

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
University of Maryland-
College Park

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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



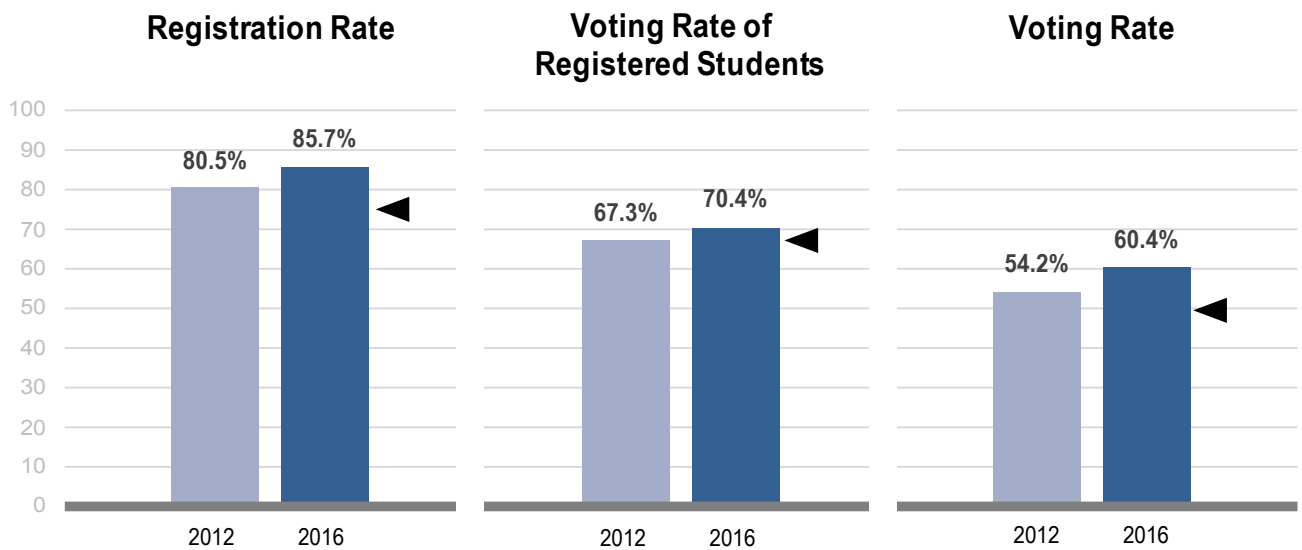
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
60.4%

CHANGE FROM 2012
6.2

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



◀ All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	37,756	39,627	↑ 1,871
Age under 18/Unknown	(489)	(325)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(3,998)	(4,707)	
FERPA records blocked	(88)	*	
Total eligible voters	33,181	34,587	↑ 1,406
Number of students who registered	26,725	29,644	↑ 2,919
Number of students who voted	17,977	20,873	↑ 2,896
Registration rate	80.5%	85.7%	↑ 5.2
Voting rate of registered students	67.3%	70.4%	↑ 3.1
Voting rate	54.2%	60.4%	↑ 6.2
Difference from all institutions	+7.3	+10.0	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

