

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
University of California-  
Los Angeles

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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 providing 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: <https://idhe.tufts.edu/>.

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

Warm regards,

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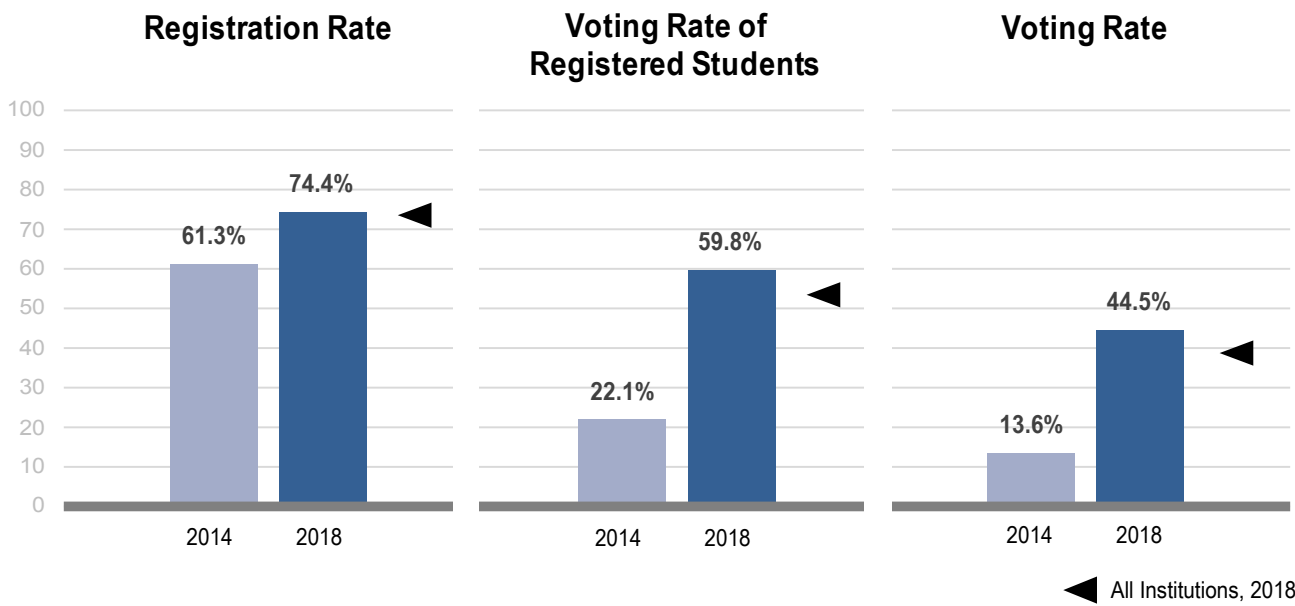
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2018 Voting Rate**  
**44.5%**

CHANGE FROM 2014  
**+31.0**

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**39.1%**



	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	57,009	58,150	↑ 1,141
Age under 18/Unknown	(427)	(2,099)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(6,088)	(6,880)	
FERPA records blocked	(16,920)	(12,588)	
Total eligible voters	33,574	36,583	↑ 3,009
Number of students who registered	20,589	27,232	↑ 6,643
Number of students who voted	4,549	16,288	↑ 11,739
Registration rate	61.3%	74.4%	↑ 13.1
Voting rate of registered students	22.1%	59.8%	↑ 37.7
Voting rate	13.6%	44.5%	↑ 31.0
Difference from all institutions	-6.2	+5.4	

