

**2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
University of New Mexico-  
Main Campus

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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 and 2016 federal elections. Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of nearly 30 million college student records, about 10 million for each election year, that serve as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

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. The mission of IDHE is to shift college and university priorities and culture to advance political learning, agency, and equity. We achieve our mission through research, resource development, technical assistance, 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 actually voted in the 2012 and 2016 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (FERPA-blocked records excluded) and publicly available voting files collected by Catalyst.

Institutional voting rates 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, we cannot consistently adjust for students who are non-resident aliens, resident aliens, or undocumented students. This may result in your institution's actual voting rate being higher than we report. To calculate that percentage, and to read more about NSLVE data, see our [FAQ on Campus Reports](#). Please also see [Creating and Maintaining the NSLVE Database](#) paper for a more detailed study methodology.

## 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. This report provides a baseline measure of your students' engagement in democracy in 2012 and 2016, and compares your institution's voting rates to similar institutions. Visit our website for more comparison data.
- ❑ Share the report widely and strategically, including posting it online.
- ❑ Put your data into practice. Use our IDHE Resources to guide you.
- ❑ Address your campus climate for student political learning, discourse, and participation. Start by bringing the IDHE team to your campus or using the IDHE self-assessment rubric available on our website.
- ❑ Partner with IDHE. We are available with virtual office hours, webinars, brown bag discussions and in-person trainings.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: [idhe.tufts.edu](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

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Warm regards,  
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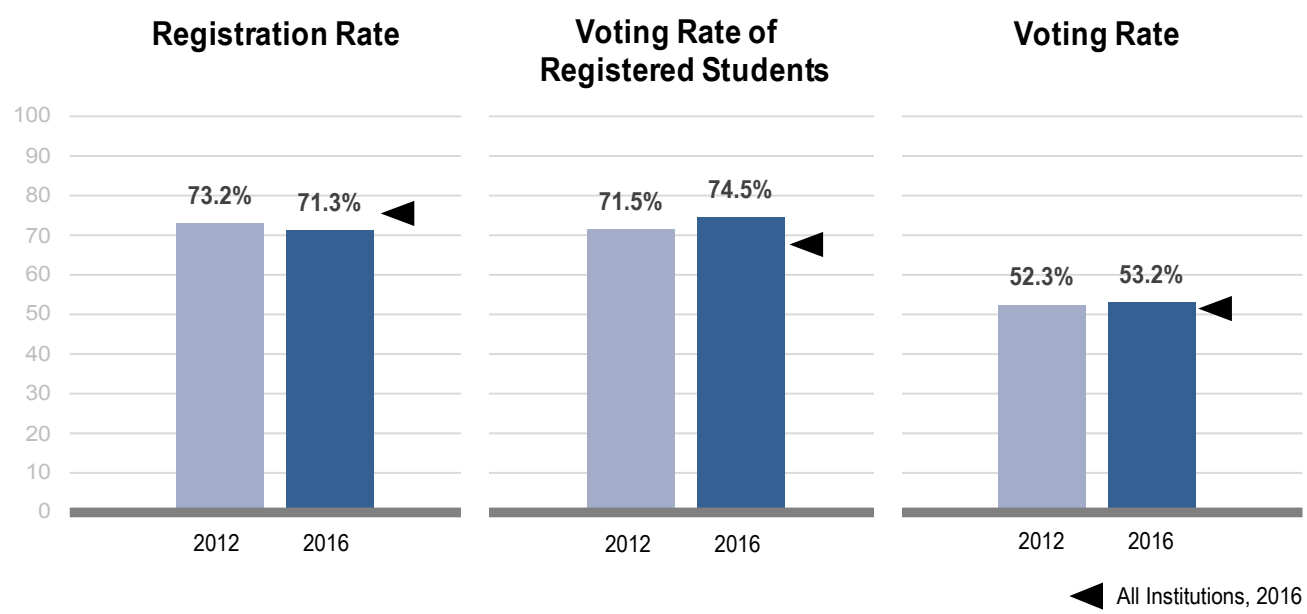
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2016 Voting Rate**  
**53.2%**

