

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for University of Southern California

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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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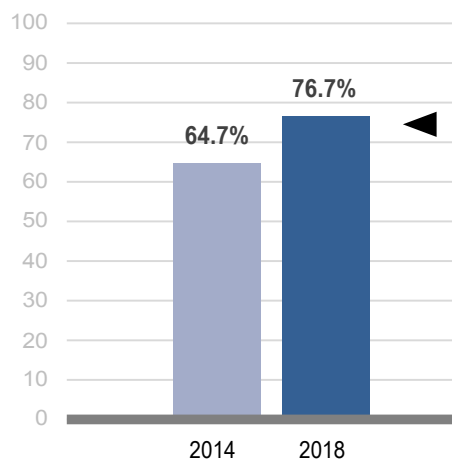
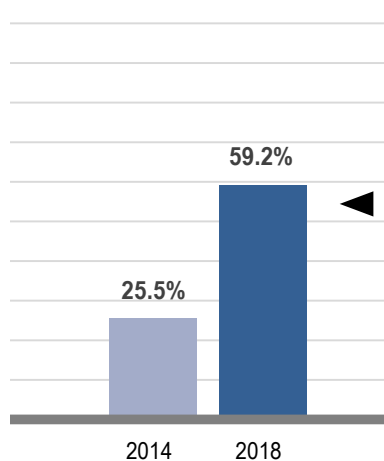
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

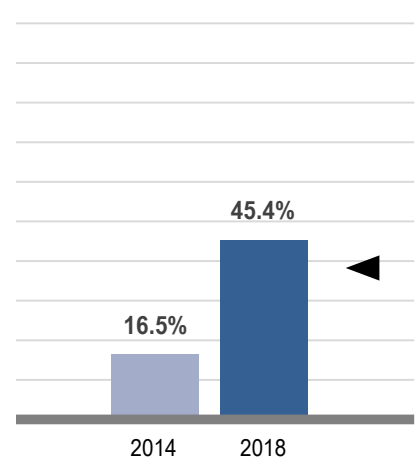
2018 Voting Rate

45.4%CHANGE
FROM 2014**+28.9**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	41,675	46,582	↑ 4,907
Age under 18/Unknown	(185)	(173)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(9,487)	(11,569)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	31,997	34,837	↑ 2,840
Number of students who registered	20,697	26,718	↑ 6,021
Number of students who voted	5,279	15,819	↑ 10,540
Registration rate	64.7%	76.7%	↑ 12.0
Voting rate of registered students	25.5%	59.2%	↑ 33.7
Voting rate	16.5%	45.4%	↑ 28.9
Difference from all institutions	-3.2	+6.3	

