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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for University of San Francisco

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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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at **NSLVE@tufts.edu.**

Warm regards,

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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS
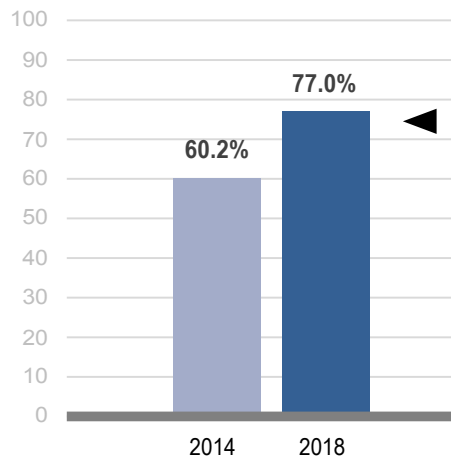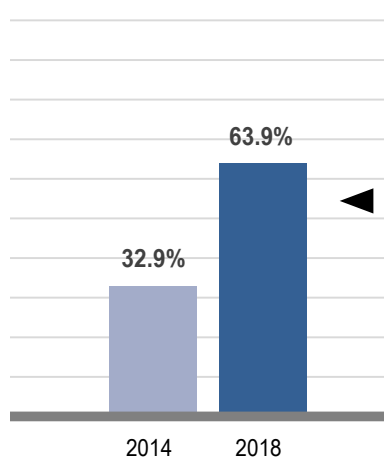
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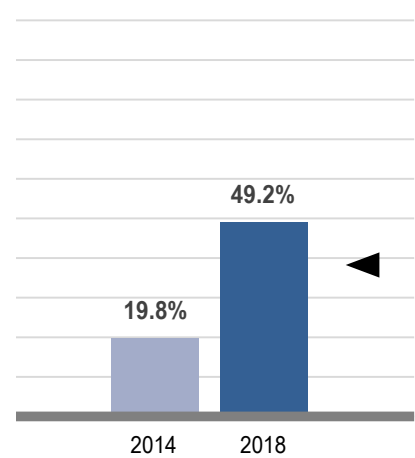
2018 Voting Rate

49.2%

CHANGE
FROM 2014
+29.4

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	**10,573**	**10,601**	⬆	**28**
Age under 18/Unknown	(72)	(88)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,664)	(1,602)		
FERPA records blocked	(133)	(126)		
Total eligible voters	**8,704**	**8,785**	⬆	**81**
Number of students who registered	**5,235**	**6,767**	⬆	1,532
Number of students who voted	**1,721**	**4,322**	⬆	2,601
Registration rate	**60.2%**	**77.0%**	⬆	16.9
Voting rate of registered students	**32.9%**	**63.9%**	⬆	31.0
Voting rate	**19.8%**	**49.2%**	⬆	29.4
Difference from all institutions	**+0.1**	**+10.1**		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions		**2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions**	
19.7%	**HIGH 54.0%** / **LOW 1.5%**	**39.1%**	**HIGH 64.1%** / **LOW 11.5%**

