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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for

University of South Carolina-Columbia

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.**
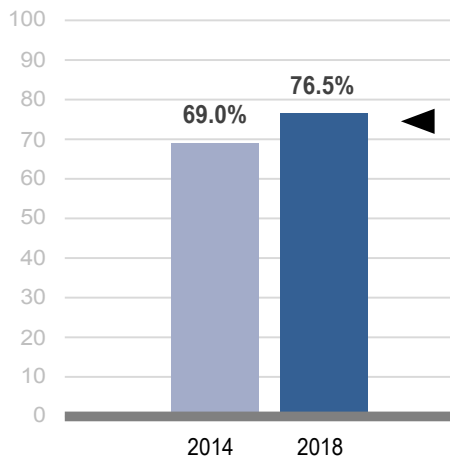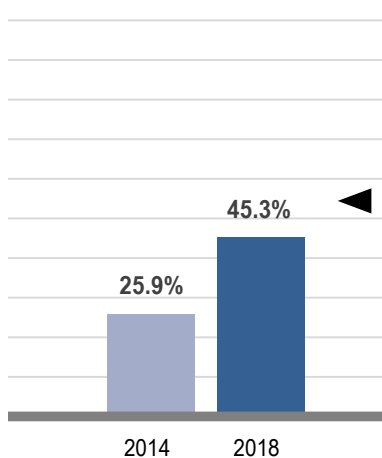
Warm regards,

IDHE Team

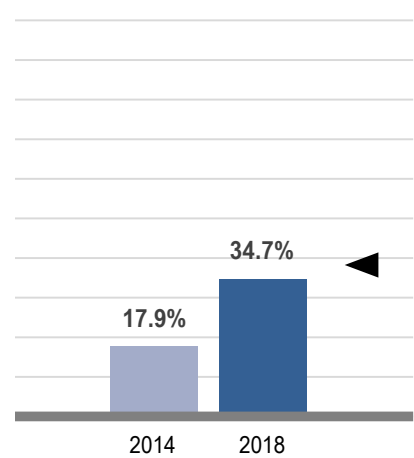**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

34.7%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+16.9

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	32,156	34,771	⬆	2,615
Age under 18/Unknown	(103)	(101)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,364)	(1,700)		
FERPA records blocked	(45)	(45)		
Total eligible voters	30,644	32,925	⬆	2,281
Number of students who registered	21,132	25,199	⬆	4,067
Number of students who voted	5,469	11,424	⬆	5,955
Registration rate	69.0%	76.5%	⬆	7.6
Voting rate of registered students	25.9%	45.3%	⬆	19.5
Voting rate	17.9%	34.7%	⬆	16.9
Difference from all institutions	-1.9	-4.4		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 54.0%
19.7%	LOW 1.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-1.9**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 64.1%
39.1%	LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-4.4**

	Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2014	17.9%	19.5%	19.6%	17.6%
2018	34.7%	41.2%	40.8%	42.5%
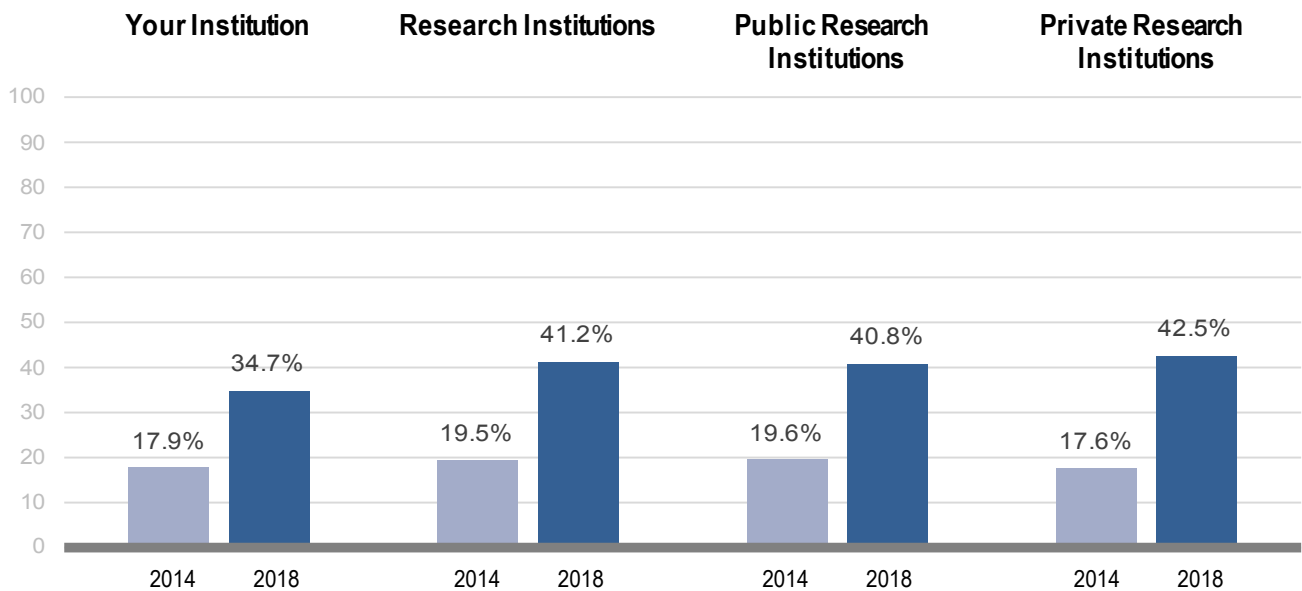
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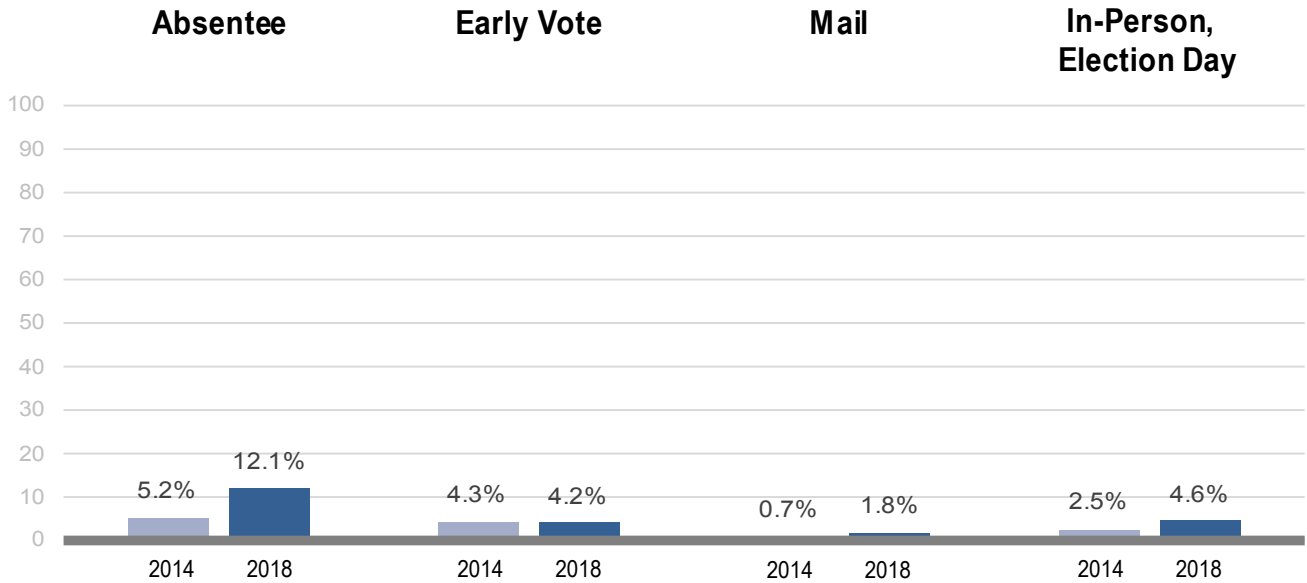
	2014			2018			
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	284	**5.2%**		1,384	**12.1%**	⬆	**6.9**
Early Vote	235	**4.3%**		484	**4.2%**	⬇	**-0.1**
Mail	38	**0.7%**		207	**1.8%**	⬆	**1.1**
In-Person, Election Day	137	**2.5%**		527	**4.6%**	⬆	**2.1**
Unknown	4,775	**87.3%**		8,822	**77.2%**		
Total	**5,469**			**11,424**			

