

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
University of West
Georgia

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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,
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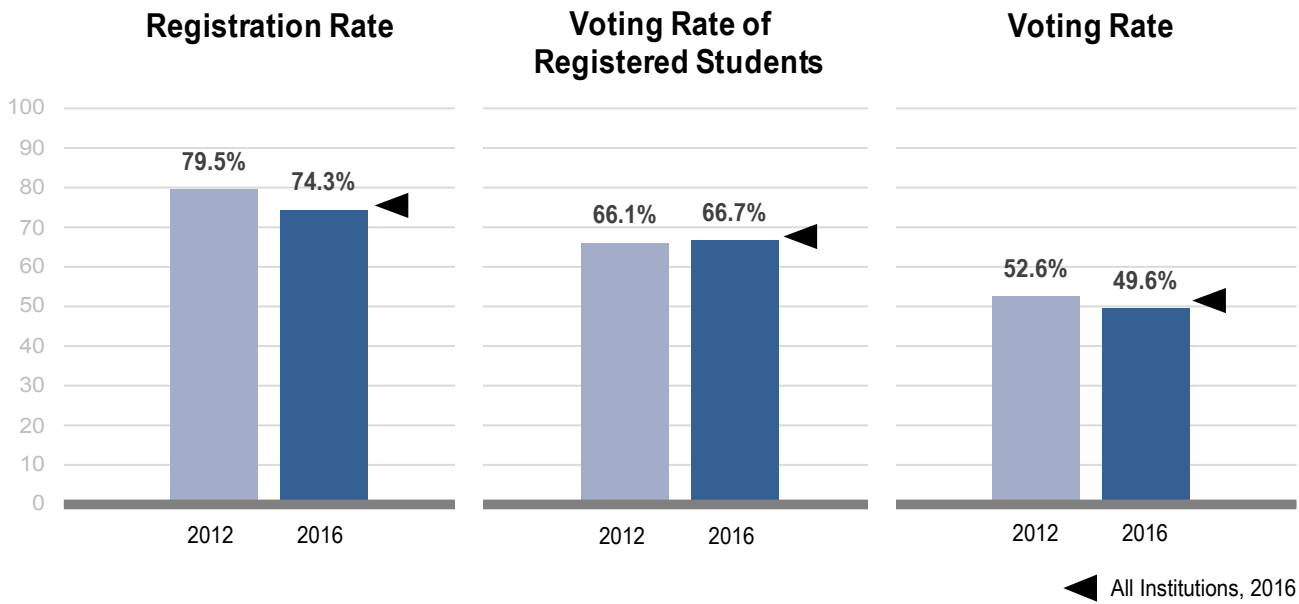
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
49.6%

CHANGE FROM 2012
-3.0

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	11,470	12,938	↑ 1,468
Age under 18/Unknown	(138)	(432)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(164)	(155)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	11,159	12,344	↑ 1,185
Number of students who registered	8,873	9,175	↑ 302
Number of students who voted	5,868	6,117	↑ 249
Registration rate	79.5%	74.3%	↓ -5.2
Voting rate of registered students	66.1%	66.7%	↑ 0.5
Voting rate	52.6%	49.6%	↓ -3.0
Difference from all institutions	+5.7	-0.9	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

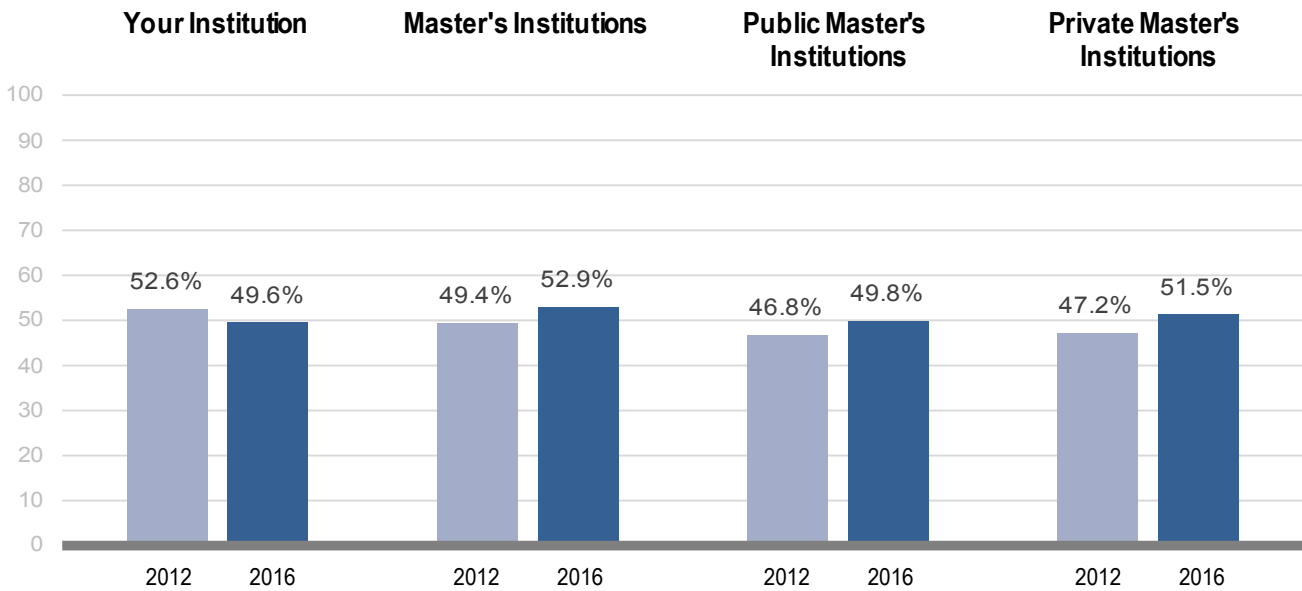
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

