

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
University of
Pennsylvania

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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 providing 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.

Warm regards,

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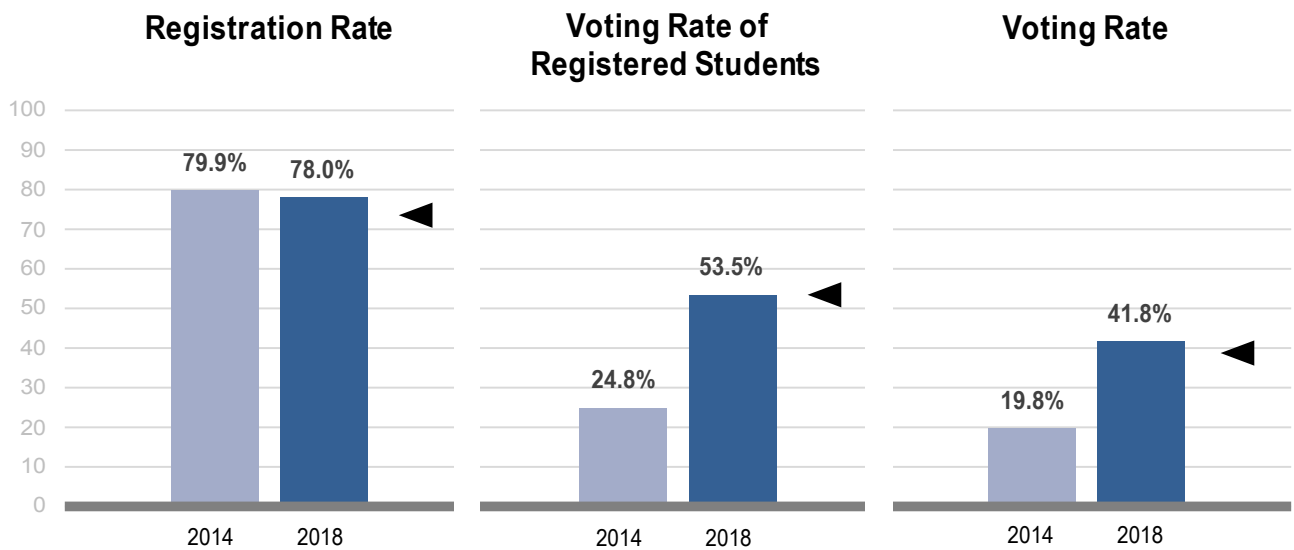
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate
41.8%

CHANGE FROM 2014
+21.9

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%



◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	20,352	25,516	↑ 5,164
Age under 18/Unknown	(134)	(200)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(3,716)	(5,134)	
FERPA records blocked	*	0	
Total eligible voters	16,501	20,182	↑ 3,681
Number of students who registered	13,176	15,749	↑ 2,573
Number of students who voted	3,271	8,426	↑ 5,155
Registration rate	79.9%	78.0%	↓ -1.8
Voting rate of registered students	24.8%	53.5%	↑ 28.7
Voting rate	19.8%	41.8%	↑ 21.9
Difference from all institutions	+0.1	+2.7	

