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Student Voting Rates for University Of California-Davis

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.

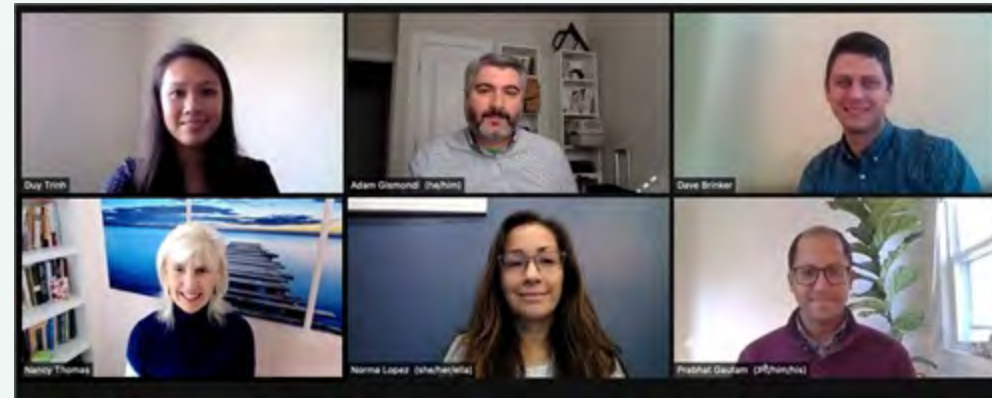
College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

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.

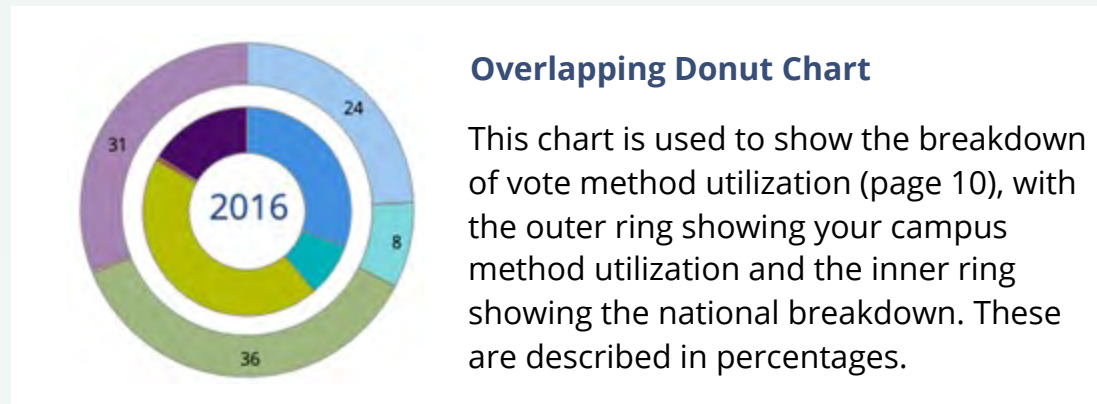
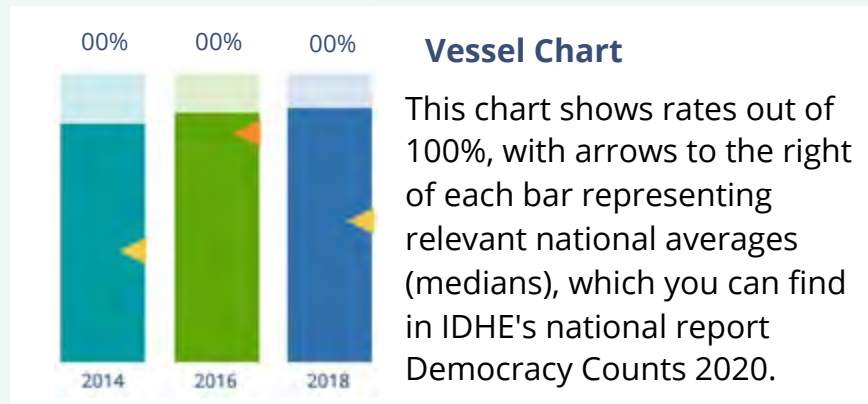
In This Report

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
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p.)
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

