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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for University of Washington-Seattle Campus

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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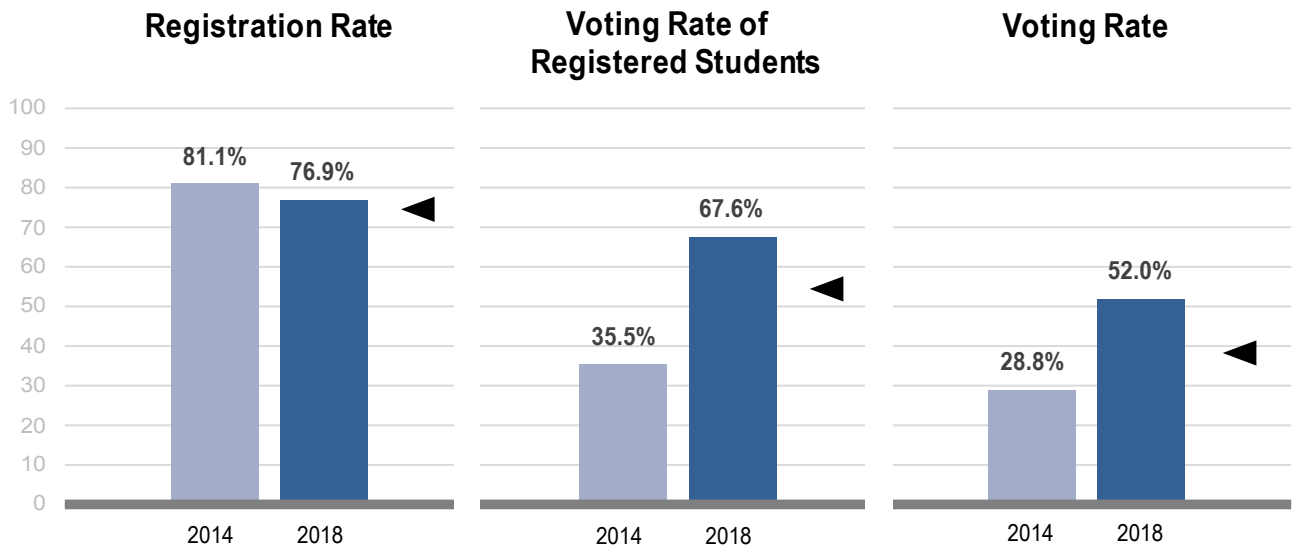
Warm regards,

IDHE Team

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

52.0%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+23.2

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate — 81.1% (2014), 76.9% (2018)

Voting Rate of Registered Students — 35.5% (2014), 67.6% (2018)

Voting Rate — 28.8% (2014), 52.0% (2018)

◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	50,137	61,986	⬆	11,849
Age under 18/Unknown	(1,952)	(3,647)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(5,112)	(7,070)		
FERPA records blocked	(10,204)	(9,036)		
Total eligible voters	32,869	42,233	⬆	9,364
Number of students who registered	26,651	32,471	⬆	5,820
Number of students who voted	9,465	21,938	⬆	12,473
Registration rate	81.1%	76.9%	⬇	-4.2
Voting rate of registered students	35.5%	67.6%	⬆	32.1
Voting rate	28.8%	52.0%	⬆	23.2
Difference from all institutions	+9.1	+12.9		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%
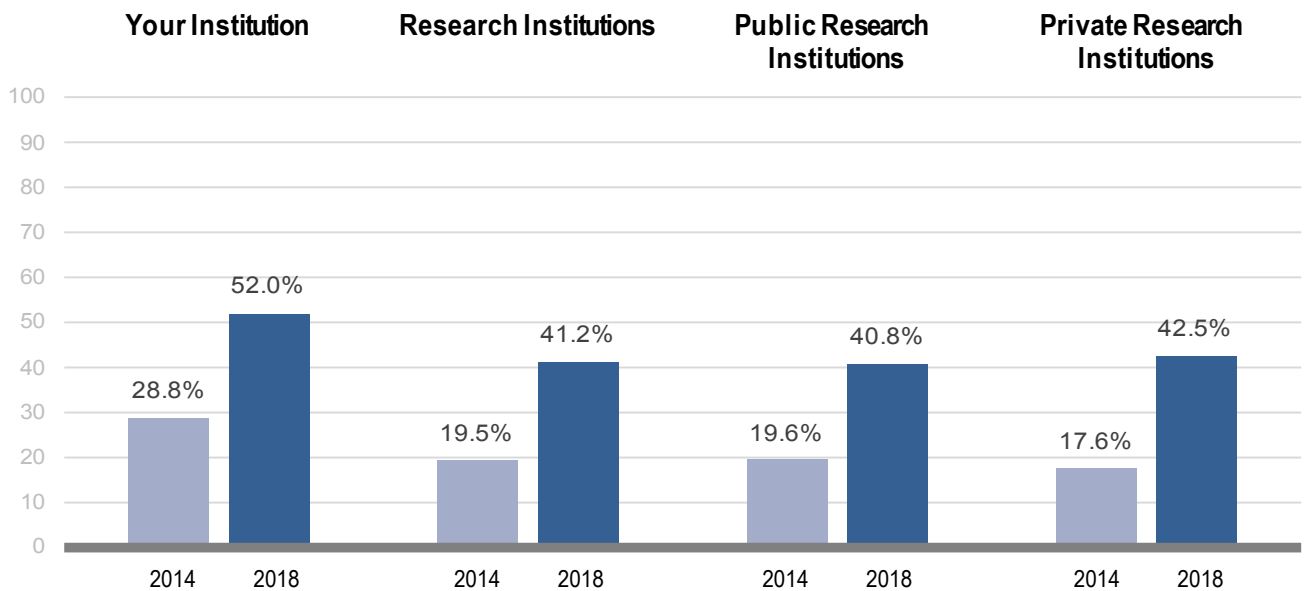
HIGH 54.0%

LOW 1.5%

Difference from All Institutions **+9.1**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH 64.1%

LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions **+12.9**

	Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2014	28.8%	19.5%	19.6%	17.6%
2018	52.0%	41.2%	40.8%	42.5%

By Voting Method*
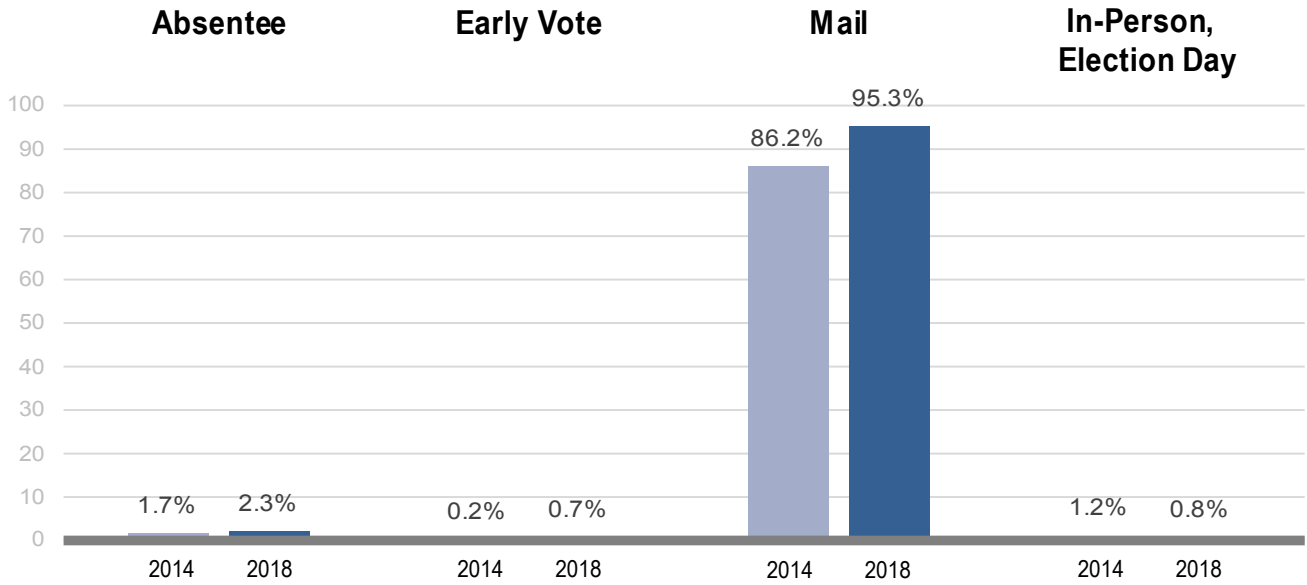
	2014			**2018**			
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	156	**1.7%**		501	**2.3%**	⬆	0.6
Early Vote	20	**0.2%**		163	**0.7%**	⬆	0.5
Mail	8,158	**86.2%**		20,915	**95.3%**	⬆	9.2
In-Person, Election Day	109	**1.2%**		180	**0.8%**	⬇	-0.3
Unknown	1,022	**10.8%**		179	**0.8%**		
Total	**9,465**			**21,938**			