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

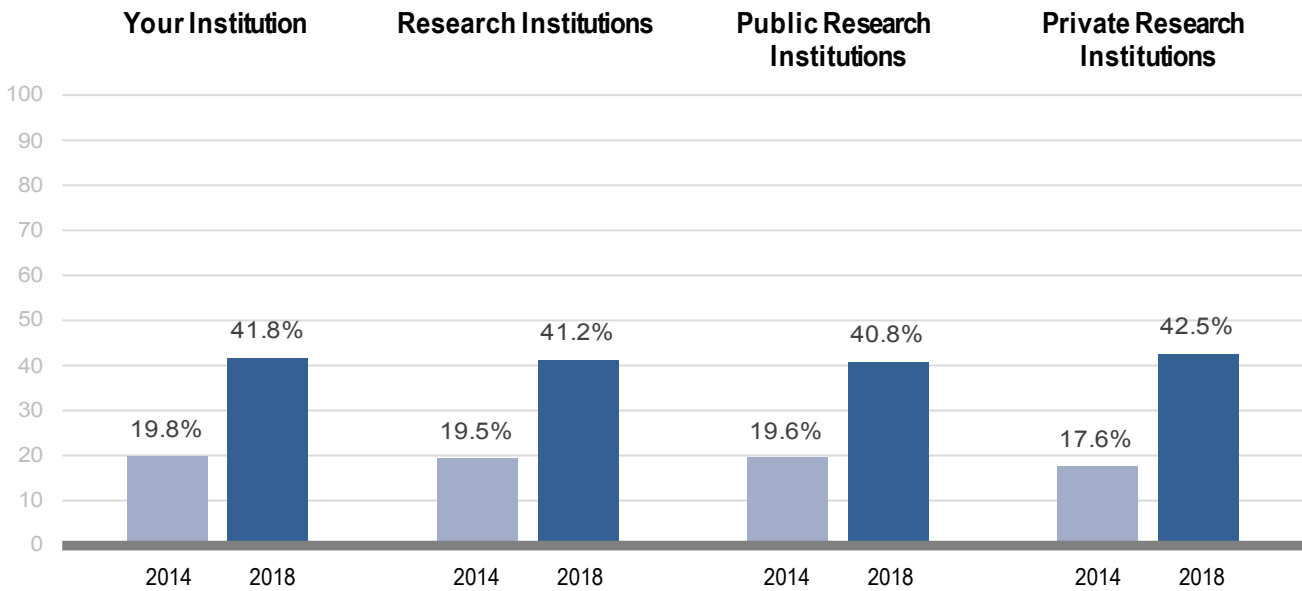
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

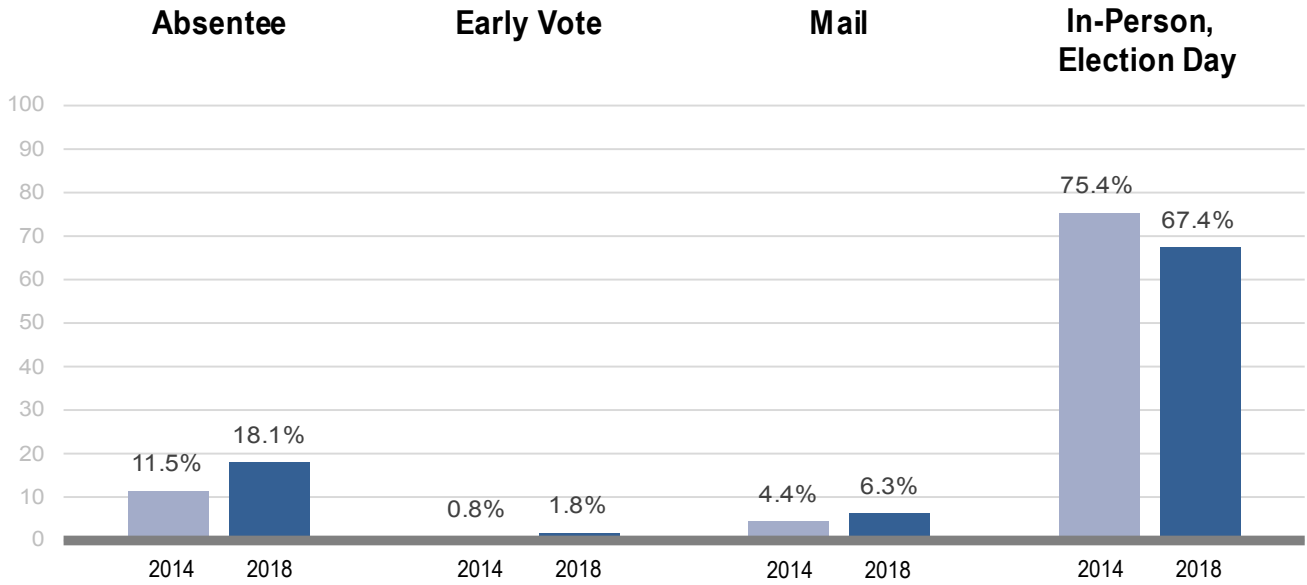
Difference from All Institutions **+0.1**

