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# Student Voting Rates for University Of Florida

2020 NSLVE Campus Report

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**Dear Colleagues:**

We are pleased to send this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for 2020. This report contains three years of relevant topline data: 2016, 2018, and 2020. As always, we disaggregate the data so you can better identify and address gaps in participation.

College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

As in past years, we urge you to share this report widely and strategically, particularly with faculty who, in 2020, were often the most consistent communicators with students about ever-changing voting conditions and deadlines. We also urge you to review our recommendations for engaging elections to cultivate a robust and healthy campus climate for political engagement, discourse, equity, and participation: Election Imperatives (2019) and the more recent Election Imperatives: A Time of Physical Distancing and Social Action. Since "pervasive political discussions" and attentiveness to the campus culture around speech and academic freedom are among our top recommendations, we direct you to our discussion guides on talking about your NSLVE report, on free speech and inclusion, and on hot topics, our Making Sense of ... guides.

Finally, we always encourage you to work with us. Help us help you get better data by reaching out. Email [IDHE@Tufts.edu](mailto:IDHE@Tufts.edu) for more information. And as always, watch your inbox for our periodic newsletter, IDHE Update, for announcements about upcoming releases and new resources.

Congratulations on engaging your students in the 2020 election. Remember, student political learning is a year-round objective. Elections may be episodic, but student political engagement should not be.

All the Best,  
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# In This Report

This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut charts, and tables.



	2014			2018			2014-2018
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p.)
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## Tables

The tables show, on the left-side columns, the numbers of students and the rates from 2016, 2018, and 2020. On the left-side, percentage point (p.p.) changes between 2016 and 2020. A red down arrow indicates a decrease, a green up arrow indicates an increase, and a yellow arrow pointing to the right indicates no change. "-" in these tables indicates that the data is unavailable/missing, or is available for 10 or less students.



# Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

76.7%

2020 Voting Rate

+11.8

Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

Year	Registration Rate
2016	84.7%
2018	83.9%
2020	87.6%

The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

Year	Voting Rate of Registered Students
2016	76.7%
2018	58.9%
2020	87.5%

The **Voting Rate of Registered Students** is the percent of registered students who voted on Election Day. We often refer to this as the “yield” rate.

VOTING RATE

Year	Voting Rate
2016	64.9%
2018	49.5%
2020	76.7%

The **Voting Rate** is the percentage of eligible students who voted on Election Day. The voting rate is also the product of the registration and yield rates.

# Looking Closer

## Voting and Registration Rates

	2016	2018	2020	2016-2020 Change (p.p.)
Total Student Enrollment	53,780	55,379	57,223	↑ 3,443
(Age under 18/Unknown)	–	–	–	–
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	5,154	4,383	4,002	↓ -1,153
(FERPA records blocked)	44	34	30	↓ -14
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	1,010	464	24	↓ -986
Total eligible voters	47,572	50,490	53,163	↑ 5,590
Number of students who registered	40,285	42,369	46,577	↑ 6,292
Number of students who voted	30,892	24,971	40,772	↑ 9,880
Registration Rate %	85	84	88	↑ 3
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	77	59	88	↑ 11
Voting Rate %	65	49	77	↑ 12

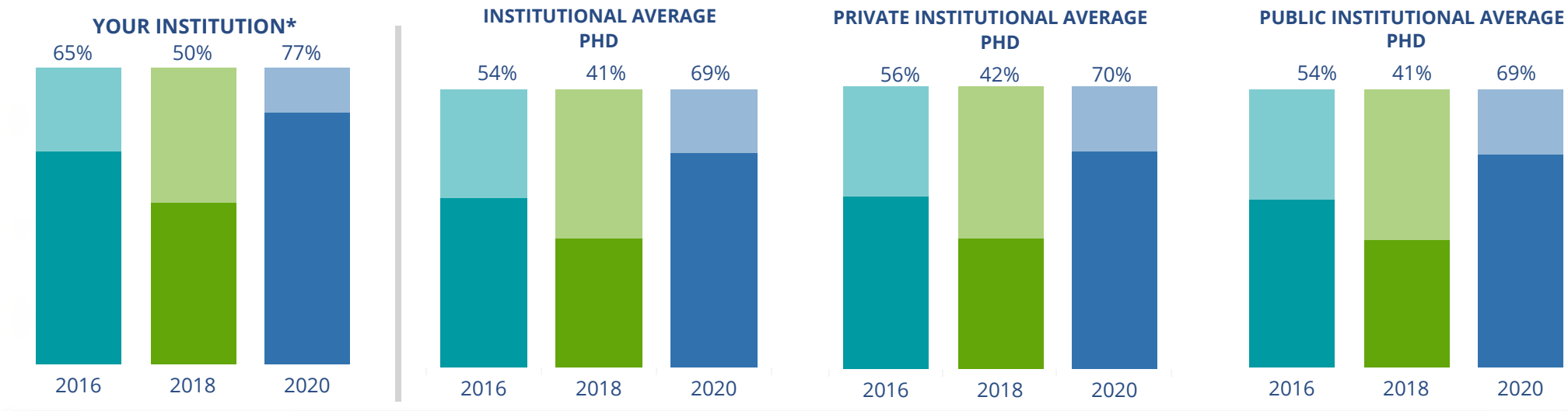
**This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates.** The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged, students who are not pursuing degrees.

