

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
The University of Texas
at Austin

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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,
IDHE Team



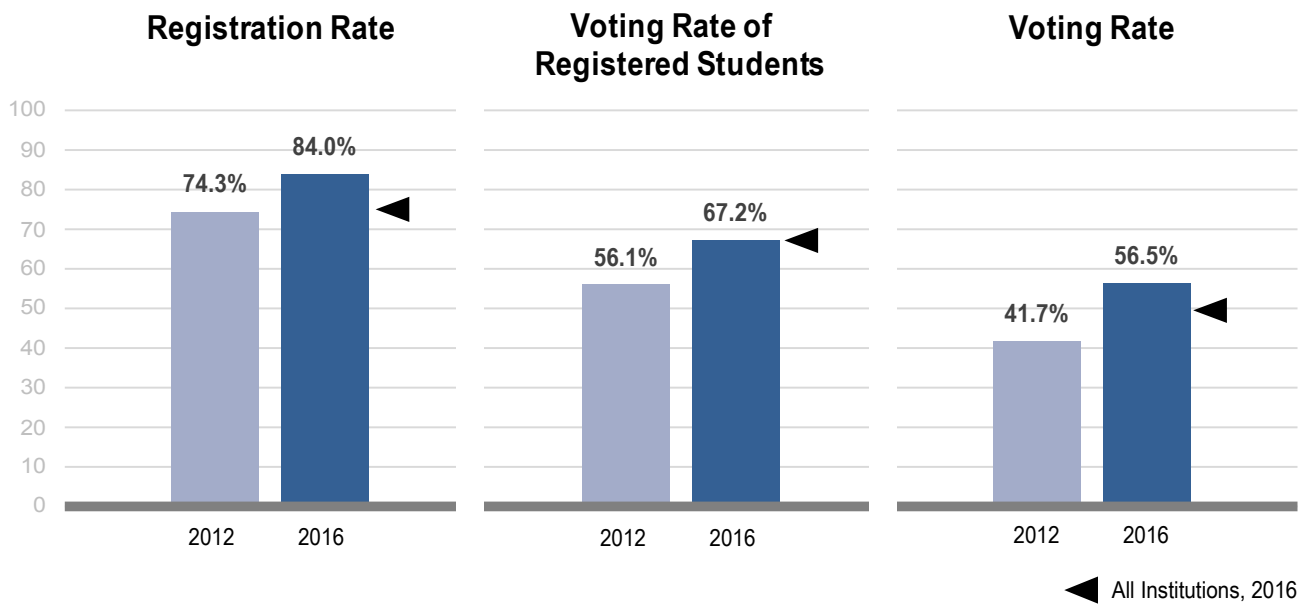
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
56.5%

CHANGE FROM 2012
14.8

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	53,169	52,402	↓ -767
Age under 18/Unknown	(174)	(198)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(4,318)	(4,320)	
FERPA records blocked	(5,448)	(7,781)	
Total eligible voters	43,229	40,103	↓ -3,126
Number of students who registered	32,123	33,677	↑ 1,554
Number of students who voted	18,005	22,640	↑ 4,635
Registration rate	74.3%	84.0%	↑ 9.7
Voting rate of registered students	56.1%	67.2%	↑ 11.2
Voting rate	41.7%	56.5%	↑ 14.8
Difference from all institutions	-5.3	+6.1	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

