

## **2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

# Student Voting Rates for University of Missouri-St Louis

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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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Warm regards,

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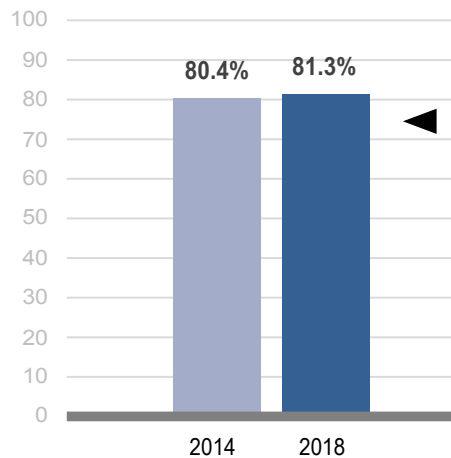
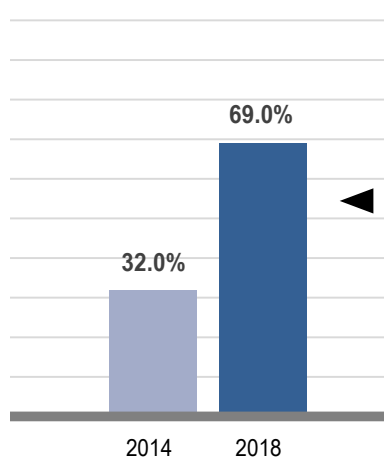
## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## Voting and Registration Rates

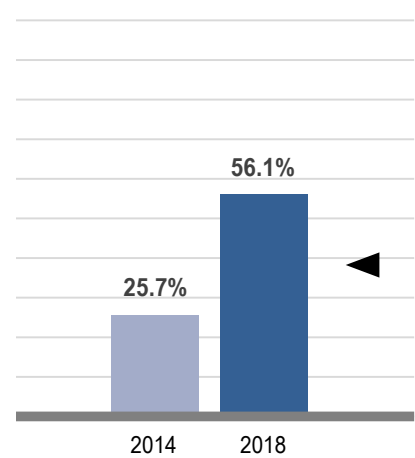
2018 Voting Rate

**56.1%**CHANGE  
FROM 2014**+30.4**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	12,350	10,224	↓ -2,126
Age under 18/Unknown	(12)	(35)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(360)	(292)	
FERPA records blocked	(525)	(299)	
Total eligible voters	11,453	9,598	↓ -1,855
Number of students who registered	9,206	7,807	↓ -1,399
Number of students who voted	2,942	5,385	↑ 2,443
Registration rate	80.4%	81.3%	↑ 1.0
Voting rate of registered students	32.0%	69.0%	↑ 37.0
Voting rate	25.7%	56.1%	↑ 30.4
Difference from all institutions	+6.0	+17.0	

## 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

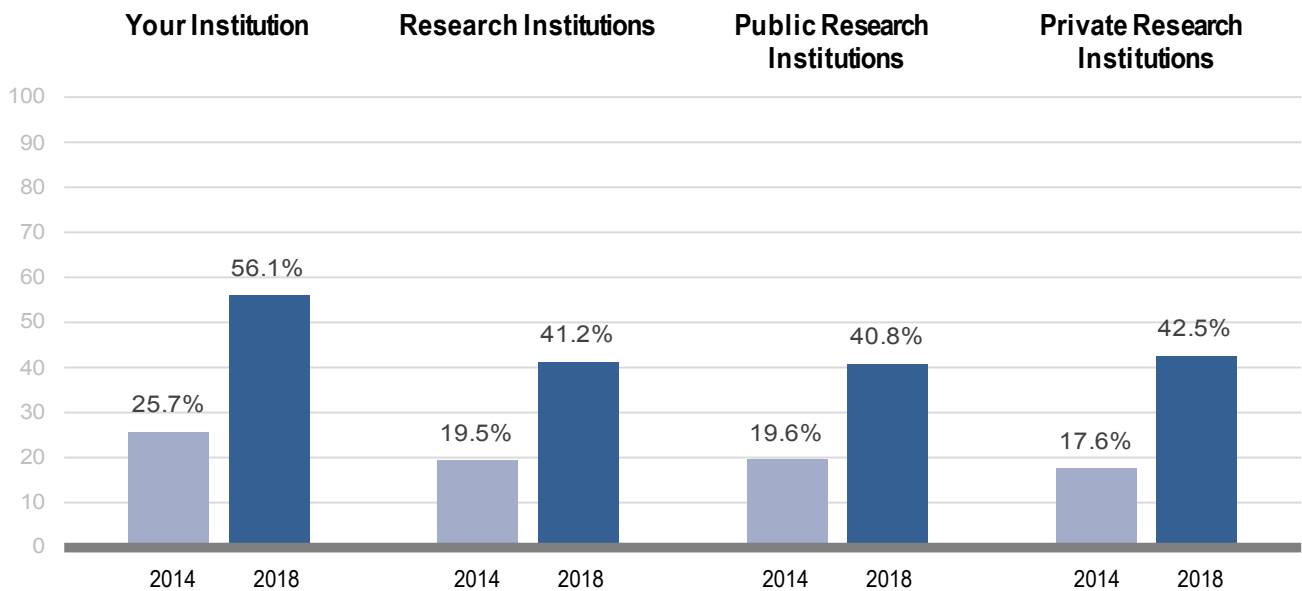
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

