

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
University of Pittsburgh-
Pittsburgh 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, 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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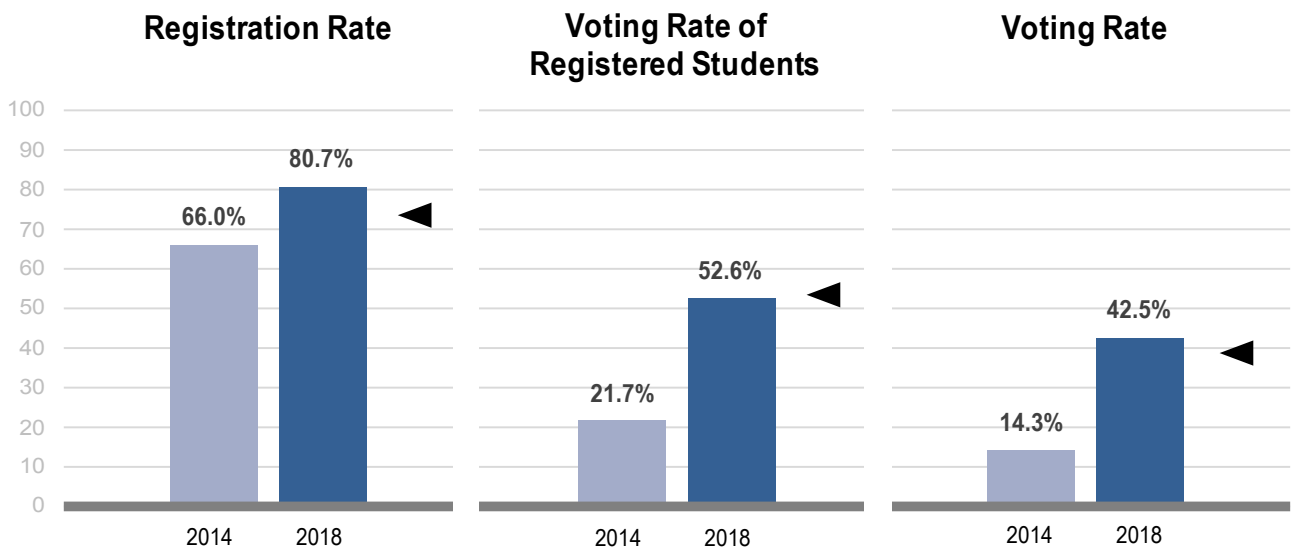
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate
42.5%

CHANGE FROM 2014
+28.1

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%



◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	32,628	32,096	↓ -532
Age under 18/Unknown	(139)	(143)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(2,847)	(2,990)	
FERPA records blocked	(29)	*	
Total eligible voters	29,613	28,954	↓ -659
Number of students who registered	19,542	23,373	↑ 3,831
Number of students who voted	4,244	12,293	↑ 8,049
Registration rate	66.0%	80.7%	↑ 14.7
Voting rate of registered students	21.7%	52.6%	↑ 30.9
Voting rate	14.3%	42.5%	↑ 28.1
Difference from all institutions	-5.4	+3.4	