* 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.

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

By Age Group*
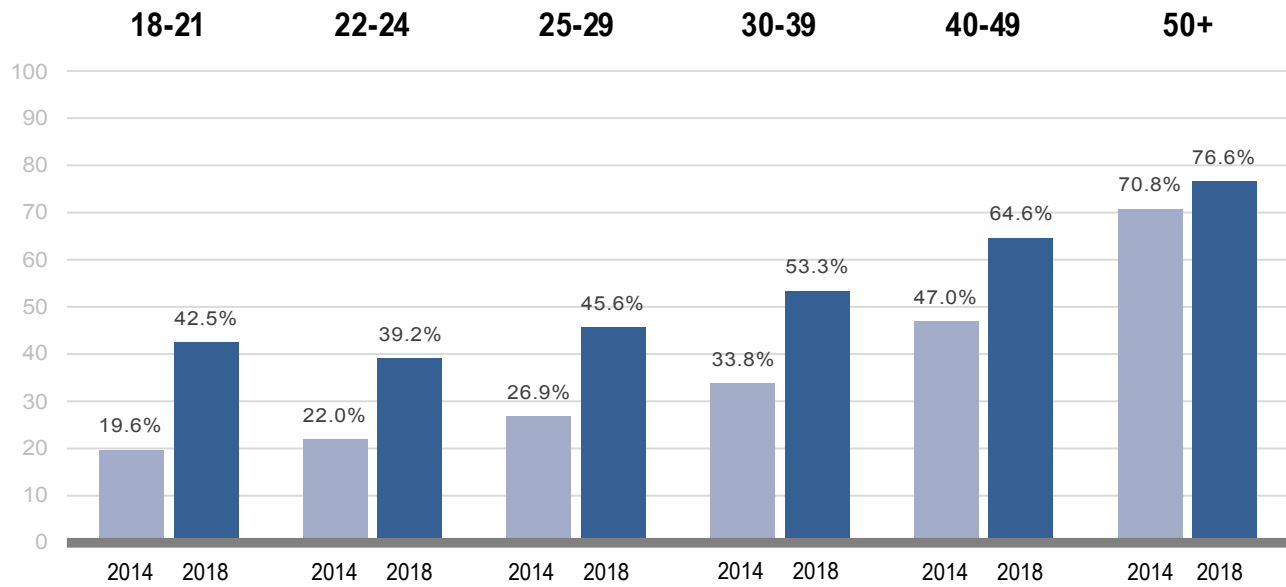
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	19,206	3,758	**19.6%**	27,400	11,642	**42.5%**	⬆	**22.9**
22-24	6,302	1,387	**22.0%**	8,044	3,154	**39.2%**	⬆	**17.2**
25-29	6,005	1,616	**26.9%**	7,373	3,362	**45.6%**	⬆	**18.7**
30-39	4,223	1,427	**33.8%**	4,550	2,427	**53.3%**	⬆	**19.6**
40-49	1,311	616	**47.0%**	1,085	701	**64.6%**	⬆	**17.6**
50+	934	661	**70.8%**	851	652	**76.6%**	⬆	**5.9**
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.

