

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for University of Memphis

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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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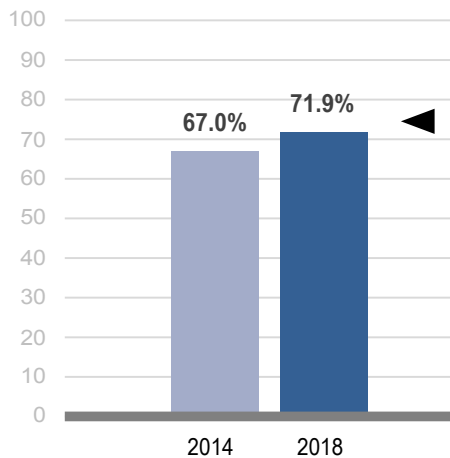
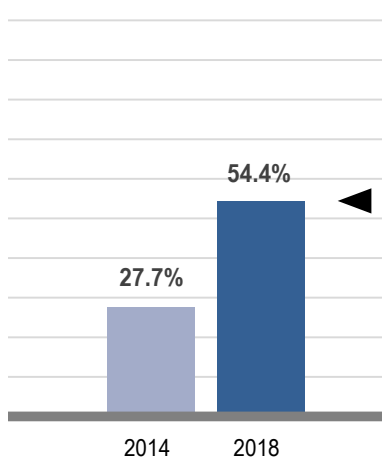
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

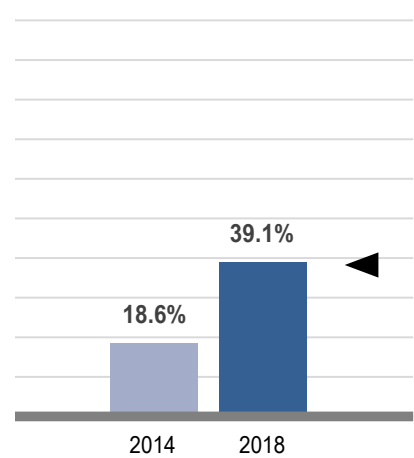
2018 Voting Rate

39.1%CHANGE
FROM 2014**+20.5**2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS**39.1%**

Registration Rate

Voting Rate of
Registered Students

Voting Rate



All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	20,895	21,255	↑ 360
Age under 18/Unknown	(841)	(1,256)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(587)	(658)	
FERPA records blocked	(298)	(249)	
Total eligible voters	19,169	19,092	↓ -77
Number of students who registered	12,833	13,722	↑ 889
Number of students who voted	3,558	7,460	↑ 3,902
Registration rate	67.0%	71.9%	↑ 4.9
Voting rate of registered students	27.7%	54.4%	↑ 26.6
Voting rate	18.6%	39.1%	↑ 20.5
Difference from all institutions	-1.1	0.0	

