

CAMPUS REPORT
Student Voting
Rates for
University of Nebraska-
Lincoln

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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 Civic Life, Tufts University. Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 850 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. With others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 7.5 million college student records that is already serving as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

NSLVE has recently published several resources including:

- ❑ *Talking Politics*: A tool for conversations on your campus regarding how to use the NSLVE report to spark change.
- ❑ *Democracy Matters: A Guide to Non-Statutory Barriers to Voting*: In this guide, we identify sometimes-hidden barriers students might face when registering to vote or voting, and strategies to overcome them.
- ❑ *National Data*: We have published data about the national landscape for college student political engagement including breakdowns by field of study and region.

Looking Ahead

Over the coming months, NSLVE will be releasing additional tools and resources that you can use to increase political learning and engagement in democracy on your campus. Here is a preview of some of this work.

- ❑ *Comparison Data*: We'll continue to aggregate comparison data for groups of participating campuses.
- ❑ *Case Studies*: We will be sharing the findings from our studies of campus climates for student political learning and engagement in democracy.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data and resources, visit: Activecitizen.tufts.edu/IDHE

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 results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse ("Clearinghouse") and publicly available voting records collected by Catalist.

Using enrollment records submitted on a date closest to the election, we removed students under age 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). Please note that students who blocked the use of their information under FERPA were also removed from the enrollment lists .

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 non-resident aliens. We cannot adjust for resident aliens. 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
- = no data was collected for this field

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

NSLVE encourages campuses to share their data as broadly as possible, including posting your campus report . When doing so please reference, *Institute for Democracy and Higher Education: National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement* as the data source.

Your Students' Voting and Registration Rates

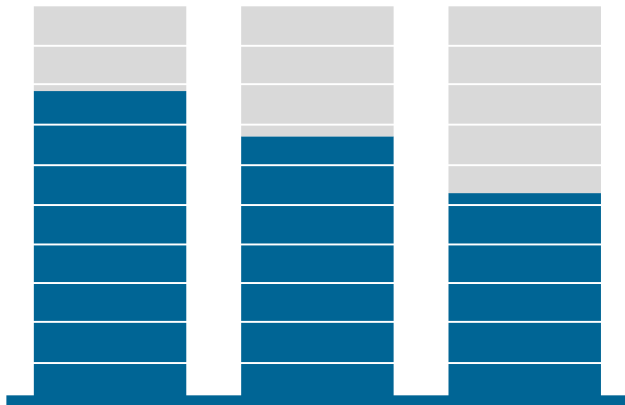
2012 Voting Rate

53%

2014 Voting Rate

20%

2012 Presidential Election

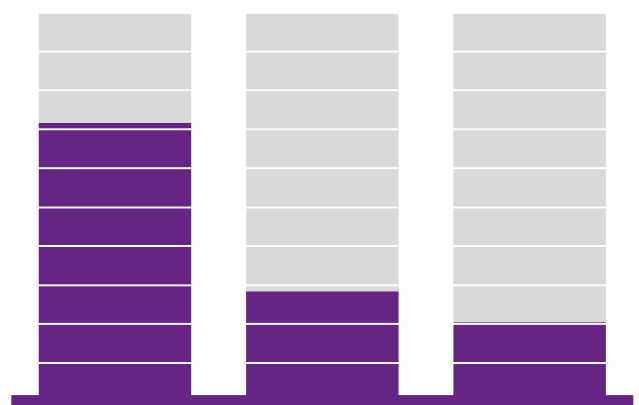


78.5%
Registration Rate

67.0%
Rate of Registered Students who Voted

52.6%
Voting Rate

2014 Midterm Election



71.8%
Registration Rate

28.2%
Rate of Registered Students who Voted

20.2%
Voting Rate

Total student enrollment	22,488
Ineligible to vote because too young	112
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,729
FERPA records blocked	1,013
Number of students who registered	15,416
Number of students who voted	10,325