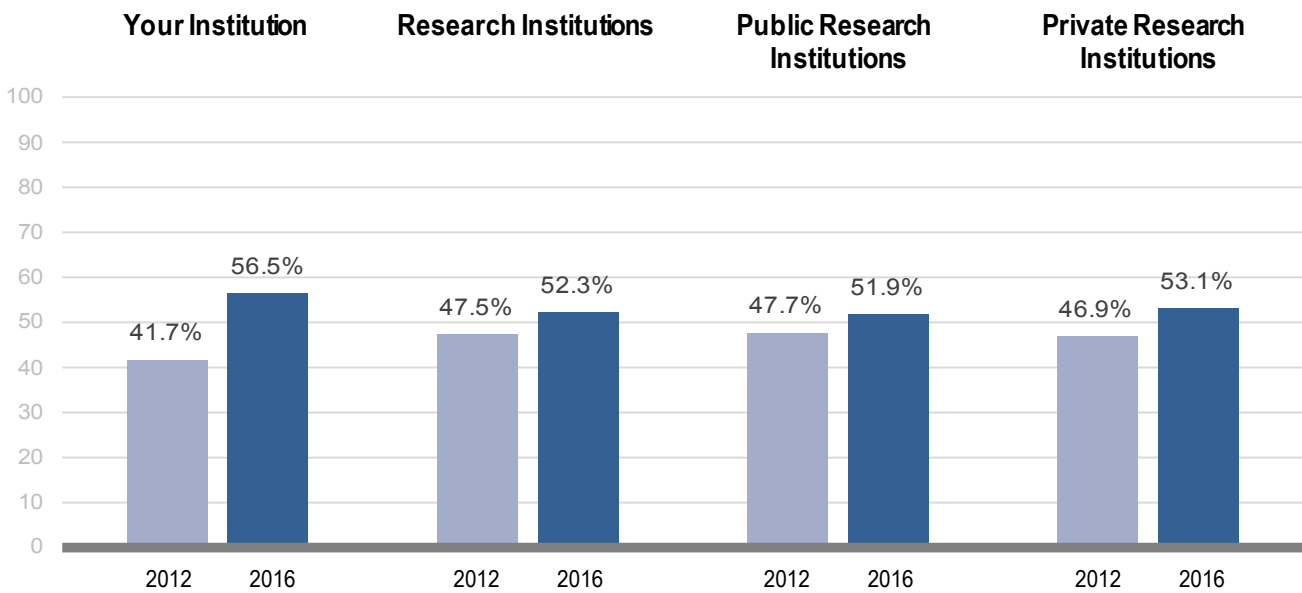
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

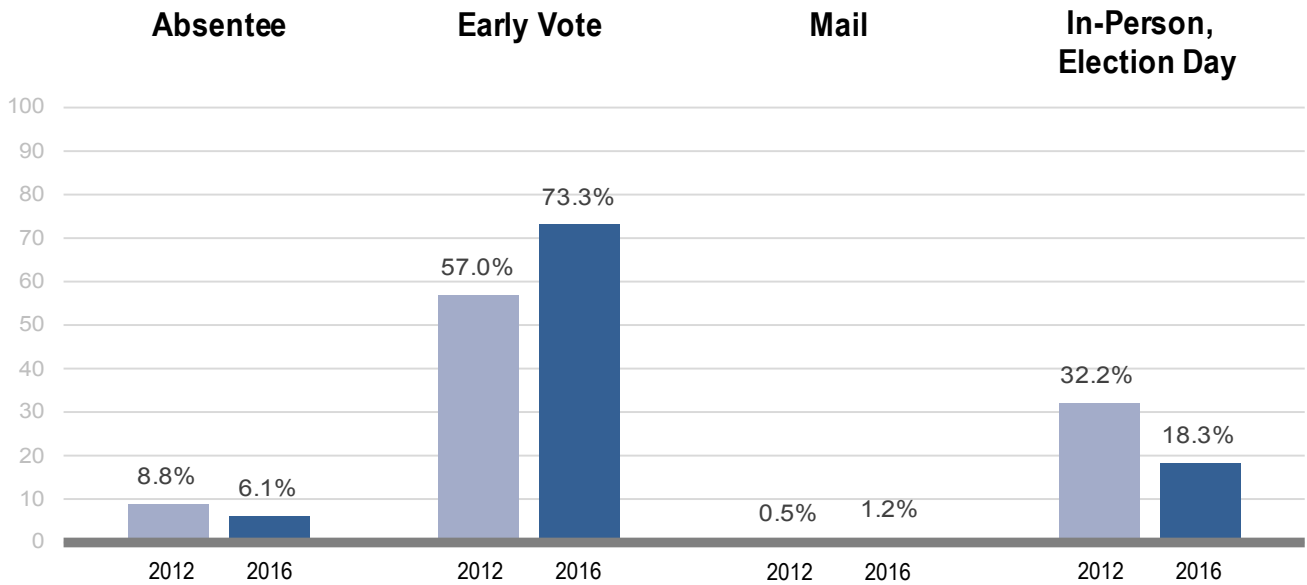
Difference from All Institutions **-5.3**

