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Student Voting Rates for University Of California-Berkeley

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.

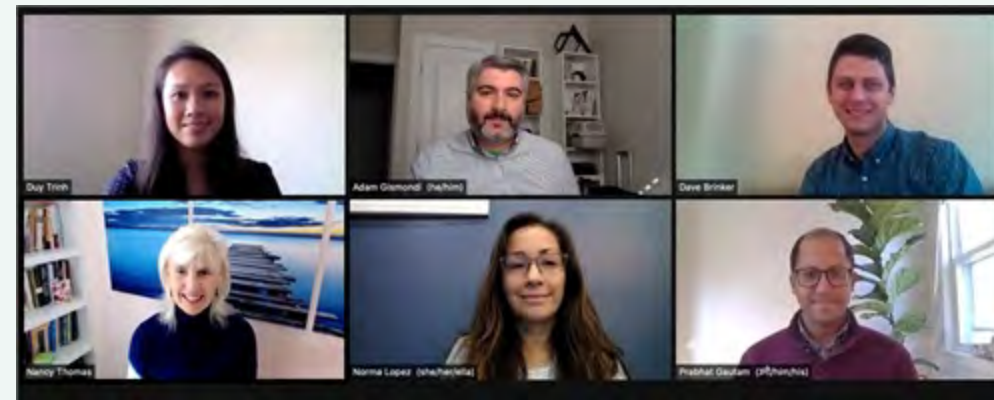
College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

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

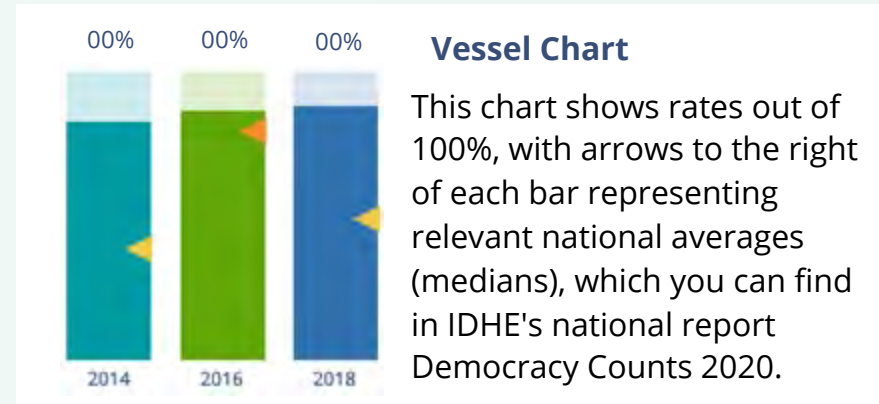


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We also want to acknowledge and thank **Syed Golam Mohaimen, M.S. student in Data Science at Tufts University** for his contributions toward the creation of these reports.

In This Report

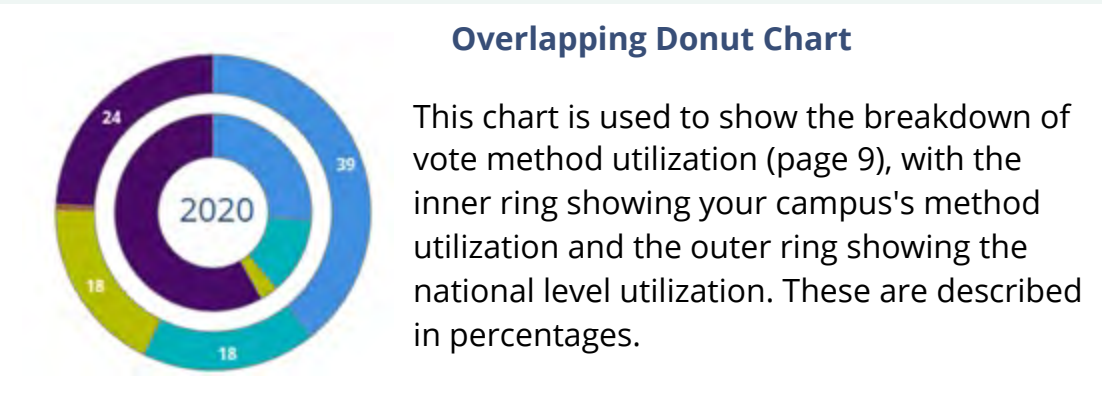
This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut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



