

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
University of Denver

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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 and 2016 federal elections. Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of nearly 30 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 2012 and 2016 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (FERPA-blocked records excluded) and publicly available voting files collected by Catalyst.

Institutional voting rates 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, we cannot consistently adjust for students who are non-resident aliens, resident aliens, or undocumented students. This may result in your institution's actual voting rate being higher than we report. To calculate that percentage, and to read more about NSLVE data, see our [FAQ on Campus Reports](#). Please also see [Creating and Maintaining the NSLVE Database](#) paper for a more detailed study methodology.

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. This report provides a baseline measure of your students' engagement in democracy in 2012 and 2016, and compares your institution's voting rates to similar institutions. Visit our website for more comparison data.
- ❑ Share the report widely and strategically, including posting it online.
- ❑ Put your data into practice. Use our IDHE Resources to guide you.
- ❑ Address your campus climate for student political learning, discourse, and participation. Start by bringing the IDHE team to your campus or using the IDHE self-assessment rubric available on our website.
- ❑ Partner with IDHE. We are available with virtual office hours, webinars, brown bag discussions and in-person trainings.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: idhe.tufts.edu.

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Warm regards,
IDHE Team



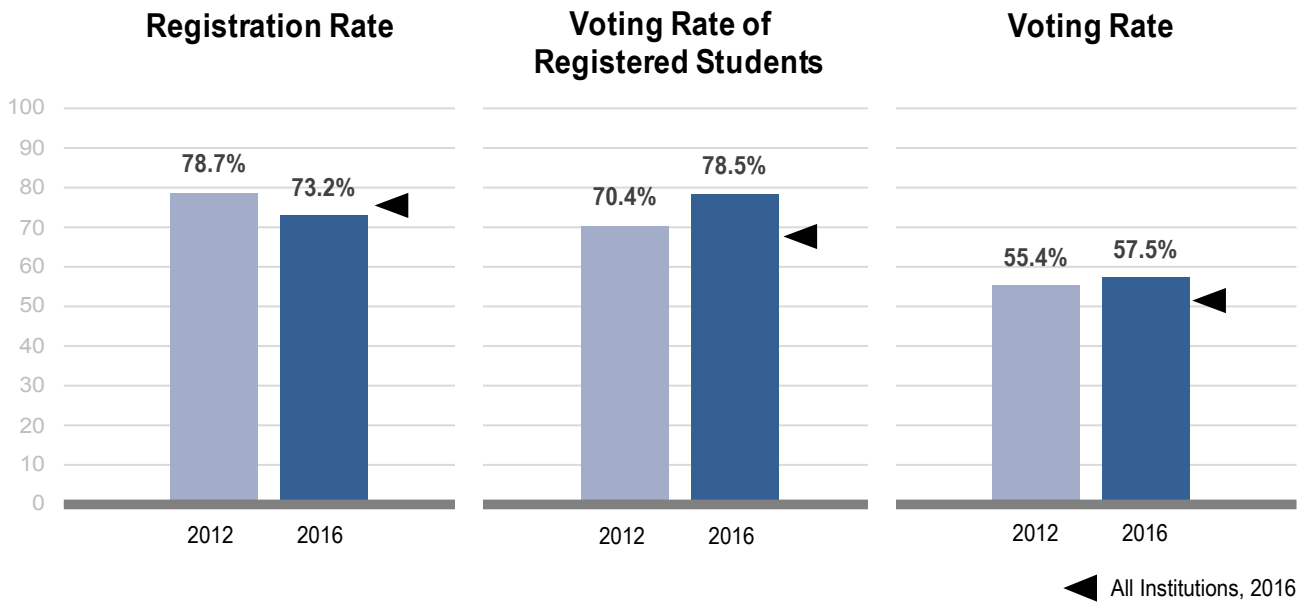
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
57.5%

CHANGE FROM 2012
2.1

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	12,206	12,064	↓ -142
Age under 18/Unknown	(31)	(27)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,181)	(1,170)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	10,989	10,862	↓ -127
Number of students who registered	8,653	7,950	↓ -703
Number of students who voted	6,088	6,240	↑ 152
Registration rate	78.7%	73.2%	↓ -5.6
Voting rate of registered students	70.4%	78.5%	↑ 8.1
Voting rate	55.4%	57.5%	↑ 2.1
Difference from all institutions	+8.5	+7.1	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