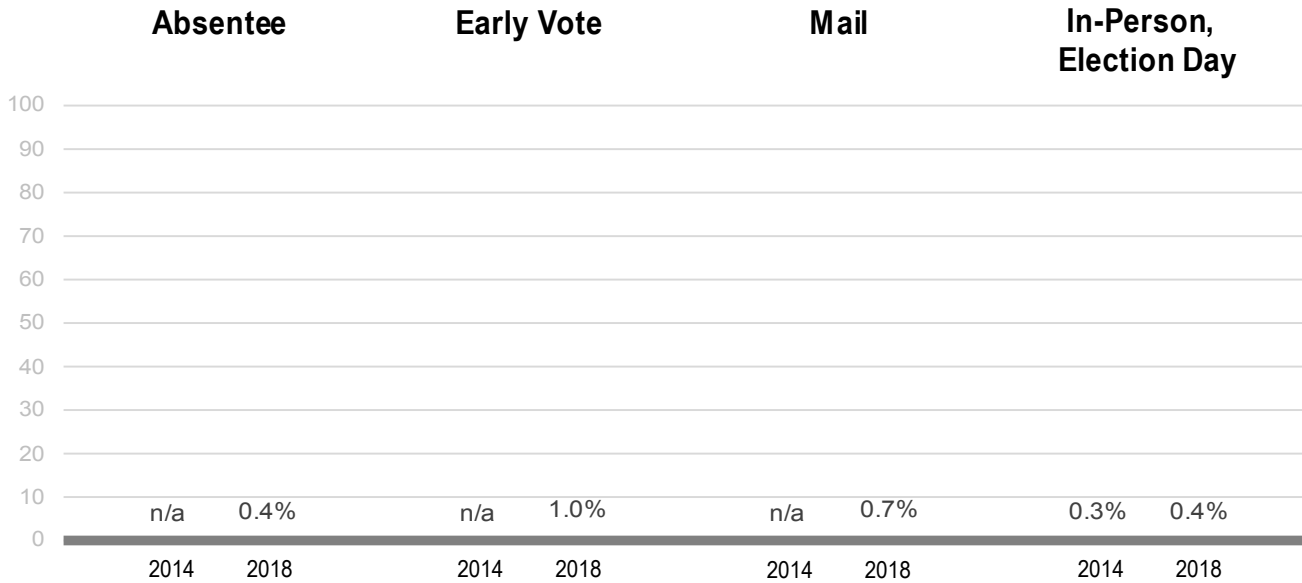
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## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Voting Method\*