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

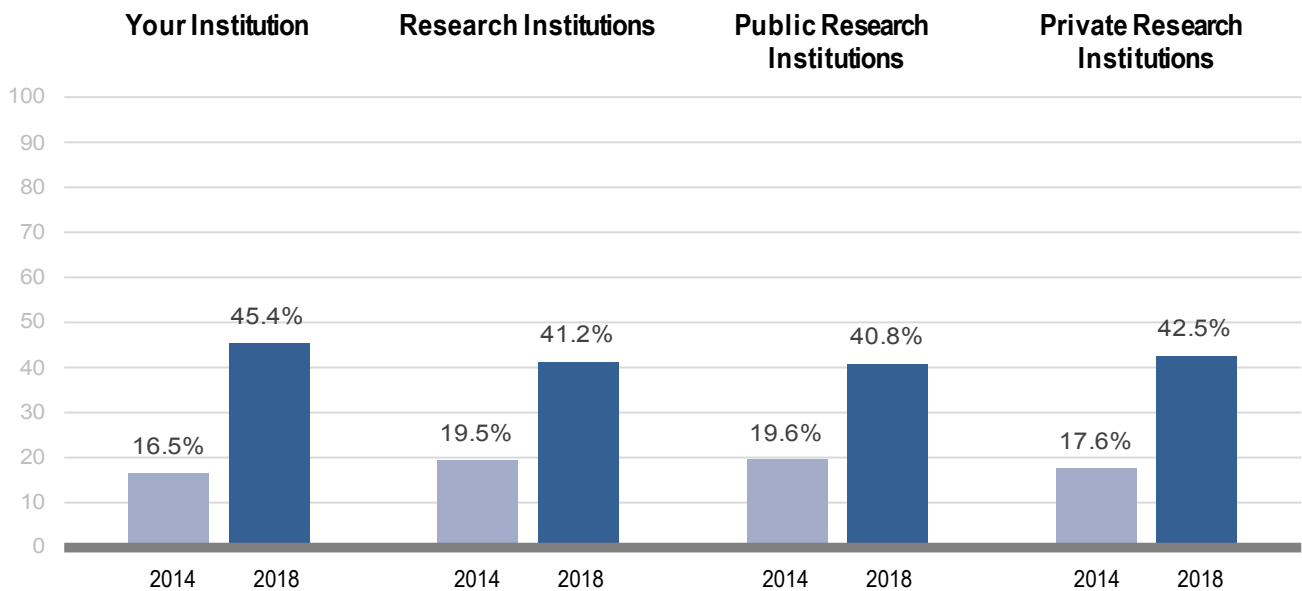
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HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

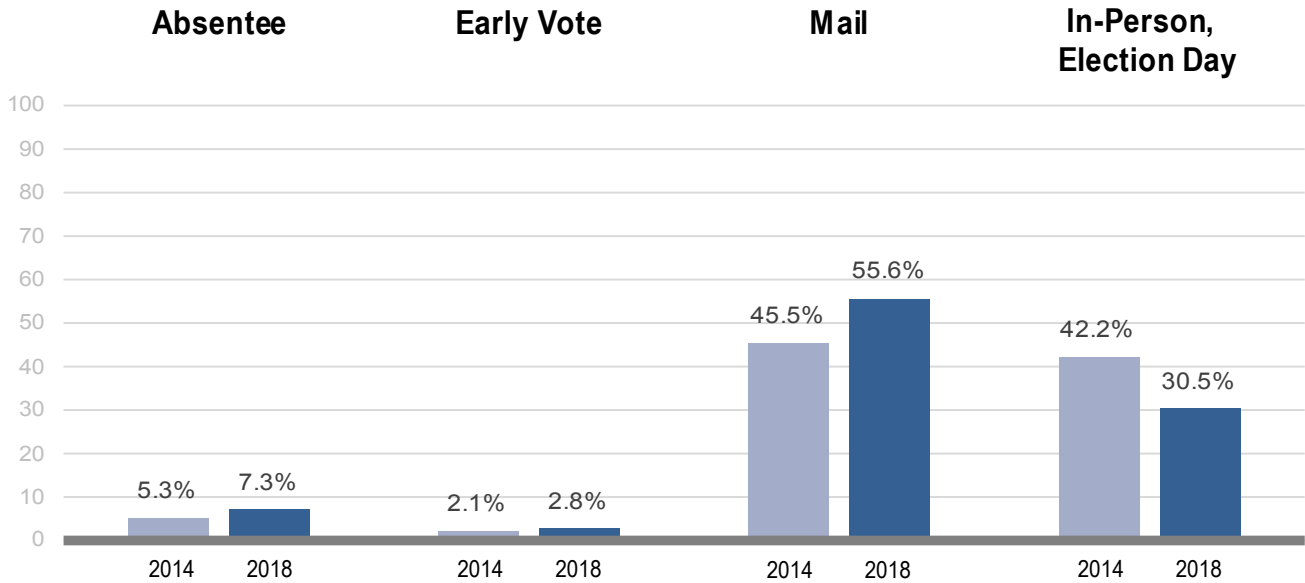
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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