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

By Education Level*

Undergraduate
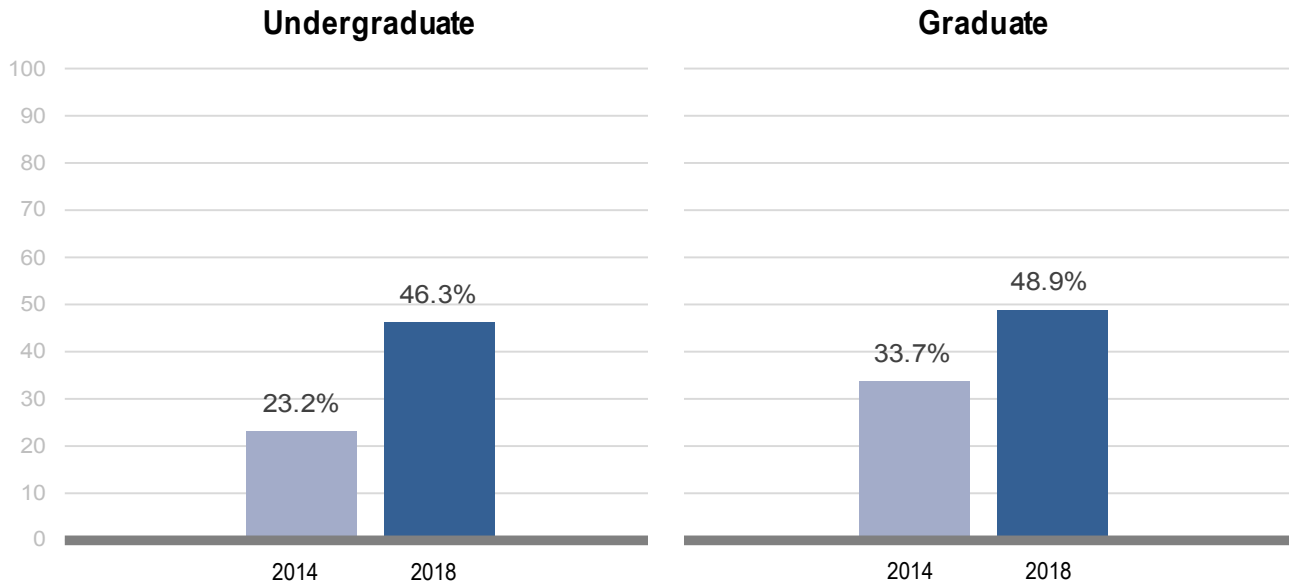
Graduate

	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Undergraduate	16,130	3,744	**23.2%**	19,882	9,199	**46.3%**	⬆	**23.1**
Graduate	8,380	2,824	**33.7%**	10,714	5,236	**48.9%**	⬆	**15.2**
Unknown	13,471			18,707				

* 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*
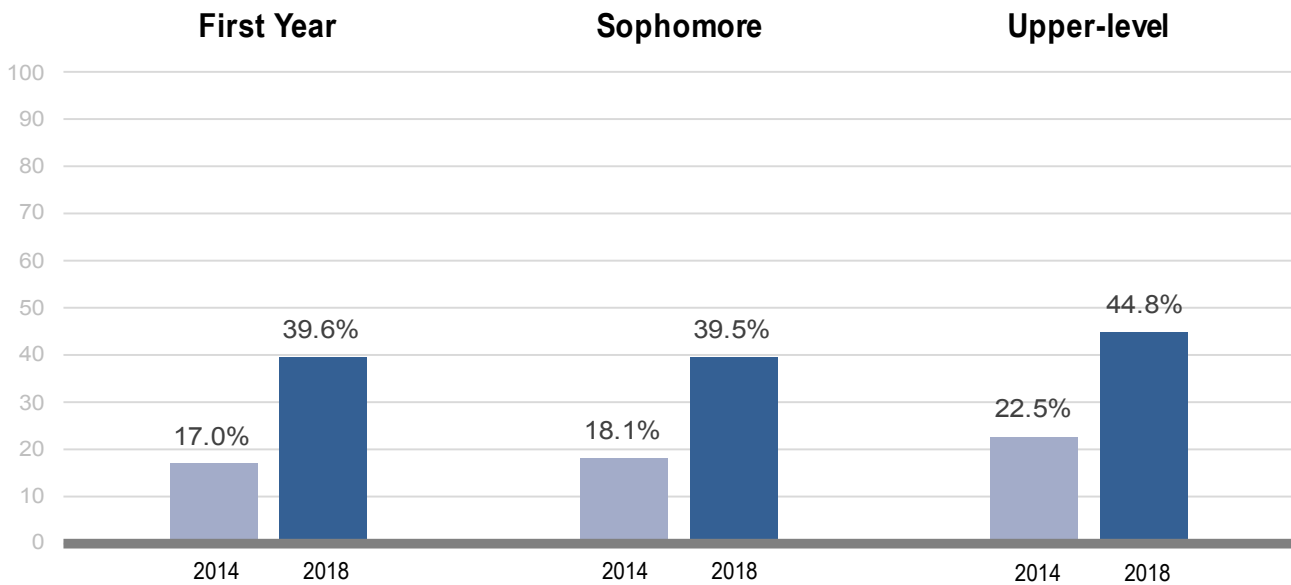
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	5,212	885	**17.0%**	8,004	3,169	**39.6%**	⬆	22.6
Sophomore	4,807	870	**18.1%**	6,280	2,479	**39.5%**	⬆	21.4
Upper-level	16,103	3,628	**22.5%**	20,403	9,149	**44.8%**	⬆	22.3

