

2014 & 2018 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, 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 providing 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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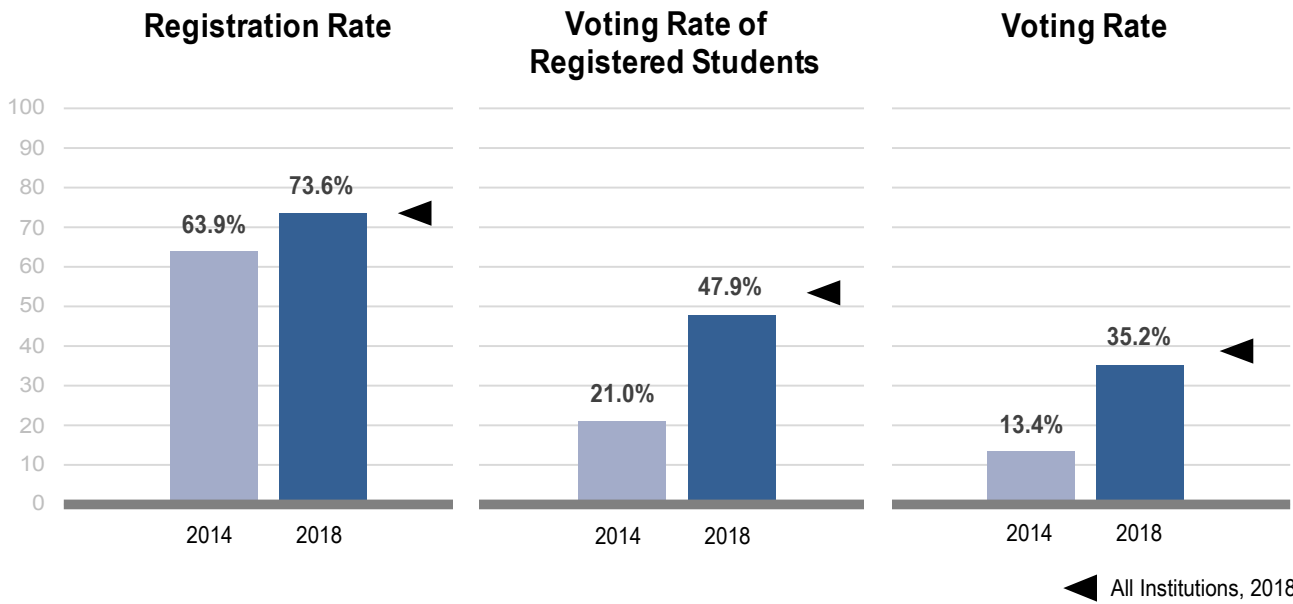
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate
35.2%

CHANGE FROM 2014
+21.8

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%



	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	11,438	11,414	↓ -24
Age under 18/Unknown	(33)	(23)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(169)	(183)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	11,229	11,202	↓ -27
Number of students who registered	7,172	8,242	↑ 1,070
Number of students who voted	1,508	3,944	↑ 2,436
Registration rate	63.9%	73.6%	↑ 9.7
Voting rate of registered students	21.0%	47.9%	↑ 26.8
Voting rate	13.4%	35.2%	↑ 21.8
Difference from all institutions	-6.3	-3.9	

