

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
University of Colorado
Boulder

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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.

Warm regards,

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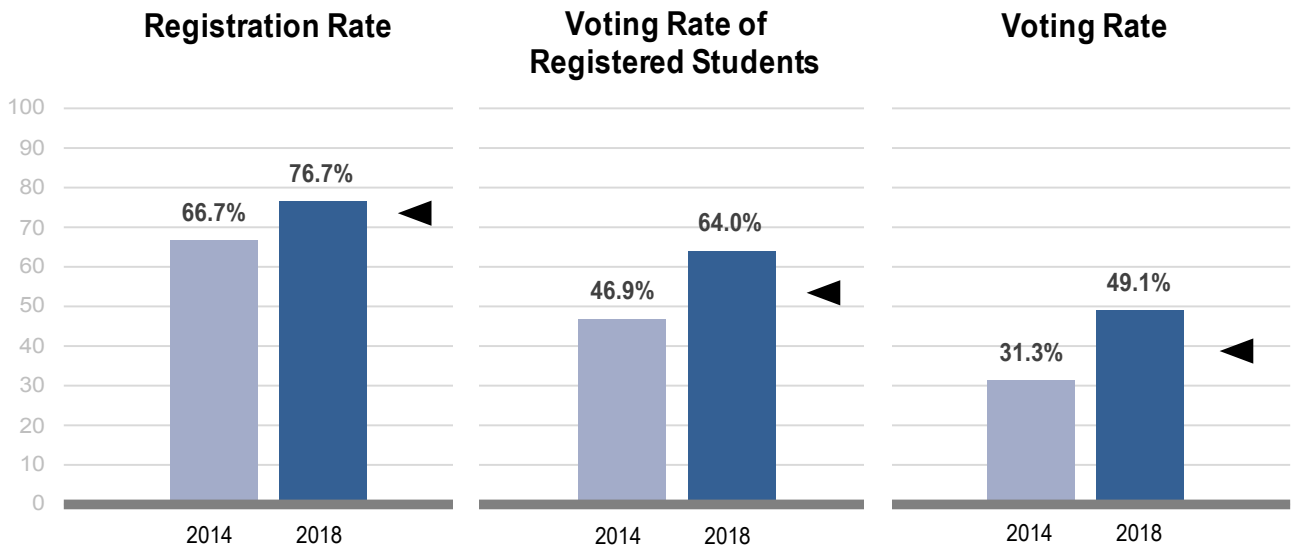
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate
49.1%

CHANGE FROM 2014
+17.8

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%



◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	32,081	36,221	↑ 4,140
Age under 18/Unknown	(187)	(149)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(2,284)	(3,321)	
FERPA records blocked	(35)	(18)	
Total eligible voters	29,575	32,733	↑ 3,158
Number of students who registered	19,739	25,103	↑ 5,364
Number of students who voted	9,258	16,066	↑ 6,808
Registration rate	66.7%	76.7%	↑ 10.0
Voting rate of registered students	46.9%	64.0%	↑ 17.1
Voting rate	31.3%	49.1%	↑ 17.8
Difference from all institutions	+11.6	+10.0	

