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# Student Voting Rates for University of California-Riverside

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.

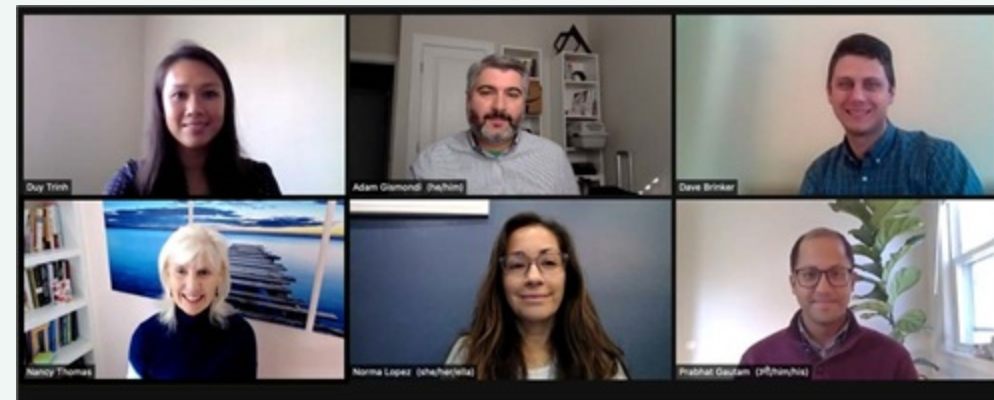
College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

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](mailto: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.

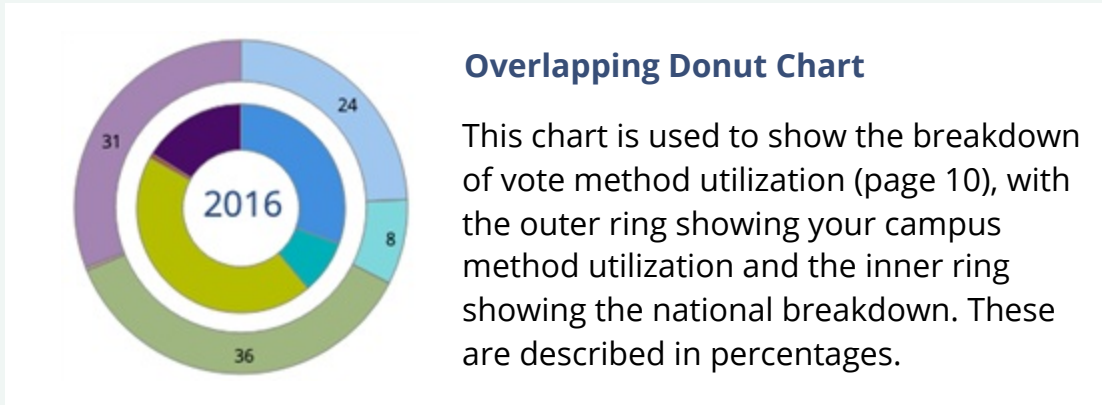
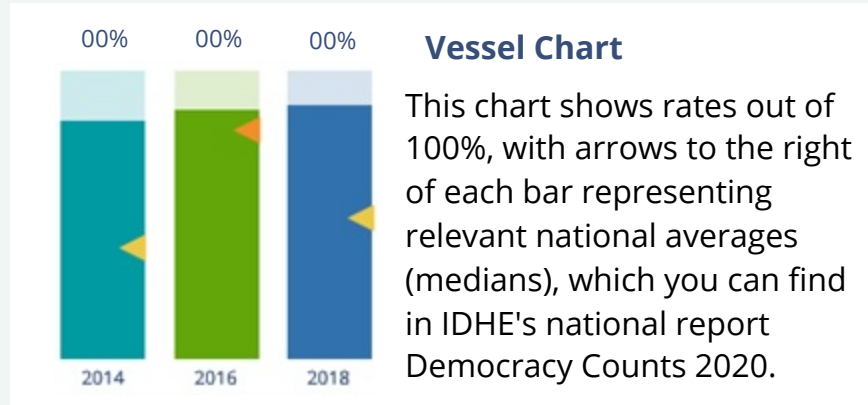
# In This Report

