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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for University of Delaware

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:
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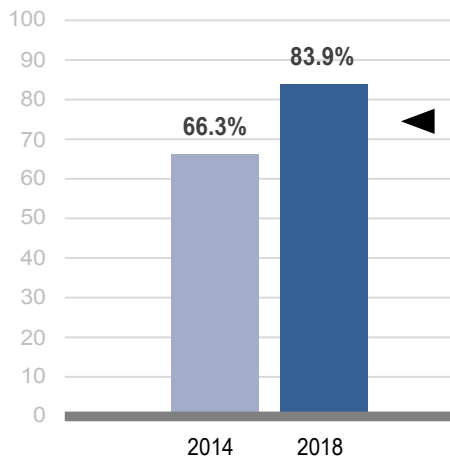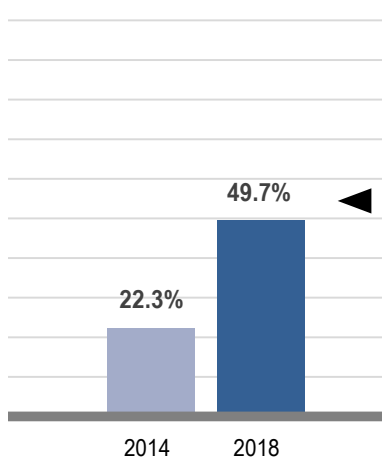**NSLVE@tufts.edu.**

Warm regards,

IDHE Team

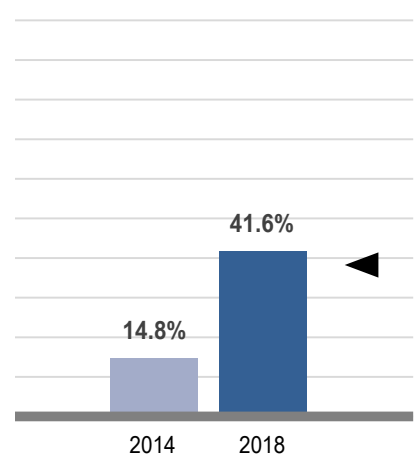**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate	CHANGE FROM 2014	2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
41.6%	**+26.8**	**39.1%**

Registration Rate

66.3% (2014), 83.9% (2018)

Voting Rate of Registered Students

22.3% (2014), 49.7% (2018)

Voting Rate

14.8% (2014), 41.6% (2018)

◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	**2018**		Change
Total student enrollment	**22,672**	**23,962**	⬆	**1,290**
Age under 18/Unknown	(304)	(341)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,932)	(2,196)		
FERPA records blocked	(563)	(332)		
Total eligible voters	**19,873**	**21,093**	⬆	**1,220**
Number of students who registered	**13,174**	**17,691**	⬆	**4,517**
Number of students who voted	**2,943**	**8,783**	⬆	**5,840**
Registration rate	**66.3%**	**83.9%**	⬆	**17.6**
Voting rate of registered students	**22.3%**	**49.7%**	⬆	**27.3**
Voting rate	**14.8%**	**41.6%**	⬆	**26.8**
Difference from all institutions	**-4.9**	**+2.5**		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

