

## **2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

# Student Voting Rates for University of North Carolina at Charlotte

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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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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at [NSLVE@tufts.edu](mailto:NSLVE@tufts.edu).

Warm regards,

IDHE Team



## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

## 33.4%

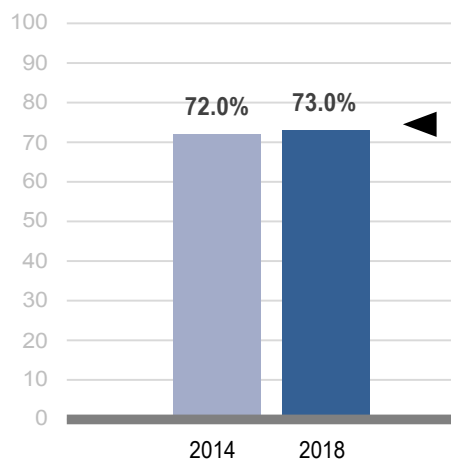
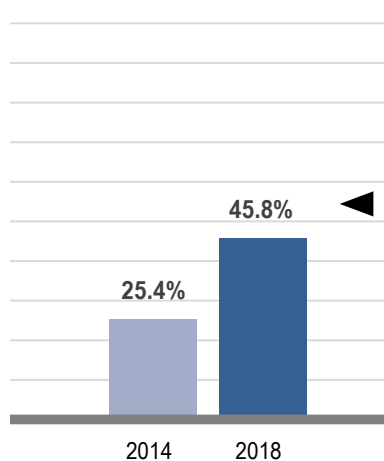
CHANGE  
FROM 2014

## +15.2

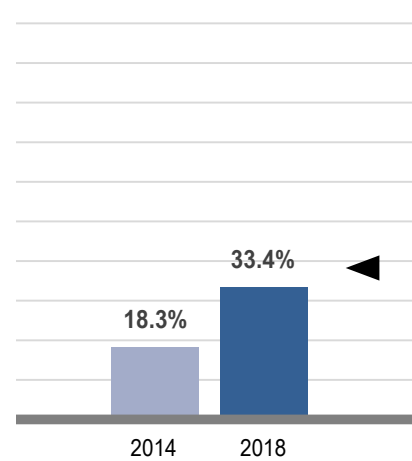
2018 VOTING RATE  
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

## 39.1%

Registration Rate


Voting Rate of  
Registered Students


Voting Rate



All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	25,435	29,251	↑ 3,816
Age under 18/Unknown	(91)	(82)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,573)	(2,015)	
FERPA records blocked	(50)	(261)	
Total eligible voters	23,721	26,893	↑ 3,172
Number of students who registered	17,083	19,619	↑ 2,536
Number of students who voted	4,337	8,994	↑ 4,657
Registration rate	72.0%	73.0%	↑ 0.9
Voting rate of registered students	25.4%	45.8%	↑ 20.5
Voting rate	18.3%	33.4%	↑ 15.2
Difference from all institutions	-1.4	-5.7	