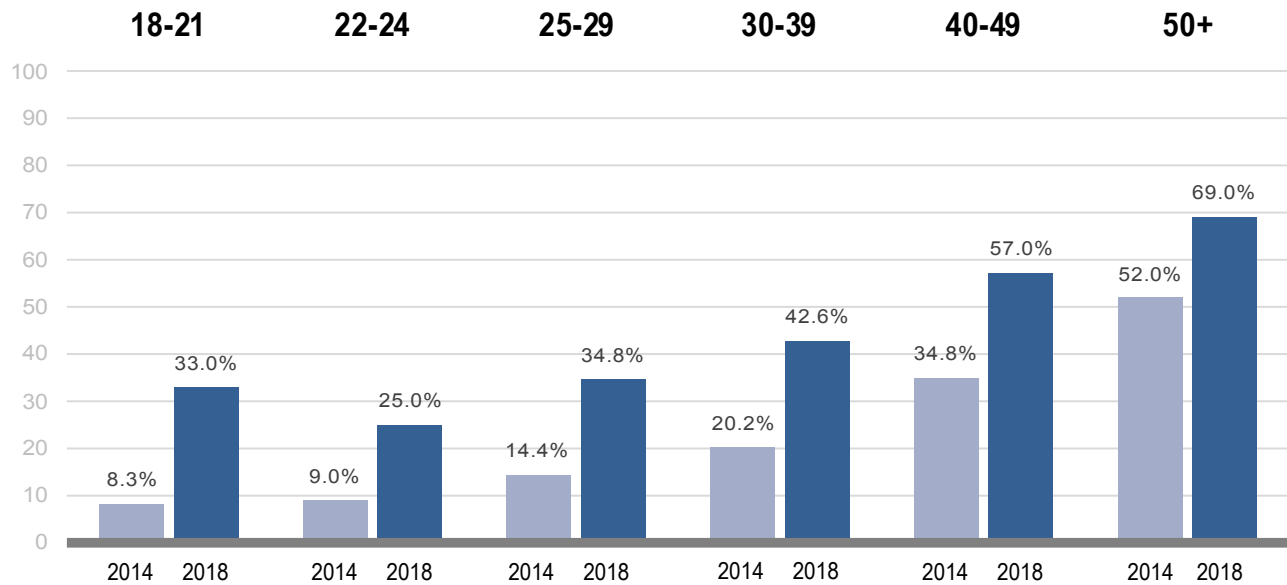


	2014		2018		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	278	5.3%	1,161	7.3%	↑	2.1
Early Vote	111	2.1%	449	2.8%	↑	0.7
Mail	2,403	45.5%	8,793	55.6%	↑	10.1
In-Person, Election Day	2,229	42.2%	4,819	30.5%	↓	-11.8
Unknown	258	4.9%	597	3.8%		
Total	5,279		15,819			

