

**2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
University of Georgia

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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](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

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Warm regards,  
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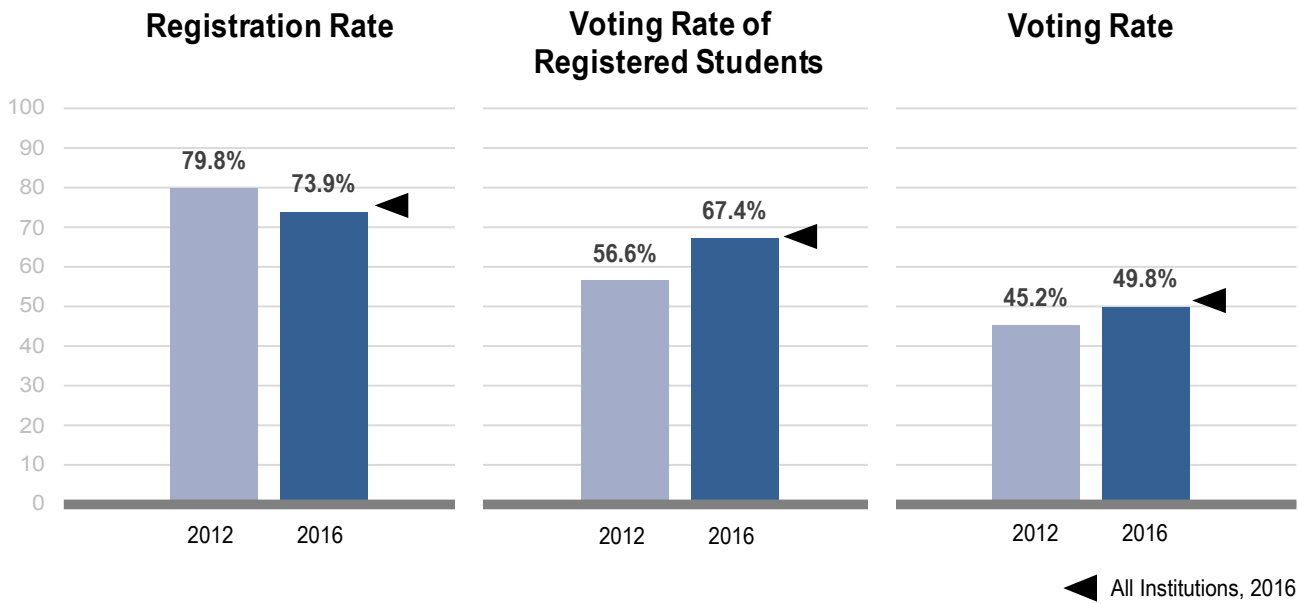
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2016 Voting Rate**  
**49.8%**

CHANGE FROM 2012  
**4.6**

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**50.4%**



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	34,373	36,118	↑ 1,745
Age under 18/Unknown	(80)	(99)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,310)	(1,874)	
FERPA records blocked	(3,954)	(803)	
Total eligible voters	29,029	33,342	↑ 4,313
Number of students who registered	23,176	24,636	↑ 1,460
Number of students who voted	13,118	16,596	↑ 3,478
Registration rate	79.8%	73.9%	↓ -6.0
Voting rate of registered students	56.6%	67.4%	↑ 10.8
Voting rate	45.2%	49.8%	↑ 4.6
Difference from all institutions	-1.7	-0.6	

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# By Carnegie Classification