We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to NSC, or we cannot verify the accuracy of the reported counts. This estimate is given by "IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens" on this page. If you believe the number of international students reported on this report is incorrect, you can manually adjust your institution's voting rates by using our recalculation tool. <https://id-he.tufts.edu/nsive/nsive-recalculation-tool>.

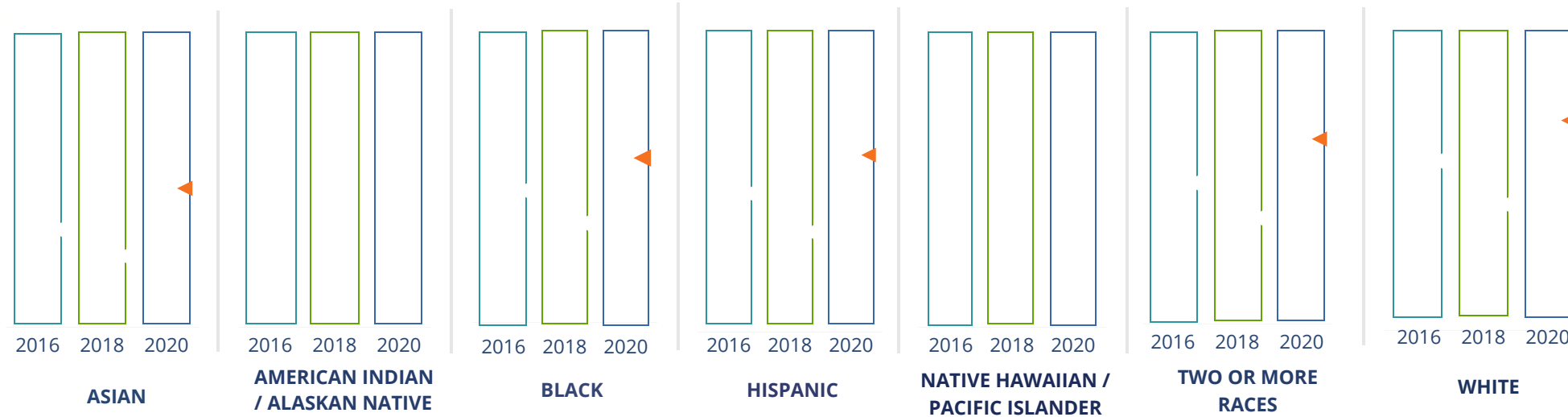
# By Institution Types



These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. \*"Your Institution" chart is presented at a different scale.



## By Race / Ethnicity



**These are estimated voting rates for race / ethnicity groups.** These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following race reporting procedures\* defined by the National Center for Education Statistics of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Please see our FAQ for more detail on why we cannot report national benchmark for some of the demographic groups:

<https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nsive-report-faq>

If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

\* <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/report-your-data/race-ethnicity-collecting-data-for-reporting-purposes>