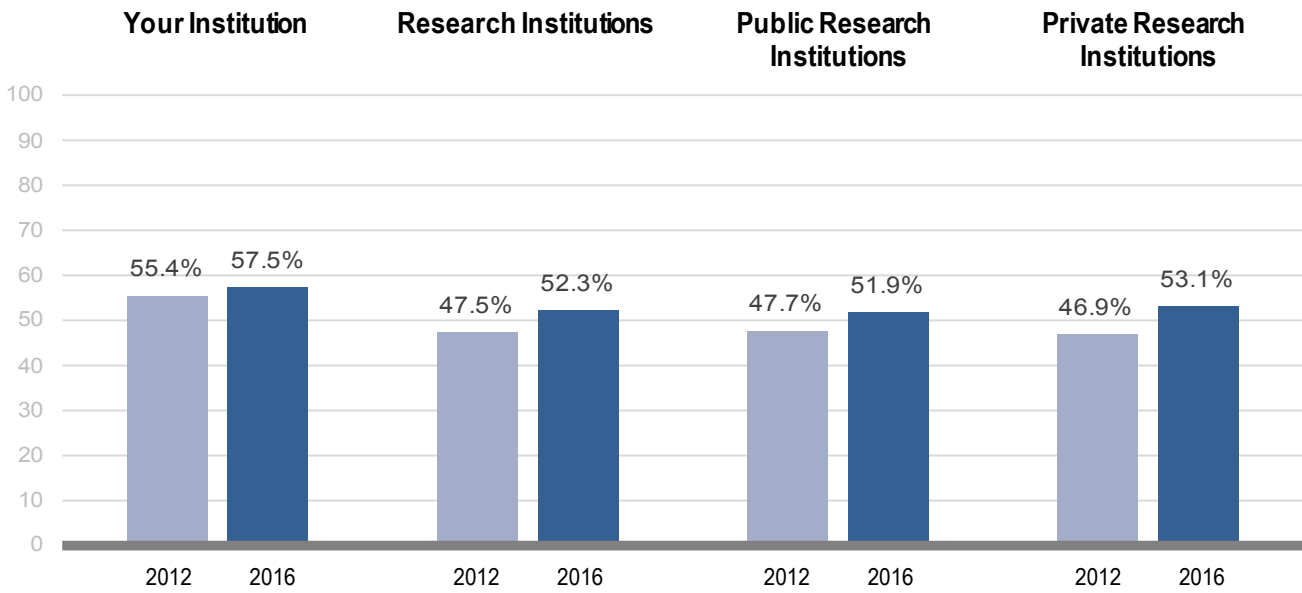
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

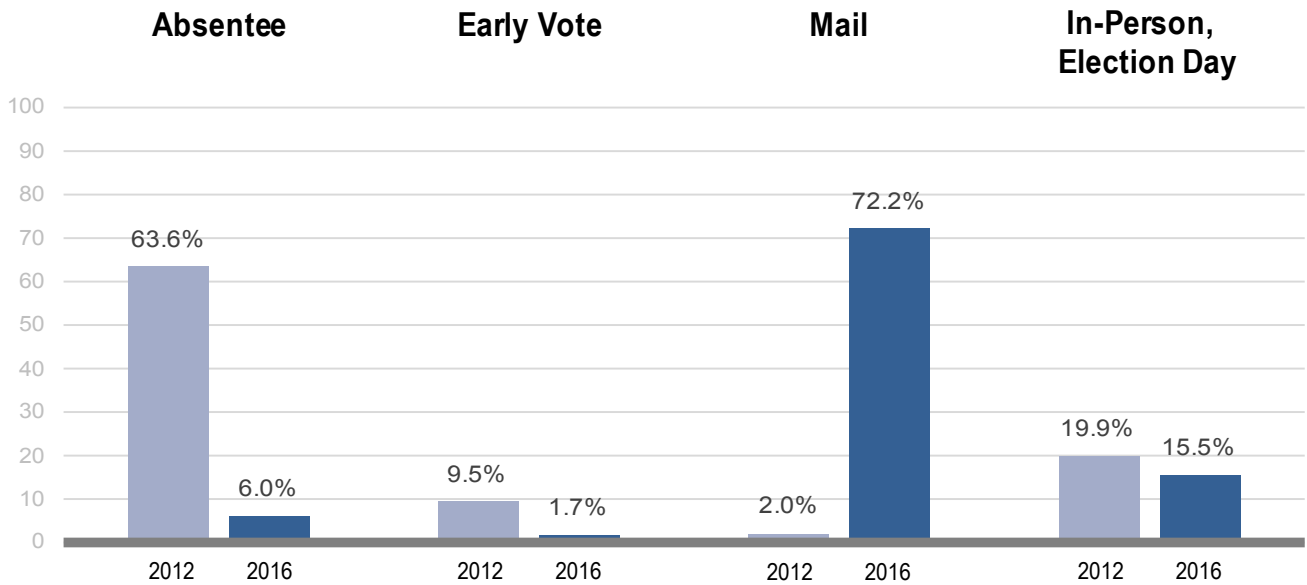
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Difference from All Institutions **+7.1**