Difference from All Institutions **+6.1**



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By Voting Method*

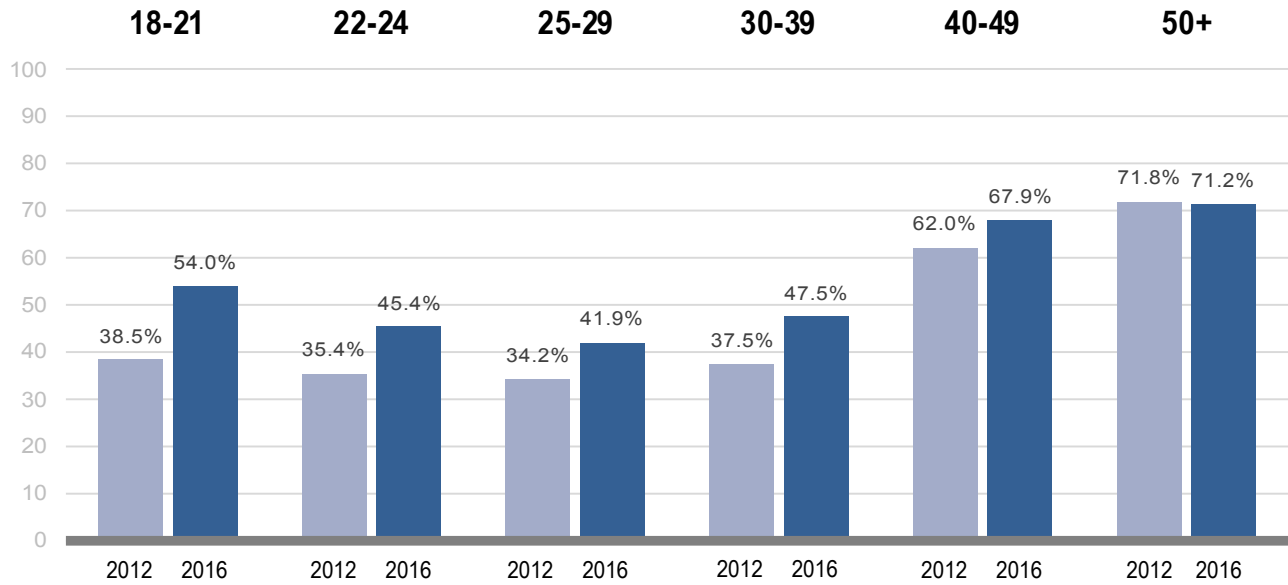


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	1,579	8.8%	1,375	6.1%	↓ -2.7
Early Vote	10,265	57.0%	16,605	73.3%	↑ 16.3
Mail	85	0.5%	262	1.2%	↑ 0.7
In-Person, Election Day	5,795	32.2%	4,153	18.3%	↓ -13.9
Unknown	281	1.6%	245	1.1%	
Total	18,005		22,640		

