

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
University of Maine

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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 improving 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.

Warm regards,

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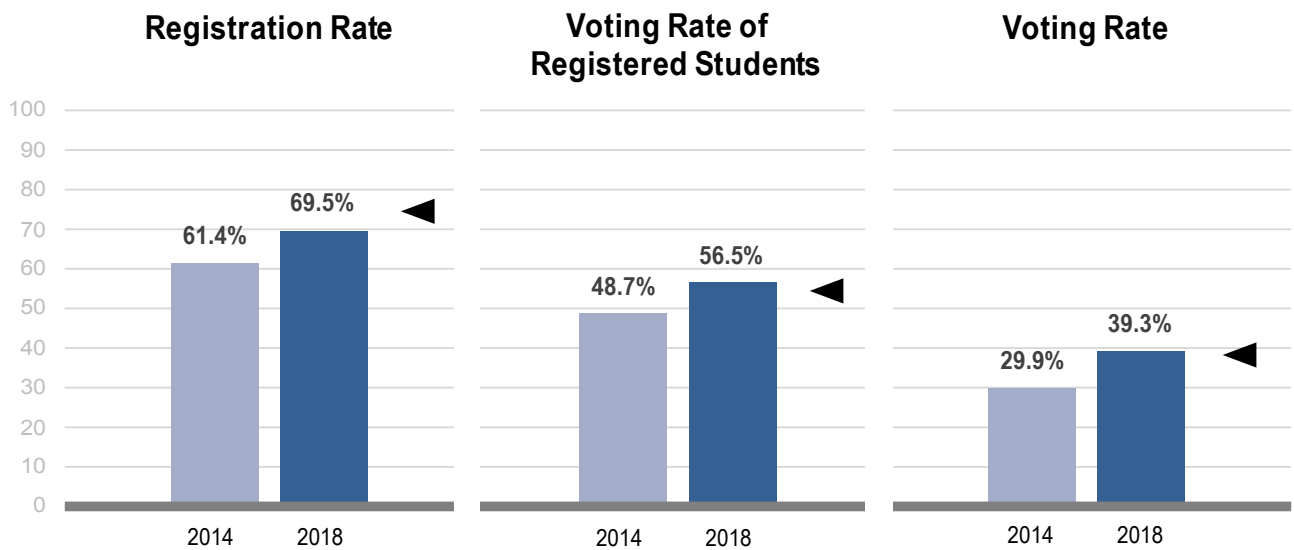
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate
39.3%

CHANGE FROM 2014
+9.4

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%



◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	11,187	11,260	↑ 73
Age under 18/Unknown	(281)	(223)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(519)	(434)	
FERPA records blocked	(176)	(113)	
Total eligible voters	10,211	10,490	↑ 279
Number of students who registered	6,266	7,288	↑ 1,022
Number of students who voted	3,053	4,120	↑ 1,067
Registration rate	61.4%	69.5%	↑ 8.1
Voting rate of registered students	48.7%	56.5%	↑ 7.8
Voting rate	29.9%	39.3%	↑ 9.4
Difference from all institutions	+10.2	+0.2	