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

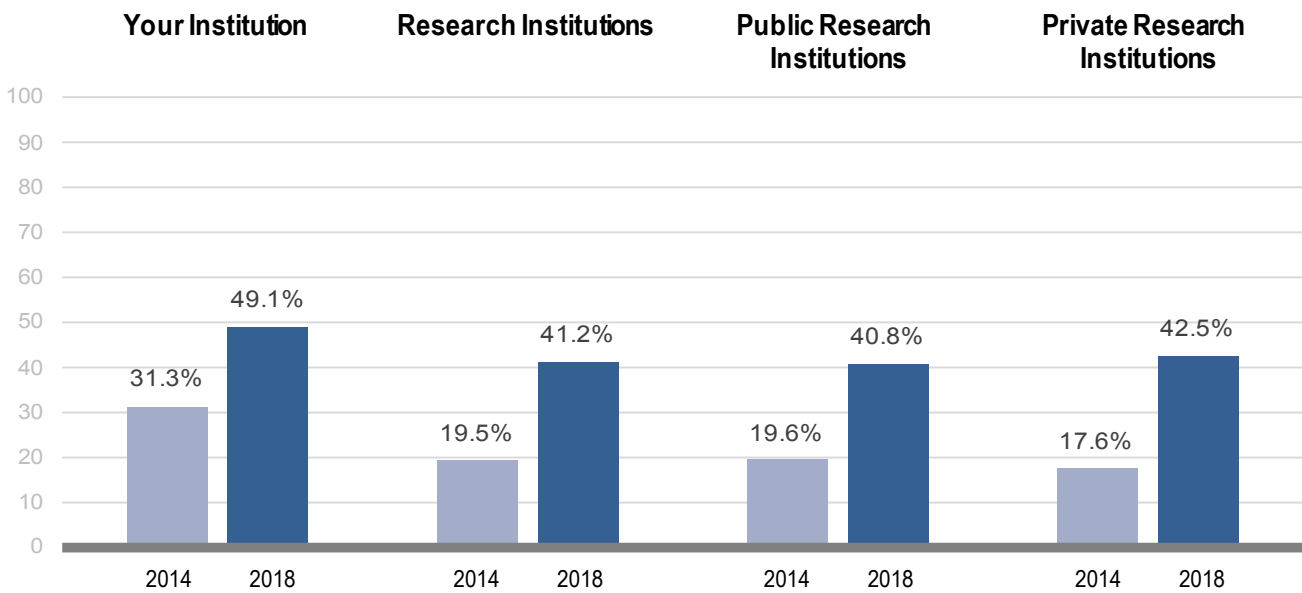
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LOW
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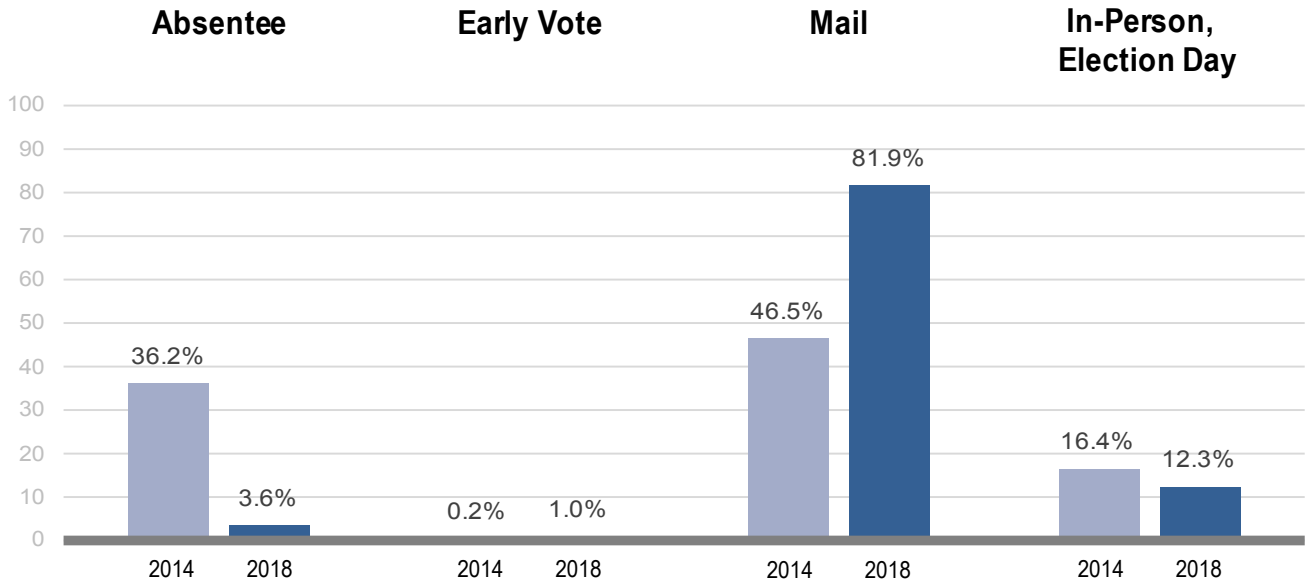
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Difference from All Institutions **+10.0**