* 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*
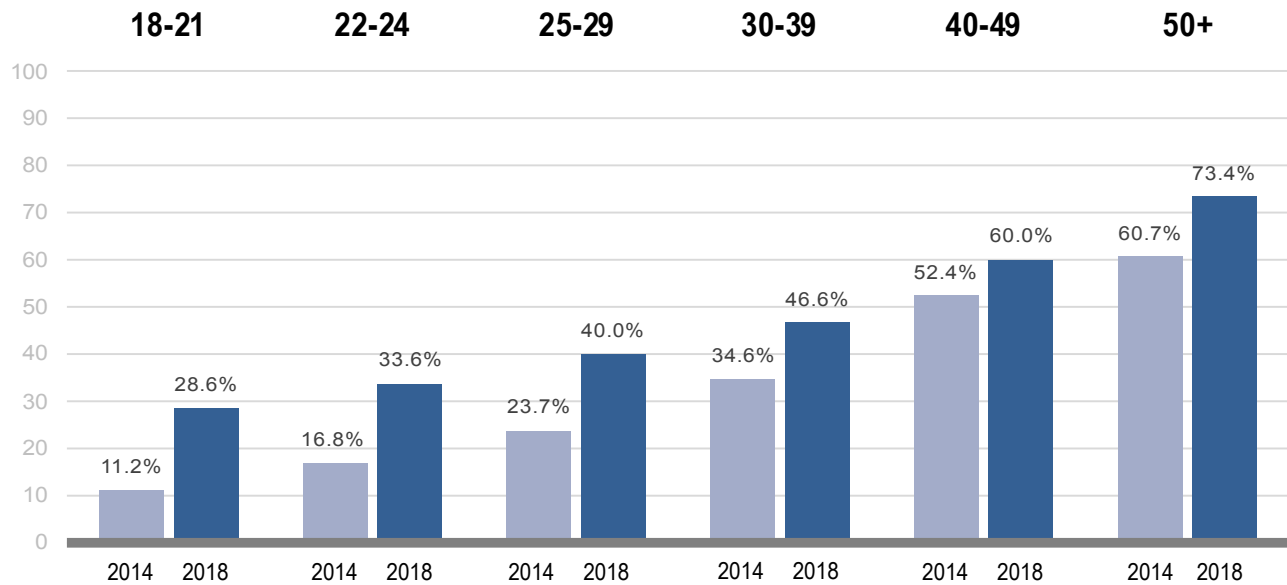
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	19,116	2,135	**11.2%**	22,119	6,317	**28.6%**	⬆	**17.4**
22-24	6,004	1,008	**16.8%**	5,768	1,937	**33.6%**	⬆	**16.8**
25-29	3,221	764	**23.7%**	3,206	1,282	**40.0%**	⬆	**16.3**
30-39	2,269	785	**34.6%**	2,204	1,028	**46.6%**	⬆	**12.0**
40-49	864	453	**52.4%**	855	513	**60.0%**	⬆	**7.6**
50+	534	324	**60.7%**	473	347	**73.4%**	⬆	**12.7**
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.