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

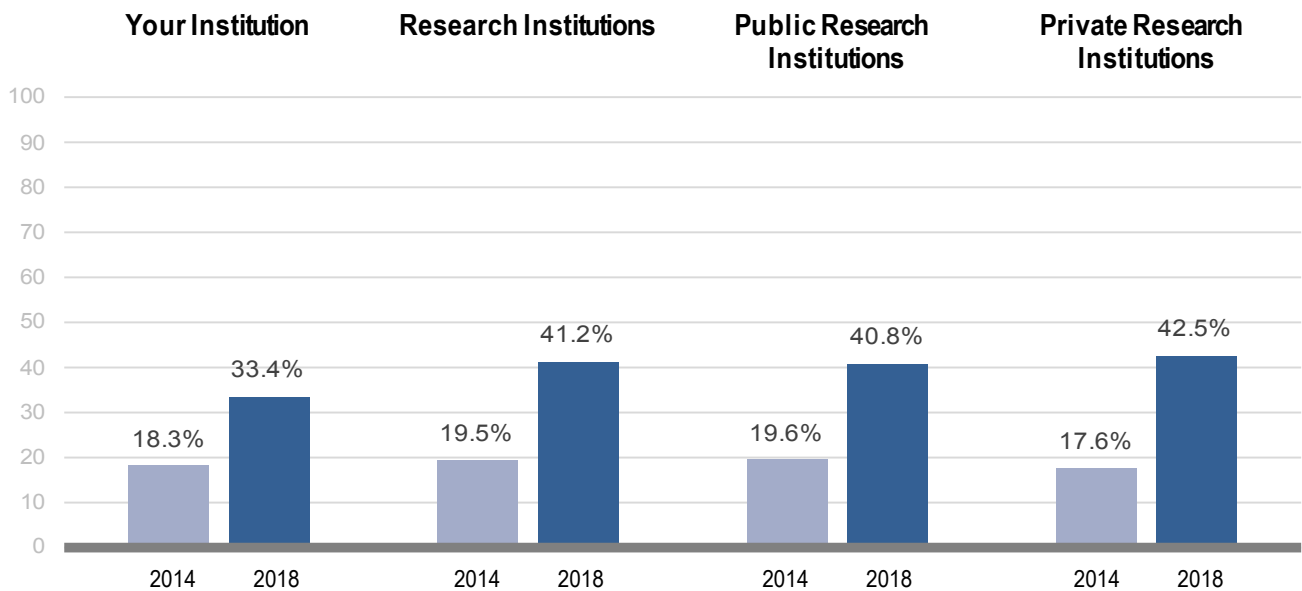
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

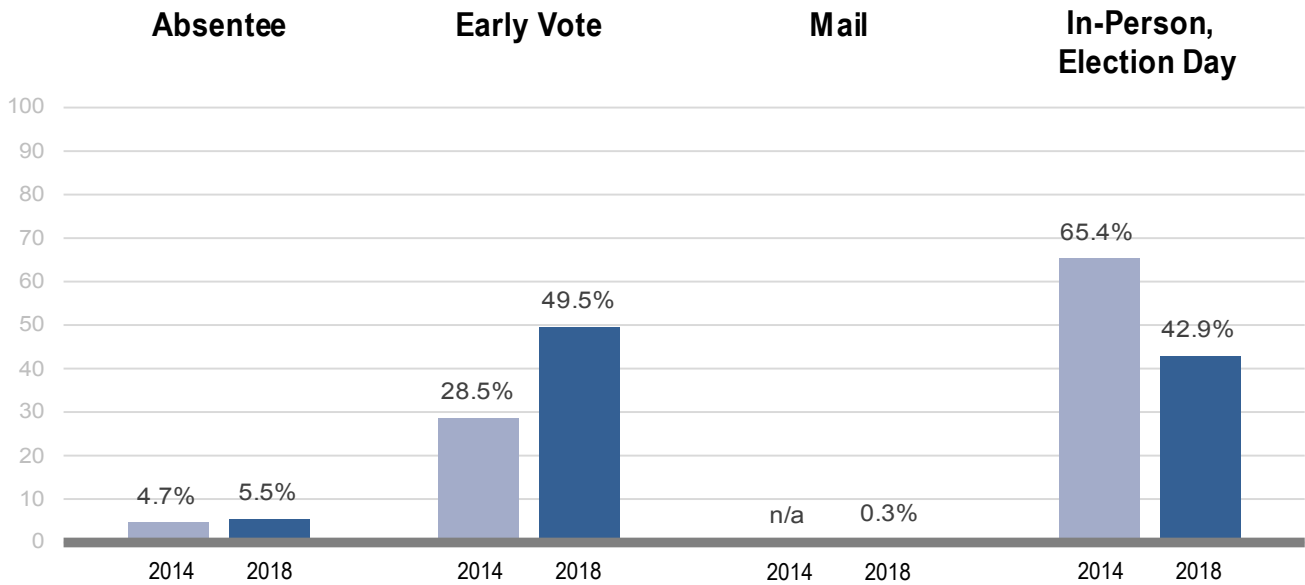
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## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# By Voting Method\*