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

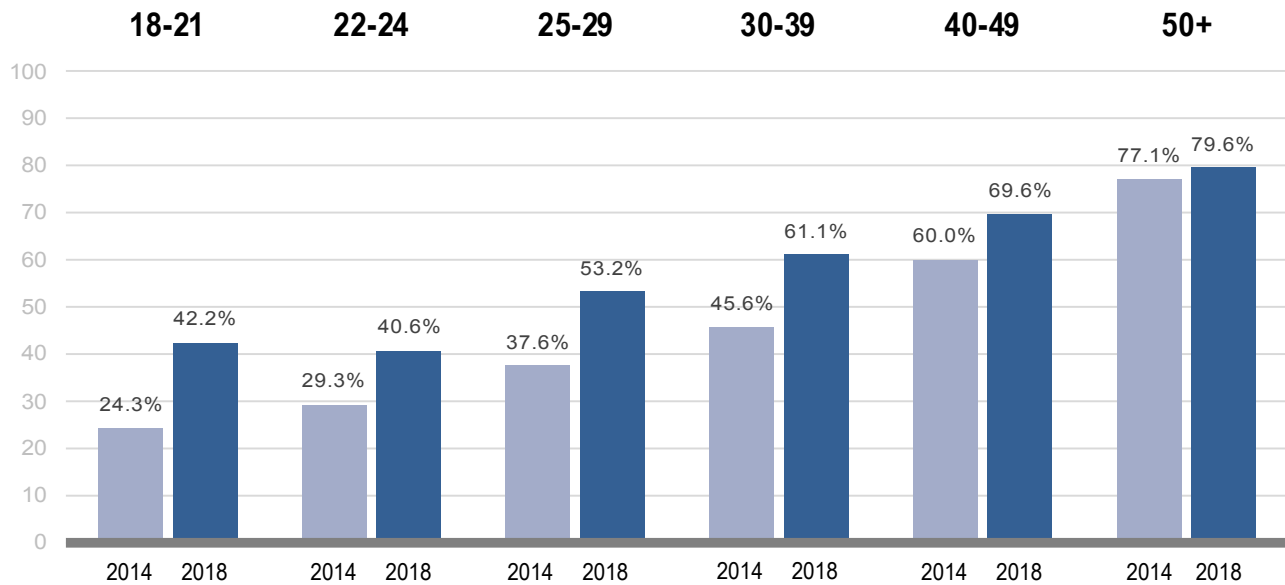


	2014		2018		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	3,350	36.2%	573	3.6%	↓	-32.6
Early Vote	15	0.2%	155	1.0%	↑	0.8
Mail	4,306	46.5%	13,151	81.9%	↑	35.4
In-Person, Election Day	1,519	16.4%	1,980	12.3%	↓	-4.1
Unknown	68	0.7%	207	1.3%		
Total	9,258		16,066			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*