By Education Level*

Undergraduate
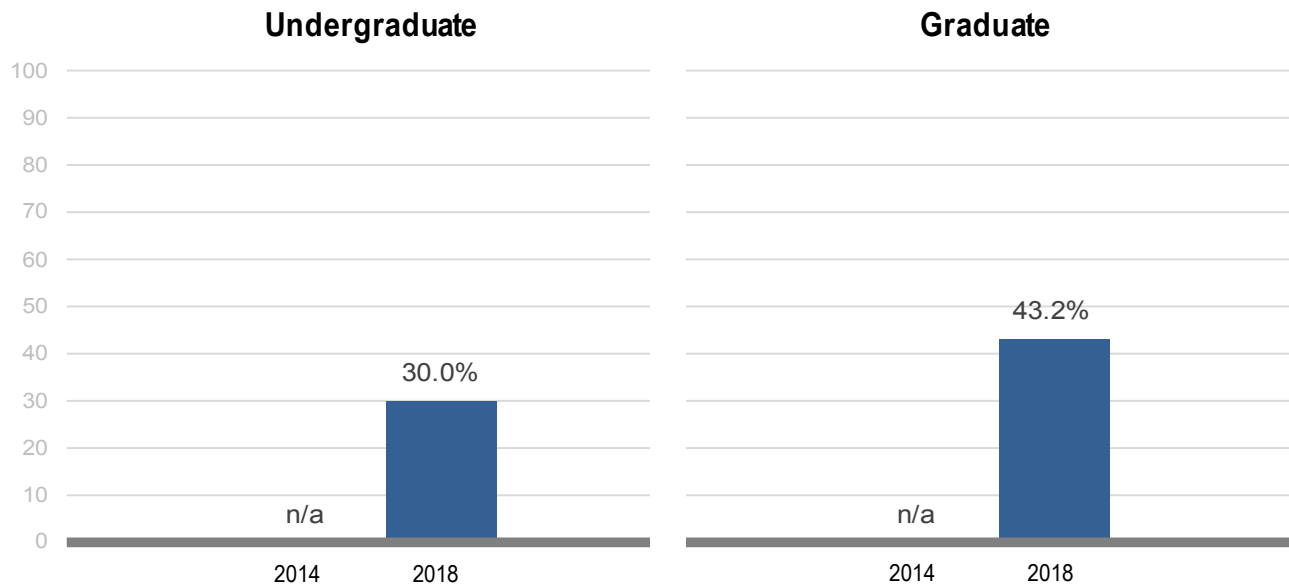
Graduate

	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**	26,632	7,975	**30.0%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**	7,993	3,449	**43.2%**	**n/a**
Unknown	32,008			0			

* 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.

By Undergraduate Class Year*
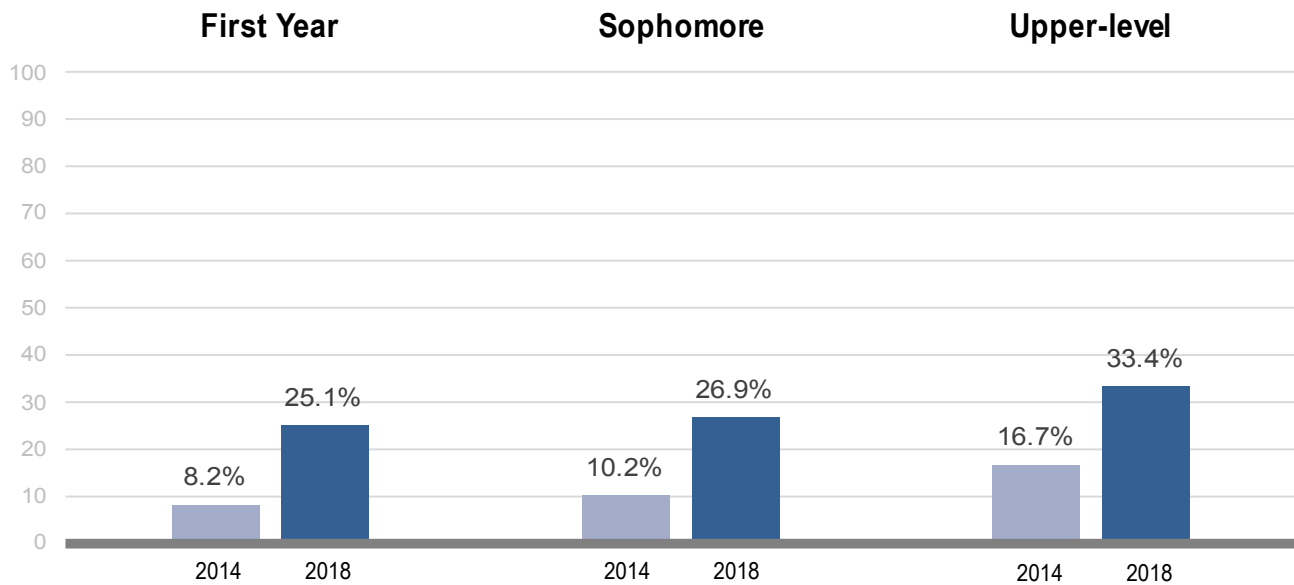
	2014			**2018**				**Change**
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	5,075	416	**8.2%**	6,063	1,524	**25.1%**	⬆	**16.9**
Sophomore	5,653	577	**10.2%**	6,450	1,734	**26.9%**	⬆	**16.7**
Upper-level	13,414	2,244	**16.7%**	14,132	4,720	**33.4%**	⬆	**16.7**