**2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**46.9%**

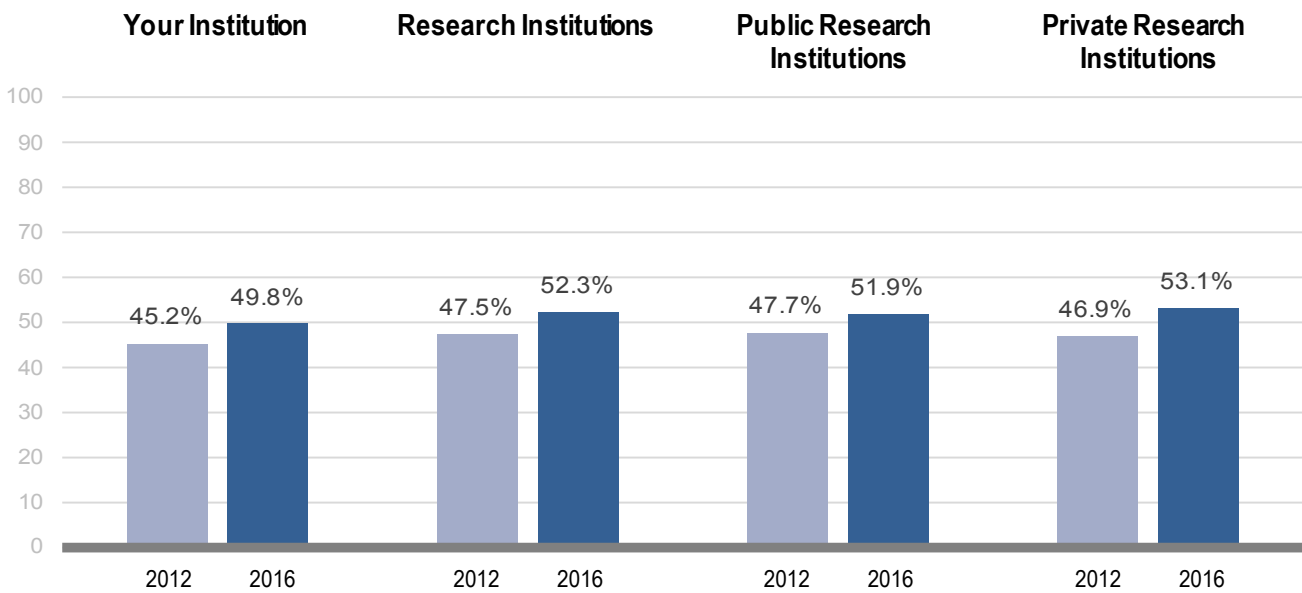
HIGH 72.9%  
 LOW 19.3%

**2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**50.4%**

HIGH 81.4%  
 LOW 13.1%

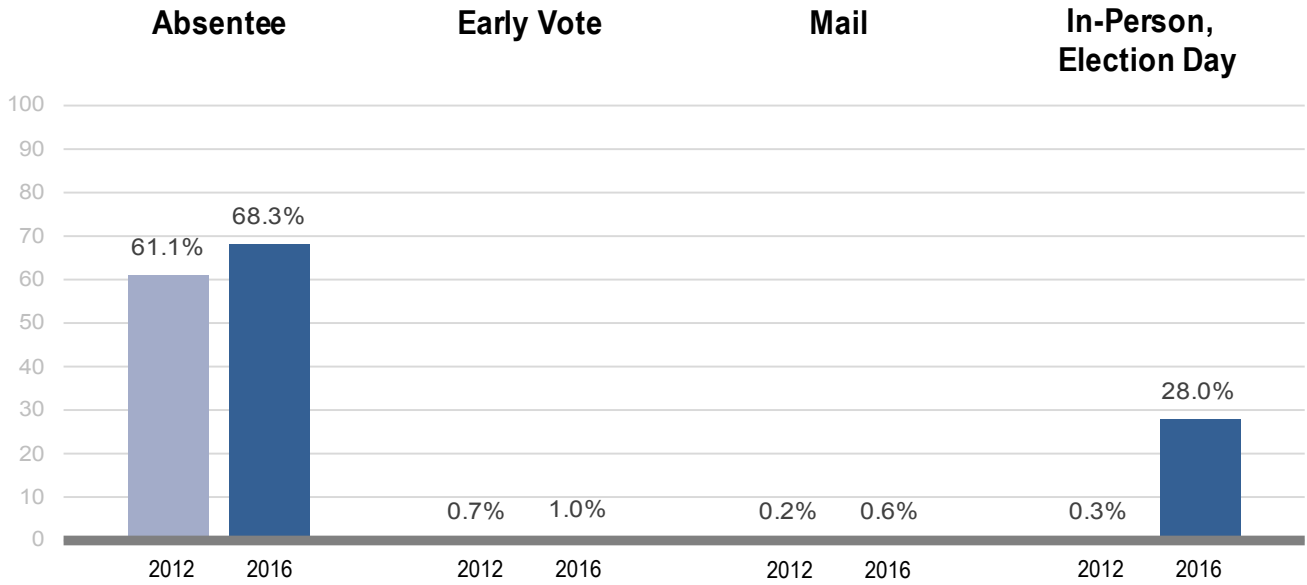
Difference from All Institutions **-1.7**

