

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
The University of
Tennessee-Chattanooga

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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 and 2016 federal elections. Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of nearly 30 million college student records, about 10 million for each election year, that serve as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

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. The mission of IDHE is to shift college and university priorities and culture to advance political learning, agency, and equity. We achieve our mission through research, resource development, technical assistance, 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 actually voted in the 2012 and 2016 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (FERPA-blocked records excluded) and publicly available voting files collected by Catalyst.

Institutional voting rates 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, we cannot consistently adjust for students who are non-resident aliens, resident aliens, or undocumented students. This may result in your institution's actual voting rate being higher than we report. To calculate that percentage, and to read more about NSLVE data, see our [FAQ on Campus Reports](#). Please also see [Creating and Maintaining the NSLVE Database](#) paper for a more detailed study methodology.

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. This report provides a baseline measure of your students' engagement in democracy in 2012 and 2016, and compares your institution's voting rates to similar institutions. Visit our website for more comparison data.
- Share the report widely and strategically, including posting it online.
- Put your data into practice. Use our IDHE Resources to guide you.
- Address your campus climate for student political learning, discourse, and participation. Start by bringing the IDHE team to your campus or using the IDHE self-assessment rubric available on our website.
- Partner with IDHE. We are available with virtual office hours, webinars, brown bag discussions and in-person trainings.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: idhe.tufts.edu.

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Warm regards,
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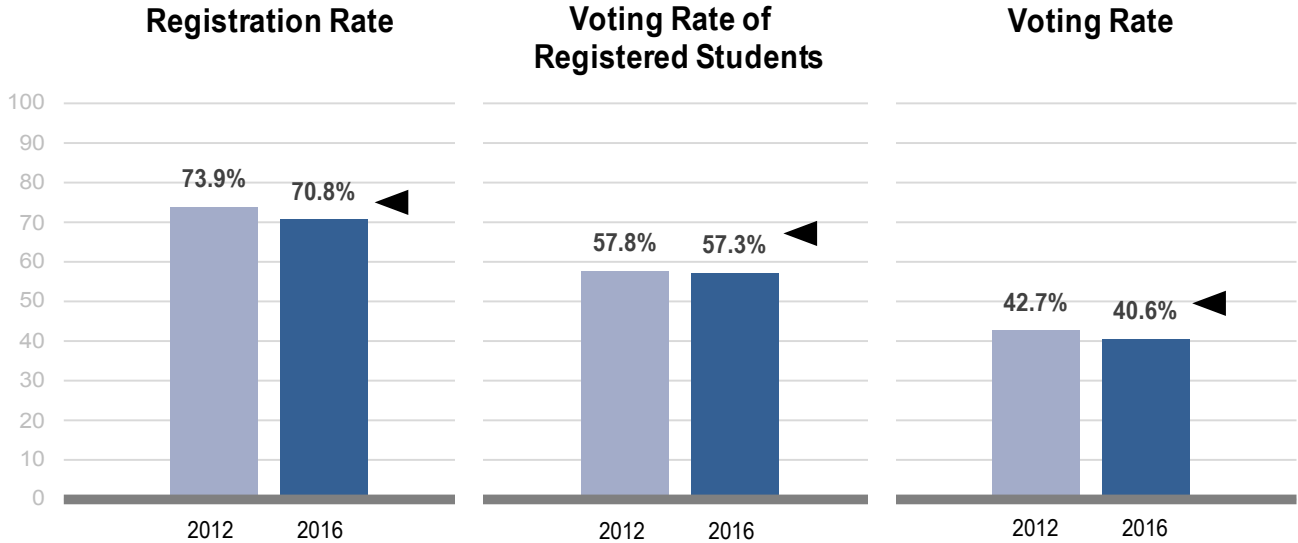
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
40.6%

CHANGE FROM 2012
-2.2

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



◀ All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	11,225	11,344	↑ 119
Age under 18/Unknown	(41)	(39)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(148)	(163)	
FERPA records blocked	(11)	*	
Total eligible voters	11,025	11,136	↑ 111
Number of students who registered	8,148	7,883	↓ -265
Number of students who voted	4,710	4,516	↓ -194
Registration rate	73.9%	70.8%	↓ -3.1
Voting rate of registered students	57.8%	57.3%	↓ -0.5
Voting rate	42.7%	40.6%	↓ -2.2
Difference from all institutions	-4.2	-9.9	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