* 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.

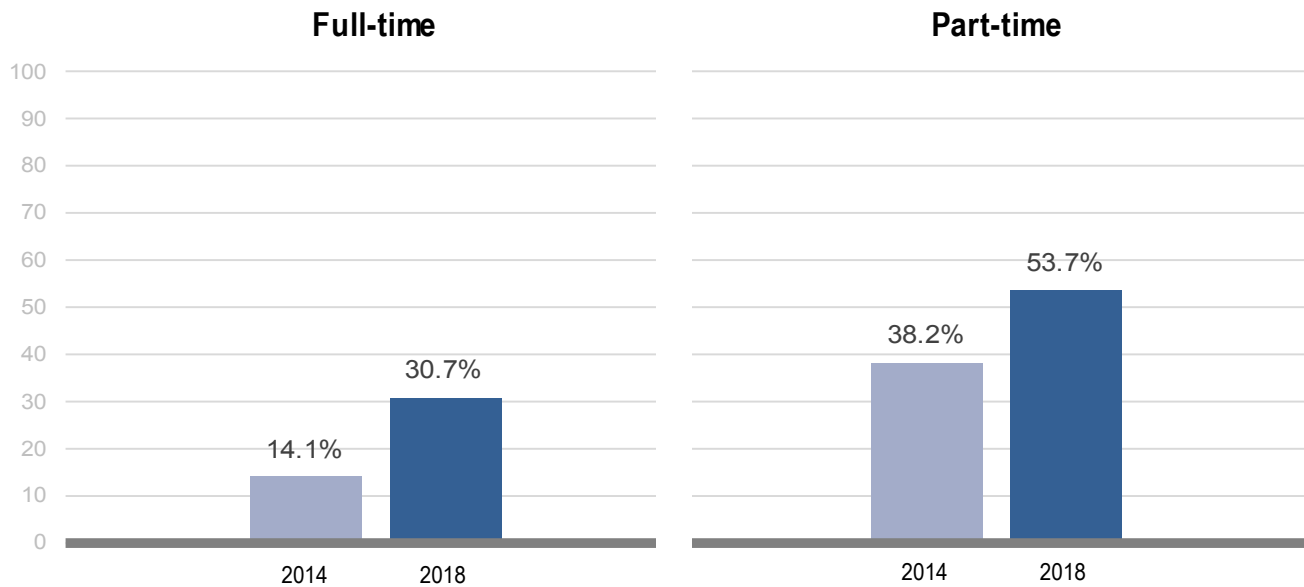**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Enrollment Status*

Full-time

Part-time

	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	28,078	3,968	**14.1%**	31,225	9,600	**30.7%**	⬆	**16.6**
Part-time	3,930	1,501	**38.2%**	3,400	1,824	**53.7%**	⬆	**15.5**
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*

