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Student Voting Rates for University of California-Irvine

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.

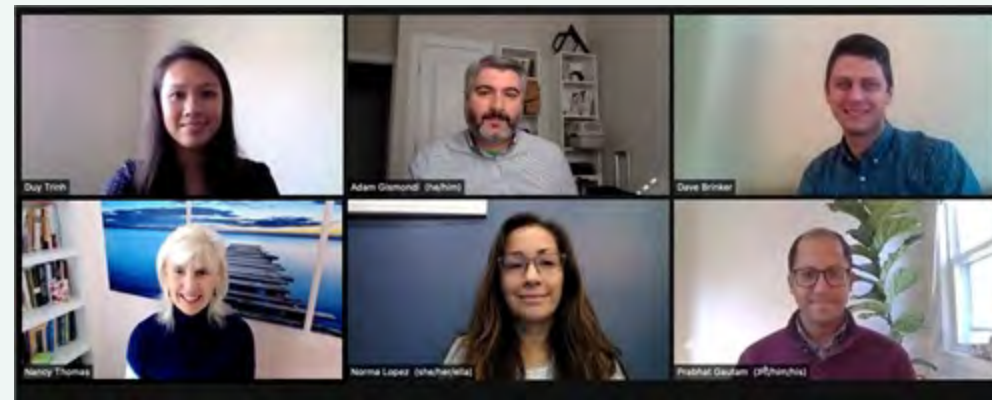
College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

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

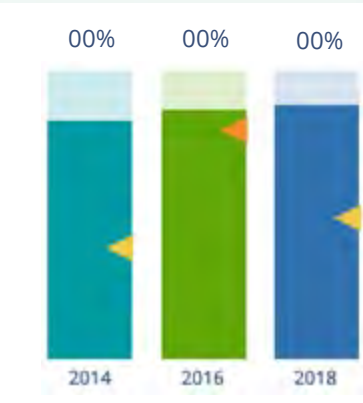


(Top Row from left) Duy Trinh, Program Administrator; Adam Gismondi, Director of Impact; Dave Brinker, Senior Researcher;
(Bottom Row from left) Nancy Thomas, Director; Norma López, Postdoctoral Scholar; Prabhat Gautam, Data Manager.

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.



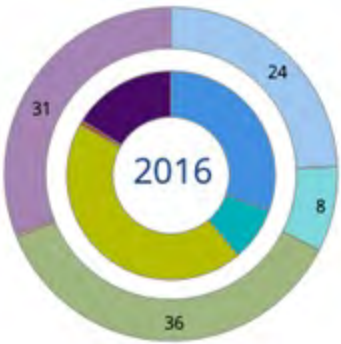
Vessel Chart

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.

	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.



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

84.7%

2020 Voting Rate

+31.3

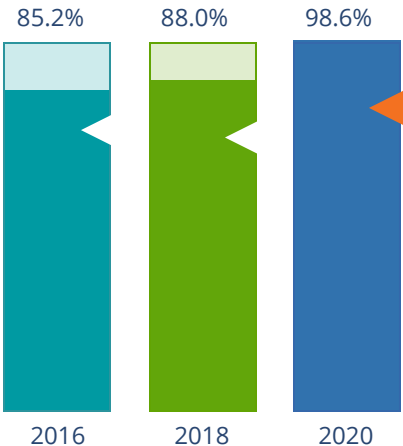
Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

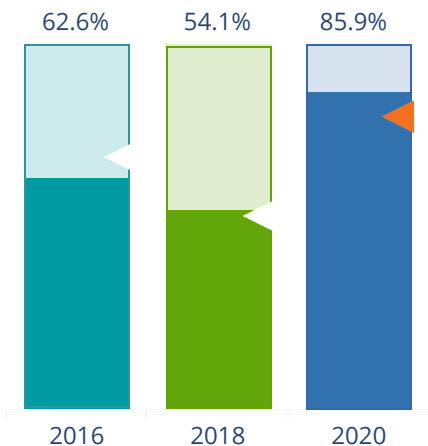
2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



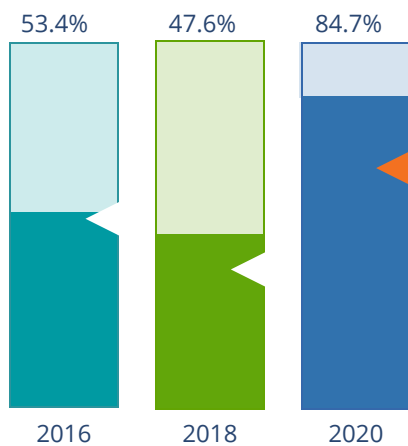
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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