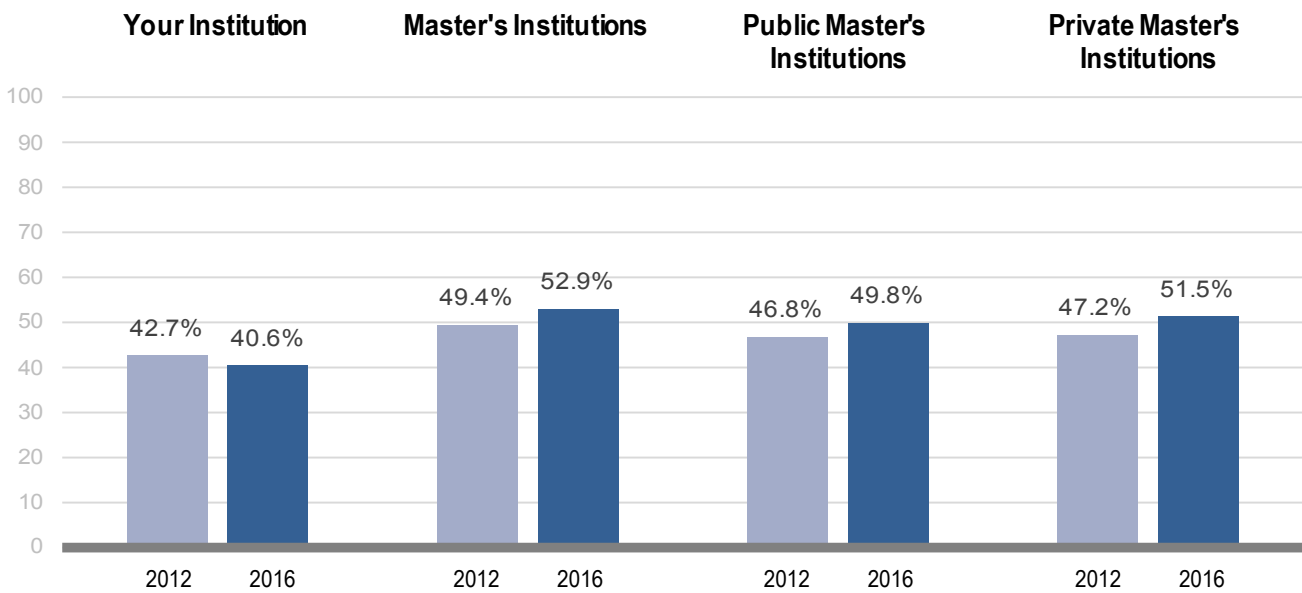
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

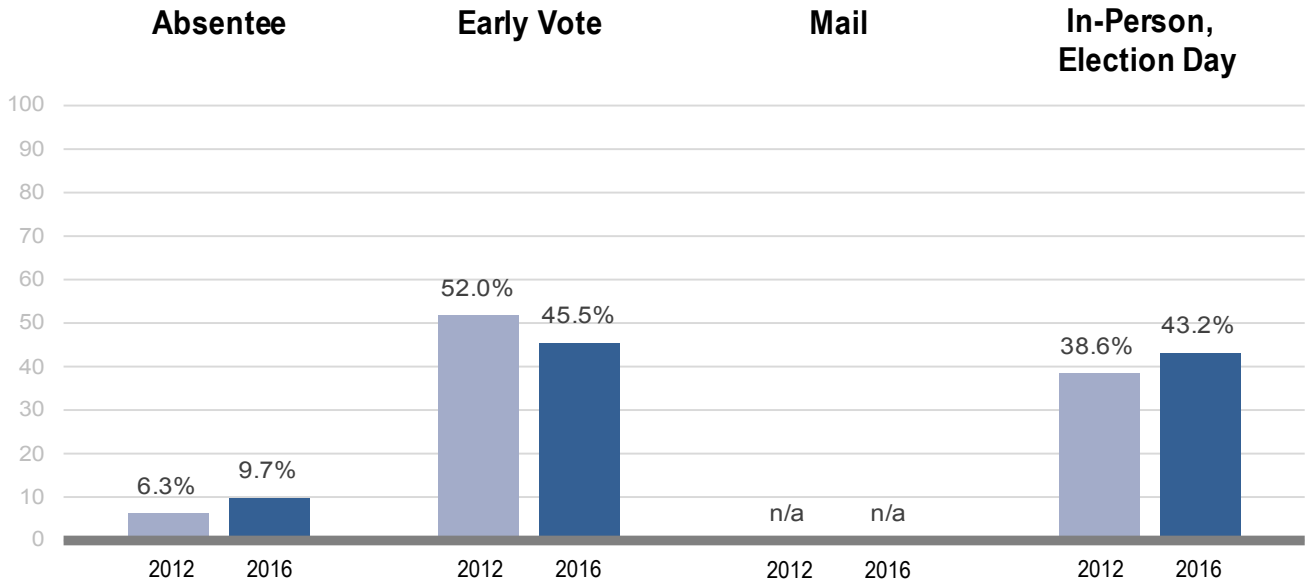
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By Voting Method*