* 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.

By Enrollment Status*
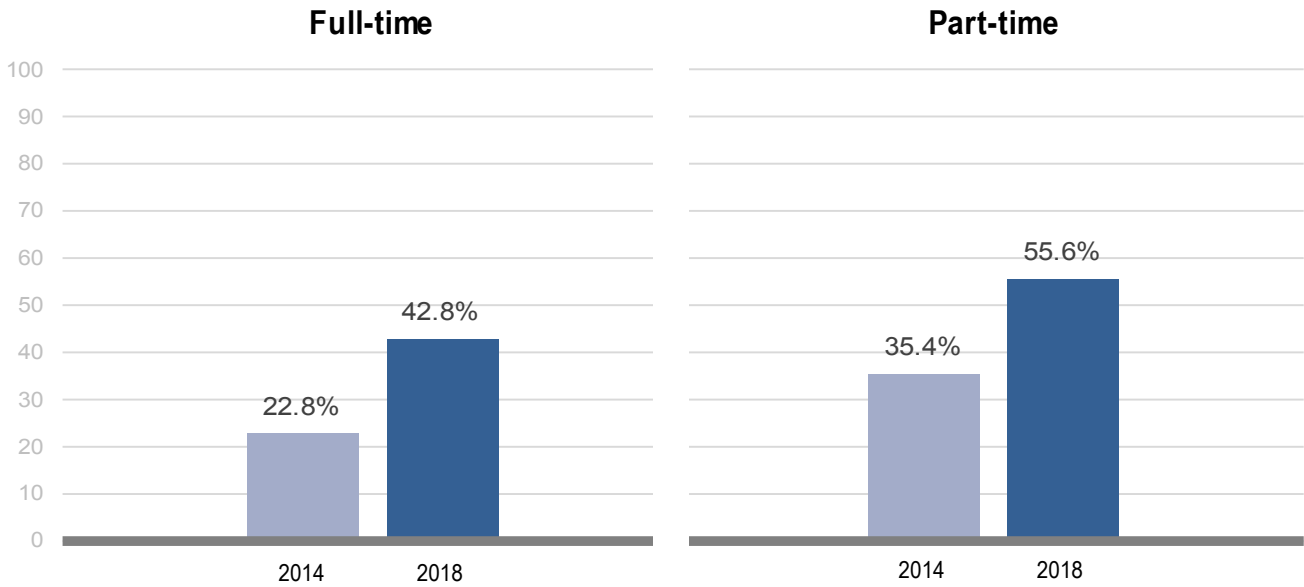
Full-time

Part-time

	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	31,512	7,178	**22.8%**	42,591	18,208	**42.8%**	⬆	**20.0**
Part-time	6,469	2,287	**35.4%**	6,712	3,730	**55.6%**	⬆	**20.2**
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.