* 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*

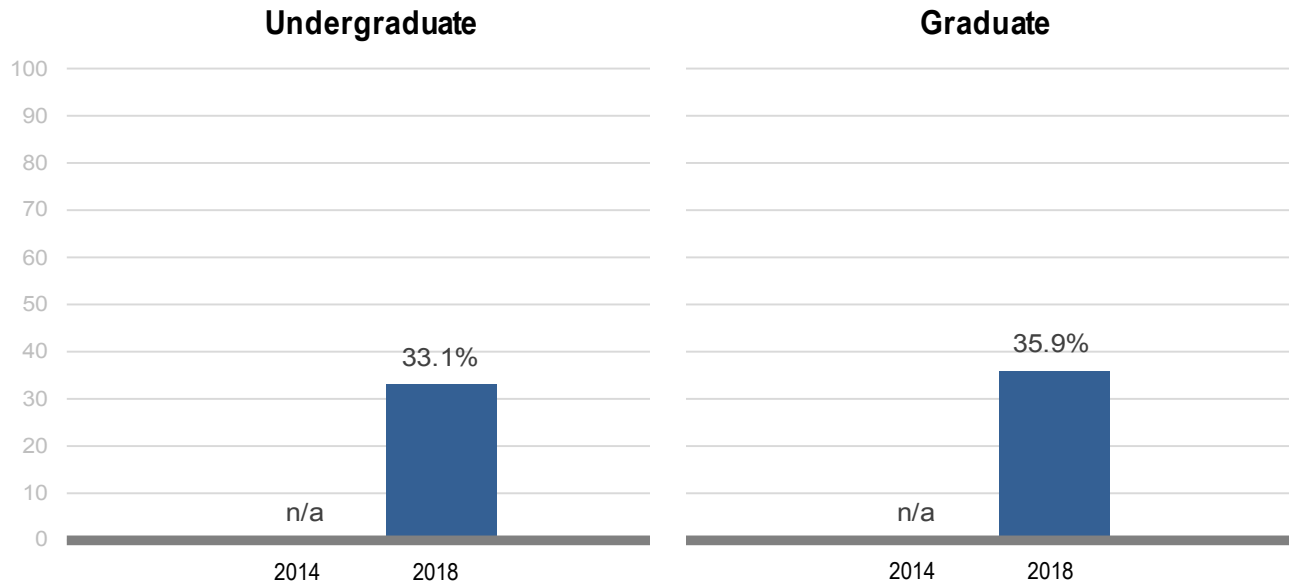


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	14,938	1,237	8.3%	16,153	5,322	33.0%	↑	24.7
22-24	10,680	958	9.0%	11,698	2,926	25.0%	↑	16.0
25-29	8,731	1,253	14.4%	10,042	3,492	34.8%	↑	20.4
30-39	5,150	1,039	20.2%	6,028	2,569	42.6%	↑	22.5
40-49	1,397	486	34.8%	1,711	976	57.0%	↑	22.3
50+	588	306	52.0%	774	534	69.0%	↑	17.0
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*

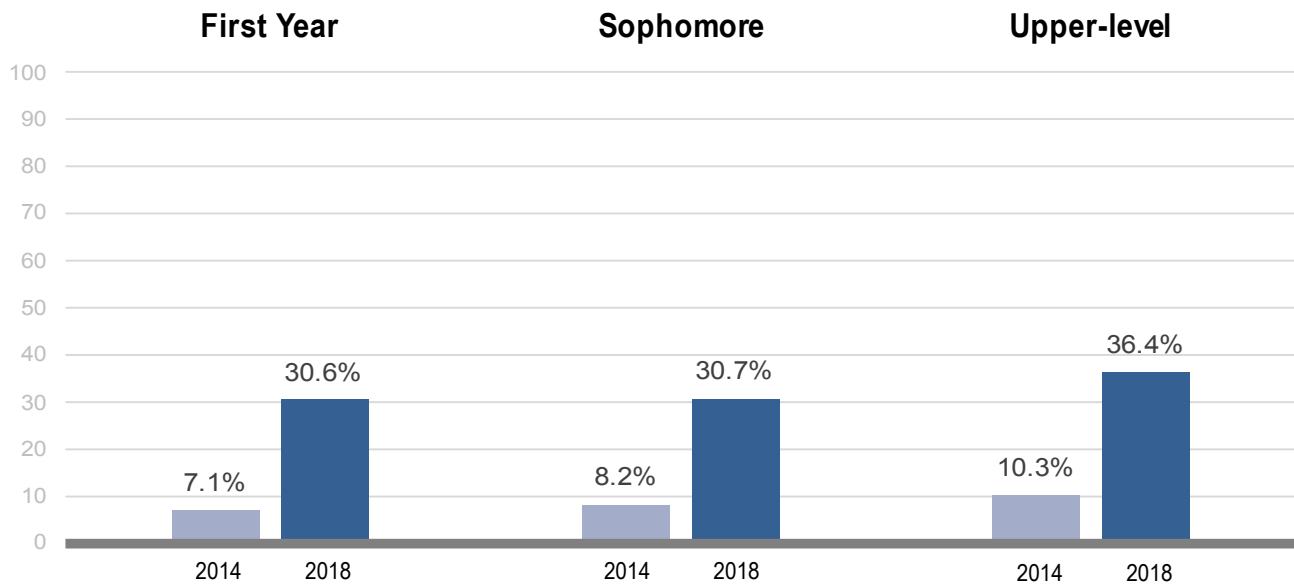


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	18,610	6,155	33.1%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	26,420	9,473	35.9%	n/a
Unknown	41,484			1,376			

