

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), housed at the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, Tufts University. Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 750 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012 and 2014 elections. Participating colleges and universities are located in 48 states and represent all Carnegie classifications as well as socially and economically diverse students. With others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 6.7 million college student records that is already serving as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

Looking Ahead

In response to our survey, many of you requested resources as well as stories about what other campuses are doing. Over the coming months, NSLVE will be releasing tools and resources that you and others can use to enhance political learning and engagement in democracy on your campus. Here is a sneak peek into some of this work.

- ❑ *Campus Discussion Guide*: A tool for conversations on your campus regarding how to use the NSLVE report to spark change.
- ❑ *National Data*: We'll be sharing data about the national landscape for college student voting.
- ❑ *Comparison Data*: We know campuses are interested in learning more about how their voting compares to other similar institutions. We'll be rolling out aggregate comparison data for groups of participating campuses.
- ❑ *Case Studies*: We've been on the road, visiting campuses with unpredicted, high voting rates. We will be sharing the findings from our studies of campus climates for student political learning and engagement in democracy.
- ❑ *Diversity & Democracy*: In December, in partnership with the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU), we will publish a special issue on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

If you or someone else on your campus would like to receive more information about our research and resources, please [sign up here](#).

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 2014 elections. These data are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse ("Clearinghouse") and publicly available voting records collected by Catalyst.

Using enrollment records submitted on a date closest to the election, we removed students under 18 on Election Day. We also deducted an estimated number of students identified by your institution as non-resident aliens. This is based on the percentage of non-resident aliens reported by your institution to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), and is more reliable than the demographic data campuses provide to the Clearinghouse at this time. Please note that students who blocked the use of their information under FERPA were also removed from the enrollment lists by the Clearinghouse.

When combining two datasets, matching errors can occur. That said, for each record, we receive a "confidence score." The average confidence score for the student records in our database is 96.6%. Nonetheless, some errors are still possible:

- On page three, we indicate the number of students who blocked their records from being used for any purpose, including research. If those students voted at a much lower or higher rate than your other students, it might affect the voting rate.
- Students not found in the voting database are considered non-voters, but we have no way to remove individual noncitizens (resident aliens and non-resident aliens). We use an estimate based on IPEDS data to account for your international students. We cannot adjust for undocumented students. This may result in your actual voting rate being higher than we report. To recalculate that percentage, see our [FAQ on campus reports](#).

Reviewing the Data

Please use the following key to interpret the charts below:

- * = number of students is less than 10
- = zero results in this field

For some colleges and universities, this report will contain some categories for which data is "unknown." These likely reflect the amount or quality of the data the institution provides, a problem that can be corrected by more comprehensive reporting to the Clearinghouse.

Your Students' Voting and Registration Rates

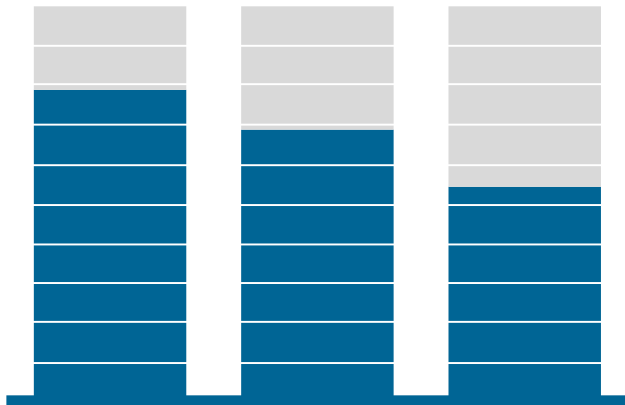
2012 Voting Rate

54%

2014 Voting Rate

19%

2012 Presidential Election



78.8%

Registration Rate

68.7%

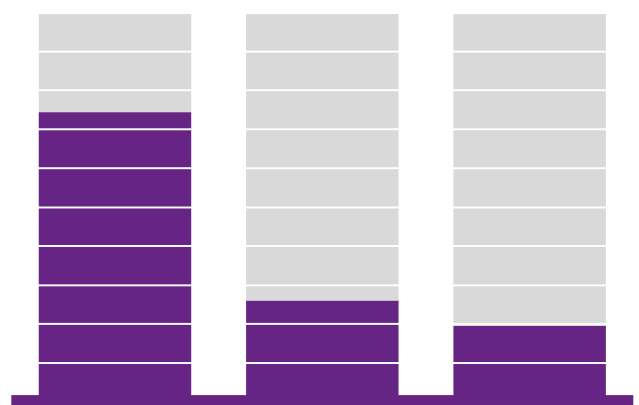
Rate of Registered Students who Voted

54.2%

Voting Rate

Total student enrollment	37,756
Ineligible to vote because too young	489
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	3,998
FERPA records blocked	88
Number of students who registered	26,162
Number of students who voted	17,977