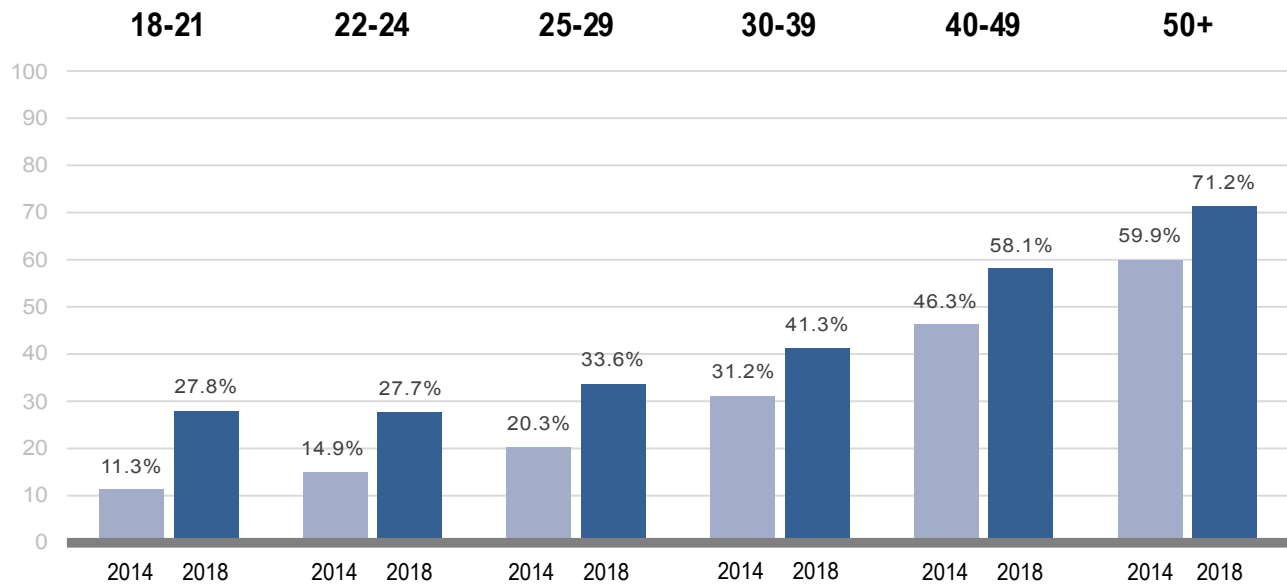


	2014		2018			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change	
Absentee	202	4.7%	494	5.5%	↑	0.8
Early Vote	1,237	28.5%	4,450	49.5%	↑	21.0
Mail	*	n/a	26	0.3%		n/a
In-Person, Election Day	2,835	65.4%	3,855	42.9%	↓	-22.5
Unknown	59	1.4%	169	1.9%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,337</b>		<b>8,994</b>			