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

## YOUR INSTITUTION

68.7%

2020 Voting Rate

+28.7

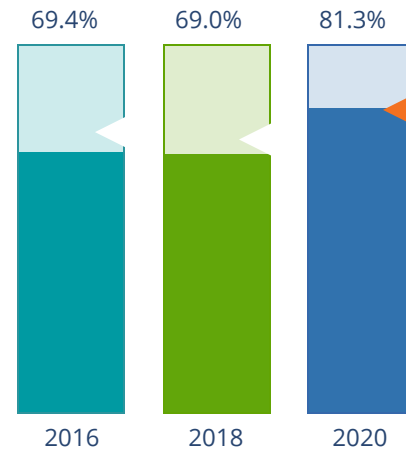
Change From 2016

## ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

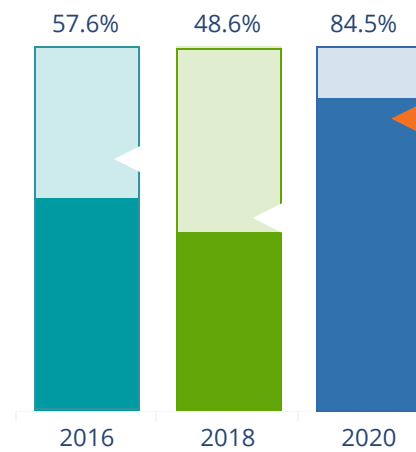
2020 Voting Rate

## REGISTRATION RATE



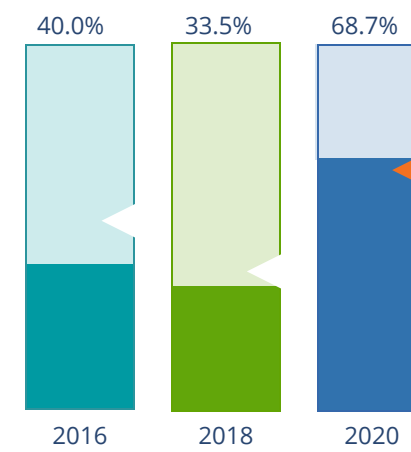
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

## 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.)
<b>Total Student Enrollment</b>	22,413	23,740	25,990	↑ 3,577
(Age under 18/Unknown)	-	-	-	-
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	1,598	1,812	1,975	↑ 377
(FERPA records blocked)	1,087	803	702	↓ -385
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	26	28	24	↓ -2
<b>Total eligible voters</b>	19,702	21,097	23,288	↑ 3,587
<b>Number of students who registered</b>	13,681	14,559	18,934	↑ 5,253
<b>Number of students who voted</b>	7,879	7,076	15,995	↑ 8,116
<b>Registration Rate %</b>	69	69	81	↑ 12
<b>Voting Rate of Registered Students %</b>	58	49	84	↑ 27
<b>Voting Rate %</b>	40	34	69	↑ 29

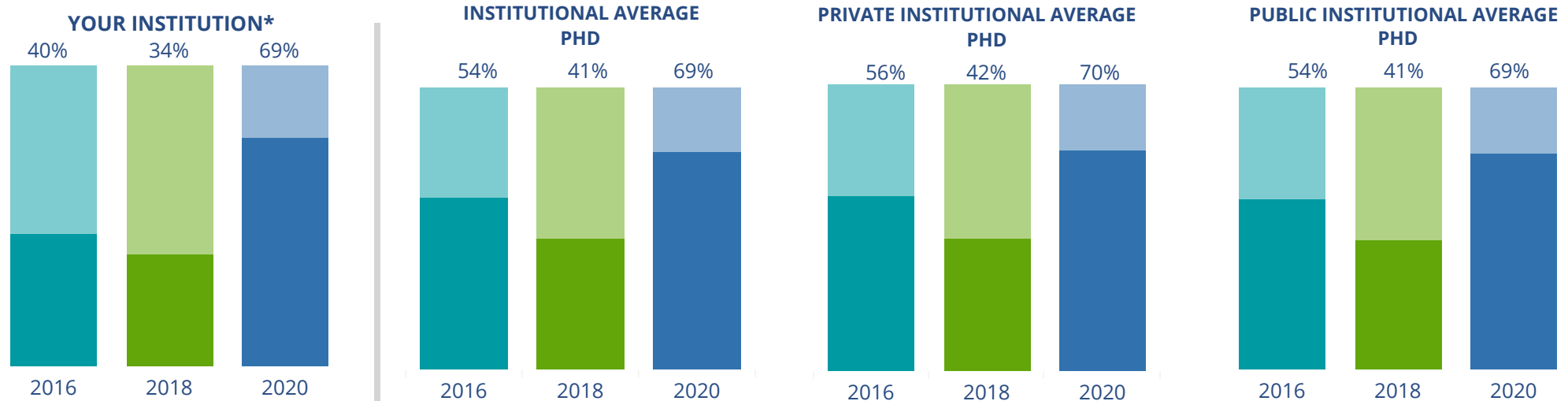
**This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates.** The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged,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