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

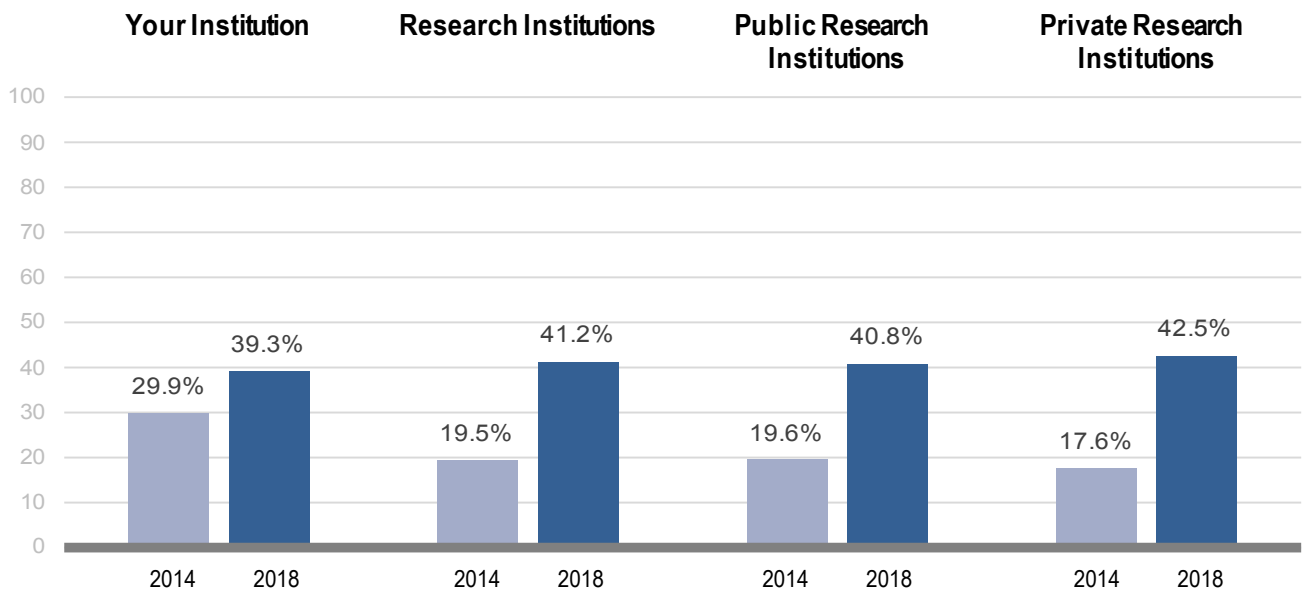
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

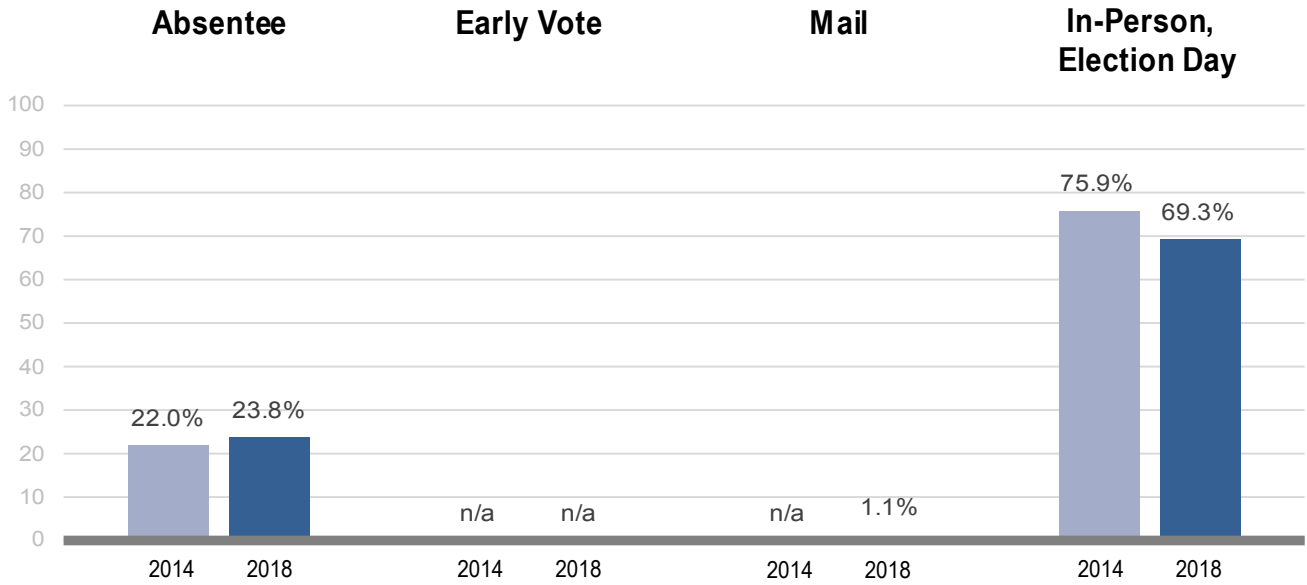
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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