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

Difference from All Institutions   **-4.9**

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

Difference from All Institutions   **+2.5**

	Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2014	14.8%	19.5%	19.6%	17.6%
2018	41.6%	41.2%	40.8%	42.5%
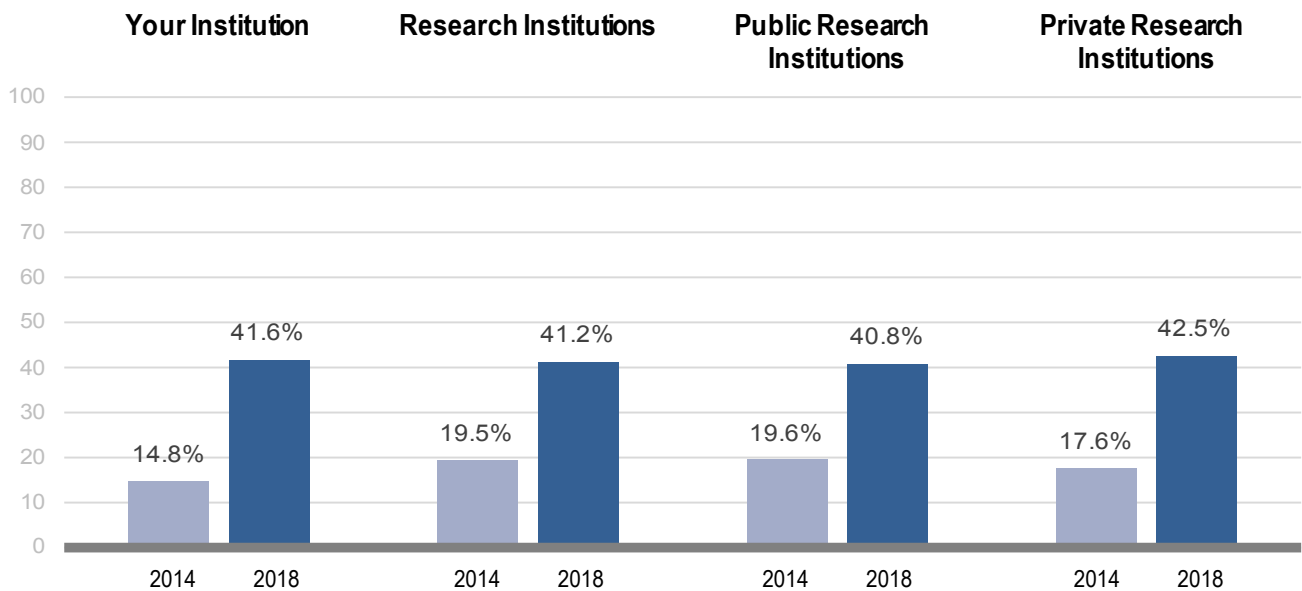
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By Voting Method*
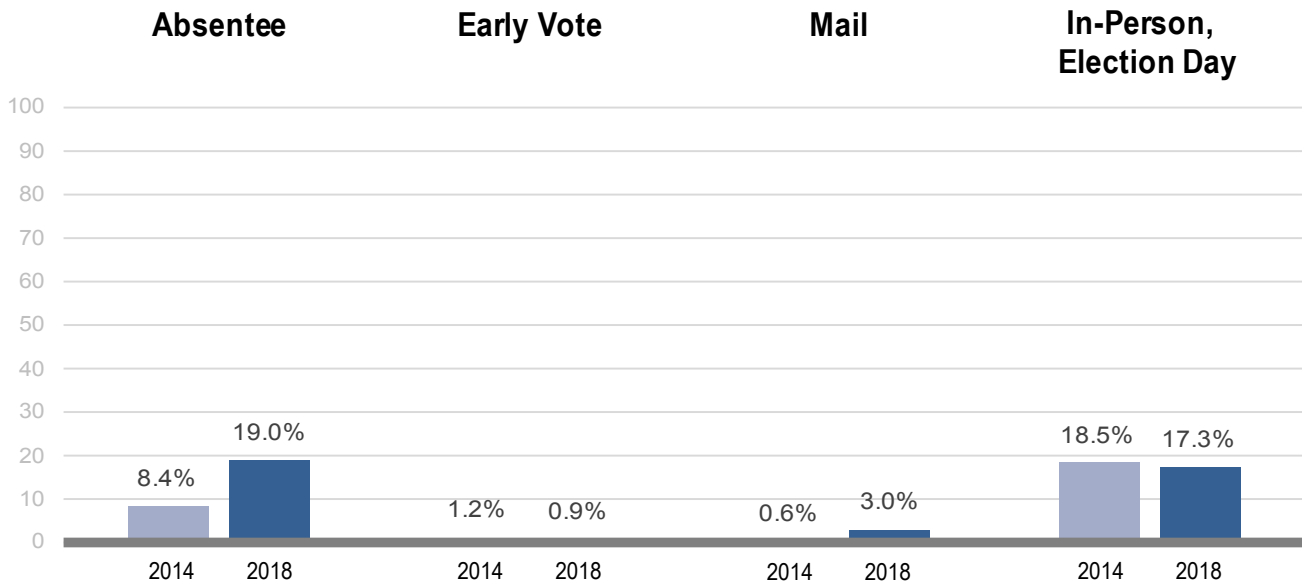
	2014			**2018**			
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	246	**8.4%**		1,670	**19.0%**	⬆	**10.7**
Early Vote	34	**1.2%**		82	**0.9%**	⬇	**-0.2**
Mail	17	**0.6%**		262	**3.0%**	⬆	**2.4**
In-Person, Election Day	544	**18.5%**		1,521	**17.3%**	⬇	**-1.2**
Unknown	2,102	**71.4%**		5,248	**59.8%**		
Total	**2,943**			**8,783**			

