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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for

The University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Tufts UNIVERSITY | Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life

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,

IDHE Team

Voting and Registration Rates
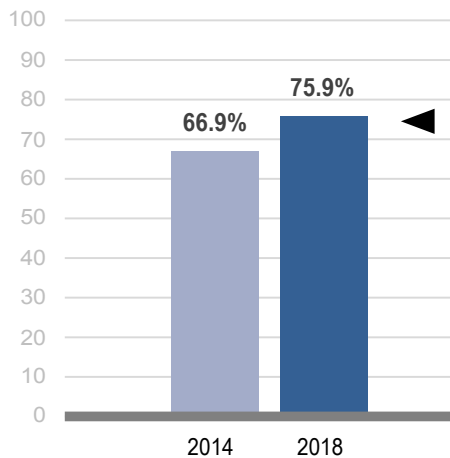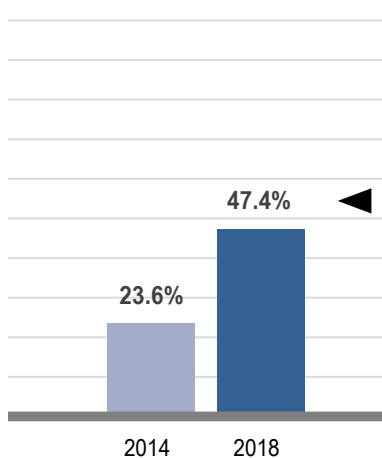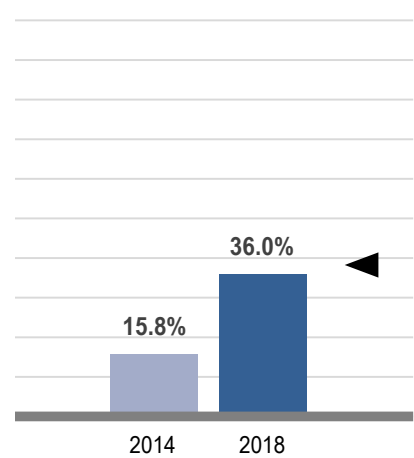
2018 Voting Rate

36.0%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+20.2

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	29,078	28,780	⬇	-298
Age under 18/Unknown	(74)	(56)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,279)	(1,237)		
FERPA records blocked	(60)	(12)		
Total eligible voters	27,665	27,475	⬇	-190
Number of students who registered	18,519	20,863	⬆	2,344
Number of students who voted	4,372	9,895	⬆	5,523
Registration rate	66.9%	75.9%	⬆	9.0
Voting rate of registered students	23.6%	47.4%	⬆	23.8
Voting rate	15.8%	36.0%	⬆	20.2
Difference from all institutions	-3.9	-3.1		