Difference from All Institutions **+0.1**

Difference from All Institutions **+10.1**

	Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2014	19.8%	19.5%	19.6%	17.6%
2018	49.2%	41.2%	40.8%	42.5%
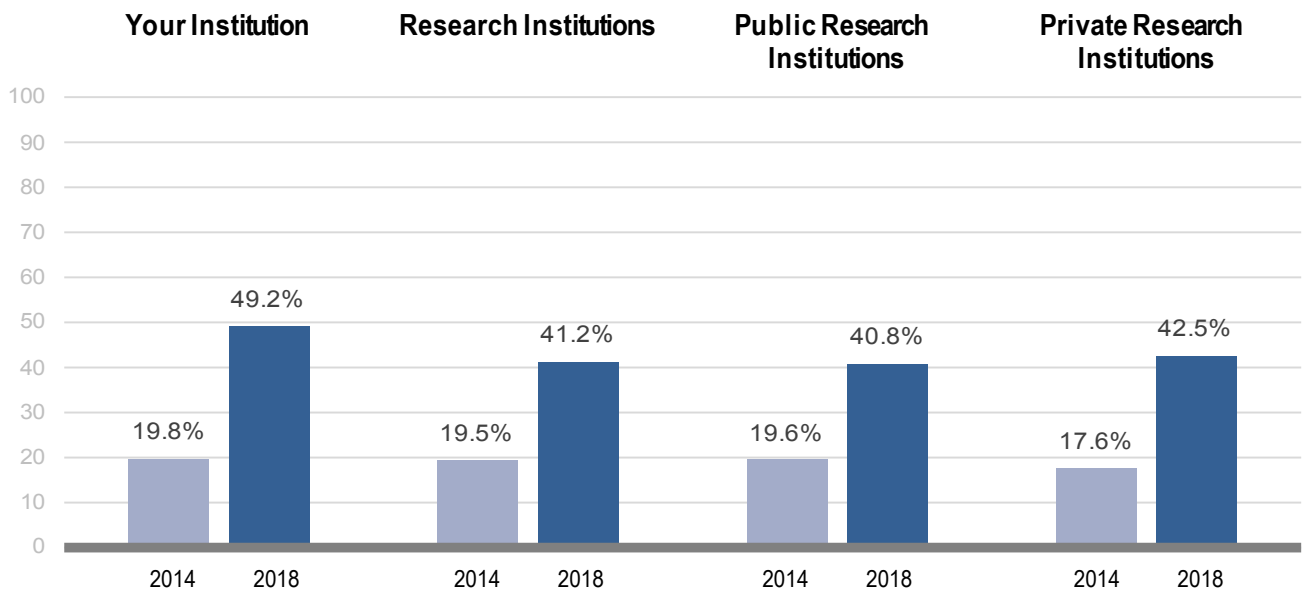
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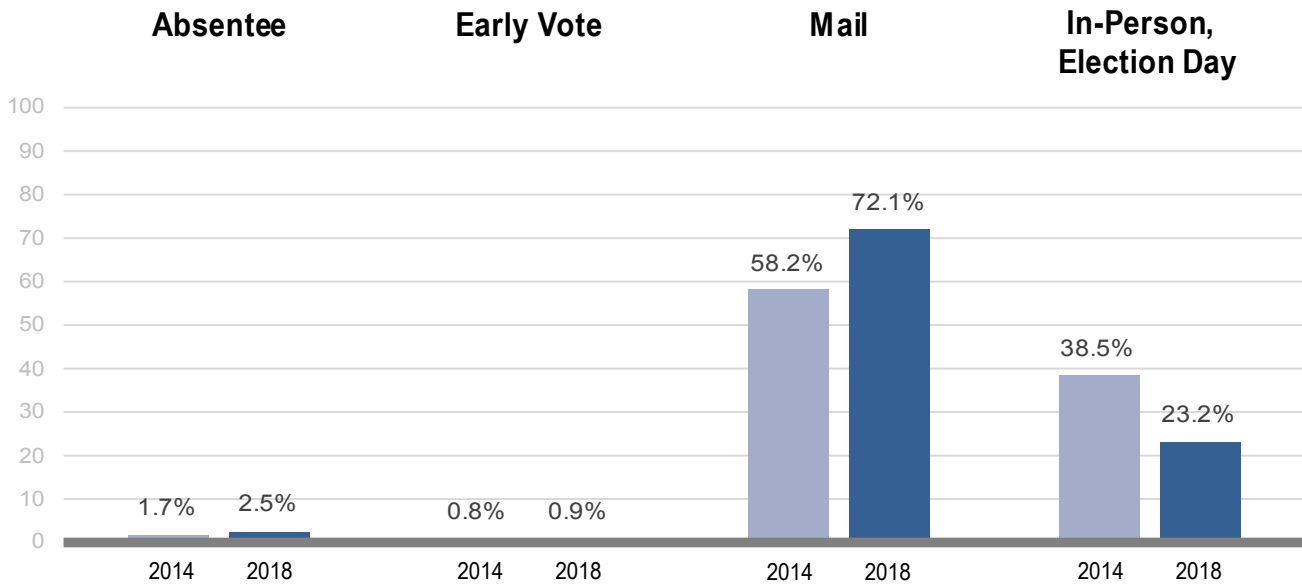
	2014			**2018**			
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	29	**1.7%**		109	**2.5%**	⬆	0.8
Early Vote	14	**0.8%**		40	**0.9%**	⬆	0.1
Mail	1,002	**58.2%**		3,114	**72.1%**	⬆	13.8
In-Person, Election Day	663	**38.5%**		1,003	**23.2%**	⬇	-15.3
Unknown	13	**0.8%**		56	**1.3%**		
