

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for University of South Carolina-Upstate

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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.

Warm regards,

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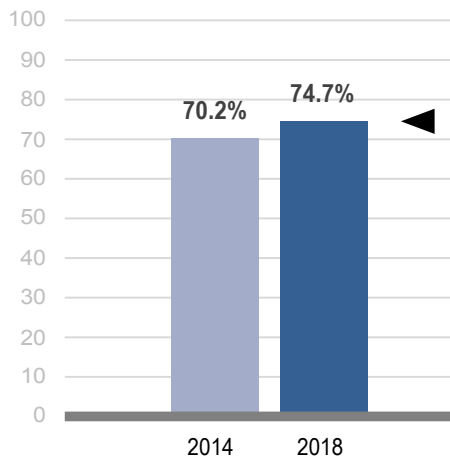
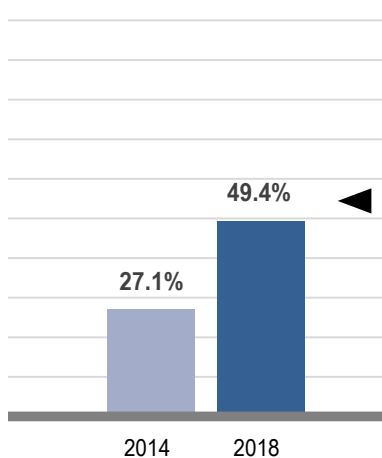
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Voting and Registration Rates

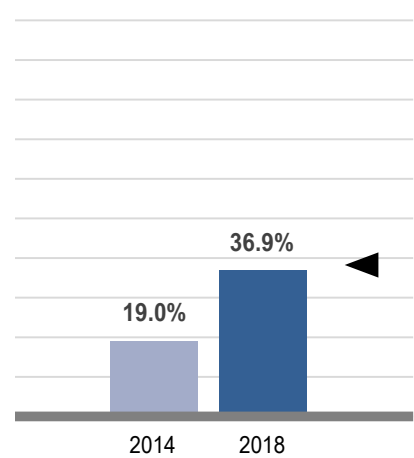
2018 Voting Rate

36.9%CHANGE
FROM 2014**+17.9**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	5,215	5,992	↑ 777
Age under 18/Unknown	(139)	(499)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(76)	(60)	
FERPA records blocked	(14)	*	
Total eligible voters	4,986	5,428	↑ 442
Number of students who registered	3,501	4,052	↑ 551
Number of students who voted	947	2,003	↑ 1,056
Registration rate	70.2%	74.7%	↑ 4.4
Voting rate of registered students	27.1%	49.4%	↑ 22.4
Voting rate	19.0%	36.9%	↑ 17.9
Difference from all institutions	-0.7	-2.2	

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

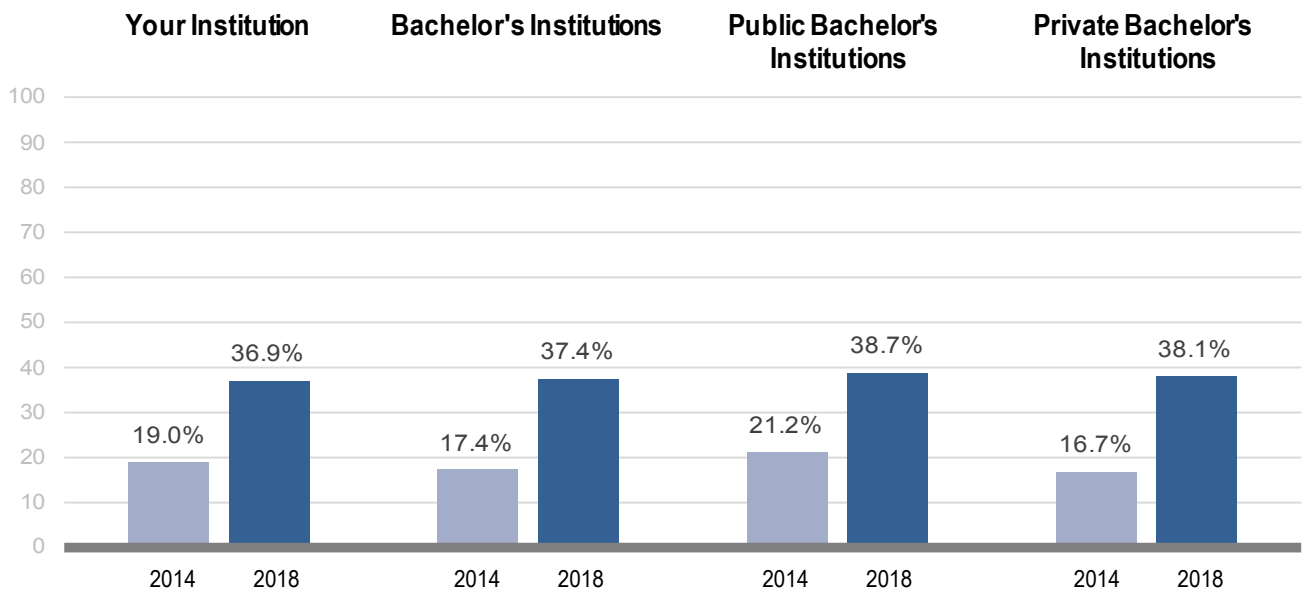
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