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

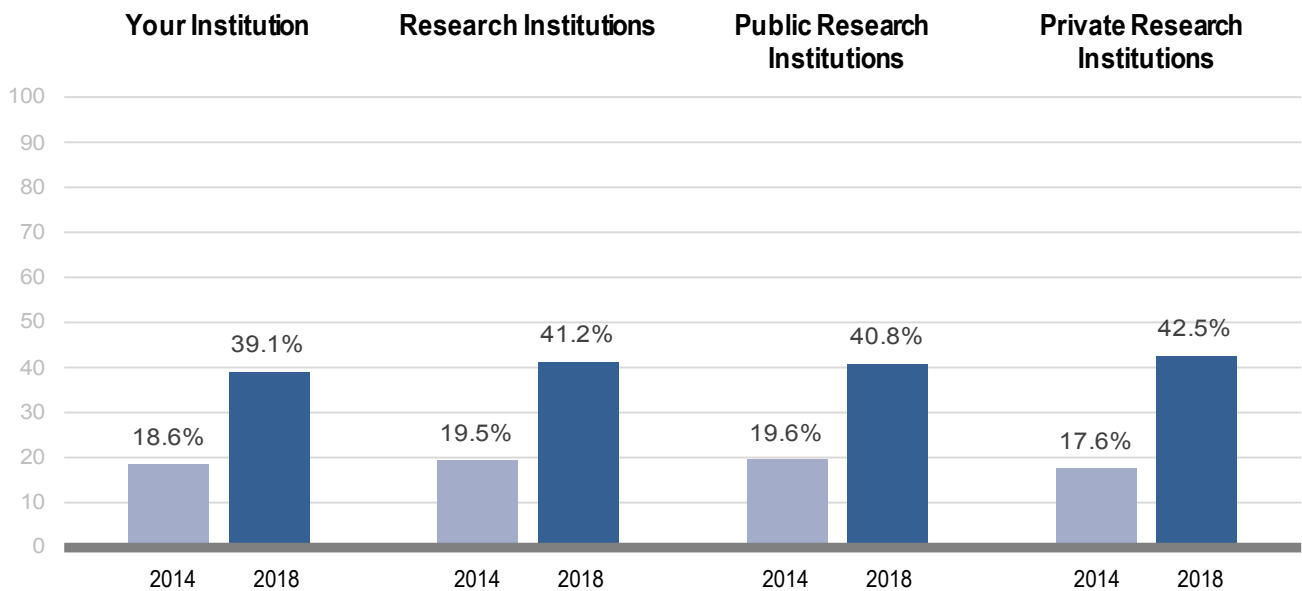
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

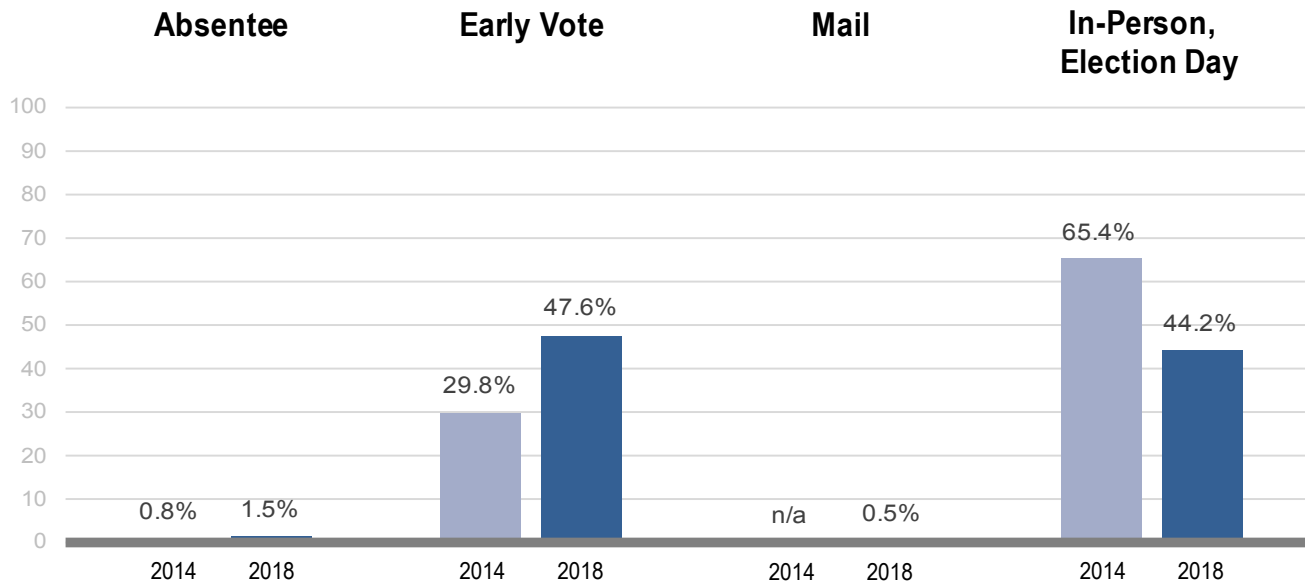
Difference from All Institutions **-1.1**