Total	**1,721**			**4,322**			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*
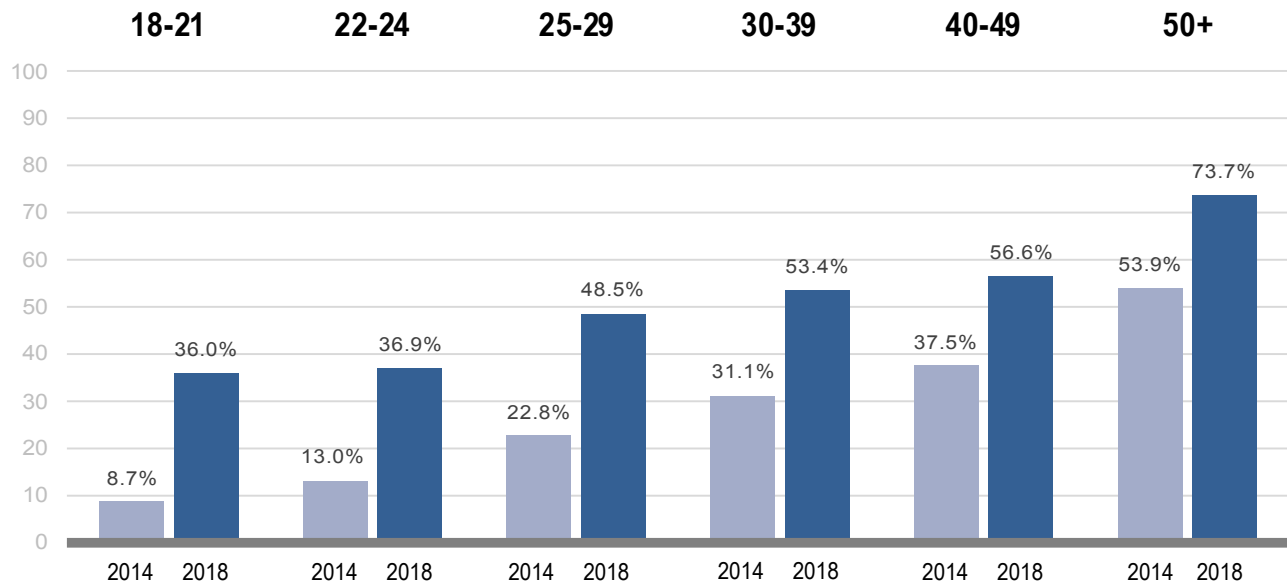
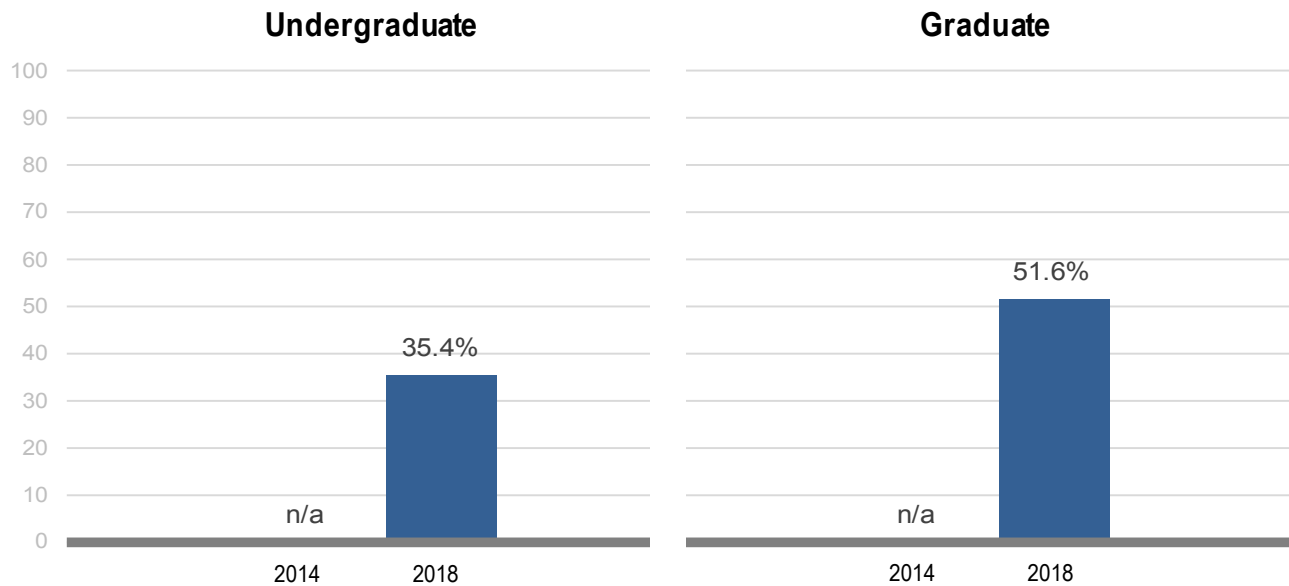|	**2014**				**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	4,913	429	**8.7%**		5,209	1,873	**36.0%**	⬆	**27.2**
22-24	1,889	245	**13.0%**		1,706	630	**36.9%**	⬆	**24.0**
25-29	1,748	399	**22.8%**		1,784	865	**48.5%**	⬆	**25.7**
30-39	1,152	358	**31.1%**		1,082	578	**53.4%**	⬆	**22.3**
40-49	421	158	**37.5%**		412	233	**56.6%**	⬆	**19.0**
50+	245	132	**53.9%**		194	143	**73.7%**	⬆	**19.8**
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.