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

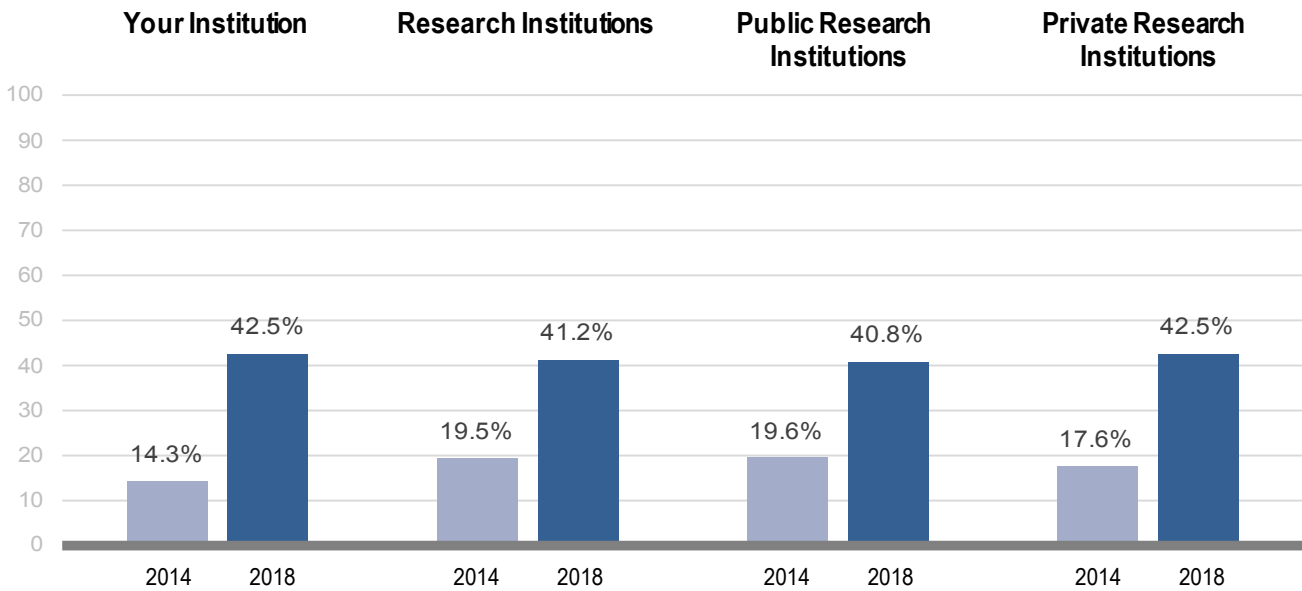
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

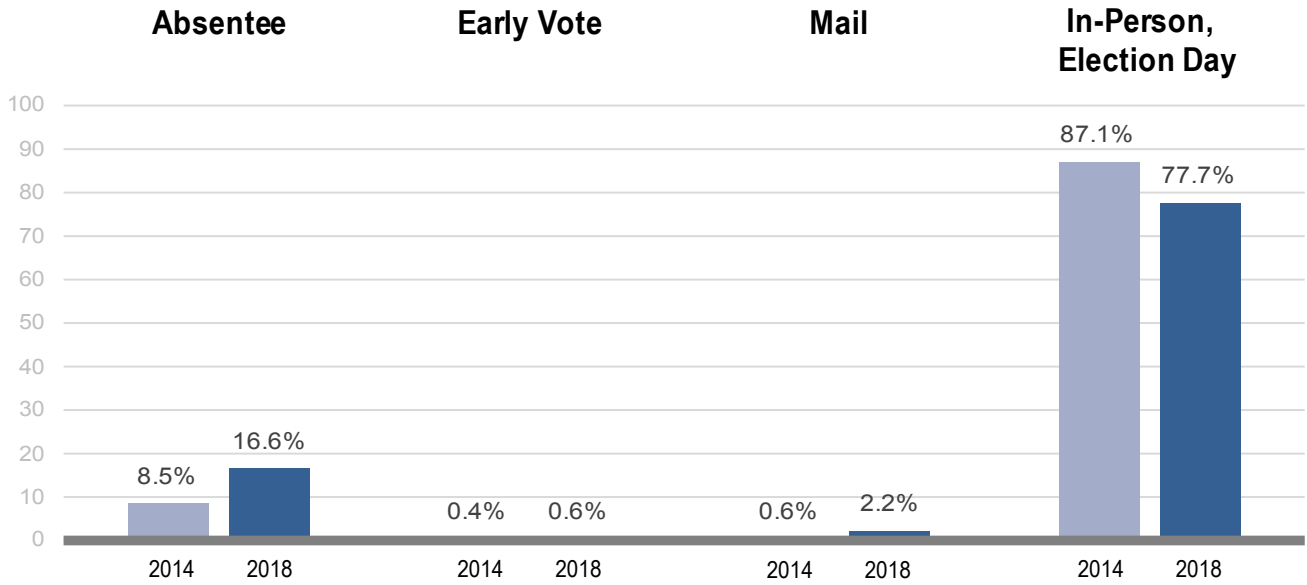
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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

