Student Voting Rates for Troy 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** 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

(Top Row from left) Duy Trinh, Program Administrator; Adam Gismondi, Director of Impact; Dave Brinker, Senior Researcher;
(Botton Row from left) Nancy Thomas, Director; Norma López, Postdoctoral Scholar; Prabhat Gautam, Data Manager.

We also want to acknowledge and thank **Syed Golam Mohaimen, M.S. student in Data Science at Tufts University** for his contributions toward the creation of these reports.

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.

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.

Vessel Chart

This chart shows rates out of 100%, with arrows to the right of each bar representing relevant national averages (medians), which you can find in IDHE's national report Democracy Counts 2020.

Overlapping Donut Chart

This chart is used to show the breakdown of vote method utilization (page 10), with the outer ring showing your campus method utilization and the inner ring showing the national breakdown. These are described in percentages.

Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

59.3%
2020 Voting Rate

+6.9
Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%
2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

78.7% 80.1% 82.5%

2016   2018   2020

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

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

66.6% 42.0% 71.9%

2016   2018   2020

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

52.4% 33.6% 59.3%

2016   2018   2020

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

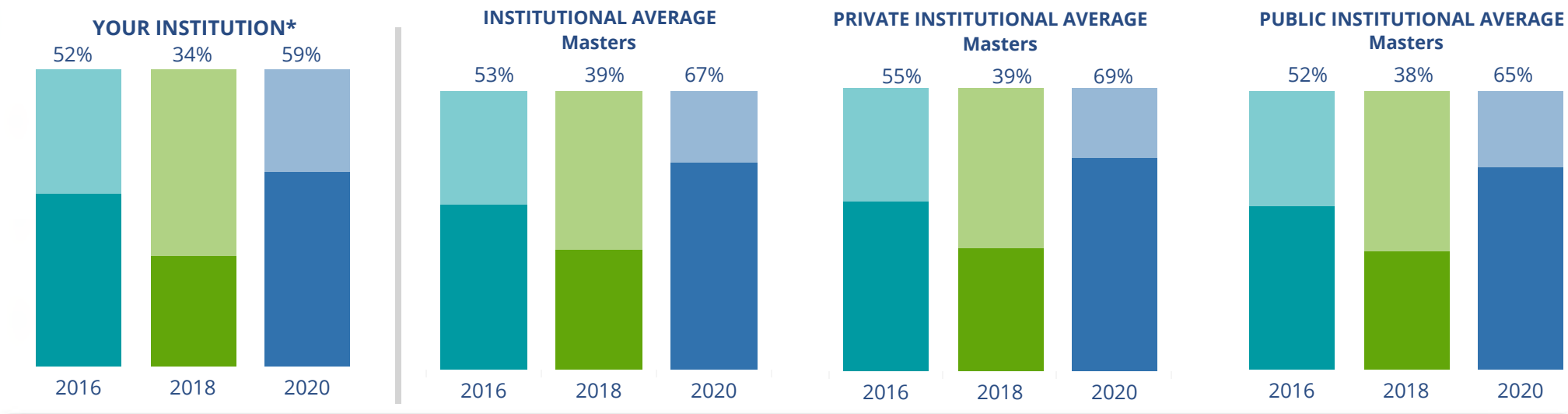|	2016	2018	2020	2016-2020 Change (p.p.)
Total Student Enrollment	16,040	14,696	14,110	⬇ -1,930
(Age under 18/Unknown)	–	–	–	–
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	777	609	279	⬇ -498
(FERPA records blocked)	749	680	278	⬇ -471
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	–	–	–	–
Total eligible voters	14,511	13,403	13,551	⬇ -960
Number of students who registered	11,416	10,731	11,176	⬇ -240
Number of students who voted	7,605	4,507	8,035	⬆ 430
Registration Rate %	79	80	82	⬆ 4
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	67	42	72	⬆ 5
Voting Rate %	52	34	59	⬆ 7

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/nslve/nslve-recalculation-tool.

By Institution Types

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 82%
53%	LOW 13%

2020 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 89%
66%	LOW 19%

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.