Difference from All Institutions **-0.6**



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# By Voting Method\*

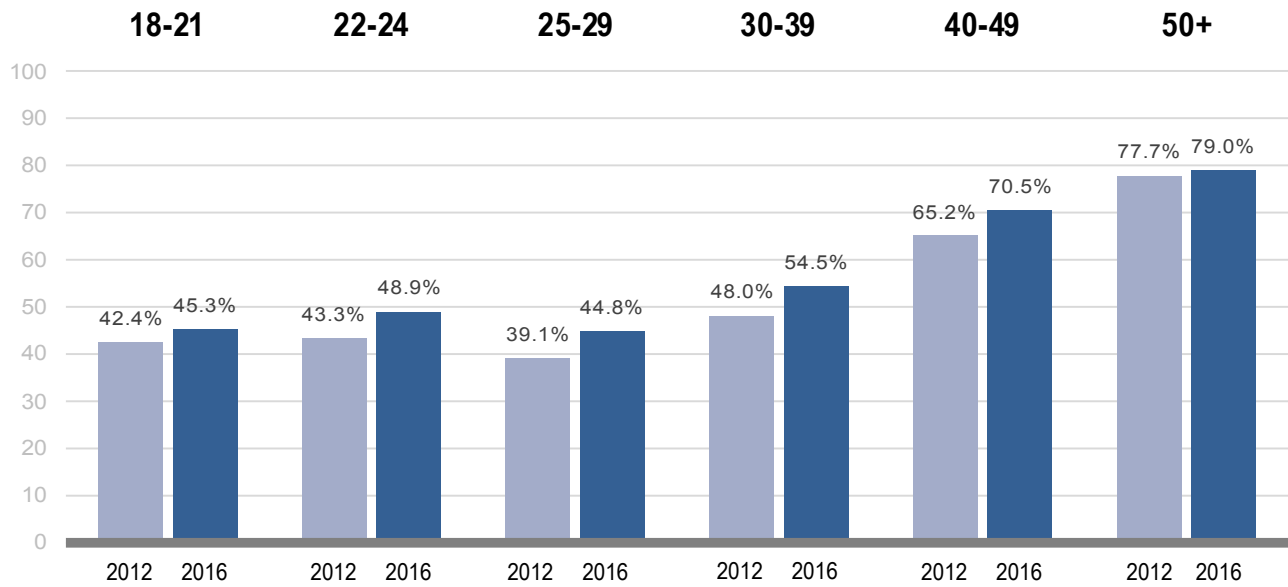


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	8,010	61.1%	11,329	68.3%	↑ 7.2
Early Vote	87	0.7%	160	1.0%	↑ 0.3
Mail	22	0.2%	99	0.6%	↑ 0.4
In-Person, Election Day	34	0.3%	4,654	28.0%	↑ 27.8
Unknown	4,965	37.9%	354	2.1%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,118</b>		<b>16,596</b>		