	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

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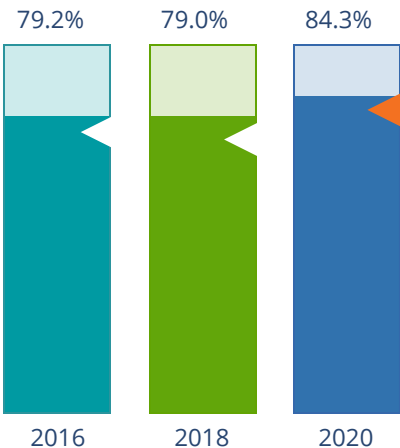
75.0%
2020 Voting Rate

+19.4
Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

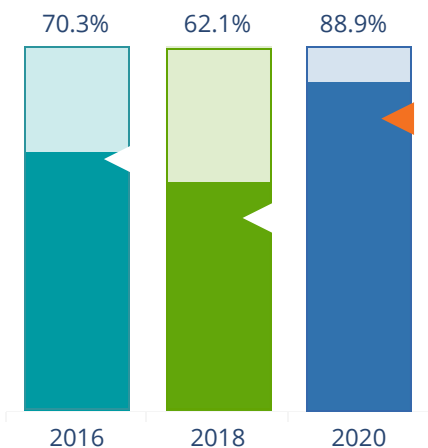
66%
2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



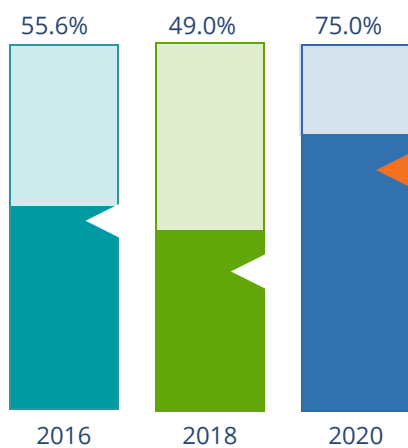
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS



