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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for University of Michigan-Dearborn

Tufts UNIVERSITY | Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life

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.

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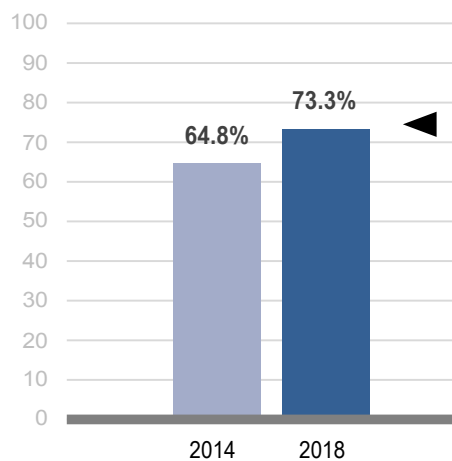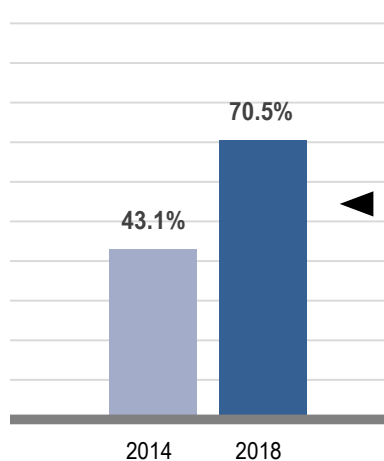
Warm regards,

IDHE Team

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

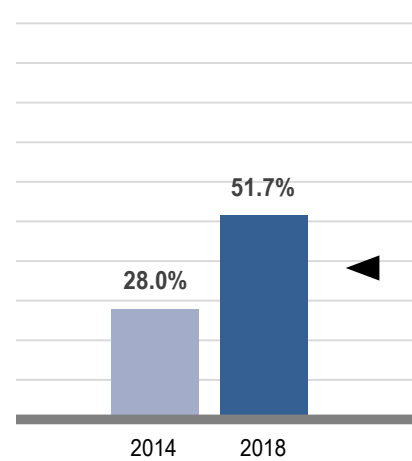# Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

51.7%

CHANGE
FROM 2014

+23.7

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	8,737	9,227	⬆	490
Age under 18/Unknown	(68)	(87)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(731)	(811)		
FERPA records blocked	(43)	(29)		
Total eligible voters	7,895	8,300	⬆	405
Number of students who registered	5,119	6,087	⬆	968
Number of students who voted	2,208	4,289	⬆	2,081
Registration rate	64.8%	73.3%	⬆	8.5
Voting rate of registered students	43.1%	70.5%	⬆	27.3
Voting rate	28.0%	51.7%	⬆	23.7
Difference from all institutions	+8.3	+12.6		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