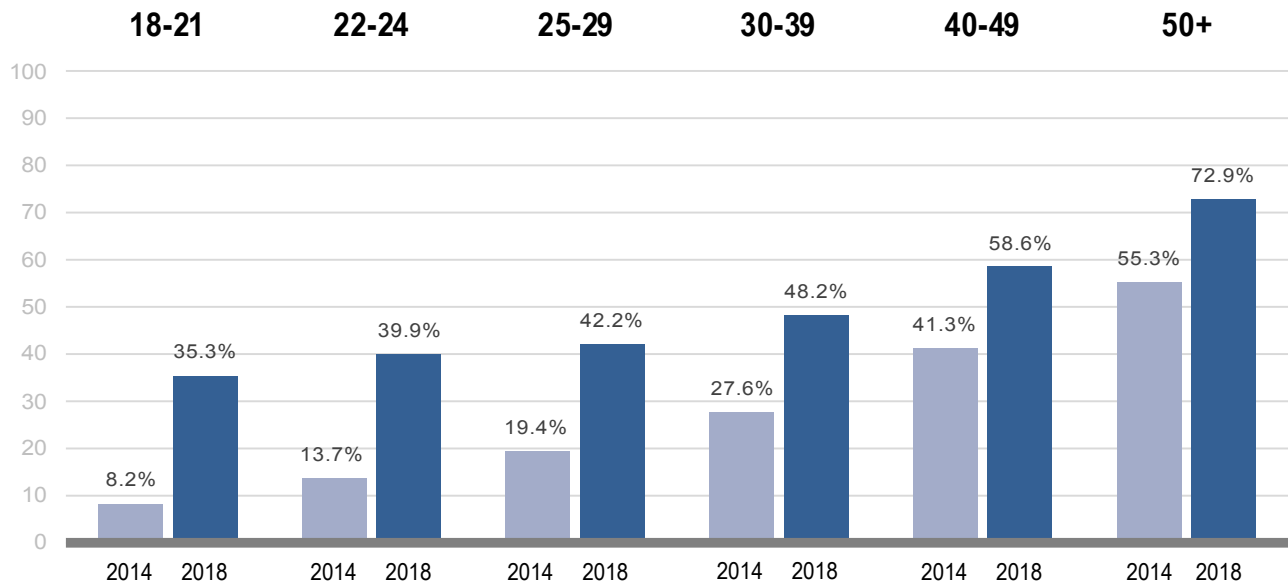


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	361	8.5%	2,046	16.6%	↑ 8.1
Early Vote	15	0.4%	76	0.6%	↑ 0.3
Mail	26	0.6%	271	2.2%	↑ 1.6
In-Person, Election Day	3,696	87.1%	9,547	77.7%	↓ -9.4
Unknown	146	3.4%	353	2.9%	
Total	4,244		12,293		