CHANGE FROM 2012  
**0.9**

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**50.4%**



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	35,511	32,702	↓ -2,809
Age under 18/Unknown	(1,409)	(2,135)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,252)	(1,610)	
FERPA records blocked	(388)	(263)	
Total eligible voters	32,462	28,694	↓ -3,768
Number of students who registered	23,755	20,465	↓ -3,290
Number of students who voted	16,977	15,254	↓ -1,723
Registration rate	73.2%	71.3%	↓ -1.9
Voting rate of registered students	71.5%	74.5%	↑ 3.1
Voting rate	52.3%	53.2%	↑ 0.9
Difference from all institutions	+5.4	+2.8	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

**2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**46.9%**

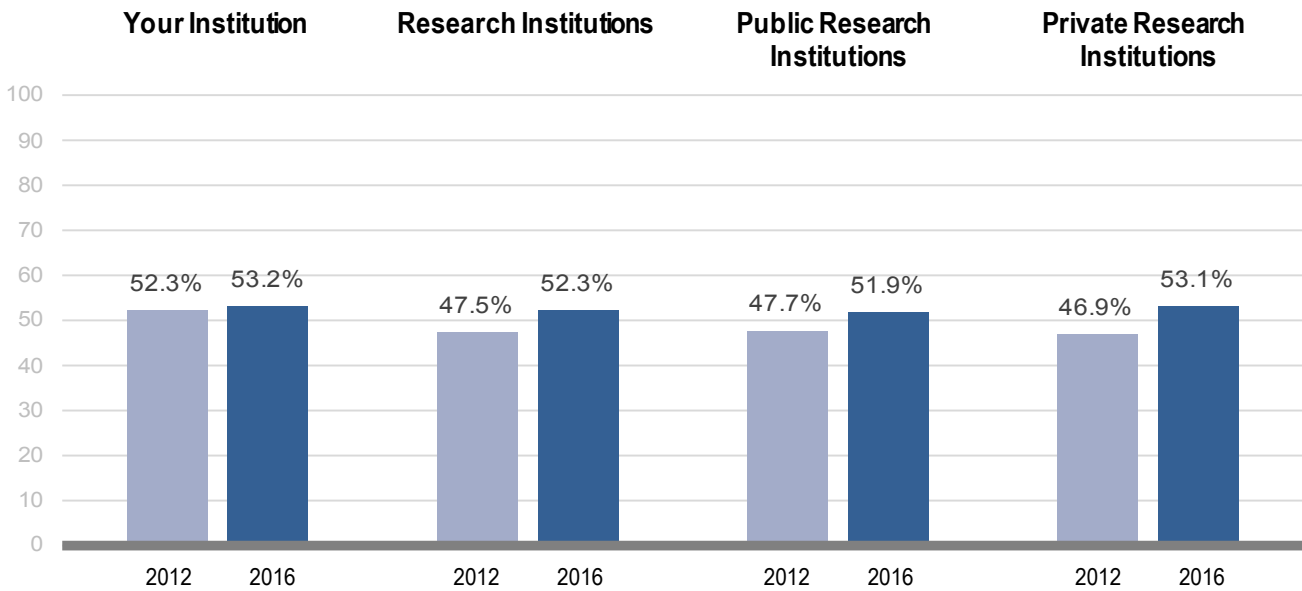
HIGH 72.9%  
 LOW 19.3%

**2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**50.4%**

HIGH 81.4%  
 LOW 13.1%

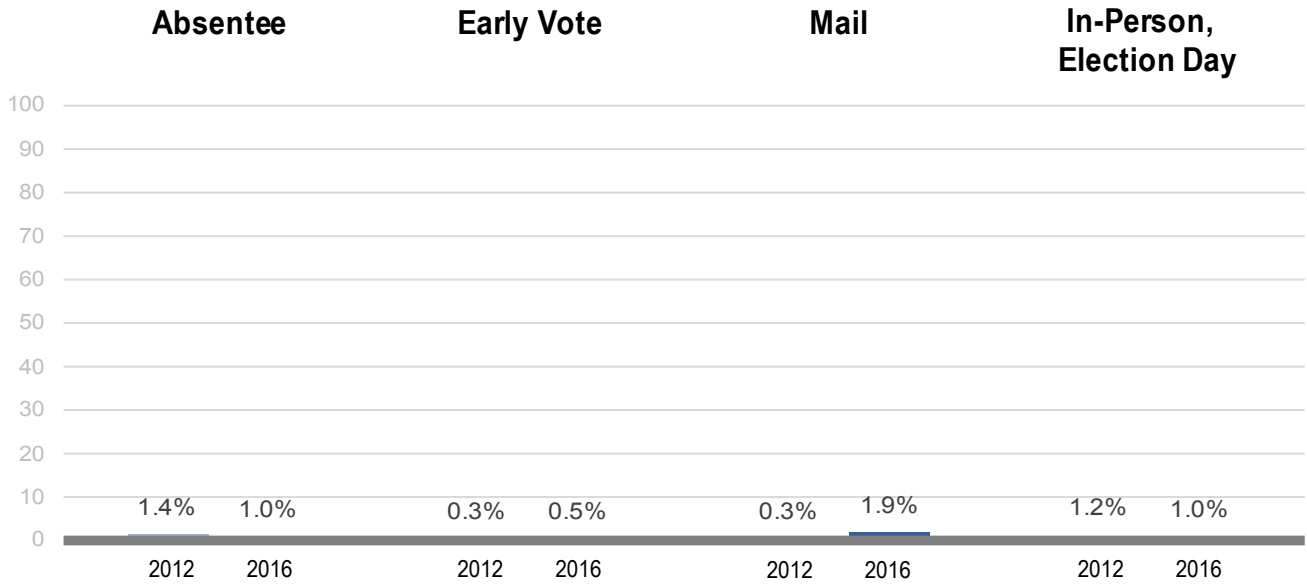
Difference from All Institutions **+5.4**