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

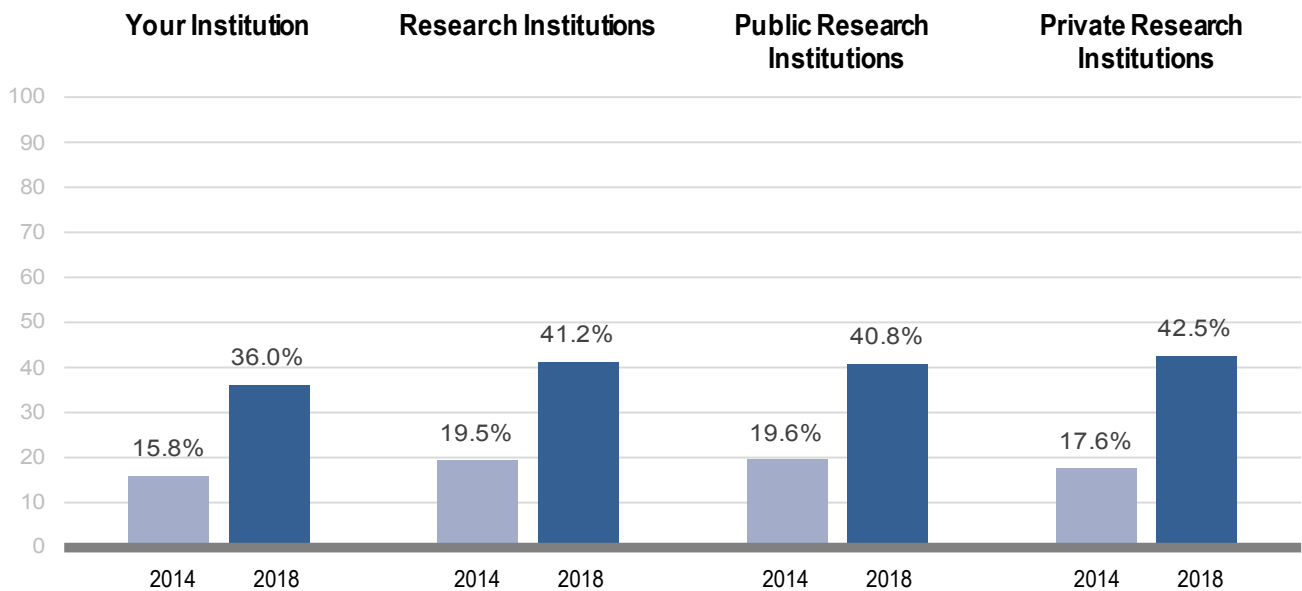**39.1%**

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-3.9**

Difference from All Institutions   **-3.1**

	Your Institution		Research Institutions		Public Research Institutions		Private Research Institutions	
2014	15.8%		19.5%		19.6%		17.6%	
2018		36.0%		41.2%		40.8%		42.5%

By Voting Method*
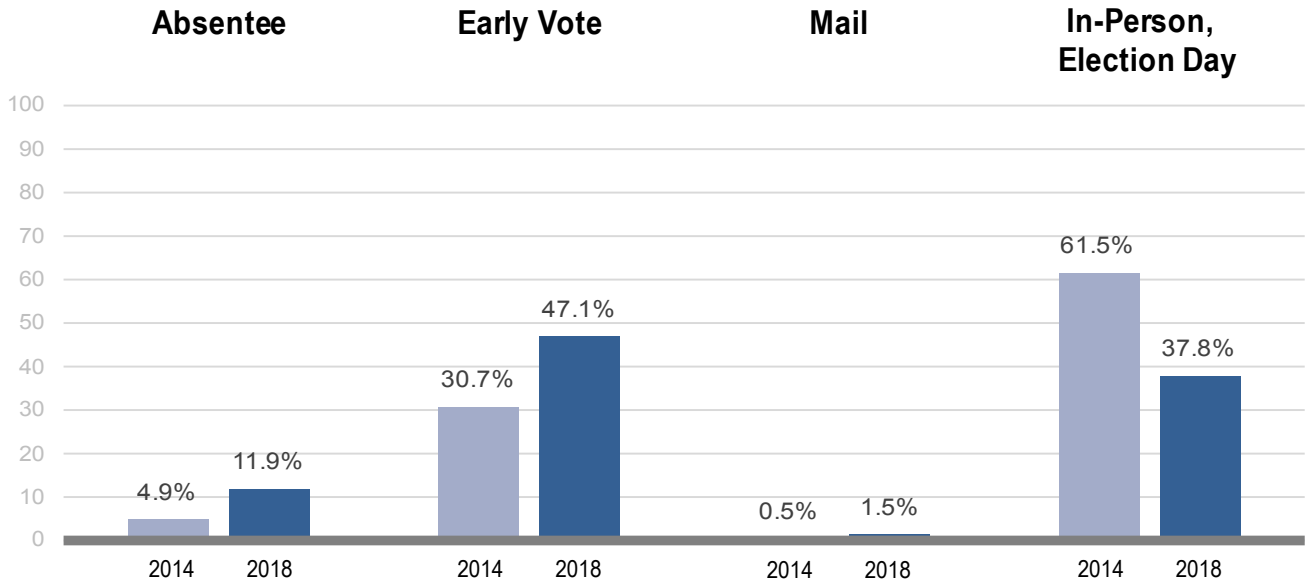
	2014			**2018**			
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	214	**4.9%**		1,173	**11.9%**	⬆	**7.0**
Early Vote	1,343	**30.7%**		4,656	**47.1%**	⬆	**16.3**
Mail	21	**0.5%**		150	**1.5%**	⬆	**1.0**
In-Person, Election Day	2,690	**61.5%**		3,737	**37.8%**	⬇	**-23.8**
Unknown	104	**2.4%**		179	**1.8%**		
Total	**4,372**			**9,895**			

