47.9%	↑	22.0
Mail	0	n/a	41	1.9%		n/a
In-Person, Election Day	873	68.2%	851	39.9%	↓	-28.3
Unknown	43	3.4%	84	3.9%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,280</b>		<b>2,131</b>			

\* 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\*

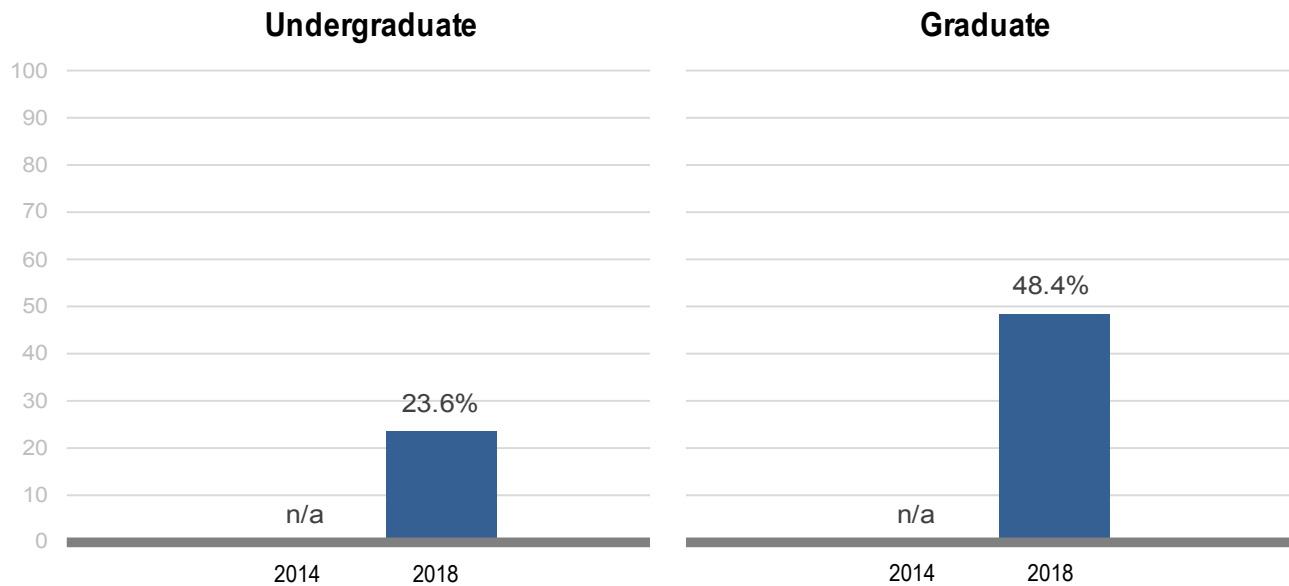


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	3,692	178	4.8%	3,499	644	18.4%	↑	13.6
22-24	1,674	152	9.1%	1,300	354	27.2%	↑	18.2
25-29	1,432	220	15.4%	997	310	31.1%	↑	15.7
30-39	1,112	318	28.6%	773	350	45.3%	↑	16.7
40-49	545	239	43.9%	396	248	62.6%	↑	18.8
50+	335	173	51.6%	301	225	74.8%	↑	23.1
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\*