\* 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\*

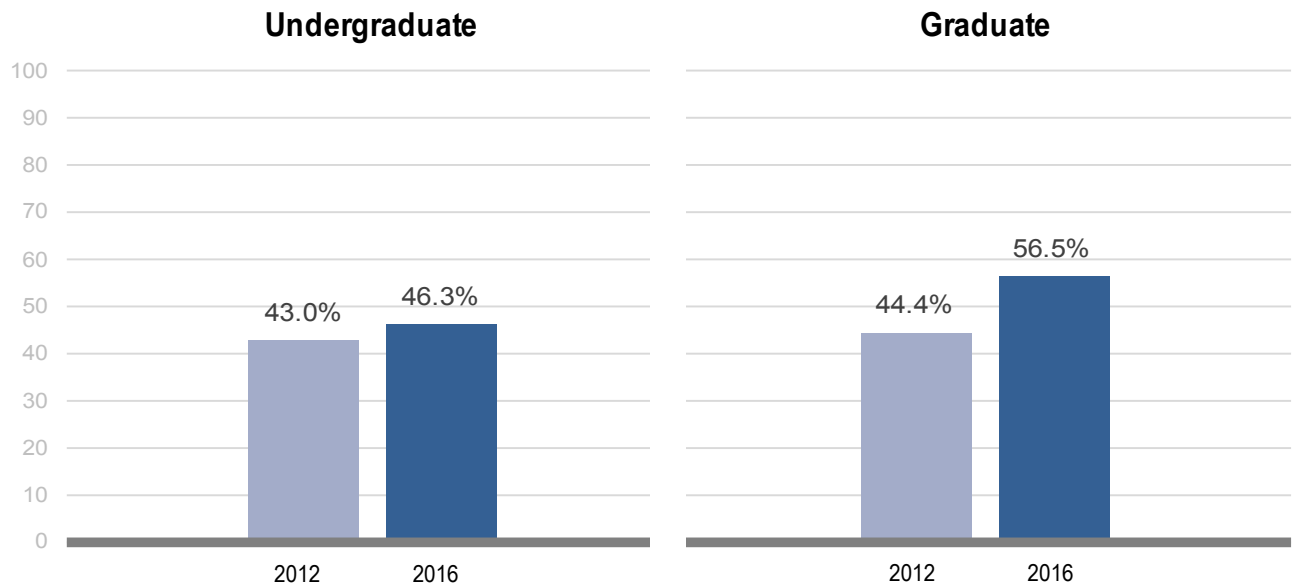


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	18,660	7,920	42.4%	22,010	9,971	45.3%	↑ 2.9
22-24	6,558	2,838	43.3%	7,127	3,485	48.9%	↑ 5.6
25-29	2,752	1,076	39.1%	3,293	1,475	44.8%	↑ 5.7
30-39	1,666	799	48.0%	1,992	1,085	54.5%	↑ 6.5
40-49	488	318	65.2%	556	392	70.5%	↑ 5.3
50+	215	167	77.7%	238	188	79.0%	↑ 1.3
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\*

