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Student Voting Rates for University of Maryland-College Park

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.

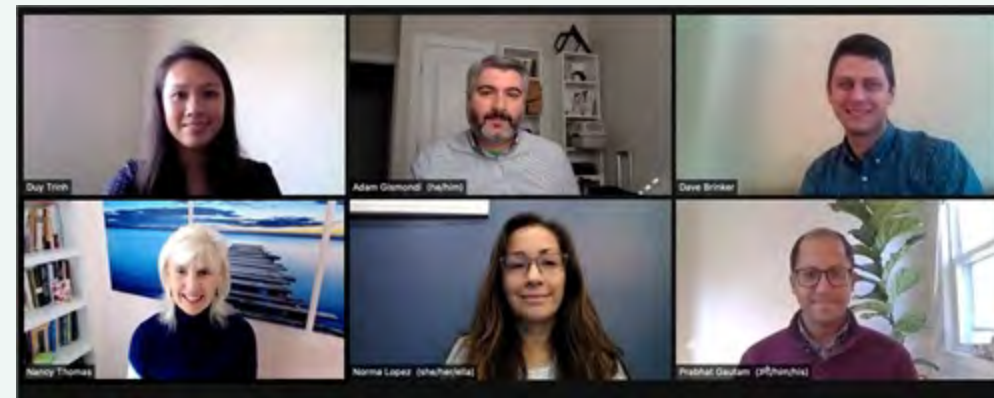
College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

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

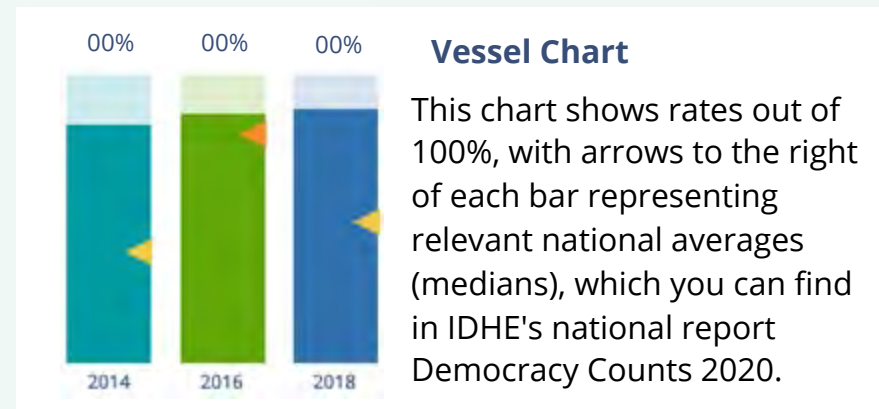


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In This Report

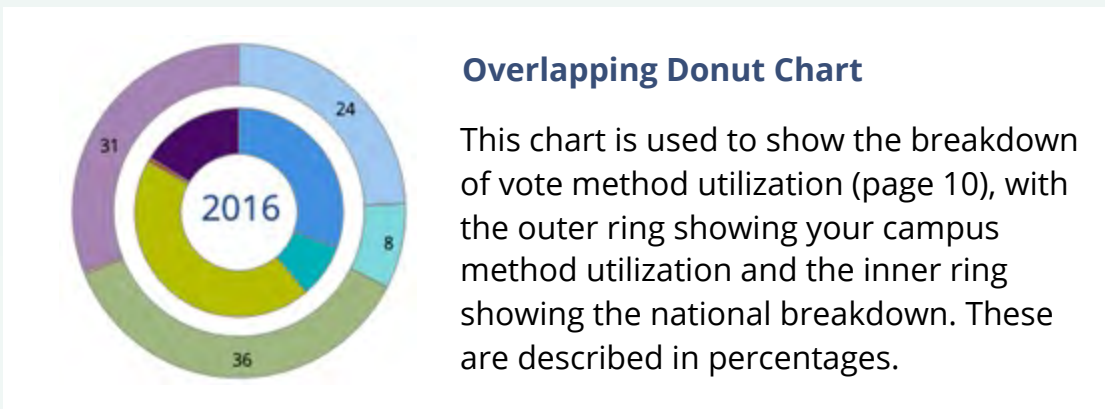
This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut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



	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

71.3%

2020 Voting Rate

+10.6

Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

Year	Rate
2016	85.6%
2018	84.2%
2020	84.7%

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

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

Year	Rate
2016	71.0%
2018	52.8%
2020	84.3%

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	Rate
2016	60.7%
2018	44.5%
2020	71.3%