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## By Race/Ethnicity

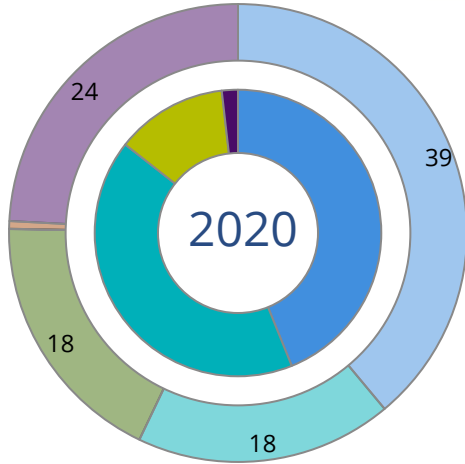
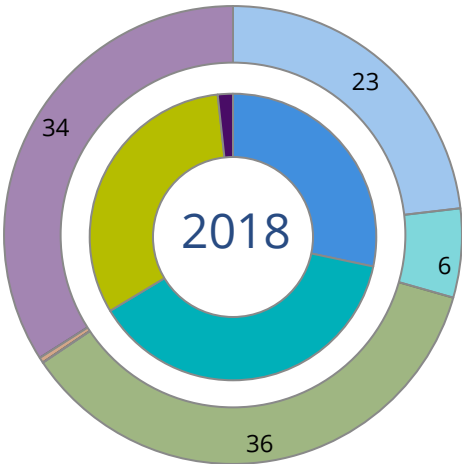
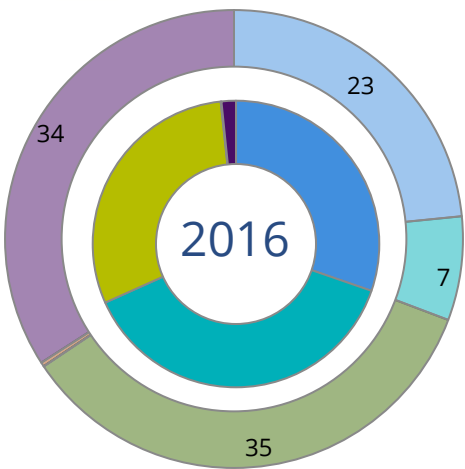
**This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates.** We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Race Unknown	52,593	30,892	59	54,795	24,971	46	57,122	40,772	71	↑ 13



# By Voting Method

Not-In-Person Early Vote In-Person Other Provisional Unknown



	2016		2018		2020		2016-2020	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p.)	
Early Vote	11,726	38	9,513	38	16,992	42	4	↑
In-Person on Election Day	9,281	30	7,960	32	5,129	13	-17	↓
Not-In-Person	9,352	30	7,079	28	17,884	44	14	↑
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provisional	44	0	-	-	12	0	0	↓
Voting Method Unknown	488	2	416	2	754	2	0	↑

These are estimated rates for vote method utilization, the number of students utilizing each method, and the percent of students utilizing each method. Not all U.S. states provide information on vote method; voting method for voter files from these states are classified "Voting Method Unknown." For a list of these states, see our FAQ. <https://idhe.tufts.edu/nsive/nsive-faq#CampusReports>

# By Age Group

	2016	2018	2020
18-21	62%	45%	76%
22-24	54%	44%	69%
25-29	51%	43%	62%
30-39	55%	48%	62%
40-49	67%	62%	75%
50+	80%	70%	81%

**Voting is habit-forming and young voters will usually continue as voters in subsequent elections.** Also, young voters are more likely to be contacted by campaigns and are visible, and therefore significant, to elected officials. While in the past, we have seen voting rates increase across age groups, in recent cycles, the most significant increases have been among first-time and the youngest voters. Some colleges serve primarily young students, traditionally viewed as students in the 18-21 or 22-24 categories here. Others have much higher numbers of enrolled older undergraduate or graduate students.

# Looking Closer

## By Age Group

Here, we provide the numbers of students in each age category and the voting rates for each group. These are based on the student's age on the day of the election, as calculated by the National Student Clearinghouse using data from student enrollment records.

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
18-21	28,178	17,513	62	30,376	13,662	45	30,769	23,307	76	↑	14
22-24	11,387	6,196	54	11,272	5,013	44	11,472	7,953	69	↑	15
25-29	7,045	3,605	51	7,145	3,098	43	7,842	4,826	62	↑	10
30-39	4,166	2,285	55	4,108	1,979	48	4,794	2,968	62	↑	7
40-49	1,280	861	67	1,325	821	62	1,572	1,173	75	↑	7
50+	537	432	80	569	398	70	673	545	81	↑	1

# Looking Closer

## By Sex

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**These are estimated voting rates for sex groups and the numbers we used to calculate their voting rates.** These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following the reporting procedures defined by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Presently, NCES requires institutions to report students as “Male” or “Female” only.\*

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\*<https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/public/survey-materials/faq?faqid=11>

