

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
University of Florida

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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](mailto:NSLVE@tufts.edu).

Warm regards,

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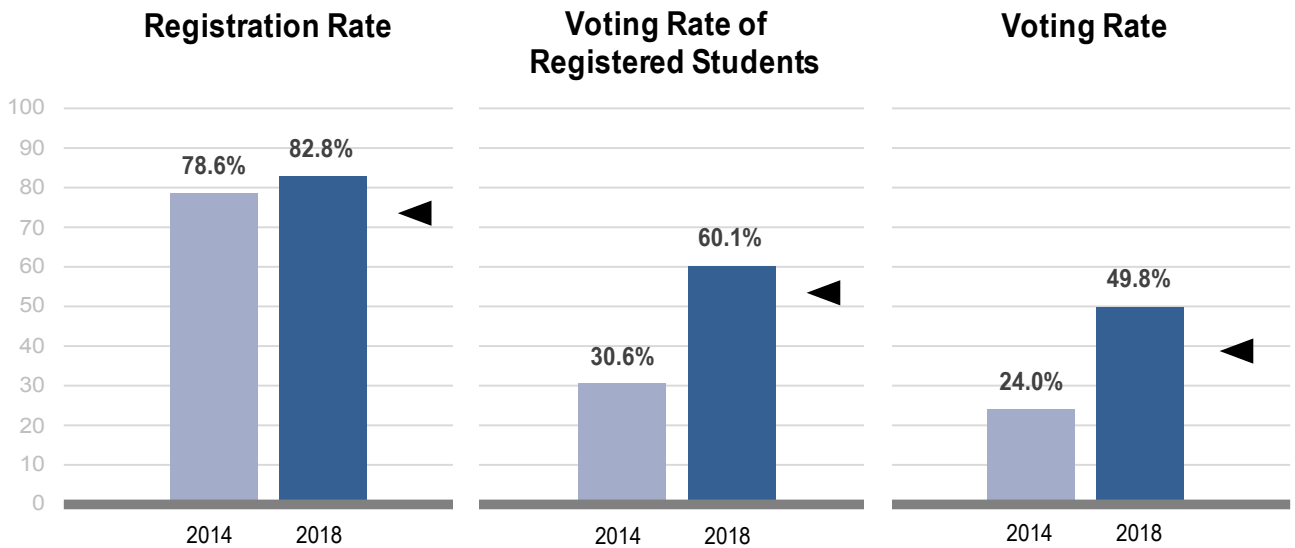
**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

# Voting and Registration Rates

**2018 Voting Rate**  
**49.8%**

CHANGE FROM 2014  
**+25.8**

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**39.1%**



◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	49,941	51,713	↑ 1,772
Age under 18/Unknown	(284)	(537)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(4,238)	(4,567)	
FERPA records blocked	(37)	(34)	
Total eligible voters	45,382	46,575	↑ 1,193
Number of students who registered	35,690	38,582	↑ 2,892
Number of students who voted	10,902	23,180	↑ 12,278
Registration rate	78.6%	82.8%	↑ 4.2
Voting rate of registered students	30.6%	60.1%	↑ 29.5
Voting rate	24.0%	49.8%	↑ 25.8
Difference from all institutions	+4.3	+10.7	