Difference from All Institutions **+2.8**



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# By Voting Method\*

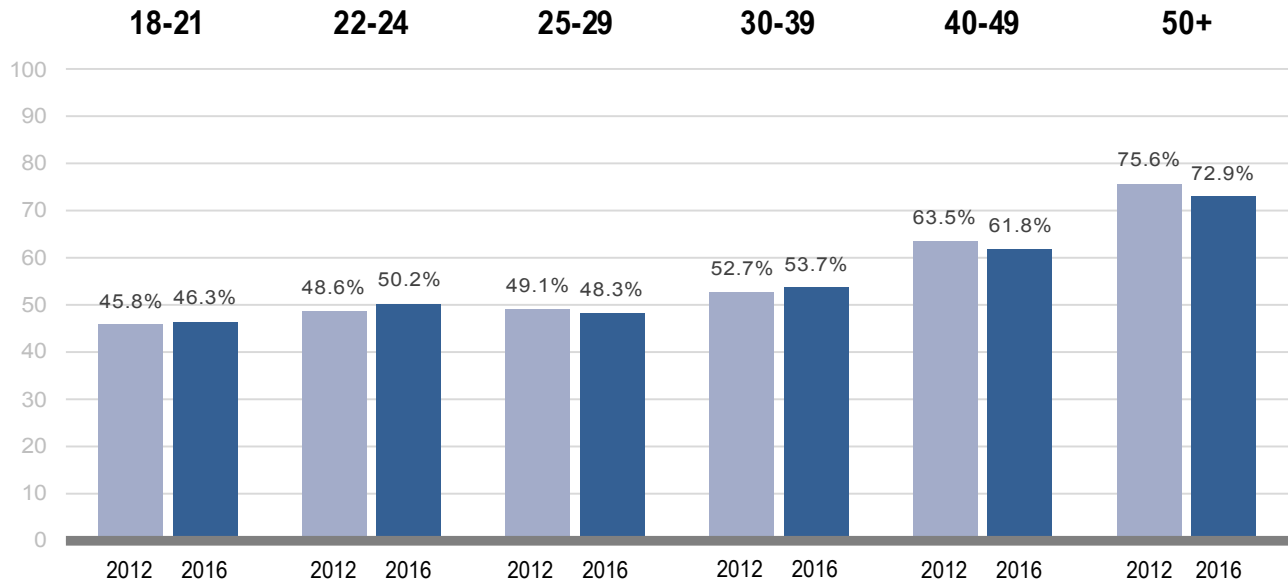


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	239	1.4%	153	1.0%	↓ -0.4
Early Vote	44	0.3%	71	0.5%	↑ 0.2
Mail	57	0.3%	289	1.9%	↑ 1.6
In-Person, Election Day	198	1.2%	151	1.0%	↓ -0.2
Unknown	16,439	96.8%	14,590	95.7%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,977</b>		<b>15,254</b>		

\* 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.

