

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
University of Iowa

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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



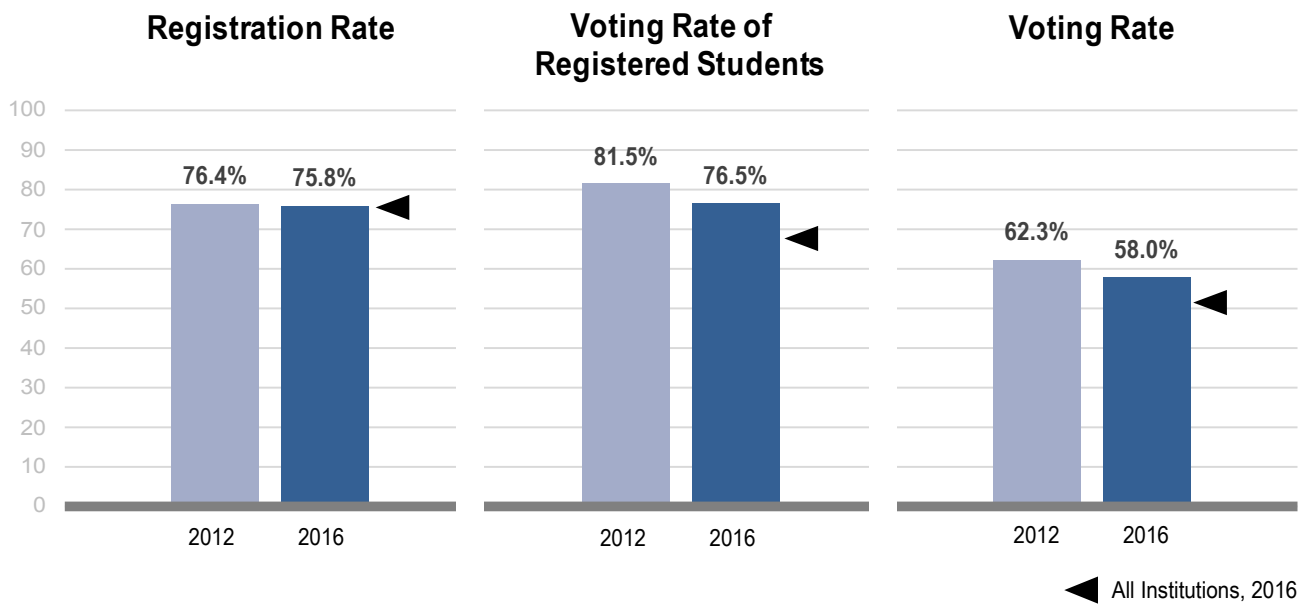
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
58.0%

CHANGE FROM 2012
-4.2

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	29,733	31,701	↑ 1,968
Age under 18/Unknown	(85)	(860)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(2,874)	(3,315)	
FERPA records blocked	(3,270)	(2,644)	
Total eligible voters	23,504	24,882	↑ 1,378
Number of students who registered	17,935	18,869	↑ 934
Number of students who voted	14,622	14,440	↓ -182
Registration rate	76.4%	75.8%	↓ -0.5
Voting rate of registered students	81.5%	76.5%	↓ -5.0
Voting rate	62.3%	58.0%	↓ -4.2
Difference from all institutions	+15.4	+7.6	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