75.7%

2020 Voting Rate

+32.7

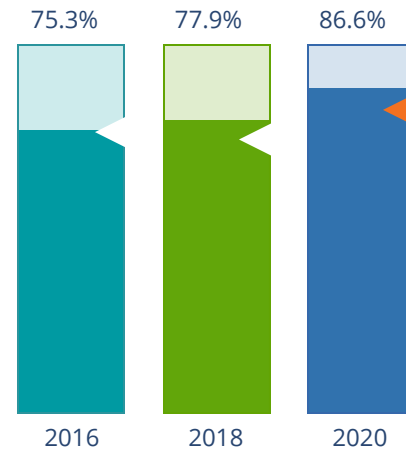
Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

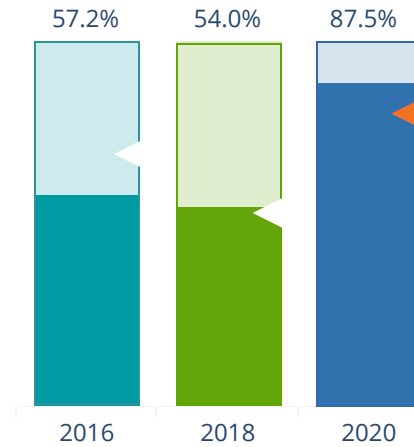
2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



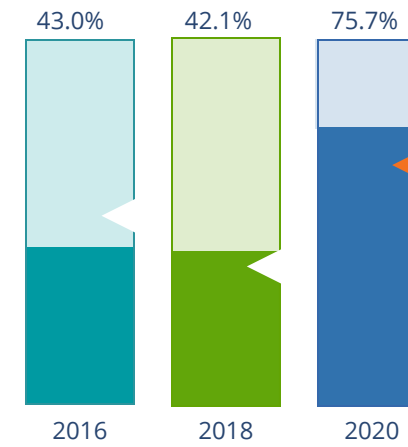
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	35,940	37,691	38,543	↑ 2,603
(Age under 18/Unknown)	-	-	-	-
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	5,408	7,003	6,802	↑ 1,393
(FERPA records blocked)	-	-	-	-
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	21	19	15	↓ -6
Total eligible voters	30,510	30,668	31,723	↑ 1,213
Number of students who registered	22,969	23,877	27,460	↑ 4,491
Number of students who voted	13,133	12,898	24,025	↑ 10,892
Registration Rate %	75	78	87	↑ 11
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	57	54	87	↑ 30
Voting Rate %	43	42	76	↑ 33