2014 Midterm Election



74.6%

Registration Rate

25.8%

Rate of Registered Students who Voted

19.2%

Voting Rate

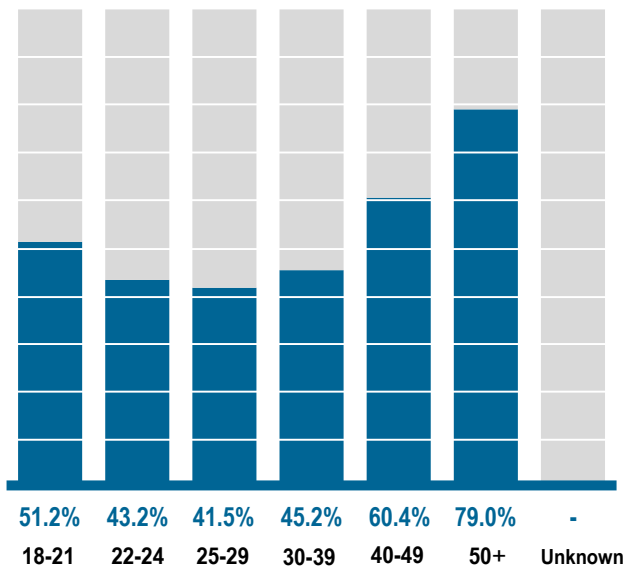
Total student enrollment	38,157
Ineligible to vote because too young	449
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	4,250
FERPA records blocked	11
Number of students who registered	24,945
Number of students who voted	6,433

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

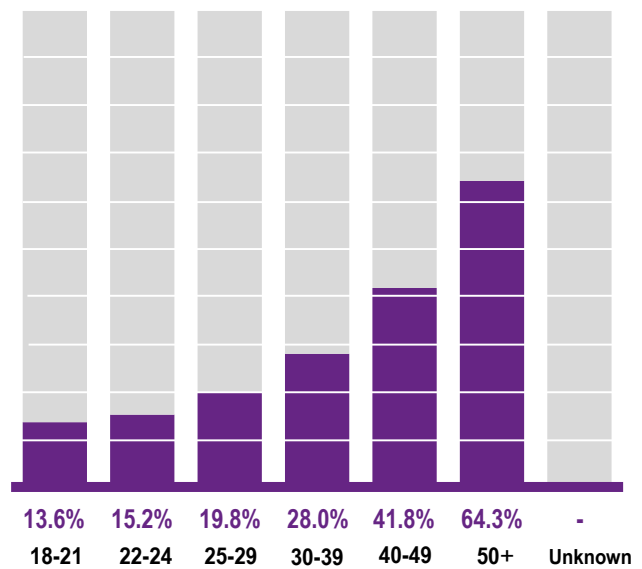
BY AGE GROUP

Your students broken down by age at the time of the election. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election



AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	20,830	10,660
22-24	6,822	2,945
25-29	5,141	2,135
30-39	3,215	1,454
40-49	766	463
50+	405	320
Unknown	-	-

