

#### **SEPTEMBER 2019**

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT** 

Student Voting Rates for University of Central Arkansas

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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 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** 



### Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

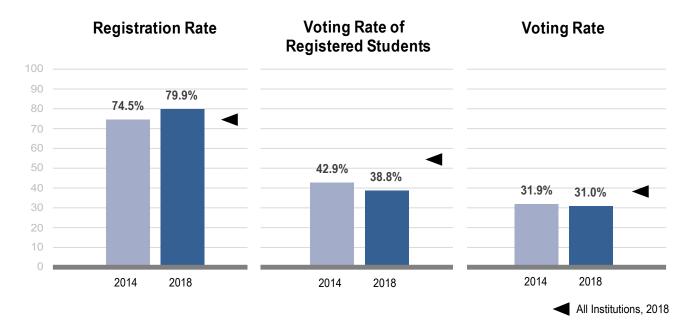
31.0%

CHANGE FROM 2014

-1.0

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%



	2014	2018		Change	
Total student enrollment	11,192	10,767	Ţ	-425	
Age under 18/Unknown IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens FERPA records blocked	(327) (534) (11)	(326) (535) *			
Total eligible voters	10,320	9,902	Ţ	-418	
Number of students who registered	7,684	7,909	<u>^</u>	225	
Number of students who voted	3,296	3,066	<u></u>	-230	
Registration rate	74.5%	79.9%	î	5.4	
Voting rate of registered students	42.9%	38.8%	<u></u>	-4.1	
Voting rate	31.9%	31.0%	<b>₽</b>	-1.0	
Difference from all institutions	+12.2	-8.1			

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#### **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%

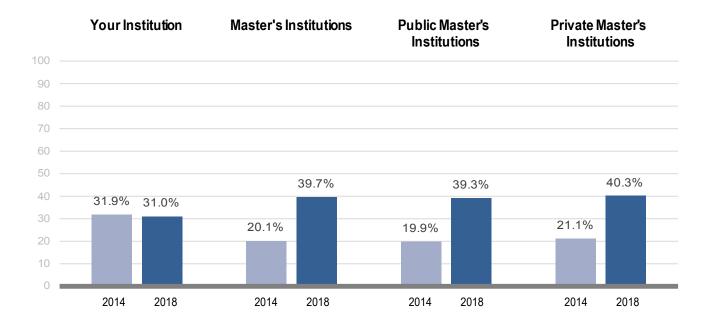
LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions

+12.2

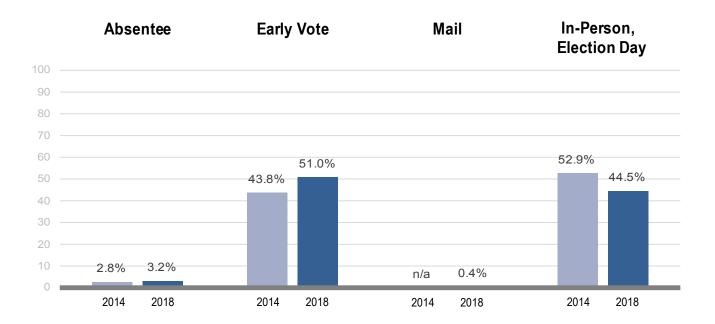
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## By Voting Method\*

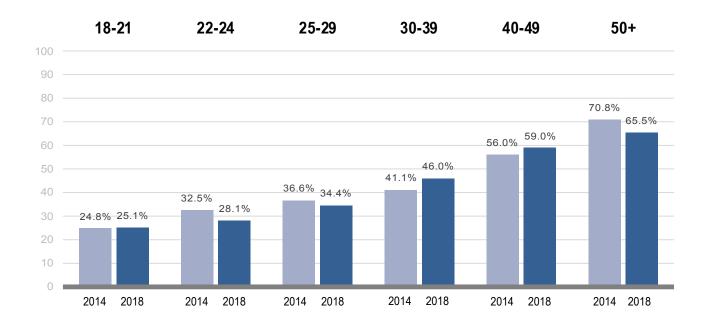


	2014		20	2018		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	91	2.8%	97	3.2%	•	0.4
Early Vote	1,443	43.8%	1,565	51.0%	•	7.3
Mail	*	n/a	11	0.4%		n/a
In-Person, Election Day	1,743	52.9%	1,365	44.5%	1	-8.4
Unknown	16	0.5%	28	0.9%		
Total	3,296		3,066			

