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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: **https://idhe.tufts.edu.**

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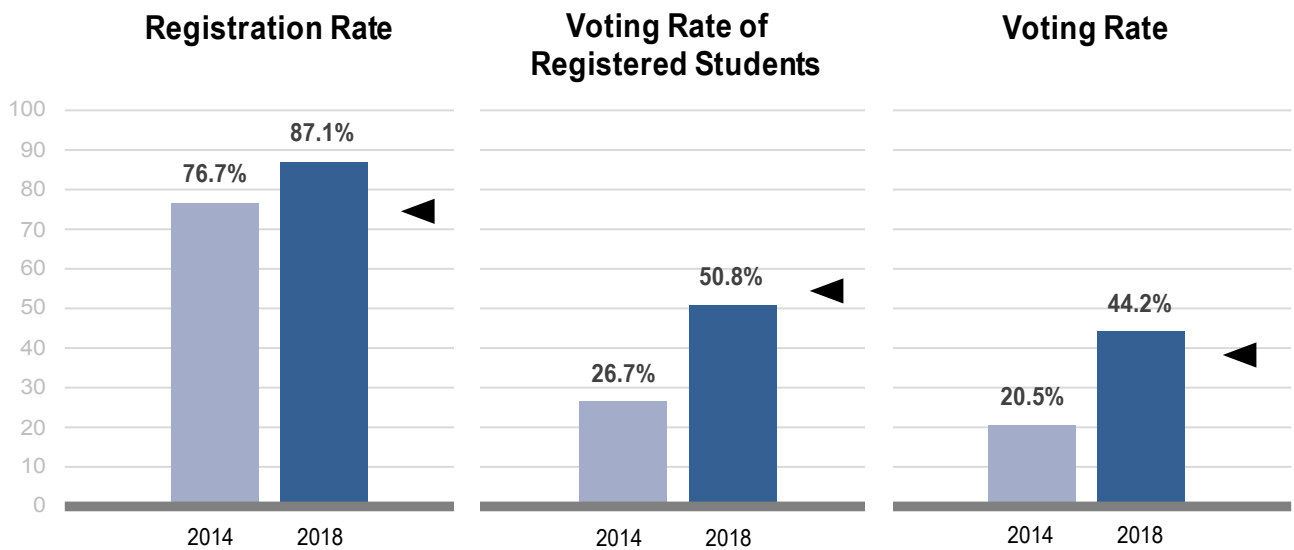
Warm regards,

IDHE Team

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

44.2%

CHANGE
FROM 2014

+23.7

2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate

- 76.7% (2014)
- 87.1% (2018)

Voting Rate of Registered Students

- 26.7% (2014)
- 50.8% (2018)

Voting Rate

- 20.5% (2014)
- 44.2% (2018)

◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	23,052	23,290	⬆	238
Age under 18/Unknown	(106)	(142)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(2,195)	(2,505)		
FERPA records blocked	(524)	(252)		
Total eligible voters	20,227	20,391	⬆	164
Number of students who registered	15,520	17,757	⬆	2,237
Number of students who voted	4,140	9,013	⬆	4,873
Registration rate	76.7%	87.1%	⬆	10.4
Voting rate of registered students	26.7%	50.8%	⬆	24.1
Voting rate	20.5%	44.2%	⬆	23.7
Difference from all institutions	+0.8	+5.1		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH 54.0%
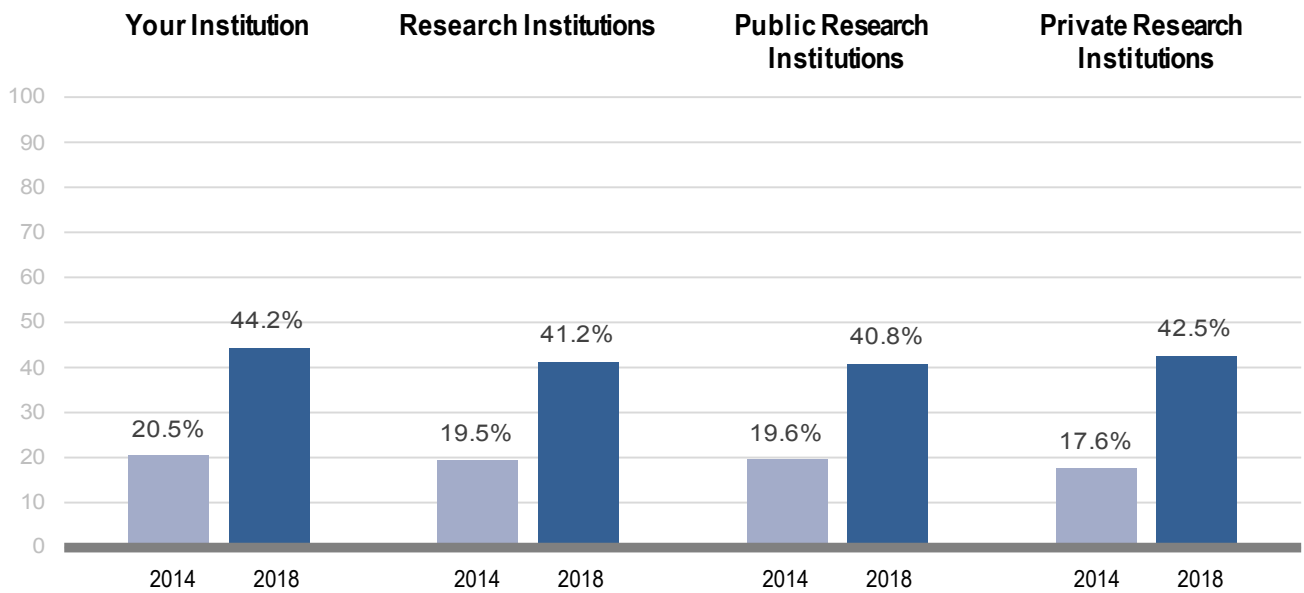
LOW 1.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **+0.8**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH 64.1%

LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **+5.1**

	Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2014	20.5%	19.5%	19.6%	17.6%
2018	44.2%	41.2%	40.8%	42.5%

By Voting Method*
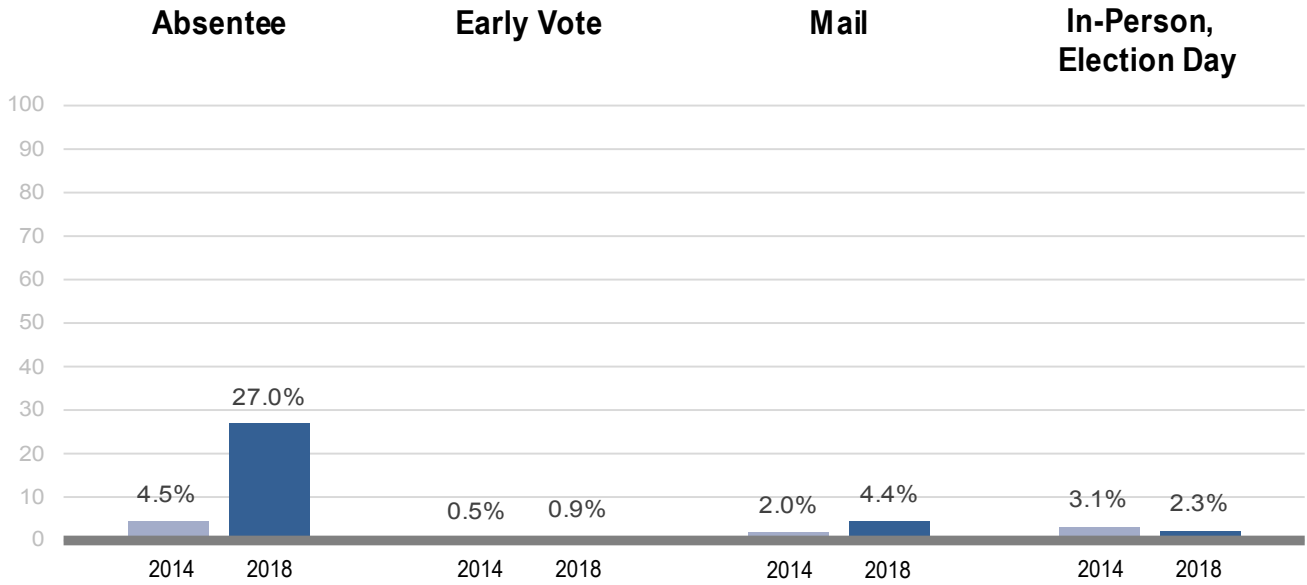
	2014			2018			
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	186	**4.5%**		2,432	**27.0%**	⬆	**22.5**
Early Vote	22	**0.5%**		84	**0.9%**	⬆	**0.4**
Mail	81	**2.0%**		398	**4.4%**	⬆	**2.5**
In-Person, Election Day	127	**3.1%**		204	**2.3%**	⬇	**-0.8**
Unknown	3,724	**90.0%**		5,895	**65.4%**		
Total	**4,140**			**9,013**			