* 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*
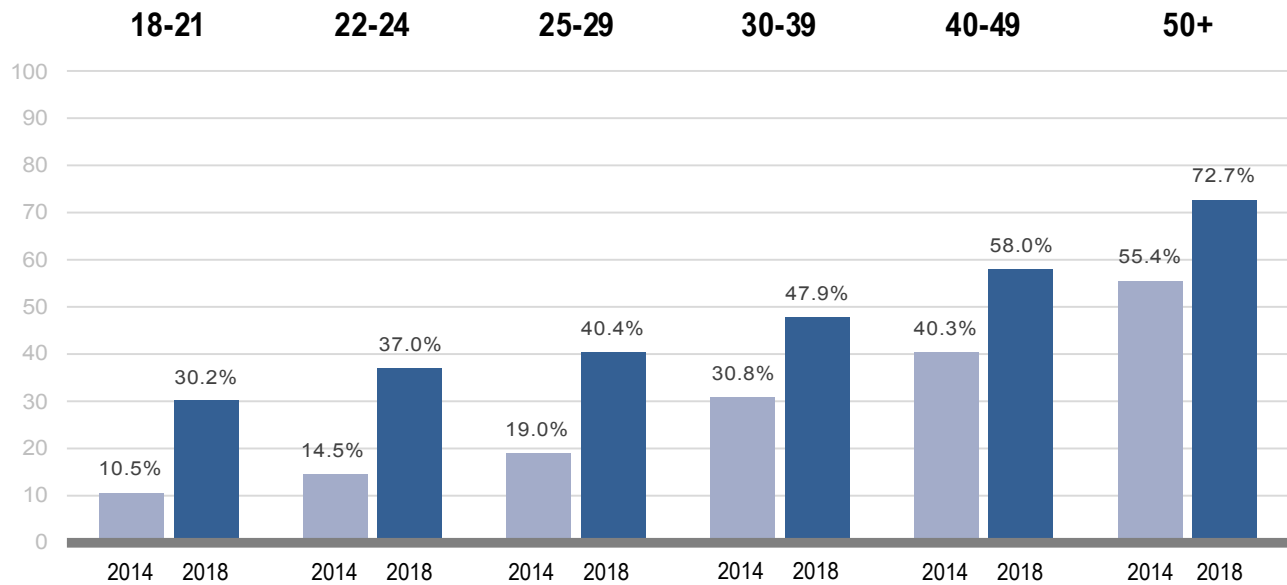
	2014				2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	16,037	1,685	**10.5%**		17,855	5,389	**30.2%**	⬆	**19.7**
22-24	6,376	926	**14.5%**		5,441	2,015	**37.0%**	⬆	**22.5**
25-29	3,430	652	**19.0%**		2,909	1,176	**40.4%**	⬆	**21.4**
30-39	2,021	622	**30.8%**		1,719	823	**47.9%**	⬆	**17.1**
40-49	737	297	**40.3%**		550	319	**58.0%**	⬆	**17.7**
50+	343	190	**55.4%**		238	173	**72.7%**	⬆	**17.3**
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*
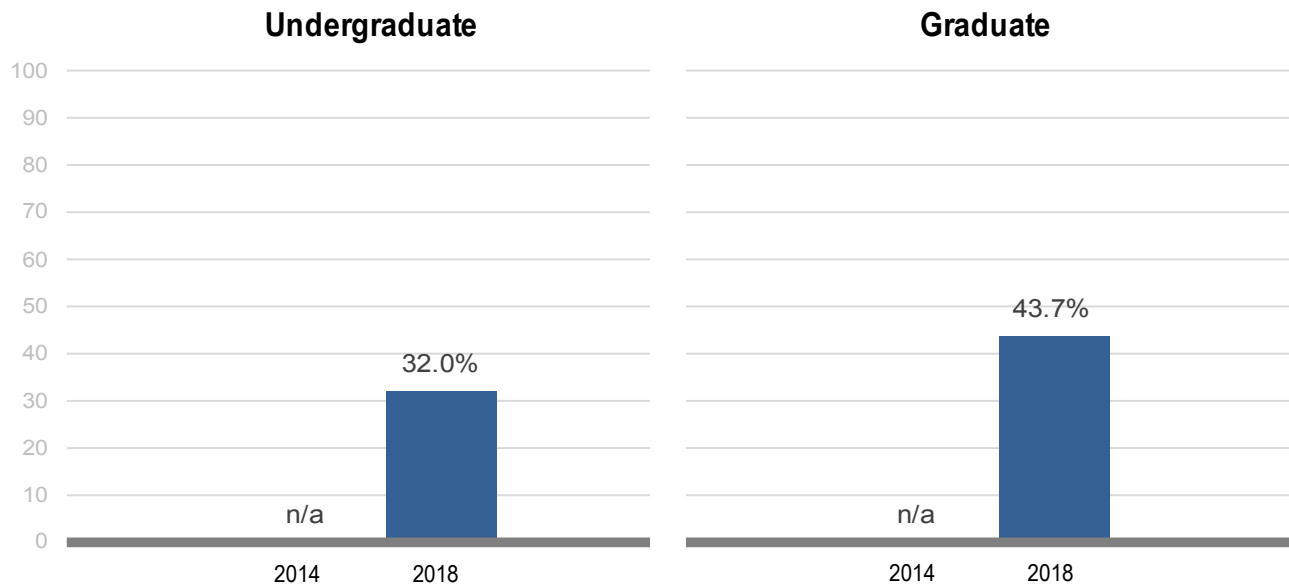
	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**		22,661	7,259	**32.0%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**		6,026	2,632	**43.7%**	**n/a**
Unknown	28,944				25			