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

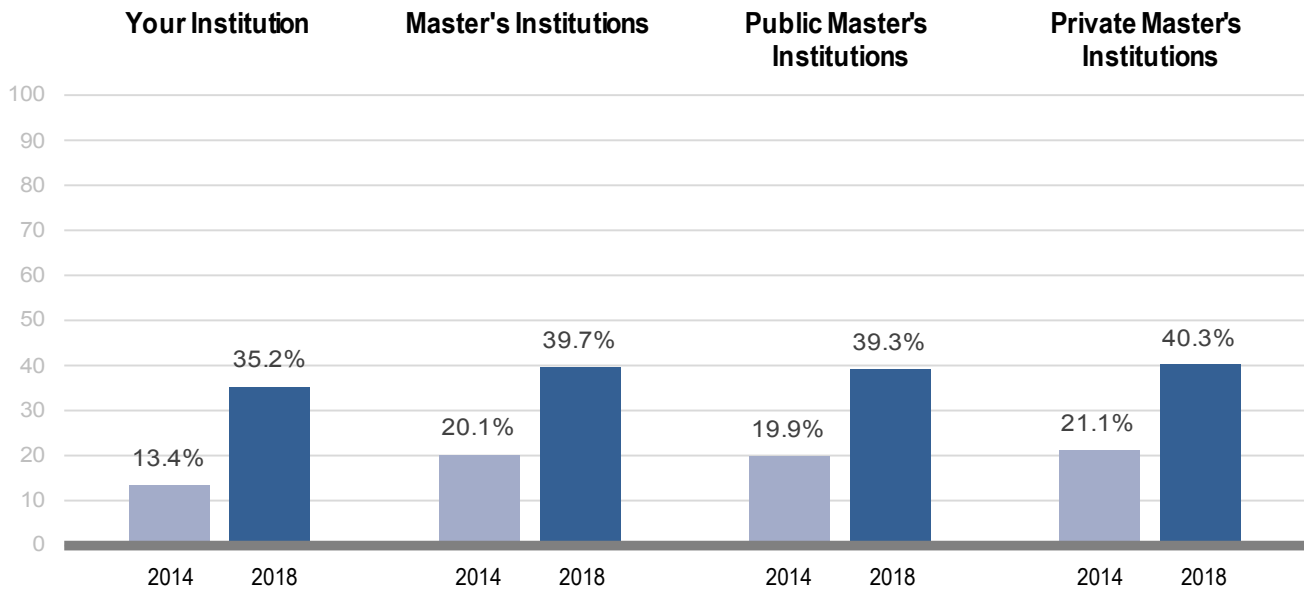
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

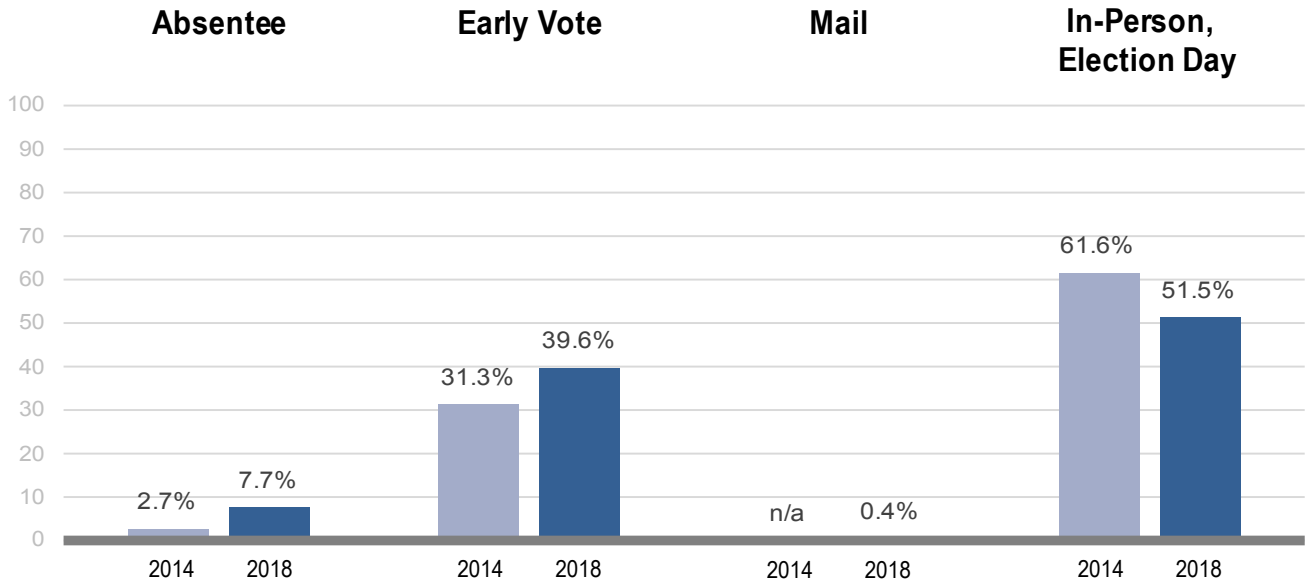
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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