* 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*

| 18-21 | 22-24 | 25-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ |
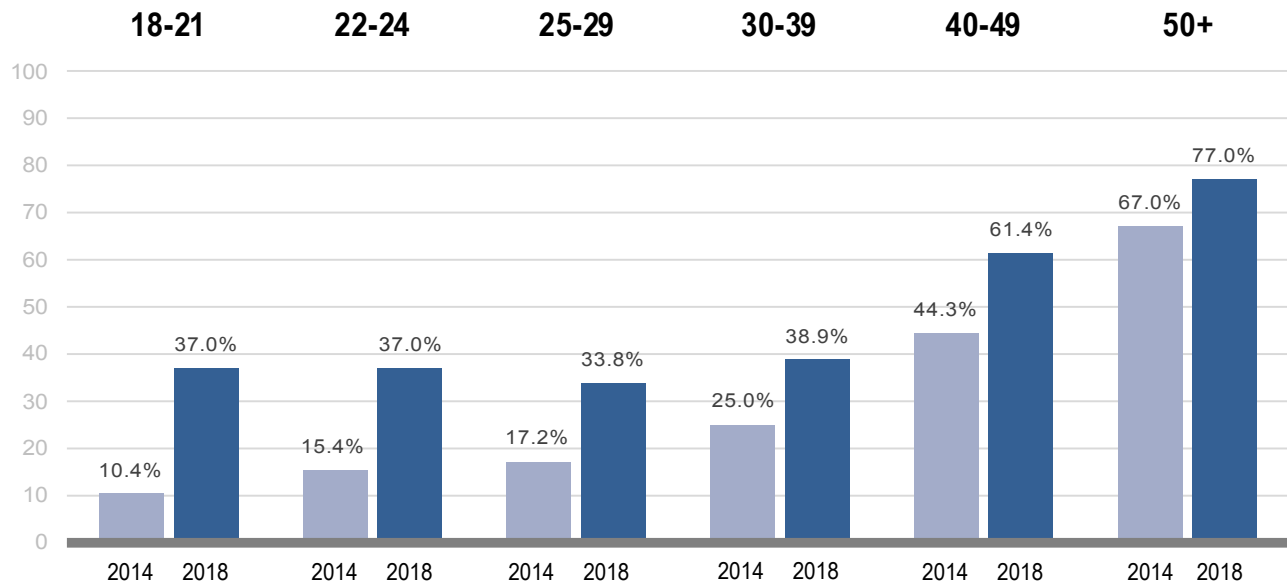
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	15,541	1,622	**10.4%**	16,523	6,114	**37.0%**	⬆	**26.6**
22-24	3,021	464	**15.4%**	3,226	1,195	**37.0%**	⬆	**21.7**
25-29	1,644	282	**17.2%**	1,742	589	**33.8%**	⬆	**16.7**
30-39	1,005	251	**25.0%**	1,160	451	**38.9%**	⬆	**13.9**
40-49	327	145	**44.3%**	368	226	**61.4%**	⬆	**17.1**
50+	267	179	**67.0%**	270	208	**77.0%**	⬆	**10.0**
Unknown	*			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
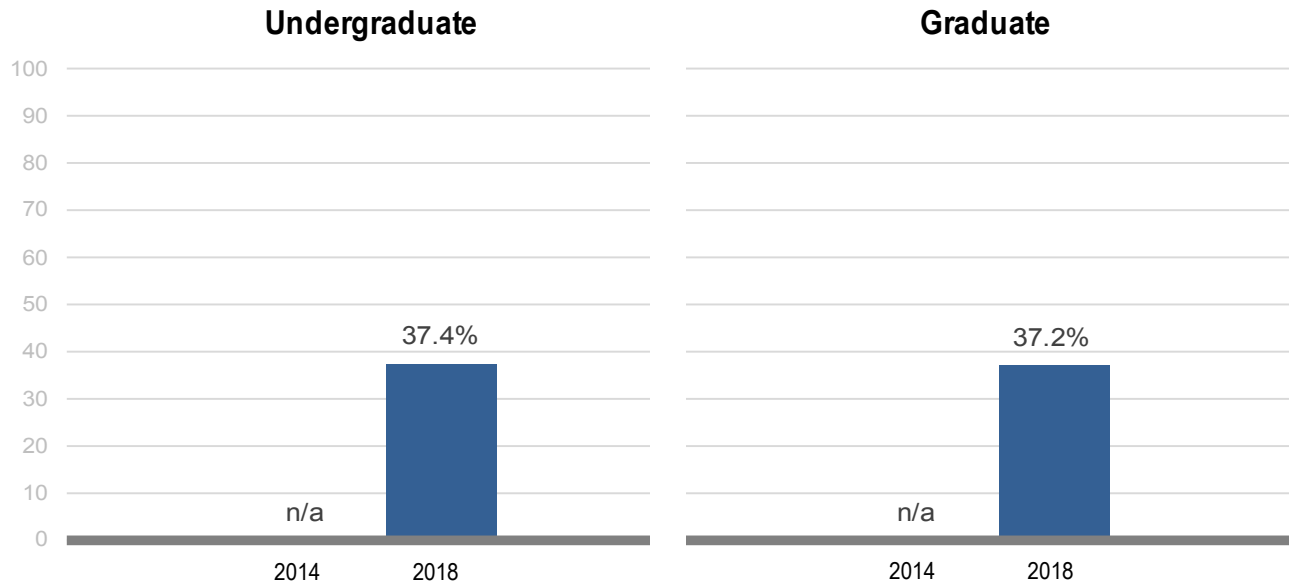
Graduate