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# By Age Group\*

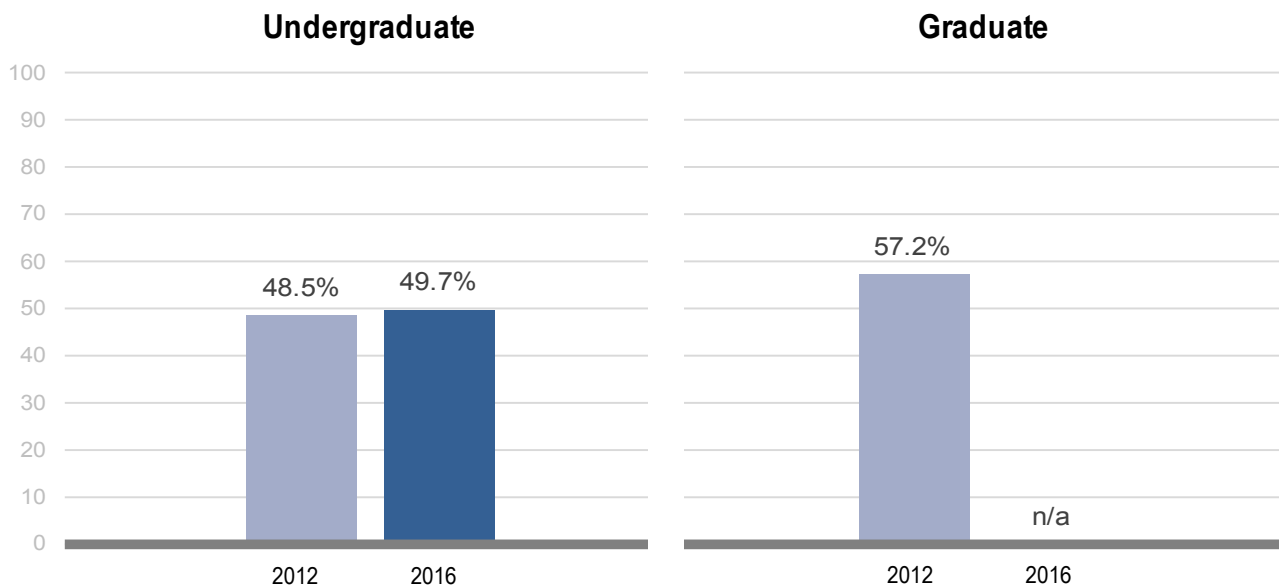


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	13,476	6,178	<b>45.8%</b>	13,194	6,109	<b>46.3%</b>	↑ 0.5
22-24	6,440	3,130	<b>48.6%</b>	5,610	2,817	<b>50.2%</b>	↑ 1.6
25-29	5,302	2,601	<b>49.1%</b>	4,456	2,151	<b>48.3%</b>	↓ -0.8
30-39	4,809	2,533	<b>52.7%</b>	4,058	2,177	<b>53.7%</b>	↑ 1.0
40-49	2,078	1,319	<b>63.5%</b>	1,597	987	<b>61.8%</b>	↓ -1.7
50+	1,609	1,216	<b>75.6%</b>	1,389	1,013	<b>72.9%</b>	↓ -2.6
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.