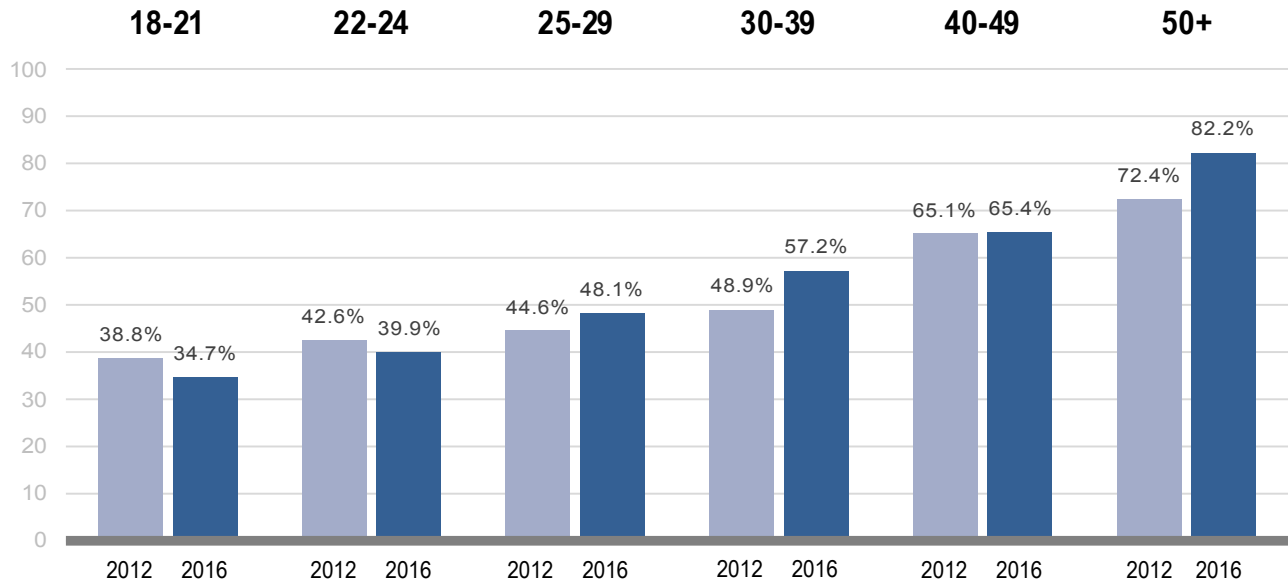


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	297	6.3%	438	9.7%	↑ 3.4
Early Vote	2,448	52.0%	2,053	45.5%	↓ -6.5
Mail	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	1,817	38.6%	1,952	43.2%	↑ 4.6
Unknown	143	3.0%	67	1.5%	
Total	4,710		4,516		

* 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.