* 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*

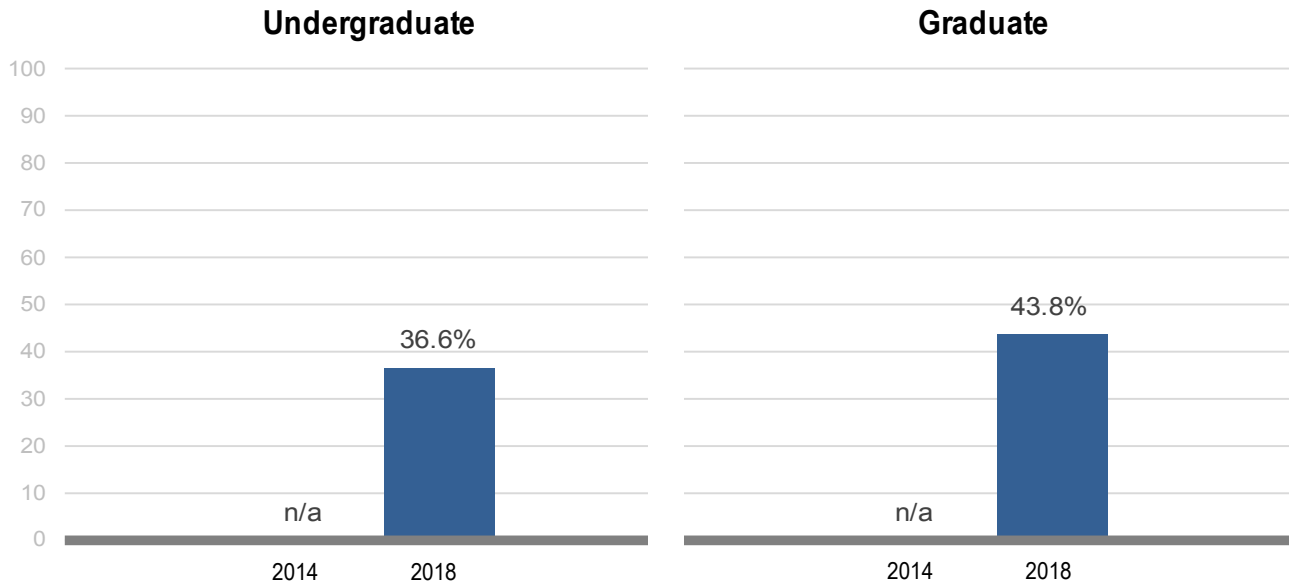


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	19,026	1,554	8.2%	19,206	6,774	35.3%	↑ 27.1
22-24	6,131	841	13.7%	5,927	2,364	39.9%	↑ 26.2
25-29	4,095	795	19.4%	3,931	1,658	42.2%	↑ 22.8
30-39	2,299	635	27.6%	2,148	1,036	48.2%	↑ 20.6
40-49	596	246	41.3%	507	297	58.6%	↑ 17.3
50+	313	173	55.3%	225	164	72.9%	↑ 17.6
Unknown	*			*			

* 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*

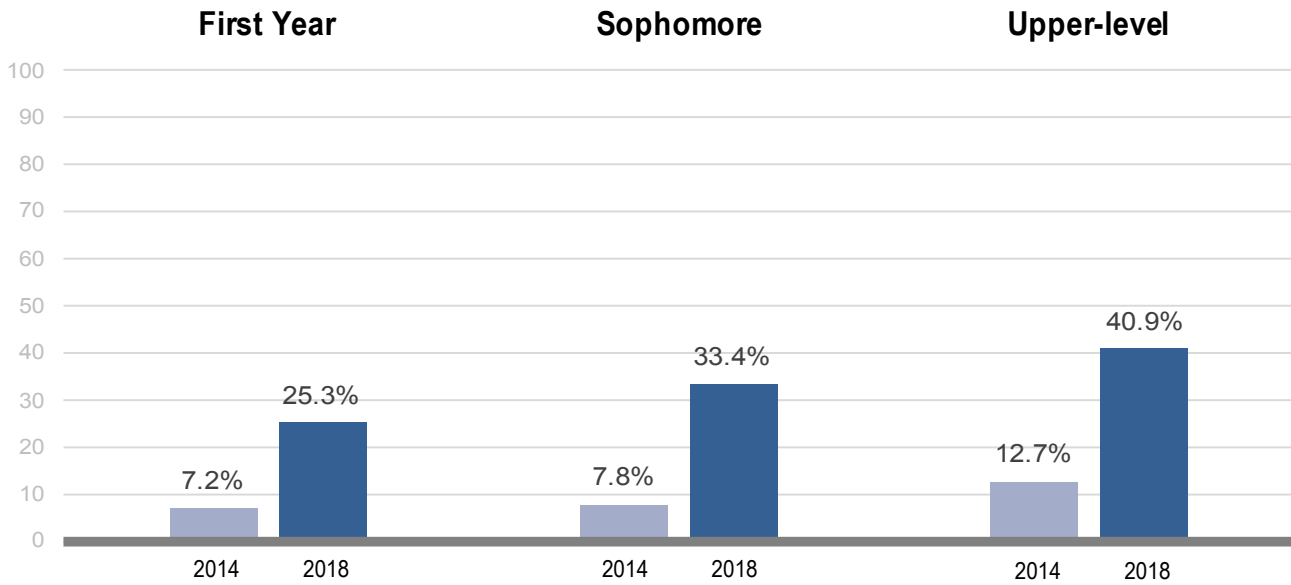


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	23,284	8,515	36.6%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	8,325	3,642	43.8%	n/a
Unknown	32,460			335			