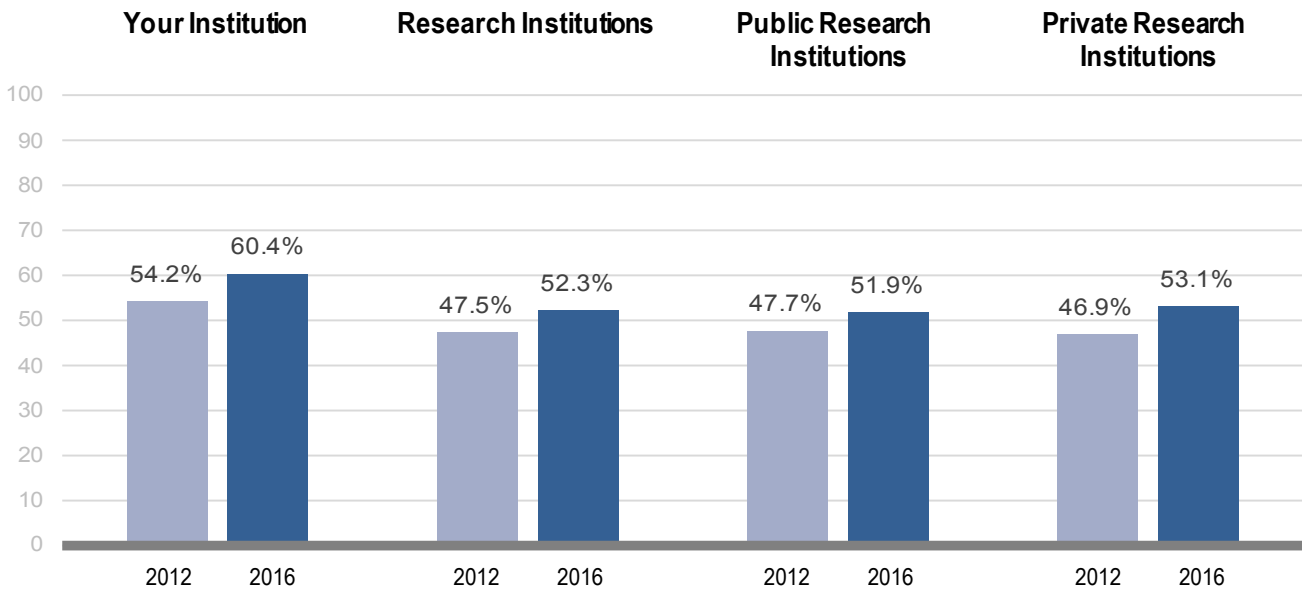
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

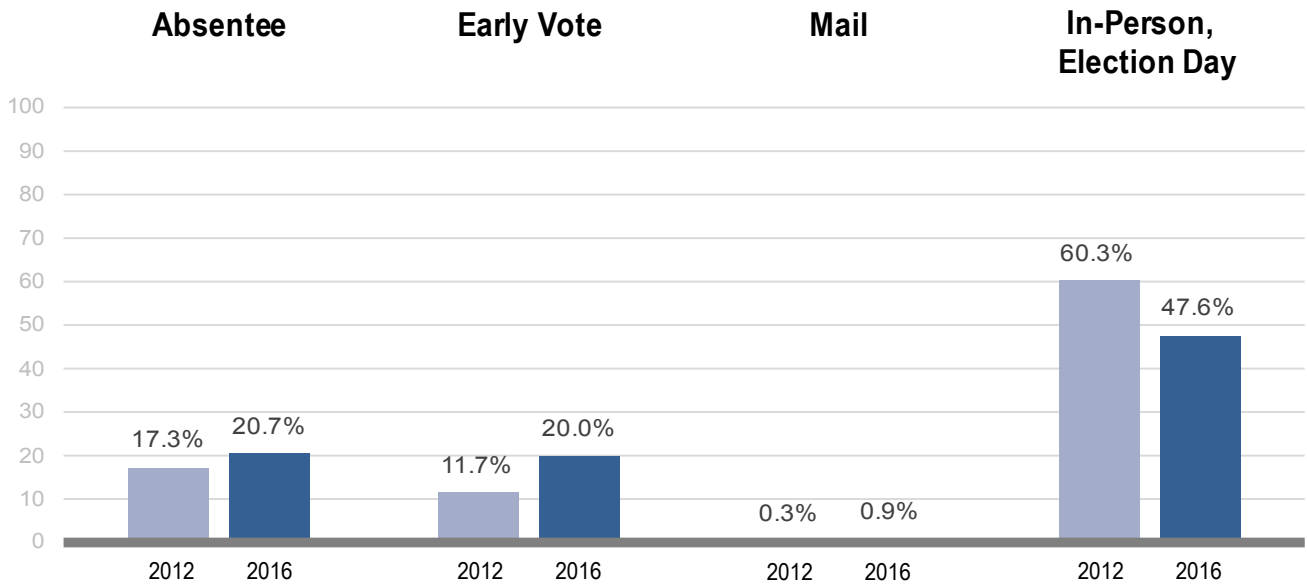
Difference from All Institutions **+7.3**