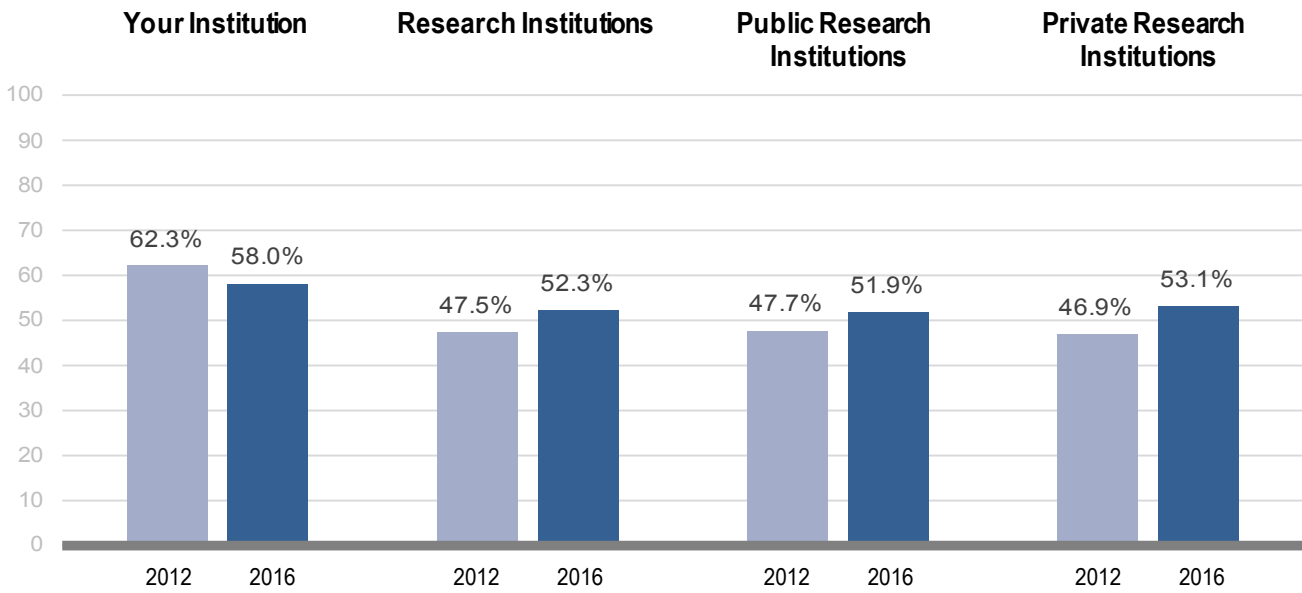
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

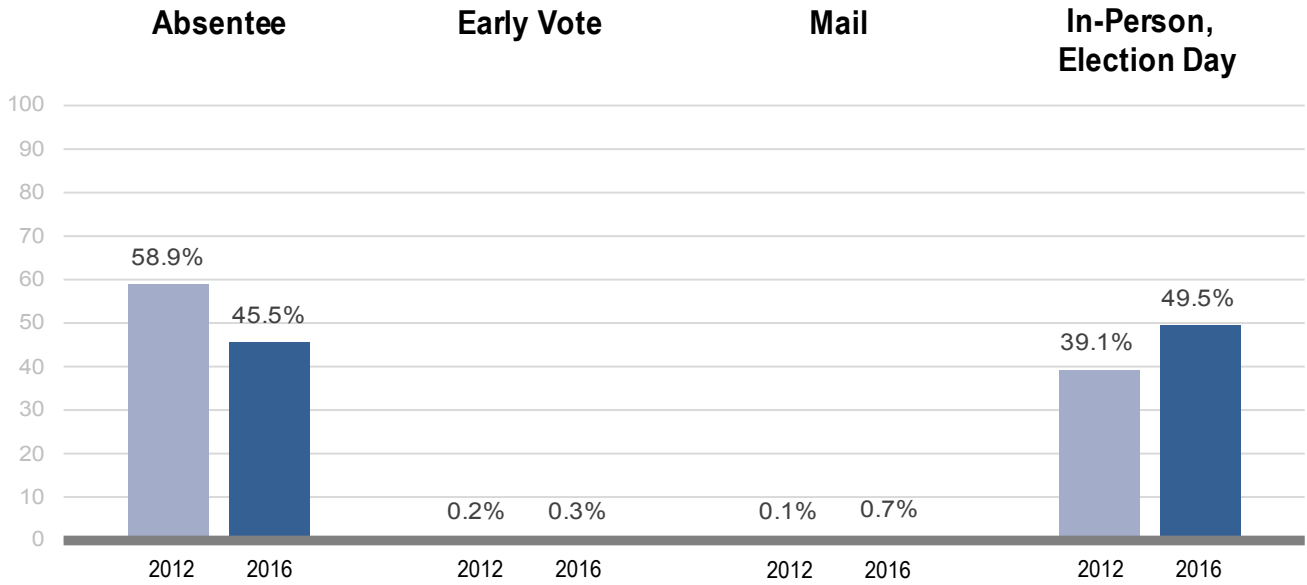
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By Voting Method*