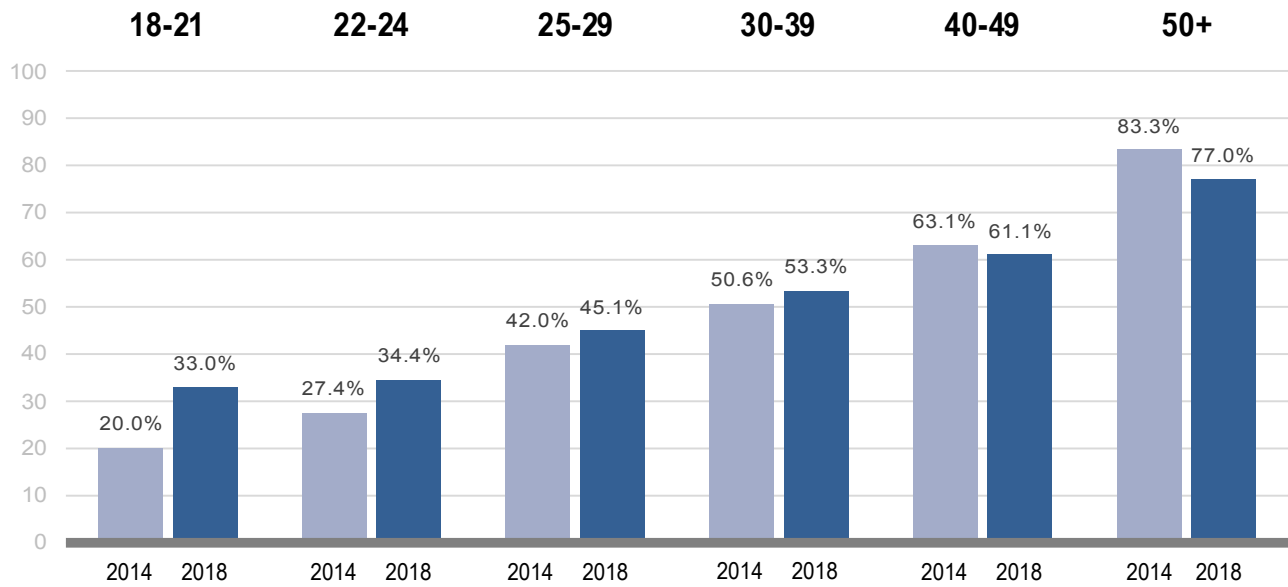


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	672	22.0%	979	23.8%	↑ 1.8
Early Vote	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
Mail	*	n/a	46	1.1%	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	2,316	75.9%	2,855	69.3%	↓ -6.6
Unknown	55	1.8%	232	5.6%	
Total	3,053		4,120		