\* 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\*

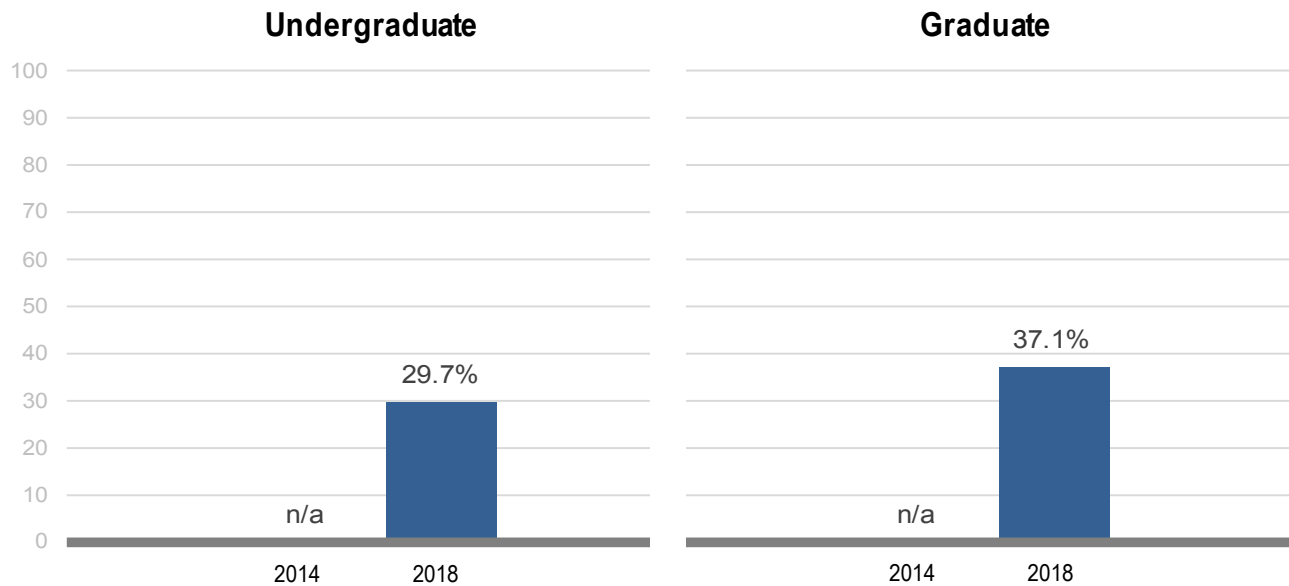


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	12,604	1,426	11.3%	15,114	4,207	27.8%	↑	16.5
22-24	5,692	850	14.9%	6,595	1,827	27.7%	↑	12.8
25-29	3,395	689	20.3%	3,639	1,222	33.6%	↑	13.3
30-39	2,297	716	31.2%	2,284	943	41.3%	↑	10.1
40-49	927	429	46.3%	866	503	58.1%	↑	11.8
50+	379	227	59.9%	410	292	71.2%	↑	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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# By Education Level\*