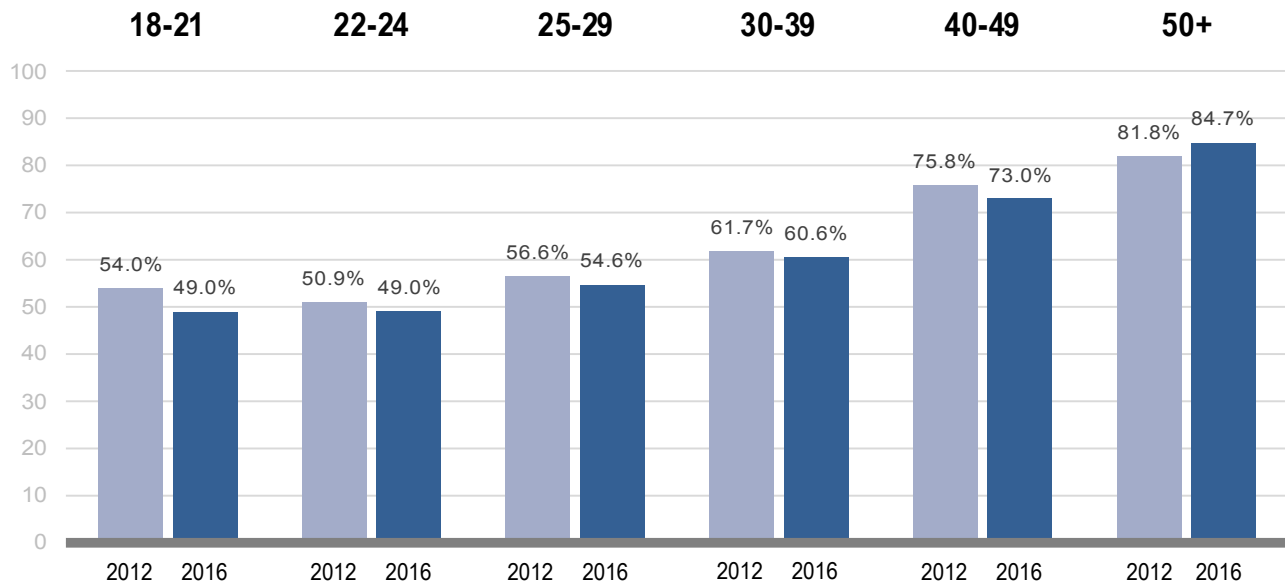


	2012		2016		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	8,613	58.9%	6,576	45.5%	↓	-13.4
Early Vote	33	0.2%	44	0.3%	↑	0.1
Mail	18	0.1%	107	0.7%	↑	0.6
In-Person, Election Day	5,722	39.1%	7,149	49.5%	↑	10.4
Unknown	236	1.6%	564	3.9%		
Total	14,622		14,440			