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



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

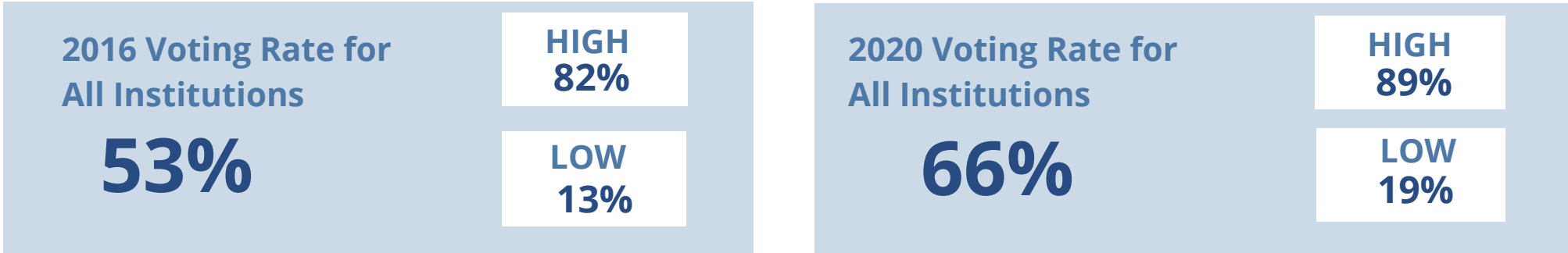
Voting and Registration Rates

	2016	2018	2020	2016-2020 Change (p.p.)
Total Student Enrollment	42,061	42,205	41,992	↓ -69
(Age under 18/Unknown)	-	-	-	-
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	9,606	7,231	6,857	↓ -2,748
(FERPA records blocked)	-	-	-	-
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	16	39	44	↑ 28
Total eligible voters	32,439	34,928	35,090	↑ 2,651
Number of students who registered	25,681	27,598	29,590	↑ 3,909
Number of students who voted	18,046	17,125	26,302	↑ 8,256
Registration Rate %	79	79	84	↑ 5
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	70	62	89	↑ 19
Voting Rate %	56	49	75	↑ 19

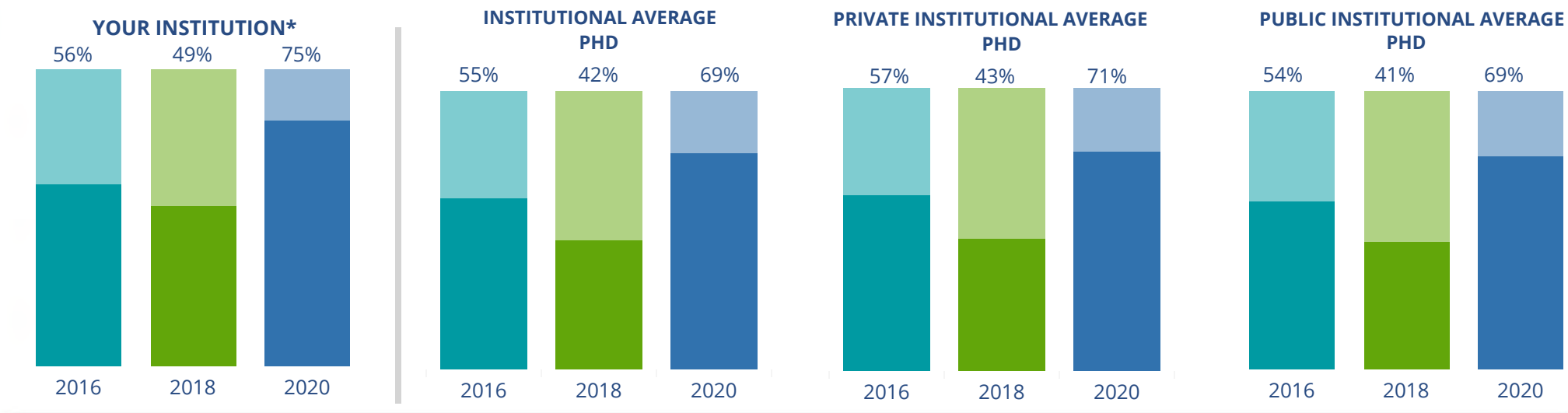
This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates. The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged, 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>.