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By Voting Method*

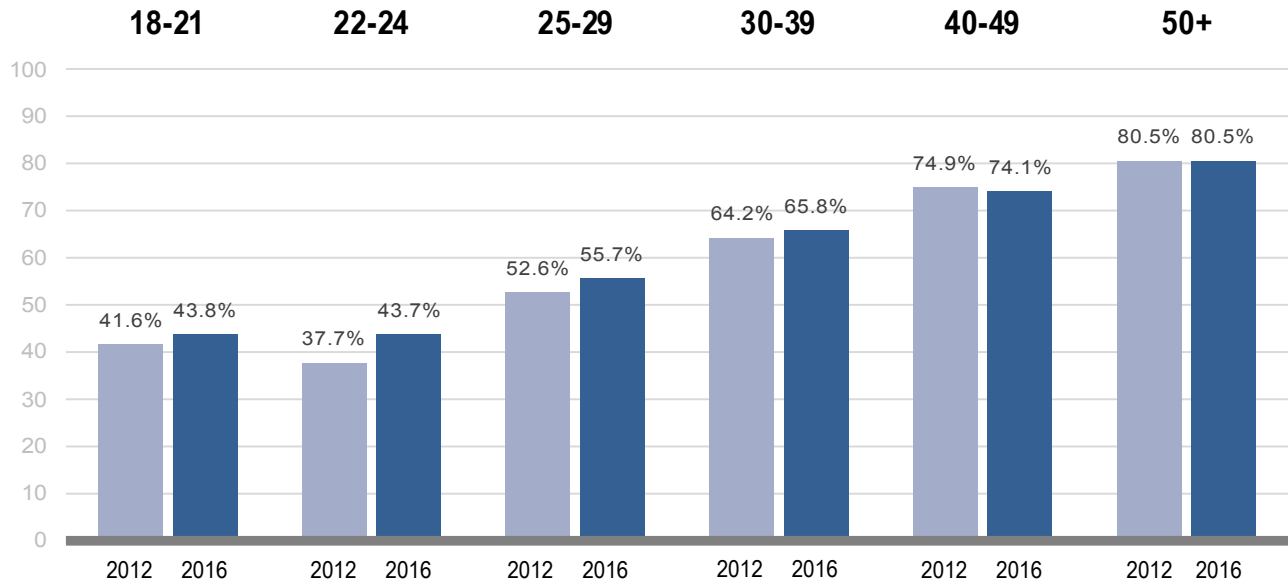


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	3,871	63.6%	377	6.0%	↓ -57.5
Early Vote	581	9.5%	105	1.7%	↓ -7.9
Mail	124	2.0%	4,507	72.2%	↑ 70.2
In-Person, Election Day	1,214	19.9%	969	15.5%	↓ -4.4
Unknown	298	4.9%	282	4.5%	
Total	6,088		6,240		

* 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.