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By Age Group*

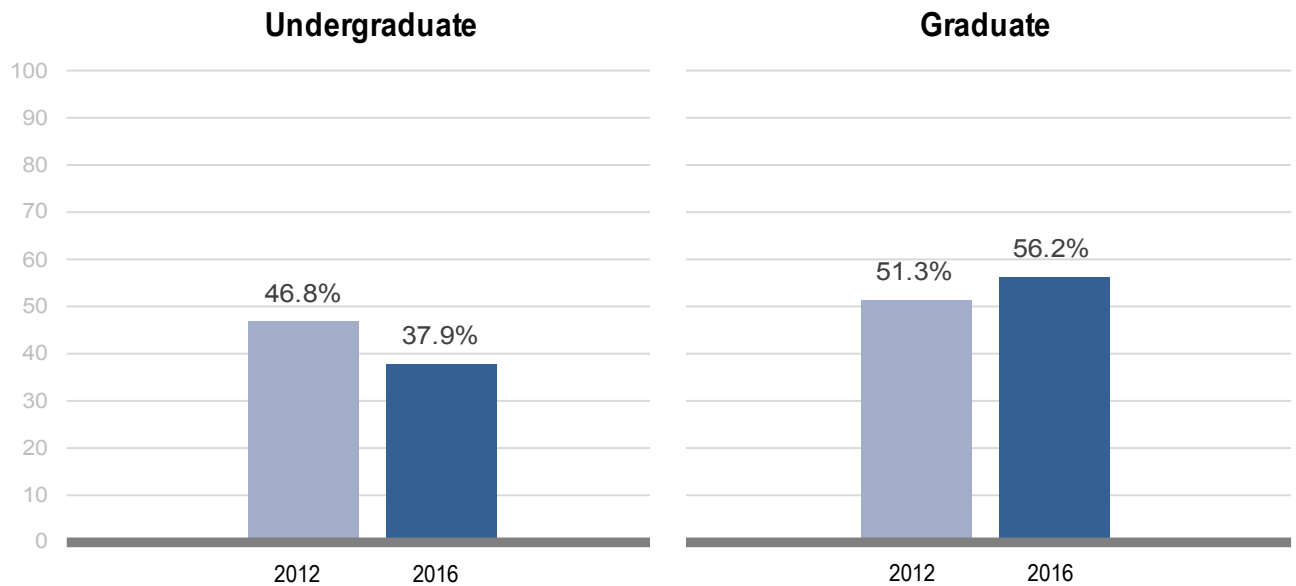


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	6,437	2,495	38.8%	6,588	2,287	34.7%	↓ -4.1
22-24	2,315	986	42.6%	2,497	997	39.9%	↓ -2.7
25-29	1,143	510	44.6%	1,070	515	48.1%	↑ 3.5
30-39	782	382	48.9%	698	399	57.2%	↑ 8.3
40-49	304	198	65.1%	289	189	65.4%	↑ 0.3
50+	192	139	72.4%	157	129	82.2%	↑ 9.8
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.