YOUR INSTITUTION*

2016	2018	2020
52%	34%	59%

INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE
Masters

2016	2018	2020
53%	39%	67%

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE
Masters

2016	2018	2020
55%	39%	69%

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE
Masters

2016	2018	2020
52%	38%	65%

By Race / Ethnicity

ASIAN
- 2016: 7%
- 2018: 16%
- 2020: 26%

AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE
- 2016: 46%
- 2018: 40%
- 2020: 67%

BLACK
- 2016: 56%
- 2018: 39%
- 2020: 61%

HISPANIC
- 2016: 34%
- 2018: 21%
- 2020: 49%

NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER
- 2016
- 2018
- 2020

TWO OR MORE RACES
- 2016: 43%
- 2018: 27%
- 2020: 50%

WHITE
- 2016: 51%
- 2018: 27%
- 2020: 60%

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-nslve-report-faq

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

Looking Closer

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.

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	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Enrolled**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Enrolled**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Change (p.p)**
Asian	432	30	7	108	17	16	133	35	26	⬆ 19
American Indian/ Alaska Native	89	41	46	63	25	40	45	30	67	⬆ 21
Black	4,685	2,600	55	4,304	1,684	39	4,358	2,661	61	⬆ 6
Hispanic	525	180	34	460	96	21	622	302	49	⬆ 14
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	24	–	–	19	–	–	17	–	–	–
2 or More Races	416	179	43	396	106	27	501	250	50	⬆ 7
White	7,673	3,892	51	6,991	1,898	27	7,261	4,385	60	⬆ 10
Race Unknown	1,435	675	47	1,665	678	41	891	365	41	⬇ -6

By Voting Method

Legend: ■ Not-In-Person ■ Early Vote ■ In-Person ■ Other ■ Provisional ■ Unknown
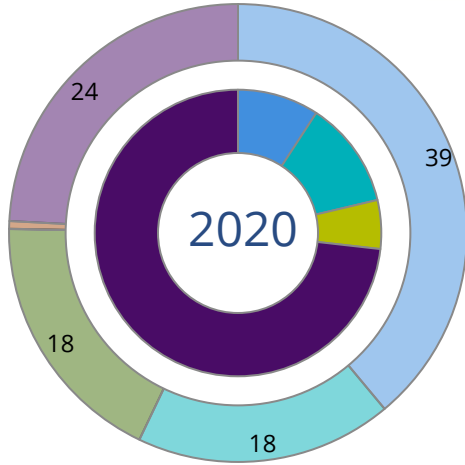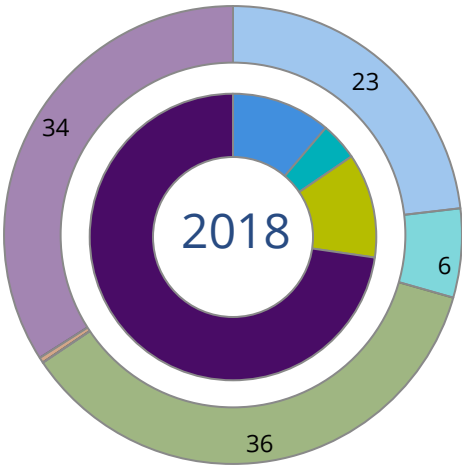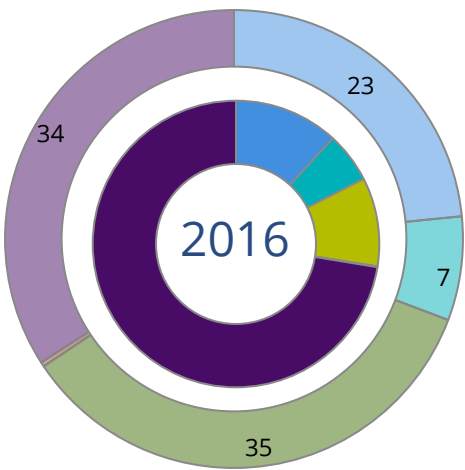
	2016		2018		2020		2016-2020	
	Voted	**Rate**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Change (p.p.)**	
Early Vote	434	6	194	4	972	12	6	⬆
In-Person on Election Day	757	10	530	12	442	6	-5	⬇
Not-In-Person	894	12	506	11	738	9	-3	⬇
Other	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Provisional	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Voting Method Unknown	5,516	72	3,277	73	5,881	73	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/nslve/nslve-faq#CampusReports