* 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.

By Age Group*
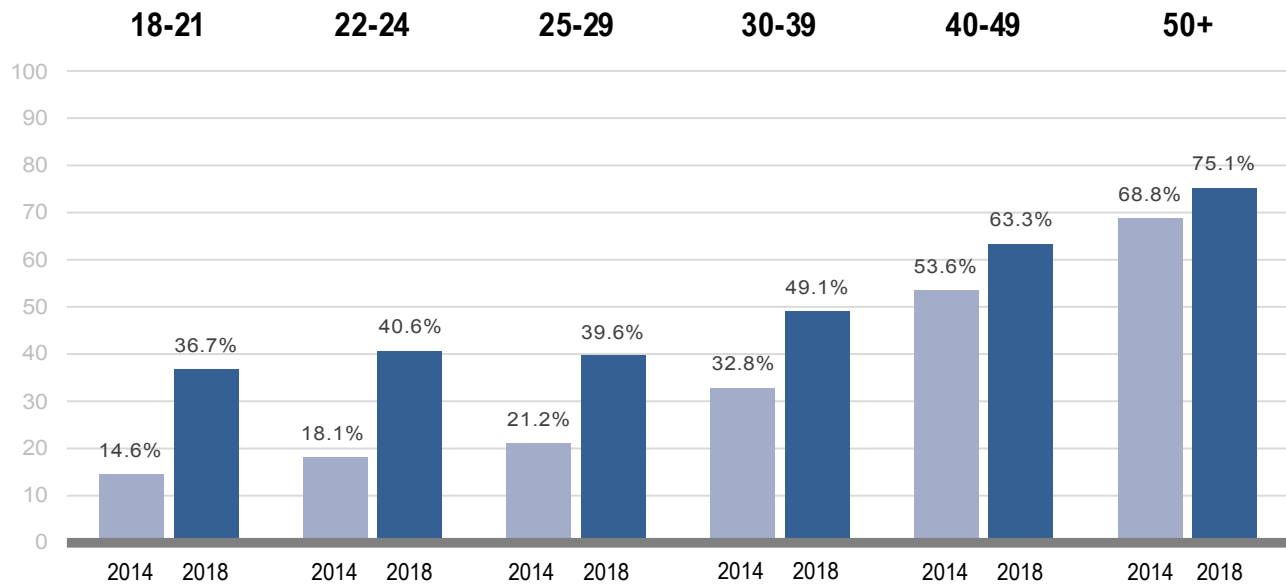
	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	13,843	2,021	**14.6%**	14,519	5,332	**36.7%**	⬆	**22.1**
22-24	4,366	791	**18.1%**	4,225	1,714	**40.6%**	⬆	**22.5**
25-29	2,076	439	**21.2%**	2,023	802	**39.6%**	⬆	**18.5**
30-39	1,417	465	**32.8%**	1,455	714	**49.1%**	⬆	**16.3**
40-49	470	252	**53.6%**	469	297	**63.3%**	⬆	**9.7**
50+	250	172	**68.8%**	205	154	**75.1%**	⬆	**6.3**
Unknown	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
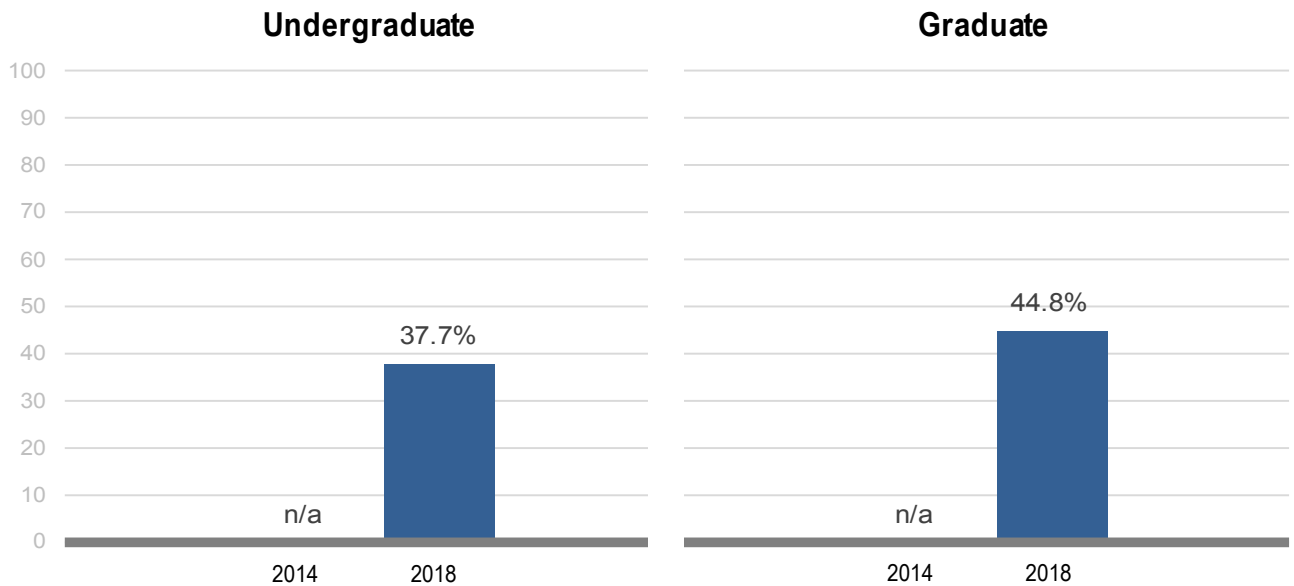
Graduate