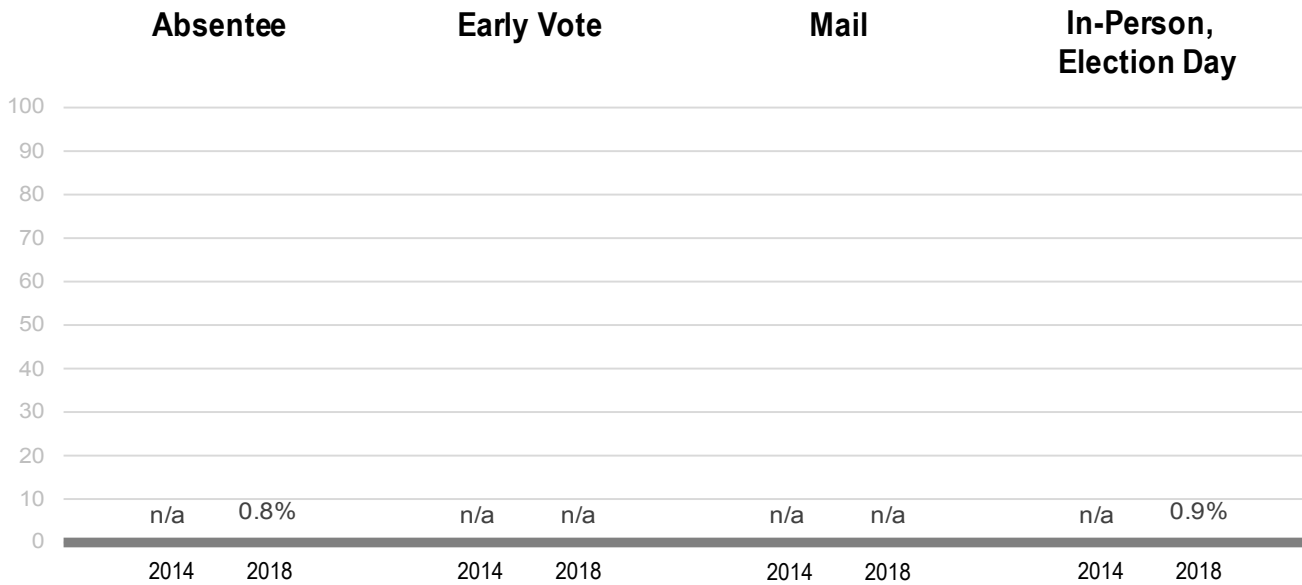
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By Voting Method*