By Age Group

	2016	2018	2020
18-21	41%	19%	58%
22-24	49%	30%	57%
25-29	52%	37%	53%
30-39	54%	42%	55%
40-49	64%	51%	68%
50+	73%	68%	76%

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	5,740	2,352	41	5,528	1,074	19	5,165	2,991	58	⬆ 17
22-24	2,513	1,227	49	2,367	716	30	2,362	1,352	57	⬆ 8
25-29	2,082	1,081	52	1,985	732	37	2,013	1,057	53	⬆ 1
30-39	2,710	1,456	54	2,366	999	42	2,504	1,380	55	⬆ 1
40-49	1,566	1,001	64	1,221	619	51	1,221	828	68	⬆ 4
50+	668	488	73	539	367	68	563	427	76	⬆ 3

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Enrolled**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Enrolled**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Change (p.p)**	
Female	9,555	5,291	55	8,940	3,153	35	8,788	5,468	62	⬆	7
Male	5,715	2,311	40	5,060	1,354	27	5,040	2,567	51	⬆	10

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 Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	2018 Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	2020 Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	2016-2020 Change (p.p)
EDUCATION LEVEL										
Undergraduate	12,160	5,674	47	11,238	3,228	29	10,770	6,236	58	↑ 11
Graduate	2,930	1,826	62	2,651	1,213	46	2,920	1,710	59	↓ -4
Class Unknown	189	61	32	117	–	–	138	–	–	–
CLASS YEAR										
First Year	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Second Year	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Upper Level	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
ENROLLMENT STATUS										
Full-time	11,347	5,429	48	10,337	2,968	29	9,727	5,782	59	↑ 12
Part-time	3,932	2,176	55	3,669	1,539	42	4,101	2,253	55	↓ 0

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
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	594	256	43	544	127	23	420	231	55	⬆ 12
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,104	1,525	49	2,629	893	34	2,680	1,520	57	⬆ 8
Communication and Journalism	480	207	43	419	127	30	416	231	56	⬆ 12
Computer and Information Sciences	541	253	47	519	163	31	556	295	53	⬆ 6
Education	1,424	799	56	1,255	388	31	1,232	824	67	⬆ 11
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	47	25	53	37	16	43	51	30	59	⬆ 6
English Language and Literature	143	78	55	141	54	38	113	68	60	⬆ 6

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
	Enrolled	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Enrolled**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Enrolled**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Change (p.p)**
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	163	81	50	134	49	37	93	61	66	⬆ 16
Health Professions	1,602	854	53	1,561	430	28	1,558	1,003	64	⬆ 11
History	146	76	52	120	40	33	113	75	66	⬆ 14
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protec..	1,021	465	46	860	263	31	792	416	53	⬆ 7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,034	457	44	902	268	30	757	394	52	⬆ 8
Mathematics and Statistics	77	32	42	65	15	23	24	15	63	⬆ 21
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	20	13	65	196	72	37	258	148	57	⬇ -8
Natural Resources and Conservation	30	–	–	28	–	–	36	20	56	–
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Stu..	730	295	40	833	175	21	860	500	58	⬆ 18
Physical Sciences	68	30	44	62	12	19	41	26	63	⬆ 19
Psychology	1,816	987	54	1,457	601	41	1,436	879	61	⬆ 7
Public Administration and Social Service P..	1,022	620	61	1,165	487	42	1,272	773	61	⬆ 0
Social Sciences	797	361	45	750	237	32	810	358	44	⬇ -1
Visual and Performing Arts	288	110	38	299	68	23	294	162	55	⬆ 17

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Unknown	132	73	55	30	15	50	16	–	–	–

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.

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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