	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**		18,294	6,904	**37.7%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**		4,271	1,914	**44.8%**	**n/a**
Unknown	22,422				331			

* 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*
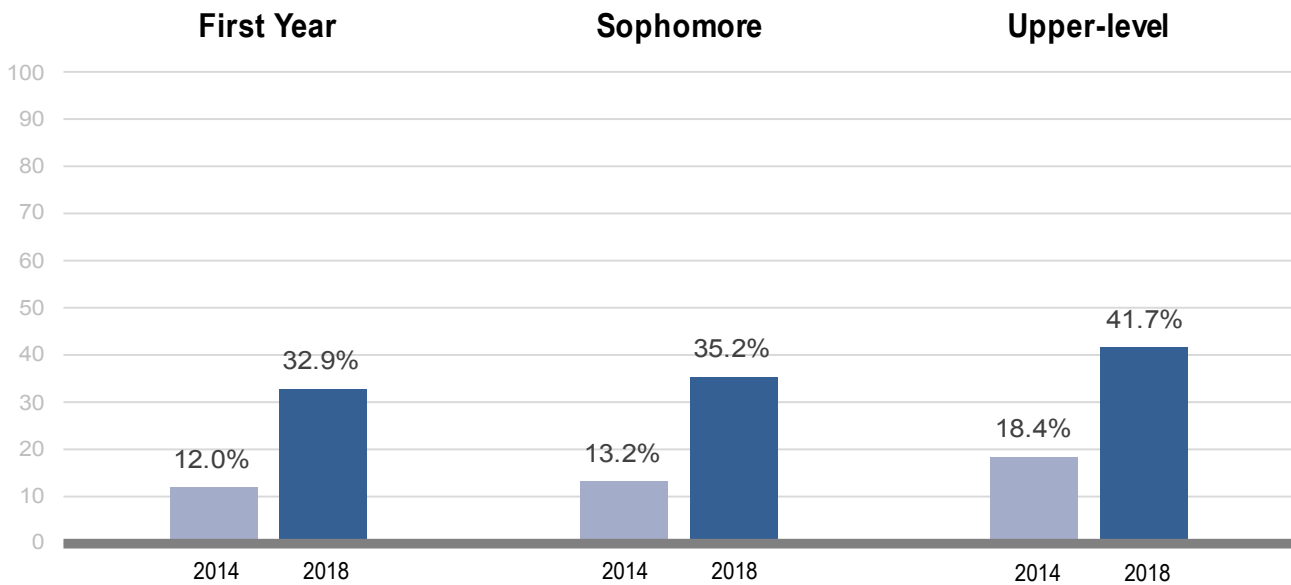
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	4,703	563	**12.0%**	4,493	1,476	**32.9%**	⬆	**20.9**
Sophomore	3,572	473	**13.2%**	3,756	1,323	**35.2%**	⬆	**22.0**
Upper-level	9,450	1,740	**18.4%**	9,730	4,061	**41.7%**	⬆	**23.3**