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By Education Level*

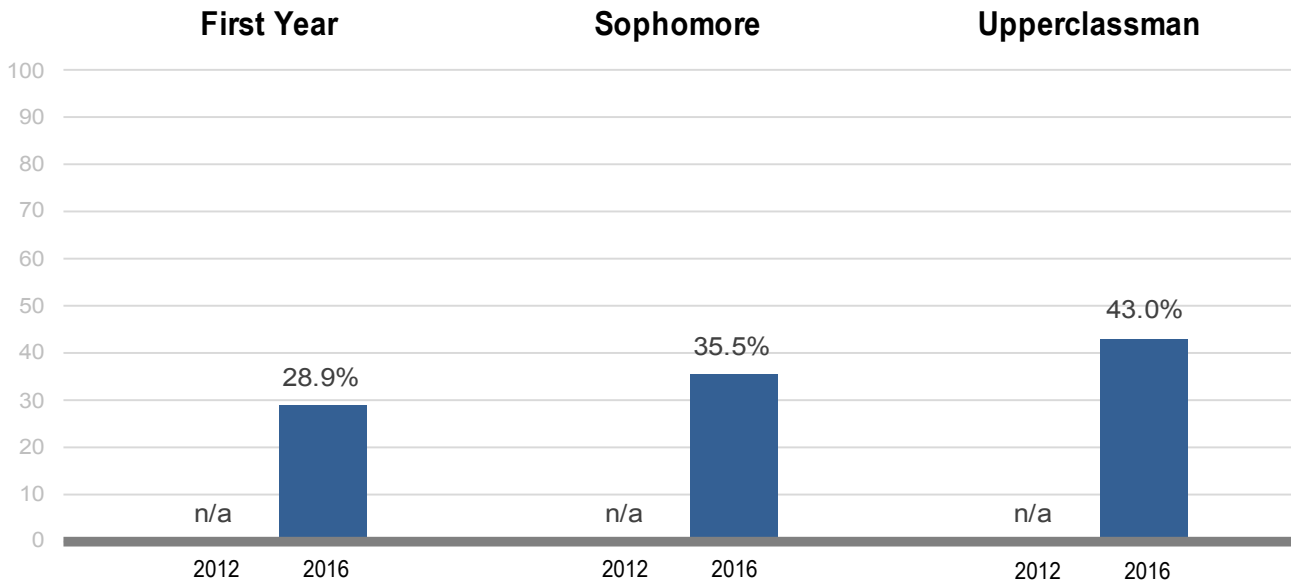


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	504	236	46.8%	10,007	3,791	37.9%	↓ -9.0
Graduate	119	61	51.3%	1,285	722	56.2%	↑ 4.9
Unknown	10,550			*			

* 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*

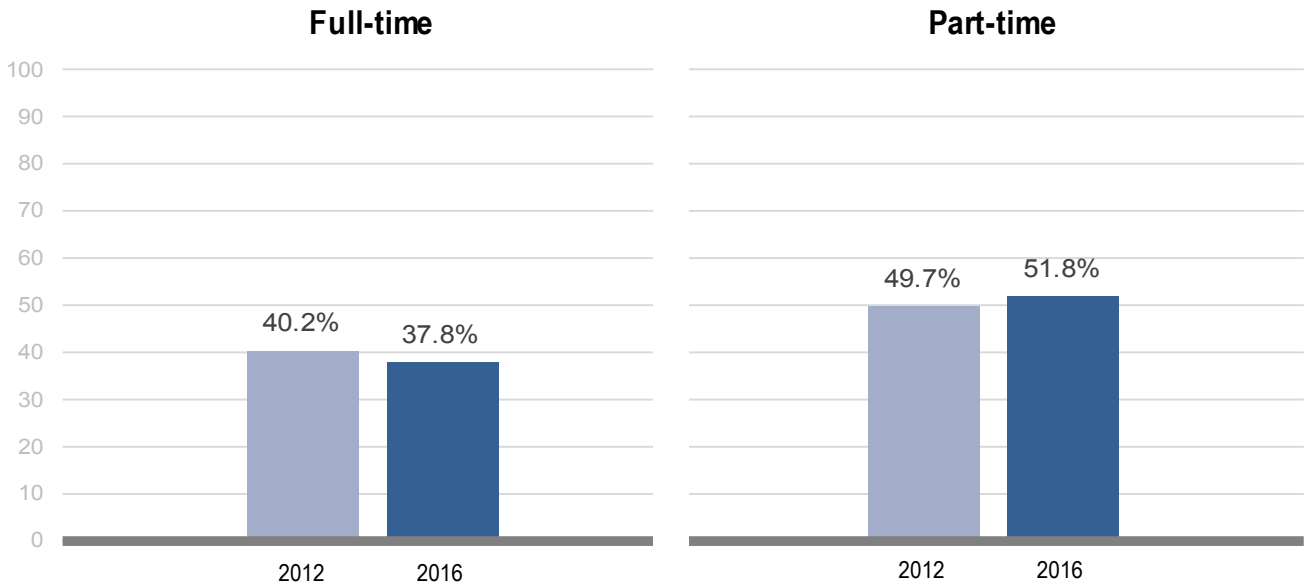


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	0	0	n/a	2,606	752	28.9%	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	2,021	717	35.5%	n/a
Upperclassman	0	0	n/a	5,267	2,266	43.0%	n/a