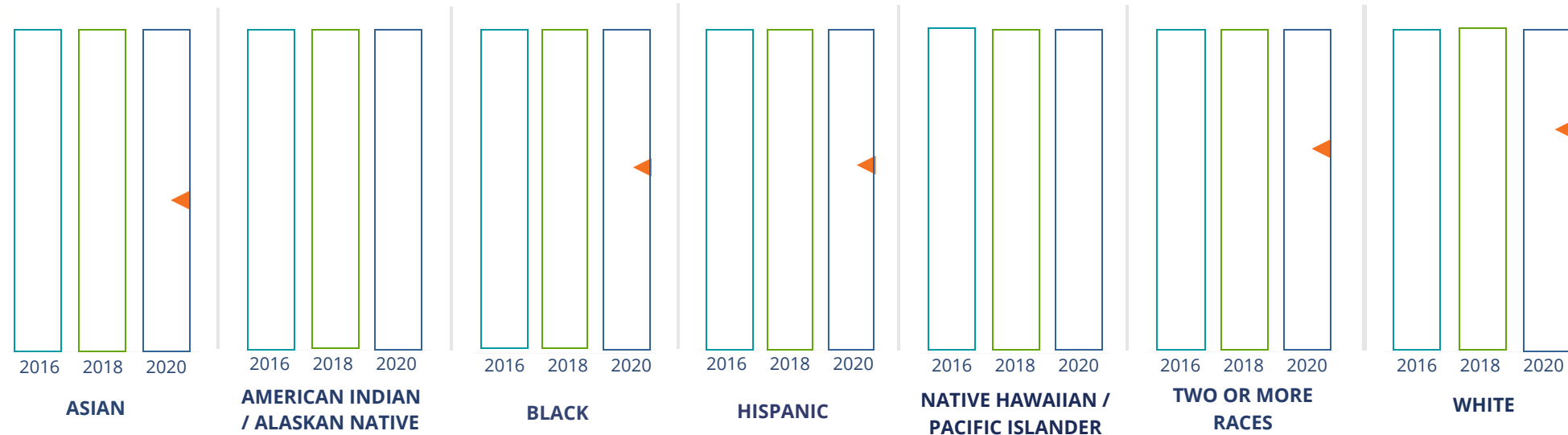
By Institution Types



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-nsve-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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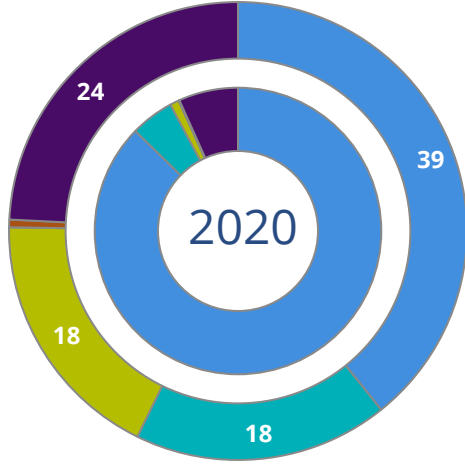
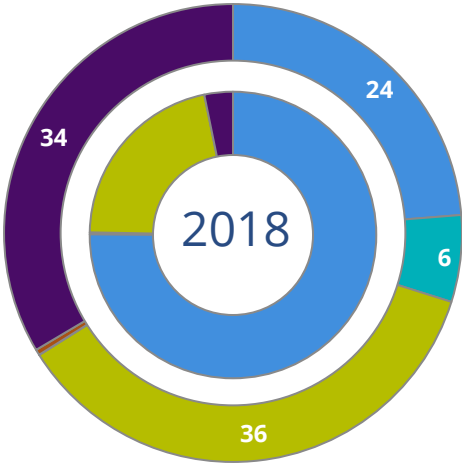
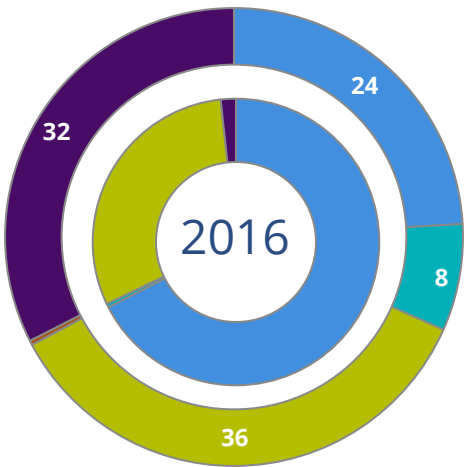
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Race Unknown	38,655	18,046	47	42,078	17,125	41	41,862	26,302	63	↑ 16

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	81	0	35	0	1,276	5	5	↑
In-Person on Election Day	5,495	30	3,689	22	257	1	-29	↓
Not-In-Person	12,188	68	12,866	75	22,967	87	20	↑
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provisional	-	-	-	-	15	0	-	
Voting Method Unknown	282	2	534	3	1,787	7	5	↑

