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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for University of California-Santa Cruz

Tufts UNIVERSITY | Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life

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 improving 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.**

Warm regards,

IDHE Team

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS
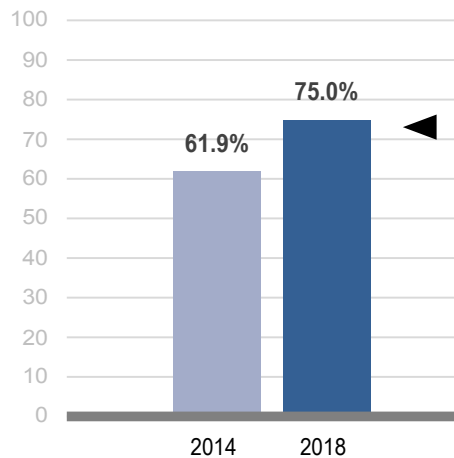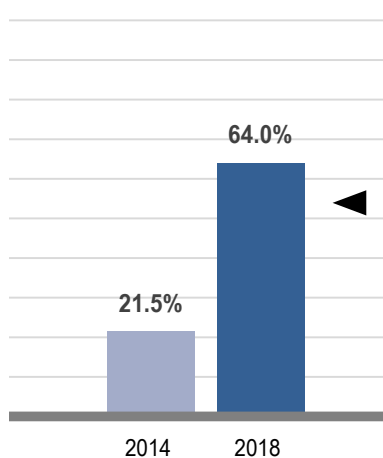
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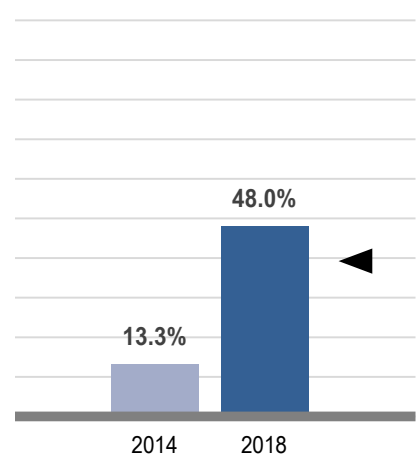
2018 Voting Rate

48.0%

CHANGE
FROM 2014

+34.7

2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate

Voting Rate of Registered Students

Voting Rate

2014	2018
61.9%	75.0%

2014	2018
21.5%	64.0%

2014	2018
13.3%	48.0%

◄ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	**2018**		Change
Total student enrollment	**17,681**	**19,615**	⬆	**1,934**
Age under 18/Unknown	(232)	(212)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(625)	(1,611)		
FERPA records blocked	(124)	(87)		
Total eligible voters	**16,700**	**17,705**	⬆	**1,005**
Number of students who registered	**10,332**	**13,272**	⬆	**2,940**
Number of students who voted	**2,218**	**8,491**	⬆	**6,273**
Registration rate	**61.9%**	**75.0%**	⬆	**13.1**
Voting rate of registered students	**21.5%**	**64.0%**	⬆	**42.5**
Voting rate	**13.3%**	**48.0%**	⬆	**34.7**
Difference from all institutions	**-6.4**	**+8.9**		

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions	**HIGH 54.0%**
19.7%	**LOW 1.5%**

Difference from All Institutions   **-6.4**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	**HIGH 64.1%**
39.1%	**LOW 11.5%**