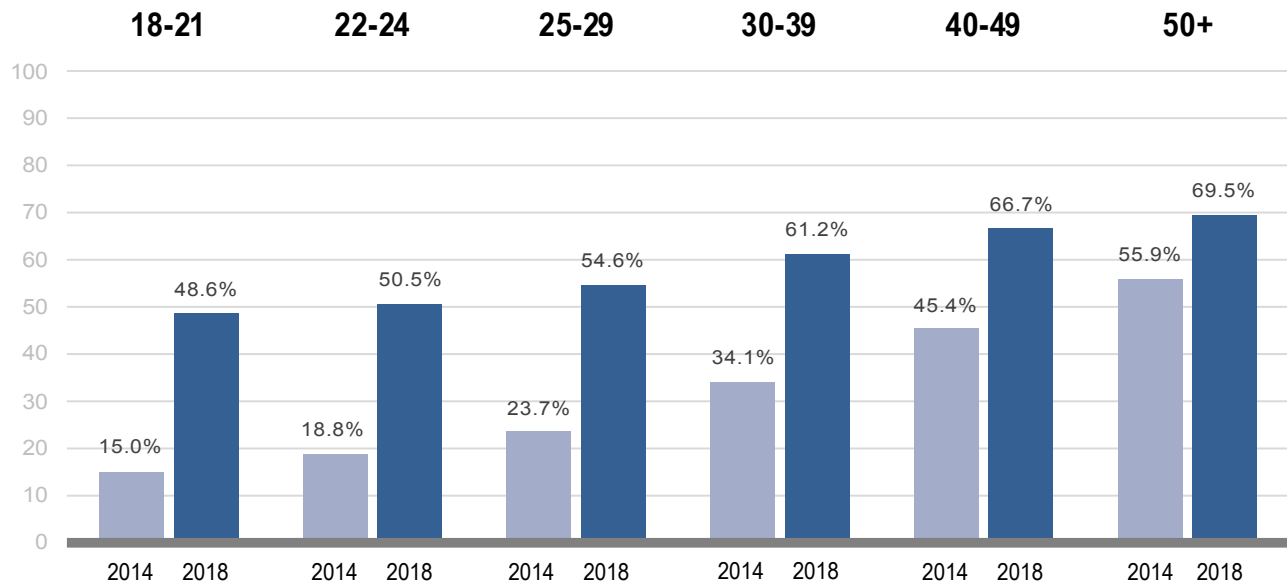


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	*	n/a	19	0.4%	n/a
Early Vote	*	n/a	54	1.0%	n/a
Mail	*	n/a	37	0.7%	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	10	0.3%	23	0.4% ↑	0.1
Unknown	2,923	99.4%	5,252	97.5%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,942</b>		<b>5,385</b>		

\* 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\*

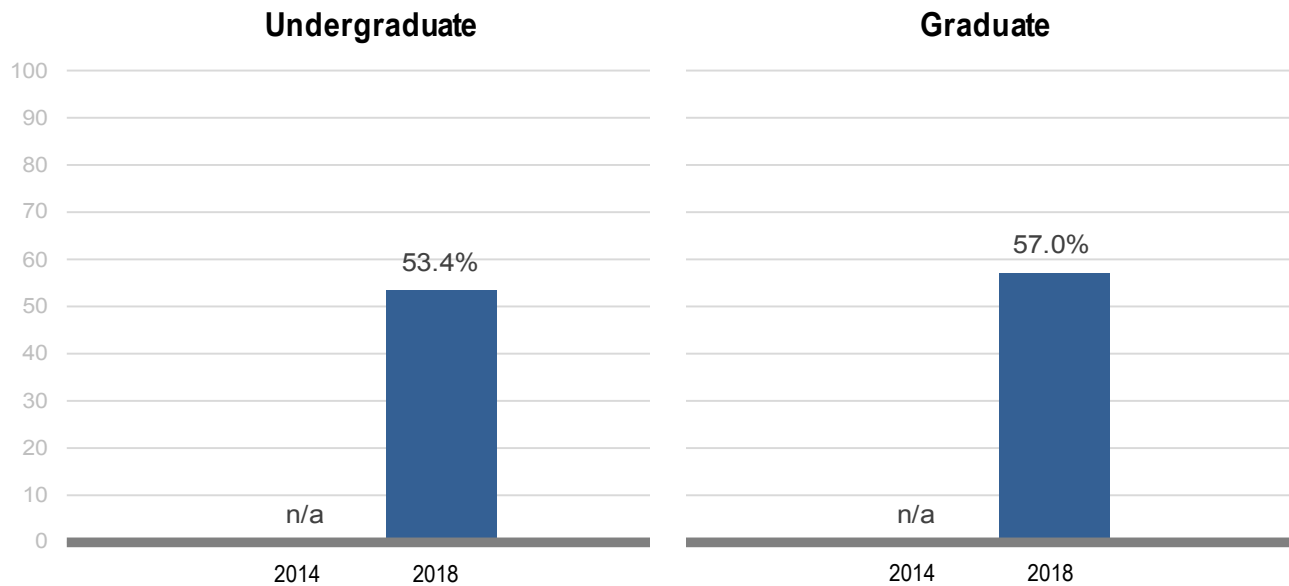


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	2,673	402	15.0%	2,395	1,163	48.6%	↑	33.5
22-24	3,191	599	18.8%	2,735	1,382	50.5%	↑	31.8
25-29	2,667	631	23.7%	2,140	1,169	54.6%	↑	31.0
30-39	2,020	689	34.1%	1,589	973	61.2%	↑	27.1
40-49	806	366	45.4%	667	445	66.7%	↑	21.3
50+	456	255	55.9%	364	253	69.5%	↑	13.6
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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Education Level\*