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# By Education Level\*

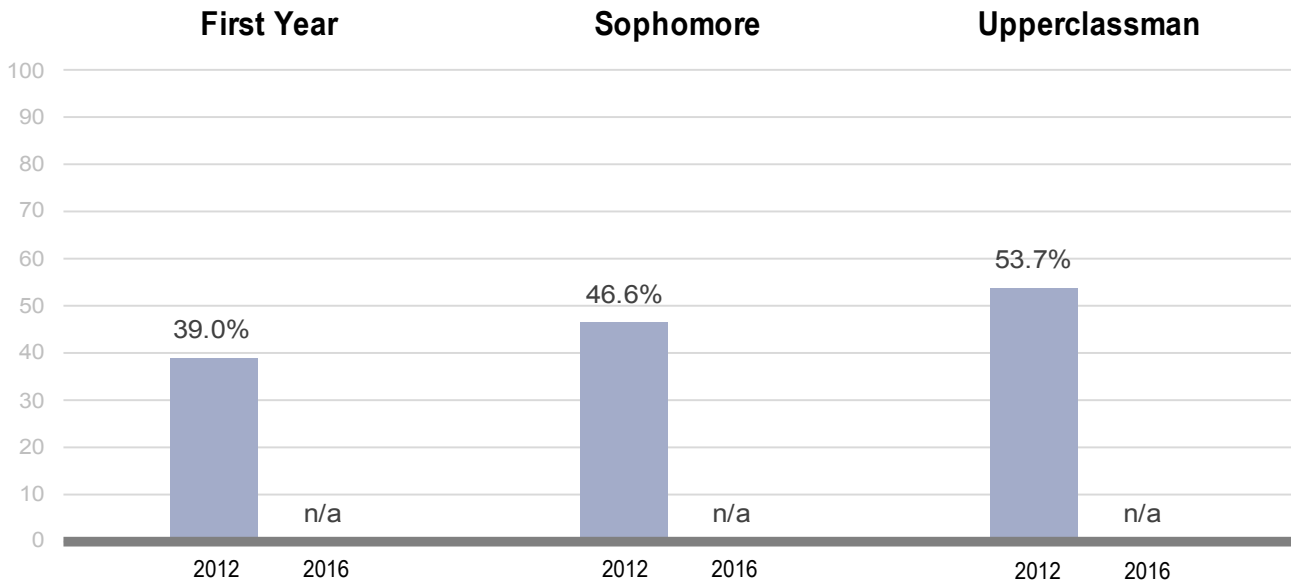


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	26,650	12,937	<b>48.5%</b>	22,931	11,391	<b>49.7%</b>	↑ 1.1
Graduate	7,064	4,040	<b>57.2%</b>	0	0	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Unknown	0			7,373			

\* 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\*



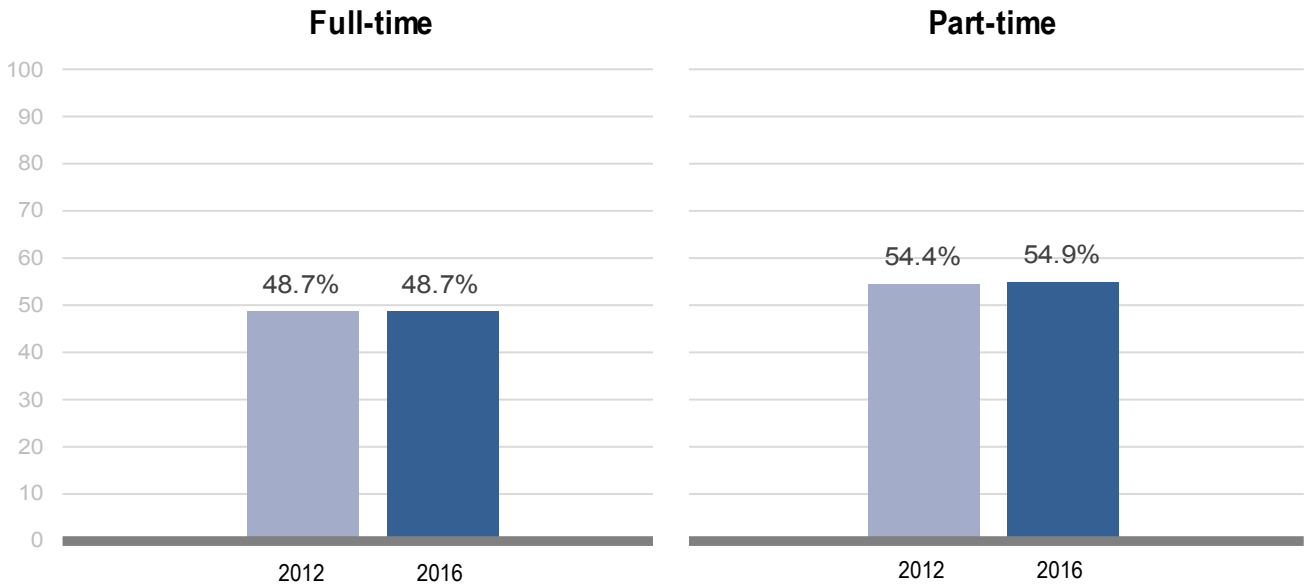
	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	5,412	2,108	<b>39.0%</b>	0	0	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Sophomore	6,369	2,966	<b>46.6%</b>	0	0	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Upperclassman	13,062	7,017	<b>53.7%</b>	0	0	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>