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*

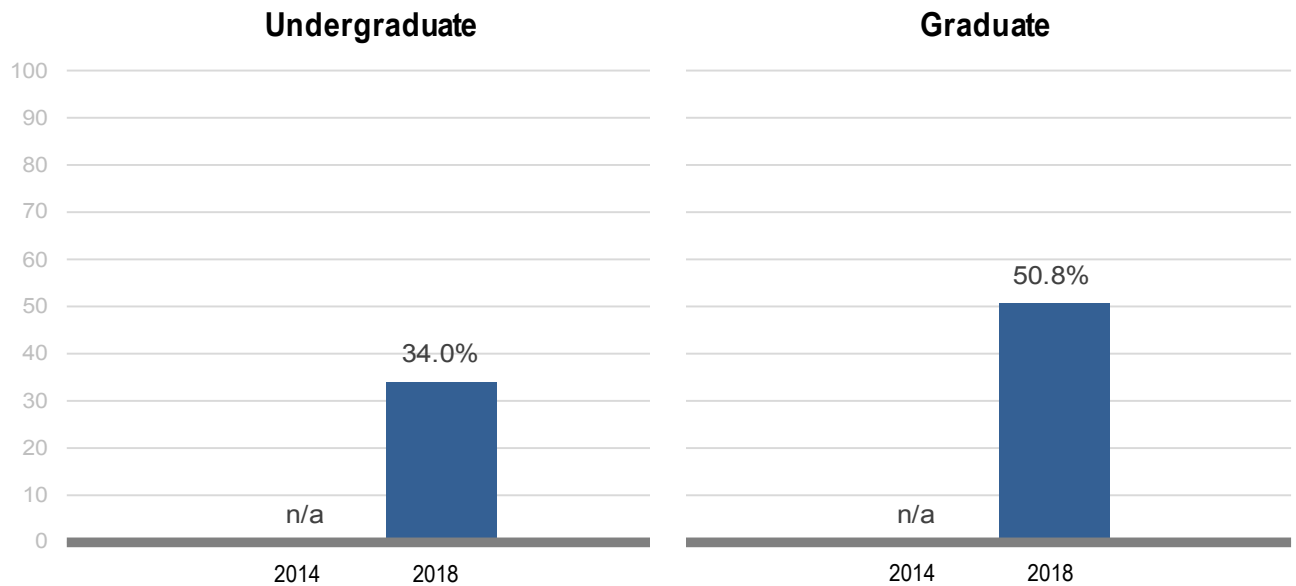


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	6,733	1,345	20.0%	7,033	2,324	33.0%	↑ 13.1
22-24	1,720	471	27.4%	1,650	568	34.4%	↑ 7.0
25-29	839	352	42.0%	819	369	45.1%	↑ 3.1
30-39	707	358	50.6%	756	403	53.3%	↑ 2.7
40-49	407	257	63.1%	357	218	61.1%	↓ -2.1
50+	324	270	83.3%	309	238	77.0%	↓ -6.3
Unknown	*			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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Education Level*