Difference from All Institutions **+2.7**



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

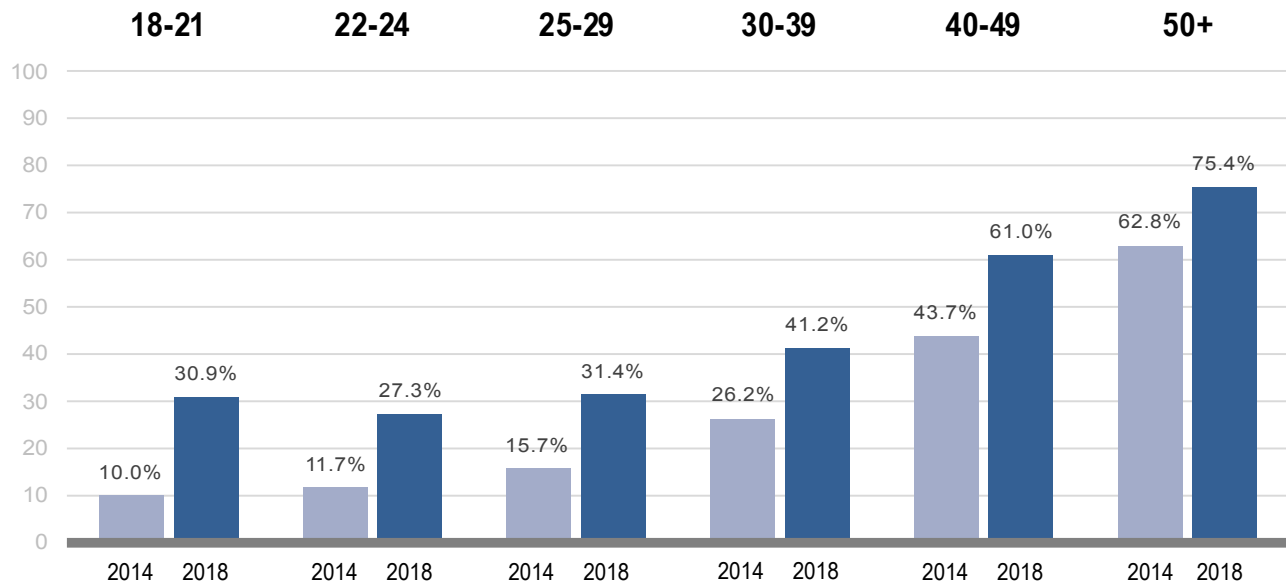


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	375	11.5%	1,521	18.1%	↑ 6.6
Early Vote	27	0.8%	152	1.8%	↑ 1.0
Mail	144	4.4%	532	6.3%	↑ 1.9
In-Person, Election Day	2,466	75.4%	5,680	67.4%	↓ -8.0
Unknown	259	7.9%	541	6.4%	
Total	3,271		8,426		