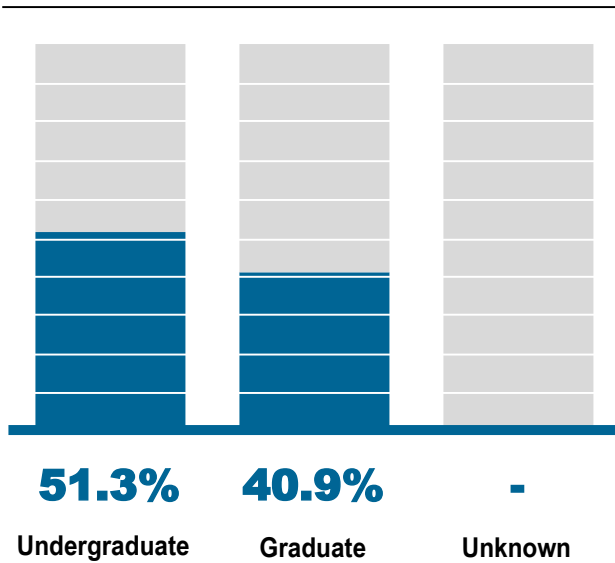
AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	21,418	2,915
22-24	6,890	1,047
25-29	5,099	1,009
30-39	3,109	870
40-49	744	311
50+	437	281
Unknown	-	-

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY EDUCATION LEVEL

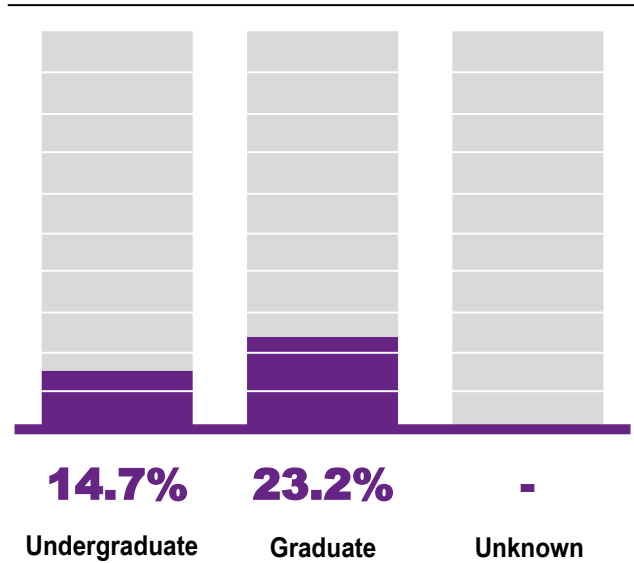
Your students broken down by undergraduate and graduate students. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	26,683	13,688
Graduate	10,496	4,289
Unknown	-	-

2014 Midterm Election



EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	27,346	4,028
Graduate	10,351	2,405
Unknown	-	-

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY FIELD OF STUDY

Your students broken down by field of study. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

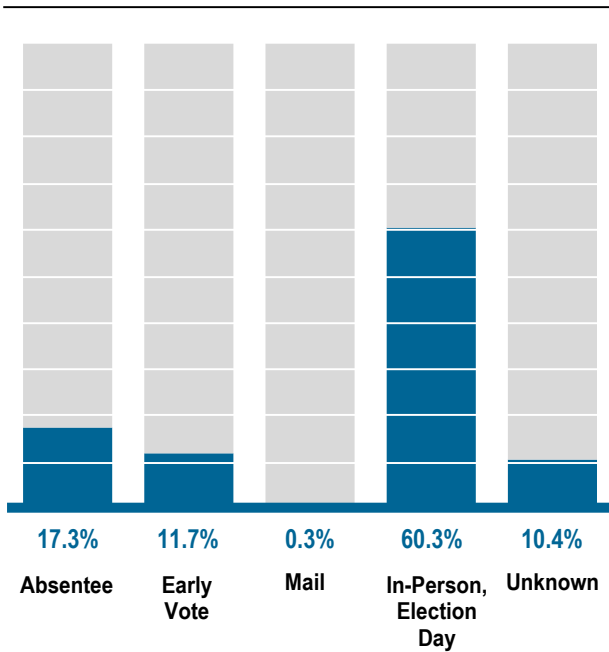
	2012 Presidential Election			2014 Midterm Election		
	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout
Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences	909	423	46.5%	893	142	15.9%
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,695	1,354	50.2%	2,546	373	14.7%
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support	4,484	1,693	37.8%	4,482	548	12.2%
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	1,424	766	53.8%	1,364	235	17.2%
Computer and Information and Library Sciences	1,846	859	46.5%	2,563	422	16.5%
Education	2,228	1,336	60.0%	2,105	565	26.8%
Engineering	5,574	2,371	42.5%	5,894	815	13.8%
Health Professions and Related Sciences, Knowledge, and Skills	570	299	52.5%	648	114	17.6%
Humanities	2,049	1,129	55.1%	1,572	385	24.5%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies, and Humanities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mathematics and Statistics	633	228	36.0%	650	103	15.8%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	5,600	2,819	50.3%	5,957	1,020	17.1%
Parks and Recreation	910	434	47.7%	968	112	11.6%
Physical Sciences	1,356	578	42.6%	1,390	226	16.3%
Professions	723	363	50.2%	672	183	27.2%
Psychology, Personal Awareness, and Self-Improvement	1,151	630	54.7%	1,103	153	13.9%
Social Sciences	3,711	1,941	52.3%	3,672	789	21.5%
Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trades	396	238	60.1%	368	75	20.4%
Visual and Performing Arts	910	509	55.9%	839	171	20.4%