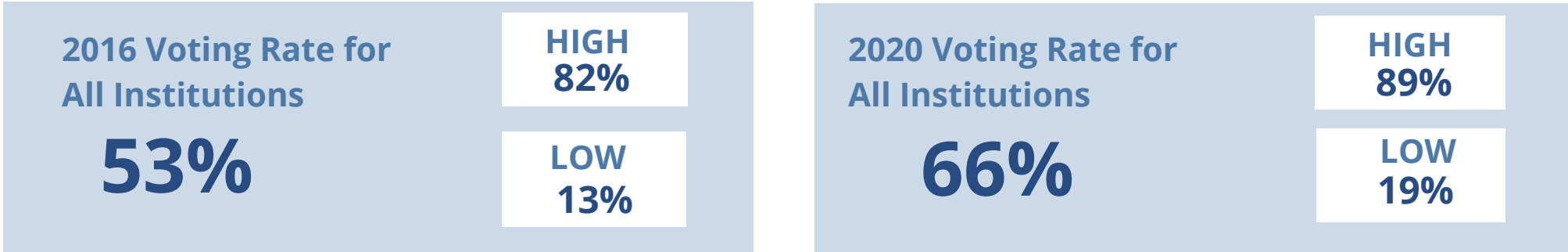
Voting and Registration Rates

	2016	2018	2020	2016-2020 Change (p.p.)
Total Student Enrollment	26,750	29,175	29,623	↑ 2,873
(Age under 18/Unknown)	–	–	–	–
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	4,853	5,635	5,492	↑ 639
(FERPA records blocked)	–	–	12	–
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	14	14	12	↓ -2
Total eligible voters	21,881	23,521	24,107	↑ 2,225
Number of students who registered	18,652	20,692	23,766	↑ 5,114
Number of students who voted	11,680	11,200	20,424	↑ 8,744
Registration Rate %	85	88	99	↑ 13
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	63	54	86	↑ 23
Voting Rate %	53	48	85	↑ 31

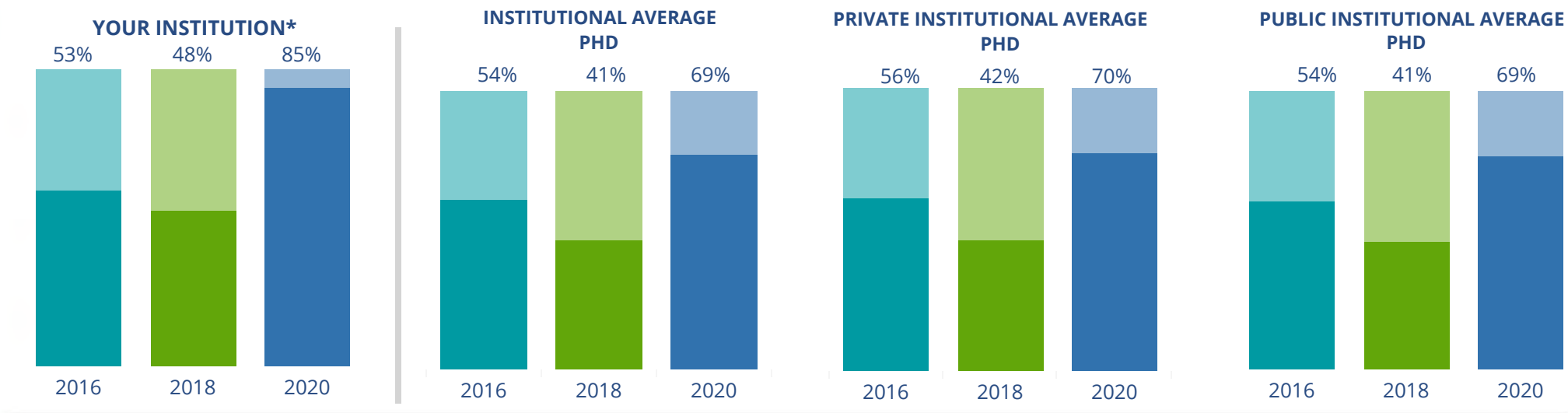
This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates. The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged,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