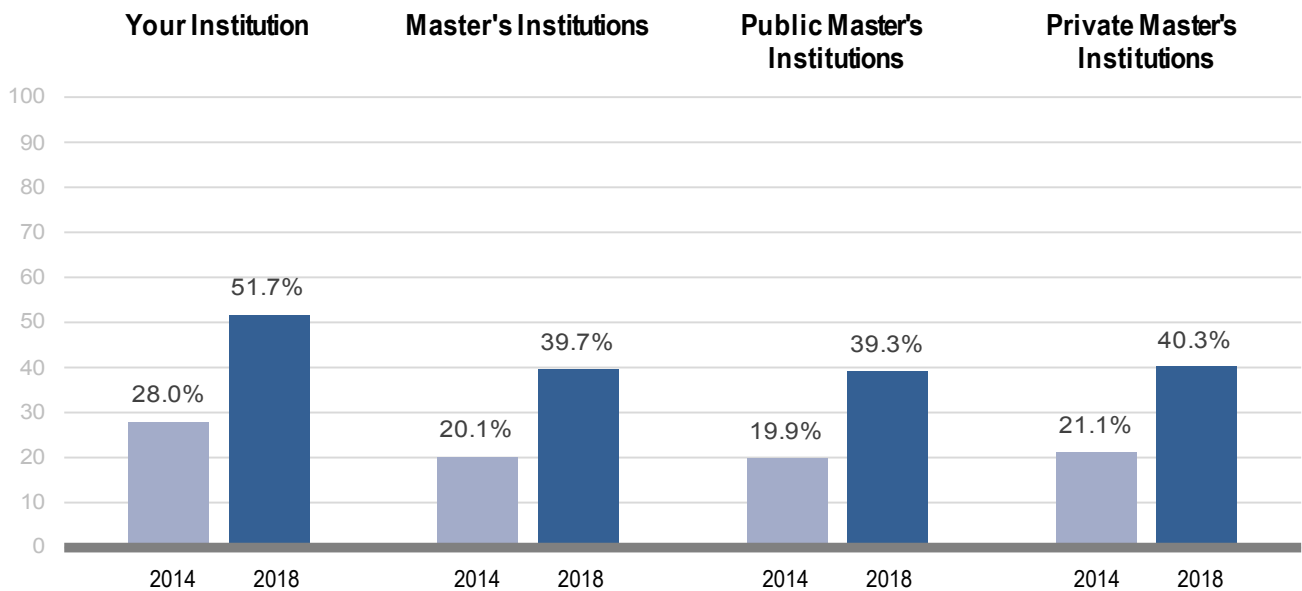| 2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions		2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	
19.7%	HIGH 54.0% / LOW 1.5%	**39.1%**	HIGH 64.1% / LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions **+8.3**

Difference from All Institutions **+12.6**

	Your Institution	Master's Institutions	Public Master's Institutions	Private Master's Institutions
2014	28.0%	20.1%	19.9%	21.1%
2018	51.7%	39.7%	39.3%	40.3%

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*
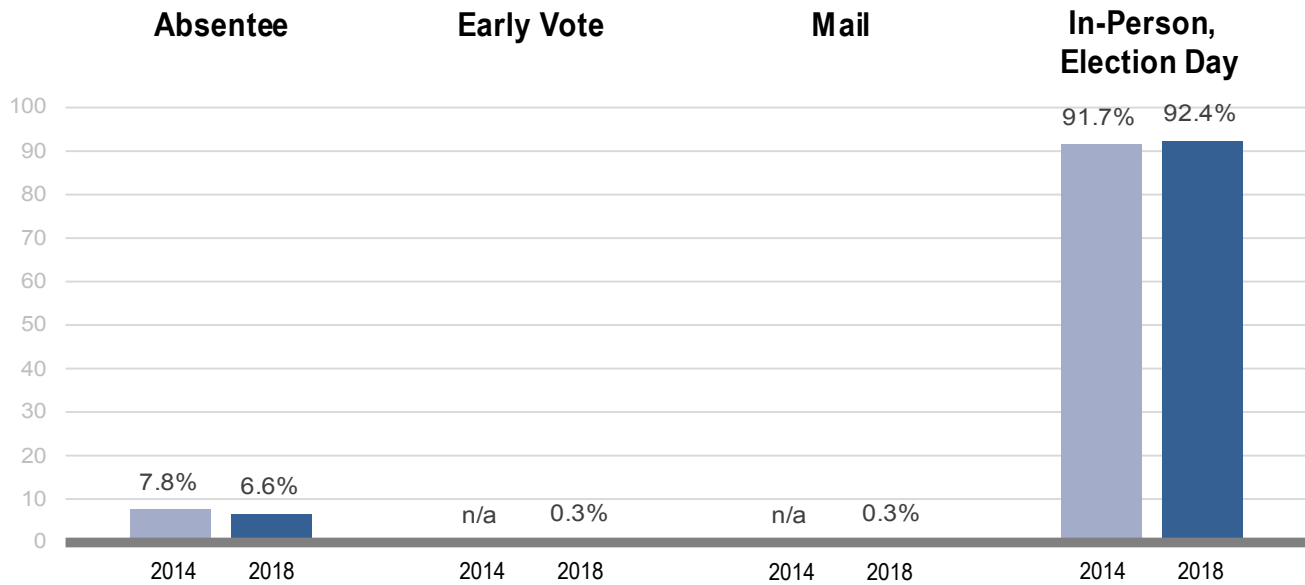
	2014			**2018**			
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	172	**7.8%**		285	**6.6%**	⬇	**-1.2**
Early Vote	0	**n/a**		13	**0.3%**		**n/a**
Mail	*	**n/a**		12	**0.3%**		**n/a**
In-Person, Election Day	2,025	**91.7%**		3,964	**92.4%**	⬆	**0.7**
Unknown	10	**0.5%**		15	**0.4%**		
Total	**2,208**			**4,289**			