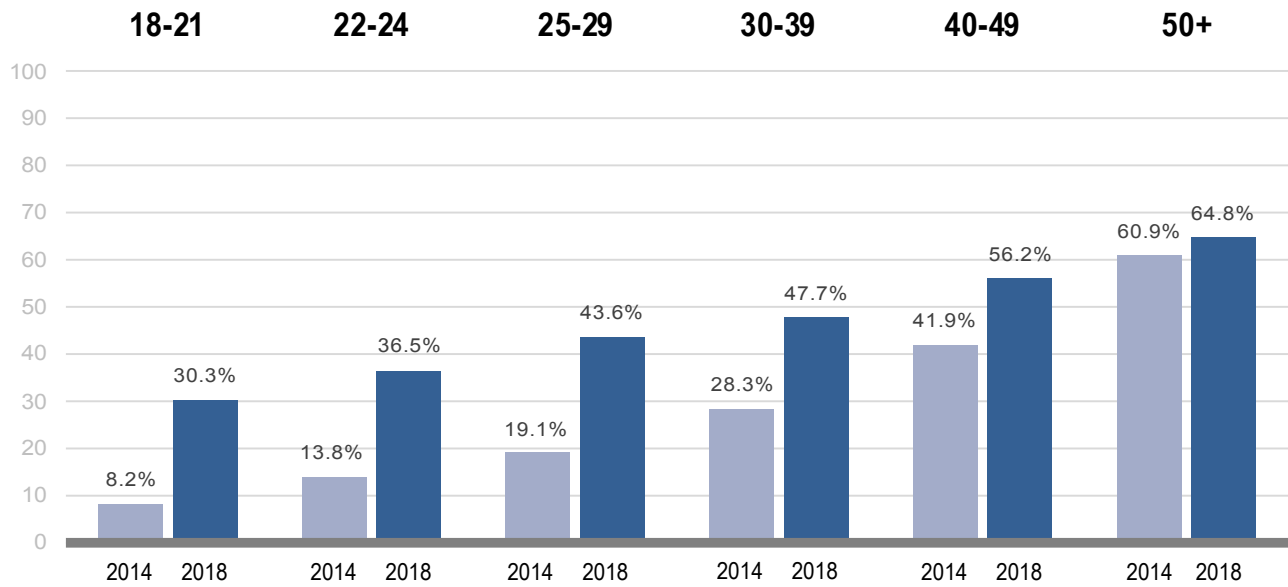


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	40	2.7%	305	7.7%	↑ 5.1
Early Vote	472	31.3%	1,561	39.6%	↑ 8.3
Mail	*	n/a	14	0.4%	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	929	61.6%	2,031	51.5%	↓ -10.1
Unknown	66	4.4%	33	0.8%	
Total	1,508		3,944		