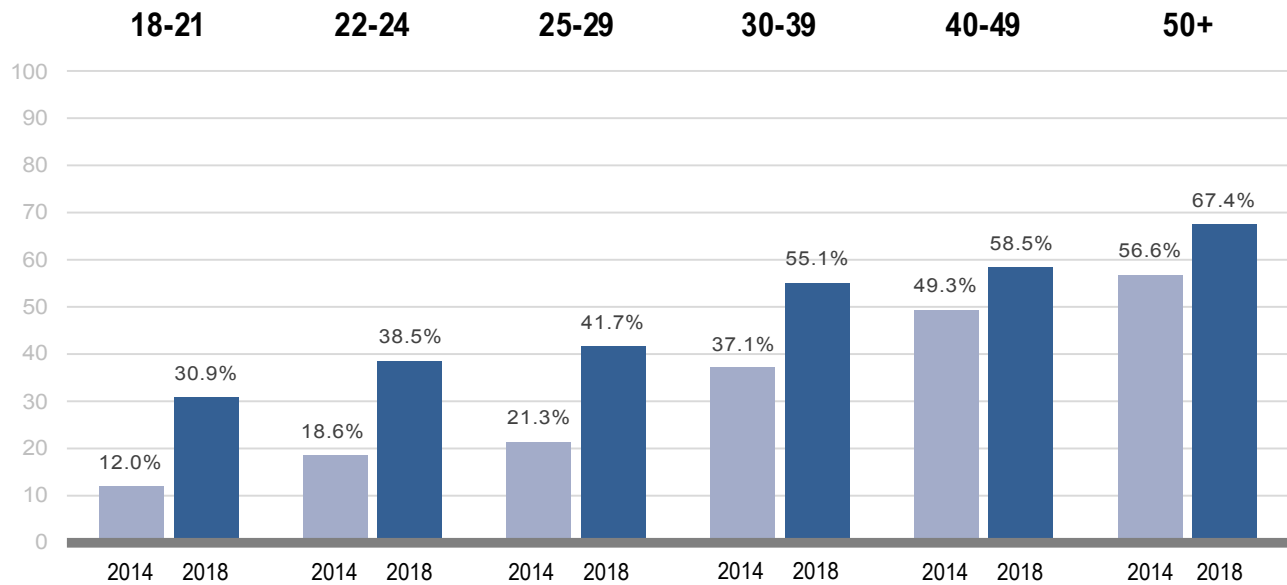


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	*	n/a	16	0.8%	n/a
Early Vote	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
Mail	0	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	*	n/a	17	0.9%	n/a
Unknown	938	99.1%	1,960	97.9%	
Total	947		2,003		

* 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*

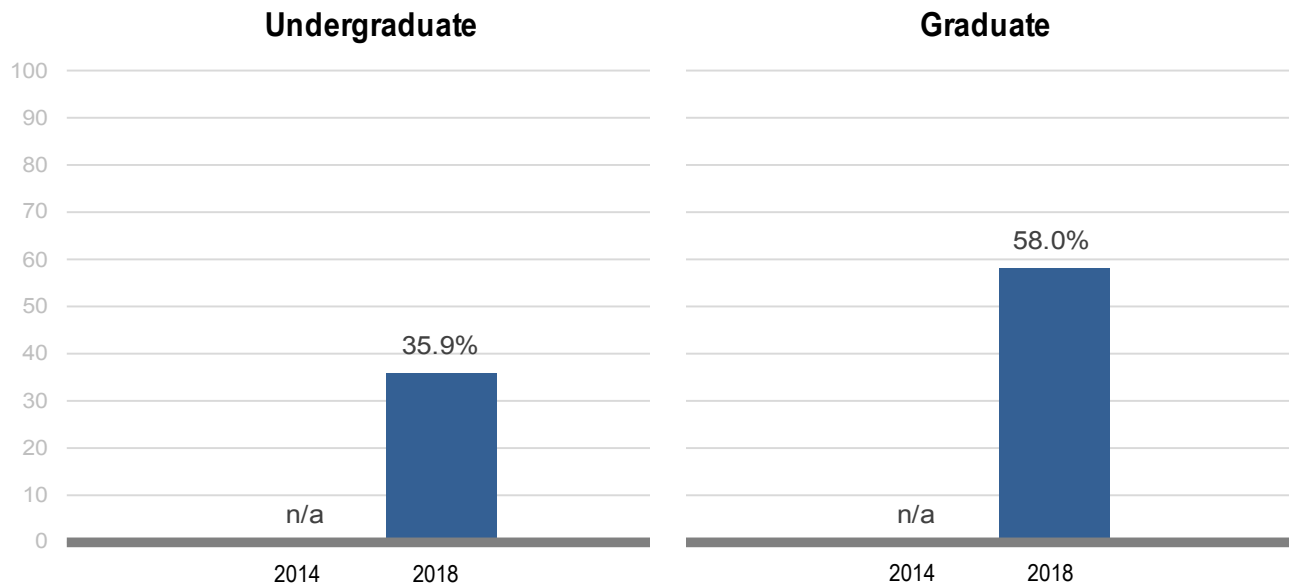


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	2,776	333	12.0%	3,189	984	30.9%	↑	18.9
22-24	1,106	206	18.6%	1,153	444	38.5%	↑	19.9
25-29	460	98	21.3%	539	225	41.7%	↑	20.4
30-39	420	156	37.1%	374	206	55.1%	↑	17.9
40-49	217	107	49.3%	147	86	58.5%	↑	9.2
50+	83	47	56.6%	86	58	67.4%	↑	10.8
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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Education Level*