* 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 officals where your students voted.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*
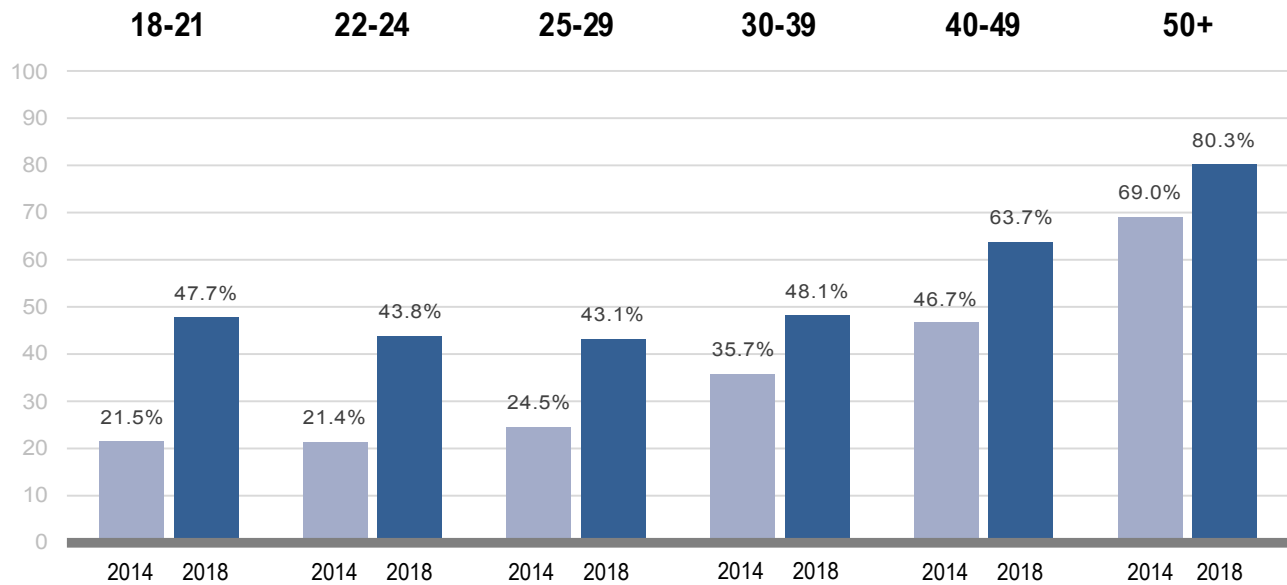
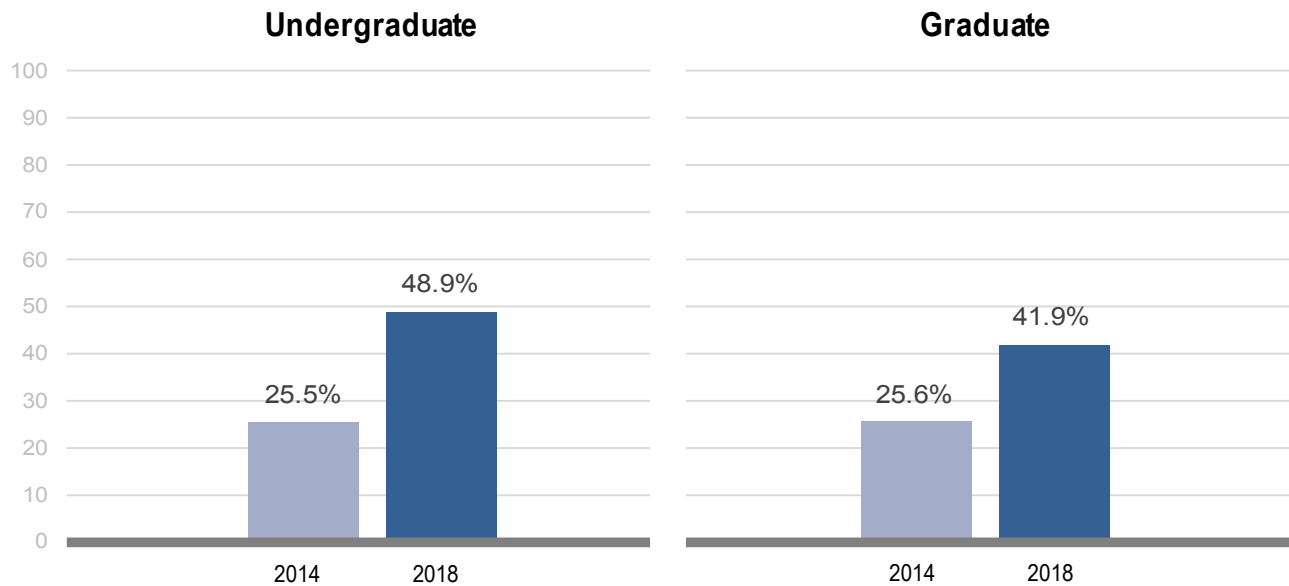|	**2014**				**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	3,598	775	**21.5%**		3,886	1,855	**47.7%**	⬆	**26.2**
22-24	2,190	468	**21.4%**		2,174	953	**43.8%**	⬆	**22.5**
25-29	1,308	321	**24.5%**		1,642	708	**43.1%**	⬆	**18.6**
30-39	986	352	**35.7%**		962	463	**48.1%**	⬆	**12.4**
40-49	373	174	**46.7%**		295	188	**63.7%**	⬆	**17.1**
50+	171	118	**69.0%**		152	122	**80.3%**	⬆	**11.3**
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.