Difference from All Institutions **+10.0**



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By Voting Method*

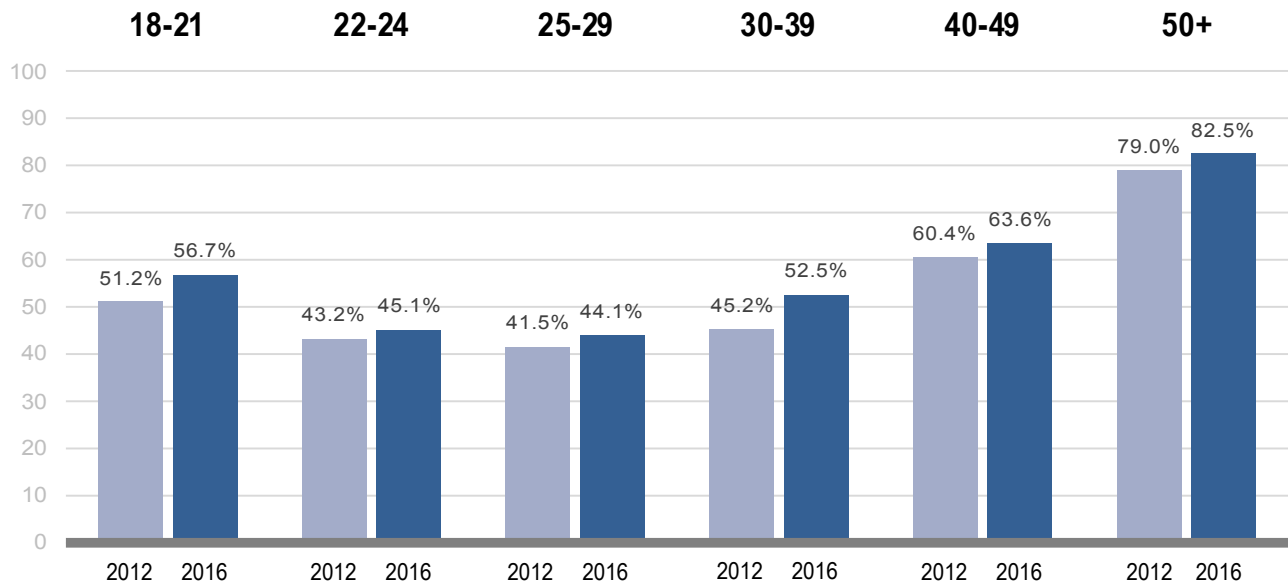


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	3,105	17.3%	4,319	20.7%	↑ 3.4
Early Vote	2,106	11.7%	4,168	20.0%	↑ 8.3
Mail	55	0.3%	191	0.9%	↑ 0.6
In-Person, Election Day	10,848	60.3%	9,933	47.6%	↓ -12.8
Unknown	1,863	10.4%	2,262	10.8%	
Total	17,977		20,873		