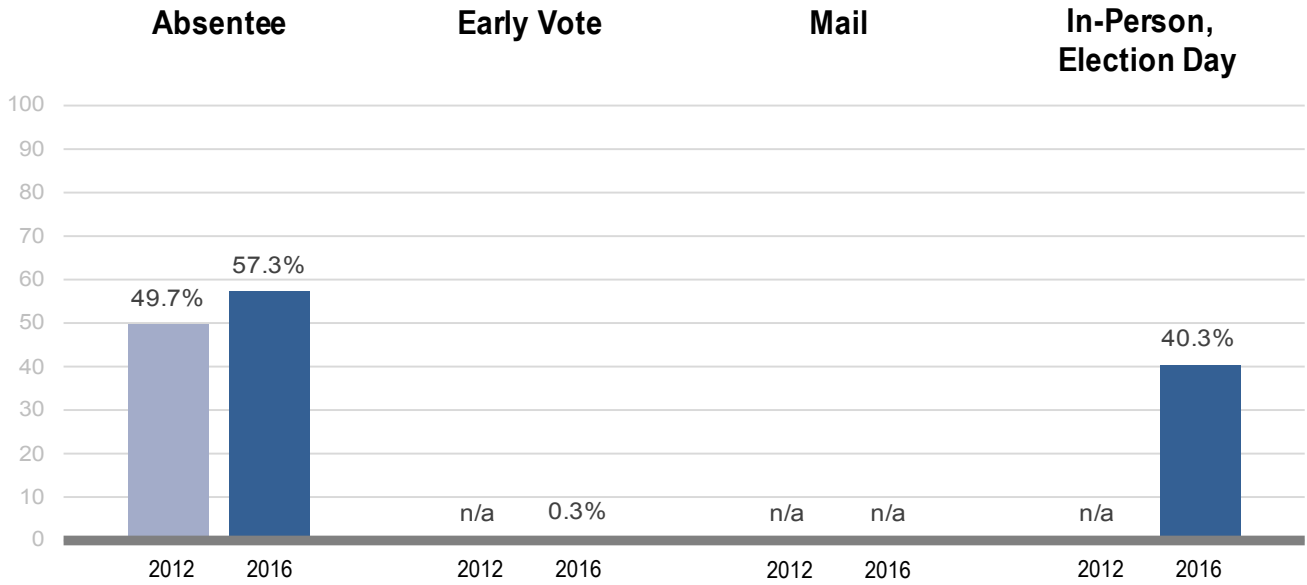
Difference from All Institutions **+5.7**