* 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*

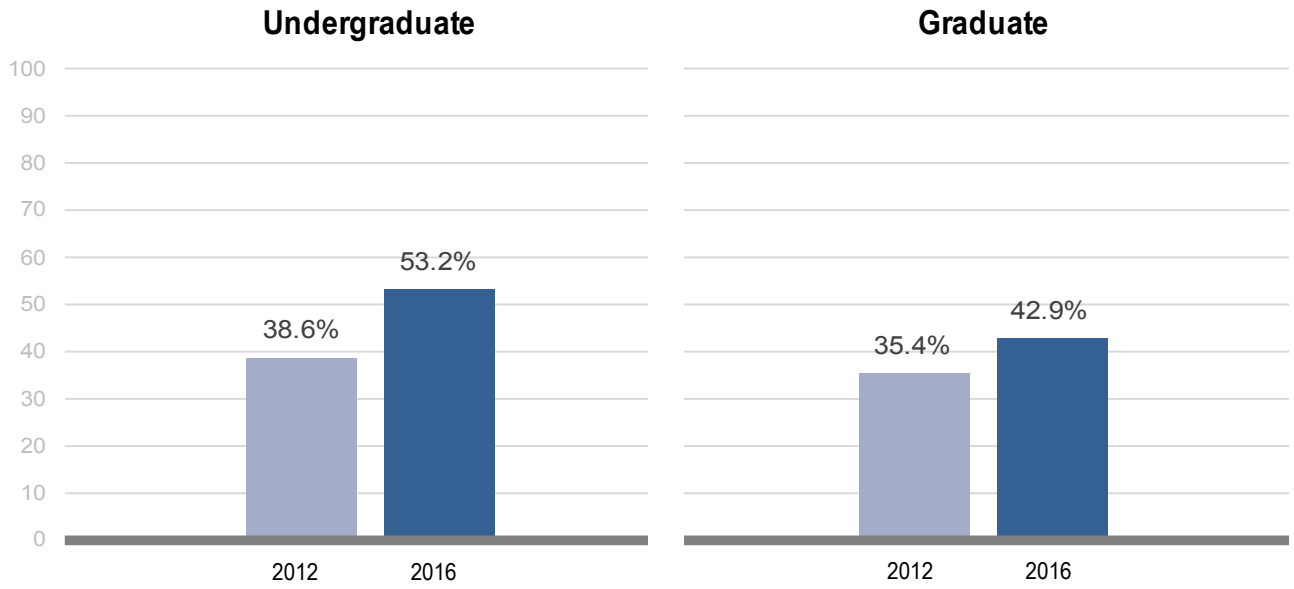


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	28,621	11,007	38.5%	28,023	15,145	54.0%	↑ 15.6
22-24	9,035	3,197	35.4%	8,215	3,731	45.4%	↑ 10.0
25-29	5,493	1,876	34.2%	4,690	1,966	41.9%	↑ 7.8
30-39	3,393	1,273	37.5%	2,841	1,349	47.5%	↑ 10.0
40-49	714	443	62.0%	501	340	67.9%	↑ 5.8
50+	291	209	71.8%	153	109	71.2%	↓ -0.6
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.

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By Education Level*

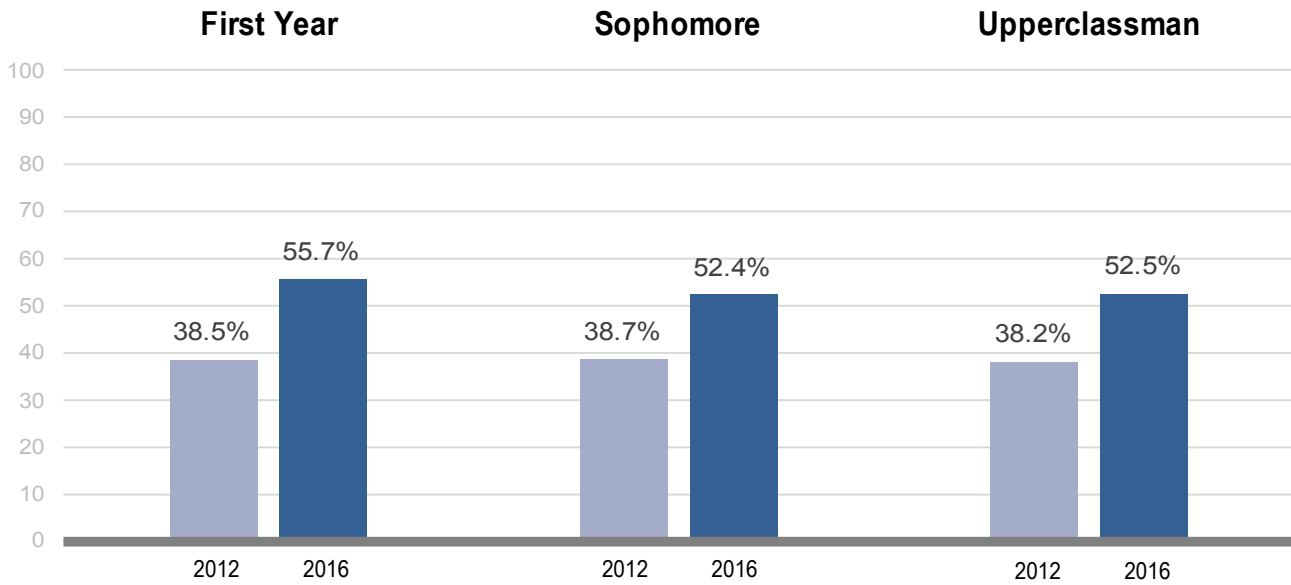


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	36,808	14,203	38.6%	34,782	18,501	53.2%	↑ 14.6
Graduate	10,739	3,802	35.4%	9,641	4,139	42.9%	↑ 7.5
Unknown	0			0			