* 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*

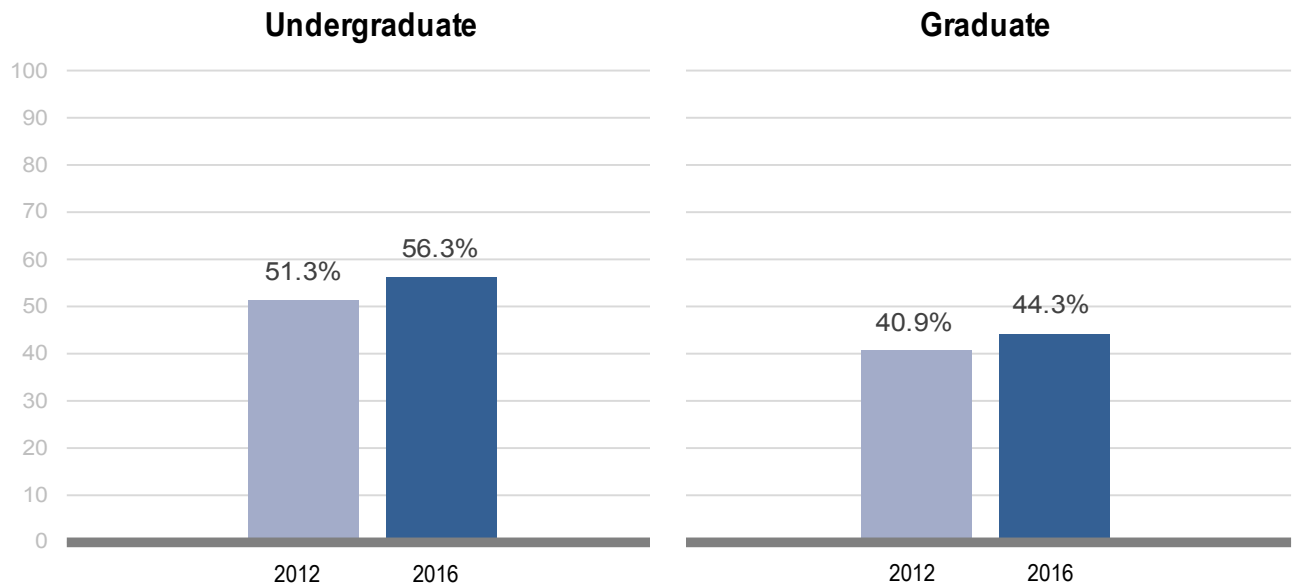


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	20,830	10,660	51.2%	23,064	13,082	56.7%	↑ 5.5
22-24	6,822	2,945	43.2%	6,986	3,151	45.1%	↑ 1.9
25-29	5,141	2,135	41.5%	5,011	2,209	44.1%	↑ 2.6
30-39	3,215	1,454	45.2%	3,059	1,607	52.5%	↑ 7.3
40-49	766	463	60.4%	763	485	63.6%	↑ 3.1
50+	405	320	79.0%	411	339	82.5%	↑ 3.5
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*

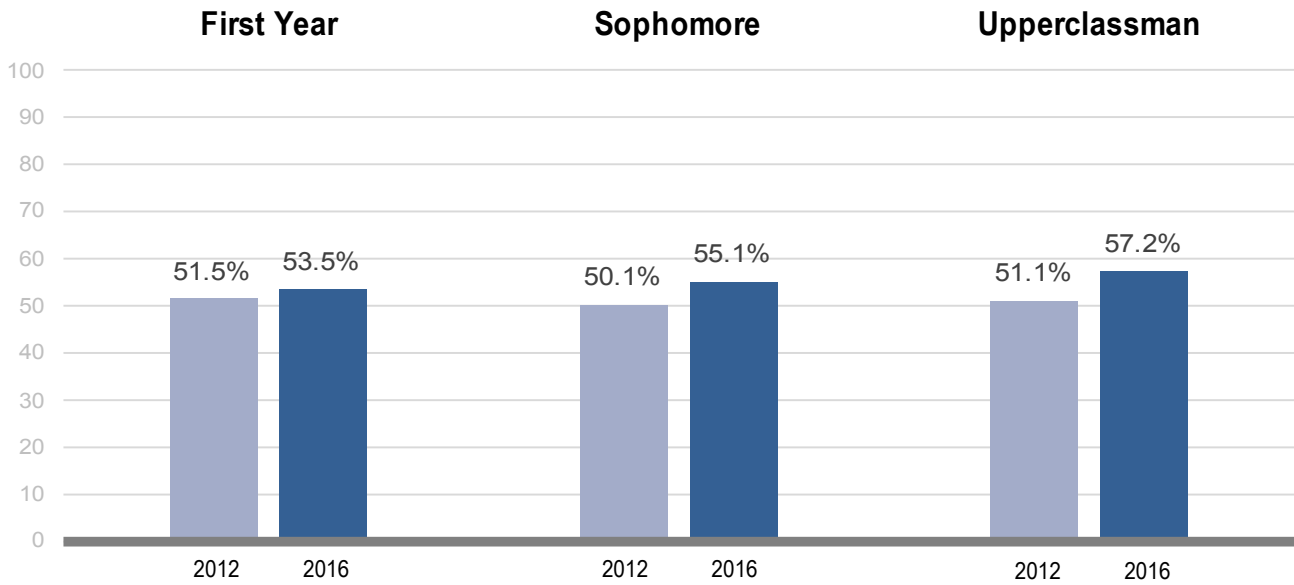


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	26,683	13,688	51.3%	28,954	16,297	56.3%	↑ 5.0
Graduate	10,496	4,289	40.9%	10,340	4,576	44.3%	↑ 3.4
Unknown	0			0			