* 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*

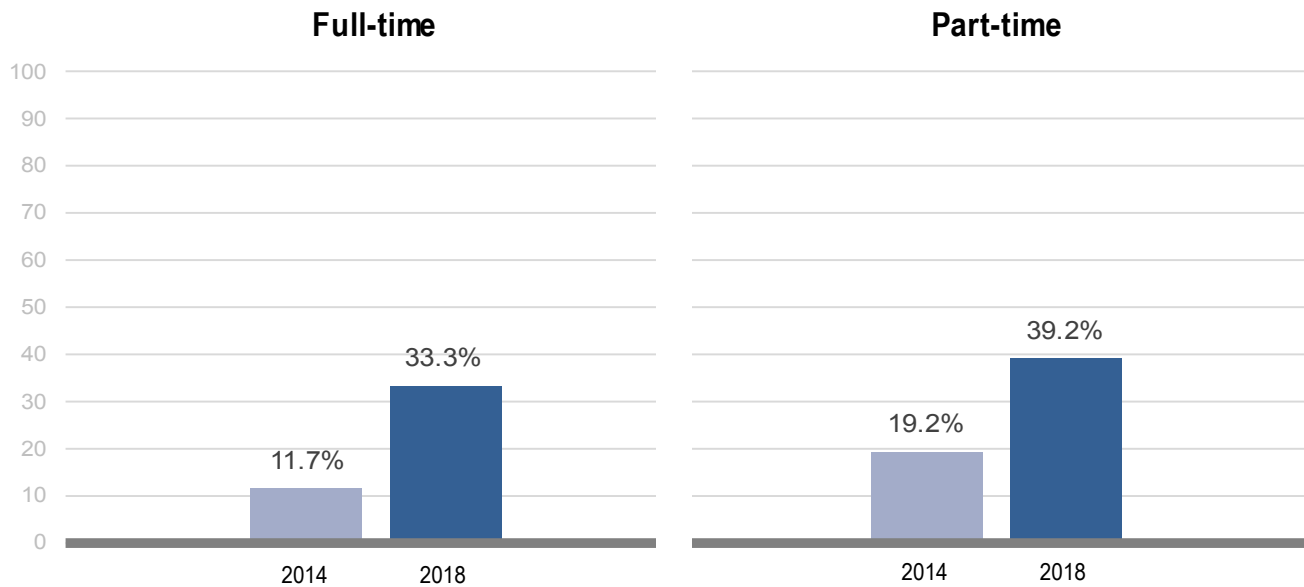


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	6,058	431	7.1%	4,908	1,502	30.6%	↑	23.5
Sophomore	4,874	397	8.2%	5,557	1,706	30.7%	↑	22.6
Upper-level	6,364	658	10.3%	8,418	3,062	36.4%	↑	26.0