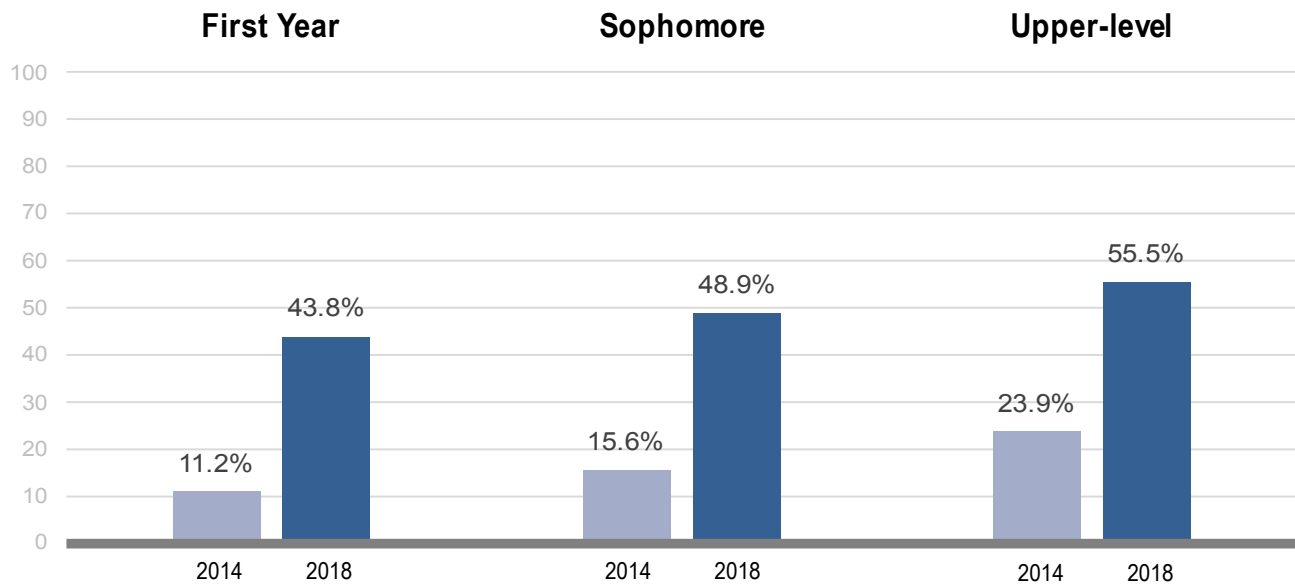


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	6,806	3,634	53.4%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	2,728	1,556	57.0%	n/a
Unknown	11,813			356			

\* 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\*



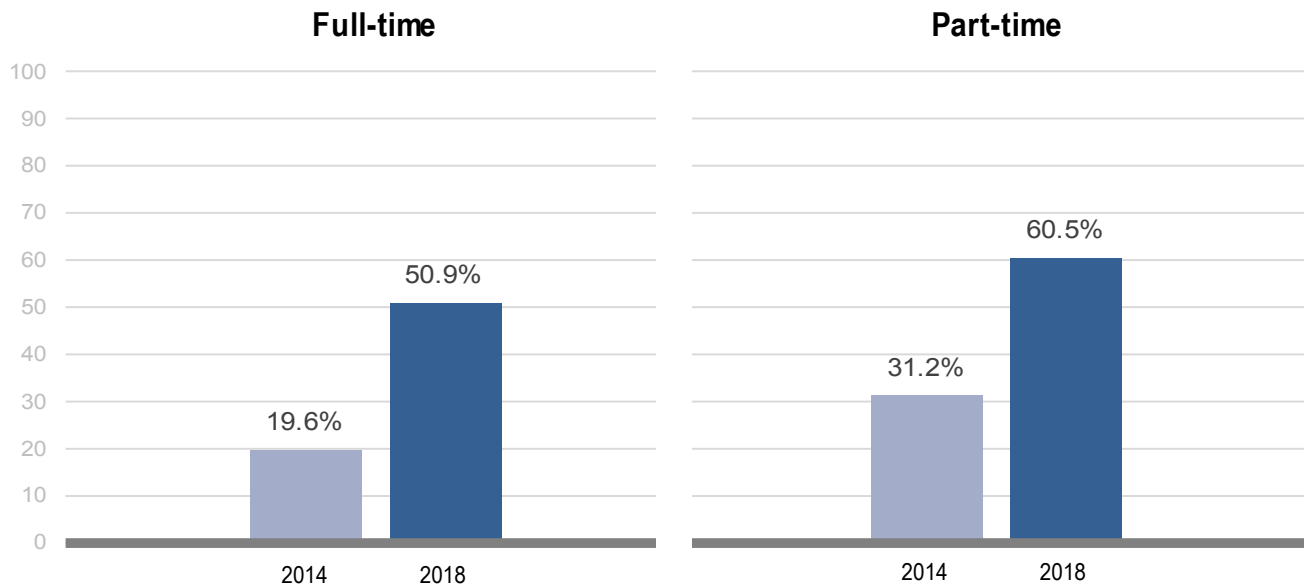
	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	864	97	11.2%	721	316	43.8%	↑ 32.6
Sophomore	1,057	165	15.6%	957	468	48.9%	↑ 33.3
Upper-level	6,566	1,566	23.9%	5,106	2,833	55.5%	↑ 31.6