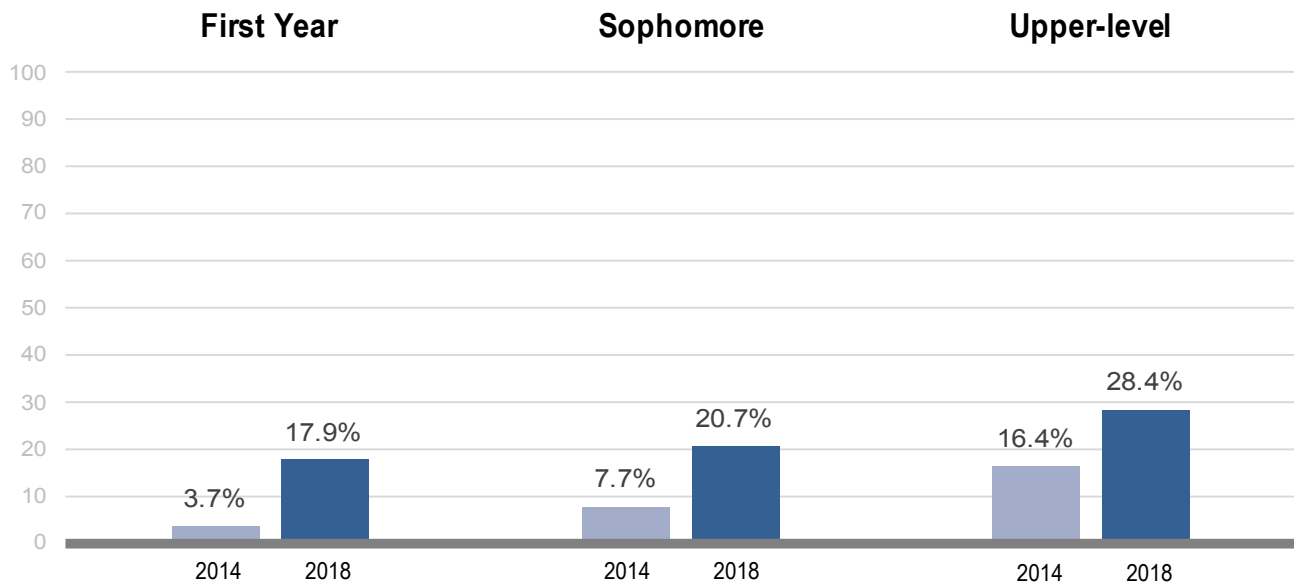


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	5,651	1,336	23.6%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	1,473	713	48.4%	n/a
Unknown	8,790			142			

\* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Undergraduate Class Year\*



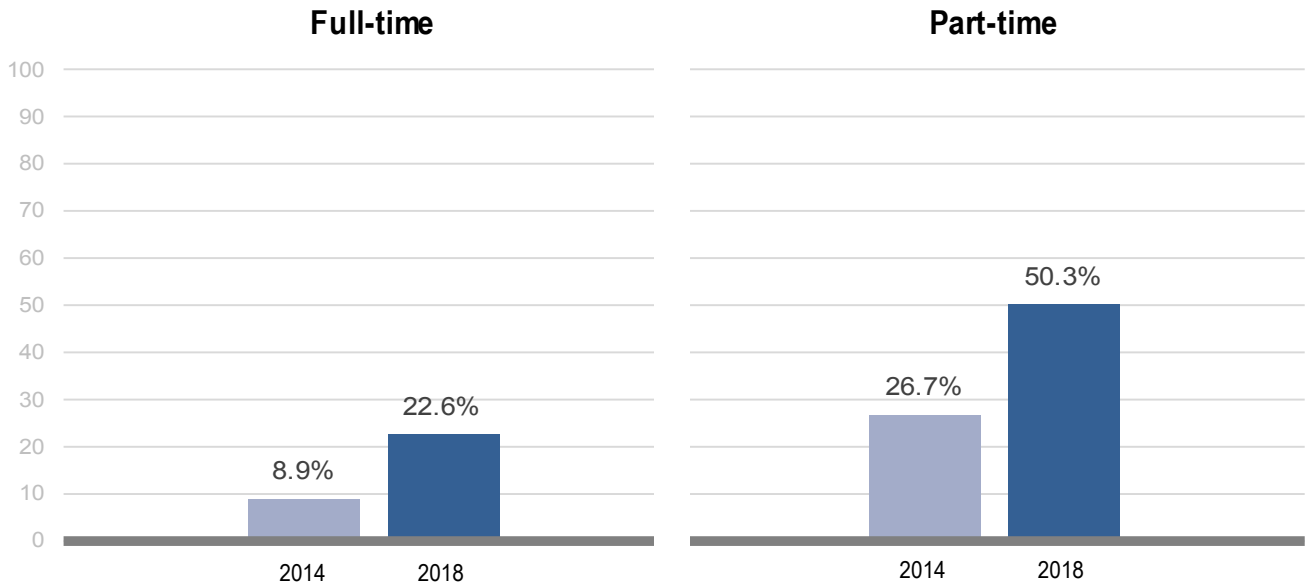
	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	2,466	91	3.7%	1,712	306	17.9%	↑	14.2
Sophomore	1,261	97	7.7%	1,183	245	20.7%	↑	13.0
Upper-level	3,069	504	16.4%	2,740	777	28.4%	↑	11.9