* 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*

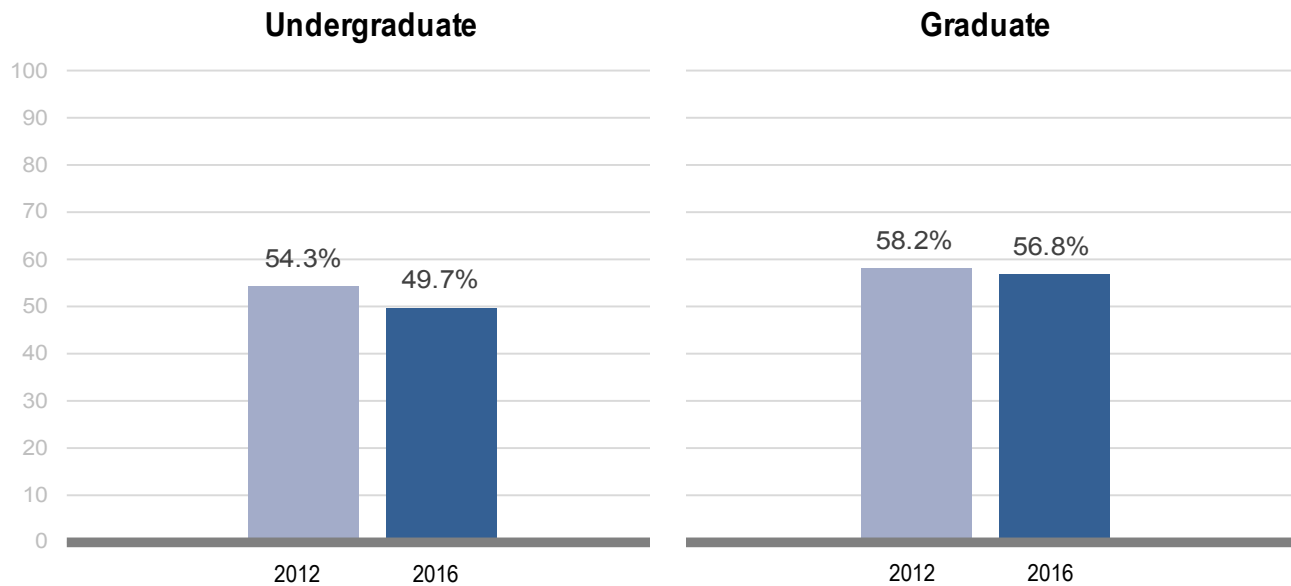


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	13,884	7,496	54.0%	17,182	8,410	49.0%	↓ -5.0
22-24	5,182	2,639	50.9%	5,073	2,487	49.0%	↓ -1.9
25-29	3,788	2,142	56.6%	3,118	1,703	54.6%	↓ -1.9
30-39	2,467	1,523	61.7%	2,019	1,224	60.6%	↓ -1.1
40-49	710	538	75.8%	563	411	73.0%	↓ -2.8
50+	347	284	81.8%	242	205	84.7%	↑ 2.9
Unknown	*			*			