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY VOTING METHOD

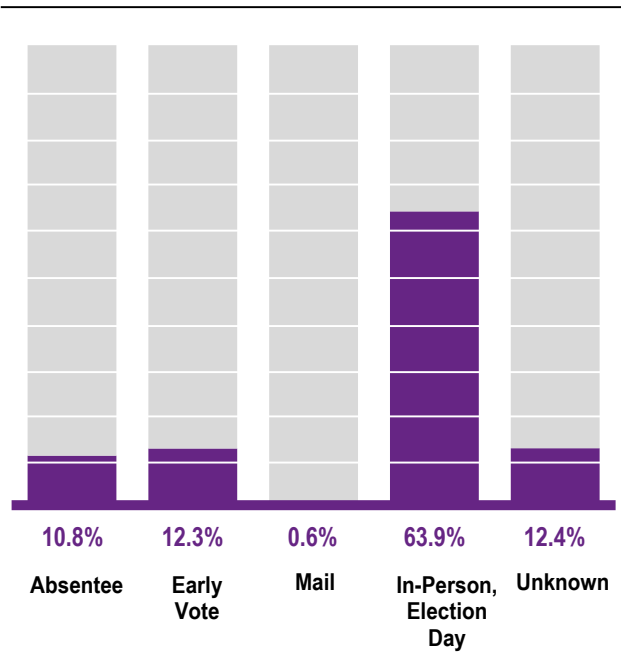
Your students broken down by voting method. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens. If your campus has a high percentage of "unknown" voting methods, it means that this information is not reported by local officials.

2012 Presidential Election



VOTING METHOD	ENROLLED	VOTED
Absentee	37,756	3,105
Early Vote	37,756	2,106
Mail	37,756	55
In-Person, Election Day	37,756	10,848
Unknown	37,756	1,863

2014 Midterm Election



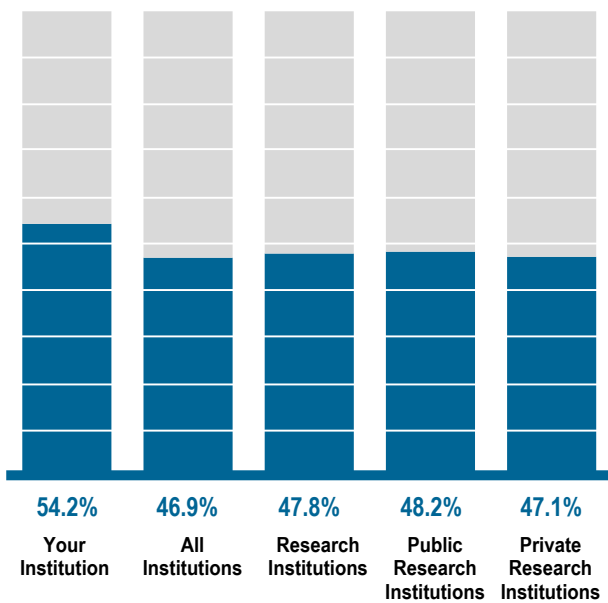
VOTING METHOD	ENROLLED	VOTED
Absentee	38,157	693
Early Vote	38,157	793
Mail	38,157	41
In-Person, Election Day	38,157	4,109
Unknown	38,157	797

How Your Numbers Compare

BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

See how your campus voting rate compares to others in your Carnegie classification. This comparison data allows your campus to understand your individual voting rates in the context of similar institutions. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election