	2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**	18,682	6,994	**37.4%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**	4,072	1,516	**37.2%**	**n/a**
Unknown	21,805			535			

* 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*

	First Year			Sophomore			Upper-level		
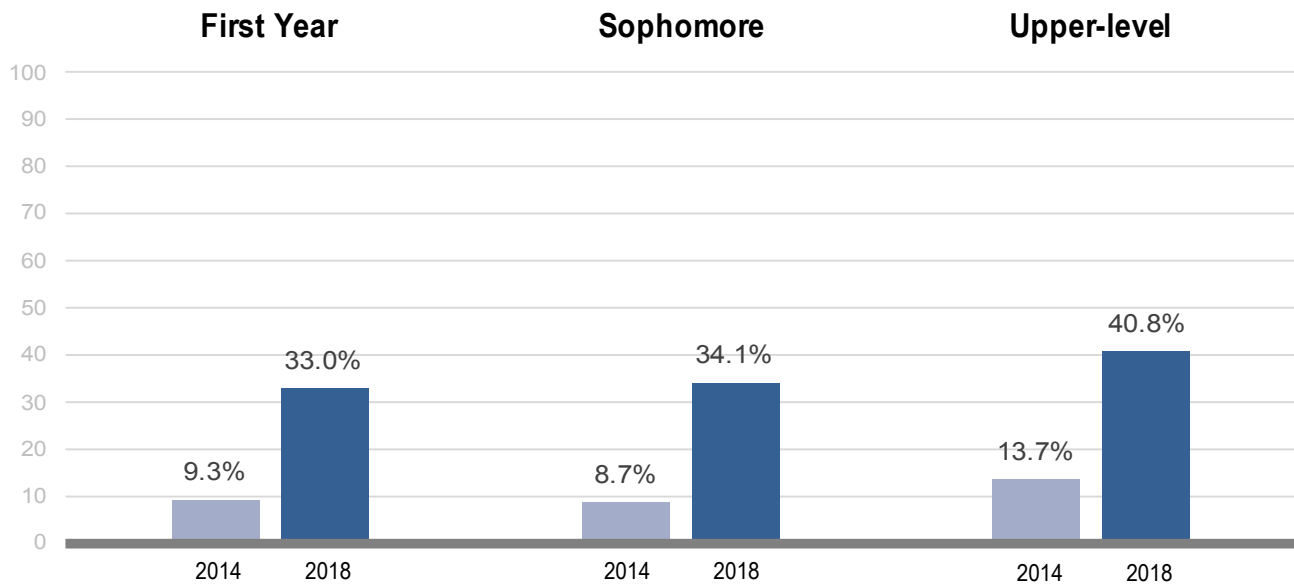
	2014			**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	3,750	350	**9.3%**	3,919	1,294	**33.0%**	⬆	23.7
Sophomore	4,209	366	**8.7%**	4,638	1,580	**34.1%**	⬆	25.4
Upper-level	9,694	1,328	**13.7%**	10,132	4,135	**40.8%**	⬆	27.1