\* 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.



## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Enrollment Status\*

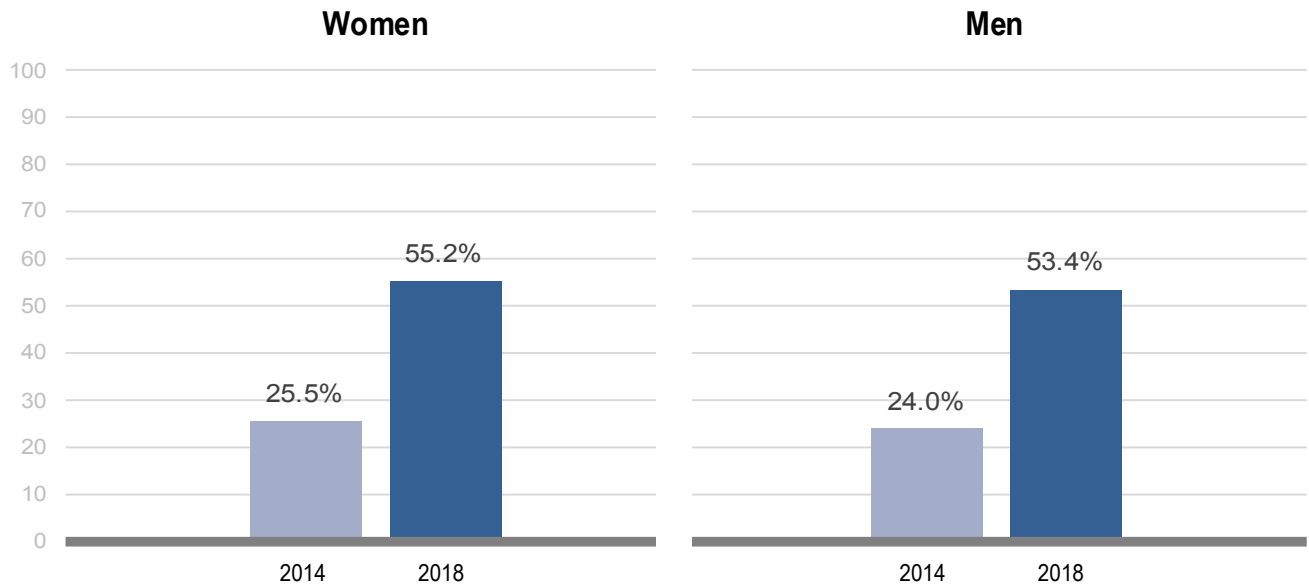


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	6,412	1,257	19.6%	6,185	3,145	50.9%	↑	31.3
Part-time	5,401	1,685	31.2%	3,705	2,240	60.5%	↑	29.3
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

