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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for The University of Tennessee-Martin

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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-questio

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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Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

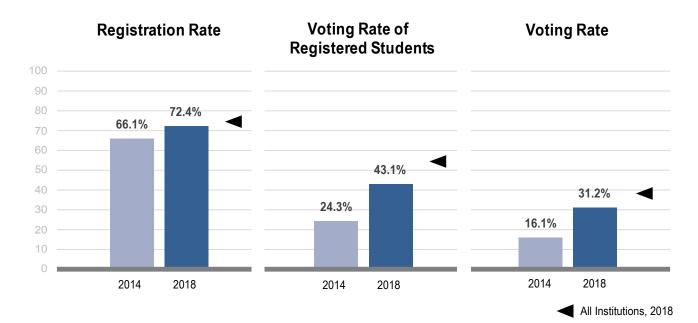
31.2%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+15.1

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%



	2014	2018	Change	
Total student enrollment	6,909	7,003	⇧	94
Age under 18/Unknown IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens FERPA records blocked	(182) (172) (67)	(1,006) (133) (23)		
Total eligible voters	6,488	5,841	Ţ	-647
Number of students who registered	4,287	4,226	₽.	-61
Number of students who voted	1,042	1,820	1	778
Registration rate	66.1%	72.4%	⇧	6.3
Voting rate of registered students	24.3%	43.1%	⇧	18.8
Voting rate	16.1%	31.2%	1	15.1
Difference from all institutions	-3.6	-7.9		

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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%

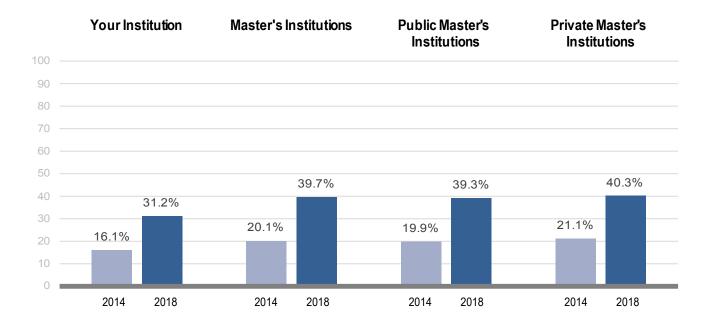
LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions

-3.6

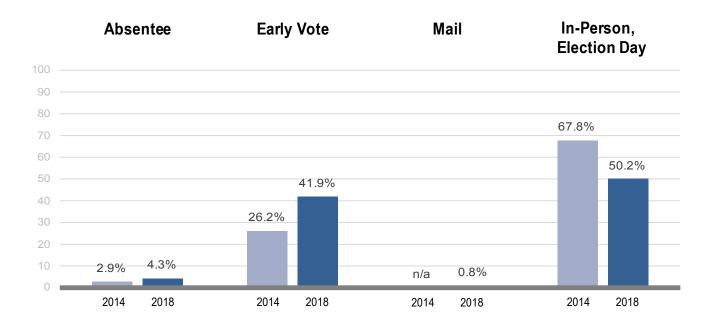
Difference from All Institutions

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By Voting Method*

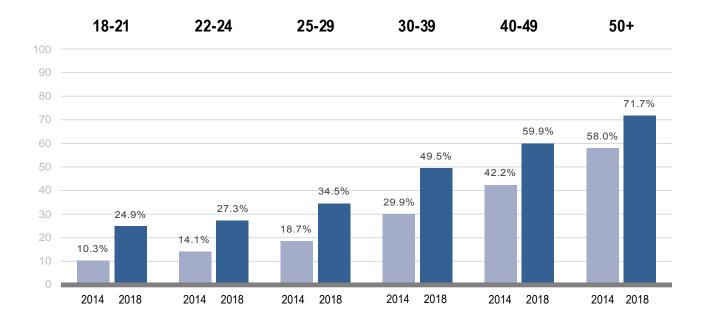


	20	20	2018			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	30	2.9%	78	4.3%	•	1.4
Early Vote	273	26.2%	763	41.9%	•	15.7
Mail	*	n/a	15	0.8%		n/a
In-Person, Election Day	706	67.8%	914	50.2%	1	-17.5
Unknown	26	2.5%	50	2.8%		
Total	1,042		1,820			

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^{*} 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.

By Age Group*

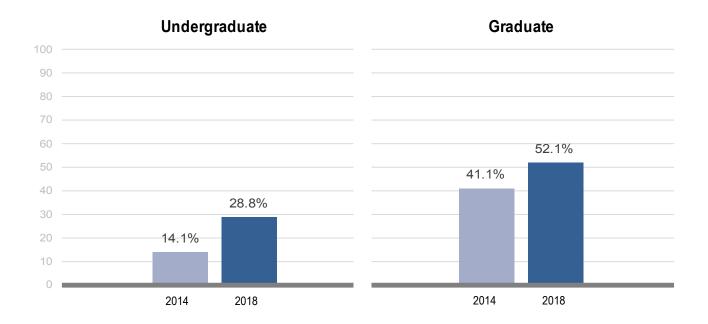


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
18-21	3,867	397	10.3%	3,634	903	24.9%	•	14.6
22-24	1,366	192	14.1%	1,047	286	27.3%	•	13.3
25-29	482	90	18.7%	452	156	34.5%	•	15.8
30-39	501	150	29.9%	455	225	49.5%	•	19.5
40-49	282	119	42.2%	227	136	59.9%	•	17.7
50+	162	94	58.0%	159	114	71.7%	•	13.7
Unknown	0			0				

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^{*} 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*



	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Undergraduate	6,273	886	14.1%	5,571	1,605	28.8%	•	14.7
Graduate	358	147	41.1%	365	190	52.1%	⇧	11.0
Unknown	29			38				