* 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*
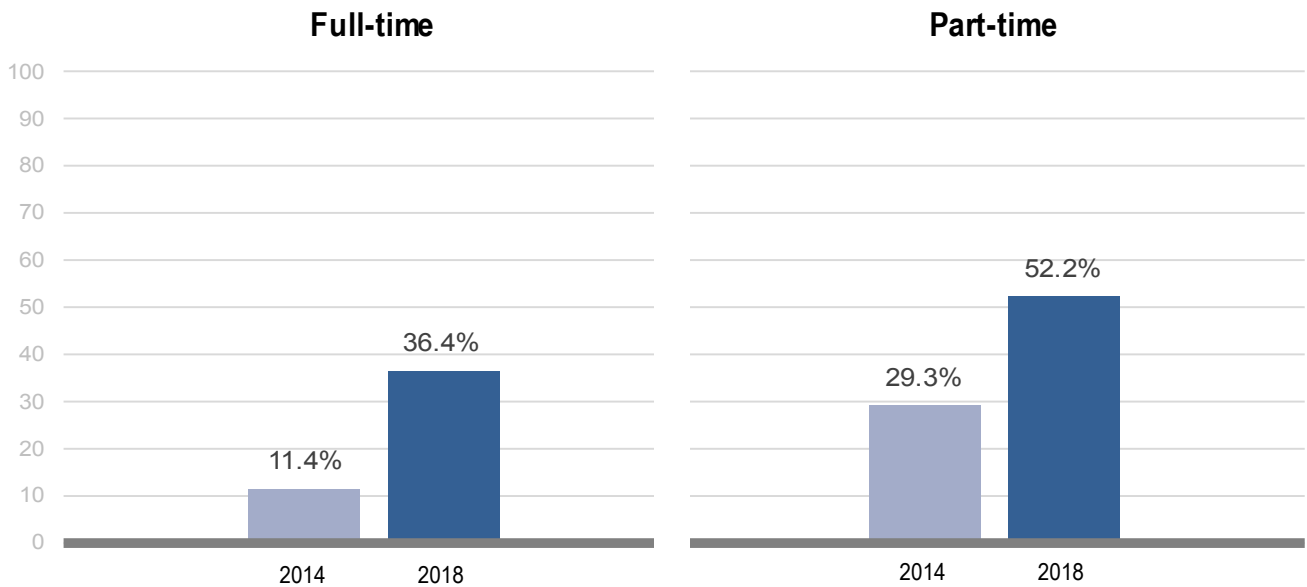
Full-time

Part-time

	2014				2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	19,275	2,202	**11.4%**		21,396	7,795	**36.4%**	⬆	**25.0**
Part-time	2,530	741	**29.3%**		1,893	988	**52.2%**	⬆	**22.9**
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.
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By Gender*