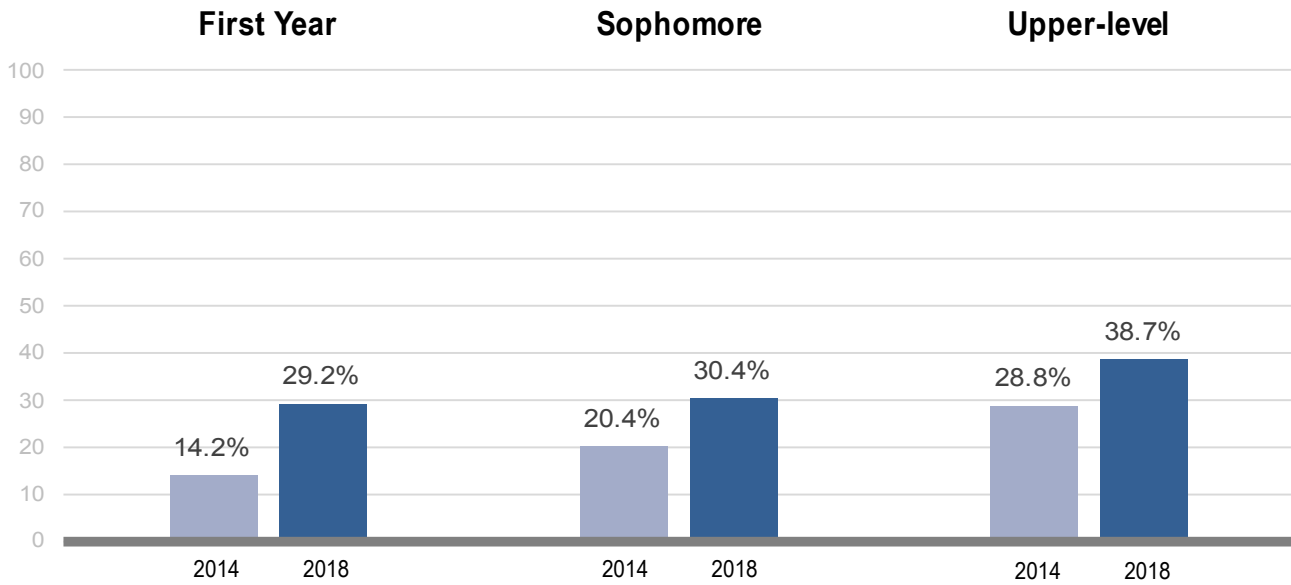


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	8,767	2,978	34.0%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	1,641	834	50.8%	n/a
Unknown	10,730			516			

* 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*

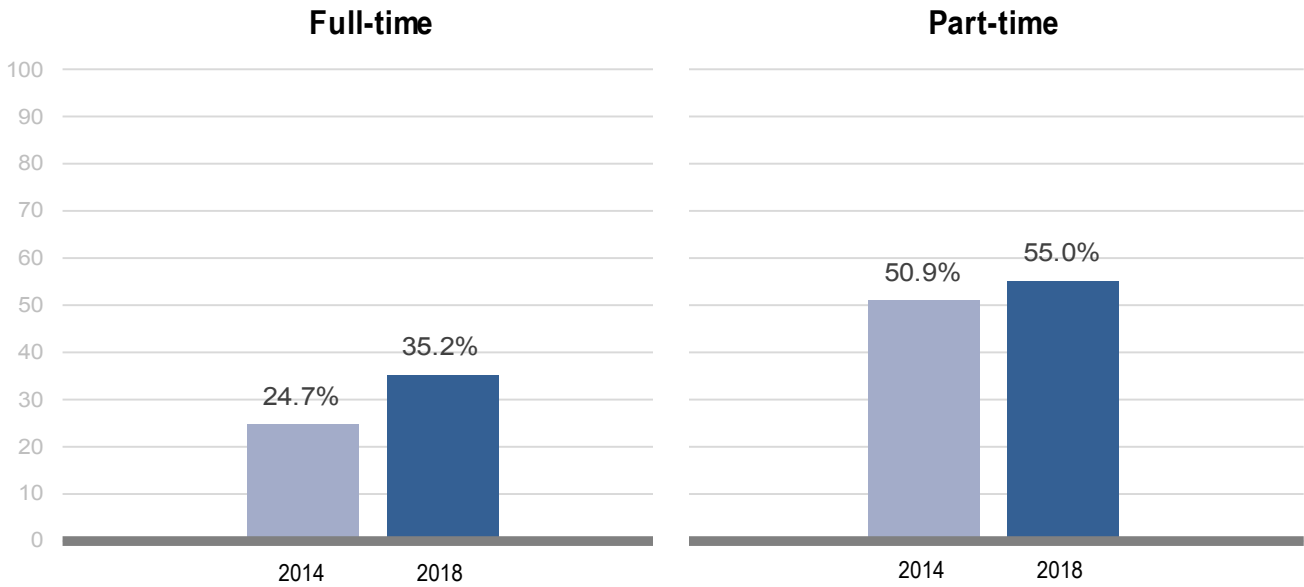


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	2,367	335	14.2%	2,366	691	29.2%	↑ 15.1
Sophomore	2,196	447	20.4%	2,142	650	30.4%	↑ 10.0
Upper-level	4,090	1,177	28.8%	4,191	1,620	38.7%	↑ 9.9