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

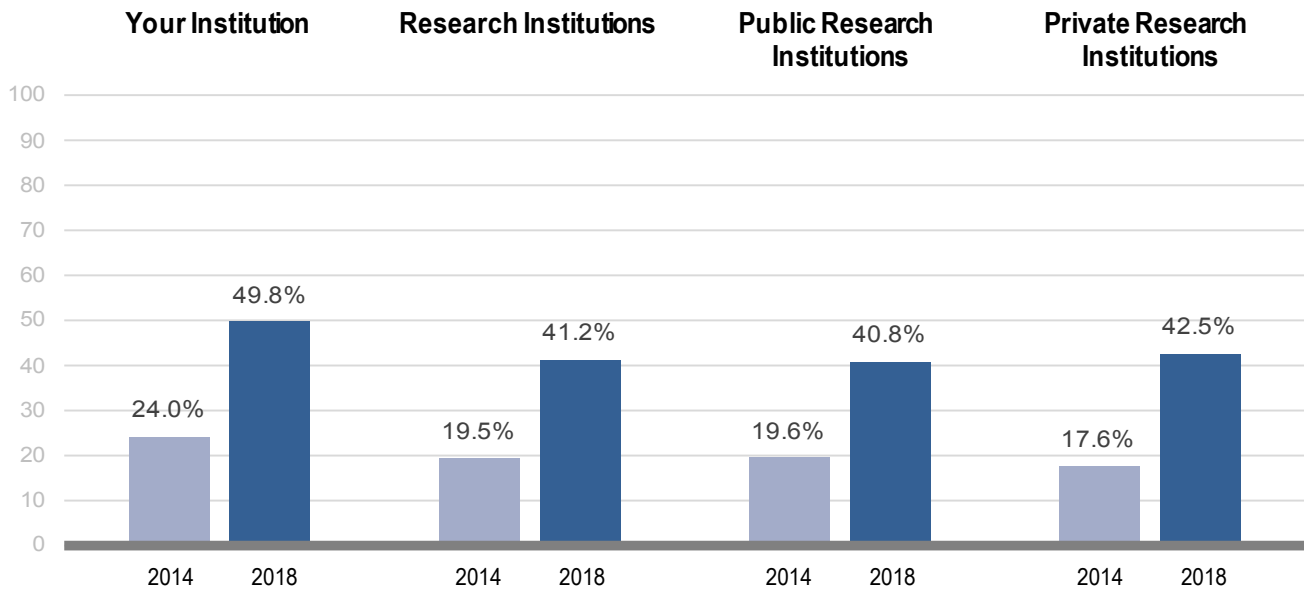
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

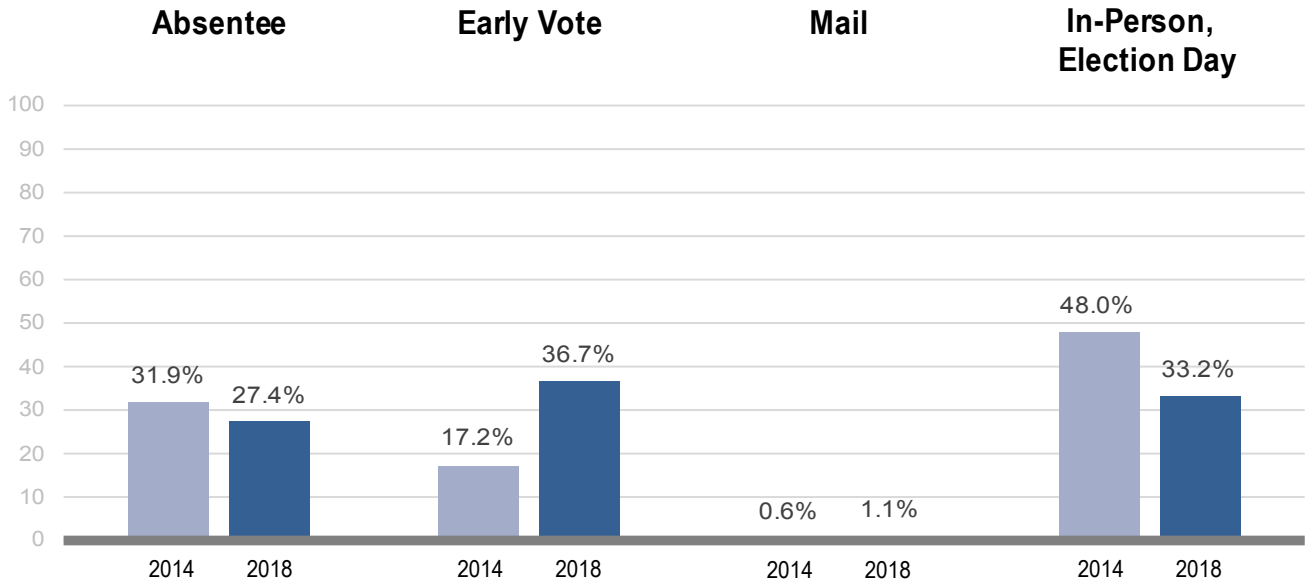
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# By Voting Method\*