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

53%

HIGH
82%

LOW
13%

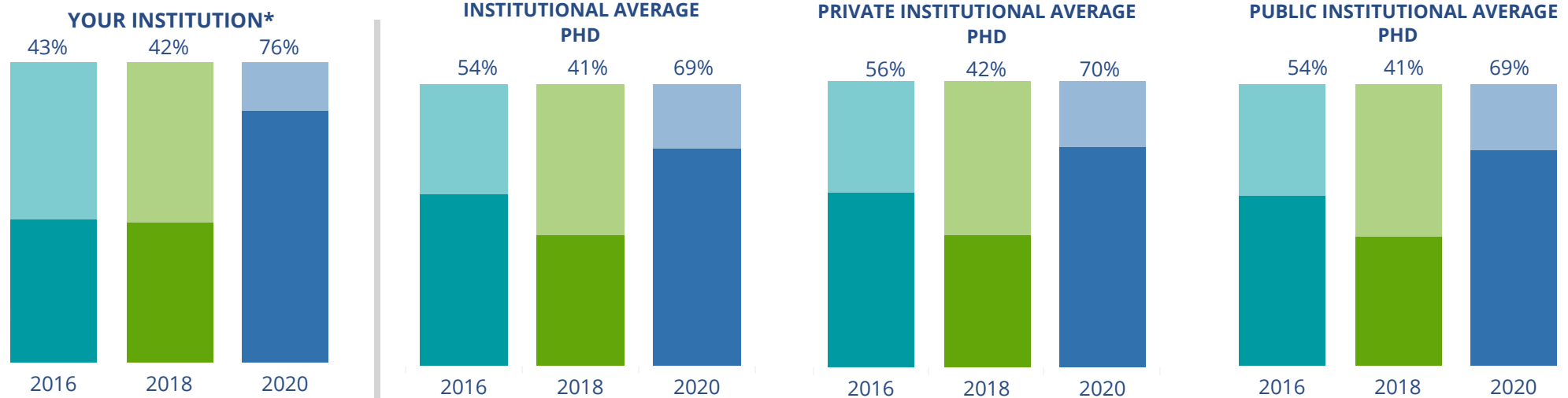
2020 Voting Rate for All Institutions

66%

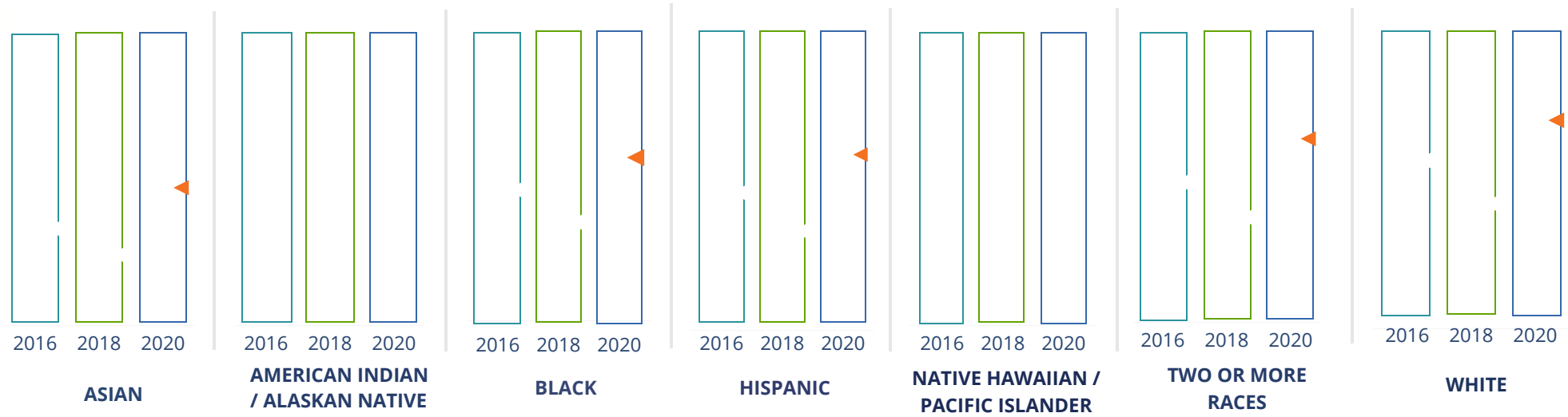
HIGH
89%

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.



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-nslve-report-faq>

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

Looking Closer

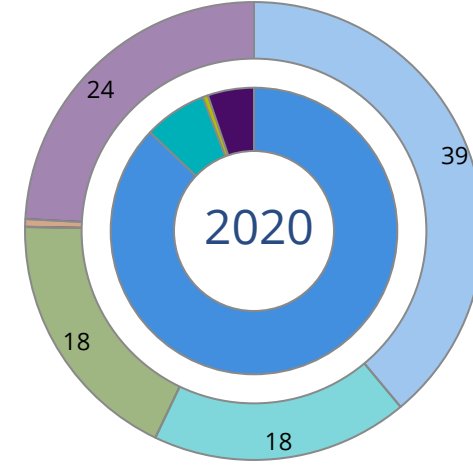
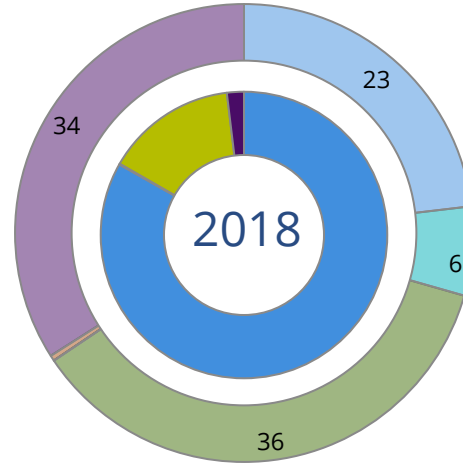
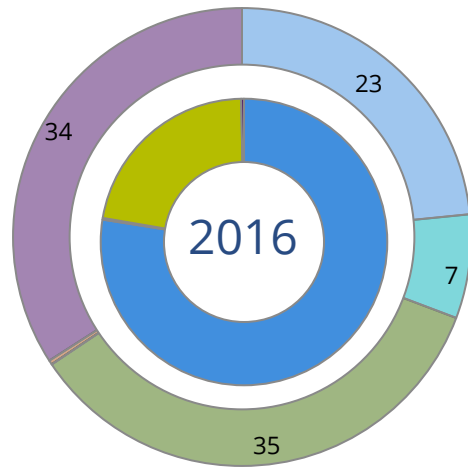
By Race/Ethnicity