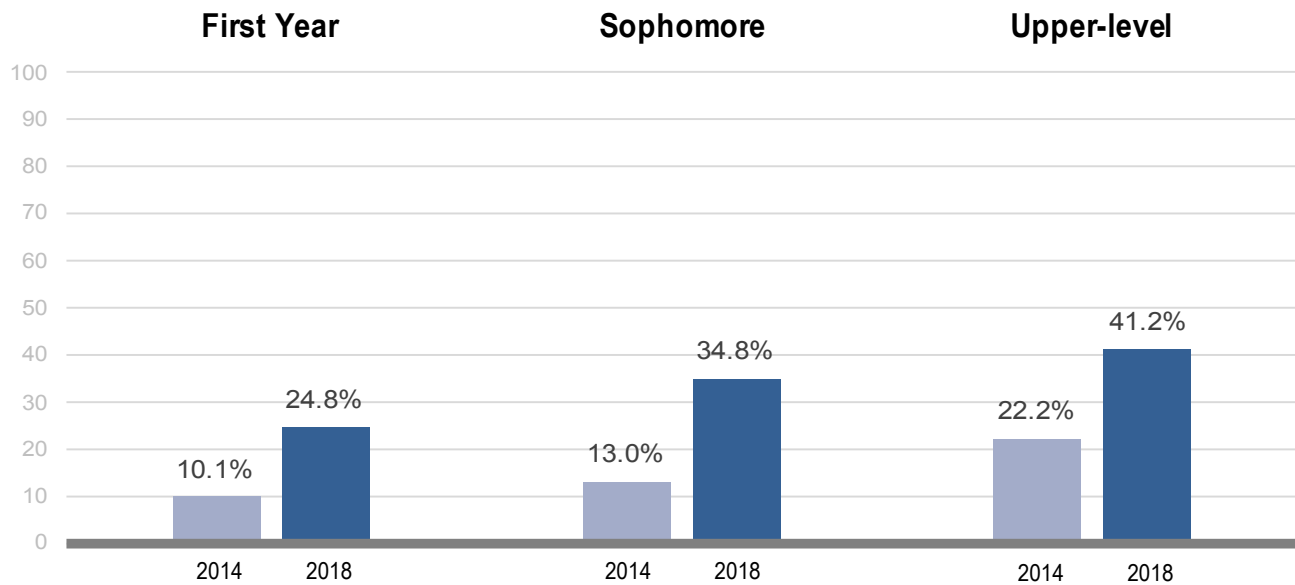


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	5,342	1,919	35.9%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	143	83	58.0%	n/a
Unknown	5,062			*			