* 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*

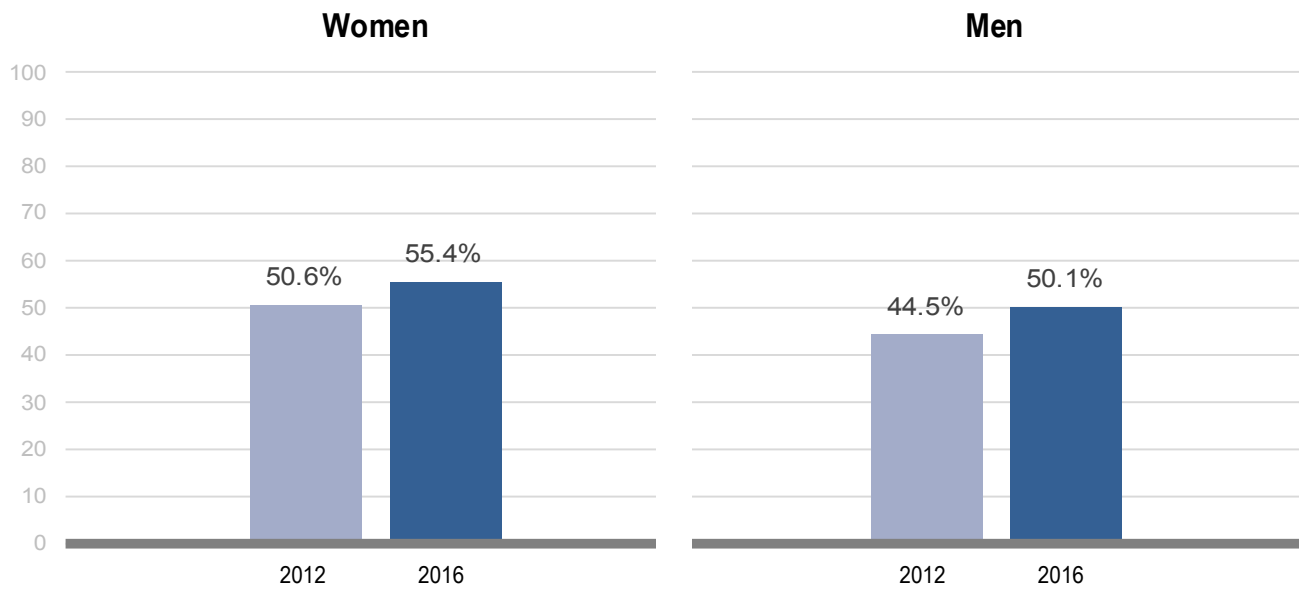


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	8,908	3,585	40.2%	9,562	3,616	37.8%	↓ -2.4
Part-time	2,265	1,125	49.7%	1,737	900	51.8%	↑ 2.1
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	5,456	2,760	50.6%	4,817	2,667	55.4%	↑ 4.8
Men	4,377	1,947	44.5%	3,690	1,848	50.1%	↑ 5.6
Unknown	1,340	*	n/a	2,792	*	n/a	

* 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.

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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.

	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	22	*	n/a	678	243	35.8%	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	158	78	49.4%	1,061	481	45.3% ↓	-4.0
Communication and Journalism	24	11	45.8%	441	157	35.6% ↓	-10.2
Computer and Information Sciences	0	0	n/a	166	70	42.2%	n/a
Education	79	39	49.4%	1,144	559	48.9% ↓	-0.5
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	56	28	50.0%	1,077	434	40.3% ↓	-9.7
English Language and Literature	18	*	n/a	230	105	45.7%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	0	0	n/a	52	24	46.2%	n/a
Health Professions	57	35	61.4%	637	315	49.5% ↓	-12.0
History	10	*	n/a	89	48	53.9%	n/a
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	34	14	41.2%	381	145	38.1% ↓	-3.1
Legal Professions and Studies	0	0	n/a	50	27	54.0%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	2,377	809	34.0%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	0	0	n/a	107	42	39.3%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	69	35	50.7%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	*	*	n/a	234	87	37.2%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	29	10	34.5%	831	262	31.5% ↓	-3.0
Philosophy and Religious Studies	0	0	n/a	29	10	34.5%	n/a
Physical Sciences	*	*	n/a	258	76	29.5%	n/a
Psychology	43	19	44.2%	641	219	34.2% ↓	-10.0
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	0	0	n/a	125	67	53.6%	n/a
Social Sciences	20	10	50.0%	354	188	53.1% ↑	3.1
Visual and Performing Arts	*	*	n/a	254	107	42.1%	n/a

Unknown	10,603	4,435	41.8%	14	*	n/a	n/a
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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: idhe.tufts.edu.

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