# Looking Closer

## By Education Level / Undergraduate Class Year

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p)	
EDUCATION LEVEL											
Undergraduate	35,021	21,792	62	37,730	17,351	46	38,006	28,492	75	↑	13
Graduate	16,604	8,682	52	15,582	7,068	45	17,167	10,892	63	↑	11
Class Unknown	968	418	43	1,483	552	37	1,949	1,388	71	↑	28
CLASS YEAR											
First Year	3,418	56	1,921	1,896	30	567	2,493	63	1,568	↑	7
Second Year	6,786	62	4,218	5,325	41	2,160	6,514	71	4,639	↑	9
Upper Level	24,849	63	15,651	30,431	48	14,586	28,986	77	22,274	↑	14
ENROLLMENT STATUS											
Full-time	-	-	-	45,582	20,295	45	45,775	32,625	71	-	-
Part-time	-	-	-	9,213	4,676	51	11,347	8,147	72	-	-

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (undergraduate/graduate), Class Year, and Enrollment Status (full-time/part-time), and the numbers we used to calculate these rates.

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## By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 RateChange (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Architecture	756	346	46	807	284	35	821	530	65	↑ 19
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	135	68	50	186	86	46	133	94	71	↑ 20
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	5,089	2,939	58	5,816	2,497	43	6,242	4,343	70	↑ 12
Business, Management, and Marketing	6,241	3,835	61	6,390	2,749	43	6,767	4,833	71	↑ 10
Communication and Journalism	2,753	1,817	66	2,863	1,483	52	2,996	2,380	79	↑ 13
Computer and Information Sciences	1,785	579	32	1,973	670	34	2,665	1,530	57	↑ 25
Education	1,693	1,112	66	1,628	902	55	1,894	1,396	74	↑ 8

**These are estimated voting rates by field of study, and the numbers we used to calculate the field of study rates.** For an explanation of CIP codes, please see our FAQ.\* There are roughly 8,000 fields of study among U.S. colleges and universities, so we provide rates for condensed categories.

\*<https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq>

## By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	8,159	4,186	51	8,013	3,261	41	7,893	5,221	66	↑ 15
English Language and Literature	637	439	69	631	369	58	626	519	83	↑ 14
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	387	242	63	408	209	51	320	247	77	↑ 15
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	480	314	65	456	233	51	401	278	69	↑ 4
Health Professions	7,573	4,879	64	7,746	3,710	48	7,524	5,775	77	↑ 12
History	392	277	71	408	244	60	371	297	80	↑ 9
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protec..	98	76	78	183	114	62	259	201	78	↑ 0
Legal Professions and Studies	1,073	739	69	987	575	58	818	647	79	↑ 10
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,510	825	55	1,068	389	36	830	551	66	↑ 12
Mathematics and Statistics	544	284	52	600	253	42	683	420	61	↑ 9
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,061	662	62	1,187	618	52	1,102	859	78	↑ 16
Natural Resources and Conservation	745	486	65	771	448	58	887	696	78	↑ 13
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Stu..	780	436	56	871	331	38	1,112	753	68	↑ 12
Philosophy and Religious Studies	214	126	59	216	89	41	197	142	72	↑ 13



## By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Physical Sciences	1,404	727	52	1,480	626	42	1,578	1,001	63	↑ 12
Psychology	1,753	1,132	65	1,909	916	48	2,100	1,604	76	↑ 12
Social Sciences	3,364	2,195	65	3,619	1,919	53	3,640	2,751	76	↑ 10
Visual and Performing Arts	1,274	815	64	1,408	723	51	1,554	1,191	77	↑ 13
Unknown	979	377	39	1,456	535	37	1,969	1,398	71	↑ 32

# About This Report

## Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement.

Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, nearly 1,200 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020 federal elections.

Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 50 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 2016, 2018, and 2020 elections.

These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) and publicly available voting files collected by L2 Political.

Enrollment lists are adjusted by deducting students under age 18 (at the time of the election), people identified as non-degree seeking and those identified by campuses as "nonresident aliens" (NRAs) (the federal government's category for mostly international students). Unfortunately, not all campuses report NRAs to NSC. For those campuses, we use IPEDS to calculate the number of NRA students on each campus and adjust NSC enrollment numbers to estimate the number of students to remove. We also quality check NRA removals by verifying that there is little to no discrepancy between the number of international students reported by the campus to IPEDS and to NSC. We cannot adjust subgroup analyses absent identification of NRAs verified by the process above. We welcome closer partnerships with individual colleges and universities to provide more accurate rates. For more on the data and the matching process, see our FAQ on Campus Reports.

University Of Florida

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>.

References: IDHE encourages report recipients to share this report as broadly as possible, including posting it on the college or university's website. When doing so, please use the following citation: Institute for Democracy & Higher Education: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2021). 2016, 2018, and 2020 report for \_\_\_\_\_ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.



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