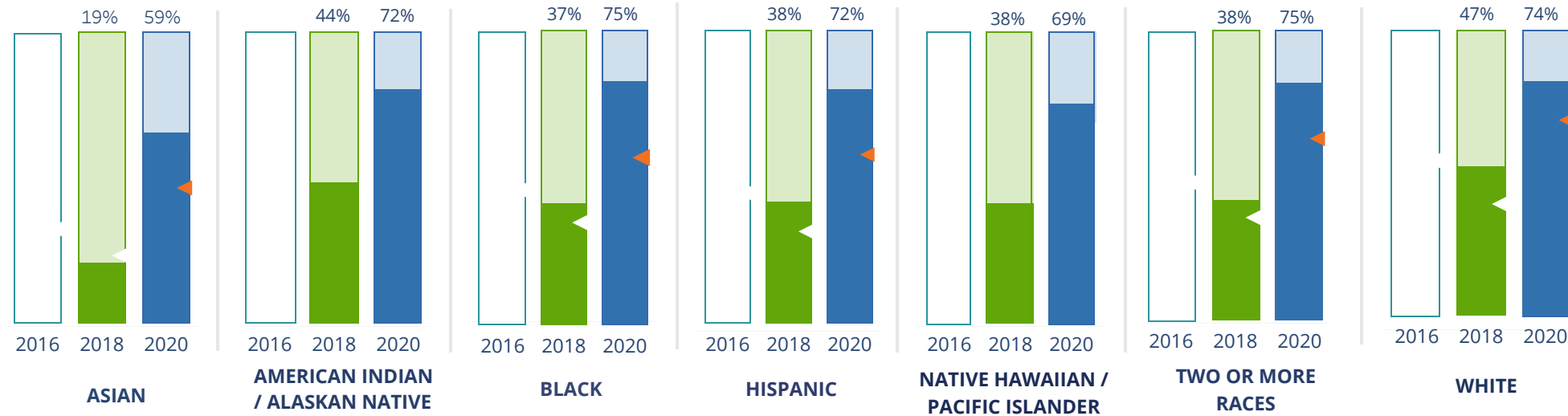
## By Institution Types



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>

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

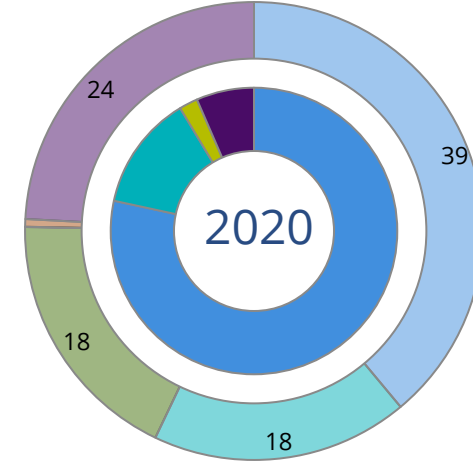
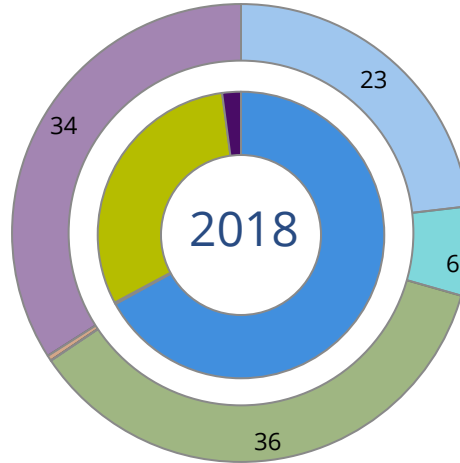
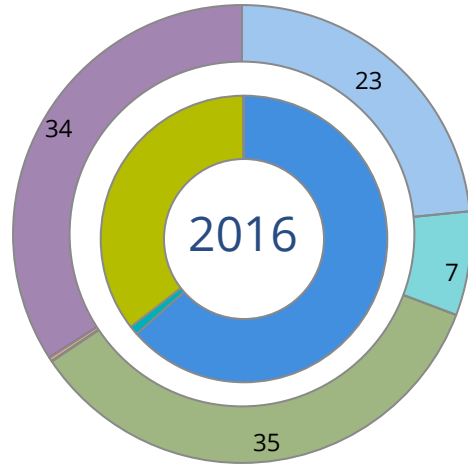
**This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates.** We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your 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
<b>Asian</b>	-	-	-	7,298	1,374	19	7,873	4,660	59	-
<b>American Indian/ Alaska Native</b>	-	-	-	25	11	44	29	21	72	-
<b>Black</b>	-	-	-	744	277	37	732	549	75	-
<b>Hispanic</b>	-	-	-	8,256	3,121	38	9,046	6,524	72	-
<b>Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander</b>	-	-	-	32	12	38	32	22	69	-
<b>2 or More Races</b>	-	-	-	1,611	610	38	1,832	1,366	75	-
<b>White</b>	-	-	-	3,100	1,466	47	3,296	2,445	74	-
<b>Race Unknown</b>	21,272	7,879	37	1,817	205	11	2,395	408	17	↓ -20