	Women					**Men**	
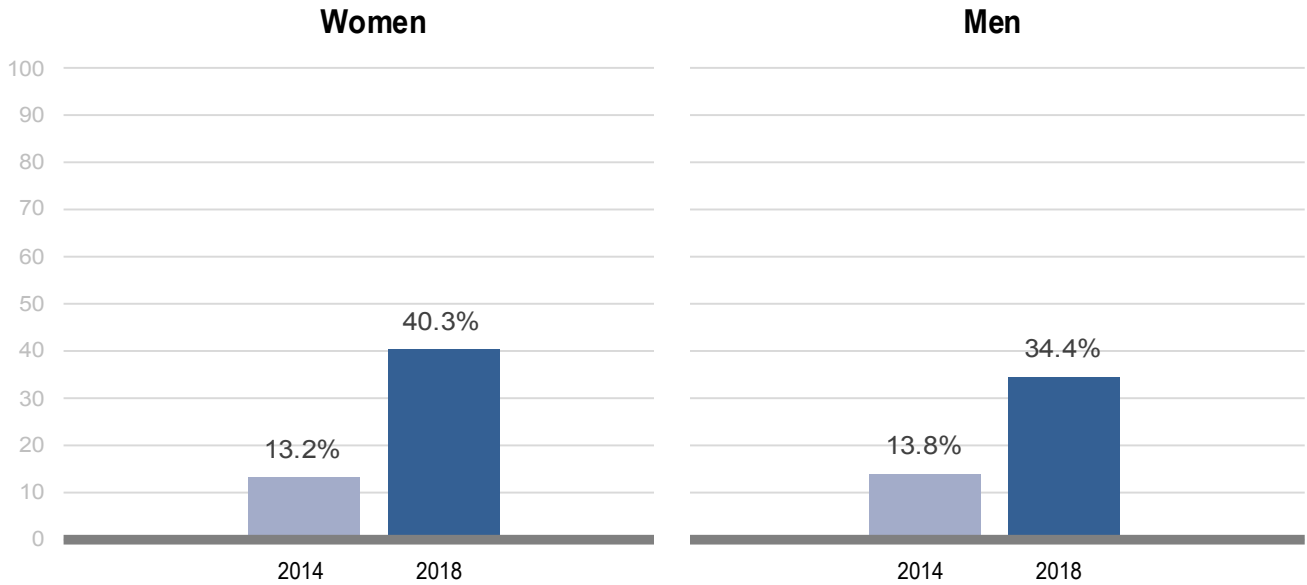
	2014				**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	12,212	1,616	**13.2%**		13,035	5,253	**40.3%**	⬆	**27.1**
Men	9,583	1,326	**13.8%**		10,249	3,527	**34.4%**	⬆	**20.6**
Unknown	10				*				

* 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.

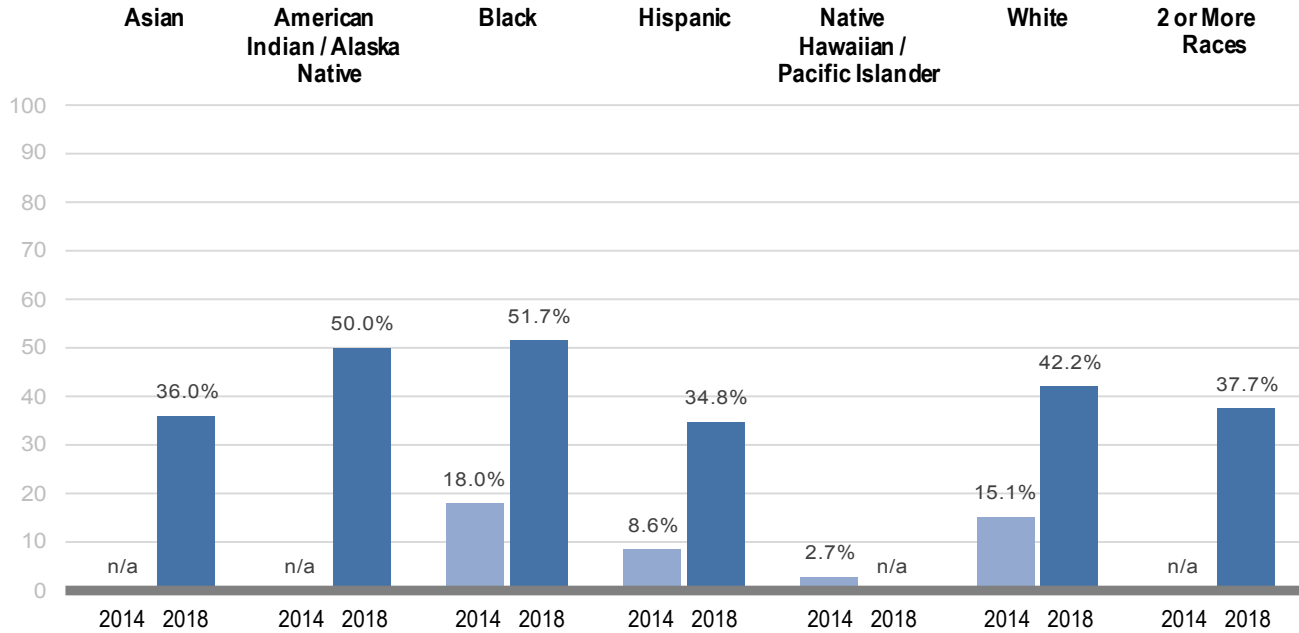**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Race/Ethnicity*