* 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*

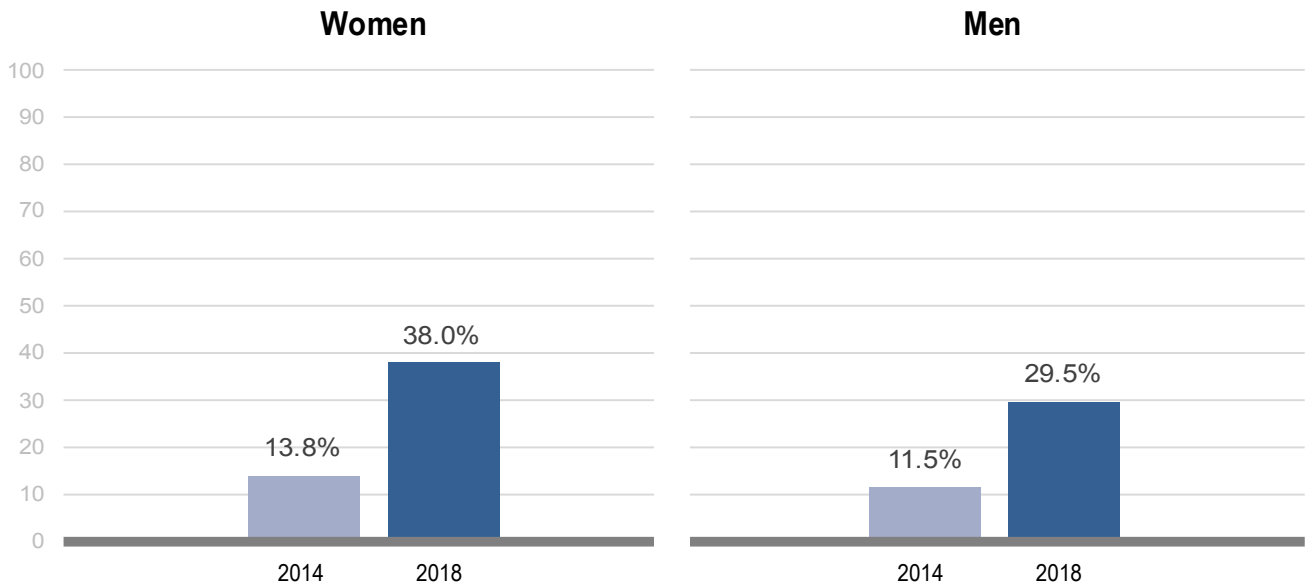


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	35,697	4,170	11.7%	39,986	13,303	33.3%	↑	21.6
Part-time	5,787	1,109	19.2%	6,420	2,516	39.2%	↑	20.0
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