By Education Level*

Undergraduate

Graduate

	2014				**2018**					
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change	
Undergraduate	6,685	1,707	**25.5%**		6,770	3,311	**48.9%**	⬆	**23.4**	
Graduate	1,674	429	**25.6%**		2,188	916	**41.9%**	⬆	**16.2**	
Unknown	267				153					

* 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.

By Undergraduate Class Year*
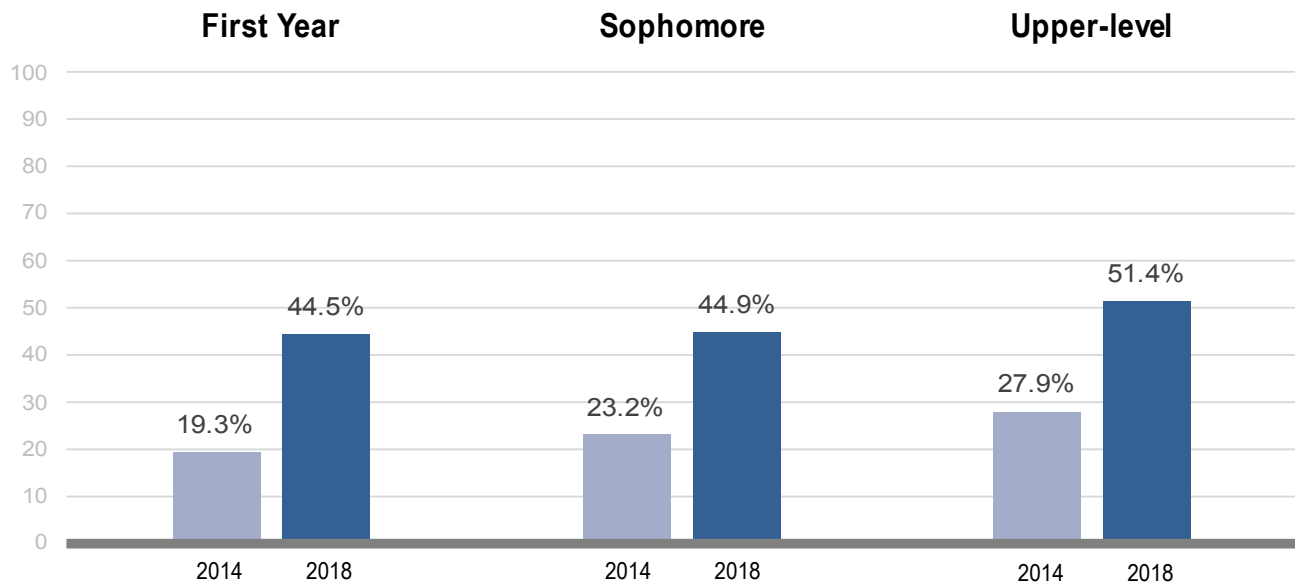
	2014				2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	1,118	216	**19.3%**		1,149	511	**44.5%**	⬆	**25.2**
Sophomore	1,344	312	**23.2%**		1,329	596	**44.9%**	⬆	**21.6**
Upper-level	4,223	1,180	**27.9%**		4,265	2,190	**51.4%**	⬆	**23.4**