By Education Level*

Undergraduate

Graduate

	2014				2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**		6,392	2,262	**35.4%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**		3,951	2,039	**51.6%**	**n/a**
Unknown	10,368				44			

* 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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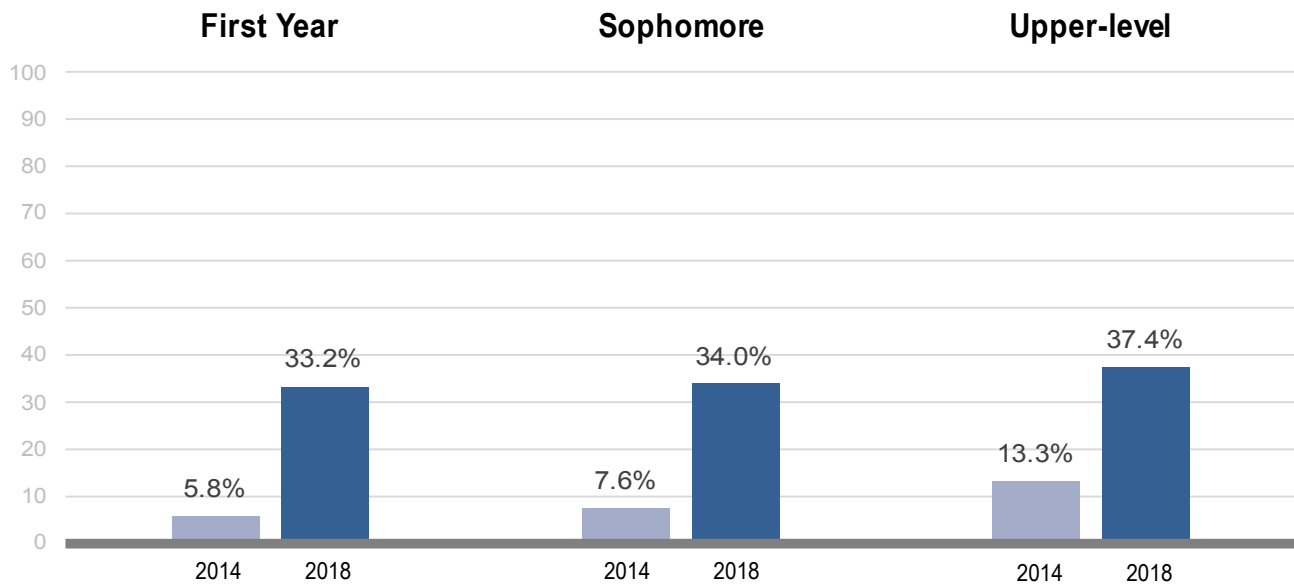# By Undergraduate Class Year*