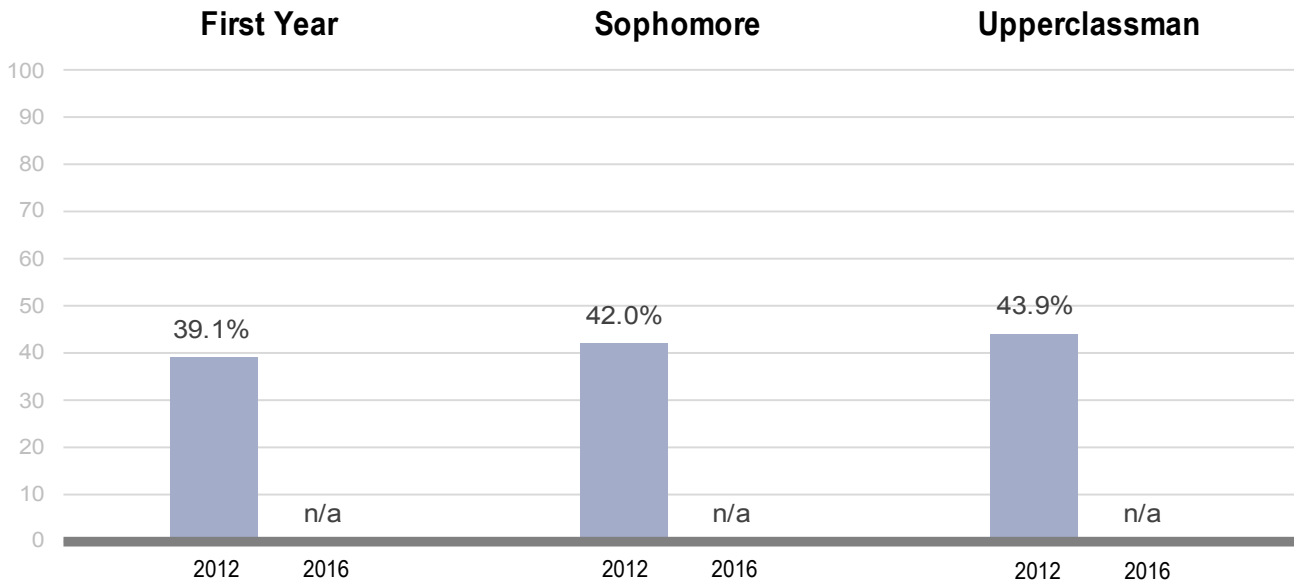


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	24,222	10,404	43.0%	27,519	12,735	46.3%	↑ 3.3
Graduate	6,117	2,714	44.4%	207	117	56.5%	↑ 12.2
Unknown	0			7,490			

\* 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\*



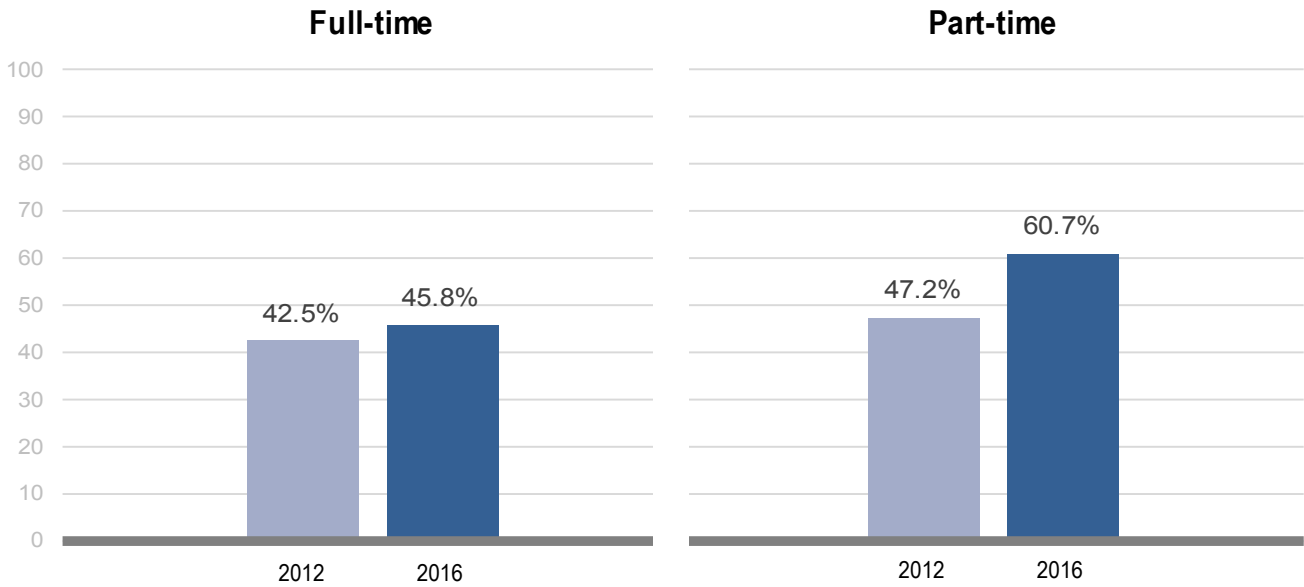
	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	2,933	1,147	<b>39.1%</b>	0	0	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Sophomore	5,358	2,251	<b>42.0%</b>	0	0	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Upperclassman	14,828	6,512	<b>43.9%</b>	0	0	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>