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

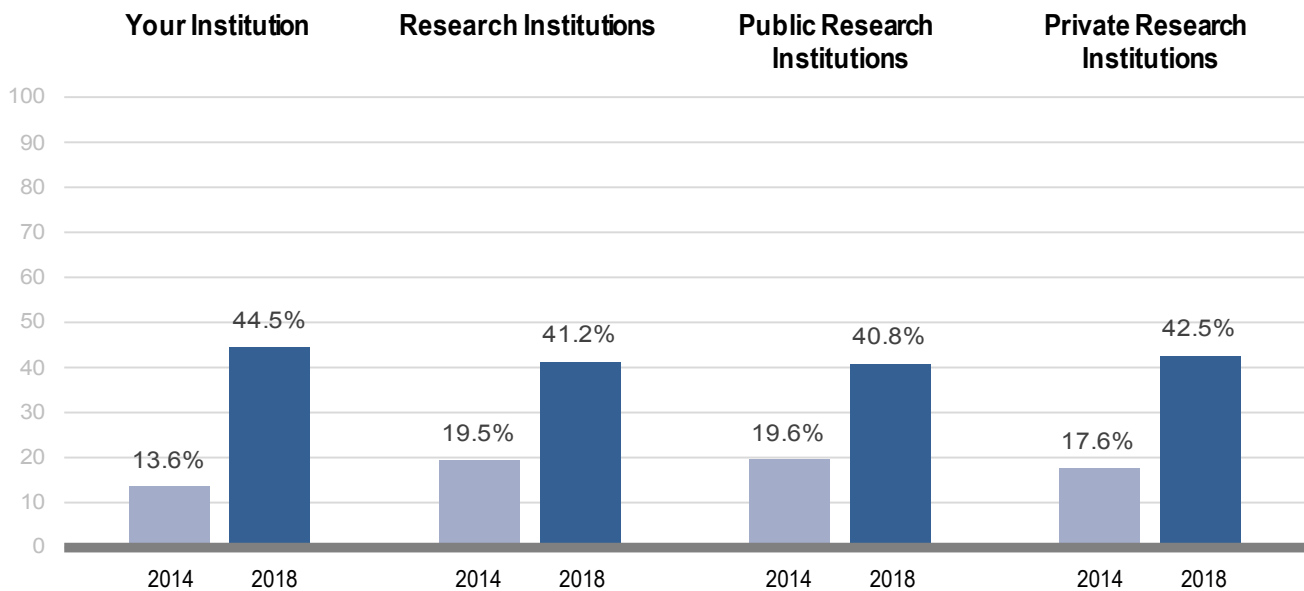
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

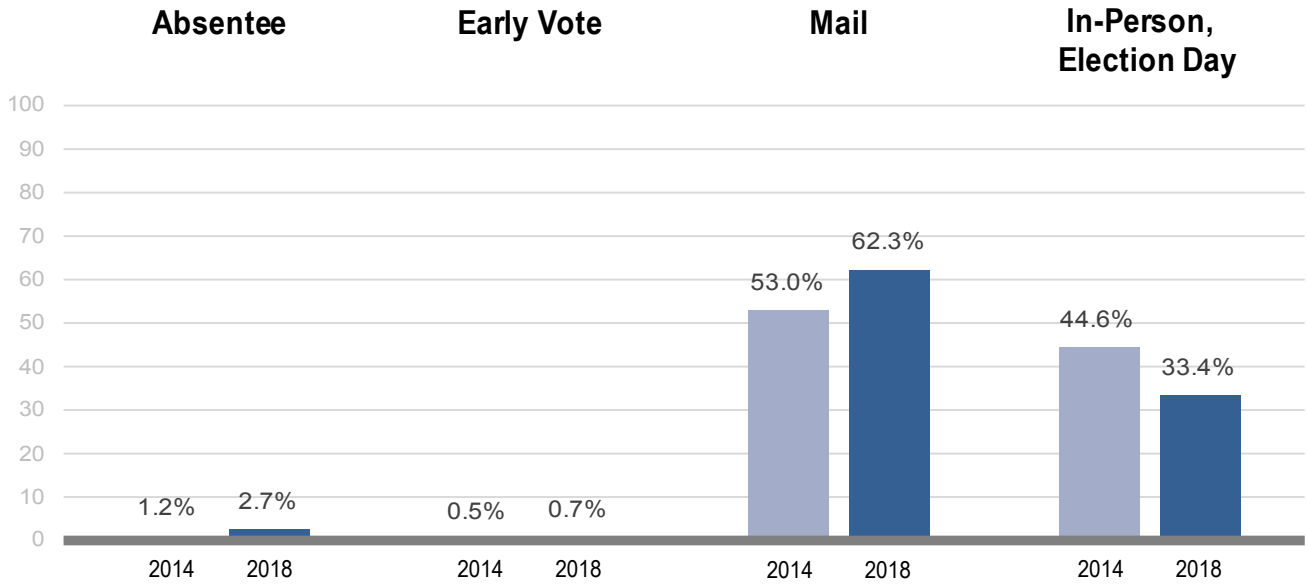
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# By Voting Method\*