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. 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	35,863	13,133	37	37,597	12,898	34	38,450	24,025	62	↑ 26

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	23	0	-	-	1,713	7	7	↑
In-Person on Election Day	2,888	22	1,907	15	148	1	-21	↓
Not-In-Person	10,172	78	10,727	83	20,914	87	10	↑
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Voting Method Unknown	50	0	257	2	1,250	5	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/nslve/nslve-faq#CampusReports>

By Age Group

	2016	2018	2020
18-21	34%	31%	64%
22-24	34%	34%	58%
25-29	45%	44%	62%
30-39	49%	50%	62%
40-49	60%	57%	69%
50+	69%	73%	83%

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	21,818	7,405	34	23,208	7,086	31	23,827	15,209	64	↑ 30
22-24	7,190	2,467	34	7,370	2,505	34	7,167	4,130	58	↑ 23
25-29	4,346	1,966	45	4,516	2,009	44	4,617	2,878	62	↑ 17
30-39	2,057	1,013	49	2,047	1,020	50	2,276	1,402	62	↑ 12
40-49	330	198	60	344	196	57	431	297	69	↑ 9
50+	122	84	69	112	82	73	132	109	83	↑ 14

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
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			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p)	
EDUCATION LEVEL											
Undergraduate	28,793	9,718	34	30,155	9,284	31	30,529	18,963	62	↑	28
Graduate	7,002	3,379	48	7,387	3,587	49	7,896	5,042	64	↑	16
Class Unknown	68	36	53	55	27	49	25	20	80	↑	27
CLASS YEAR											
First Year	5,759	29	1,669	6,189	24	1,497	5,528	59	3,279	↑	30
Second Year	4,909	32	1,585	5,395	28	1,513	5,384	63	3,412	↑	31
Upper Level	18,141	36	6,473	18,586	34	6,282	19,631	63	12,283	↑	27
ENROLLMENT STATUS											
Full-time	34,710	12,565	36	36,463	12,363	34	36,801	22,916	62	↑	26
Part-time	1,153	568	49	1,134	535	47	1,649	1,109	67	↑	18

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)	
Architecture	198	76	38	57	-	-	56	25	45	↑ 6	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	367	140	38	356	148	42	405	271	67	↑ 29	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	6,635	2,489	38	6,950	2,472	36	7,358	5,003	68	↑ 30	
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,909	590	31	1,996	507	25	2,264	1,182	52	↑ 21	
Communication and Journalism	740	248	34	738	221	30	725	430	59	↑ 26	
Computer and Information Sciences	1,004	280	28	1,098	236	21	1,179	498	42	↑ 14	
Education	507	313	62	498	292	59	463	355	77	↑ 15	

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	4,411	1,403	32	4,561	1,267	28	4,436	2,482	56	↑ 24
English Language and Literature	707	315	45	714	360	50	656	516	79	↑ 34
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	54	14	26	41	14	34	-	-	-	-
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	540	222	41	520	195	38	507	296	58	↑ 17
Health Professions	1,738	914	53	1,783	895	50	1,770	1,348	76	↑ 24
History	342	175	51	305	146	48	380	271	71	↑ 20
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protec..	76	37	49	68	26	38	50	39	78	↑ 29
Legal Professions and Studies	586	268	46	575	318	55	658	501	76	↑ 30
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	213	79	37	181	67	37	102	64	63	↑ 26
Mathematics and Statistics	1,132	218	19	1,346	242	18	1,382	514	37	↑ 18
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,371	451	33	1,534	481	31	1,425	916	64	↑ 31
Natural Resources and Conservation	948	430	45	1,139	495	43	1,182	844	71	↑ 26
Philosophy and Religious Studies	144	64	44	231	81	35	281	197	70	↑ 26
Physical Sciences	1,464	533	36	1,523	513	34	1,474	832	56	↑ 20

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
Psychology	2,410	932	39	2,674	950	36	2,948	2,059	70	↑	31
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	180	76	42	152	65	43	162	118	73	↑	31
Social Sciences	4,241	1,425	34	4,398	1,443	33	4,502	2,554	57	↑	23
Visual and Performing Arts	1,224	443	36	1,291	460	36	1,329	859	65	↑	28
Unknown	129	49	38	67	33	49	37	30	81	↑	43

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-Davis

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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