Women	Men
35.7% (2018) — **18.5%** (2014)	**29.7%** (2018) — **15.3%** (2014)
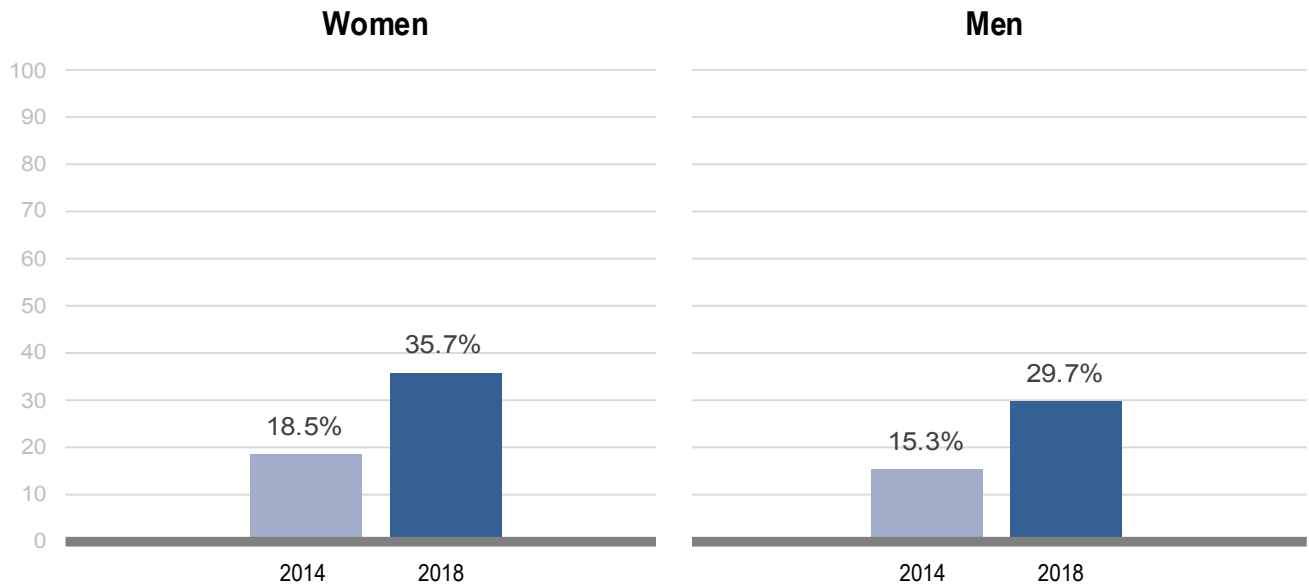
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	17,779	3,287	**18.5%**	19,006	6,782	**35.7%**	⬆	17.2
Men	14,210	2,180	**15.3%**	15,617	4,641	**29.7%**	⬆	14.4
Unknown	19			*				