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

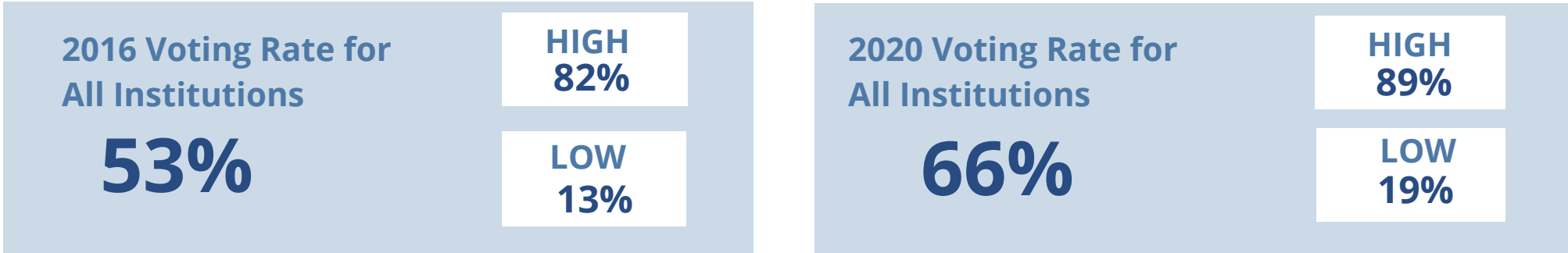
Voting and Registration Rates

	2016	2018	2020	2016-2020 Change (p.p.)
Total Student Enrollment	39,420	40,493	39,903	↑ 483
(Age under 18/Unknown)	–	–	–	–
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	4,945	5,099	3,998	↓ -948
(FERPA records blocked)	–	–	–	–
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	591	497	427	↓ -164
Total eligible voters	33,876	34,887	35,473	↑ 1,597
Number of students who registered	28,985	29,378	30,034	↑ 1,049
Number of students who voted	20,568	15,516	25,309	↑ 4,741
Registration Rate %	86	84	85	↓ -1
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	71	53	84	↑ 13
Voting Rate %	61	44	71	↑ 11

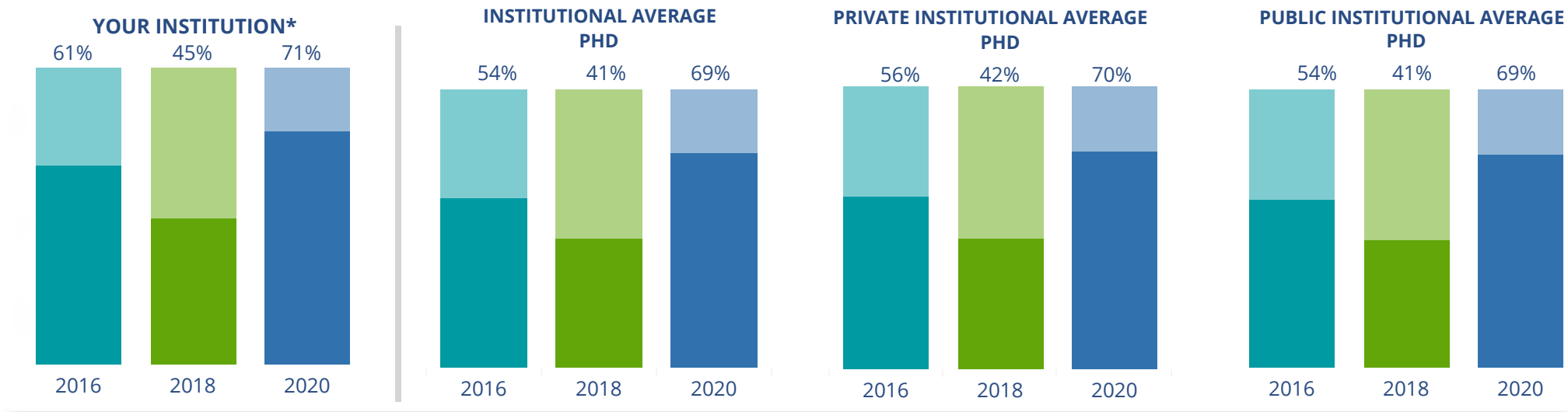
This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates. The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged, 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>.