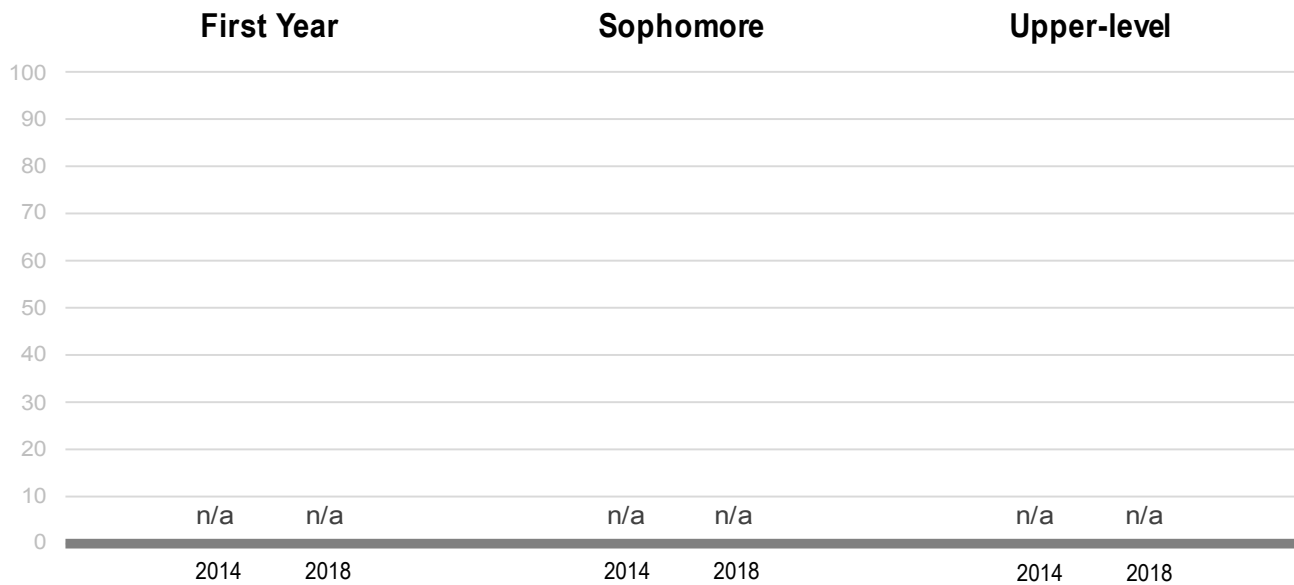


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	23,657	7,022	29.7%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	5,064	1,877	37.1%	n/a
Unknown	25,294			187			

\* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Undergraduate Class Year\*



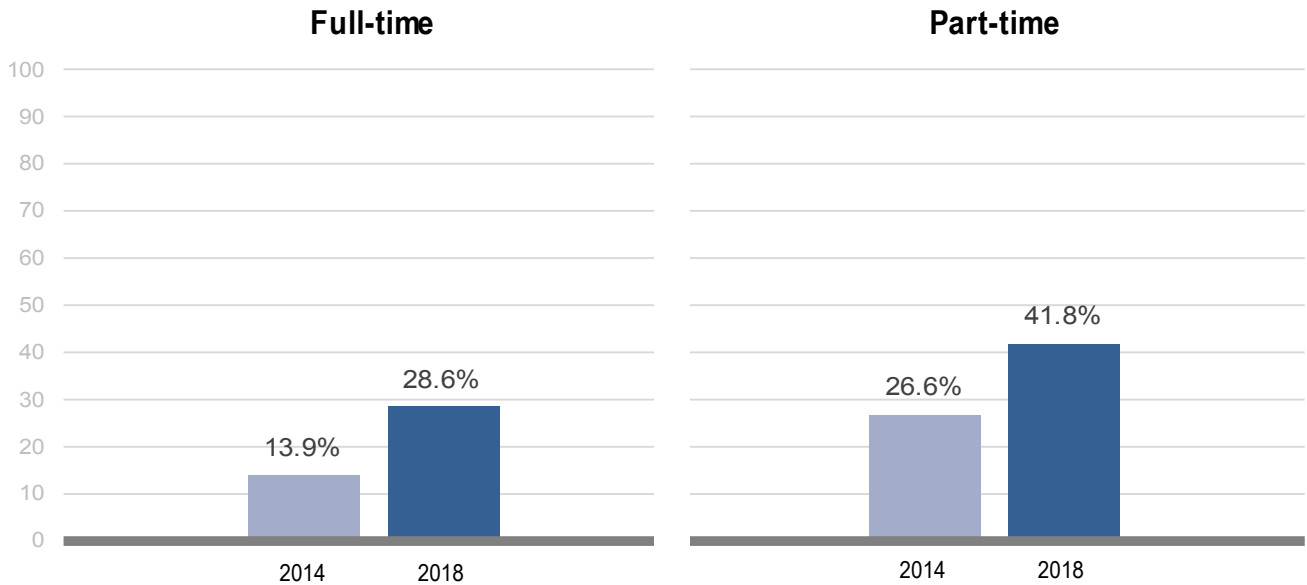
	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Upper-level	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a