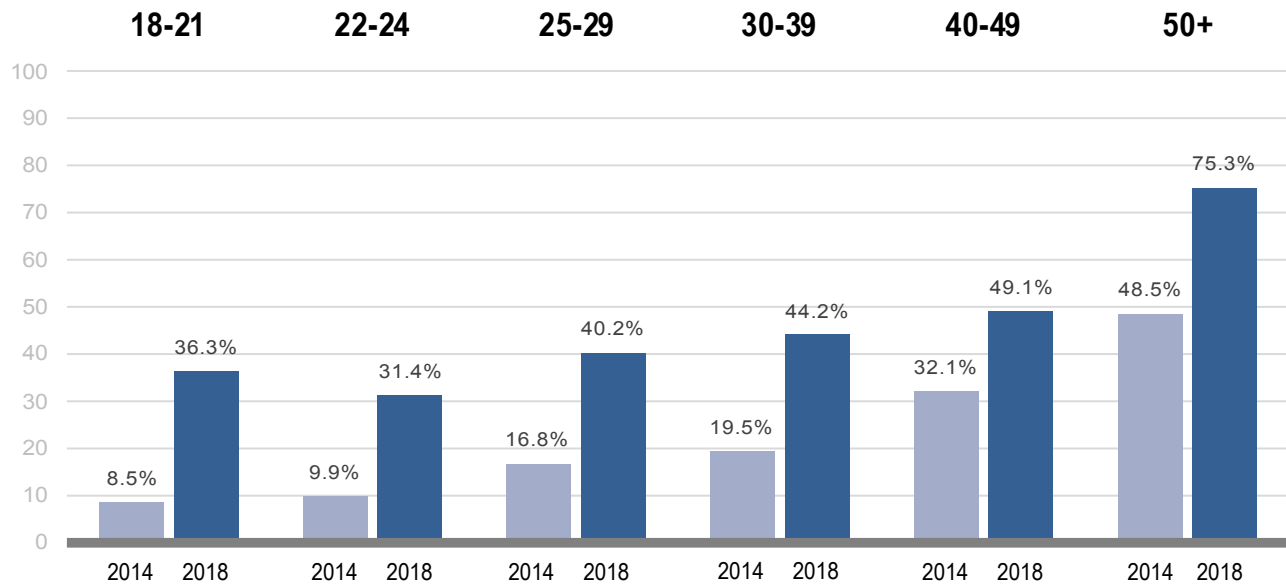


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	53	1.2%	443	2.7%	↑ 1.6
Early Vote	21	0.5%	115	0.7%	↑ 0.3
Mail	2,412	53.0%	10,144	62.3%	↑ 9.3
In-Person, Election Day	2,028	44.6%	5,445	33.4%	↓ -11.2
Unknown	35	0.8%	141	0.9%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,549</b>		<b>16,288</b>		

\* 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.