* 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*

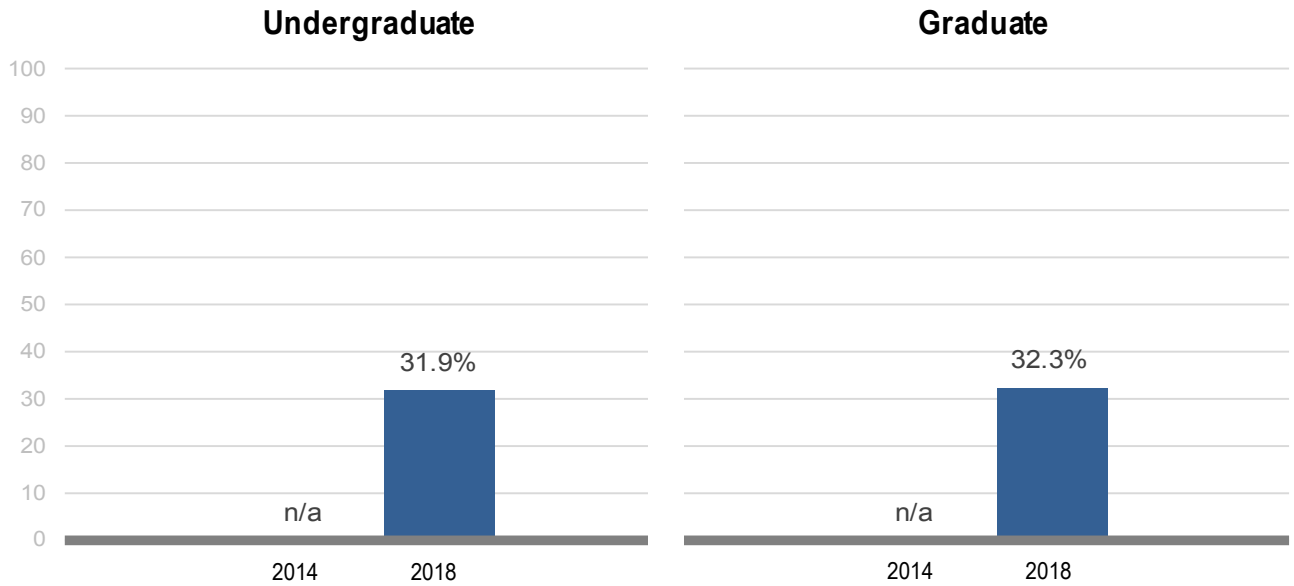


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	7,621	764	10.0%	9,518	2,943	30.9%	↑ 20.9
22-24	3,730	436	11.7%	5,194	1,418	27.3%	↑ 15.6
25-29	5,194	817	15.7%	6,321	1,987	31.4%	↑ 15.7
30-39	2,536	664	26.2%	3,059	1,260	41.2%	↑ 15.0
40-49	647	283	43.7%	729	445	61.0%	↑ 17.3
50+	489	307	62.8%	495	373	75.4%	↑ 12.6
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*

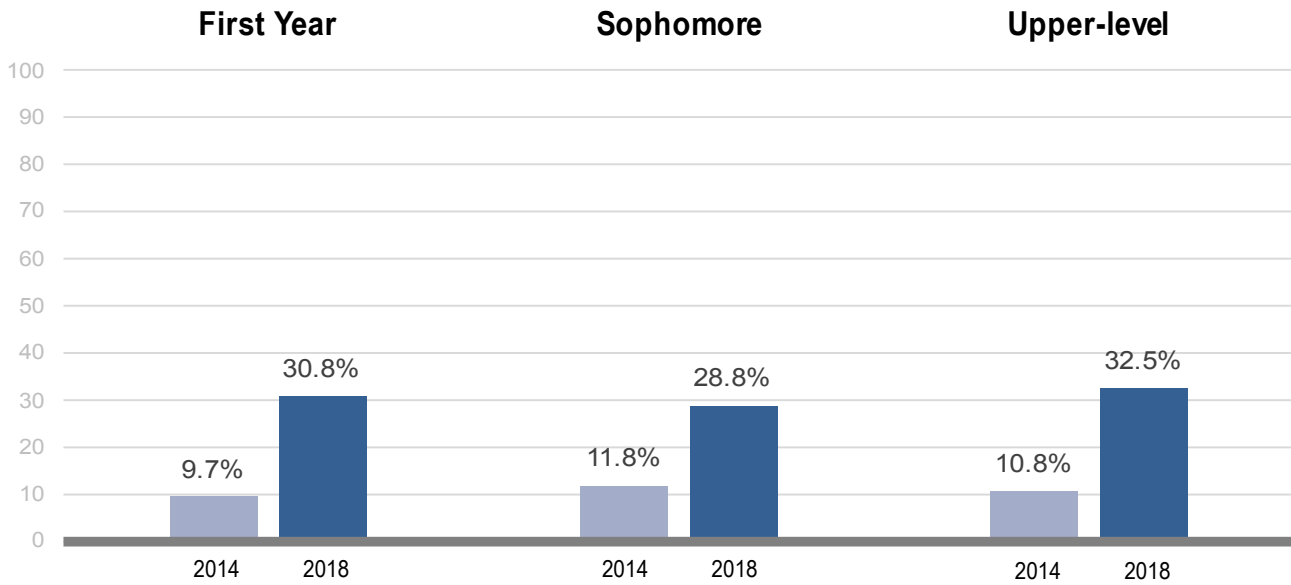


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	10,798	3,439	31.9%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	13,154	4,254	32.3%	n/a
Unknown	20,217			1,364			