* 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.

**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Undergraduate Class Year*
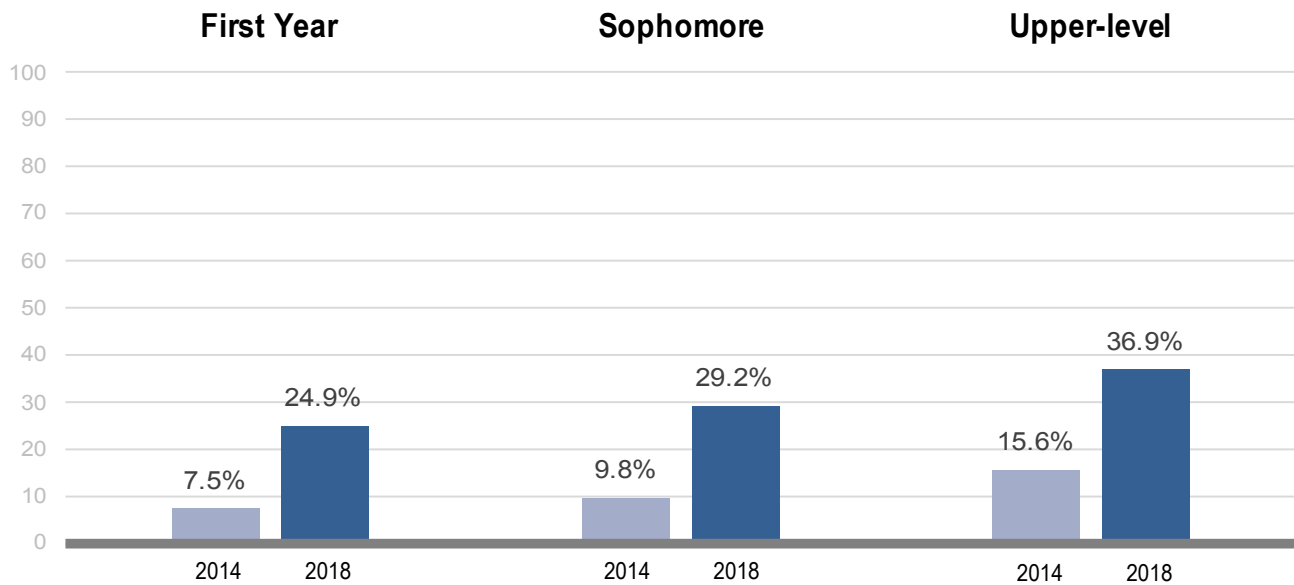
	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	5,605	420	**7.5%**	6,068	1,511	**24.9%**	⬆	**17.4**
Sophomore	4,581	447	**9.8%**	5,060	1,476	**29.2%**	⬆	**19.4**
Upper-level	9,938	1,548	**15.6%**	11,414	4,215	**36.9%**	⬆	**21.4**