Difference from All Institutions   **+8.9**

	Your Institution		Research Institutions		Public Research Institutions		Private Research Institutions
2014	13.3%	2014	19.5%	2014	19.6%	2014	17.6%
2018	48.0%	2018	41.2%	2018	40.8%	2018	42.5%
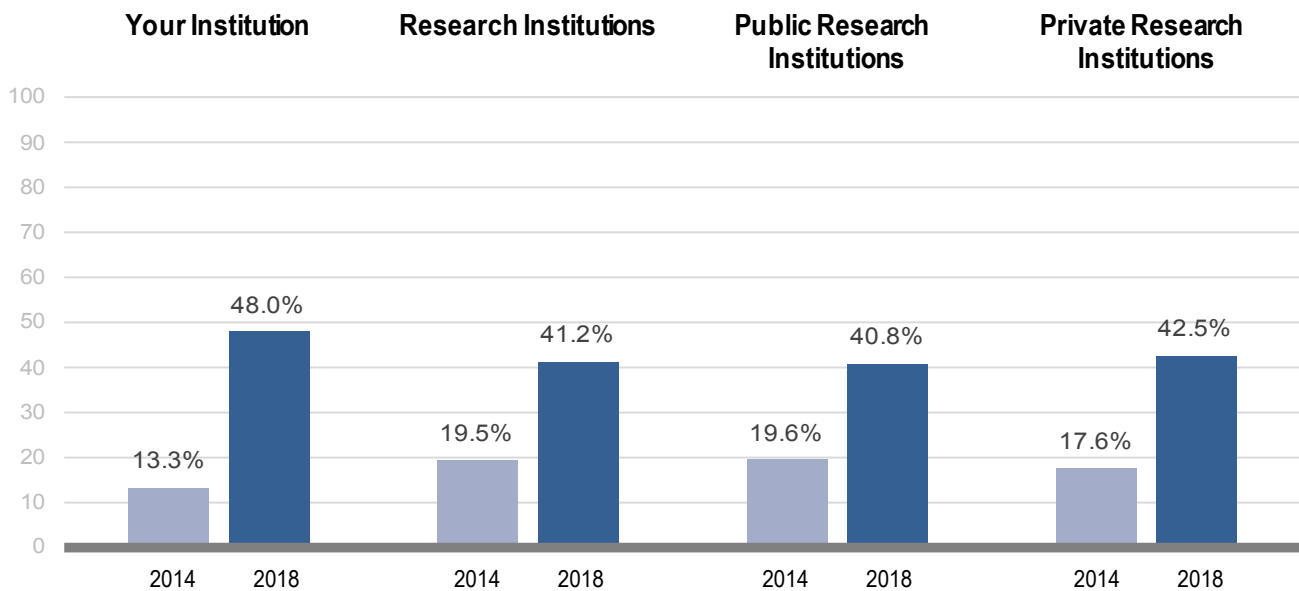
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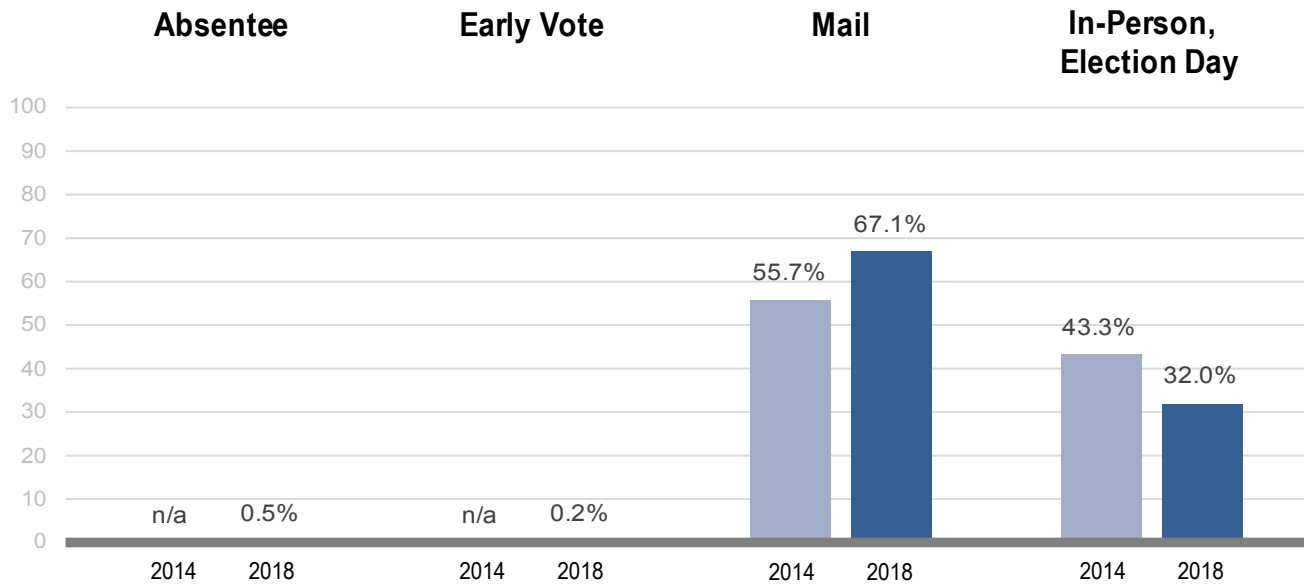
	2014			**2018**		
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate	Change
Absentee	*	n/a		41	**0.5%**	**n/a**
Early Vote	*	n/a		16	**0.2%**	**n/a**
Mail	1,235	**55.7%**		5,699	**67.1%**	⬆ **11.4**
In-Person, Election Day	960	**43.3%**		2,714	**32.0%**	⬇ **-11.3**
Unknown	10	**0.5%**		21	**0.3%**	
Total	**2,218**			**8,491**		