\* 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\*

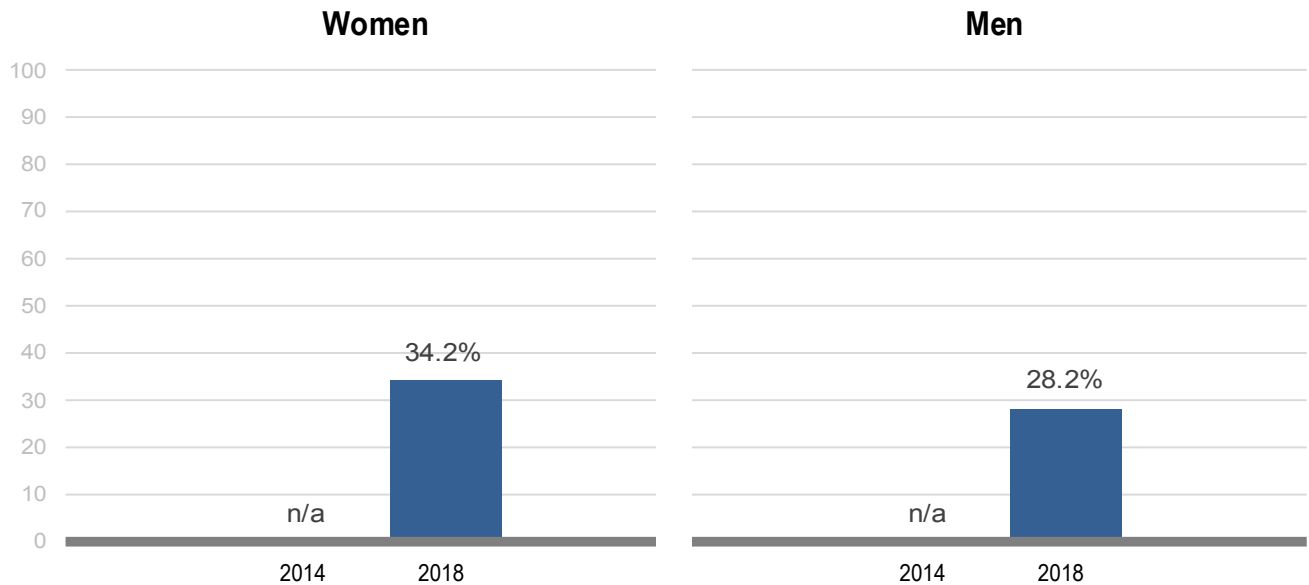


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	18,826	2,617	13.9%	23,303	6,653	28.6%	↑	14.7
Part-time	6,468	1,720	26.6%	5,605	2,341	41.8%	↑	15.2
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