\* 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\*

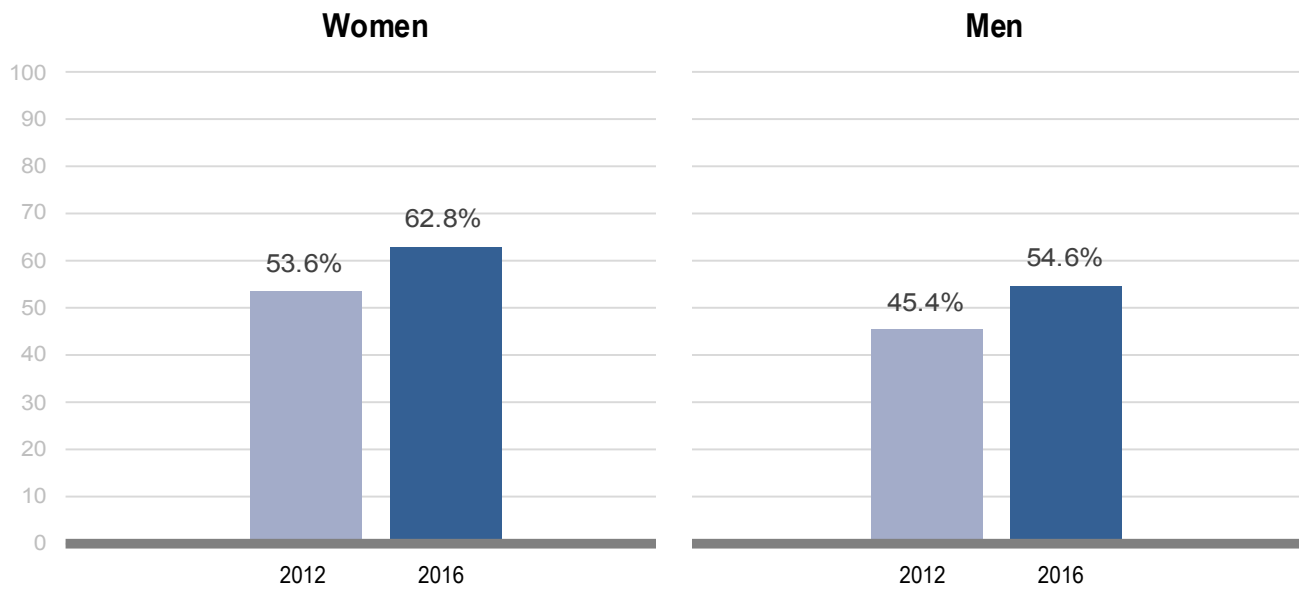


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	25,340	10,761	<b>42.5%</b>	32,144	14,730	<b>45.8%</b>	↑ 3.4
Part-time	4,999	2,357	<b>47.2%</b>	3,072	1,866	<b>60.7%</b>	↑ 13.6
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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\*