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

### By Age Group\*

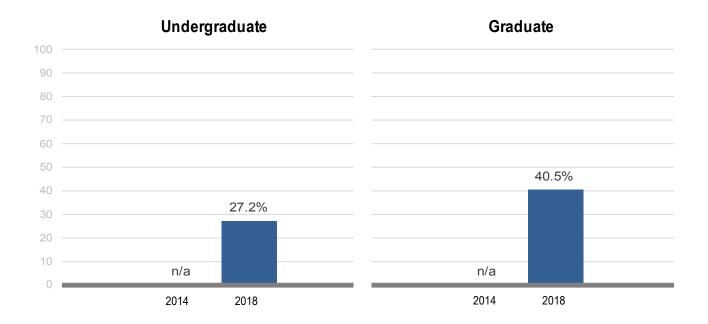


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
18-21	6,412	1,592	24.8%	6,249	1,571	25.1%	•	0.3
22-24	2,148	698	32.5%	2,243	630	28.1%	₽	-4.4
25-29	1,027	376	36.6%	849	292	34.4%	1	-2.2
30-39	725	298	41.1%	646	297	46.0%	1	4.9
40-49	350	196	56.0%	285	168	59.0%	1	3.0
50+	192	136	70.8%	165	108	65.5%	1	-5.4
Unknown	0			0				

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

## By Education Level\*

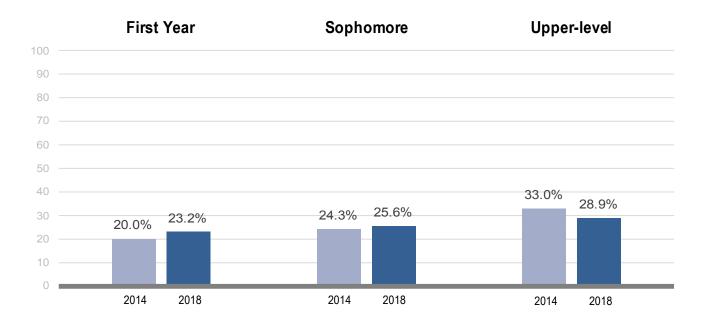


		2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	8,715	2,368	27.2%	n/a	
Graduate	0	0	n/a	1,706	691	40.5%	n/a	
Unknown	10,854			16				

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

# By Undergraduate Class Year\*

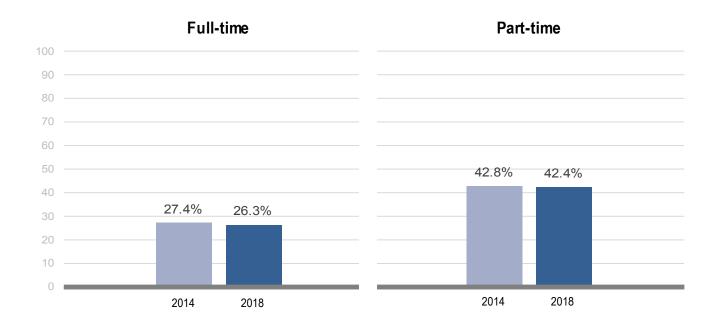


	2014			2018						
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change		
First Year	2,985	596	20.0%	2,451	568	23.2%	•	3.2		
Sophomore	1,847	448	24.3%	1,825	468	25.6%	•	1.4		
Upper-level	4,005	1,322	33.0%	4,222	1,221	28.9%	1	-4.1		