* 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*

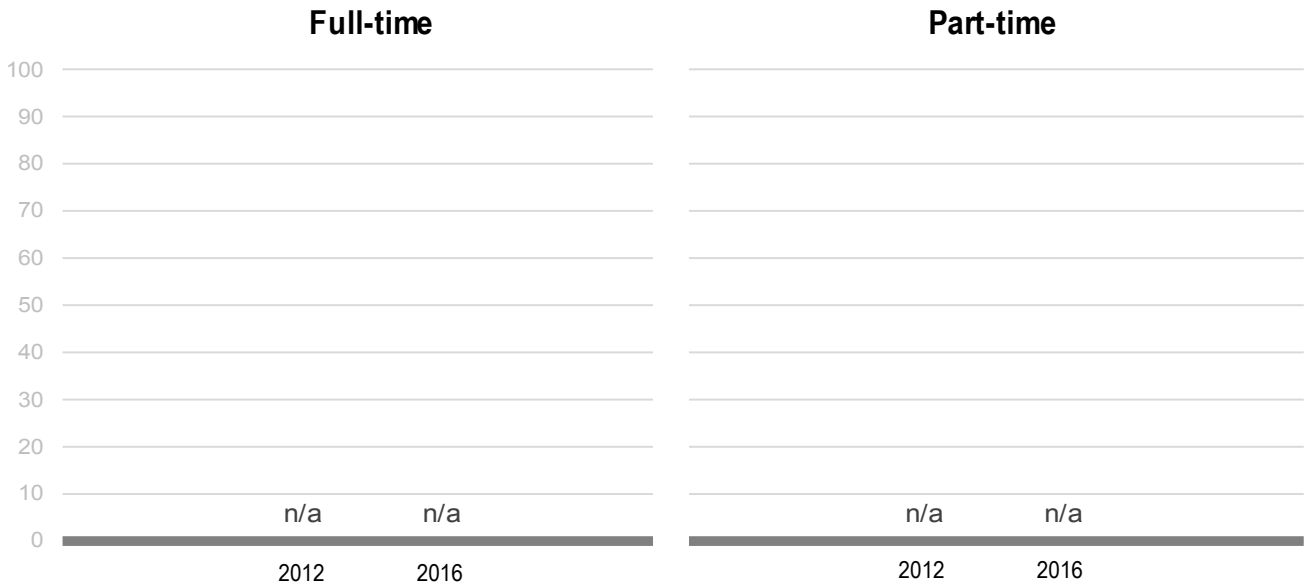


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	4,033	2,078	51.5%	4,380	2,344	53.5%	↑ 2.0
Sophomore	5,891	2,949	50.1%	6,369	3,510	55.1%	↑ 5.1
Upperclassman	14,169	7,235	51.1%	16,404	9,388	57.2%	↑ 6.2