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By Age Group*

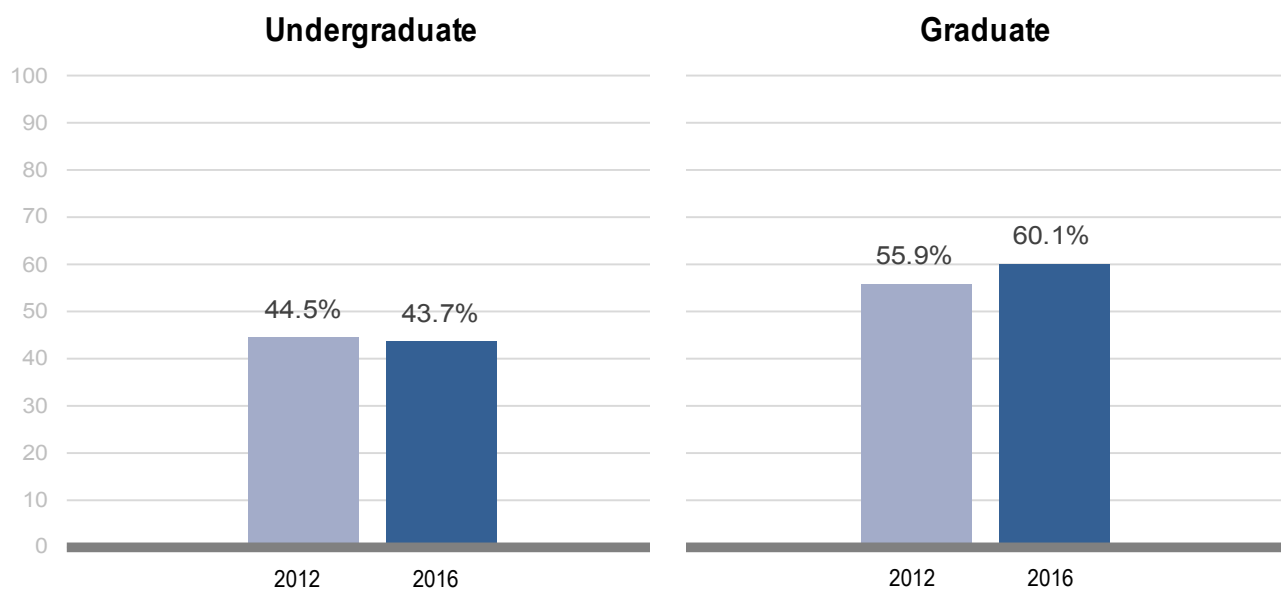


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	4,426	1,841	41.6%	4,864	2,128	43.8%	↑ 2.2
22-24	2,219	837	37.7%	2,115	925	43.7%	↑ 6.0
25-29	2,445	1,287	52.6%	2,354	1,310	55.7%	↑ 3.0
30-39	1,918	1,231	64.2%	1,739	1,145	65.8%	↑ 1.7
40-49	768	575	74.9%	632	468	74.1%	↓ -0.8
50+	394	317	80.5%	328	264	80.5%	→ 0.0
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.