\* 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\*

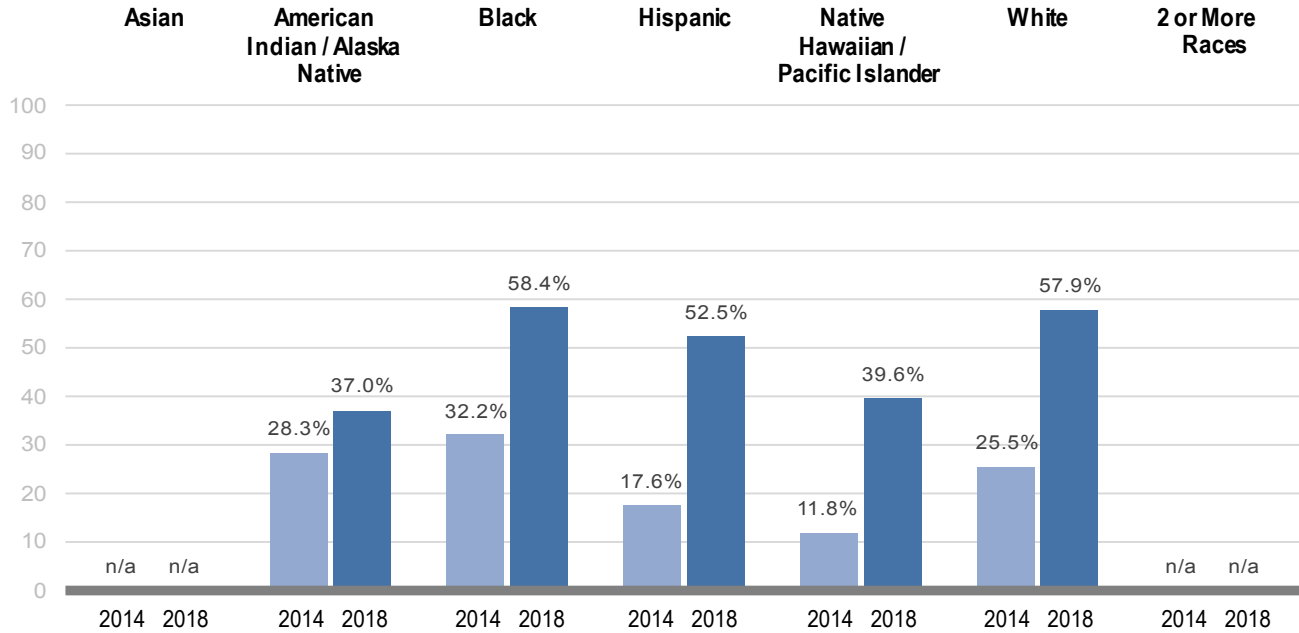


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	6,966	1,777	25.5%	5,736	3,164	55.2%	↑	29.7
Men	4,847	1,165	24.0%	4,135	2,208	53.4%	↑	29.4
Unknown	0			19				

\* 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	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	46	13	28.3%	27	10	37.0%	↑ 8.8
Black	2,100	676	32.2%	1,597	932	58.4%	↑ 26.2
Hispanic	295	52	17.6%	318	167	52.5%	↑ 34.9
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	524	62	11.8%	485	192	39.6%	↑ 27.8
White	7,709	1,964	25.5%	6,699	3,877	57.9%	↑ 32.4
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	1,139			764			

\* 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	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	640	113	17.7%	583	266	45.6% ↑	28.0
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,503	500	20.0%	2,291	1,110	48.5% ↑	28.5
Communication and Journalism	435	88	20.2%	284	172	60.6% ↑	40.3
Computer and Information Sciences	328	65	19.8%	435	208	47.8% ↑	28.0
Education	1,984	738	37.2%	1,672	1,038	62.1% ↑	24.9
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	477	100	21.0%	289	149	51.6% ↑	30.6
English Language and Literature	189	57	30.2%	145	97	66.9% ↑	36.7
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	50	12	24.0%	48	30	62.5% ↑	38.5
Health Professions	1,281	237	18.5%	1,074	525	48.9% ↑	30.4
History	135	42	31.1%	108	79	73.2% ↑	42.0
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	237	67	28.3%	146	92	63.0% ↑	34.7
Mathematics and Statistics	105	27	25.7%	107	56	52.3% ↑	26.6
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	248	61	24.6%	316	160	50.6% ↑	26.0
Philosophy and Religious Studies	67	12	17.9%	40	24	60.0% ↑	42.1
Physical Sciences	226	48	21.2%	147	69	46.9% ↑	25.7
Psychology	650	116	17.9%	519	291	56.1% ↑	38.2
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	543	194	35.7%	463	313	67.6% ↑	31.9
Social Sciences	894	250	28.0%	613	356	58.1% ↑	30.1
Visual and Performing Arts	338	67	19.8%	246	151	61.4% ↑	41.6
Unknown	478	147	30.8%	364	199	54.7% ↑	23.9

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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