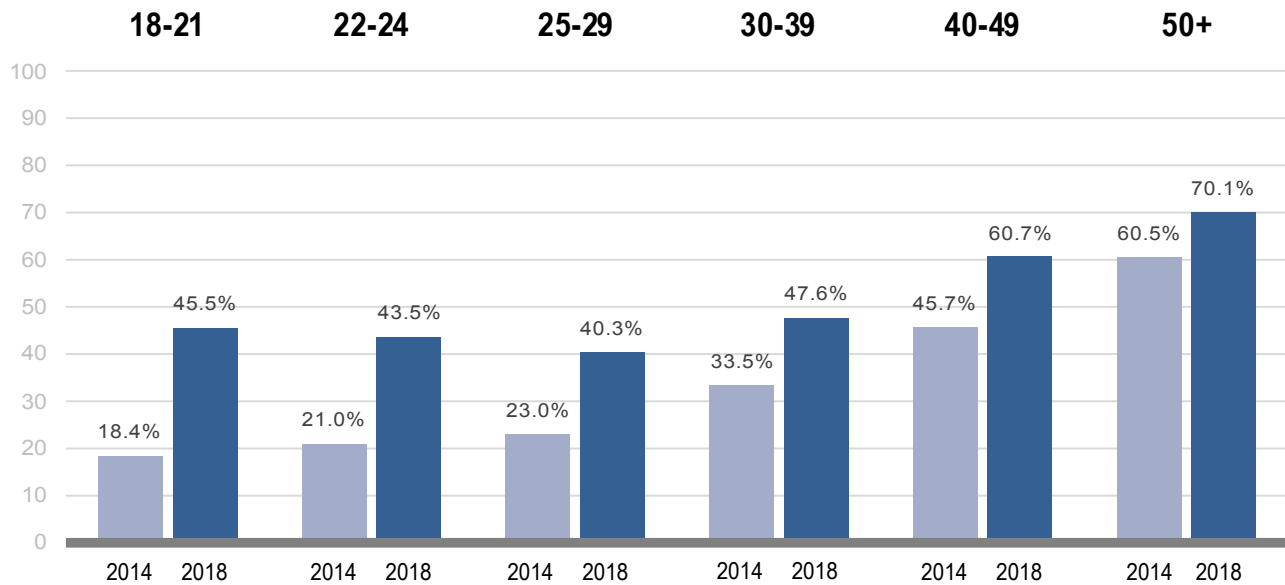


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	3,476	31.9%	6,347	27.4%	↓ -4.5
Early Vote	1,875	17.2%	8,515	36.7%	↑ 19.5
Mail	68	0.6%	247	1.1%	↑ 0.5
In-Person, Election Day	5,230	48.0%	7,704	33.2%	↓ -14.7
Unknown	253	2.3%	367	1.6%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,902</b>		<b>23,180</b>		