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By Education Level*

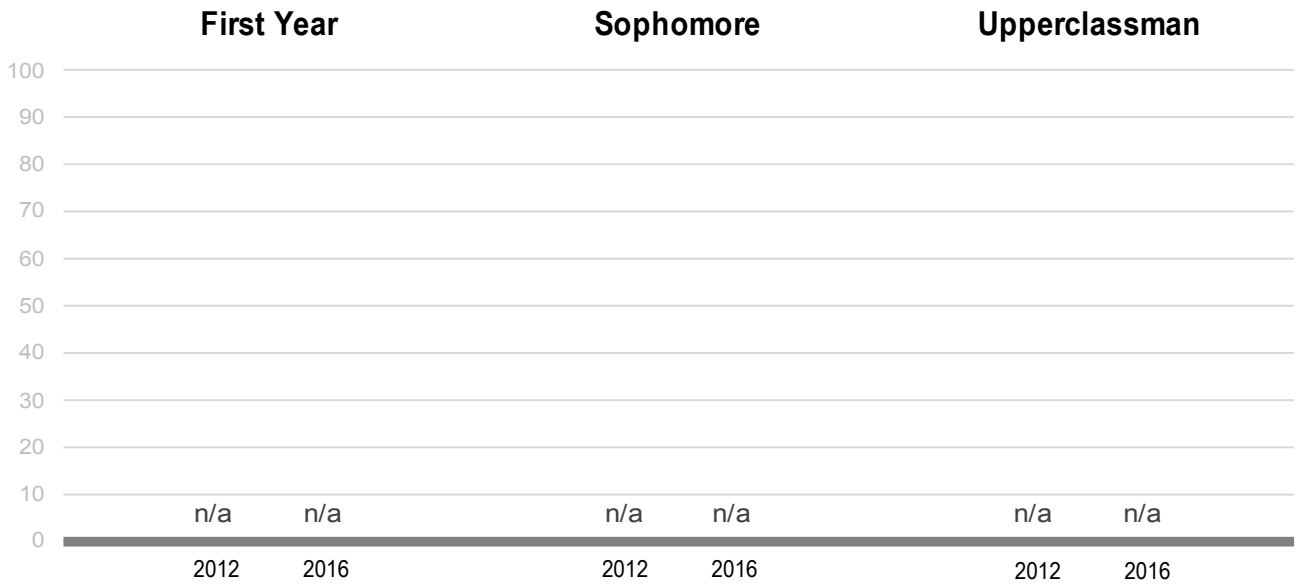


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	5,027	2,238	44.5%	5,675	2,480	43.7%	↓ -0.8
Graduate	5,947	3,324	55.9%	6,254	3,758	60.1%	↑ 4.2
Unknown	1,196			103			

* 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*

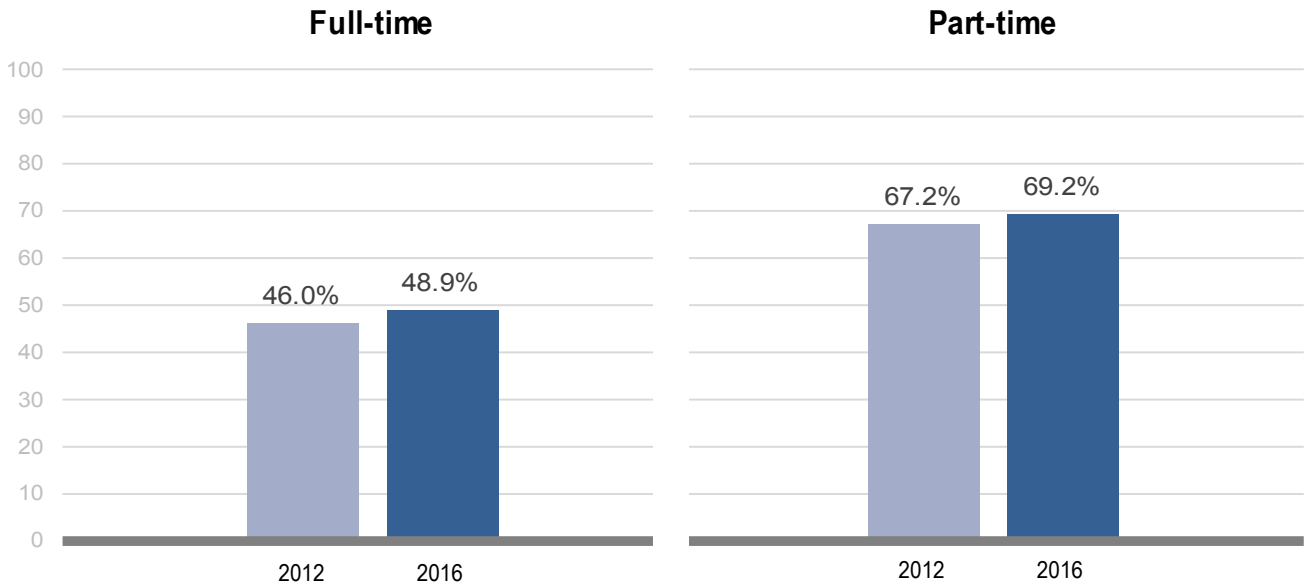


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Upperclassman	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a

* 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.