* 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*

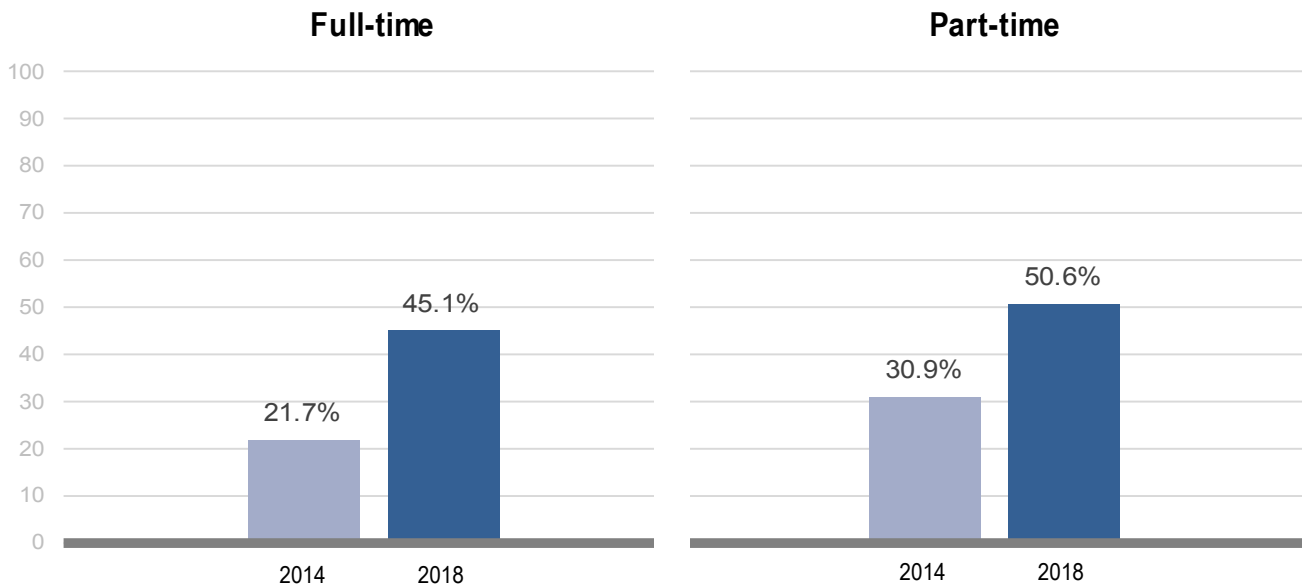### Full-time

Part-time

	2014				**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	4,947	1,072	**21.7%**		5,791	2,609	**45.1%**	⬆	**23.4**
Part-time	3,679	1,136	**30.9%**		3,320	1,680	**50.6%**	⬆	**19.7**
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.
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By Gender*