\* 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\*

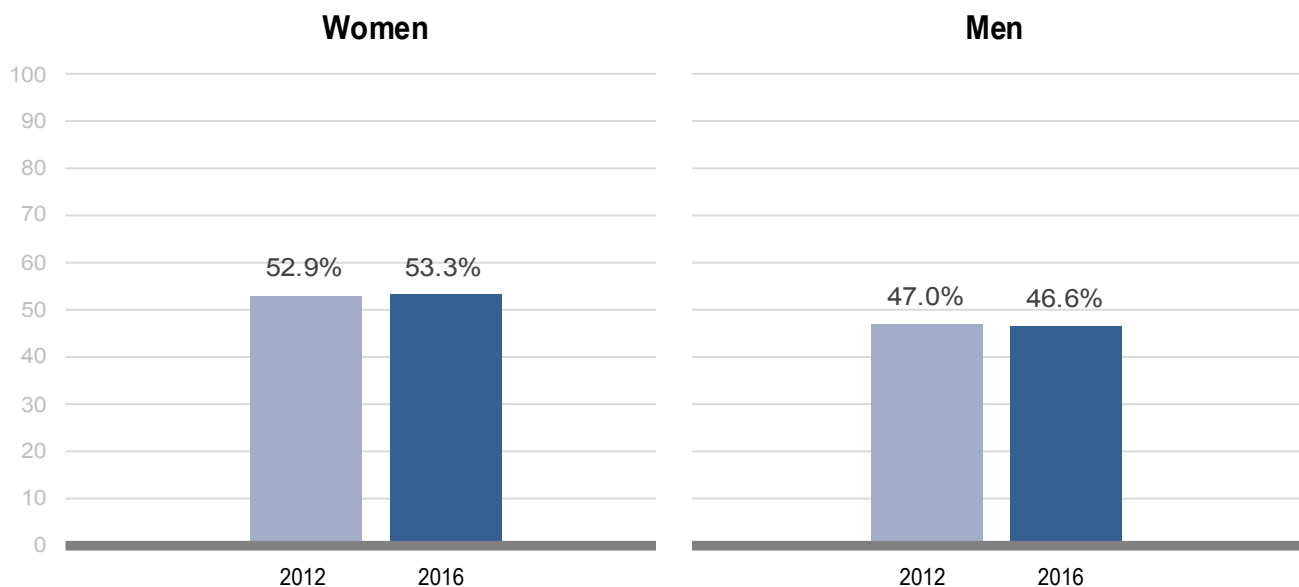


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	23,824	11,601	<b>48.7%</b>	22,208	10,810	<b>48.7%</b>	→ <b>0.0</b>
Part-time	9,890	5,376	<b>54.4%</b>	8,096	4,444	<b>54.9%</b>	↑ <b>0.5</b>
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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\*