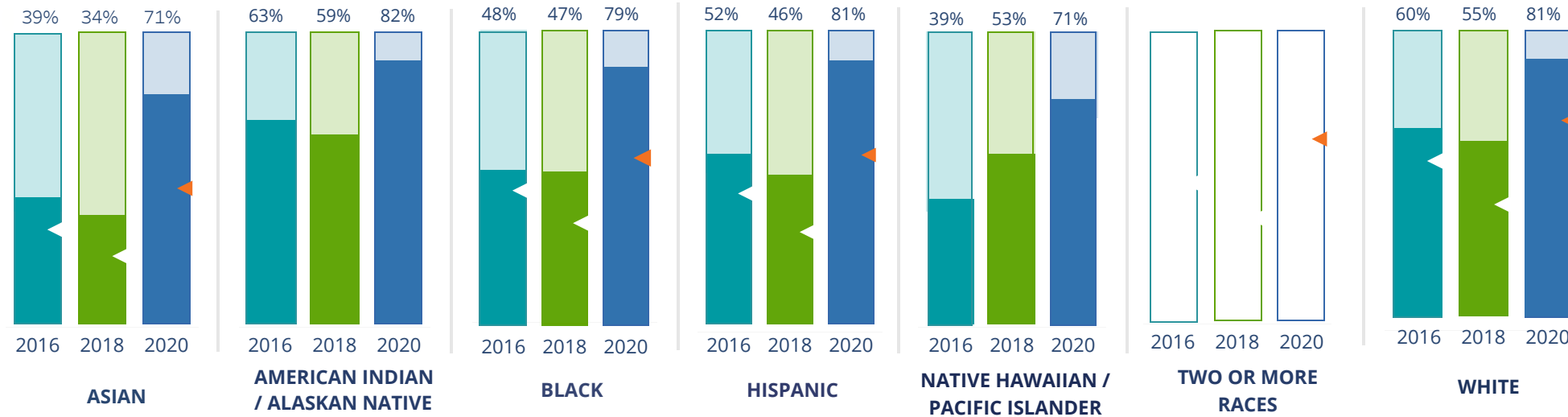
By Institution Types



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>

Looking Closer

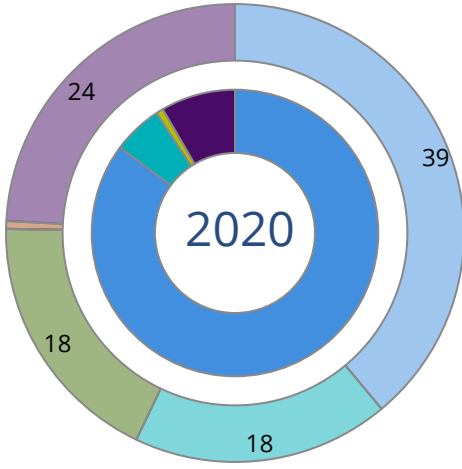
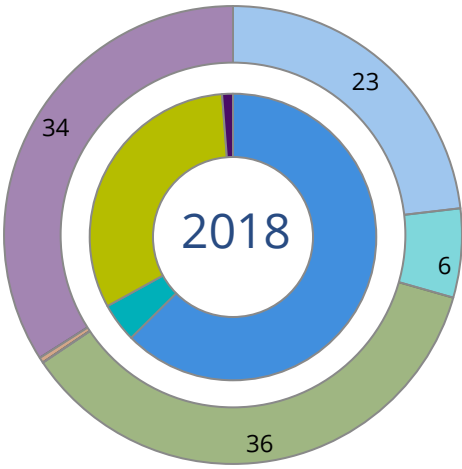
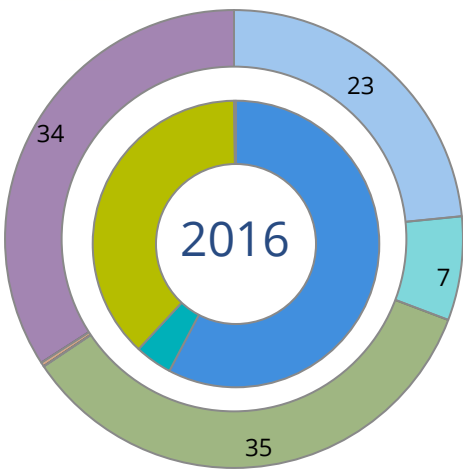
By Race/Ethnicity