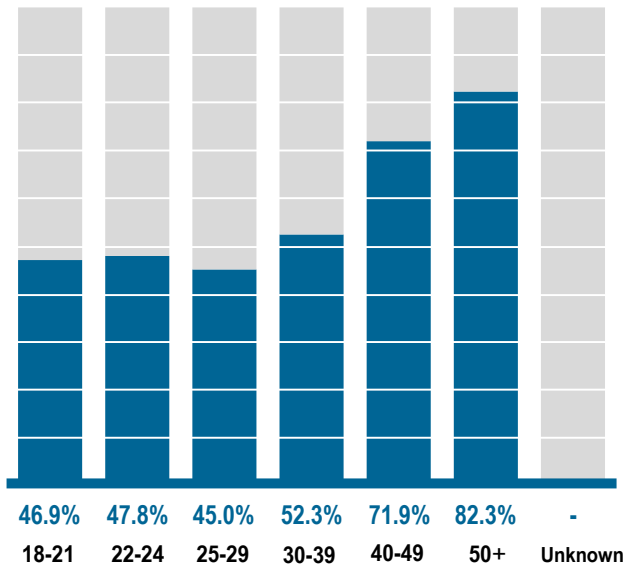
Total student enrollment	23,052
Ineligible to vote because too young	106
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,959
FERPA records blocked	524
Number of students who registered	14,689
Number of students who voted	4,140

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

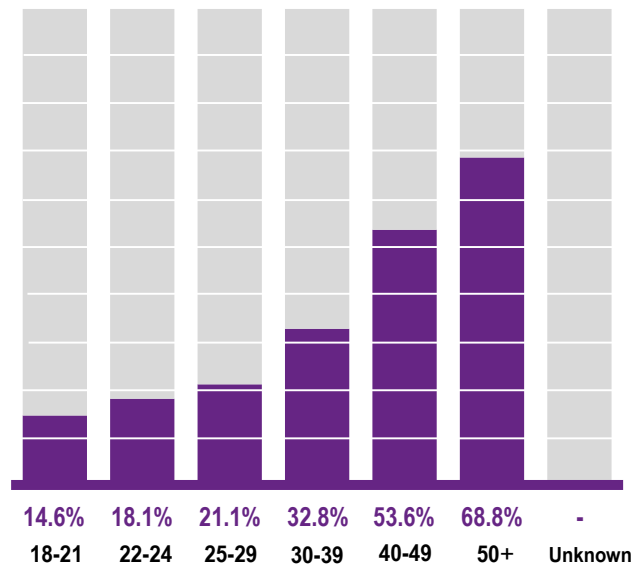
BY AGE GROUP

Your students' data broken down by age at the time of the election. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. 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	12,669	5,946
22-24	4,484	2,143
25-29	2,053	923
30-39	1,365	714
40-49	509	366
50+	283	233
Unknown	-	-

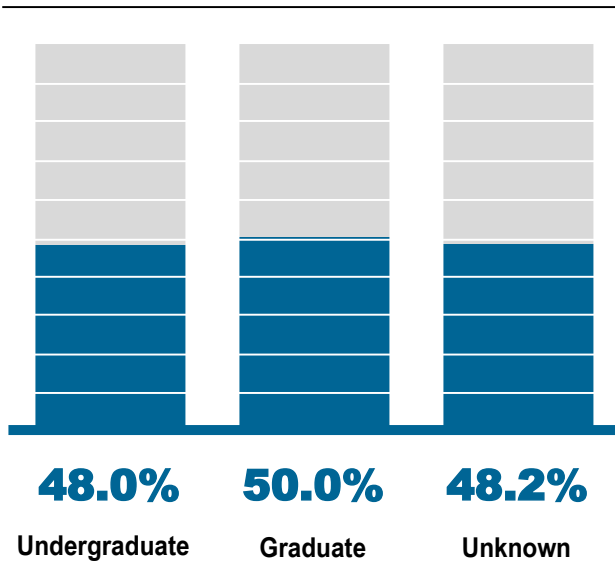
AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	13,843	2,021
22-24	4,366	791
25-29	2,076	439
30-39	1,417	465
40-49	470	252
50+	250	172
Unknown	-	-