* 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*
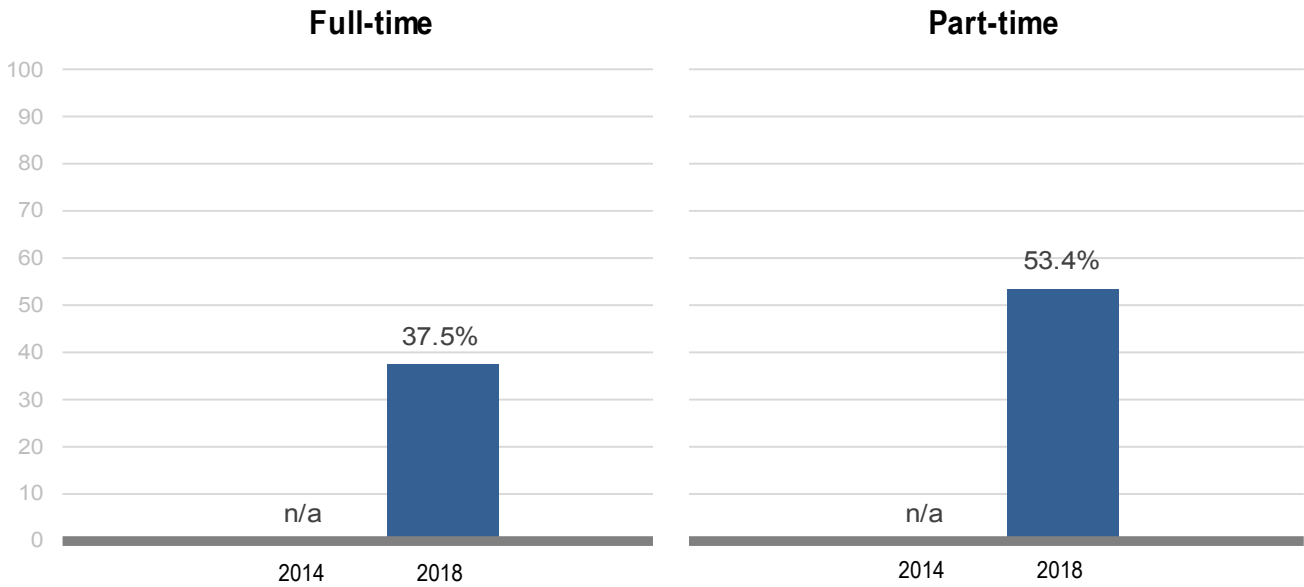
	Full-time	Part-time
	37.5% (2018), n/a (2014)	53.4% (2018), n/a (2014)

	2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Full-time	0	0	**n/a**	20,194	7,569	**37.5%**	**n/a**
Part-time	0	0	**n/a**	2,702	1,444	**53.4%**	**n/a**
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.