* 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*

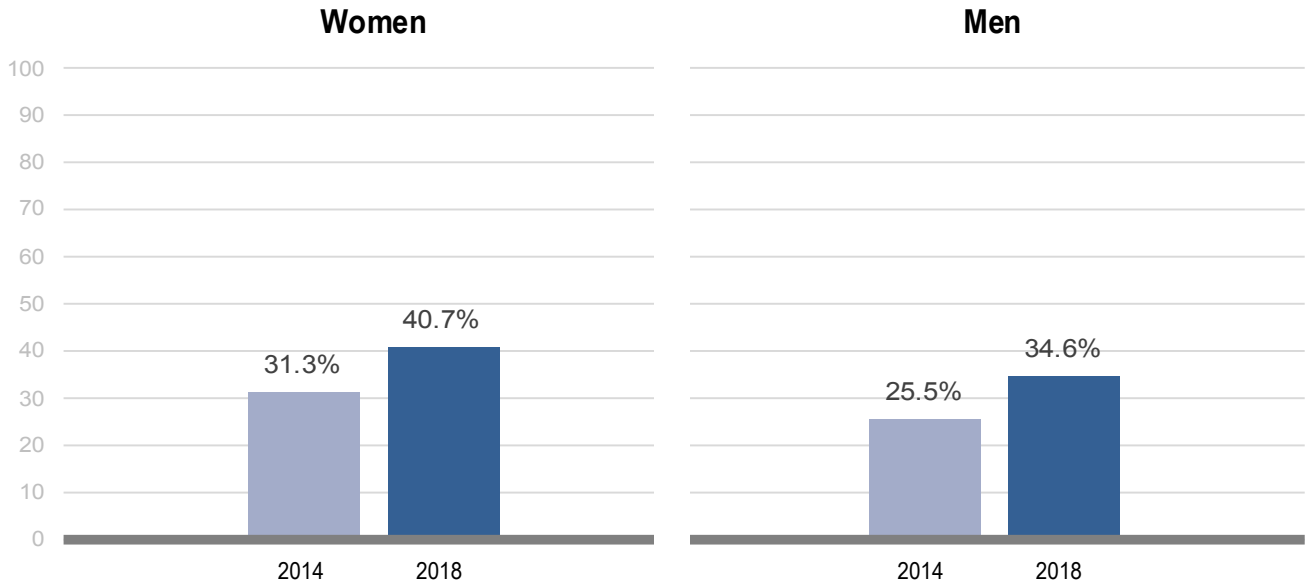


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	9,179	2,263	24.7%	9,546	3,362	35.2%	↑ 10.6
Part-time	1,551	790	50.9%	1,378	758	55.0%	↑ 4.1
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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 Gender*