Women

Men
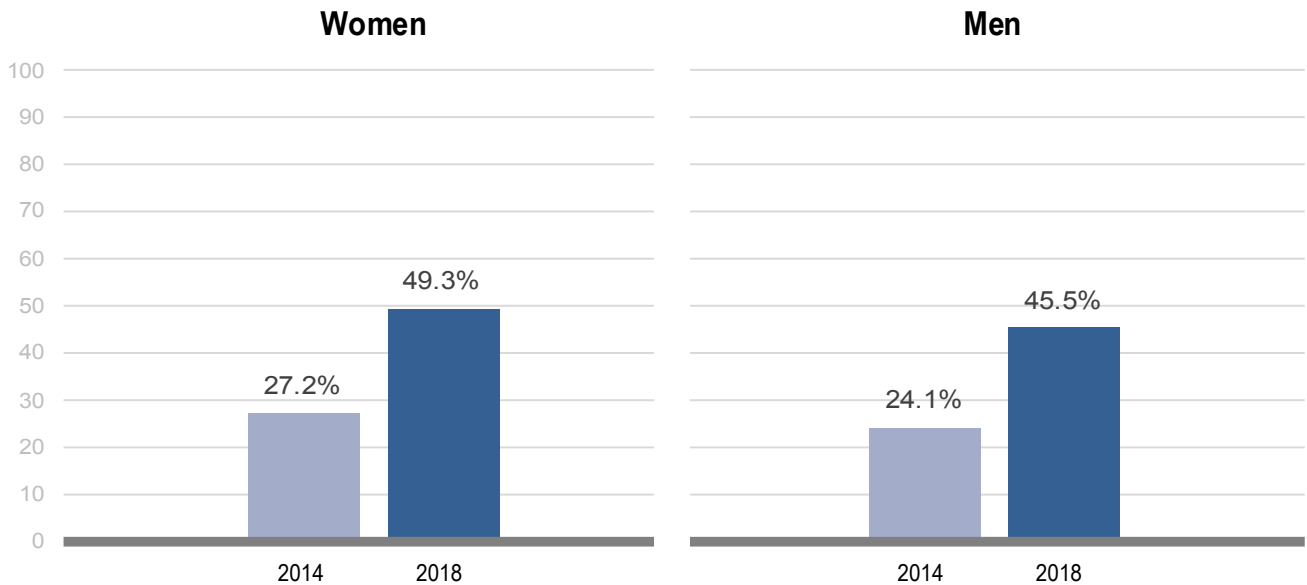
	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	4,071	1,109	**27.2%**	3,937	1,939	**49.3%**	⬆	22.0
Men	4,555	1,099	**24.1%**	5,157	2,344	**45.5%**	⬆	21.3
Unknown	0			17				

* 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.

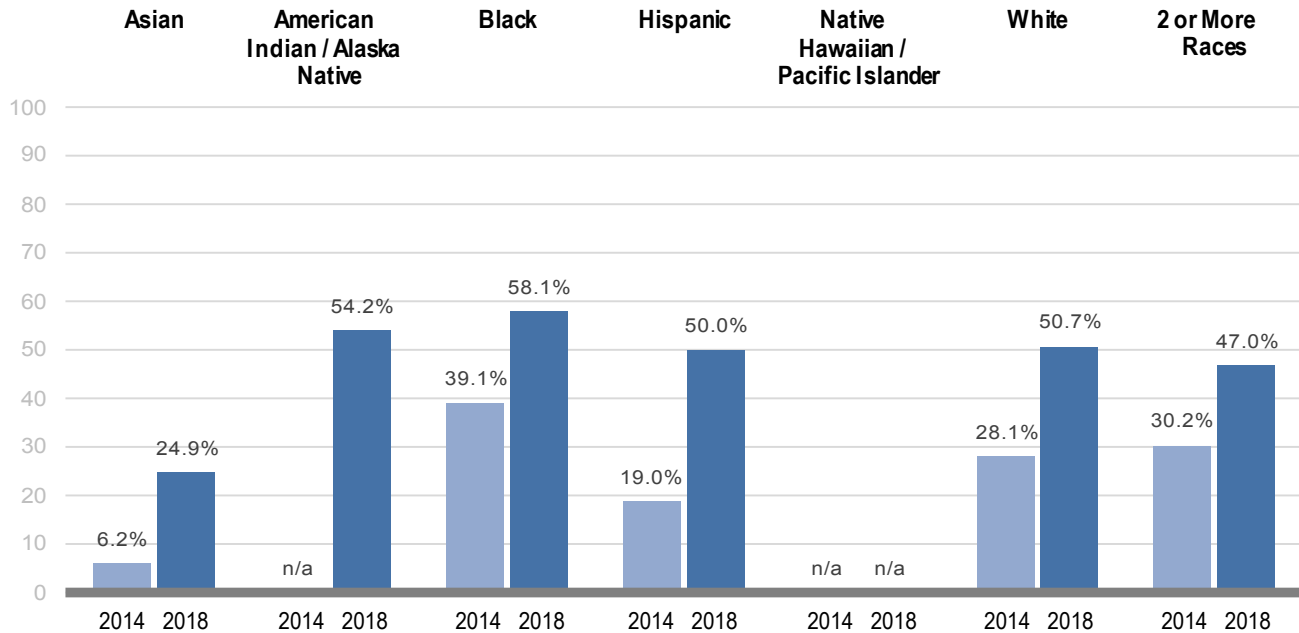**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Race/Ethnicity*