* 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*

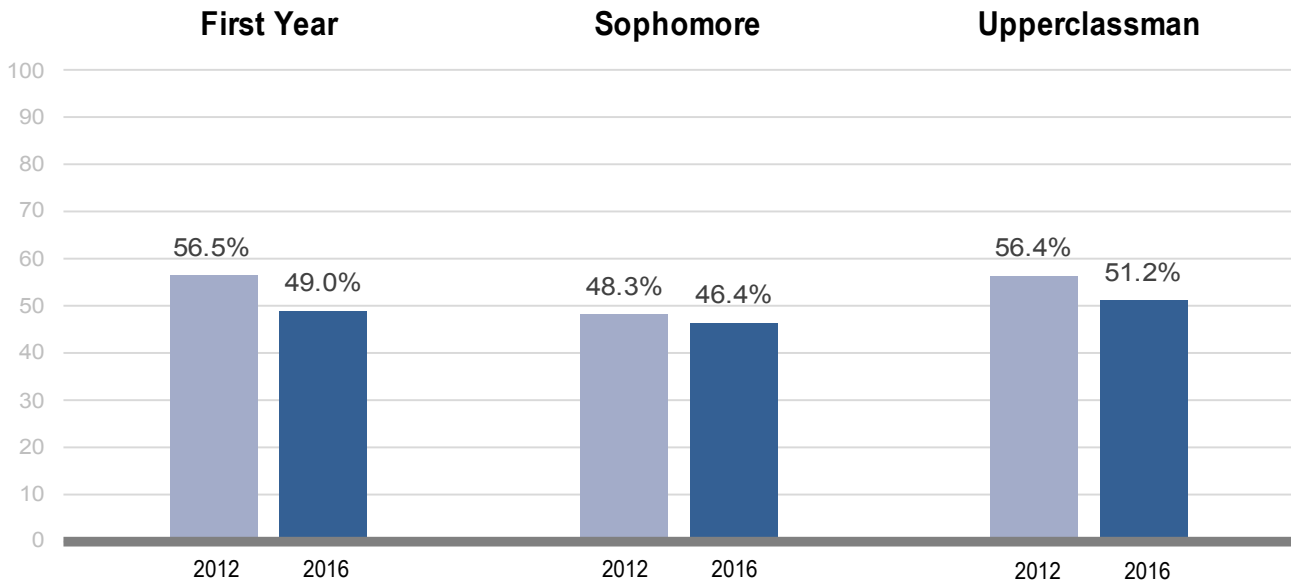


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	18,772	10,197	54.3%	22,094	10,971	49.7%	↓ -4.7
Graduate	7,605	4,425	58.2%	6,103	3,469	56.8%	↓ -1.3
Unknown	*			0			

* 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*

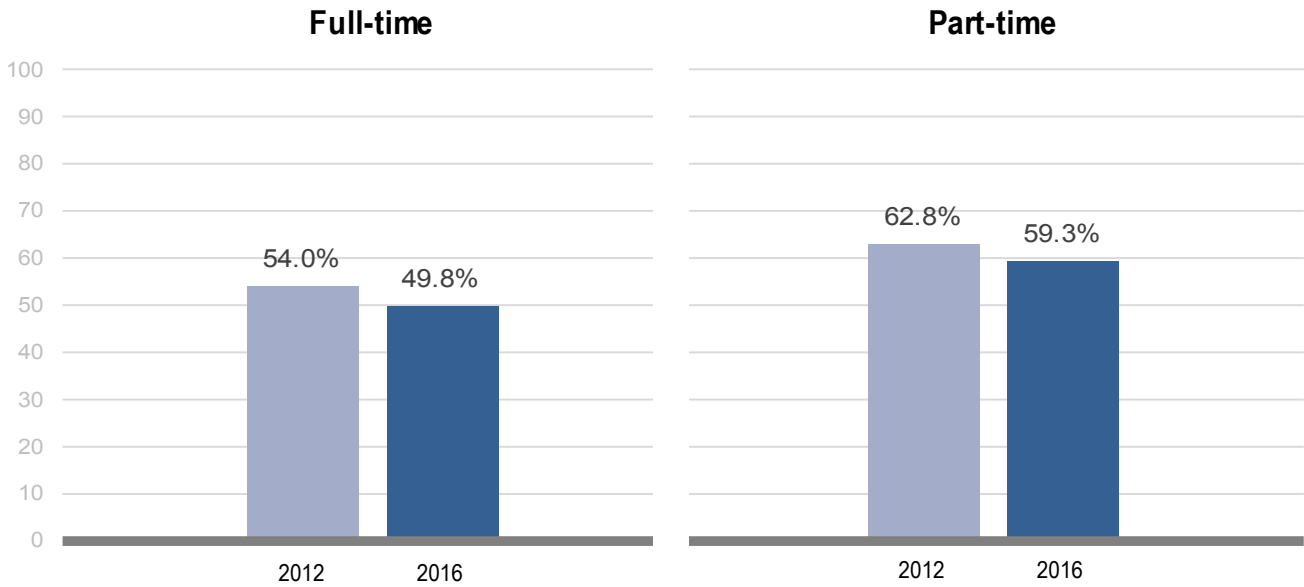


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	4,493	2,539	56.5%	6,074	2,973	49.0%	↓ -7.6
Sophomore	4,025	1,944	48.3%	4,957	2,299	46.4%	↓ -1.9
Upperclassman	9,002	5,076	56.4%	10,261	5,257	51.2%	↓ -5.2