* 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*

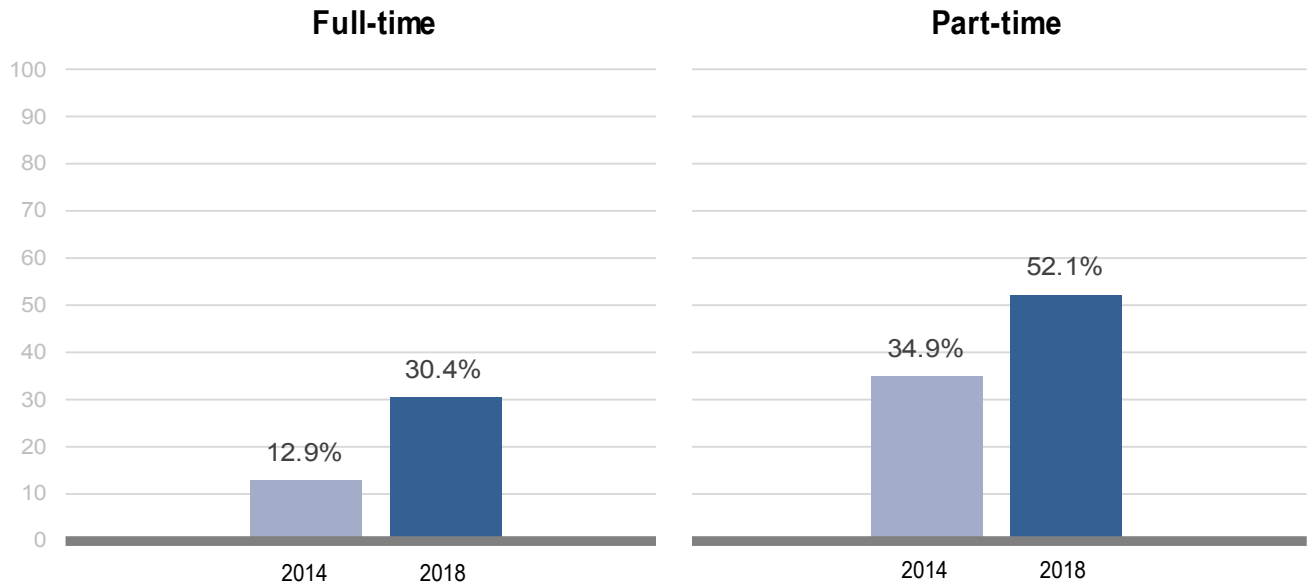


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	1,263	122	9.7%	2,235	688	30.8%	↑ 21.1
Sophomore	1,633	192	11.8%	2,132	614	28.8%	↑ 17.0
Upper-level	5,774	622	10.8%	6,292	2,047	32.5%	↑ 21.8

* 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*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	17,204	2,220	12.9%	21,989	6,693	30.4%	↑ 17.5
Part-time	3,013	1,051	34.9%	3,327	1,733	52.1%	↑ 17.2
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 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	349	43	12.3%	472	73	15.5% ↑	3.2
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	59	11	18.6%	68	20	29.4% ↑	10.8
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,378	200	14.5%	1,626	558	34.3% ↑	19.8
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,122	309	9.9%	4,183	1,146	27.4% ↑	17.5
Communication and Journalism	216	38	17.6%	220	79	35.9% ↑	18.3
Computer and Information Sciences	599	51	8.5%	1,238	284	22.9% ↑	14.4
Education	1,381	565	40.9%	1,553	763	49.1% ↑	8.2
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,445	138	9.6%	2,128	517	24.3% ↑	14.8
English Language and Literature	204	26	12.8%	200	80	40.0% ↑	27.3
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	330	49	14.9%	346	88	25.4% ↑	10.6
Health Professions	3,387	464	13.7%	3,748	1,342	35.8% ↑	22.1
History	305	58	19.0%	235	86	36.6% ↑	17.6
Legal Professions and Studies	740	137	18.5%	921	368	40.0% ↑	21.5
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,533	336	13.3%	3,096	1,029	33.2% ↑	20.0
Mathematics and Statistics	136	13	9.6%	247	49	19.8% ↑	10.3
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	250	27	10.8%	463	126	27.2% ↑	16.4
Natural Resources and Conservation	70	27	38.6%	201	60	29.9% ↓	-8.7
Philosophy and Religious Studies	249	42	16.9%	394	140	35.5% ↑	18.7
Physical Sciences	416	65	15.6%	489	165	33.7% ↑	18.1
Psychology	377	64	17.0%	441	171	38.8% ↑	21.8
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	576	185	32.1%	542	298	55.0% ↑	22.9
Social Sciences	1,124	181	16.1%	1,351	454	33.6% ↑	17.5
Visual and Performing Arts	260	35	13.5%	267	98	36.7% ↑	23.2

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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