* 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*

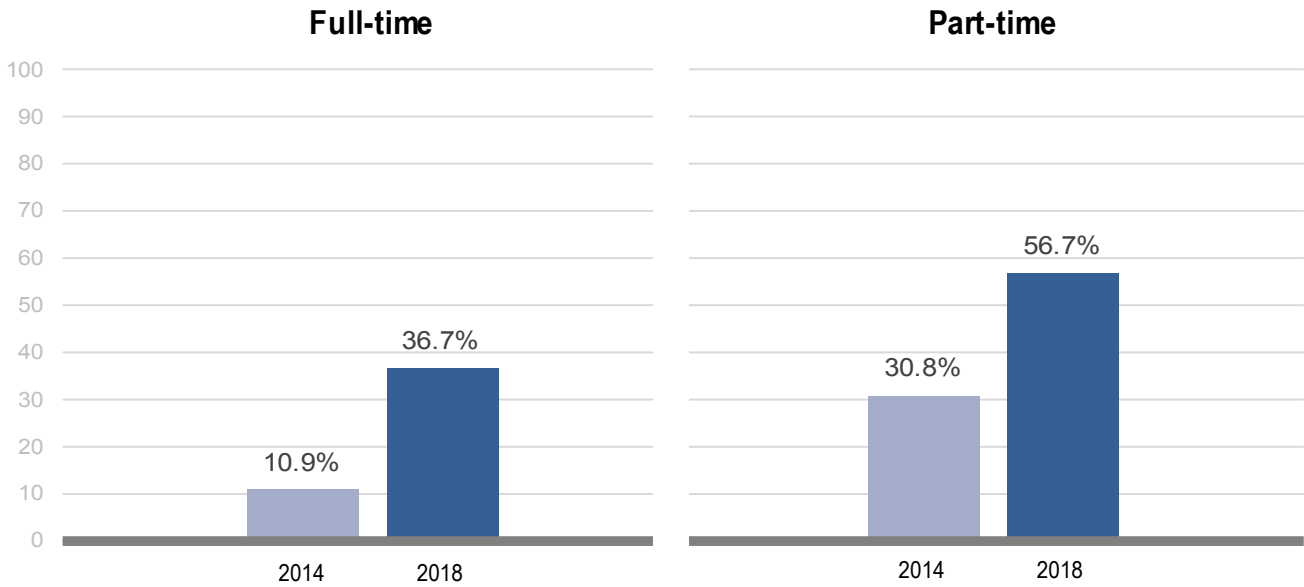


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	979	70	7.2%	1,093	276	25.3%	↑ 18.1
Sophomore	2,329	182	7.8%	2,547	850	33.4%	↑ 25.6
Upper-level	11,403	1,445	12.7%	11,401	4,666	40.9%	↑ 28.3

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Enrollment Status*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	28,886	3,144	10.9%	29,053	10,655	36.7%	↑ 25.8
Part-time	3,574	1,100	30.8%	2,891	1,638	56.7%	↑ 25.9
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	0	0	n/a	17	*	n/a	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	0	0	n/a	107	56	52.3%	n/a
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	0	0	n/a	23	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	0	0	n/a	2,553	937	36.7%	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	0	0	n/a	3,041	1,072	35.3%	n/a
Communication and Journalism	0	0	n/a	153	64	41.8%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	0	0	n/a	1,355	464	34.2%	n/a
Education	0	0	n/a	934	455	48.7%	n/a
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	0	0	n/a	4,143	1,504	36.3%	n/a
English Language and Literature	0	0	n/a	998	489	49.0%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	0	0	n/a	367	163	44.4%	n/a
Health Professions	0	0	n/a	4,684	1,843	39.4%	n/a
History	0	0	n/a	304	153	50.3%	n/a
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	0	0	n/a	363	85	23.4%	n/a
Legal Professions and Studies	0	0	n/a	428	234	54.7%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	48	20	41.7%	n/a
Library Science	0	0	n/a	47	28	59.6%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	0	0	n/a	454	156	34.4%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	6,616	2,249	34.0%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	0	0	n/a	107	22	20.6%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	0	0	n/a	110	39	35.5%	n/a
Physical Sciences	0	0	n/a	933	359	38.5%	n/a
Psychology	0	0	n/a	1,180	467	39.6%	n/a

Public Administration and Social Service Professions	0	0	n/a	799	465	58.2%	n/a
Social Sciences	0	0	n/a	1,400	625	44.6%	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	0	0	n/a	381	167	43.8%	n/a
Unknown	32,460	4,244	13.1%	399	161	40.4% ↑	27.3

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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