	2014				**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	1,778	103	**5.8%**		1,704	566	**33.2%**	⬆	**27.4**
Sophomore	1,325	100	**7.6%**		1,523	517	**34.0%**	⬆	**26.4**
Upper-level	3,458	460	**13.3%**		3,199	1,196	**37.4%**	⬆	**24.1**

* 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*
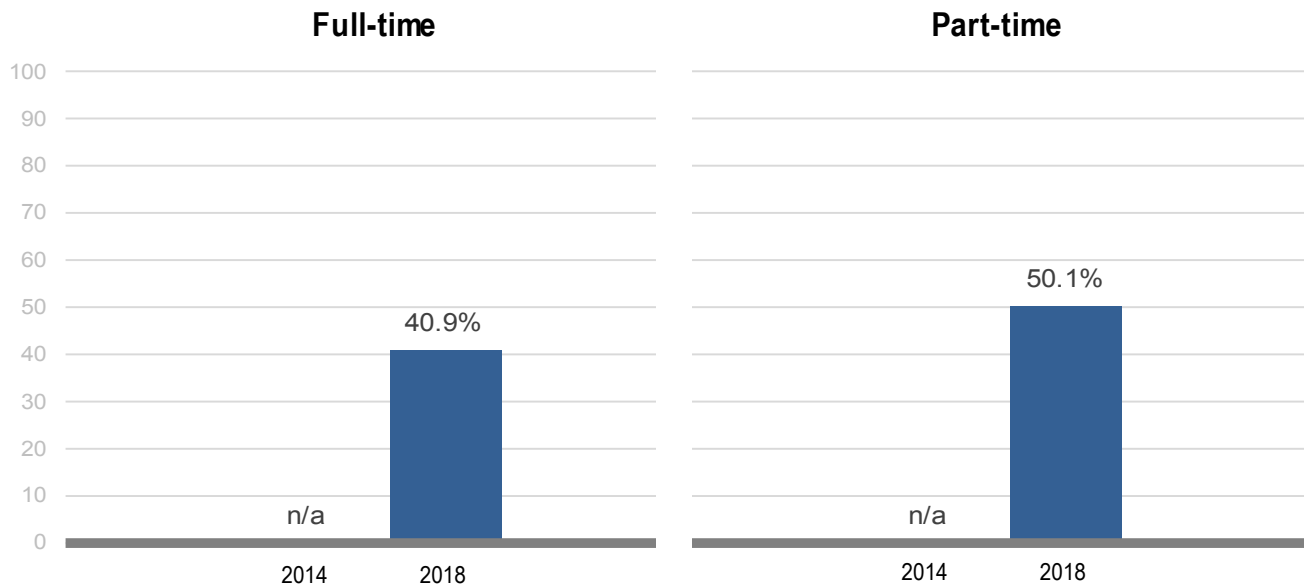
	2014				2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Full-time	0	0	**n/a**		9,629	3,942	**40.9%**	**n/a**
Part-time	0	0	**n/a**		758	380	**50.1%**	**n/a**
Unknown	0	0	**n/a**		0	0	**n/a**	

* 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.