* 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*
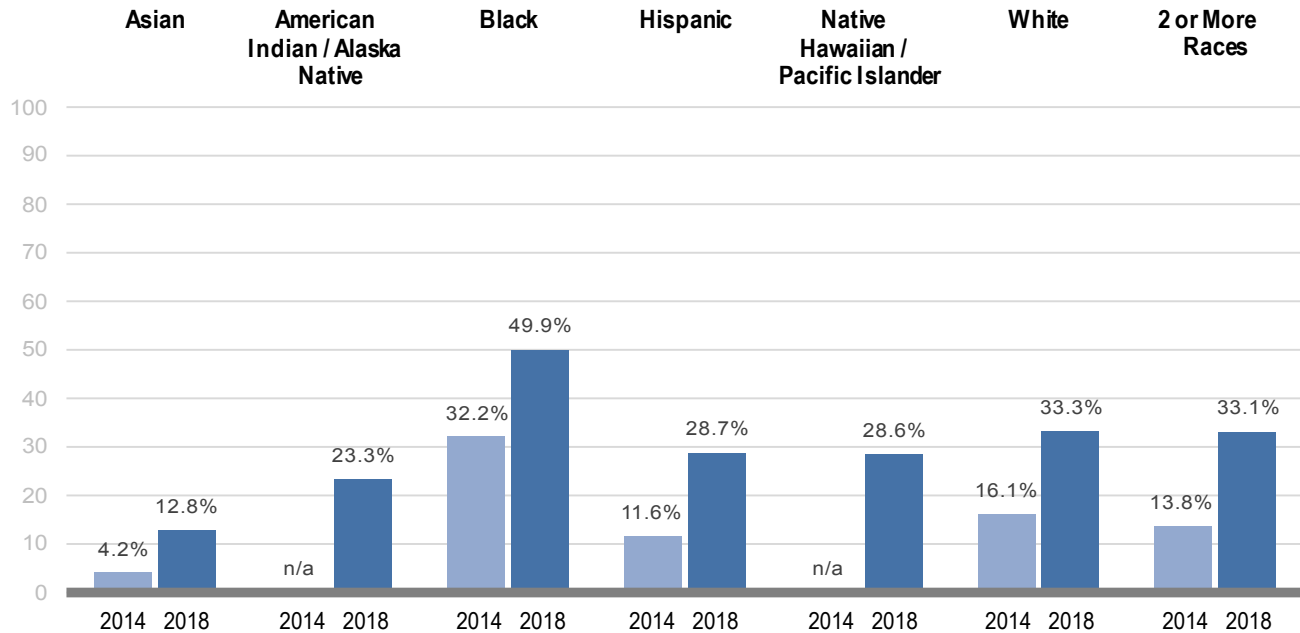
	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Asian	1,422	59	**4.2%**	2,082	267	**12.8%**	⬆	**8.7**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	79	*	**n/a**	60	14	**23.3%**		**n/a**
Black	3,444	1,109	**32.2%**	3,176	1,585	**49.9%**	⬆	**17.7**
Hispanic	1,317	153	**11.6%**	1,554	446	**28.7%**	⬆	**17.1**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	30	*	**n/a**	35	10	**28.6%**		**n/a**
White	24,251	3,907	**16.1%**	25,653	8,543	**33.3%**	⬆	**17.2**
2 or More Races	1,073	148	**13.8%**	1,237	410	**33.1%**	⬆	**19.4**
Unknown	392			828				

* 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.

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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.

	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	36	18	50.0%	154	68	44.2% ⬇	-5.8
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	3,476	408	11.7%	3,530	968	27.4% ⬆	15.7
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,393	678	15.4%	5,946	1,589	26.7% ⬆	11.3
Communication and Journalism	1,541	183	11.9%	1,689	567	33.6% ⬆	21.7
Computer and Information Sciences	614	96	15.6%	1,078	367	34.0% ⬆	18.4
Education	2,011	687	34.2%	1,761	897	50.9% ⬆	16.8
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,390	304	12.7%	2,663	735	27.6% ⬆	14.9
English Language and Literature	472	114	24.2%	395	174	44.1% ⬆	19.9
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	217	45	20.7%	202	90	44.6% ⬆	23.8
Health Professions	3,797	624	16.4%	5,388	1,829	34.0% ⬆	17.5
History	404	92	22.8%	321	160	49.8% ⬆	27.1
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	743	111	14.9%	686	207	30.2% ⬆	15.2
Legal Professions and Studies	620	170	27.4%	613	288	47.0% ⬆	19.6
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	4,462	686	15.4%	3,215	911	28.3% ⬆	13.0
Library Science	304	151	49.7%	306	218	71.2% ⬆	21.6
Mathematics and Statistics	349	47	13.5%	374	144	38.5% ⬆	25.0
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	124	14	11.3%	189	78	41.3% ⬆	30.0
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	854	68	8.0%	1,207	248	20.6% ⬆	12.6
Philosophy and Religious Studies	100	18	18.0%	101	48	47.5% ⬆	29.5
Physical Sciences	647	87	13.5%	606	182	30.0% ⬆	16.6
Psychology	1,073	129	12.0%	1,068	349	32.7% ⬆	20.7
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	812	254	31.3%	570	277	48.6% ⬆	17.3

Social Sciences	1,422	322	**22.6%**	1,452	595	**41.0%** ⬆	**18.3**
Visual and Performing Arts	1,112	150	**13.5%**	1,090	425	**39.0%** ⬆	**25.5**
Unknown	30	*	**n/a**	15	*	**n/a**	**n/a**

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