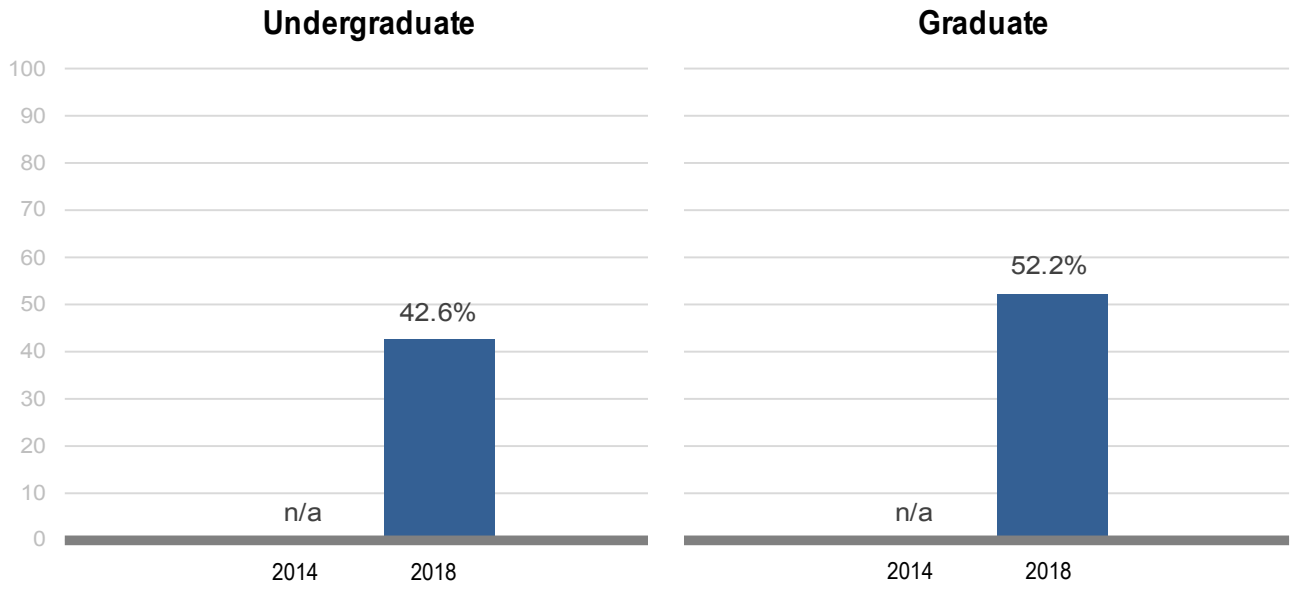


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	20,072	4,882	24.3%	23,173	9,778	42.2%	↑ 17.9
22-24	5,706	1,669	29.3%	6,589	2,672	40.6%	↑ 11.3
25-29	3,377	1,269	37.6%	3,762	2,002	53.2%	↑ 15.6
30-39	1,814	827	45.6%	1,941	1,186	61.1%	↑ 15.5
40-49	440	264	60.0%	408	284	69.6%	↑ 9.6
50+	450	347	77.1%	181	144	79.6%	↑ 2.5
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*

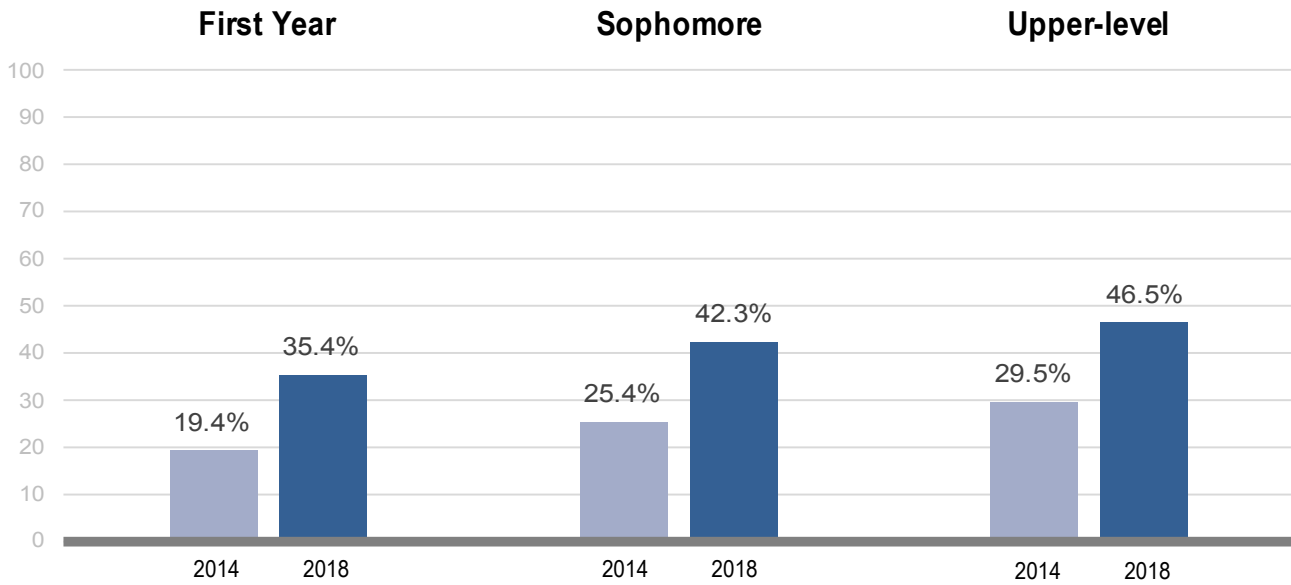


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	29,367	12,508	42.6%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	6,172	3,219	52.2%	n/a
Unknown	31,859			515			