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	46%	39%	67%
22-24	39%	35%	54%
25-29	53%	49%	60%
30-39	51%	47%	55%
40-49	58%	50%	64%
50+	77%	64%	73%

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 Change (p.p.)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	22,987	10,573	46	24,843	9,684	39	24,920	16,659	67	↑ 21
22-24	6,033	2,350	39	6,771	2,395	35	6,477	3,473	54	↑ 15
25-29	5,799	3,089	53	6,311	3,065	49	6,116	3,681	60	↑ 7
30-39	3,234	1,655	51	3,512	1,639	47	3,597	1,988	55	↑ 4
40-49	457	267	58	493	248	50	564	363	64	↑ 6
50+	145	112	77	148	94	64	188	138	73	↓ -4

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p.)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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			Change (2016-2020)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
EDUCATION LEVEL										
Undergraduate	28,269	12,542	44	30,107	11,559	38	30,062	19,514	65	⬆ 21
Graduate	10,386	5,504	53	11,228	5,419	48	11,313	6,589	58	⬆ 5
Class Unknown	–	–	–	743	147	20	487	199	41	–
CLASS YEAR										
Freshman	3,368	1,532	45	3,685	1,147	31	1,389	794	57	⬆ 12
Sophomore	5,237	2,414	46	5,529	2,048	37	4,636	2,984	64	⬆ 18
Upperclassman	19,664	8,596	44	21,302	8,416	40	24,249	15,841	65	⬆ 22
ENROLLMENT STATUS										
Full-time	36,383	17,005	47	39,320	16,011	41	38,639	24,564	64	⬆ 17
Part-time	2,272	1,041	46	2,758	1,114	40	3,223	1,738	54	⬆ 8

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 Change (p.p.)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Architecture	880	338	38	907	347	38	772	385	50	↑ 11
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	466	262	56	450	224	50	467	348	75	↑ 18
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,372	1,244	52	2,590	1,286	50	2,798	2,012	72	↑ 19
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,043	820	40	2,185	838	38	2,372	1,310	55	↑ 15
Communication and Journalism	568	289	51	590	285	48	586	422	72	↑ 21
Computer and Information Sciences	1,739	697	40	2,575	903	35	3,579	1,973	55	↑ 15
Education	314	216	69	261	151	58	203	143	70	↑ 2

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	5,119	2,074	41	5,551	1,837	33	5,821	3,326	57	↑ 17
English Language and Literature	701	405	58	647	343	53	540	416	77	↑ 19
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	558	344	62	566	292	52	557	348	62	↑ 1
Health Professions	1,138	670	59	1,105	601	54	1,090	836	77	↑ 18
History	367	221	60	371	226	61	271	202	75	↑ 14
Legal Professions and Studies	1,442	703	49	1,589	767	48	1,594	1,143	72	↑ 23
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	10,337	4,561	44	10,060	3,458	34	9,343	5,907	63	↑ 19
Mathematics and Statistics	1,008	339	34	1,373	388	28	1,174	498	42	↑ 9
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,162	596	51	1,334	591	44	1,198	850	71	↑ 20
Natural Resources and Conservation	1,463	782	53	1,813	920	51	1,669	1,199	72	↑ 18
Philosophy and Religious Studies	266	132	50	258	113	44	254	164	65	↑ 15
Physical Sciences	1,659	796	48	1,753	758	43	1,777	1,064	60	↑ 12
Psychology	543	292	54	442	229	52	503	367	73	↑ 19
Public Administration and Social Service P..	660	434	66	612	415	68	604	475	79	↑ 13

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p.)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Social Sciences	3,262	1,507	46	3,741	1,722	46	3,680	2,360	64	↑ 18
Visual and Performing Arts	466	259	56	482	237	49	507	343	68	↑ 12
Unknown	51	28	55	756	155	21	503	211	42	↓ -13

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.

University Of California-Berkeley

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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