* 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*

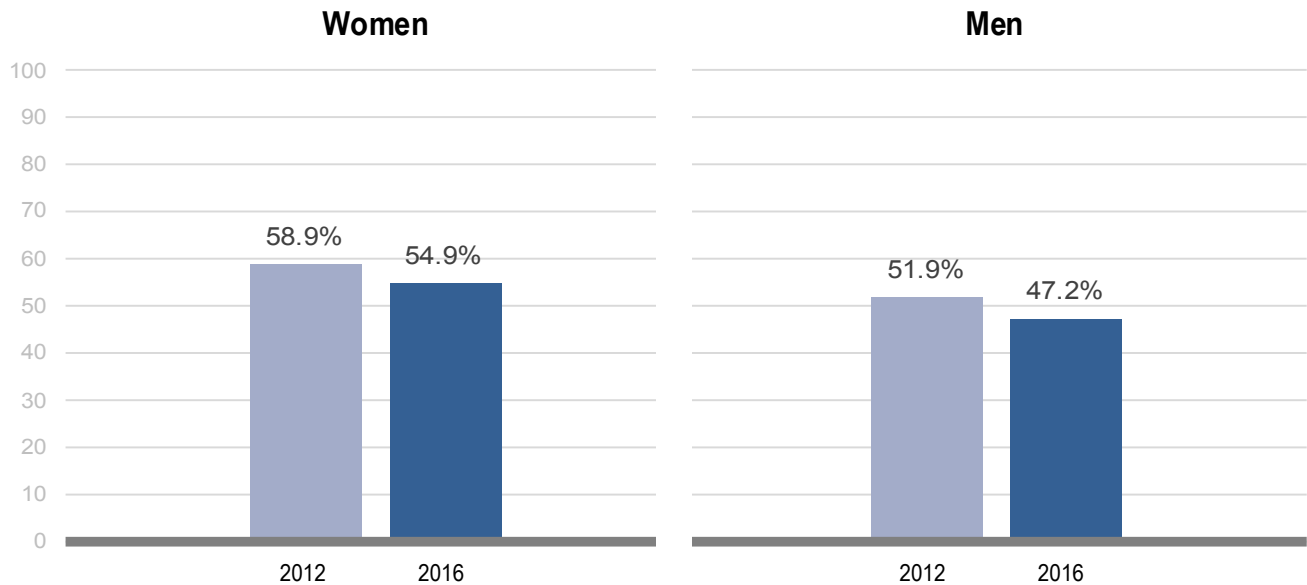


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	22,084	11,925	54.0%	24,100	12,011	49.8%	↓ -4.2
Part-time	4,294	2,697	62.8%	4,097	2,429	59.3%	↓ -3.5
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