Difference from All Institutions **0.0**



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

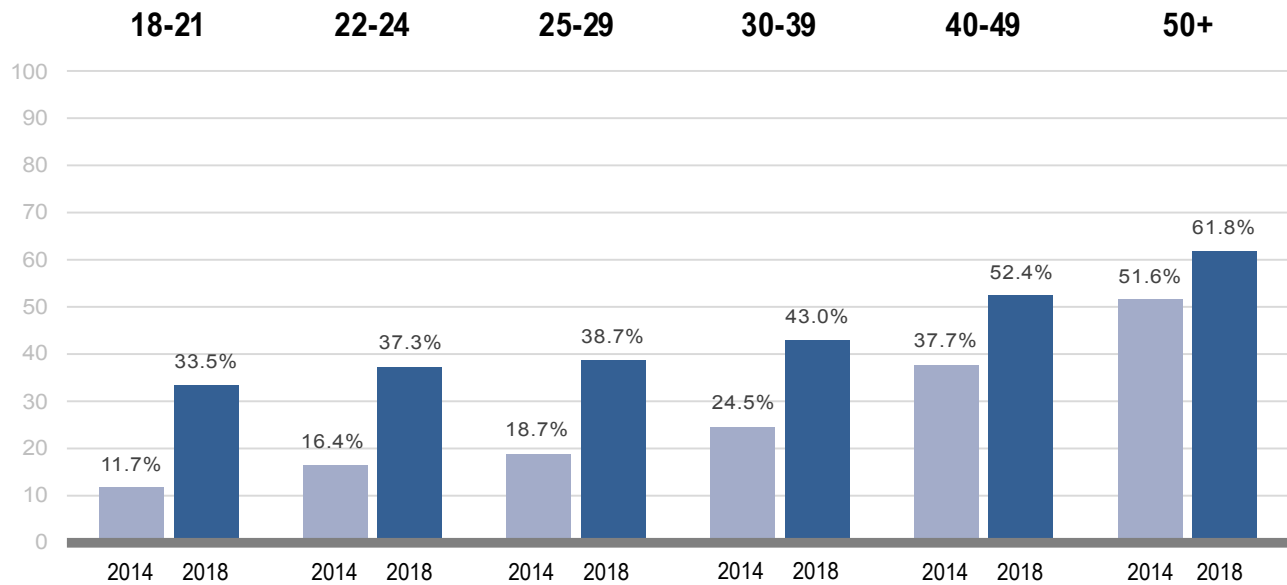


	2014		2018		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	27	0.8%	115	1.5%	↑	0.8
Early Vote	1,060	29.8%	3,548	47.6%	↑	17.8
Mail	*	n/a	37	0.5%		n/a
In-Person, Election Day	2,326	65.4%	3,295	44.2%	↓	-21.2
Unknown	139	3.9%	465	6.2%		
Total	3,558		7,460			