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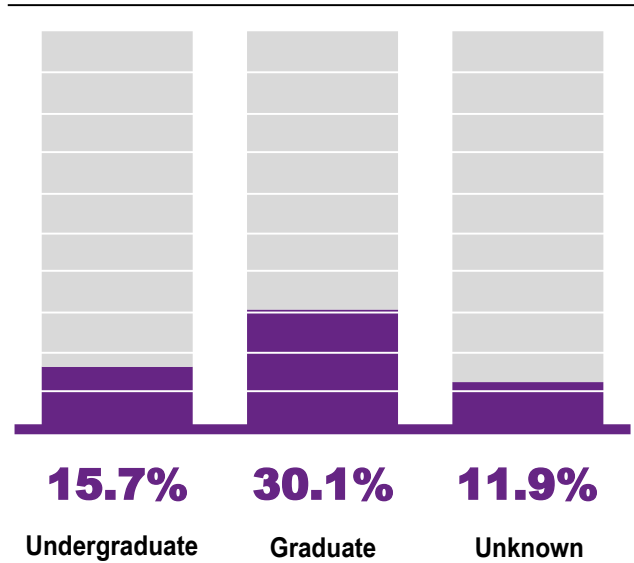
BY EDUCATION LEVEL

Your students' broken down by undergraduate and graduate students. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election



EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	14,982	7,185
Graduate	3,545	1,773
Unknown	2,836	1,367

EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	17,795	2,794
Graduate	4,374	1,316
Unknown	253	30

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY FIELD OF STUDY

Your students's data broken down by field of study. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

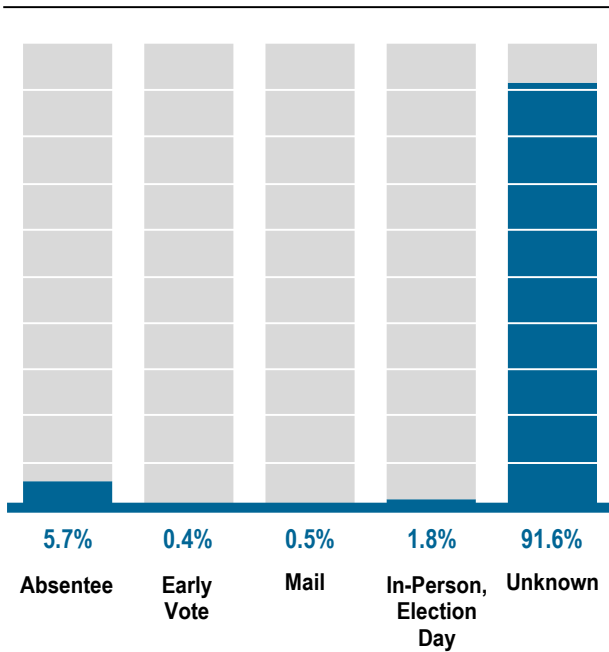
	2012 Presidential Election			2014 Midterm Election		
	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout
Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences	270	138	51.1%	1,706	327	19.2%
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	158	78	49.4%	1,073	173	16.1%
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support	608	288	47.4%	3,741	582	15.6%
Communications, Journalism, and Related Programs	201	112	55.7%	1,254	241	19.2%
Computer and Information and Library Sciences	34	13	38.2%	399	56	14.0%
Education	377	229	60.7%	2,136	614	28.7%
Engineering	262	129	49.2%	2,167	346	16.0%
Health Professions and Related Sciences, Knowledge, and Skills	110	41	37.3%	1,179	122	10.3%
Humanities	163	107	65.6%	744	185	24.9%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and General Studies	-	-	-	770	86	11.2%
Mathematics and Statistics	36	15	41.7%	211	32	15.2%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	21	15	71.4%	187	54	28.9%
Parks and Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Physical Sciences	100	51	51.0%	869	149	17.1%
Professions	178	101	56.7%	790	197	24.9%
Psychology, Personal Awareness, and Self-Improvement	170	77	45.3%	1,001	155	15.5%
Social Sciences	137	83	60.6%	566	169	29.9%
Technologies/Technicians	28	14	50.0%	174	21	12.1%
Trades	307	153	49.8%	1,921	246	12.8%
Visual and Performing Arts	147	71	48.3%	697	131	18.8%
Unknown	18,056	8,610	47.7%	837	254	30.3%