* 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*

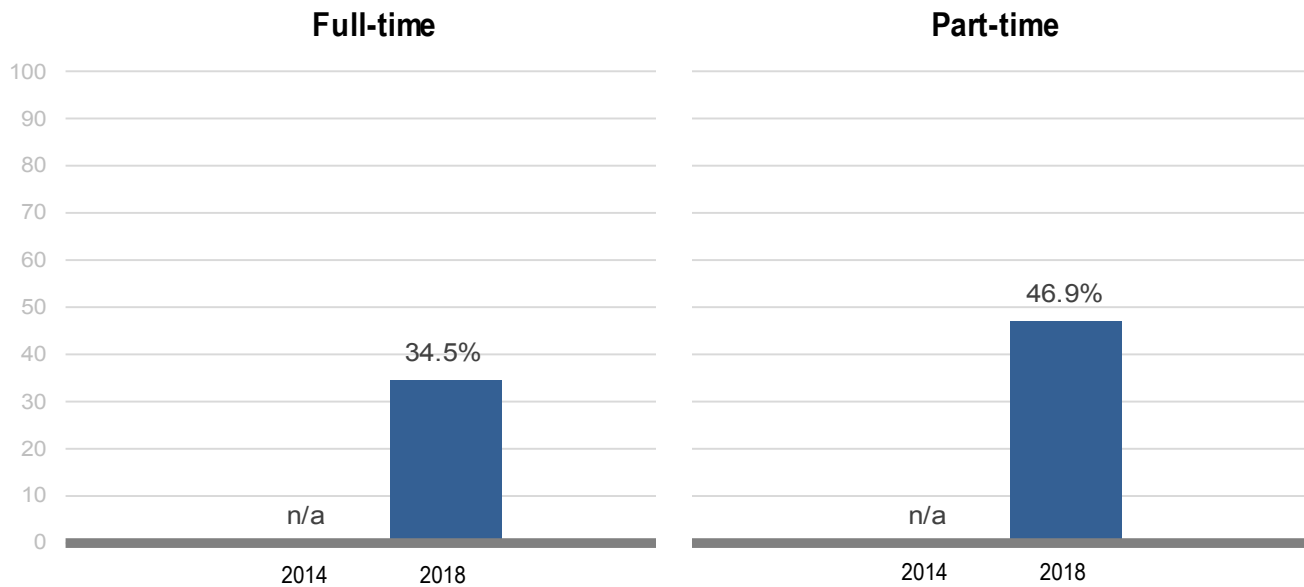


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	1,075	108	10.1%	1,336	331	24.8%	↑	14.7
Sophomore	910	118	13.0%	946	329	34.8%	↑	21.8
Upper-level	2,926	648	22.2%	3,071	1,266	41.2%	↑	19.1

* 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*

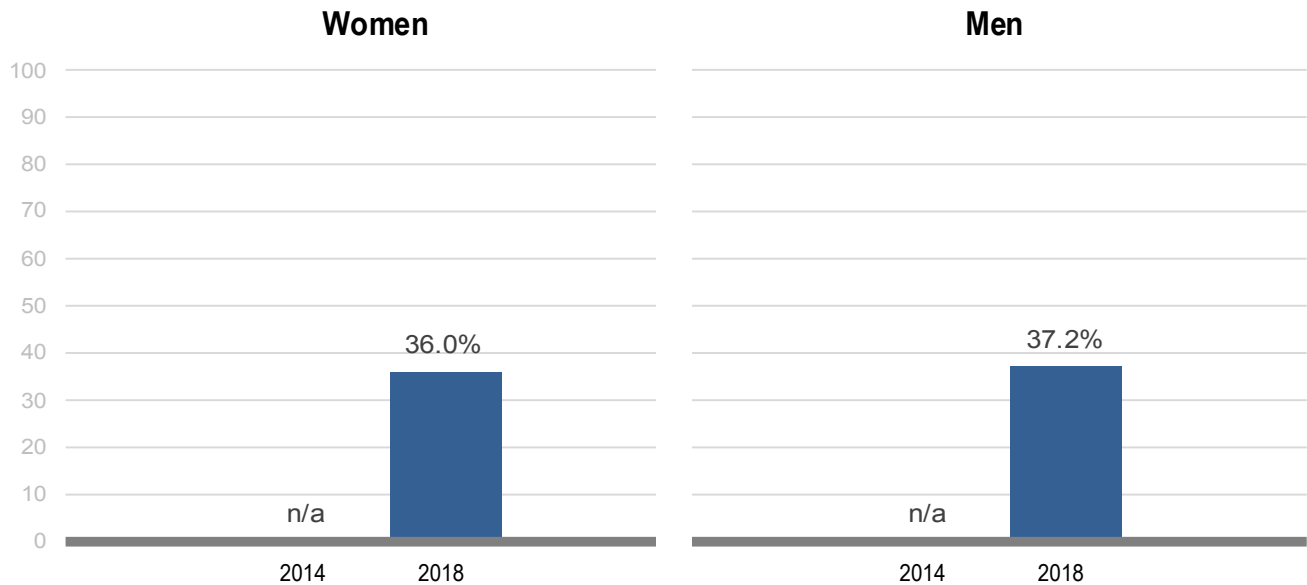


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	0	0	n/a	4,612	1,592	34.5%	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	876	411	46.9%	n/a
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Gender*