By Gender*

Women

Men
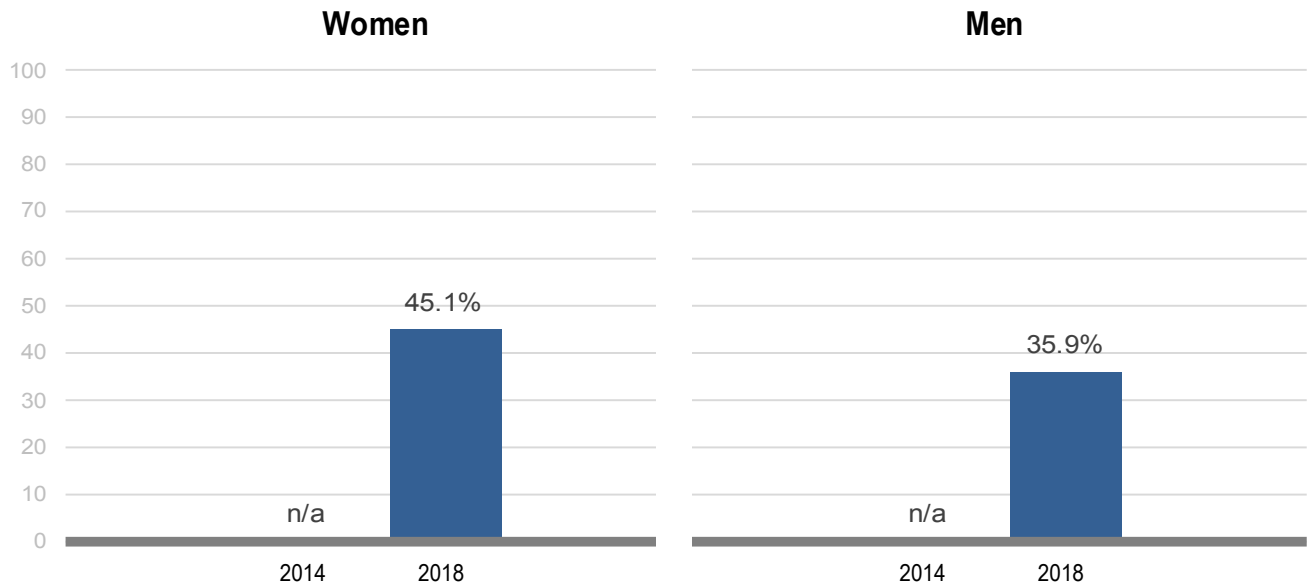
	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Women	0	0	**n/a**		5,898	2,657	**45.1%**	**n/a**
Men	0	0	**n/a**		3,308	1,189	**35.9%**	**n/a**
Unknown	10,368				1,181			

* 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.