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY VOTING METHOD

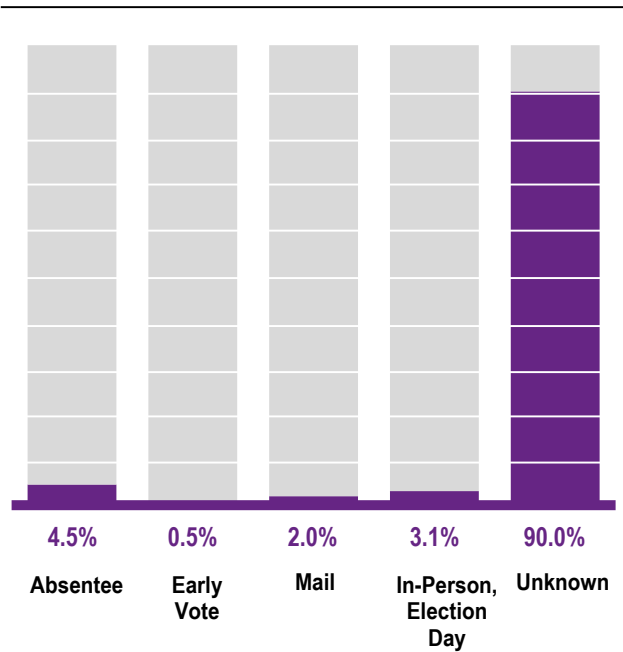
Your students' data broken down by voting method. If your campus has a high percentage of "unknown" voting methods, it means that this information is not reported by local officials.

2012 Presidential Election



VOTING METHOD	VOTED
Absentee	589
Early Vote	39
Mail	53
In-Person, Election Day	188
Unknown	9,456
Total	10,325

2014 Midterm Election



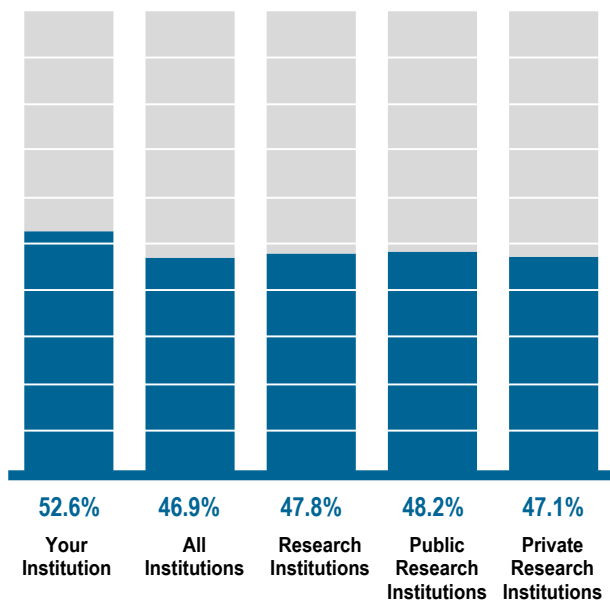
VOTING METHOD	VOTED
Absentee	186
Early Vote	22
Mail	81
In-Person, Election Day	127
Unknown	3,724
Total	4,140

How Your Numbers Compare

BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

See how your campus voting rate compares to others in your institution's Carnegie classification. This comparison data allows your campus to understand your voting rate in the context of similar institutions.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election