* 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 officals where your students voted.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*
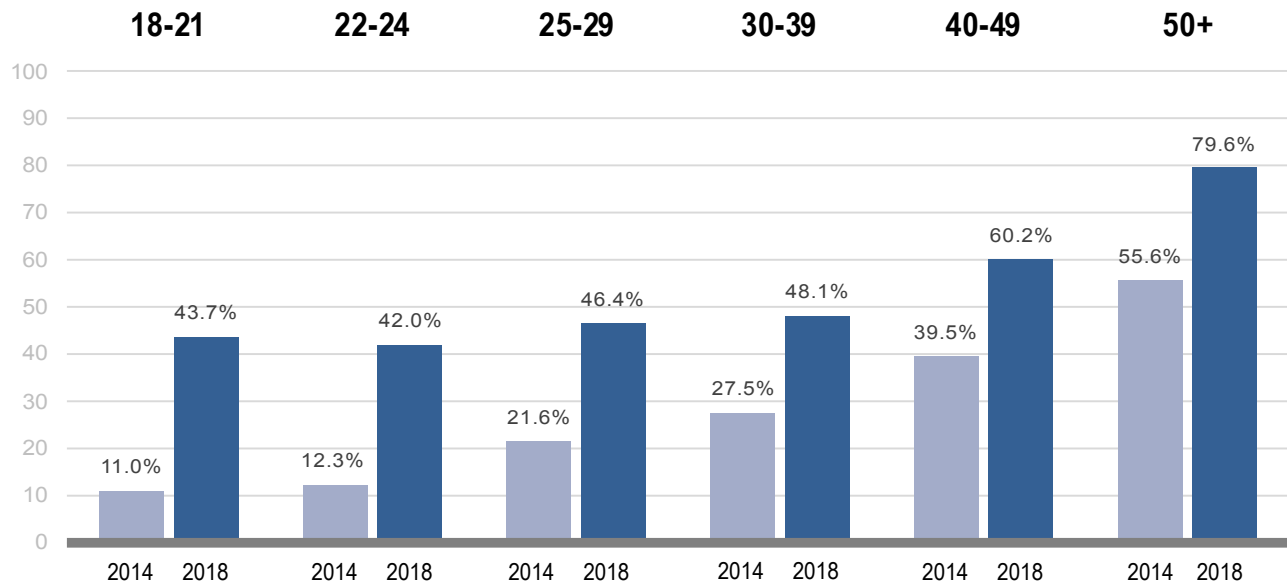
	2014				**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	12,791	1,408	**11.0%**		13,876	6,059	**43.7%**	⬆	**32.7**
22-24	2,580	316	**12.3%**		3,061	1,284	**42.0%**	⬆	**29.7**
25-29	1,146	247	**21.6%**		1,460	678	**46.4%**	⬆	**24.9**
30-39	648	178	**27.5%**		767	369	**48.1%**	⬆	**20.6**
40-49	124	49	**39.5%**		103	62	**60.2%**	⬆	**20.7**
50+	36	20	**55.6%**		49	39	**79.6%**	⬆	**24.0**
Unknown	0				0				

* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Education Level*

Undergraduate
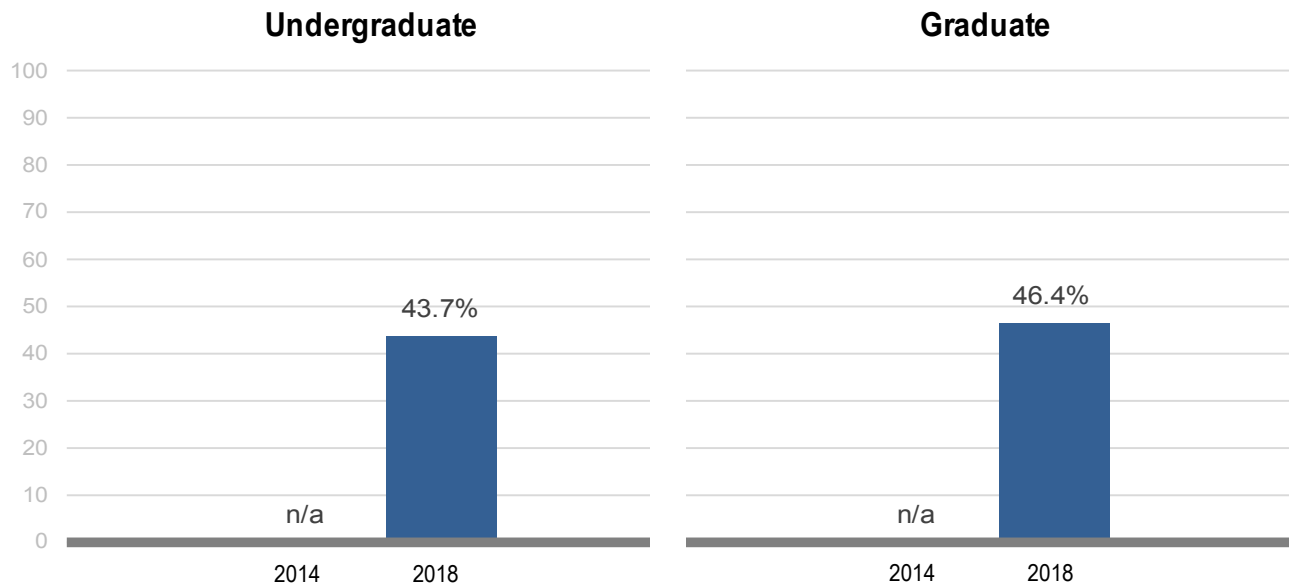
Graduate

	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**		17,383	7,597	**43.7%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**		1,904	883	**46.4%**	**n/a**
Unknown	17,325				29			

* 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.

**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Undergraduate Class Year*

First Year	Sophomore	Upper-level
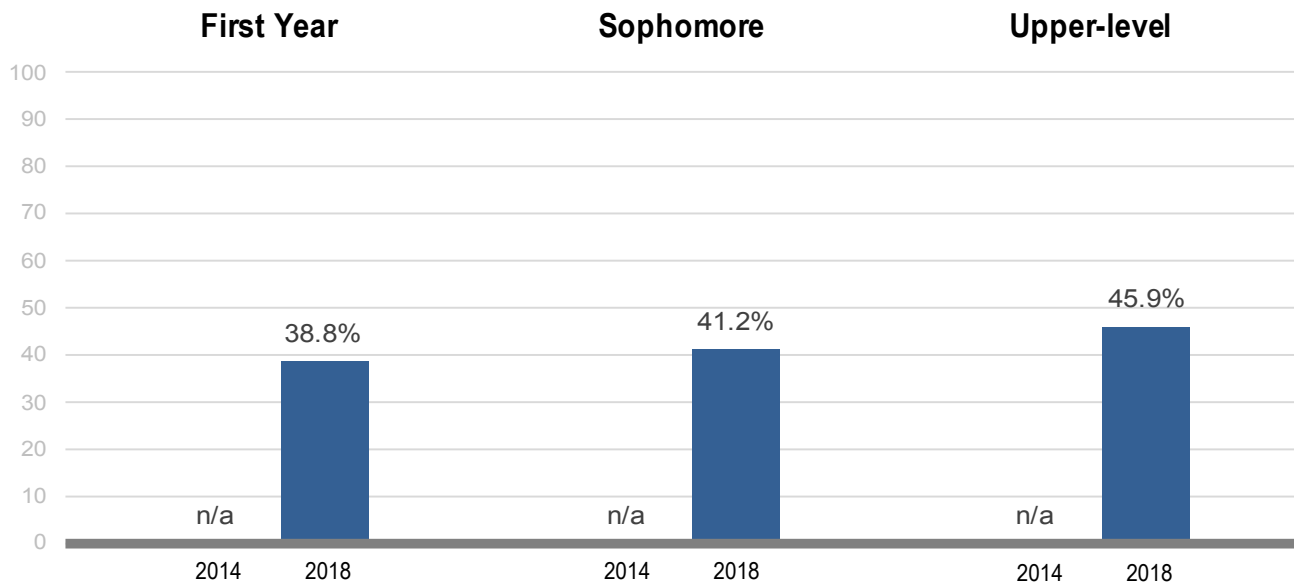
	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
First Year	0	0	**n/a**	3,047	1,181	**38.8%**	**n/a**
Sophomore	0	0	**n/a**	3,462	1,426	**41.2%**	**n/a**
Upper-level	0	0	**n/a**	10,878	4,992	**45.9%**	**n/a**