\* 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\*

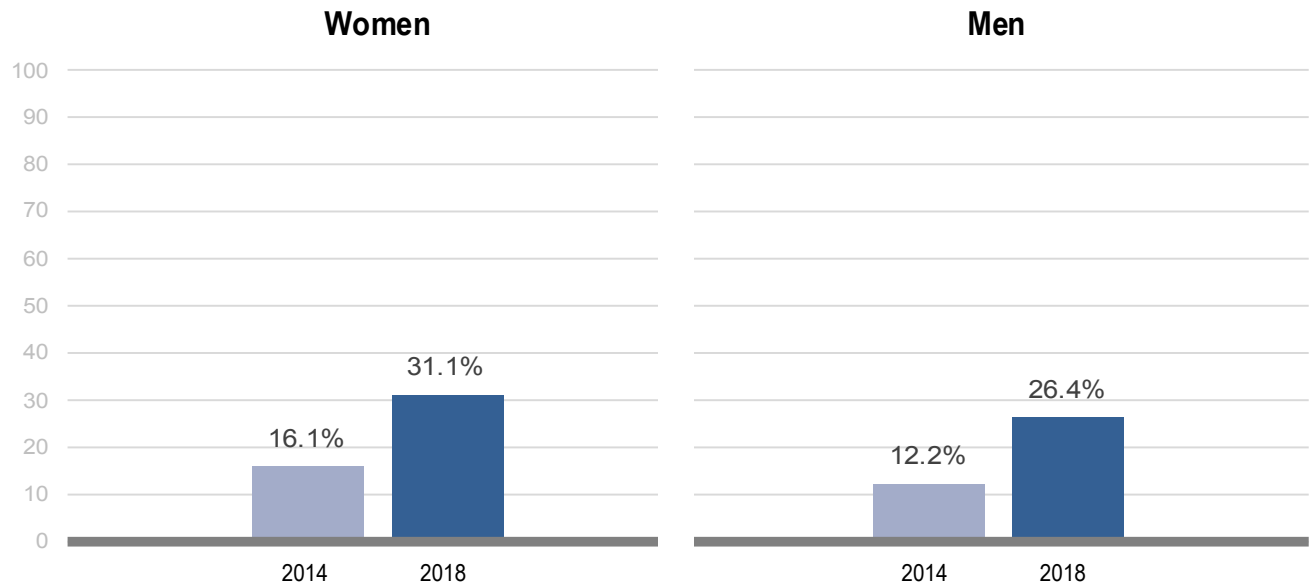


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	5,981	530	8.9%	5,504	1,245	22.6%	↑	13.8
Part-time	2,809	750	26.7%	1,762	886	50.3%	↑	23.6
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