\* 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\*

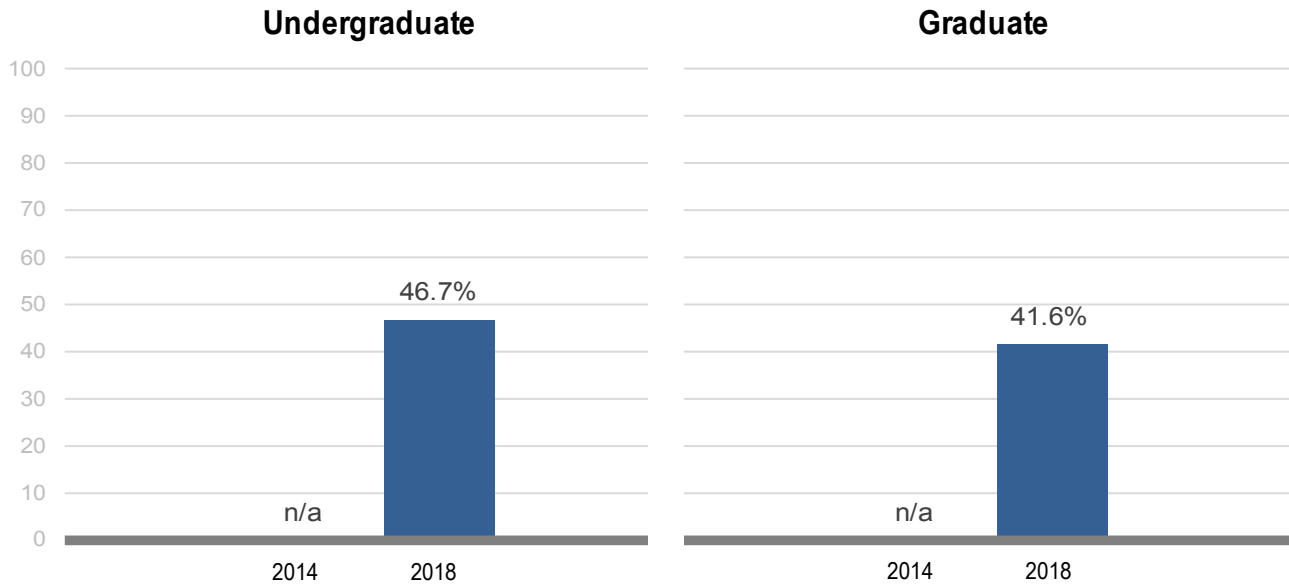


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	26,509	4,870	18.4%	30,256	13,775	45.5%	↑ 27.2
22-24	10,530	2,209	21.0%	9,473	4,118	43.5%	↑ 22.5
25-29	6,619	1,523	23.0%	5,798	2,336	40.3%	↑ 17.3
30-39	4,151	1,389	33.5%	3,877	1,847	47.6%	↑ 14.2
40-49	1,246	569	45.7%	1,213	736	60.7%	↑ 15.0
50+	565	342	60.5%	525	368	70.1%	↑ 9.6
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.

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# By Education Level\*

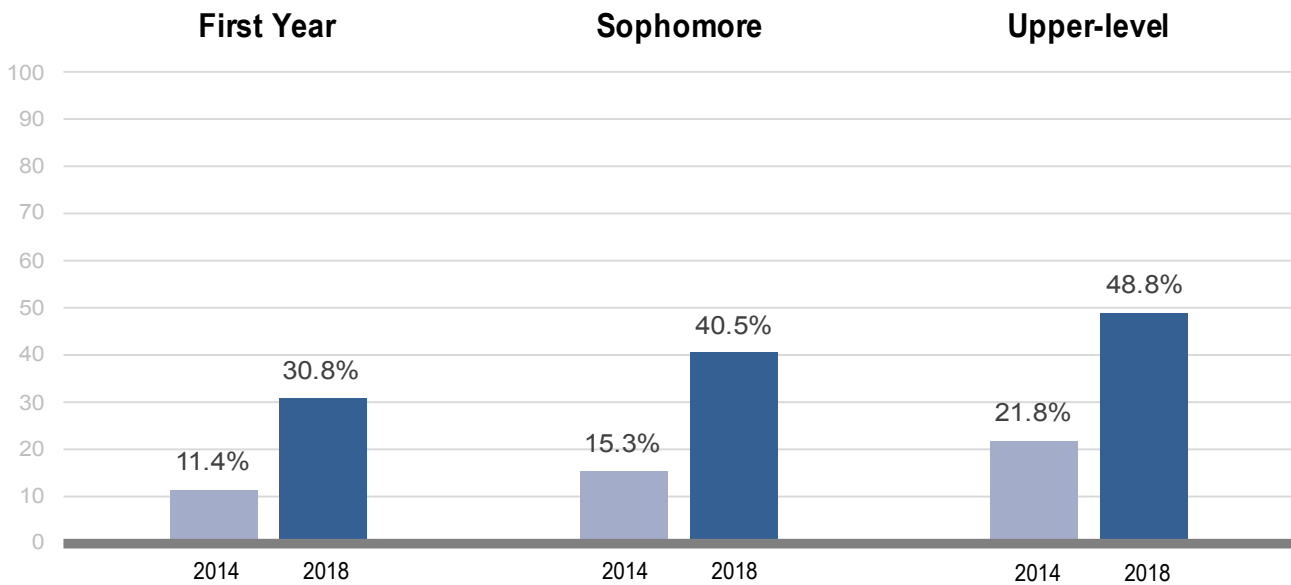


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	37,756	17,642	46.7%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	11,871	4,932	41.6%	n/a
Unknown	49,620			1,515			