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By Gender*

Women	Men
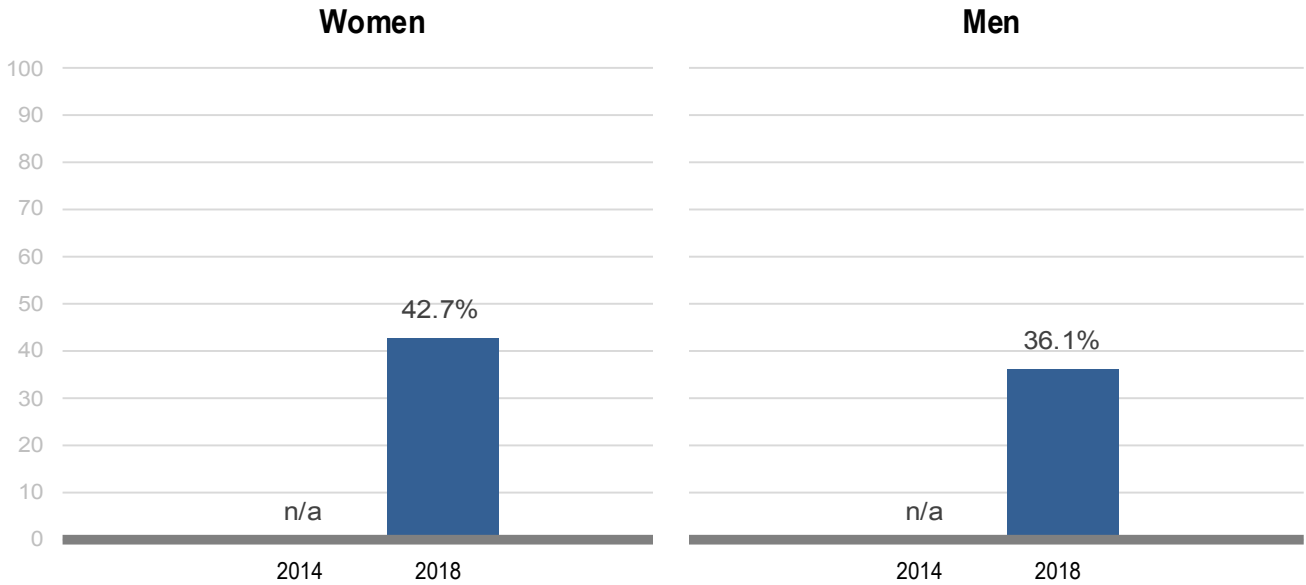
	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Women	0	0	**n/a**		11,384	4,859	**42.7%**	**n/a**
Men	0	0	**n/a**		11,509	4,154	**36.1%**	**n/a**
Unknown	22,422				*			

* 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.
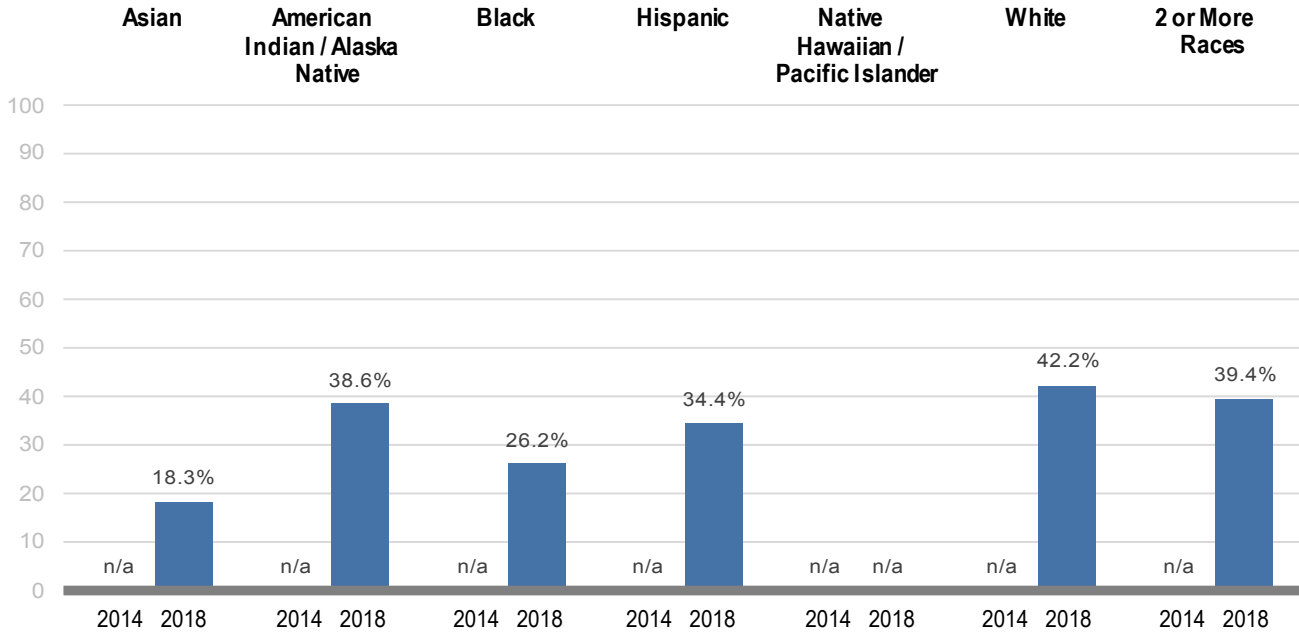
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Race/Ethnicity*