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By Enrollment Status*

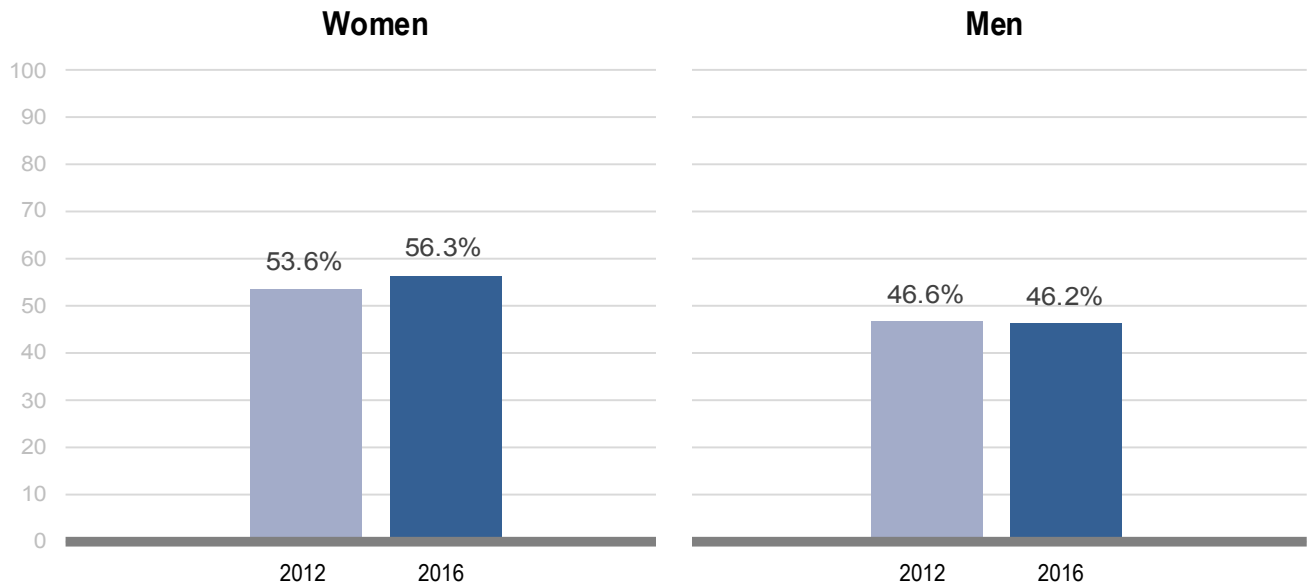


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	9,877	4,547	46.0%	10,287	5,033	48.9%	↑ 2.9
Part-time	2,293	1,541	67.2%	1,745	1,207	69.2%	↑ 2.0
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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.