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Enrollment Status*
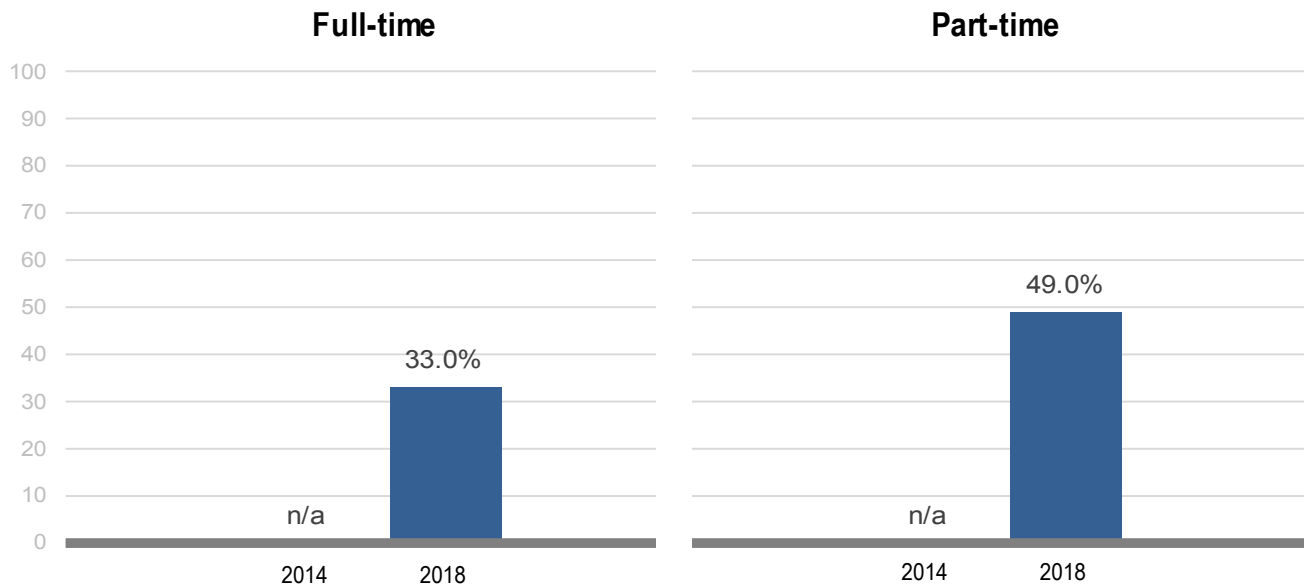
Full-time

Part-time

	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Full-time	0	0	**n/a**		26,069	8,600	**33.0%**	**n/a**
Part-time	0	0	**n/a**		2,643	1,295	**49.0%**	**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.