# 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	79	1	15	0	2,076	13	12	↑
In-Person on Election Day	2,786	35	2,170	31	338	2	-33	↓
Not-In-Person	5,001	64	4,742	67	12,539	78	15	↑
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	13	0	149	2	1,042	7	6	↑

**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	35%	29%	67%
22-24	37%	31%	56%
25-29	43%	38%	52%
30-39	51%	41%	56%
40-49	61%	52%	66%
50+	67%	74%	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
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
<b>18-21</b>	15,174	5,351	35	16,131	4,693	29	17,057	11,495	67	↑ 32
<b>22-24</b>	3,220	1,176	37	3,475	1,063	31	4,120	2,304	56	↑ 19
<b>25-29</b>	1,881	817	43	2,186	830	38	2,630	1,365	52	↑ 8
<b>30-39</b>	791	404	51	854	352	41	1,153	640	56	↑ 4
<b>40-49</b>	124	76	61	169	88	52	189	125	66	↑ 5
<b>50+</b>	82	55	67	68	50	74	86	66	77	↑ 10

# Looking Closer

## By Sex

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Female	-	-	-	11,927	4,152	35	13,176	9,025	68	-
Male	-	-	-	10,729	2,867	27	11,849	6,857	58	-

**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)	
<b>EDUCATION LEVEL</b>											
Undergraduate	18,363	6,597	36	19,706	5,882	30	21,614	14,176	66	↑	30
Graduate	2,905	1,280	44	3,175	1,194	38	3,621	1,819	50	↑	6
Class Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>CLASS YEAR</b>											
First Year	5,153	32	1,668	4,574	24	1,118	4,670	63	2,957	↑	31
Second Year	3,744	35	1,292	4,495	28	1,241	4,359	68	2,953	↑	33
Upper Level	9,469	38	3,638	10,626	33	3,520	12,567	66	8,256	↑	27
<b>ENROLLMENT STATUS</b>											
Full-time	-	-	-	22,260	6,824	31	24,361	15,472	64	-	-
Part-time	-	-	-	619	250	40	873	523	60	-	-

**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)
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	190	79	42	178	71	40	185	114	62	↑ 20
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	4,025	1,444	36	4,533	1,355	30	5,116	3,439	67	↑ 31
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,952	761	26	3,133	641	20	3,201	1,809	57	↑ 31
Computer and Information Sciences	274	50	18	913	169	19	1,334	674	51	↑ 32
Education	218	148	68	452	223	49	774	571	74	↑ 6
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,826	967	34	2,295	597	26	2,508	1,403	56	↑ 22
English Language and Literature	808	434	54	821	375	46	763	570	75	↑ 21

**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>

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FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	377	168	45	410	148	36	447	282	63	↑ 19
Health Professions	189	114	60	235	126	54	284	224	79	↑ 19
History	326	184	56	347	158	46	401	307	77	↑ 20
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	280	134	48	332	127	38	261	184	70	↑ 23
Mathematics and Statistics	767	250	33	927	214	23	945	544	58	↑ 25
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,323	451	34	1,219	338	28	914	579	63	↑ 29
Natural Resources and Conservation	198	82	41	209	73	35	220	153	70	↑ 28
Philosophy and Religious Studies	210	97	46	210	81	39	219	142	65	↑ 19
Physical Sciences	739	252	34	812	236	29	846	467	55	↑ 21
Psychology	1,557	631	41	1,582	558	35	1,704	1,237	73	↑ 32
Public Administration and Social Service P..	231	121	52	296	144	49	387	292	75	↑ 23
Social Sciences	2,845	1,147	40	3,011	1,085	36	3,660	2,332	64	↑ 23
Visual and Performing Arts	852	357	42	955	351	37	1,045	660	63	↑ 21
Unknown	85	-	-	13	-	-	21	12	57	-

# 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-Riverside

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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