	2014			**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Asian	0	0	**n/a**	1,178	424	**36.0%**		**n/a**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	33	*	**n/a**	26	13	**50.0%**		**n/a**
Black	1,230	221	**18.0%**	1,304	674	**51.7%**	⬆	**33.7**
Hispanic	642	55	**8.6%**	1,761	612	**34.8%**	⬆	**26.2**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	2,494	68	**2.7%**	17	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
White	15,362	2,321	**15.1%**	15,697	6,621	**42.2%**	⬆	**27.1**
2 or More Races	0	0	**n/a**	687	259	**37.7%**		**n/a**
Unknown	2,044			2,619				

* 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			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	331	50	15.1%	310	133	42.9% ⬆	27.8
Architecture	20	*	n/a	36	16	44.4%	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	44	11	25.0%	52	27	51.9% ⬆	26.9
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,423	159	11.2%	1,598	601	37.6% ⬆	26.4
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,188	315	9.9%	3,707	1,104	29.8% ⬆	19.9
Communication and Journalism	581	53	9.1%	578	232	40.1% ⬆	31.0
Computer and Information Sciences	402	43	10.7%	570	173	30.4% ⬆	19.7
Education	1,490	265	17.8%	1,465	665	45.4% ⬆	27.6
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,586	286	11.1%	2,605	869	33.4% ⬆	22.3
English Language and Literature	386	73	18.9%	322	164	50.9% ⬆	32.0
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	396	43	10.9%	413	131	31.7% ⬆	20.9
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	215	36	16.7%	203	92	45.3% ⬆	28.6
Health Professions	2,286	304	13.3%	2,649	978	36.9% ⬆	23.6
History	259	71	27.4%	201	113	56.2% ⬆	28.8
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	24	*	n/a	35	20	57.1%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,881	255	13.6%	1,963	766	39.0% ⬆	25.5
Mathematics and Statistics	313	28	9.0%	312	87	27.9% ⬆	18.9
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	331	37	11.2%	364	142	39.0% ⬆	27.8
Natural Resources and Conservation	456	60	13.2%	457	227	49.7% ⬆	36.5
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	847	68	8.0%	791	281	35.5% ⬆	27.5
Philosophy and Religious Studies	28	*	n/a	21	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	468	53	11.3%	657	194	29.5% ⬆	18.2
Psychology	661	80	12.1%	677	267	39.4% ⬆	27.3

Public Administration and Social Service Professions	378	75	**19.8%**		431	224	**52.0%** ⬆	**32.1**
Social Sciences	1,681	309	**18.4%**		1,849	762	**41.2%** ⬆	**22.8**
Visual and Performing Arts	478	45	**9.4%**		439	198	**45.1%** ⬆	**35.7**
Unknown	652	208	**31.9%**		584	308	**52.7%** ⬆	**20.8**

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