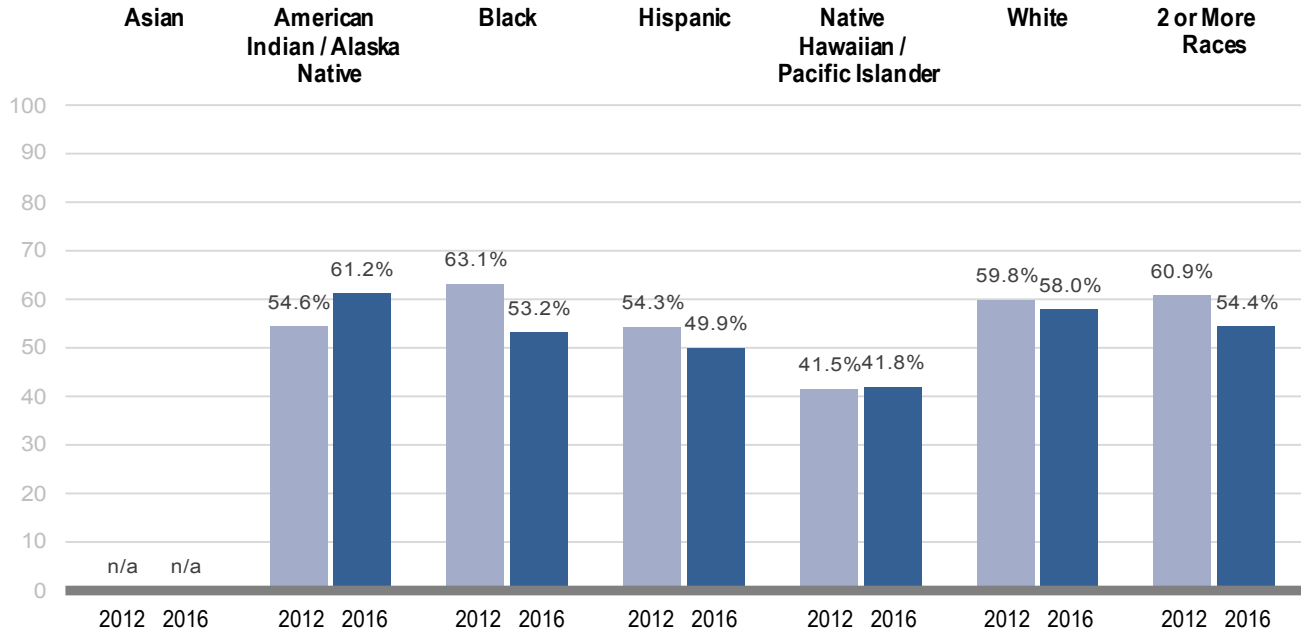


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	13,301	7,835	58.9%	14,602	8,016	54.9%	↓ -4.0
Men	13,075	6,787	51.9%	13,532	6,386	47.2%	↓ -4.7
Unknown	*			63			

* 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	0	0	n/a	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	66	36	54.6%	49	30	61.2%	↑ 6.7
Black	682	430	63.1%	893	475	53.2%	↓ -9.9
Hispanic	692	376	54.3%	834	416	49.9%	↓ -4.5
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	995	413	41.5%	1,305	546	41.8%	↑ 0.3
White	19,090	11,421	59.8%	19,563	11,355	58.0%	↓ -1.8
2 or More Races	963	586	60.9%	1,869	1,017	54.4%	↓ -6.4
Unknown	3,890			3,684			

* 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	
Architecture	49	26	53.1%	37	22	59.5% ↑	6.4
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	100	56	56.0%	141	80	56.7% ↑	0.7
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	*	0	n/a	94	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,093	580	53.1%	622	318	51.1% ↓	-1.9
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,535	2,259	49.8%	5,698	2,642	46.4% ↓	-3.4
Communication and Journalism	1,285	767	59.7%	1,021	539	52.8% ↓	-6.9
Computer and Information Sciences	390	185	47.4%	661	246	37.2% ↓	-10.2
Education	1,059	673	63.6%	1,110	679	61.2% ↓	-2.4
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,933	936	48.4%	2,180	1,024	47.0% ↓	-1.5
English Language and Literature	927	561	60.5%	739	460	62.3% ↑	1.7
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	348	183	52.6%	292	156	53.4% ↑	0.8
Health Professions	4,566	2,567	56.2%	5,698	3,046	53.5% ↓	-2.8
History	327	196	59.9%	154	98	63.6% ↑	3.7
Legal Professions and Studies	522	354	67.8%	703	420	59.7% ↓	-8.1
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,688	1,029	61.0%	1,053	517	49.1% ↓	-11.9
Library Science	53	37	69.8%	61	51	83.6% ↑	13.8
Mathematics and Statistics	343	137	39.9%	358	105	29.3% ↓	-10.6
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	547	368	67.3%	523	352	67.3% →	0.0
Natural Resources and Conservation	130	71	54.6%	171	99	57.9% ↑	3.3
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,788	966	54.0%	1,928	944	49.0% ↓	-5.1
Philosophy and Religious Studies	111	64	57.7%	81	50	61.7% ↑	4.1
Physical Sciences	492	222	45.1%	399	166	41.6% ↓	-3.5
Psychology	1,013	583	57.6%	875	426	48.7% ↓	-8.9

Public Administration and Social Service Professions	407	304	74.7%	331	243	73.4% ↓	-1.3
Social Sciences	1,209	685	56.7%	1,157	574	49.6% ↓	-7.1
Visual and Performing Arts	1,391	777	55.9%	1,181	646	54.7% ↓	-1.2
Other	0	0	n/a	51	34	66.7%	n/a
Unknown	67	36	53.7%	878	502	57.2% ↑	3.5

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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