By Gender*

	Women			**Men**	
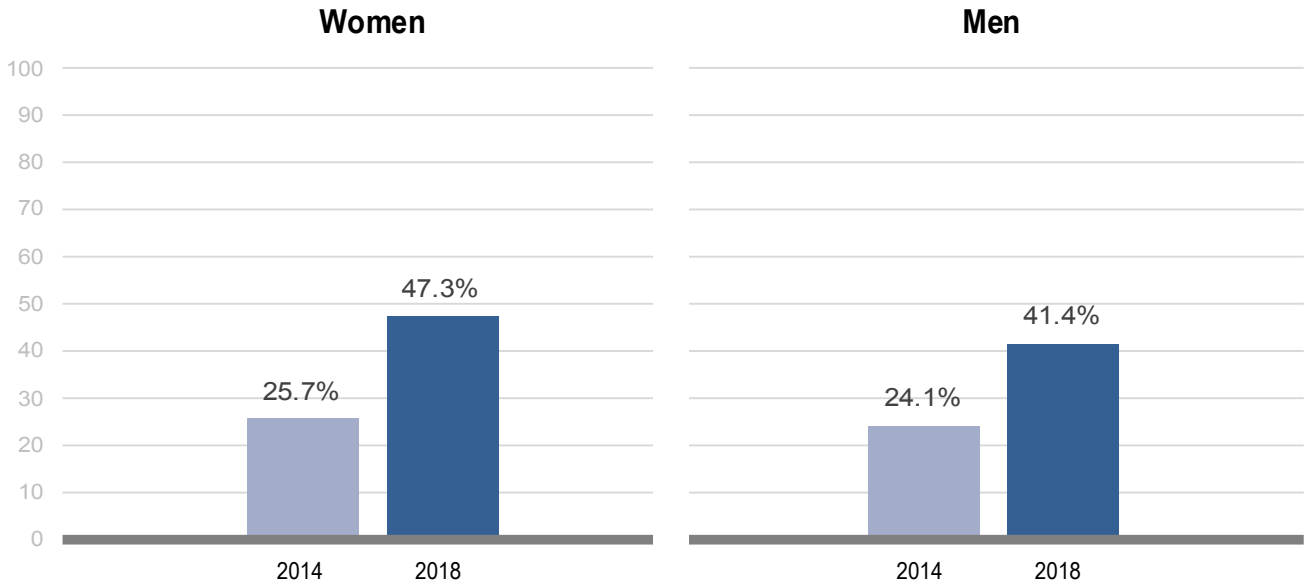
	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Women	19,051	4,899	**25.7%**	25,555	12,085	**47.3%**	⬆ **21.6**
Men	18,916	4,563	**24.1%**	23,668	9,806	**41.4%**	⬆ **17.3**
Unknown	14			80			

* 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*
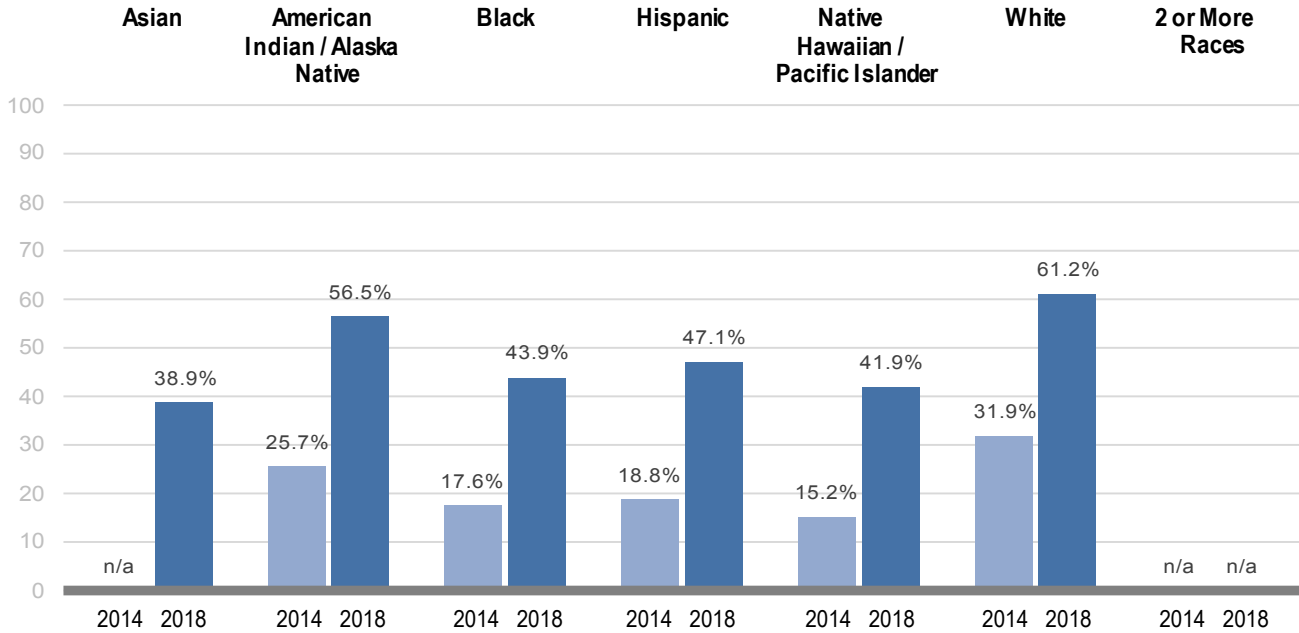
	2014			**2018**			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Asian	0	0	**n/a**	12,503	4,863	**38.9%**		**n/a**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	604	155	**25.7%**	623	352	**56.5%**	⬆	**30.8**
Black	1,630	287	**17.6%**	2,425	1,064	**43.9%**	⬆	**26.3**
Hispanic	2,878	540	**18.8%**	4,068	1,915	**47.1%**	⬆	**28.3**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	9,717	1,478	**15.2%**	528	221	**41.9%**	⬆	**26.7**
White	20,246	6,451	**31.9%**	20,646	12,634	**61.2%**	⬆	**29.3**
2 or More Races	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**		**n/a**
Unknown	2,906			8,510				