Asian	American Indian / Alaska Native	Black	Hispanic	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	White	2 or More Races

	2014				**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Asian	1,106	68	**6.2%**		1,331	332	**24.9%**	⬆	**18.8**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	34	*	**n/a**		24	13	**54.2%**		**n/a**
Black	762	298	**39.1%**		701	407	**58.1%**	⬆	**19.0**
Hispanic	475	90	**19.0%**		520	260	**50.0%**	⬆	**31.1**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	**n/a**		11	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
White	5,677	1,593	**28.1%**		5,998	3,039	**50.7%**	⬆	**22.6**
2 or More Races	215	65	**30.2%**		262	123	**47.0%**	⬆	**16.7**
Unknown	357				264				

* 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.

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	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	69	27	**39.1%**	50	29	**58.0%** ⬆	**18.9**
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	756	134	**17.7%**	734	328	**44.7%** ⬆	**27.0**
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,608	388	**24.1%**	1,710	788	**46.1%** ⬆	**22.0**
Communication and Journalism	339	120	**35.4%**	181	120	**66.3%** ⬆	**30.9**
Computer and Information Sciences	499	97	**19.4%**	736	331	**45.0%** ⬆	**25.5**
Education	682	257	**37.7%**	548	309	**56.4%** ⬆	**18.7**
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,772	345	**19.5%**	2,651	1,103	**41.6%** ⬆	**22.1**
English Language and Literature	154	46	**29.9%**	62	28	**45.2%** ⬆	**15.3**
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	0	0	**n/a**	23	14	**60.9%**	**n/a**
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	29	*	**n/a**	29	12	**41.4%**	**n/a**
Health Professions	137	35	**25.6%**	254	111	**43.7%** ⬆	**18.2**
History	75	26	**34.7%**	48	31	**64.6%** ⬆	**29.9**
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	262	76	**29.0%**	213	120	**56.3%** ⬆	**27.3**
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	267	111	**41.6%**	120	68	**56.7%** ⬆	**15.1**
Mathematics and Statistics	108	29	**26.9%**	96	50	**52.1%** ⬆	**25.2**
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	499	97	**19.4%**	550	241	**43.8%** ⬆	**24.4**
Natural Resources and Conservation	109	42	**38.5%**	72	45	**62.5%** ⬆	**24.0**
Philosophy and Religious Studies	30	*	**n/a**	30	14	**46.7%**	**n/a**
Physical Sciences	94	26	**27.7%**	78	42	**53.9%** ⬆	**26.2**
Psychology	627	141	**22.5%**	507	240	**47.3%** ⬆	**24.9**
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	73	29	**39.7%**	38	28	**73.7%** ⬆	**34.0**
Social Sciences	411	162	**39.4%**	341	213	**62.5%** ⬆	**23.0**
Visual and Performing Arts	16	*	**n/a**	14	*	**n/a**	**n/a**

Unknown	10	*	**n/a**	26	19	**73.1%**	**n/a**

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