\* 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\*

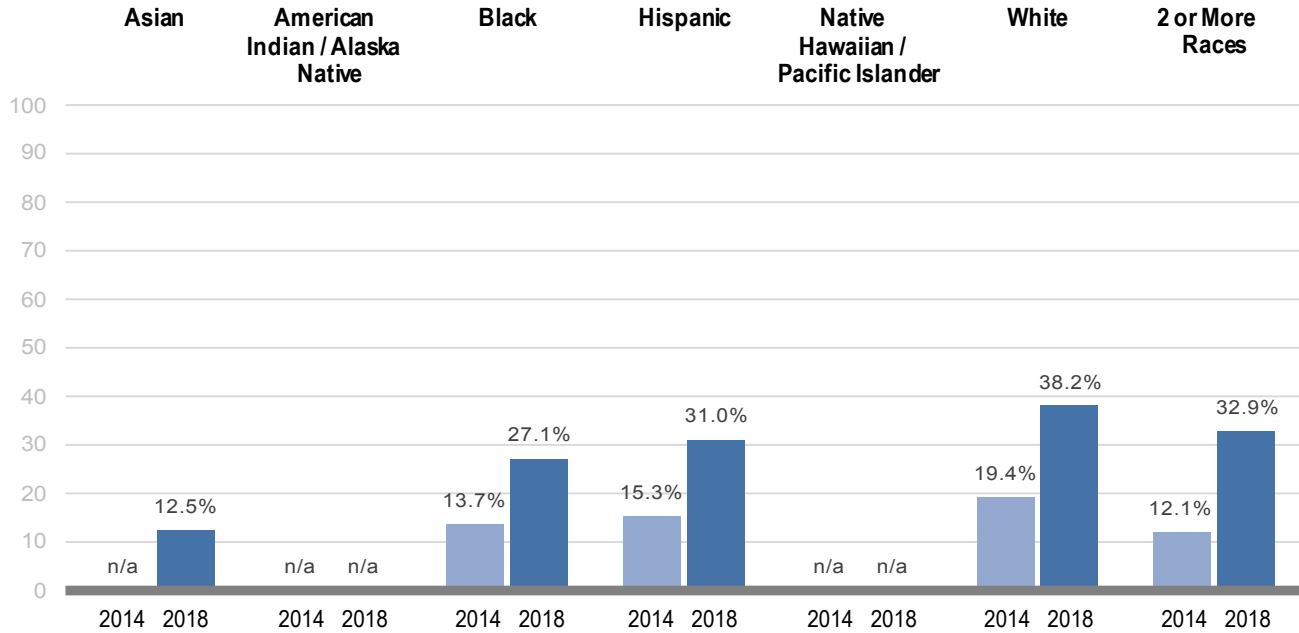


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change	
Women	5,346	861	16.1%	4,554	1,416	31.1%	↑	15.0
Men	3,442	419	12.2%	2,712	715	26.4%	↑	14.2
Unknown	*			0				

\* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# By Race/Ethnicity\*



	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change	
Asian	353	*	n/a	232	29	12.5%	n/a	
American Indian/ Alaska Native	15	*	n/a	18	*	n/a	n/a	
Black	5,743	789	13.7%	5,065	1,372	27.1%	↑	13.4
Hispanic	157	24	15.3%	158	49	31.0%	↑	15.7
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	
White	2,180	422	19.4%	1,609	614	38.2%	↑	18.8
2 or More Races	249	30	12.1%	161	53	32.9%	↑	20.9
Unknown	93			23				

\* 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	217	24	11.1%	205	57	27.8% ↑	16.7
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	447	29	6.5%	374	79	21.1% ↑	14.6
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,069	178	16.7%	1,030	273	26.5% ↑	9.9
Communication and Journalism	350	34	9.7%	330	69	20.9% ↑	11.2
Computer and Information Sciences	216	19	8.8%	239	46	19.3% ↑	10.5
Education	720	223	31.0%	555	259	46.7% ↑	15.7
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	814	46	5.7%	561	96	17.1% ↑	11.5
English Language and Literature	64	11	17.2%	50	20	40.0% ↑	22.8
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	128	*	n/a	141	47	33.3%	n/a
Health Professions	2,281	317	13.9%	1,486	400	26.9% ↑	13.0
History	36	10	27.8%	23	*	n/a	n/a
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	462	36	7.8%	338	56	16.6% ↑	8.8
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	266	78	29.3%	227	103	45.4% ↑	16.1
Mathematics and Statistics	29	*	n/a	36	*	n/a	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	366	22	6.0%	318	67	21.1% ↑	15.1
Physical Sciences	125	14	11.2%	106	26	24.5% ↑	13.3
Psychology	420	42	10.0%	345	86	24.9% ↑	14.9
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	311	109	35.1%	297	177	59.6% ↑	24.6
Social Sciences	159	25	15.7%	279	132	47.3% ↑	31.6
Visual and Performing Arts	207	19	9.2%	188	45	23.9% ↑	14.8
Unknown	103	32	31.1%	138	79	57.3% ↑	26.2

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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