* 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*

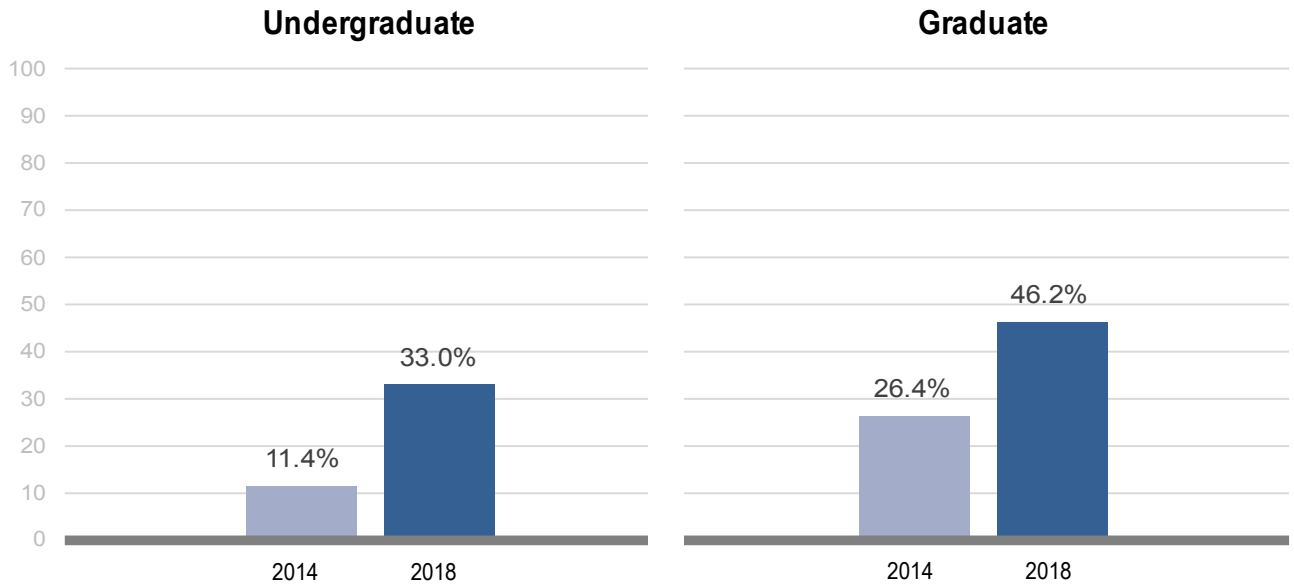


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	6,824	561	8.2%	7,016	2,123	30.3%	↑ 22.0
22-24	2,343	323	13.8%	2,364	862	36.5%	↑ 22.7
25-29	1,063	203	19.1%	984	429	43.6%	↑ 24.5
30-39	721	204	28.3%	639	305	47.7%	↑ 19.4
40-49	291	122	41.9%	260	146	56.2%	↑ 14.2
50+	156	95	60.9%	122	79	64.8%	↑ 3.9
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*

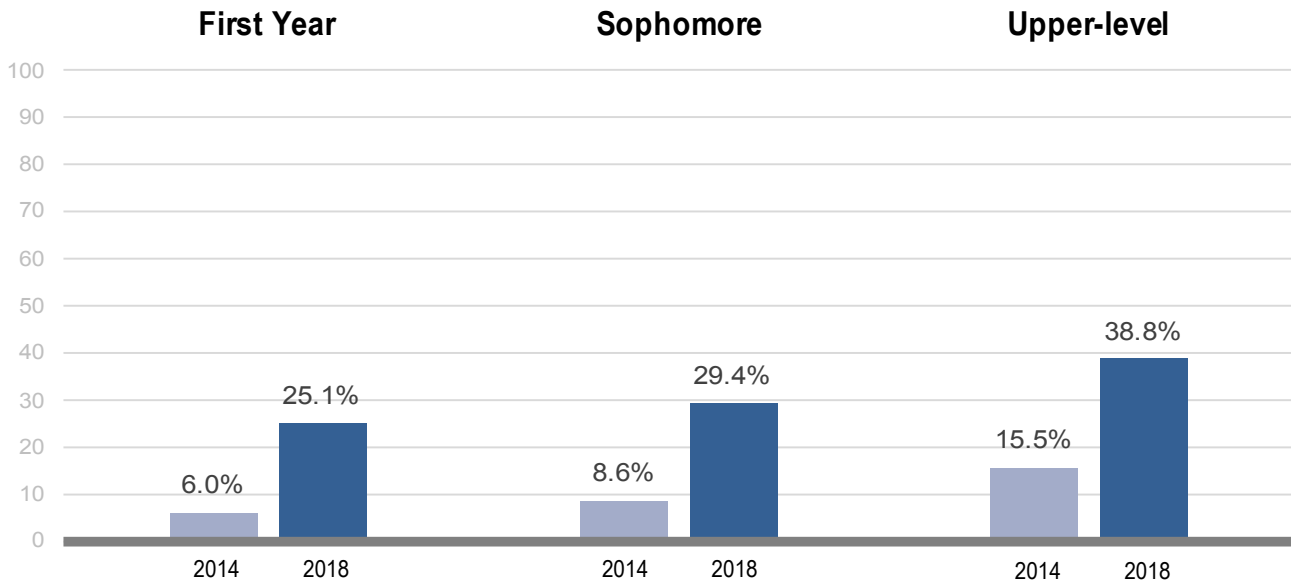


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	10,029	1,145	11.4%	9,994	3,301	33.0%	↑ 21.6
Graduate	1,269	335	26.4%	1,351	624	46.2%	↑ 19.8
Unknown	100			40			