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# By Age Group\*

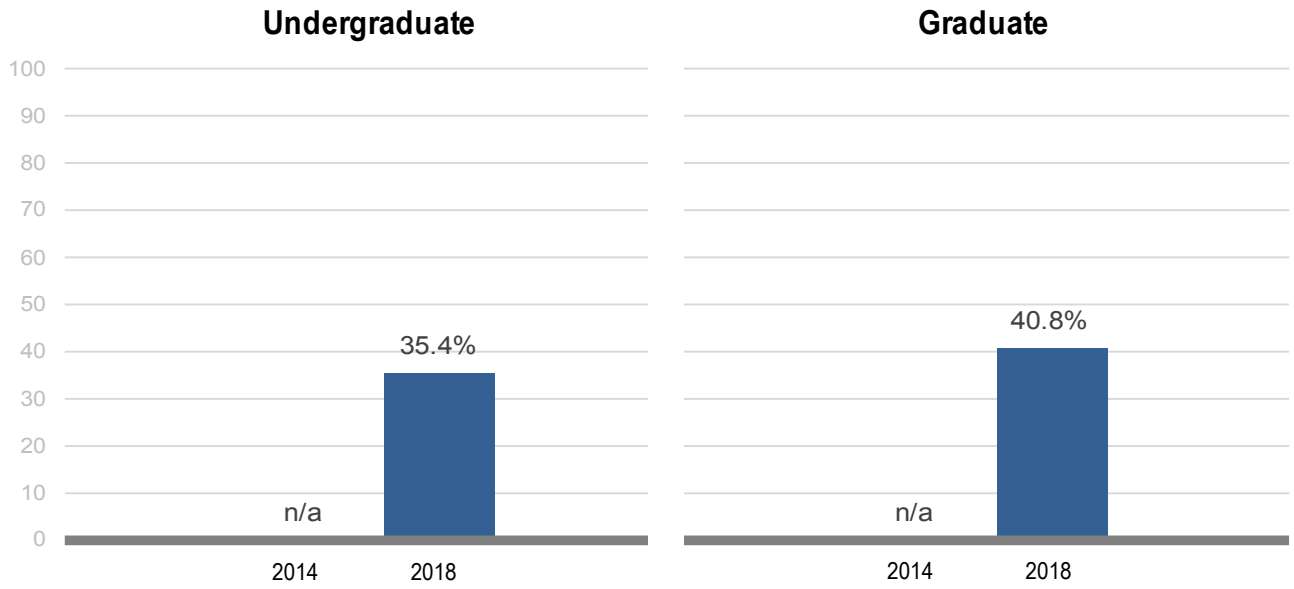


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	22,730	1,942	8.5%	25,495	9,261	36.3%	↑ 27.8
22-24	6,836	675	9.9%	7,038	2,208	31.4%	↑ 21.5
25-29	5,995	1,005	16.8%	6,323	2,541	40.2%	↑ 23.4
30-39	3,345	651	19.5%	3,388	1,498	44.2%	↑ 24.8
40-49	554	178	32.1%	524	257	49.1%	↑ 16.9
50+	202	98	48.5%	695	523	75.3%	↑ 26.7
Unknown	46			1,708			

\* 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.

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# By Education Level\*

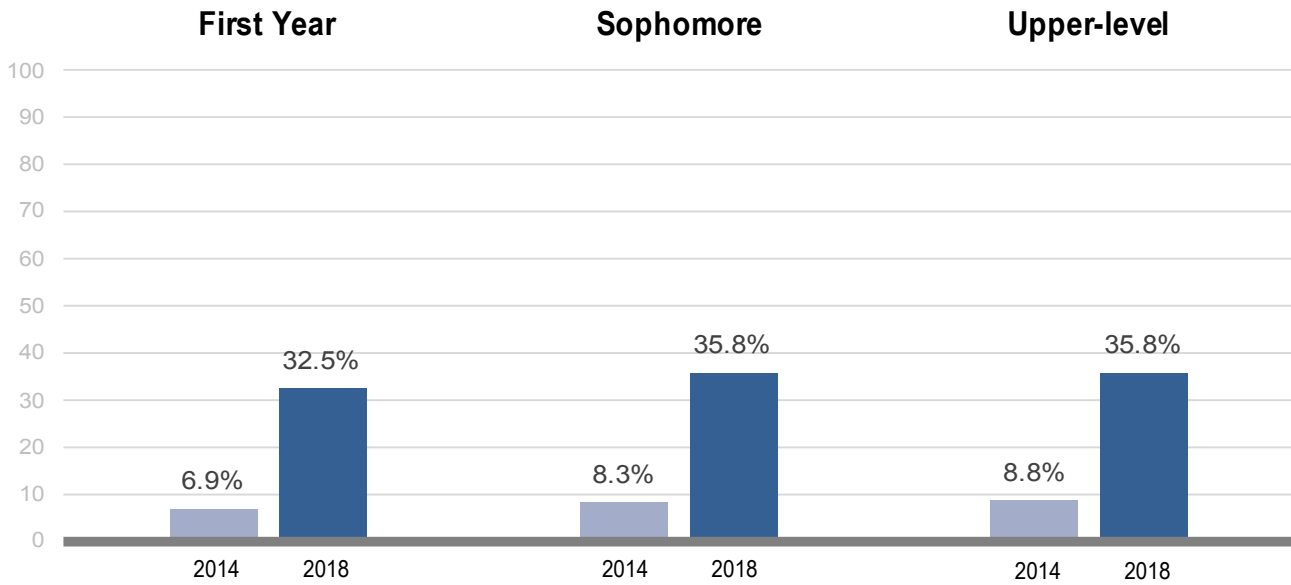


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	30,312	10,738	35.4%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	12,218	4,980	40.8%	n/a
Unknown	39,662			933			

\* 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.