\* 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\*



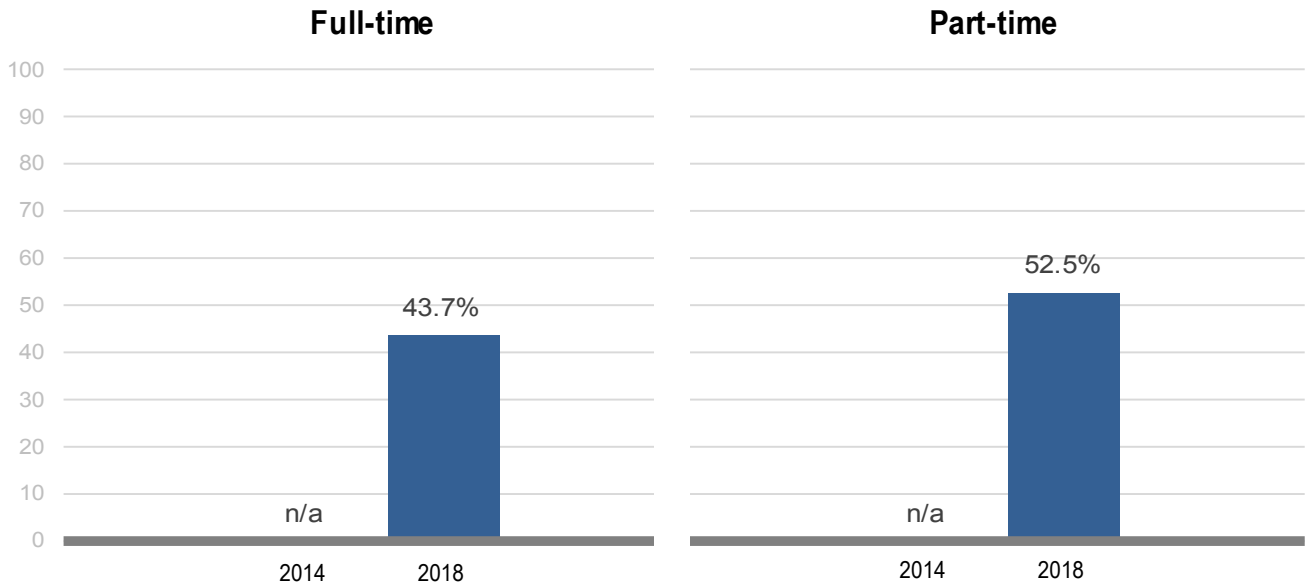
	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	3,082	352	11.4%	1,896	583	30.8%	↑ 19.3
Sophomore	6,288	962	15.3%	5,325	2,157	40.5%	↑ 25.2
Upper-level	21,336	4,646	21.8%	30,431	14,856	48.8%	↑ 27.0

\* 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.



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# By Enrollment Status\*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	0	0	n/a	41,558	18,151	43.7%	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	9,584	5,029	52.5%	n/a
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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	2,038	448	22.0%	1,725	749	43.4% ↑	21.4
Architecture	687	126	18.3%	810	294	36.3% ↑	18.0
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	102	32	31.4%	186	84	45.2% ↑	13.8
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	4,324	715	16.5%	5,913	2,538	42.9% ↑	26.4
Business, Management, and Marketing	5,697	1,306	22.9%	6,326	2,753	43.5% ↑	20.6
Communication and Journalism	2,629	631	24.0%	2,880	1,484	51.5% ↑	27.5
Computer and Information Sciences	1,018	105	10.3%	1,977	696	35.2% ↑	24.9
Education	1,840	704	38.3%	1,659	913	55.0% ↑	16.8
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	7,842	1,308	16.7%	8,022	3,315	41.3% ↑	24.6
English Language and Literature	709	195	27.5%	631	345	54.7% ↑	27.2
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	487	121	24.9%	413	212	51.3% ↑	26.5
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	518	107	20.7%	457	232	50.8% ↑	30.1
Health Professions	7,717	1,802	23.4%	4,765	2,232	46.8% ↑	23.5
History	414	150	36.2%	408	246	60.3% ↑	24.1
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	69	37	53.6%	188	119	63.3% ↑	9.7
Legal Professions and Studies	1,047	405	38.7%	95	32	33.7% ↓	-5.0
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,602	174	10.9%	1,068	409	38.3% ↑	27.4
Mathematics and Statistics	475	89	18.7%	600	254	42.3% ↑	23.6
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	556	138	24.8%	1,209	625	51.7% ↑	26.9
Natural Resources and Conservation	663	217	32.7%	824	477	57.9% ↑	25.2
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	655	130	19.9%	871	347	39.8% ↑	20.0
Philosophy and Religious Studies	210	56	26.7%	216	88	40.7% ↑	14.1
Physical Sciences	1,321	194	14.7%	1,480	604	40.8% ↑	26.1

Psychology	1,685	298	<b>17.7%</b>	1,909	910	<b>47.7%</b> ↑	<b>30.0</b>
Social Sciences	3,306	958	<b>29.0%</b>	3,645	1,927	<b>52.9%</b> ↑	<b>23.9</b>
Visual and Performing Arts	1,167	229	<b>19.6%</b>	1,409	722	<b>51.2%</b> ↑	<b>31.6</b>
Unknown	842	227	<b>27.0%</b>	1,456	573	<b>39.4%</b> ↑	<b>12.4</b>

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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