* 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*

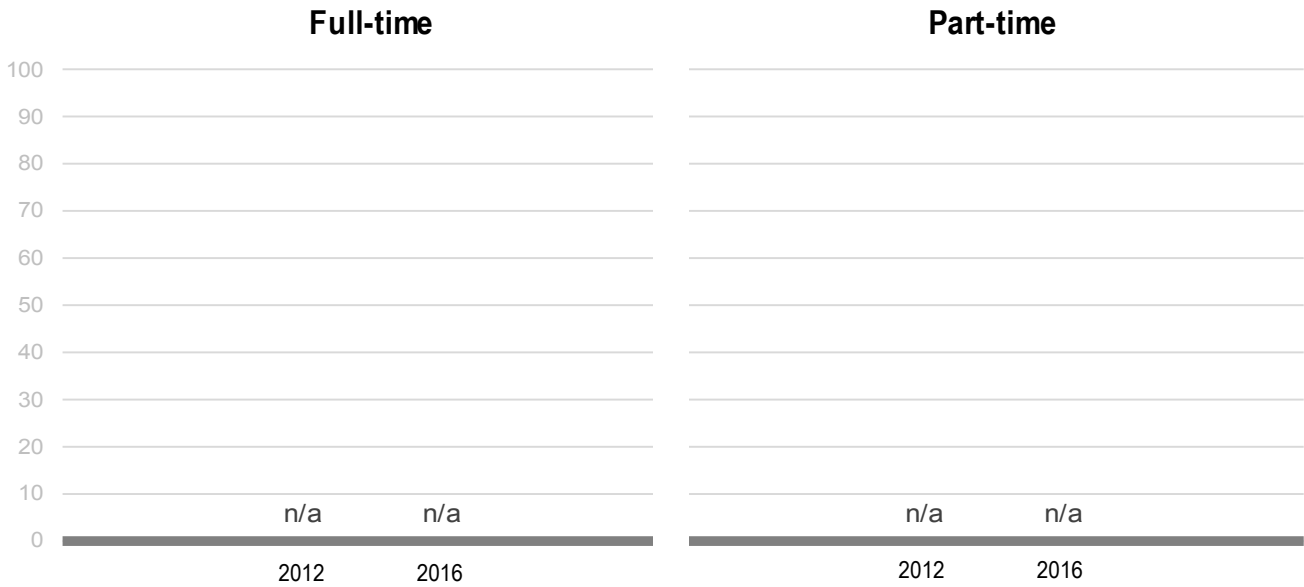


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	7,459	2,870	38.5%	7,285	4,056	55.7%	↑ 17.2
Sophomore	7,866	3,045	38.7%	7,561	3,963	52.4%	↑ 13.7
Upperclassman	19,492	7,437	38.2%	19,858	10,431	52.5%	↑ 14.4

* 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.