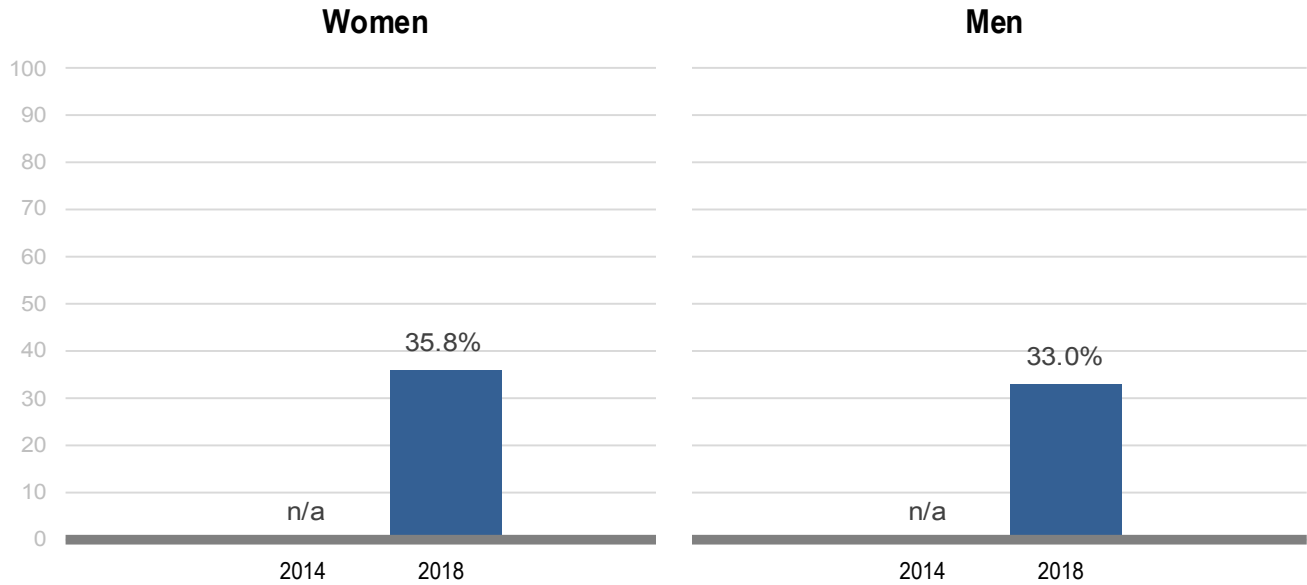**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Gender*

	Women				Men	

Women chart: 2014 n/a, 2018 35.8%

Men chart: 2014 n/a, 2018 33.0%

	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Women	0	0	**n/a**		14,727	5,276	**35.8%**	**n/a**
Men	0	0	**n/a**		13,985	4,619	**33.0%**	**n/a**
Unknown	28,944				0			

* 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*
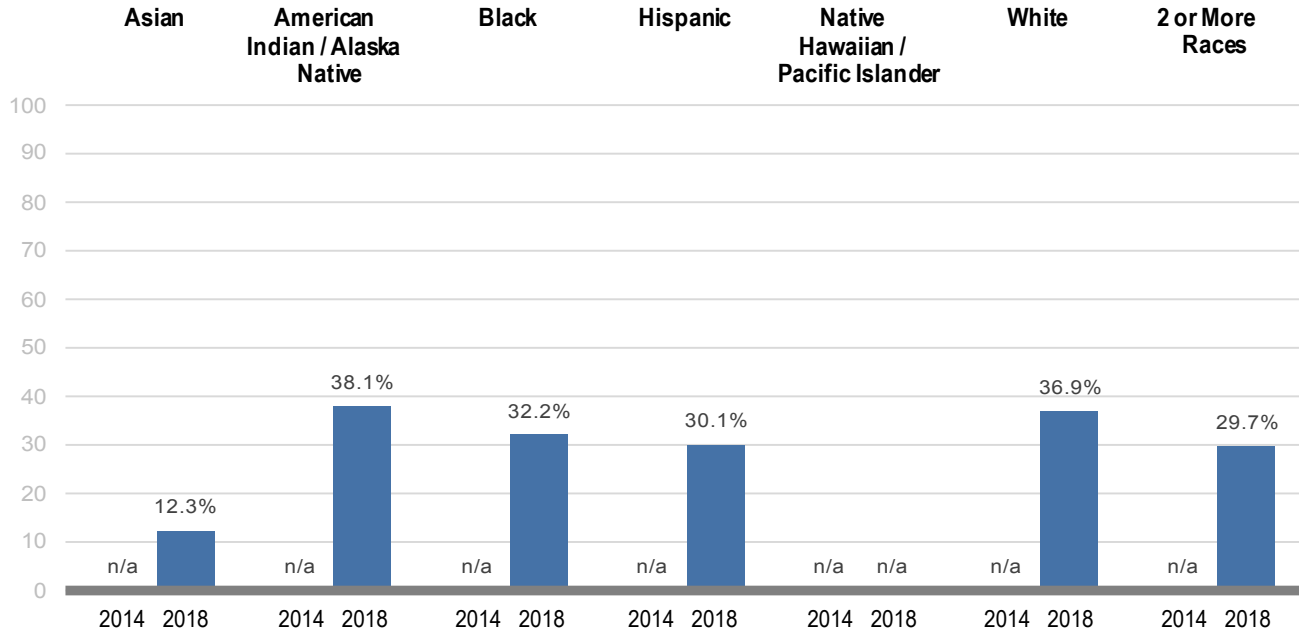
	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Asian	0	0	**n/a**	1,773	218	**12.3%**	**n/a**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	**n/a**	63	24	**38.1%**	**n/a**
Black	0	0	**n/a**	1,740	560	**32.2%**	**n/a**
Hispanic	0	0	**n/a**	1,283	386	**30.1%**	**n/a**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	**n/a**	30	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
White	0	0	**n/a**	22,103	8,163	**36.9%**	**n/a**
2 or More Races	0	0	**n/a**	903	268	**29.7%**	**n/a**
Unknown	28,944			817			