* 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*

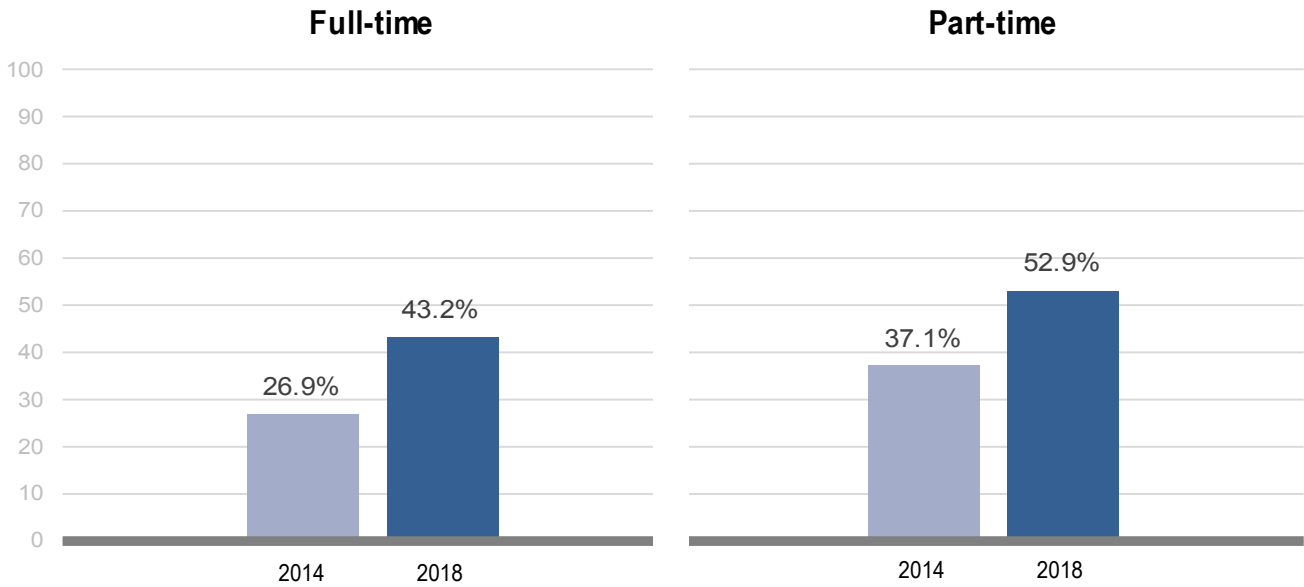


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	7,301	1,415	19.4%	7,793	2,757	35.4%	↑ 16.0
Sophomore	5,628	1,429	25.4%	6,696	2,830	42.3%	↑ 16.9
Upper-level	12,470	3,682	29.5%	14,800	6,880	46.5%	↑ 17.0

* 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*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	25,093	6,745	26.9%	30,901	13,340	43.2%	↑ 16.3
Part-time	6,766	2,513	37.1%	5,153	2,726	52.9%	↑ 15.8
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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

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	472	125	26.5%	639	263	41.2% ↑	14.7
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	93	32	34.4%	170	92	54.1% ↑	19.7
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	3,915	1,213	31.0%	4,126	1,980	48.0% ↑	17.0
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,533	834	23.6%	4,729	2,020	42.7% ↑	19.1
Communication and Journalism	2,060	415	20.2%	2,160	875	40.5% ↑	20.4
Computer and Information Sciences	1,046	305	29.2%	2,328	929	39.9% ↑	10.8
Education	507	261	51.5%	544	369	67.8% ↑	16.4
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	4,827	1,358	28.1%	5,805	2,533	43.6% ↑	15.5
English Language and Literature	628	207	33.0%	532	302	56.8% ↑	23.8
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	608	200	32.9%	467	240	51.4% ↑	18.5
Health Professions	340	103	30.3%	319	167	52.4% ↑	22.1
History	372	140	37.6%	343	163	47.5% ↑	9.9
Legal Professions and Studies	508	274	53.9%	542	337	62.2% ↑	8.2
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,209	349	15.8%	1,518	492	32.4% ↑	16.6
Mathematics and Statistics	480	152	31.7%	693	289	41.7% ↑	10.0
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,891	858	45.4%	1,477	843	57.1% ↑	11.7
Natural Resources and Conservation	740	197	26.6%	947	417	44.0% ↑	17.4
Philosophy and Religious Studies	222	87	39.2%	246	115	46.8% ↑	7.6
Physical Sciences	1,495	473	31.6%	1,937	802	41.4% ↑	9.8
Psychology	1,788	456	25.5%	2,035	841	41.3% ↑	15.8
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	0	0	n/a	15	*	n/a	n/a
Social Sciences	2,633	789	30.0%	3,160	1,310	41.5% ↑	11.5
Visual and Performing Arts	1,482	427	28.8%	1,293	659	51.0% ↑	22.2

Unknown	10	*	n/a	29	21	72.4%	n/a
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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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