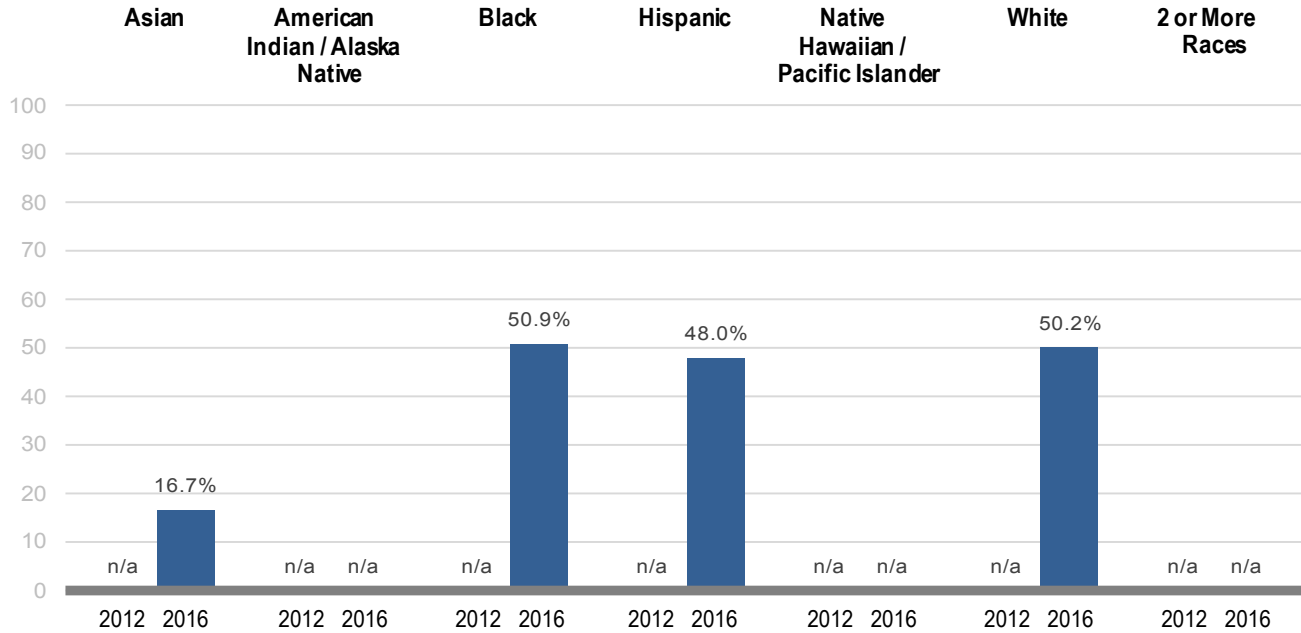


	2012			2016			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	15,071	8,072	<b>53.6%</b>	16,180	10,164	<b>62.8%</b>	↑	<b>9.3</b>
Men	11,108	5,044	<b>45.4%</b>	11,757	6,416	<b>54.6%</b>	↑	<b>9.2</b>
Unknown	4,160	*	<b>n/a</b>	7,279	16	<b>0.2%</b>		

\* 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	0	0	n/a	66	11	16.7%	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Black	0	0	n/a	57	29	50.9%	n/a
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	25	12	48.0%	n/a
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
White	0	0	n/a	488	245	50.2%	n/a
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	24	*	n/a	n/a
Unknown	30,339			34,556			

\* 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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	1,123	515	45.9%	1,243	585	47.1% ↑	1.2
Architecture	254	104	40.9%	257	113	44.0% ↑	3.0
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	26	12	46.2%	56	32	57.1% ↑	11.0
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	3,093	1,125	36.4%	3,449	1,348	39.1% ↑	2.7
Business, Management, and Marketing	5,800	2,408	41.5%	8,047	3,641	45.3% ↑	3.7
Communication and Journalism	2,335	1,114	47.7%	2,373	1,208	50.9% ↑	3.2
Communications Technologies/Technicians	19	10	52.6%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	408	116	28.4%	980	305	31.1% ↑	2.7
Education	2,320	1,292	55.7%	2,290	1,406	61.4% ↑	5.7
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	604	202	33.4%	1,832	809	44.2% ↑	10.7
English Language and Literature	510	224	43.9%	349	185	53.0% ↑	9.1
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	771	366	47.5%	875	426	48.7% ↑	1.2
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	590	232	39.3%	561	283	50.5% ↑	11.1
Health Professions	2,259	999	44.2%	2,776	1,368	49.3% ↑	5.1
History	377	193	51.2%	251	151	60.2% ↑	9.0
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	185	73	39.5%	202	86	42.6% ↑	3.1
Legal Professions and Studies	590	270	45.8%	559	310	55.5% ↑	9.7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	17	*	n/a	356	175	49.2%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	340	120	35.3%	471	163	34.6% ↓	-0.7
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	723	319	44.1%	716	347	48.5% ↑	4.3
Natural Resources and Conservation	500	203	40.6%	486	241	49.6% ↑	9.0
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	991	419	42.3%	1,050	499	47.5% ↑	5.2
Philosophy and Religious Studies	165	71	43.0%	141	54	38.3% ↓	-4.7

Physical Sciences	727	241	33.2%	601	243	40.4% ↑	7.3
Psychology	1,569	654	41.7%	1,511	679	44.9% ↑	3.3
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	502	260	51.8%	688	432	62.8% ↑	11.0
Social Sciences	1,930	944	48.9%	1,807	911	50.4% ↑	1.5
Visual and Performing Arts	1,229	475	38.7%	1,030	472	45.8% ↑	7.2
Other	0	0	n/a	37	15	40.5%	n/a
Unknown	382	150	39.3%	222	109	49.1% ↑	9.8

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](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

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