* 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*

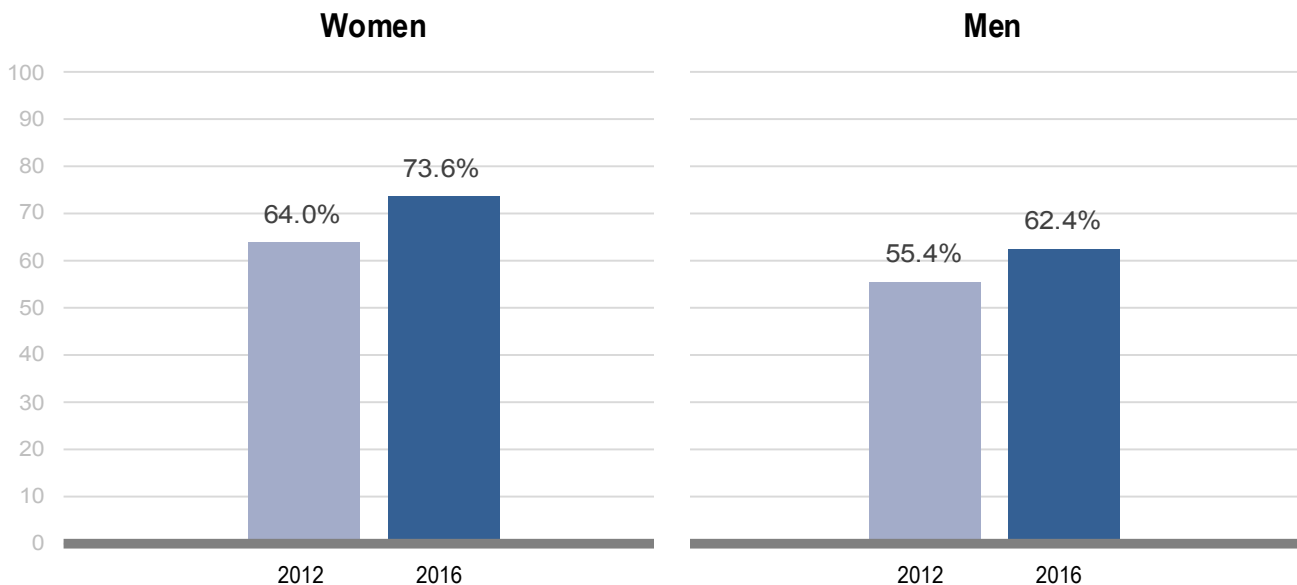


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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	14,444	9,241	64.0%	14,901	10,970	73.6%	↑ 9.6
Men	15,680	8,687	55.4%	15,740	9,825	62.4%	↑ 7.0
Unknown	7,055	49	0.7%	8,653	78	0.9%	

* 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 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	909	423	46.5%	906	467	51.6% ↑	5.0
Architecture	353	167	47.3%	441	253	57.4% ↑	10.1
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	217	111	51.2%	180	98	54.4% ↑	3.3
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,695	1,354	50.2%	2,406	1,417	58.9% ↑	8.6
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,484	1,693	37.8%	4,670	2,062	44.2% ↑	6.4
Communication and Journalism	1,424	766	53.8%	1,360	848	62.4% ↑	8.6
Computer and Information Sciences	1,510	629	41.7%	3,388	1,491	44.0% ↑	2.4
Education	2,228	1,336	60.0%	1,353	921	68.1% ↑	8.1
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	5,574	2,371	42.5%	6,076	2,845	46.8% ↑	4.3
English Language and Literature	699	424	60.7%	525	362	69.0% ↑	8.3
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	396	238	60.1%	309	192	62.1% ↑	2.0
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	619	332	53.6%	414	237	57.3% ↑	3.6
Health Professions	570	299	52.5%	1,785	1,103	61.8% ↑	9.3
History	536	294	54.9%	320	208	65.0% ↑	10.2
Library Science	336	230	68.5%	242	186	76.9% ↑	8.4
Mathematics and Statistics	633	228	36.0%	637	267	41.9% ↑	5.9
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	5,383	2,708	50.3%	6,000	3,329	55.5% ↑	5.2
Natural Resources and Conservation	300	171	57.0%	329	202	61.4% ↑	4.4
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	910	434	47.7%	933	492	52.7% ↑	5.0
Philosophy and Religious Studies	195	79	40.5%	105	49	46.7% ↑	6.2
Physical Sciences	1,056	407	38.5%	1,089	510	46.8% ↑	8.3
Psychology	1,151	630	54.7%	937	571	60.9% ↑	6.2
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	370	196	53.0%	275	159	57.8% ↑	4.9

Social Sciences	3,711	1,941	52.3%	3,791	2,080	54.9% ↑	2.6
Visual and Performing Arts	910	509	55.9%	811	515	63.5% ↑	7.6
Unknown	10	*	n/a	12	*	n/a	n/a

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.

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