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	9,580	3,745	39	10,524	3,541	34	11,324	8,056	71	↑ 32
American Indian/ Alaska Native	154	97	63	170	100	59	110	90	82	↑ 19
Black	838	400	48	1,117	530	47	1,149	911	79	↑ 32
Hispanic	6,685	3,500	52	7,263	3,357	46	7,155	5,807	81	↑ 29
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	51	20	39	64	34	53	78	55	71	↑ 31
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	4,819	2,874	60	5,229	2,887	55	5,180	4,212	81	↑ 22
Race Unknown	4,549	1,044	23	4,718	751	16	4,532	1,293	29	↑ 6

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	491	4	493	4	1,148	6	1	↑
In-Person on Election Day	4,427	38	3,563	32	169	1	-37	↓
Not-In-Person	6,737	58	7,014	63	17,406	85	28	↑
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Voting Method Unknown	25	0	130	1	1,695	8	8	↑

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	41%	36%	72%
22-24	43%	39%	64%
25-29	52%	47%	65%
30-39	55%	49%	62%
40-49	62%	55%	70%
50+	81%	68%	77%

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	18,205	7,555	41	19,568	7,054	36	19,871	14,210	72	↑ 30
22-24	4,089	1,765	43	4,688	1,825	39	4,667	2,999	64	↑ 21
25-29	2,803	1,461	52	3,171	1,490	47	3,220	2,088	65	↑ 13
30-39	1,331	735	55	1,385	672	49	1,457	904	62	↑ 7
40-49	195	121	62	205	113	55	248	173	70	↑ 8
50+	53	43	81	68	46	68	65	50	77	↓ -4

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
Female	14,049	6,627	47	15,146	6,484	43	15,880	11,674	74	↑	26
Male	12,530	5,007	40	13,811	4,651	34	13,497	8,653	64	↑	24

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	22,256	9,140	41	24,070	8,597	36	24,166	16,765	69	↑	28
Graduate	4,420	2,540	57	5,013	2,603	52	5,362	3,659	68	↑	11
Class Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLASS YEAR											
First Year	4,438	42	1,865	3,839	31	1,180	3,680	67	2,469	↑	25
Second Year	4,106	40	1,630	4,796	34	1,624	4,255	72	3,056	↑	32
Upper Level	13,712	41	5,645	15,437	38	5,794	16,231	69	11,240	↑	28
ENROLLMENT STATUS											
Full-time	26,017	11,336	44	28,294	10,876	38	28,609	19,821	69	↑	26
Part-time	659	344	52	791	324	41	918	602	66	↑	13

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	71	46	65	59	34	58	79	63	80	↑ 15
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	94	45	48	114	54	47	109	68	62	↑ 15
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	3,521	1,543	44	3,913	1,463	37	3,760	2,656	71	↑ 27
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,160	813	38	2,617	783	30	2,548	1,577	62	↑ 24
Communication and Journalism	109	57	52	91	50	55	91	79	87	↑ 35
Computer and Information Sciences	1,913	688	36	2,579	838	32	2,443	1,504	62	↑ 26
Education	821	405	49	938	396	42	865	633	73	↑ 24

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	3,819	1,487	39	4,189	1,309	31	4,187	2,723	65	↑ 26
English Language and Literature	410	229	56	379	201	53	482	363	75	↑ 19
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	231	122	53	206	87	42	260	166	64	↑ 11
Health Professions	2,464	1,051	43	2,254	949	42	2,401	1,782	74	↑ 32
History	168	98	58	178	100	56	207	154	74	↑ 16
Legal Professions and Studies	330	218	66	479	318	66	490	393	80	↑ 14
Mathematics and Statistics	459	195	42	580	200	34	677	407	60	↑ 18
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	2,712	1,095	40	2,792	880	32	2,284	1,547	68	↑ 27
Natural Resources and Conservation	90	41	46	97	47	48	143	125	87	↑ 42
Philosophy and Religious Studies	121	65	54	143	80	56	174	120	69	↑ 15
Physical Sciences	1,017	493	48	1,097	478	44	1,148	810	71	↑ 22
Psychology	1,886	871	46	1,995	888	45	2,346	1,689	72	↑ 26
Public Administration and Social Service P..	32	20	63	29	19	66	30	25	83	↑ 21
Social Sciences	3,091	1,516	49	3,330	1,511	45	3,639	2,676	74	↑ 24

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Visual and Performing Arts	1,133	570	50	1,001	502	50	1,147	853	74	<div>↑</div> 24
Unknown	24	12	50	25	13	52	18	11	61	<div>↑</div> 11

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-Irvine

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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