* 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*

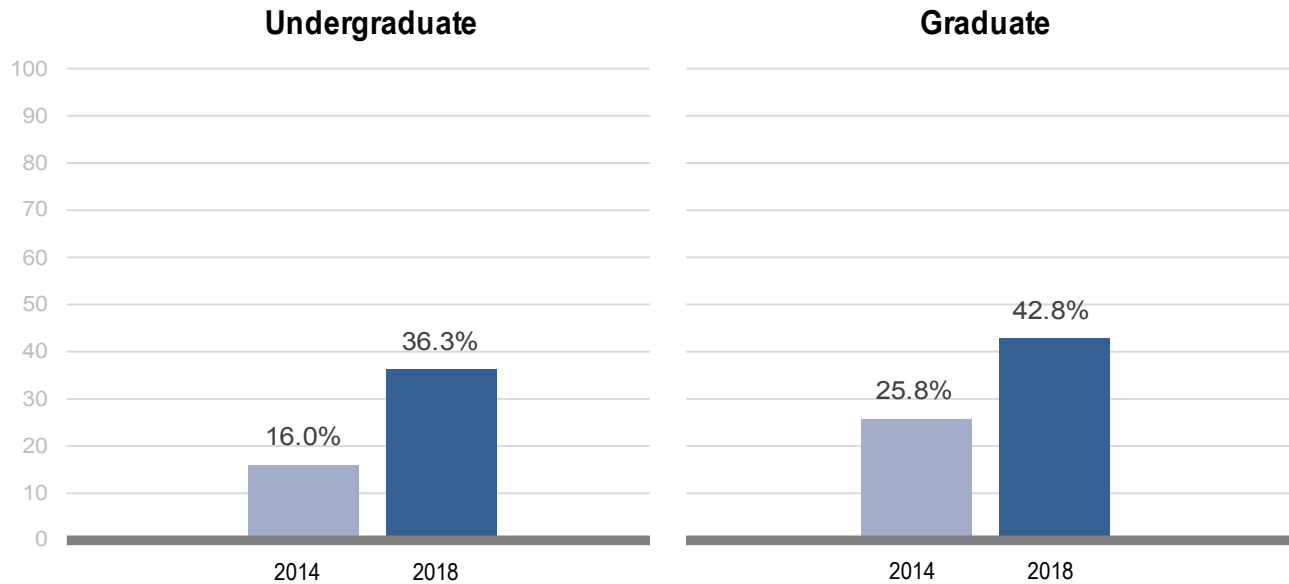


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	8,080	946	11.7%	8,944	2,997	33.5%	↑	21.8
22-24	4,557	748	16.4%	4,221	1,575	37.3%	↑	20.9
25-29	3,036	569	18.7%	2,916	1,128	38.7%	↑	19.9
30-39	2,441	599	24.5%	2,192	942	43.0%	↑	18.4
40-49	1,088	410	37.7%	1,008	528	52.4%	↑	14.7
50+	554	286	51.6%	469	290	61.8%	↑	10.2
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*