* 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*

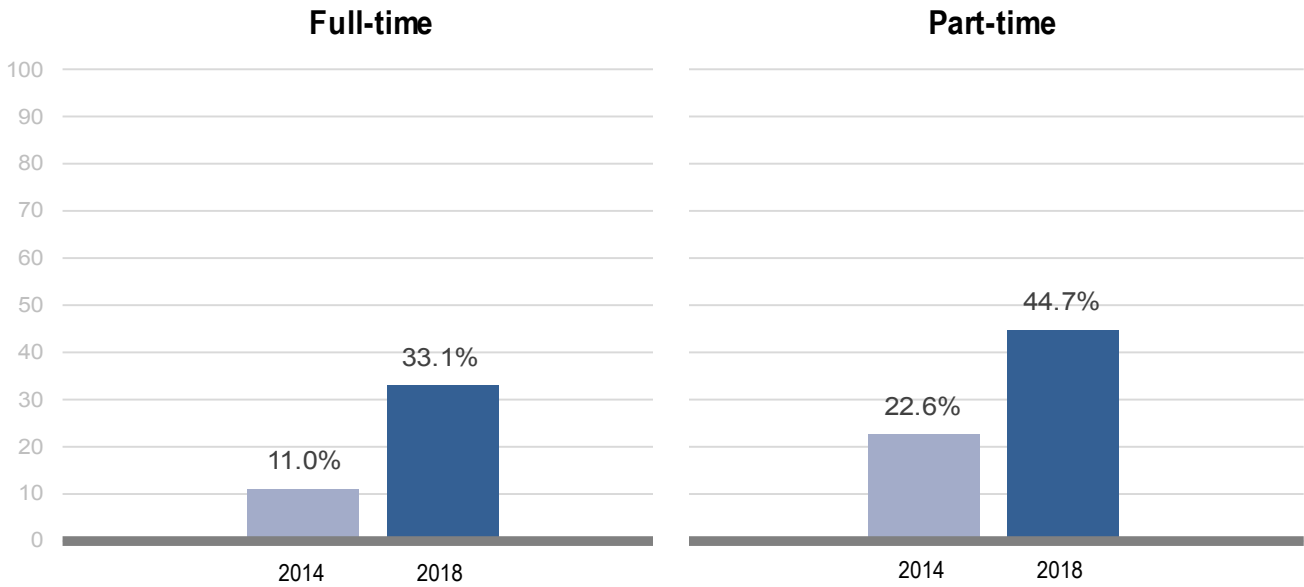


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	2,891	173	6.0%	2,767	695	25.1%	↑ 19.1
Sophomore	2,145	185	8.6%	2,046	601	29.4%	↑ 20.8
Upper-level	4,456	691	15.5%	5,170	2,007	38.8%	↑ 23.3

* 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	9,184	1,008	11.0%	9,831	3,250	33.1%	↑ 22.1
Part-time	2,214	500	22.6%	1,554	694	44.7%	↑ 22.1
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.

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	737	80	10.9%	670	200	29.9% ↑	19.0
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,017	175	17.2%	2,361	746	31.6% ↑	14.4
Communication and Journalism	376	37	9.8%	450	176	39.1% ↑	29.3
Computer and Information Sciences	147	18	12.2%	362	129	35.6% ↑	23.4
Education	1,233	254	20.6%	971	383	39.4% ↑	18.8
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,043	130	12.5%	1,139	358	31.4% ↑	19.0
English Language and Literature	245	58	23.7%	213	109	51.2% ↑	27.5
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	53	*	n/a	69	36	52.2%	n/a
Health Professions	584	101	17.3%	1,054	353	33.5% ↑	16.2
History	99	20	20.2%	89	37	41.6% ↑	21.4
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	383	56	14.6%	392	133	33.9% ↑	19.3
Legal Professions and Studies	48	13	27.1%	26	13	50.0% ↑	22.9
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,543	230	9.0%	397	111	28.0% ↑	18.9
Mathematics and Statistics	88	10	11.4%	96	35	36.5% ↑	25.1
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	42	*	n/a	60	17	28.3%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	198	36	18.2%	228	101	44.3% ↑	26.1
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	881	69	7.8%	870	220	25.3% ↑	17.5
Philosophy and Religious Studies	32	*	n/a	42	16	38.1%	n/a
Physical Sciences	342	24	7.0%	241	88	36.5% ↑	29.5
Psychology	586	62	10.6%	672	233	34.7% ↑	24.1
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	90	18	20.0%	184	85	46.2% ↑	26.2
Social Sciences	385	64	16.6%	311	172	55.3% ↑	38.7
Visual and Performing Arts	234	32	13.7%	476	191	40.1% ↑	26.5

Unknown	12	*	n/a	12	*	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: <https://idhe.tufts.edu>.

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