\* 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\*

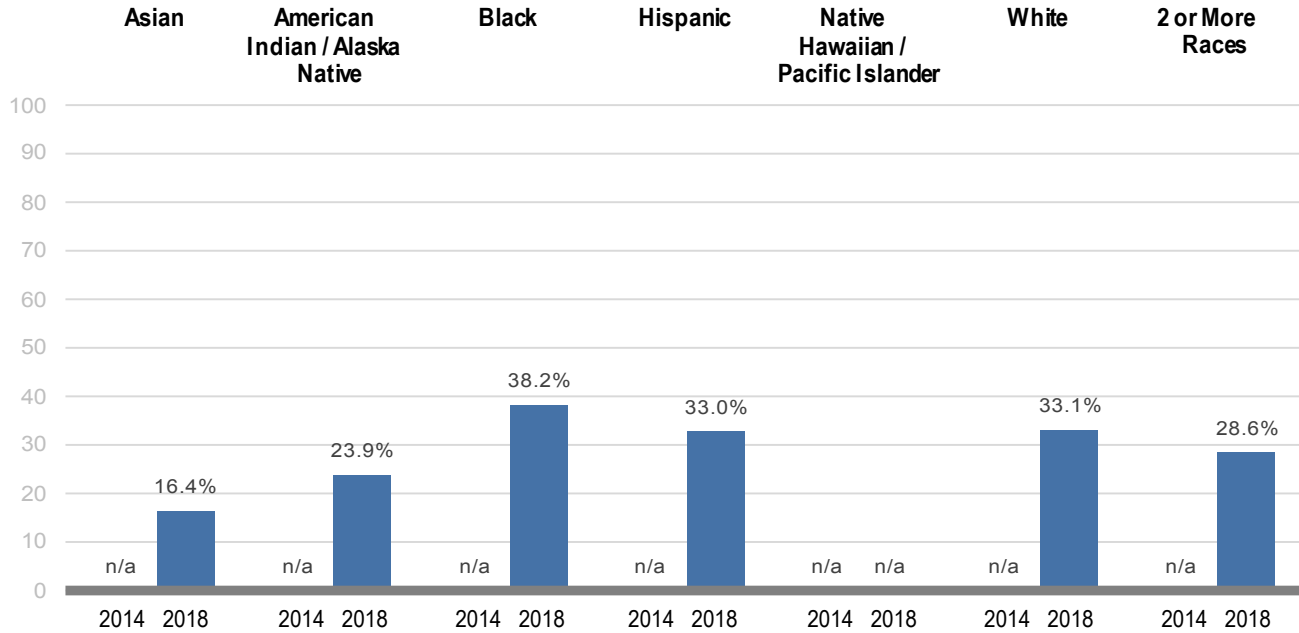


	2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Women	0	0	n/a	14,064	4,807	34.2%	n/a
Men	0	0	n/a	14,844	4,187	28.2%	n/a
Unknown	25,294			0			

\* 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	2,419	396	16.4%	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	88	21	23.9%	n/a
Black	0	0	n/a	4,581	1,751	38.2%	n/a
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	2,792	920	33.0%	n/a
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	28	*	n/a	n/a
White	0	0	n/a	16,057	5,316	33.1%	n/a
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	1,358	388	28.6%	n/a
Unknown	25,294			1,585			

\* 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	
Architecture	297	39	13.1%	298	85	28.5% ↑	15.4
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	86	22	25.6%	114	42	36.8% ↑	11.3
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,086	126	11.6%	1,242	363	29.2% ↑	17.6
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,782	583	15.4%	4,489	1,293	28.8% ↑	13.4
Communication and Journalism	1,178	163	13.8%	1,322	405	30.6% ↑	16.8
Computer and Information Sciences	1,485	213	14.3%	2,940	720	24.5% ↑	10.2
Education	2,312	702	30.4%	2,041	924	45.3% ↑	14.9
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,775	332	12.0%	3,519	833	23.7% ↑	11.7
English Language and Literature	473	101	21.4%	450	202	44.9% ↑	23.5
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	49	12	24.5%	42	14	33.3% ↑	8.8
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	242	39	16.1%	415	162	39.0% ↑	22.9
Health Professions	1,824	387	21.2%	2,394	755	31.5% ↑	10.3
History	450	127	28.2%	438	230	52.5% ↑	24.3
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	949	142	15.0%	809	255	31.5% ↑	16.6
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,507	312	12.5%	2,536	702	27.7% ↑	15.2
Mathematics and Statistics	398	65	16.3%	436	128	29.4% ↑	13.0
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	303	69	22.8%	330	109	33.0% ↑	10.3
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	975	97	10.0%	919	226	24.6% ↑	14.6
Philosophy and Religious Studies	119	31	26.1%	142	55	38.7% ↑	12.7
Physical Sciences	660	93	14.1%	679	208	30.6% ↑	16.5
Psychology	1,176	169	14.4%	1,135	368	32.4% ↑	18.1
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	525	160	30.5%	498	247	49.6% ↑	19.1
Social Sciences	1,106	276	25.0%	1,104	460	41.7% ↑	16.7

Visual and Performing Arts	526	71	13.5%	601	201	33.4% ↑	19.9
Unknown	11	*	n/a	15	*	n/a	n/a

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