* 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.

**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Enrollment Status*
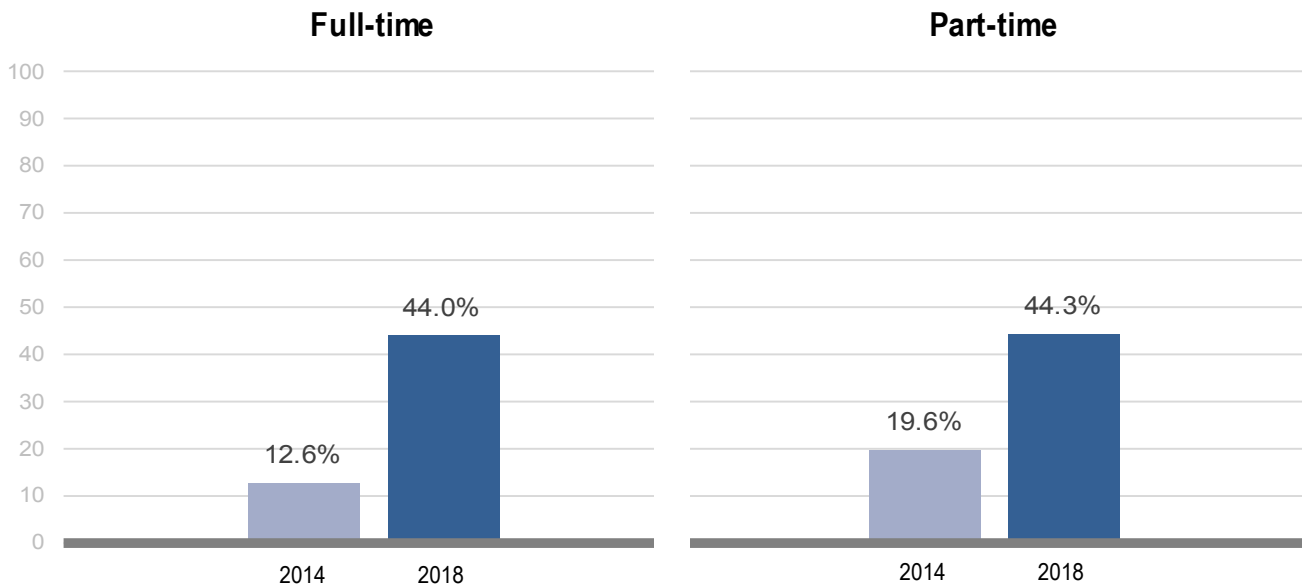
Full-time

Part-time

	2014				2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	16,860	2,127	**12.6%**		18,867	8,292	**44.0%**	⬆	**31.3**
Part-time	465	91	**19.6%**		449	199	**44.3%**	⬆	**24.8**
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.