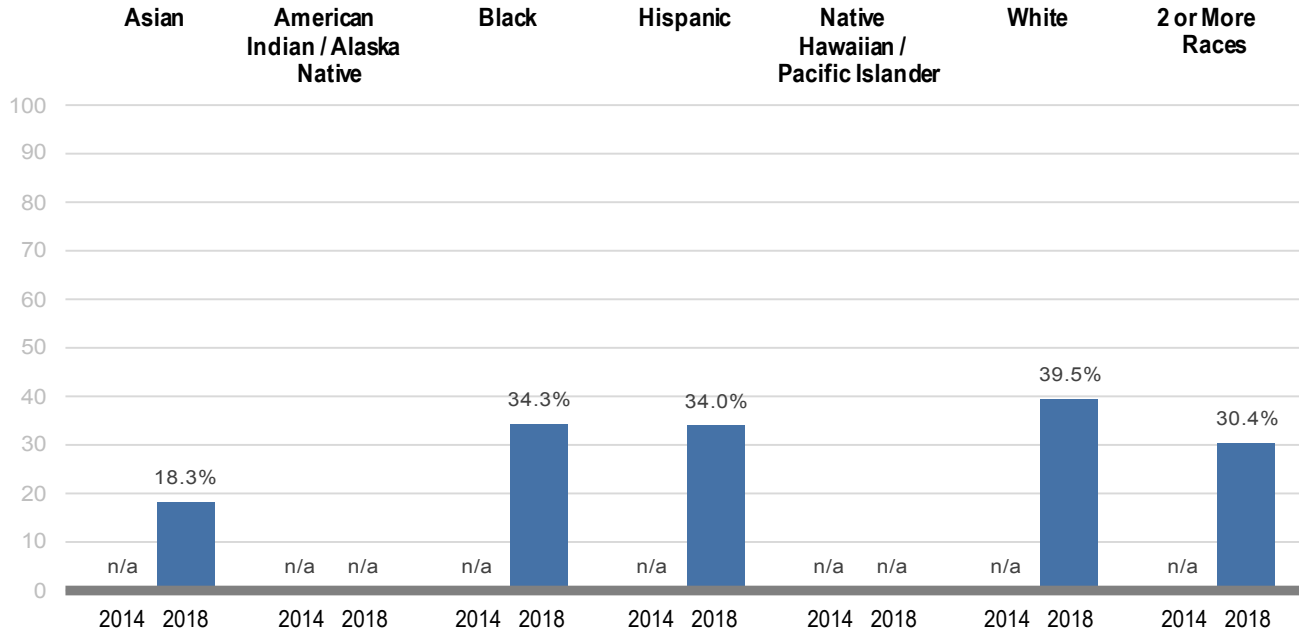


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	0	0	n/a	3,633	1,306	36.0%	n/a
Men	0	0	n/a	1,808	673	37.2%	n/a
Unknown	5,062			47			

* 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	164	30	18.3%	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	11	*	n/a	n/a
Black	0	0	n/a	1,744	598	34.3%	n/a
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	341	116	34.0%	n/a
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
White	0	0	n/a	2,904	1,147	39.5%	n/a
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	207	63	30.4%	n/a
Unknown	5,062			117			

* 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	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	334	43	12.9%	622	190	30.6% ↑	17.7
Business, Management, and Marketing	664	109	16.4%	737	239	32.4% ↑	16.0
Communication and Journalism	213	30	14.1%	204	91	44.6% ↑	30.5
Computer and Information Sciences	372	74	19.9%	372	129	34.7% ↑	14.8
Education	638	146	22.9%	678	299	44.1% ↑	21.2
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	38	18	47.4%	42	14	33.3% ↓	-14.0
English Language and Literature	39	*	n/a	35	22	62.9%	n/a
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	13	*	n/a	47	18	38.3%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	13	*	n/a	21	12	57.1%	n/a
Health Professions	1,071	172	16.1%	1,235	396	32.1% ↑	16.0
History	51	13	25.5%	28	17	60.7% ↑	35.2
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	275	59	21.5%	320	118	36.9% ↑	15.4
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	496	133	26.8%	491	213	43.4% ↑	16.6
Mathematics and Statistics	40	*	n/a	15	*	n/a	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	186	30	16.1%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	77	*	n/a	66	17	25.8%	n/a
Psychology	268	40	14.9%	292	88	30.1% ↑	15.2
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Social Sciences	139	26	18.7%	122	64	52.5% ↑	33.8
Visual and Performing Arts	125	24	19.2%	152	68	44.7% ↑	25.5
Unknown	*	0	n/a	*	*	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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