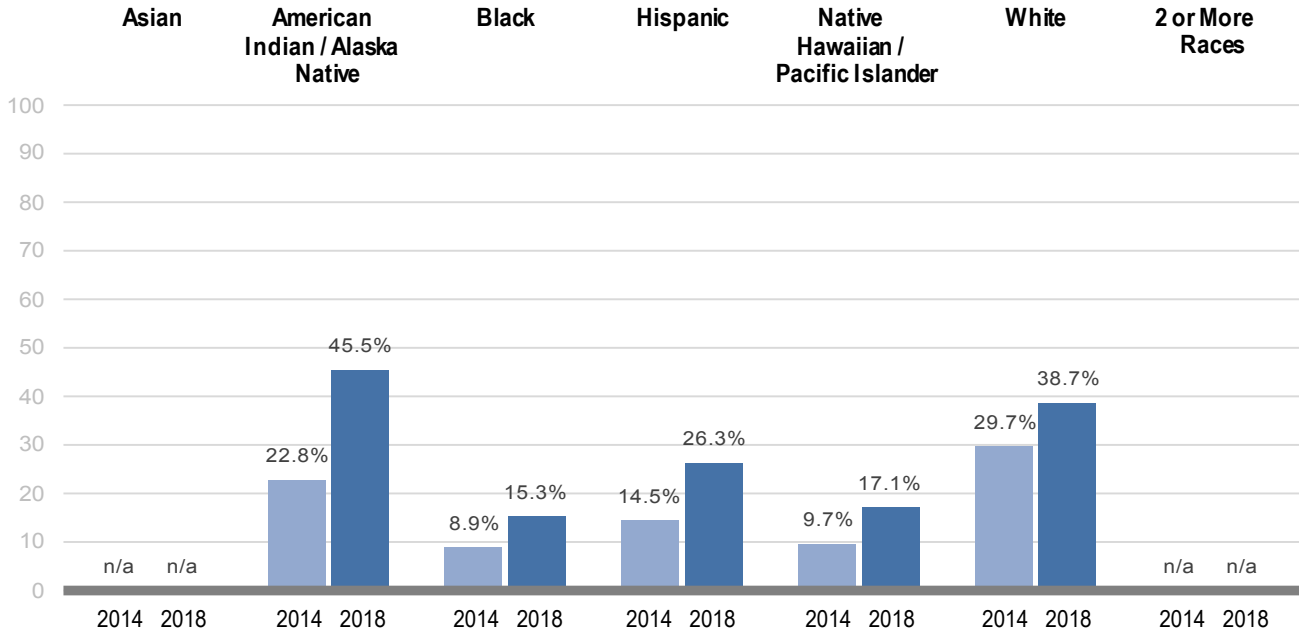


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	5,398	1,690	31.3%	5,476	2,230	40.7%	↑ 9.4
Men	5,318	1,355	25.5%	5,431	1,880	34.6%	↑ 9.1
Unknown	14			17			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Race/Ethnicity*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	171	39	22.8%	123	56	45.5%	↑ 22.7
Black	235	21	8.9%	229	35	15.3%	↑ 6.3
Hispanic	248	36	14.5%	407	107	26.3%	↑ 11.8
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	258	25	9.7%	315	54	17.1%	↑ 7.5
White	8,745	2,599	29.7%	9,303	3,598	38.7%	↑ 9.0
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	1,073			547			

* 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. For this page, we consider international students of unknown race/ethnicity.

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	484	127	26.2%	403	141	35.0% ↑	8.8
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	0	0	n/a	18	*	n/a	n/a
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	489	62	12.7%	283	72	25.4% ↑	12.8
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	625	126	20.2%	642	228	35.5% ↑	15.4
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,004	202	20.1%	1,287	354	27.5% ↑	7.4
Communication and Journalism	395	96	24.3%	357	134	37.5% ↑	13.2
Computer and Information Sciences	171	38	22.2%	186	75	40.3% ↑	18.1
Education	1,134	424	37.4%	1,172	530	45.2% ↑	7.8
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,927	480	24.9%	2,016	724	35.9% ↑	11.0
English Language and Literature	163	54	33.1%	169	82	48.5% ↑	15.4
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	140	33	23.6%	198	68	34.3% ↑	10.8
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	17	*	n/a	18	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	662	170	25.7%	667	231	34.6% ↑	9.0
History	110	51	46.4%	114	59	51.8% ↑	5.4
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	184	57	31.0%	210	80	38.1% ↑	7.1
Mathematics and Statistics	54	20	37.0%	60	24	40.0% ↑	3.0
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	398	80	20.1%	351	91	25.9% ↑	5.8
Natural Resources and Conservation	428	125	29.2%	545	191	35.1% ↑	5.8
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	45	11	24.4%	54	16	29.6% ↑	5.2
Philosophy and Religious Studies	19	*	n/a	20	10	50.0%	n/a
Physical Sciences	225	52	23.1%	256	85	33.2% ↑	10.1
Psychology	457	97	21.2%	396	125	31.6% ↑	10.3
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	247	112	45.3%	259	147	56.8% ↑	11.4

Social Sciences	468	171	36.5%	589	275	46.7% ↑	10.2
Visual and Performing Arts	150	46	30.7%	139	64	46.0% ↑	15.4
Unknown	734	409	55.7%	515	300	58.3% ↑	2.5

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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