By Race/Ethnicity*
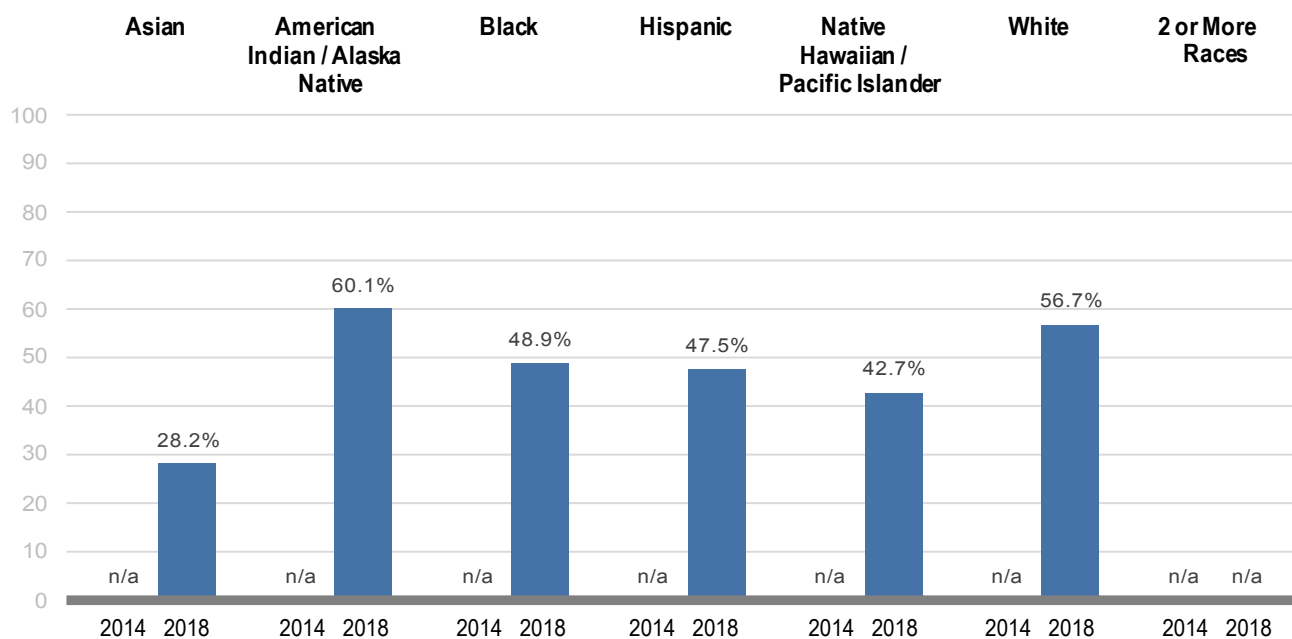
	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Asian	0	0	**n/a**		6,593	1,858	**28.2%**	**n/a**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	**n/a**		163	98	**60.1%**	**n/a**
Black	0	0	**n/a**		823	402	**48.9%**	**n/a**
Hispanic	0	0	**n/a**		4,947	2,352	**47.5%**	**n/a**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	**n/a**		68	29	**42.7%**	**n/a**
White	0	0	**n/a**		6,230	3,530	**56.7%**	**n/a**
2 or More Races	0	0	**n/a**		0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Unknown	17,325				492			

* Your students' data broken down by race. 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. For this page, we consider international students of unknown race/ethnicity.

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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	0	0	n/a	25	15	60.0%	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	0	0	n/a	286	154	53.9%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	0	0	n/a	1,806	840	46.5%	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	0	0	n/a	591	206	34.9%	n/a
Communication and Journalism	0	0	n/a	26	13	50.0%	n/a
Communications Technologies/Technicians	0	0	n/a	108	57	52.8%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	0	0	n/a	1,946	691	35.5%	n/a
Education	0	0	n/a	84	66	78.6%	n/a
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	0	0	n/a	782	269	34.4%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	0	0	n/a	500	284	56.8%	n/a
History	0	0	n/a	252	141	56.0%	n/a
Legal Professions and Studies	0	0	n/a	256	131	51.2%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	0	0	n/a	239	95	39.8%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	8,867	3,683	41.5%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	0	0	n/a	402	225	56.0%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	0	0	n/a	93	38	40.9%	n/a
Physical Sciences	0	0	n/a	754	382	50.7%	n/a
Psychology	0	0	n/a	66	42	63.6%	n/a
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	0	0	n/a	80	52	65.0%	n/a
Social Sciences	0	0	n/a	1,283	633	49.3%	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	0	0	n/a	831	458	55.1%	n/a
Unknown	17,325	2,218	12.8%	39	16	41.0% ⬆	28.2

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.**

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