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Student Voting Rates for University Of Kansas

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 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,
IDHE Team

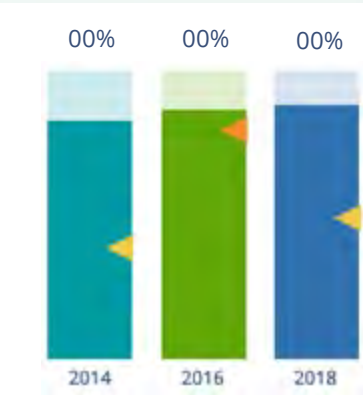


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In This Report

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.



Vessel Chart

This chart shows rates out of 100%, with arrows to the right of each bar representing relevant national averages (medians), which you can find in IDHE's national report Democracy Counts 2020.

	2014			2018			2014-2018 Change (p.p.)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
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.



Overlapping Donut Chart

This chart is used to show the breakdown of vote method utilization (page 10), with the outer ring showing your campus method utilization and the inner ring showing the national breakdown. These are described in percentages.

Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

71.0%

2020 Voting Rate

+19.8

Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

Year	Registration Rate
2016	76.7%
2018	79.4%
2020	86.6%

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	66.7%
2018	57.0%
2020	82.0%

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	51.2%
2018	45.3%
2020	71.0%

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	27,063	27,006	26,148	↓ -916
(Age under 18/Unknown)	-	-	-	-
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	2,385	2,184	1,751	↓ -634
(FERPA records blocked)	127	92	64	↓ -63
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	214	361	219	↑ 5
Total eligible voters	24,338	24,368	24,113	↓ -225
Number of students who registered	18,679	19,348	20,878	↑ 2,199
Number of students who voted	12,452	11,033	17,125	↑ 4,673
Registration Rate %	77	79	87	↑ 10
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	67	57	82	↑ 15
Voting Rate %	51	45	71	↑ 20