* 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.

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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	1,267	176	**13.9%**	1,262	434	**34.4%** ⬆	**20.5**
Architecture	326	26	**8.0%**	488	123	**25.2%** ⬆	**17.2**
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,390	169	**12.2%**	1,384	450	**32.5%** ⬆	**20.4**
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,893	554	**11.3%**	5,860	1,717	**29.3%** ⬆	**18.0**
Communication and Journalism	1,371	179	**13.1%**	1,381	462	**33.5%** ⬆	**20.4**
Computer and Information Sciences	359	62	**17.3%**	483	177	**36.7%** ⬆	**19.4**
Education	838	214	**25.5%**	560	261	**46.6%** ⬆	**21.1**
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	3,482	441	**12.7%**	3,984	1,319	**33.1%** ⬆	**20.4**
English Language and Literature	583	145	**24.9%**	424	208	**49.1%** ⬆	**24.2**
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	683	96	**14.1%**	405	119	**29.4%** ⬆	**15.3**
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	241	43	**17.8%**	213	84	**39.4%** ⬆	**21.6**
Health Professions	2,791	455	**16.3%**	1,560	542	**34.7%** ⬆	**18.4**
History	326	79	**24.2%**	270	149	**55.2%** ⬆	**31.0**
Legal Professions and Studies	379	110	**29.0%**	350	161	**46.0%** ⬆	**17.0**
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,498	188	**12.6%**	1,126	325	**28.9%** ⬆	**16.3**
Library Science	172	87	**50.6%**	222	159	**71.6%** ⬆	**21.0**
Mathematics and Statistics	355	58	**16.3%**	343	123	**35.9%** ⬆	**19.5**
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	932	114	**12.2%**	1,450	460	**31.7%** ⬆	**19.5**
Natural Resources and Conservation	279	37	**13.3%**	342	140	**40.9%** ⬆	**27.7**
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,599	127	**7.9%**	1,531	408	**26.7%** ⬆	**18.7**
Philosophy and Religious Studies	93	20	**21.5%**	108	49	**45.4%** ⬆	**23.9**
Physical Sciences	815	128	**15.7%**	784	268	**34.2%** ⬆	**18.5**
Psychology	1,223	181	**14.8%**	1,261	463	**36.7%** ⬆	**21.9**

Public Administration and Social Service Professions	746	241	**32.3%**		775	420	**54.2%** ⬆	**21.9**
Social Sciences	1,420	303	**21.3%**		1,436	574	**40.0%** ⬆	**18.6**
Visual and Performing Arts	834	124	**14.9%**		683	288	**42.2%** ⬆	**27.3**
Unknown	49	15	**30.6%**		27	12	**44.4%** ⬆	**13.8**

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