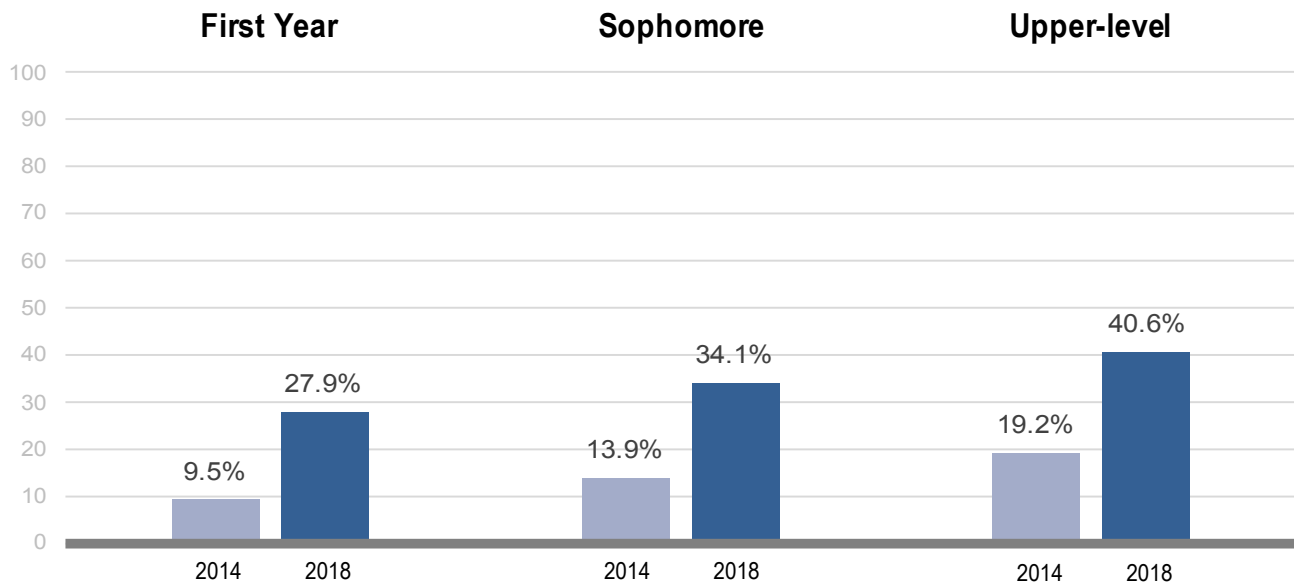


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Undergraduate	14,892	2,385	16.0%	15,233	5,532	36.3%	↑	20.3
Graduate	3,638	938	25.8%	3,994	1,711	42.8%	↑	17.1
Unknown	1,226			523				

* 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*

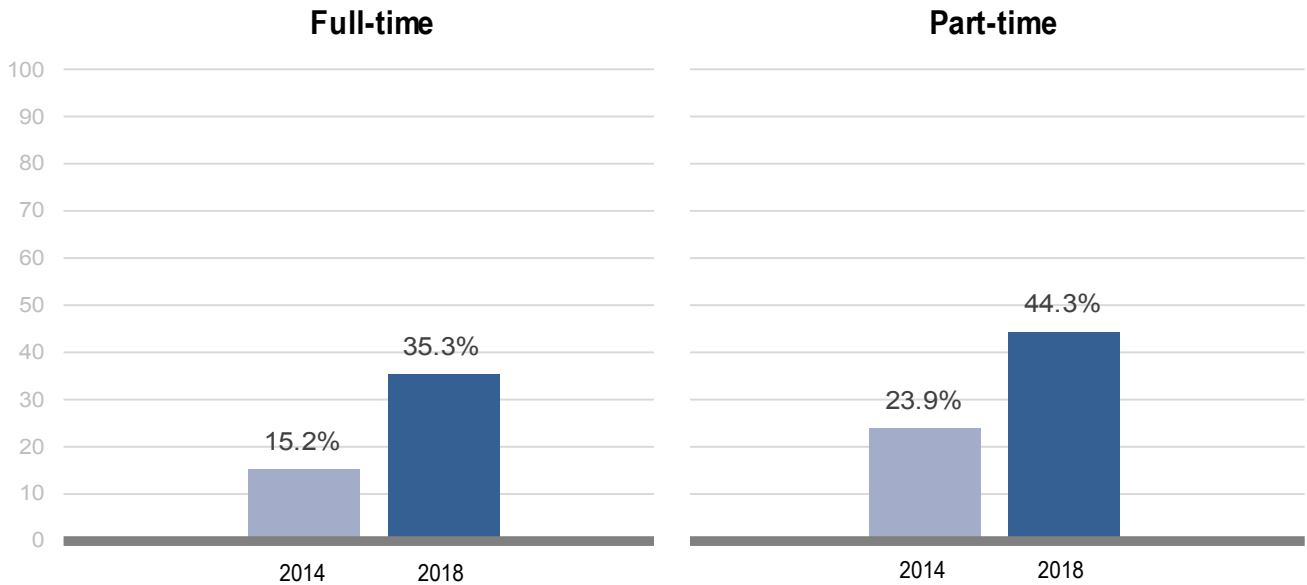


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	3,623	345	9.5%	3,702	1,033	27.9%	↑	18.4
Sophomore	3,308	461	13.9%	3,467	1,181	34.1%	↑	20.1
Upper-level	8,143	1,560	19.2%	7,560	3,071	40.6%	↑	21.5