By Race/Ethnicity*
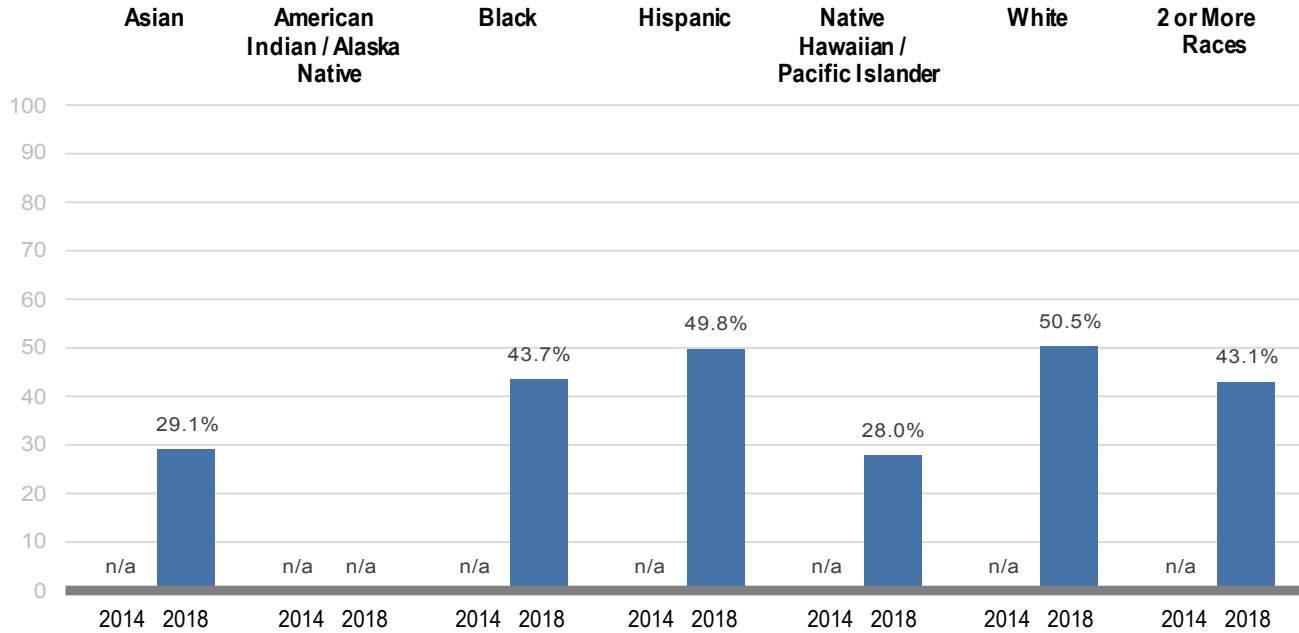
	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Asian	0	0	**n/a**	3,015	878	**29.1%**	**n/a**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	**n/a**	19	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
Black	0	0	**n/a**	577	252	**43.7%**	**n/a**
Hispanic	0	0	**n/a**	2,306	1,149	**49.8%**	**n/a**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	**n/a**	75	21	**28.0%**	**n/a**
White	0	0	**n/a**	3,033	1,530	**50.5%**	**n/a**
2 or More Races	0	0	**n/a**	764	329	**43.1%**	**n/a**
Unknown	10,368			598			

* 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**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Architecture	82	*	n/a	102	31	**30.4%**	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	67	*	n/a	86	36	**41.9%**	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	437	47	**10.8%**	464	150	**32.3%** ⬆	**21.6**
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,719	254	**9.3%**	2,247	643	**28.6%** ⬆	**19.3**
Communication and Journalism	588	74	**12.6%**	523	228	**43.6%** ⬆	**31.0**
Computer and Information Sciences	271	32	**11.8%**	598	169	**28.3%** ⬆	**16.5**
Education	700	246	**35.1%**	676	398	**58.9%** ⬆	**23.7**
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	0	0	n/a	39	15	**38.5%**	n/a
English Language and Literature	209	32	**15.3%**	208	102	**49.0%** ⬆	**33.7**
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	31	*	n/a	22	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	1,406	269	**19.1%**	1,561	736	**47.2%** ⬆	**28.0**
History	82	12	**14.6%**	62	21	**33.9%** ⬆	**19.2**
Legal Professions and Studies	559	179	**32.0%**	487	258	**53.0%** ⬆	**21.0**
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	157	25	**15.9%**	86	33	**38.4%** ⬆	**22.5**
Mathematics and Statistics	50	*	n/a	50	20	**40.0%**	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	161	21	**13.0%**	129	54	**41.9%** ⬆	**28.8**
Natural Resources and Conservation	200	50	**25.0%**	221	111	**50.2%** ⬆	**25.2**
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	433	55	**12.7%**	425	176	**41.4%** ⬆	**28.7**
Philosophy and Religious Studies	38	*	n/a	89	38	**42.7%**	n/a
Physical Sciences	179	19	**10.6%**	225	72	**32.0%** ⬆	**21.4**
Psychology	786	136	**17.3%**	887	437	**49.3%** ⬆	**32.0**
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	174	70	**40.2%**	154	112	**72.7%** ⬆	**32.5**
Social Sciences	729	133	**18.2%**	772	360	**46.6%** ⬆	**28.4**

Theology and Religious Vocations	18	*	n/a	17	*	n/a	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	255	29	11.4%	234	97	41.5% ⬆	30.1
Unknown	37	*	n/a	23	*	n/a	n/a

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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