* 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*

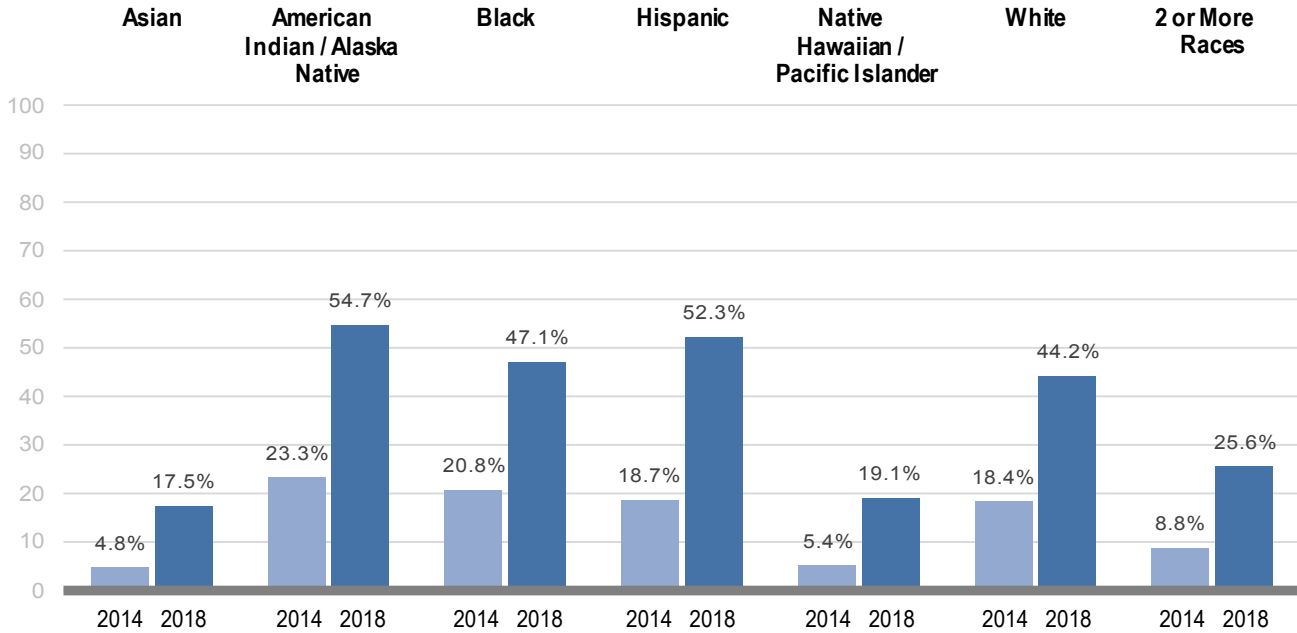


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	21,548	2,982	13.8%	24,794	9,414	38.0%	↑	24.1
Men	19,921	2,296	11.5%	21,453	6,326	29.5%	↑	18.0
Unknown	15			159				

* 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	6,443	310	4.8%	1,954	341	17.5%	↑	12.6
American Indian/ Alaska Native	90	21	23.3%	86	47	54.7%	↑	31.3
Black	2,240	465	20.8%	2,692	1,267	47.1%	↑	26.3
Hispanic	3,384	632	18.7%	3,696	1,933	52.3%	↑	33.6
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	5,487	294	5.4%	5,512	1,051	19.1%	↑	13.7
White	14,120	2,595	18.4%	14,002	6,190	44.2%	↑	25.8
2 or More Races	6,498	571	8.8%	14,093	3,601	25.6%	↑	16.8
Unknown	3,222			4,371				

* 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	
Architecture	1,282	161	12.6%	1,129	341	30.2% ↑	17.6
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	128	15	11.7%	116	48	41.4% ↑	29.7
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,614	140	8.7%	1,683	478	28.4% ↑	19.7
Business, Management, and Marketing	5,945	523	8.8%	6,913	2,128	30.8% ↑	22.0
Communication and Journalism	2,170	257	11.8%	2,264	900	39.8% ↑	27.9
Computer and Information Sciences	2,200	88	4.0%	3,393	445	13.1% ↑	9.1
Education	1,622	455	28.1%	2,412	1,347	55.9% ↑	27.8
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	5,323	380	7.1%	5,059	1,087	21.5% ↑	14.4
English Language and Literature	343	79	23.0%	267	134	50.2% ↑	27.2
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	323	45	13.9%	333	122	36.6% ↑	22.7
Health Professions	4,784	719	15.0%	5,348	2,093	39.1% ↑	24.1
History	165	33	20.0%	228	108	47.4% ↑	27.4
Legal Professions and Studies	825	147	17.8%	1,183	402	34.0% ↑	16.2
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	718	43	6.0%	371	84	22.6% ↑	16.7
Library Science	35	14	40.0%	94	54	57.5% ↑	17.5
Mathematics and Statistics	460	27	5.9%	751	151	20.1% ↑	14.2
Military Science, Leadership and Operational Art	0	0	n/a	13	*	n/a	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,080	156	14.4%	1,732	626	36.1% ↑	21.7
Natural Resources and Conservation	167	26	15.6%	235	95	40.4% ↑	24.9
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	38	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	232	28	12.1%	243	92	37.9% ↑	25.8
Physical Sciences	535	34	6.4%	555	121	21.8% ↑	15.4
Psychology	711	62	8.7%	803	307	38.2% ↑	29.5

Public Administration and Social Service Professions	3,972	1,087	27.4%	3,836	2,140	55.8% ↑	28.4
Social Sciences	2,571	324	12.6%	2,541	926	36.4% ↑	23.8
Visual and Performing Arts	3,525	344	9.8%	3,523	1,391	39.5% ↑	29.7
Unknown	716	84	11.7%	1,381	194	14.1% ↑	2.3

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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