* 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	19	10	**52.6%**	13	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
Architecture	473	123	**26.0%**	736	294	**40.0%** ⬆	**14.0**
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	535	124	**23.2%**	539	277	**51.4%** ⬆	**28.2**
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,244	503	**22.4%**	2,422	1,156	**47.7%** ⬆	**25.3**
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,313	797	**24.1%**	4,112	1,810	**44.0%** ⬆	**20.0**
Communication and Journalism	774	181	**23.4%**	1,002	446	**44.5%** ⬆	**21.1**
Computer and Information Sciences	1,832	436	**23.8%**	3,657	1,415	**38.7%** ⬆	**14.9**
Education	1,147	460	**40.1%**	1,300	724	**55.7%** ⬆	**15.6**
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	4,363	935	**21.4%**	5,498	2,167	**39.4%** ⬆	**18.0**
English Language and Literature	514	144	**28.0%**	356	183	**51.4%** ⬆	**23.4**
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	12	*	**n/a**	14	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	444	107	**24.1%**	333	161	**48.4%** ⬆	**24.3**
Health Professions	4,633	1,235	**26.7%**	5,644	2,849	**50.5%** ⬆	**23.8**
History	307	101	**32.9%**	226	142	**62.8%** ⬆	**29.9**
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	120	19	**15.8%**	139	46	**33.1%** ⬆	**17.3**
Legal Professions and Studies	539	203	**37.7%**	704	401	**57.0%** ⬆	**19.3**
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,229	270	**22.0%**	1,697	712	**42.0%** ⬆	**20.0**
Library Science	274	116	**42.3%**	278	205	**73.7%** ⬆	**31.4**
Mathematics and Statistics	610	111	**18.2%**	867	240	**27.7%** ⬆	**9.5**
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	7,958	1,750	**22.0%**	12,321	4,918	**39.9%** ⬆	**17.9**
Natural Resources and Conservation	764	218	**28.5%**	865	486	**56.2%** ⬆	**27.7**
Philosophy and Religious Studies	219	51	**23.3%**	178	85	**47.8%** ⬆	**24.5**
Physical Sciences	1,006	248	**24.7%**	1,311	582	**44.4%** ⬆	**19.7**

Psychology	980	220	**22.5%**	943	446	**47.3%** ⬆	**24.9**
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	1,036	450	**43.4%**	1,068	705	**66.0%** ⬆	**22.6**
Social Sciences	1,744	474	**27.2%**	2,126	1,028	**48.4%** ⬆	**21.2**
Visual and Performing Arts	807	149	**18.5%**	875	410	**46.9%** ⬆	**28.4**
Unknown	85	22	**25.9%**	79	40	**50.6%** ⬆	**24.8**

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