* 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*

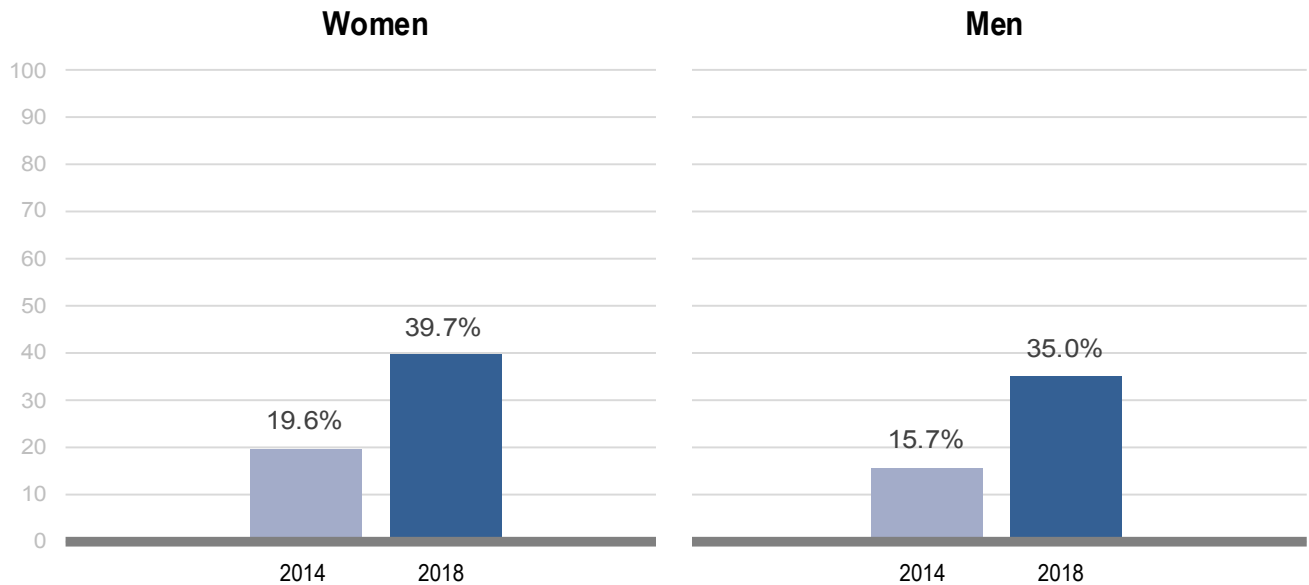


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	13,418	2,043	15.2%	14,220	5,013	35.3%	↑	20.0
Part-time	6,338	1,515	23.9%	5,530	2,447	44.3%	↑	20.4
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