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

2016 Voting Rate for
All Institutions

53%

HIGH
82%

LOW
13%

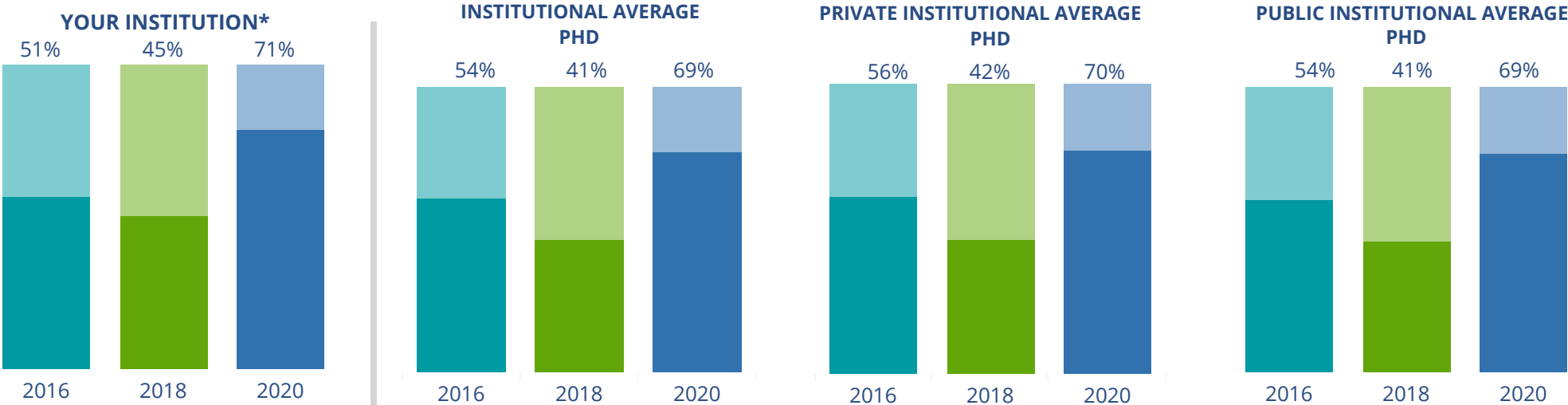
2020 Voting Rate for
All Institutions

66%

HIGH
89%

LOW
19%

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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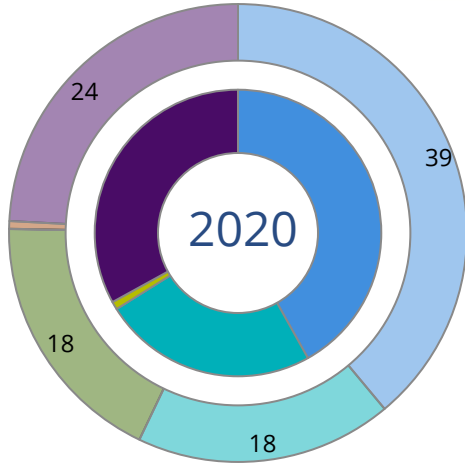
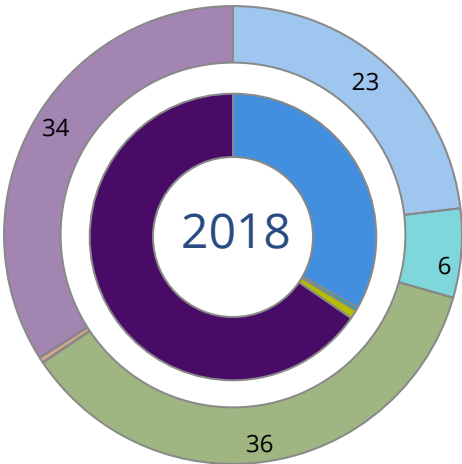
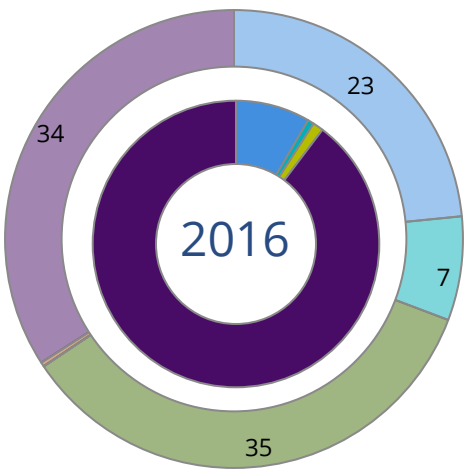
By Race/Ethnicity

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	26,693	12,452	47	26,509	11,033	42	25,826	17,125	66	↑ 20

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	90	1	42	0	4,151	24	24	↑
In-Person on Election Day	150	1	114	1	146	1	0	↓
Not-In-Person	1,044	8	3,663	33	7,176	42	34	↑
Other	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Provisional	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Voting Method Unknown	11,167	90	7,213	65	5,646	33	-57	↓

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	42%	37%	69%
22-24	48%	43%	67%
25-29	51%	49%	63%
30-39	53%	46%	54%
40-49	69%	58%	67%
50+	80%	73%	76%

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 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	14,012	5,878	42	14,332	5,322	37	14,066	9,671	69	↑ 27
22-24	5,247	2,511	48	5,327	2,300	43	5,126	3,416	67	↑ 19
25-29	3,837	1,939	51	3,472	1,685	49	3,141	1,992	63	↑ 13
30-39	2,537	1,357	53	2,359	1,088	46	2,468	1,331	54	↑ 0
40-49	737	507	69	702	408	58	711	475	67	↓ -2
50+	323	260	80	317	230	73	314	240	76	↓ -4

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	18,313	7,998	44	18,579	7,102	38	17,986	12,082	67	↑	24
Graduate	7,930	4,304	54	7,567	3,776	50	7,411	4,798	65	↑	10
Class Unknown	450	150	33	363	155	43	429	245	57	↑	24
CLASS YEAR											
First Year	3,775	32	1,213	4,172	31	1,273	3,883	63	2,430	↑	30
Second Year	4,152	41	1,697	4,284	36	1,547	3,928	66	2,610	↑	26
Upper Level	10,430	49	5,114	10,210	42	4,320	10,244	69	7,095	↑	20
ENROLLMENT STATUS											
Full-time	22,858	10,224	45	22,842	9,111	40	21,730	14,465	67	↑	22
Part-time	3,835	2,228	58	3,667	1,922	52	4,096	2,660	65	↑	7

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	562	214	38	572	199	35	606	402	66	↑ 28
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	165	113	68	138	87	63	150	112	75	↑ 6
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,486	670	45	1,499	627	42	1,581	998	63	↑ 18
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,244	1,032	46	2,563	889	35	2,986	2,019	68	↑ 22
Communication and Journalism	1,272	647	51	1,321	574	43	1,245	868	70	↑ 19
Computer and Information Sciences	456	173	38	524	237	45	674	395	59	↑ 21
Education	1,584	987	62	1,376	755	55	1,256	898	71	↑ 9

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	2,451	961	39	2,312	754	33	2,262	1,362	60	↑ 21
English Language and Literature	397	241	61	371	203	55	300	223	74	↑ 14
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	366	195	53	338	164	49	316	217	69	↑ 15
Health Professions	3,348	1,894	57	3,376	1,729	51	3,278	2,399	73	↑ 17
History	222	125	56	215	140	65	164	129	79	↑ 22
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protec..	–	–	–	14	–	–	20	–	–	–
Legal Professions and Studies	365	228	62	340	212	62	346	268	77	↑ 15
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	5,297	1,769	33	4,761	1,375	29	4,060	2,406	59	↑ 26
Mathematics and Statistics	259	101	39	283	118	42	280	149	53	↑ 14
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	752	370	49	923	376	41	967	685	71	↑ 22
Natural Resources and Conservation	151	102	68	159	111	70	187	151	81	↑ 13
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Stu..	322	133	41	368	140	38	378	249	66	↑ 25
Philosophy and Religious Studies	102	48	47	74	35	47	83	55	66	↑ 19
Physical Sciences	630	285	45	602	215	36	543	296	55	↑ 9

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Psychology	958	465	49	1,110	457	41	1,174	794	68	↑ 19
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	690	477	69	660	431	65	613	485	79	↑ 10
Social Sciences	923	458	50	963	439	46	786	514	65	↑ 16
Visual and Performing Arts	1,217	618	51	1,259	595	47	1,118	791	71	↑ 20
Unknown	474	146	31	388	163	42	453	253	56	↑ 25

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 Kansas

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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