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# By Undergraduate Class Year\*



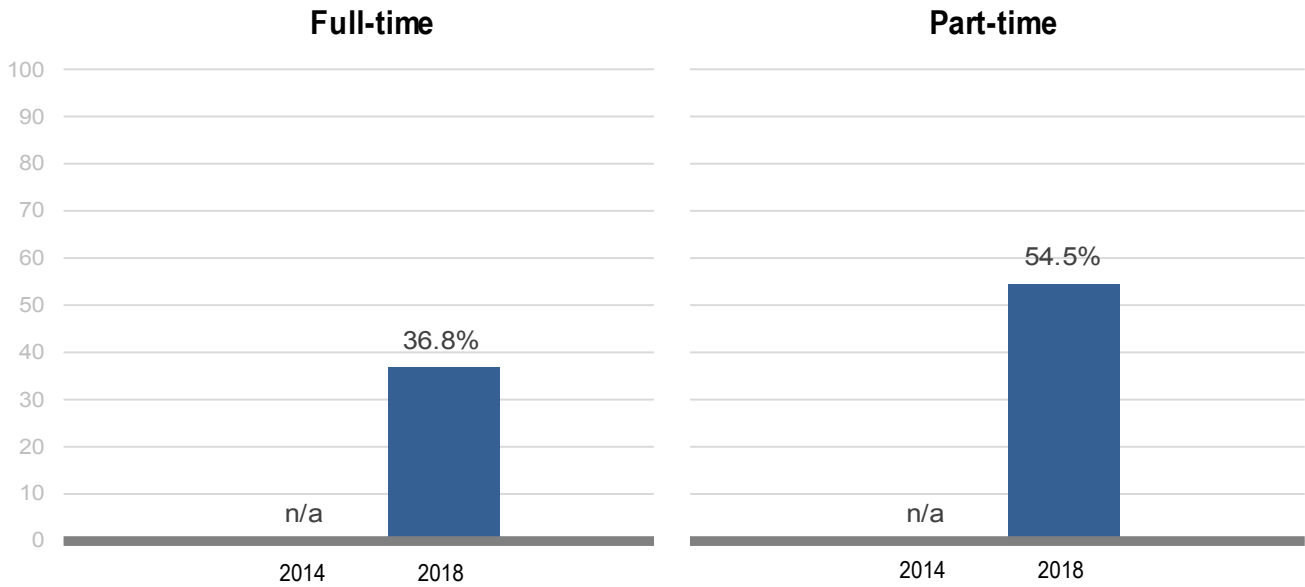
	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	3,122	214	<b>6.9%</b>	3,451	1,123	<b>32.5%</b>	↑ <b>25.7</b>
Sophomore	5,194	431	<b>8.3%</b>	5,599	2,004	<b>35.8%</b>	↑ <b>27.5</b>
Upper-level	19,578	1,730	<b>8.8%</b>	21,232	7,602	<b>35.8%</b>	↑ <b>27.0</b>

\* 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.



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# By Enrollment Status\*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	0	0	n/a	41,785	15,374	36.8%	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	1,676	913	54.5%	n/a
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.

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## 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	
Architecture	261	58	22.2%	444	176	39.6% ↑	17.4
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	580	82	14.1%	927	368	39.7% ↑	25.6
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	5,754	466	8.1%	6,673	2,295	34.4% ↑	26.3
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,430	166	6.8%	3,537	1,239	35.0% ↑	28.2
Computer and Information Sciences	624	48	7.7%	1,272	287	22.6% ↑	14.9
Education	463	129	27.9%	644	404	62.7% ↑	34.9
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	3,395	263	7.8%	4,569	1,343	29.4% ↑	21.6
English Language and Literature	797	87	10.9%	955	467	48.9% ↑	38.0
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	837	84	10.0%	1,039	355	34.2% ↑	24.1
Health Professions	1,189	219	18.4%	2,084	921	44.2% ↑	25.8
History	723	110	15.2%	790	358	45.3% ↑	30.1
Legal Professions and Studies	1,113	245	22.0%	1,104	560	50.7% ↑	28.7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	329	43	13.1%	216	87	40.3% ↑	27.2
Library Science	75	18	24.0%	99	76	76.8% ↑	52.8
Mathematics and Statistics	1,695	107	6.3%	2,521	548	21.7% ↑	15.4
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	989	113	11.4%	1,803	693	38.4% ↑	27.0
Natural Resources and Conservation	217	26	12.0%	336	158	47.0% ↑	35.0
Philosophy and Religious Studies	268	32	11.9%	366	126	34.4% ↑	22.5
Physical Sciences	1,295	136	10.5%	1,490	534	35.8% ↑	25.3
Psychology	2,686	217	8.1%	3,243	1,215	37.5% ↑	29.4
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	274	85	31.0%	409	240	58.7% ↑	27.7
Social Sciences	5,030	590	11.7%	6,108	2,417	39.6% ↑	27.8
Visual and Performing Arts	1,467	206	14.0%	1,827	820	44.9% ↑	30.8

Unknown	7,171	1,019	14.2%	1,007	601	59.7% ↑	45.5
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