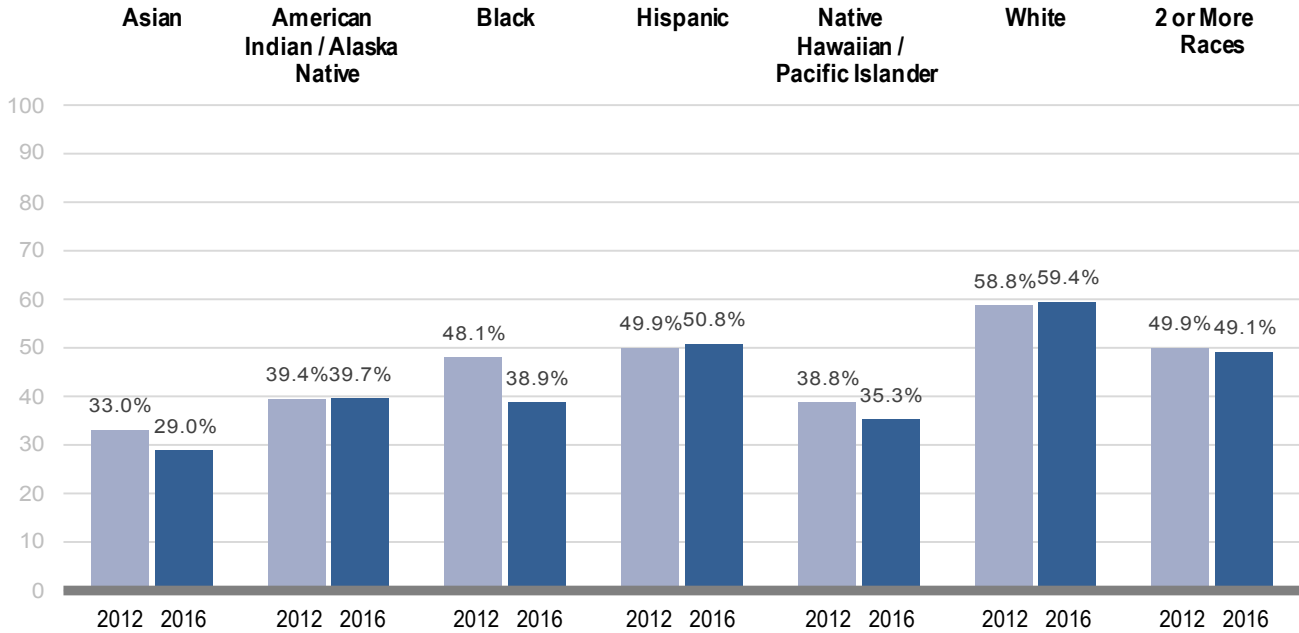


	2012			2016			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	19,199	10,162	<b>52.9%</b>	16,986	9,051	<b>53.3%</b>	↑	<b>0.4</b>
Men	14,515	6,815	<b>47.0%</b>	13,316	6,203	<b>46.6%</b>	↓	<b>-0.4</b>
Unknown	0	0	<b>n/a</b>	*	0	<b>n/a</b>		

\* 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.

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# By Race/Ethnicity\*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	918	303	33.0%	1,236	358	29.0%	↓ -4.1
American Indian/ Alaska Native	3,596	1,418	39.4%	3,022	1,200	39.7%	↑ 0.3
Black	750	361	48.1%	658	256	38.9%	↓ -9.2
Hispanic	12,873	6,421	49.9%	12,681	6,447	50.8%	↑ 1.0
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	67	26	38.8%	51	18	35.3%	↓ -3.5
White	12,691	7,462	58.8%	10,444	6,208	59.4%	↑ 0.6
2 or More Races	841	420	49.9%	933	458	49.1%	↓ -0.8
Unknown	967			1,279			

\* 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.

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## 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.

	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Architecture	620	310	50.0%	477	201	42.1% ↓	-7.9
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	219	113	51.6%	178	86	48.3% ↓	-3.3
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,231	1,181	52.9%	2,105	1,081	51.4% ↓	-1.6
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,710	1,847	49.8%	3,416	1,693	49.6% ↓	-0.2
Communication and Journalism	478	251	52.5%	298	169	56.7% ↑	4.2
Communications Technologies/Technicians	48	*	n/a	44	11	25.0%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	504	212	42.1%	767	352	45.9% ↑	3.8
Construction Trades	147	42	28.6%	103	32	31.1% ↑	2.5
Education	3,439	1,862	54.1%	2,934	1,557	53.1% ↓	-1.1
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,294	1,030	44.9%	2,479	1,186	47.8% ↑	2.9
English Language and Literature	922	534	57.9%	819	481	58.7% ↑	0.8
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	387	207	53.5%	303	171	56.4% ↑	3.0
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	652	331	50.8%	471	252	53.5% ↑	2.7
Health Professions	3,365	1,694	50.3%	3,639	1,792	49.2% ↓	-1.1
History	382	215	56.3%	240	147	61.3% ↑	5.0
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	960	435	45.3%	857	395	46.1% ↑	0.8
Legal Professions and Studies	371	246	66.3%	331	221	66.8% ↑	0.5
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,245	964	42.9%	2,359	1,102	46.7% ↑	3.8
Mathematics and Statistics	251	116	46.2%	249	111	44.6% ↓	-1.6
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	136	34	25.0%	116	31	26.7% ↑	1.7
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	102	64	62.8%	205	102	49.8% ↓	-13.0
Natural Resources and Conservation	133	71	53.4%	134	57	42.5% ↓	-10.8
Personal and Culinary Services	65	13	20.0%	50	13	26.0% ↑	6.0

Philosophy and Religious Studies	168	96	57.1%	135	73	54.1% ↓	-3.1
Physical Sciences	1,584	664	41.9%	1,540	639	41.5% ↓	-0.4
Precision Production	69	13	18.8%	81	16	19.8% ↑	0.9
Psychology	1,832	936	51.1%	1,668	841	50.4% ↓	-0.7
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	298	188	63.1%	209	115	55.0% ↓	-8.1
Social Sciences	1,499	850	56.7%	1,220	710	58.2% ↑	1.5
Visual and Performing Arts	1,643	855	52.0%	1,156	637	55.1% ↑	3.1
Unknown	2,960	1,594	53.9%	1,721	980	56.9% ↑	3.1

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: [idhe.tufts.edu](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

**References:**

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