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^{*} 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*

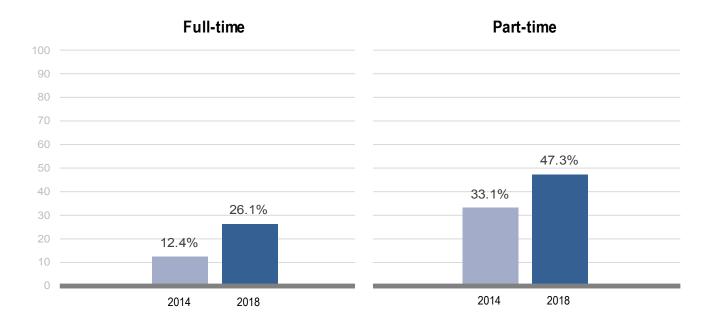
	First	Year	Soph	omore	Up	per-level	
100 ——							
90 ——							
80 ——							
70 —							
60 ——							
50 —							
40 ——							
30 ——							
20 ——							
10 ——	/ -	/	/ -	/ -	1	1	
0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
	2014	2018	2014	2018	201	4 2018	

	2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
First Year	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Upper-level	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a

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^{*} 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.

By Enrollment Status*

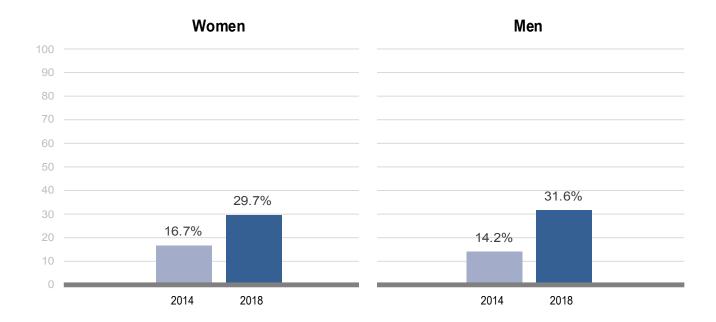


	2014				2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	5,624	699	12.4%	4,752	1,242	26.1%	•	13.7
Part-time	1,036	343	33.1%	1,222	578	47.3%	•	14.2
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

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^{*} 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.

By Gender*

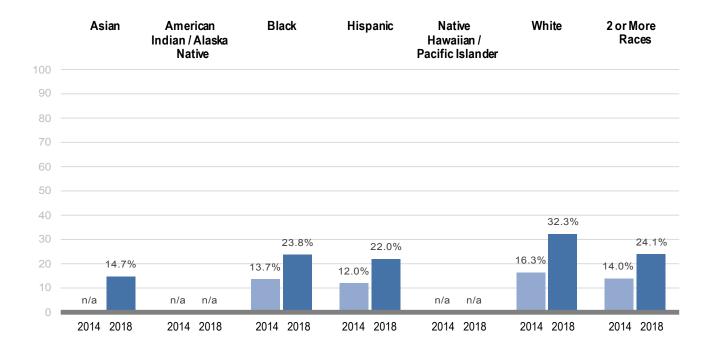


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	3,929	655	16.7%	3,549	1,053	29.7%	1	13.0
Men	2,731	387	14.2%	2,425	767	31.6%	1	17.5
Unknown	0			0				

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^{*} 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			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Asian	66	*	n/a	68	10	14.7%		n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	13	*	n/a	17	*	n/a		n/a
Black	1,033	141	13.7%	779	185	23.8%	1	10.1
Hispanic	142	17	12.0%	177	39	22.0%	1	10.1
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
White	5,269	860	16.3%	4,788	1,546	32.3%	1	16.0
2 or More Races	136	19	14.0%	141	34	24.1%	1	10.1
Unknown	*			*	,			

^{*} 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			_		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change		
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	738	103	14.0%	915	265	29.0% 🎓	15.0		
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	178	27	15.2%	223	56	25.1% 👚	9.9		
Business, Management, and Marketing	995	159	16.0%	847	290	34.2% 👚	18.3		
Communication and Journalism	150	15	10.0%	133	50	37.6% 👚	27.6		
Computer and Information Sciences	121	10	8.3%	96	25	26.0% 🎓	17.8		
Education	832	193	23.2%	743	283	38.1% 👚	14.9		
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	465	41	8.8%	235	58	24.7% 🎓	15.9		
English Language and Literature	65	*	n/a	36	10	27.8%	n/a		
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	169	26	15.4%	132	31	23.5% 👚	8.1		
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	17	*	n/a	14	*	n/a	n/a		
Health Professions	487	65	13.4%	394	103	26.1% 👚	12.8		
History	65	16	24.6%	49	25	51.0% 👚	26.4		
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	232	38	16.4%	216	49	22.7% 👚	6.3		
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	213	54	25.4%	290	121	41.7% 👚	16.4		
Mathematics and Statistics	26	*	n/a	15	*	n/a	n/a		
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	321	100	31.2%	375	132	35.2% 👚	4.1		
Natural Resources and Conservation	149	17	11.4%	152	44	29.0% 👚	17.5		
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	489	43	8.8%	398	71	17.8% 👚	9.1		
Philosophy and Religious Studies	12	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a		
Physical Sciences	122	15	12.3%	78	17	21.8% 👚	9.5		
Psychology	209	27	12.9%	150	39	26.0% 👚	13.1		
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	234	31	13.3%	155	55	35.5% 👚	22.2		
Social Sciences	133	23	17.3%	104	32	30.8% 👚	13.5		

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Visual and Performing Arts	232	18	7.8%	215	52	24.2% 👚	16.4
Unknown	*	*	n/a	0	0	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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