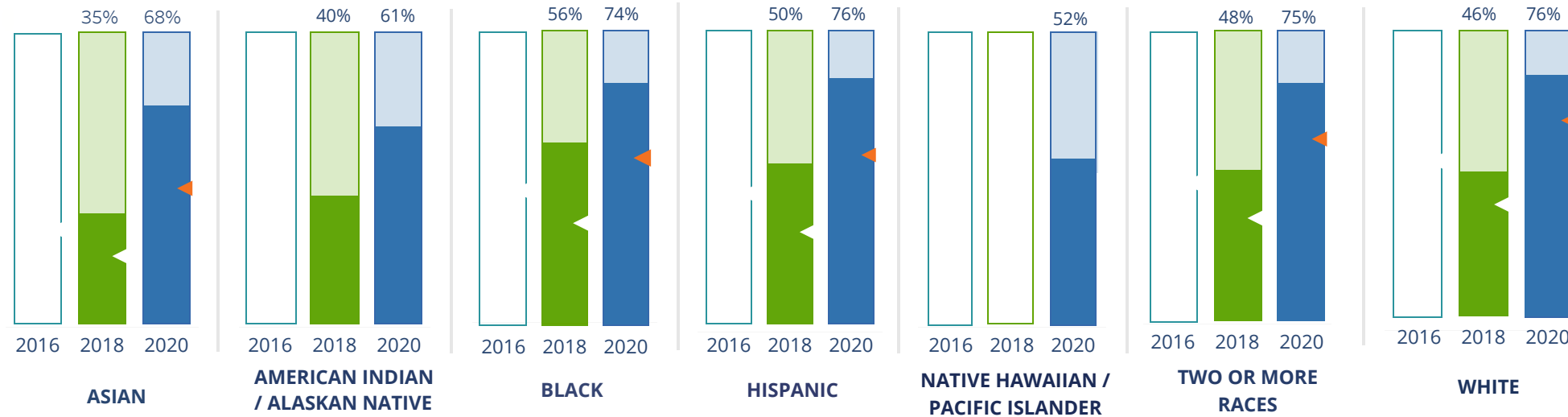
By Institution Types



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-nsve-report-faq>


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

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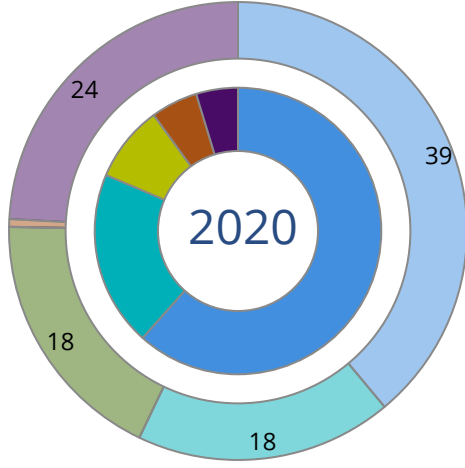
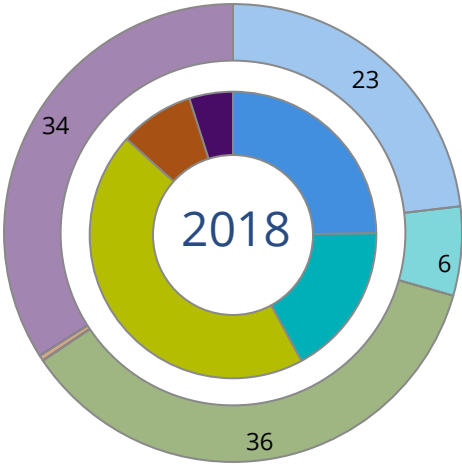
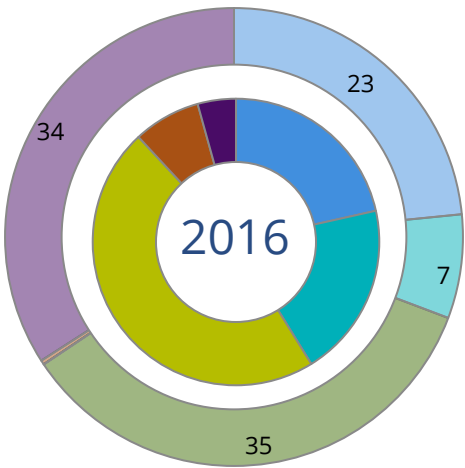
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	4,662	1,609	35	5,731	3,889	68	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	40	16	40	36	22	61	-
Black	-	-	-	3,426	1,932	56	4,013	2,980	74	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	2,788	1,385	50	3,230	2,445	76	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	19	-	-	25	13	52	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	1,380	657	48	1,610	1,200	75	-
White	-	-	-	16,877	7,735	46	17,445	13,258	76	-
Race Unknown	38,707	20,568	53	10,704	2,174	20	7,315	1,502	21	 -33