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By Gender*

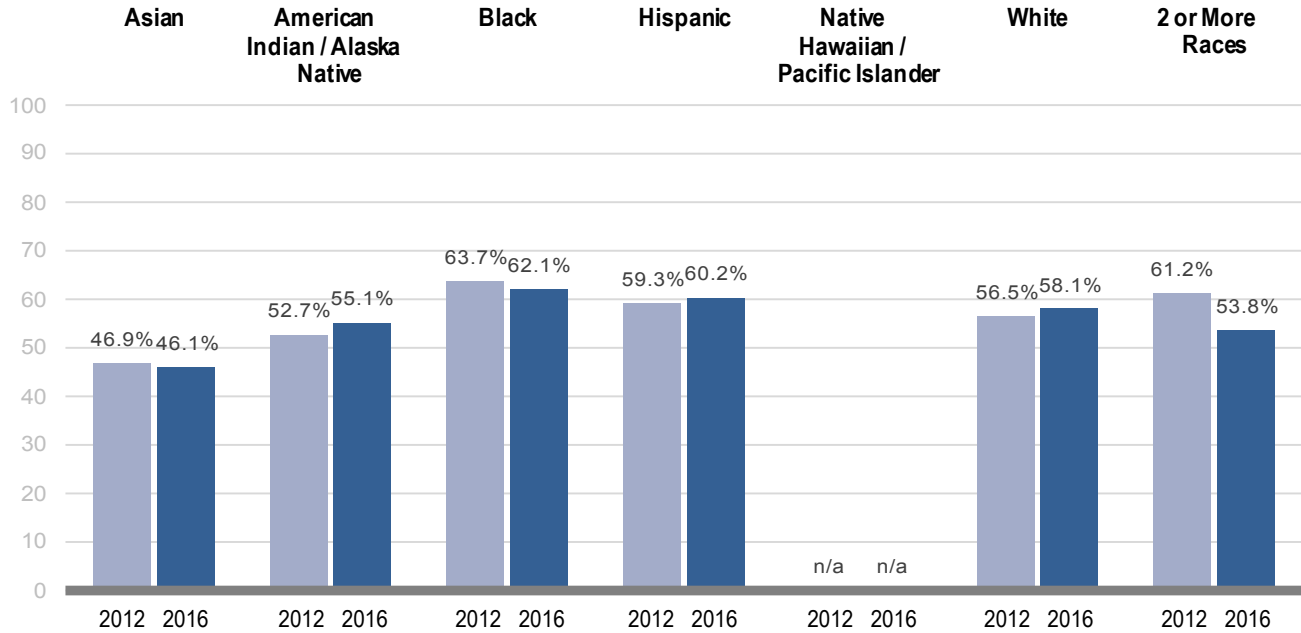


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	6,838	3,664	53.6%	6,809	3,830	56.3%	↑ 2.7
Men	5,198	2,424	46.6%	5,214	2,410	46.2%	↓ -0.4
Unknown	134	0	n/a	*	0	n/a	

* 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.

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By Race/Ethnicity*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	390	183	46.9%	436	201	46.1%	↓ -0.8
American Indian / Alaska Native	55	29	52.7%	49	27	55.1%	↑ 2.4
Black	397	253	63.7%	414	257	62.1%	↓ -1.7
Hispanic	864	512	59.3%	1,159	698	60.2%	↑ 1.0
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	11	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
White	7,969	4,502	56.5%	7,996	4,648	58.1%	↑ 1.6
2 or More Races	299	183	61.2%	398	214	53.8%	↓ -7.4
Unknown	908			318			

* 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.

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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.

	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	14	*	n/a	14	12	85.7%	n/a
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	234	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	550	279	50.7%	605	318	52.6% ↑	1.8
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,586	1,176	45.5%	2,630	1,226	46.6% ↑	1.1
Communication and Journalism	630	335	53.2%	537	297	55.3% ↑	2.1
Computer and Information Sciences	373	211	56.6%	623	316	50.7% ↓	-5.9
Education	496	362	73.0%	544	408	75.0% ↑	2.0
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	385	162	42.1%	440	141	32.1% ↓	-10.0
English Language and Literature	187	115	61.5%	160	92	57.5% ↓	-4.0
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	46	30	65.2%	34	22	64.7% ↓	-0.5
Health Professions	68	49	72.1%	75	54	72.0% ↓	-0.1
History	65	26	40.0%	41	19	46.3% ↑	6.3
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	25	15	60.0%	30	16	53.3% ↓	-6.7
Legal Professions and Studies	1,150	712	61.9%	945	596	63.1% ↑	1.2
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	867	300	34.6%	672	270	40.2% ↑	5.6
Library Science	111	72	64.9%	89	62	69.7% ↑	4.8
Mathematics and Statistics	76	29	38.2%	99	34	34.3% ↓	-3.8
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	133	84	63.2%	105	75	71.4% ↑	8.3
Natural Resources and Conservation	307	183	59.6%	354	217	61.3% ↑	1.7
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	0	0	n/a	25	10	40.0%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	123	64	52.0%	105	66	62.9% ↑	10.8
Physical Sciences	143	70	49.0%	180	77	42.8% ↓	-6.2
Psychology	834	370	44.4%	994	490	49.3% ↑	4.9

Public Administration and Social Service Professions	549	332	60.5%	561	388	69.2% ↑	8.7
Social Sciences	1,316	610	46.4%	1,331	652	49.0% ↑	2.6
Visual and Performing Arts	577	285	49.4%	517	247	47.8% ↓	-1.6
Unknown	325	209	64.3%	322	135	41.9% ↓	-22.4

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: idhe.tufts.edu.

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