* 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*

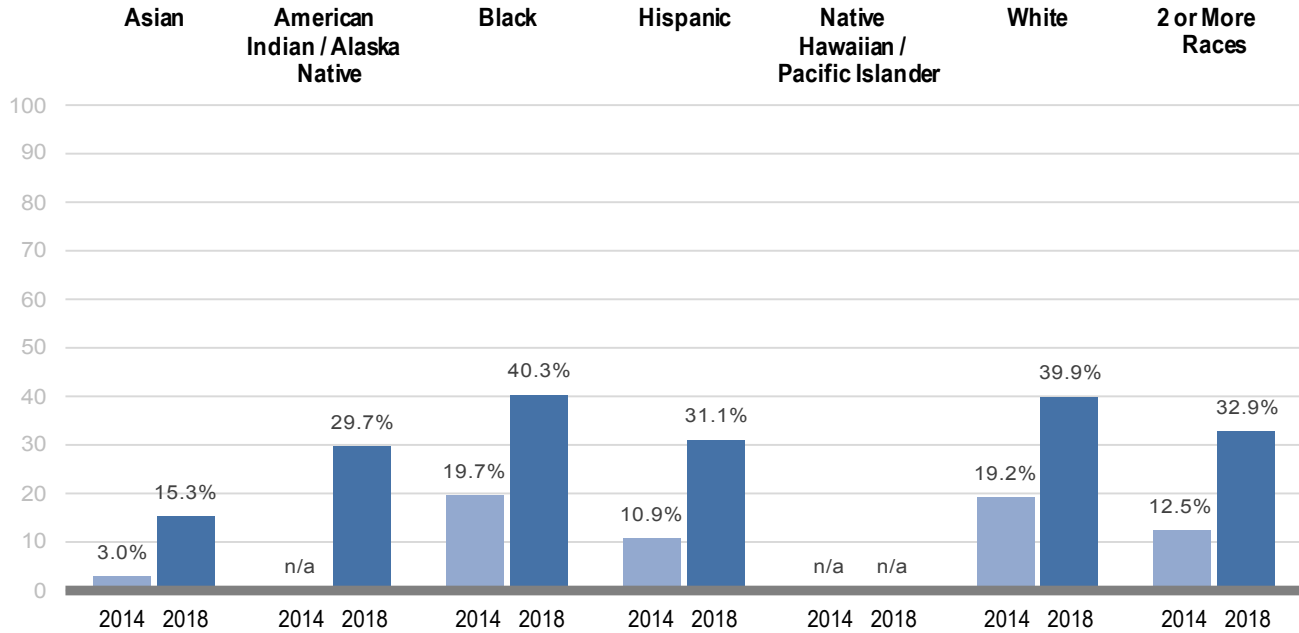


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change	
Women	11,733	2,301	19.6%	11,669	4,630	39.7%	↑	20.1
Men	8,023	1,257	15.7%	8,081	2,830	35.0%	↑	19.4
Unknown	0			0				

* 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	906	27	3.0%	1,117	171	15.3%	↑	12.3
American Indian/ Alaska Native	53	*	n/a	37	11	29.7%		n/a
Black	6,827	1,342	19.7%	6,641	2,675	40.3%	↑	20.6
Hispanic	753	82	10.9%	1,110	345	31.1%	↑	20.2
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	25	*	n/a	14	*	n/a		n/a
White	10,491	2,015	19.2%	9,882	3,938	39.9%	↑	20.6
2 or More Races	607	76	12.5%	720	237	32.9%	↑	20.4
Unknown	94			229				

* 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	
Architecture	119	19	16.0%	102	35	34.3% ↑	18.3
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	29	13	44.8%	29	12	41.4% ↓	-3.5
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	552	66	12.0%	714	224	31.4% ↑	19.4
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,148	525	16.7%	3,077	1,171	38.1% ↑	21.4
Communication and Journalism	704	156	22.2%	713	337	47.3% ↑	25.1
Computer and Information Sciences	304	37	12.2%	535	161	30.1% ↑	17.9
Education	1,503	404	26.9%	1,380	618	44.8% ↑	17.9
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	784	102	13.0%	1,389	430	31.0% ↑	18.0
English Language and Literature	478	107	22.4%	409	185	45.2% ↑	22.9
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	183	39	21.3%	175	80	45.7% ↑	24.4
Health Professions	1,114	197	17.7%	1,331	489	36.7% ↑	19.1
History	279	75	26.9%	276	154	55.8% ↑	28.9
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	606	106	17.5%	546	175	32.1% ↑	14.6
Legal Professions and Studies	330	103	31.2%	290	137	47.2% ↑	16.0
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	4,295	617	14.4%	2,355	743	31.6% ↑	17.2
Library Science	0	0	n/a	19	14	73.7%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	113	12	10.6%	112	32	28.6% ↑	18.0
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,120	261	23.3%	807	341	42.3% ↑	19.0
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,018	134	13.2%	1,713	583	34.0% ↑	20.9
Philosophy and Religious Studies	83	16	19.3%	86	33	38.4% ↑	19.1
Physical Sciences	367	54	14.7%	404	130	32.2% ↑	17.5
Psychology	934	140	15.0%	932	329	35.3% ↑	20.3
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	304	107	35.2%	315	176	55.9% ↑	20.7

Social Sciences	539	132	24.5%	531	254	47.8% ↑	23.3
Transportation and Materials Moving	0	0	n/a	14	*	n/a	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	827	130	15.7%	911	366	40.2% ↑	24.5
Unknown	23	*	n/a	585	242	41.4%	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: <https://idhe.tufts.edu>.

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