	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Asian	0	0	**n/a**		1,158	212	**18.3%**	**n/a**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	**n/a**		57	22	**38.6%**	**n/a**
Black	0	0	**n/a**		687	180	**26.2%**	**n/a**
Hispanic	0	0	**n/a**		1,609	554	**34.4%**	**n/a**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	**n/a**		17	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
White	0	0	**n/a**		17,916	7,563	**42.2%**	**n/a**
2 or More Races	0	0	**n/a**		728	287	**39.4%**	**n/a**
Unknown	22,422				724			

* 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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	1,706	327	**19.2%**	1,749	542	**31.0%** ⬆	**11.8**
Architecture	422	65	**15.4%**	466	184	**39.5%** ⬆	**24.1**
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	27	*	**n/a**	33	21	**63.6%**	**n/a**
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,073	173	**16.1%**	1,148	446	**38.9%** ⬆	**22.7**
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,741	582	**15.6%**	4,083	1,390	**34.0%** ⬆	**18.5**
Communication and Journalism	1,254	241	**19.2%**	1,312	581	**44.3%** ⬆	**25.1**
Computer and Information Sciences	399	56	**14.0%**	492	170	**34.6%** ⬆	**20.5**
Education	2,136	614	**28.8%**	2,130	1,015	**47.7%** ⬆	**18.9**
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,341	367	**15.7%**	2,427	878	**36.2%** ⬆	**20.5**
English Language and Literature	325	76	**23.4%**	291	179	**61.5%** ⬆	**38.1**
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	1,452	199	**13.7%**	1,344	431	**32.1%** ⬆	**18.4**
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	162	33	**20.4%**	119	54	**45.4%** ⬆	**25.0**
Health Professions	1,179	122	**10.4%**	1,313	373	**28.4%** ⬆	**18.1**
History	209	64	**30.6%**	190	102	**53.7%** ⬆	**23.1**
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	469	47	**10.0%**	437	158	**36.2%** ⬆	**26.1**
Legal Professions and Studies	368	132	**35.9%**	419	245	**58.5%** ⬆	**22.6**
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	770	86	**11.2%**	761	229	**30.1%** ⬆	**18.9**
Mathematics and Statistics	211	32	**15.2%**	254	104	**40.9%** ⬆	**25.8**
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	160	47	**29.4%**	210	99	**47.1%** ⬆	**17.8**
Natural Resources and Conservation	377	72	**19.1%**	464	221	**47.6%** ⬆	**28.5**
Philosophy and Religious Studies	48	12	**25.0%**	47	23	**48.9%** ⬆	**23.9**
Physical Sciences	492	77	**15.7%**	498	186	**37.4%** ⬆	**21.7**
Psychology	1,001	155	**15.5%**	1,045	484	**46.3%** ⬆	**30.8**

Social Sciences	566	169	**29.9%**		626	355	**56.7%** ⬆	**26.9**
Visual and Performing Arts	697	131	**18.8%**		732	359	**49.0%** ⬆	**30.3**
Unknown	837	254	**30.4%**		306	184	**60.1%** ⬆	**29.8**

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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