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By Enrollment Status*

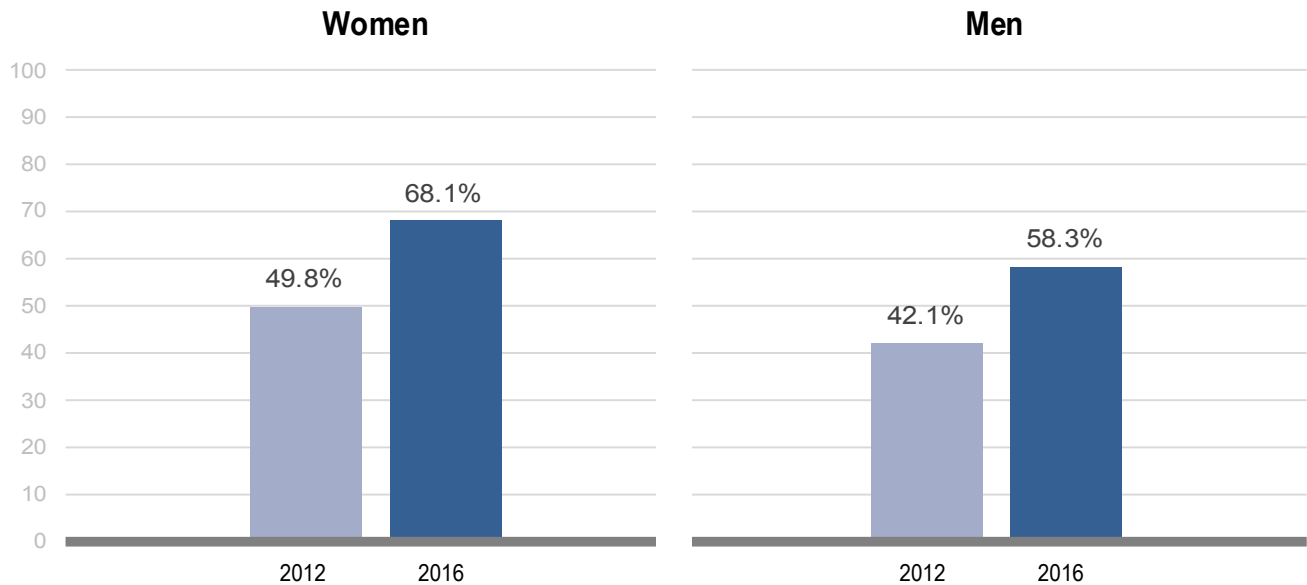


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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.

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By Gender*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	19,840	9,871	49.8%	18,341	12,484	68.1%	↑ 18.3
Men	19,248	8,102	42.1%	17,341	10,105	58.3%	↑ 16.2
Unknown	8,459	32	0.4%	8,741	51	0.6%	

* 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	
Architecture	581	227	39.1%	494	260	52.6% ↑	13.6
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	677	280	41.4%	340	165	48.5% ↑	7.2
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	4,131	1,414	34.2%	4,309	2,207	51.2% ↑	17.0
Business, Management, and Marketing	5,794	2,002	34.6%	5,605	2,716	48.5% ↑	13.9
Communication and Journalism	3,665	1,683	45.9%	2,905	1,741	59.9% ↑	14.0
Computer and Information Sciences	1,786	549	30.7%	1,465	662	45.2% ↑	14.5
Education	1,692	786	46.5%	613	379	61.8% ↑	15.4
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	6,802	2,089	30.7%	6,722	2,926	43.5% ↑	12.8
English Language and Literature	941	431	45.8%	1,552	930	59.9% ↑	14.1
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	678	270	39.8%	1,101	598	54.3% ↑	14.5
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	481	193	40.1%	575	296	51.5% ↑	11.4
Health Professions	2,350	955	40.6%	2,170	1,205	55.5% ↑	14.9
History	677	321	47.4%	489	304	62.2% ↑	14.8
Legal Professions and Studies	1,044	464	44.4%	898	483	53.8% ↑	9.4
Leisure and Recreational Activities	32	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,948	1,071	36.3%	2,320	1,190	51.3% ↑	15.0
Library Science	15	13	86.7%	159	72	45.3% ↓	-41.4
Mathematics and Statistics	678	207	30.5%	961	418	43.5% ↑	13.0
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,837	698	38.0%	1,735	962	55.5% ↑	17.5
Natural Resources and Conservation	54	19	35.2%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	879	296	33.7%	657	269	40.9% ↑	7.3
Philosophy and Religious Studies	270	105	38.9%	231	111	48.1% ↑	9.2
Physical Sciences	1,698	525	30.9%	1,622	722	44.5% ↑	13.6

Psychology	1,538	663	43.1%	1,550	837	54.0% ↑	10.9
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	851	488	57.3%	646	440	68.1% ↑	10.8
Social Sciences	3,507	1,444	41.2%	3,670	1,850	50.4% ↑	9.2
Visual and Performing Arts	1,693	680	40.2%	1,600	877	54.8% ↑	14.6
Unknown	248	124	50.0%	34	20	58.8% ↑	8.8

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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