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	4,056	20	2,689	17	5,000	20	0	↑
In-Person on Election Day	9,655	47	6,913	45	2,183	9	-38	↓
Not-In-Person	4,420	22	3,848	25	15,578	62	40	↑
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provisional	1,560	8	1,300	8	1,339	5	-2	↓
Voting Method Unknown	877	4	766	5	1,209	5	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	57%	39%	70%
22-24	46%	36%	59%
25-29	45%	35%	49%
30-39	49%	42%	52%
40-49	58%	54%	63%
50+	78%	74%	84%

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	23,027	13,168	57	23,940	9,421	39	23,885	16,723	70	↑ 13
22-24	6,921	3,175	46	7,370	2,629	36	7,104	4,174	59	↑ 13
25-29	4,877	2,181	45	4,767	1,684	35	4,718	2,323	49	↑ 5
30-39	2,907	1,417	49	2,868	1,215	42	2,768	1,441	52	↑ 3
40-49	670	390	58	674	361	54	649	411	63	↑ 5
50+	305	237	78	277	206	74	281	237	84	↑ 7

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Female	-	-	-	17,104	7,607	44	19,012	13,115	69	-
Male	-	-	-	18,970	6,392	34	20,392	12,193	60	-

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	28,896	16,381	57	30,118	12,079	40	30,120	20,654	69	↑ 12	
Graduate	9,810	4,187	43	9,772	3,433	35	9,281	4,652	50	↑ 7	
Class Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLASS YEAR											
First Year	4,378	54	2,376	4,385	35	1,527	4,147	68	2,802	↑ 13	
Second Year	6,369	55	3,527	6,600	37	2,445	6,675	69	4,579	↑ 13	
Upper Level	16,404	58	9,439	17,252	43	7,436	17,712	69	12,150	↑ 11	
ENROLLMENT STATUS											
Full-time	-	-	-	36,109	13,530	37	35,369	22,584	64	-	
Part-time	-	-	-	3,787	1,986	52	4,036	2,725	68	-	

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	441	254	58	536	211	39	535	359	67	↑ 10
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	180	95	53	171	79	46	113	81	72	↑ 19
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,405	1,437	60	2,558	1,131	44	2,611	1,826	70	↑ 10
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,652	2,011	43	4,498	1,375	31	4,320	2,555	59	↑ 16
Communication and Journalism	1,360	864	64	1,311	615	47	1,365	1,023	75	↑ 11
Computer and Information Sciences	3,367	1,492	44	4,668	1,408	30	5,058	2,895	57	↑ 13
Education	1,351	899	67	1,244	704	57	1,183	870	74	↑ 7

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.

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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	6,017	2,836	47	6,333	2,073	33	5,835	3,417	59	↑ 11
English Language and Literature	525	360	69	469	253	54	363	268	74	↑ 5
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	309	195	63	282	132	47	223	160	72	↑ 9
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	414	241	58	394	191	48	332	200	60	↑ 2
Health Professions	1,774	1,109	63	1,965	952	48	2,061	1,467	71	↑ 9
History	320	209	65	283	169	60	273	203	74	↑ 9
Mathematics and Statistics	635	269	42	857	246	29	811	368	45	↑ 3
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	5,547	3,030	55	5,183	1,830	35	5,235	3,450	66	↑ 11
Natural Resources and Conservation	328	203	62	307	161	52	240	174	73	↑ 11
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Stu..	933	493	53	829	303	37	758	529	70	↑ 17
Philosophy and Religious Studies	105	47	45	102	44	43	143	97	68	↑ 23
Physical Sciences	1,089	540	50	1,154	438	38	1,108	615	56	↑ 6

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
Psychology	934	591	63	941	444	47	1,076	777	72	↑	9
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	274	161	59	405	239	59	536	407	76	↑	17
Social Sciences	3,763	2,083	55	3,561	1,627	46	3,478	2,351	68	↑	12
Visual and Performing Arts	811	521	64	787	382	49	742	504	68	↑	4
Unknown	92	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-		-

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 Maryland-College Park

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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