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

### By Enrollment Status\*

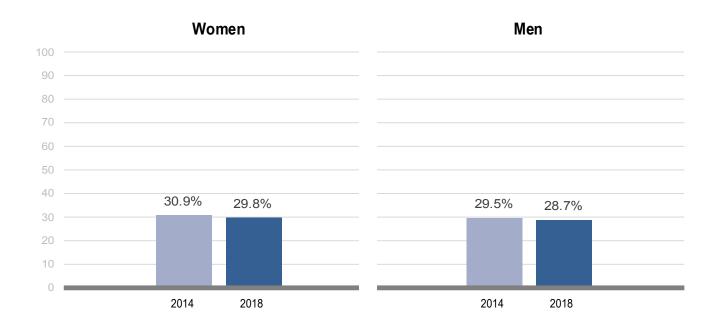


	2014				2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	8,743	2,392	27.4%	8,451	2,224	26.3%	Ŷ	-1.0
Part-time	2,111	904	42.8%	1,985	841	42.4%	<b>1</b>	-0.5
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

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<sup>\*</sup> 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 Gender\*

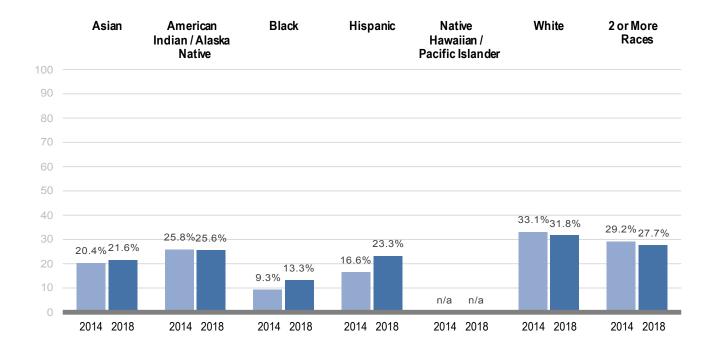


		2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change	
Women	6,698	2,071	30.9%	6,541	1,948	29.8%	1	-1.1	
Men	4,156	1,225	29.5%	3,896	1,118	28.7%	1	-0.8	
Unknown	0		,	0					

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<sup>\*</sup> Your students' data broken down by gender. 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							
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Asian	54	11	20.4%	51	11	21.6%	•	1.2
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1,971	509	25.8%	1,653	423	25.6%	<b>1</b>	-0.2
Black	226	21	9.3%	256	34	13.3%	1	4.0
Hispanic	440	73	16.6%	563	131	23.3%	•	6.7
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	11	*	n/a	*	0	n/a		n/a
White	7,594	2,516	33.1%	7,350	2,337	31.8%	1	-1.3
2 or More Races	336	98	29.2%	411	114	27.7%	1	-1.4
Unknown	222	1		147				

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

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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		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	536	145	27.1%	662	175	26.4% 🚚	-0.6
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,198	378	31.6%	1,465	397	27.1% 🔱	-4.5
Communication and Journalism	243	70	28.8%	272	90	33.1% 👚	4.3
Computer and Information Sciences	221	55	24.9%	337	90	26.7% 🎓	1.8
Education	944	413	43.8%	1,288	453	35.2% 🔱	-8.6
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	0	0	n/a	25	*	n/a	n/a
English Language and Literature	269	96	35.7%	253	103	40.7% 👚	5.0
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	371	126	34.0%	308	87	28.3% 棏	-5.7
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	95	29	30.5%	87	38	43.7% 👚	13.2
Health Professions	1,812	574	31.7%	1,810	496	27.4% 🔱	-4.3
History	121	60	49.6%	94	44	46.8% 🔱	-2.8
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,587	562	21.7%	840	188	22.4% 👚	0.7
Library Science	122	66	54.1%	57	24	42.1% 🔱	-12.0
Mathematics and Statistics	99	27	27.3%	116	31	26.7% 棏	-0.6
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	89	45	50.6%	106	47	44.3% 棏	-6.2
Natural Resources and Conservation	69	28	40.6%	86	33	38.4% 🔱	-2.2
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	253	49	19.4%	469	88	18.8% 棏	-0.6
Philosophy and Religious Studies	33	10	30.3%	36	17	47.2% 👚	16.9
Physical Sciences	233	75	32.2%	246	78	31.7% 棏	-0.5
Psychology	577	153	26.5%	649	176	27.1% 👚	0.6
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	34	22	64.7%	24	18	75.0% 👚	10.3
Social Sciences	393	152	38.7%	494	154	31.2% 🔱	-7.5
Visual and Performing Arts	549	158	28.8%	702	228	32.5% 👚	3.7

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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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