Difference from All Institutions **-0.9**



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By Voting Method*

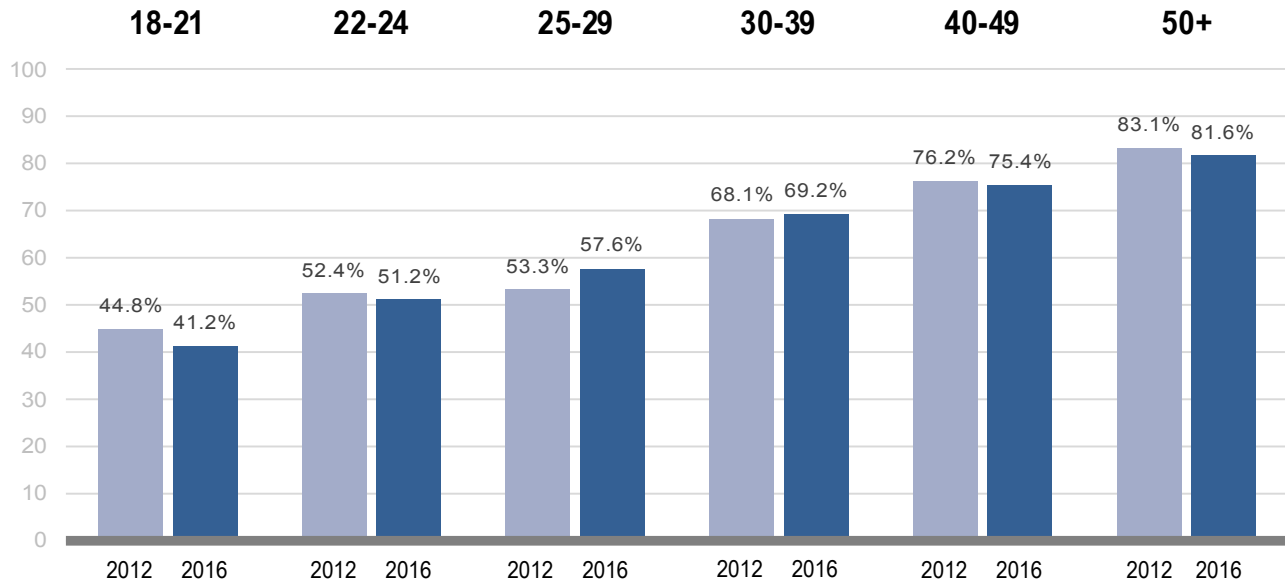


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	2,917	49.7%	3,506	57.3%	↑ 7.6
Early Vote	*	n/a	17	0.3%	n/a
Mail	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	*	n/a	2,465	40.3%	n/a
Unknown	2,933	50.0%	123	2.0%	
Total	5,868		6,117		

* 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*

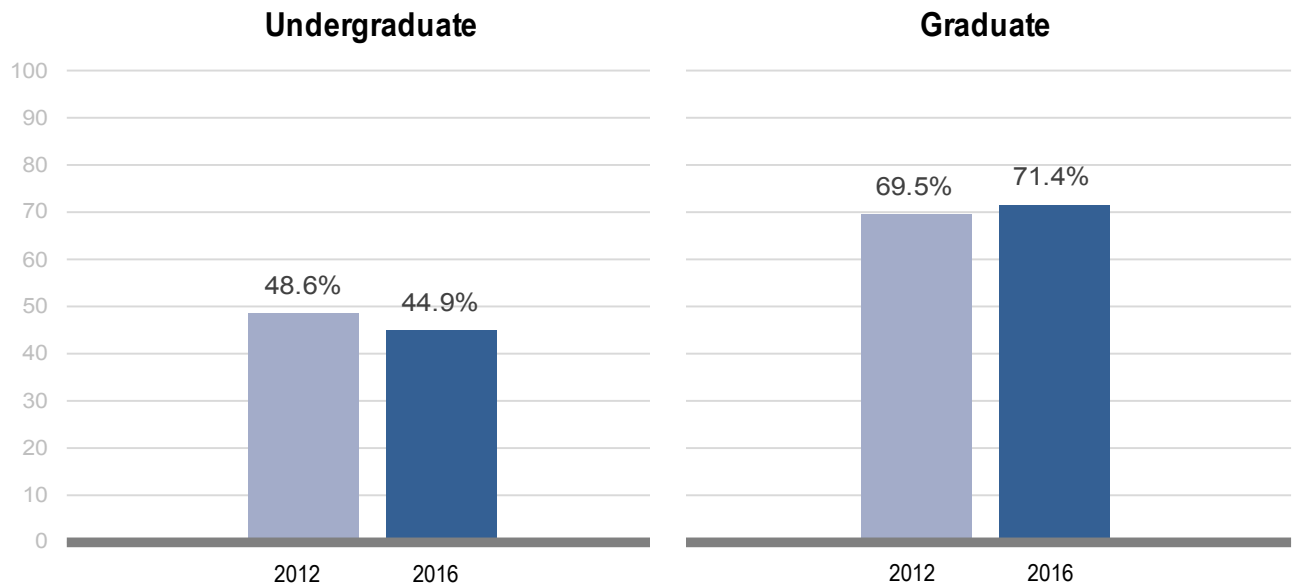


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	6,055	2,714	44.8%	7,344	3,025	41.2%	↓ -3.6
22-24	2,340	1,226	52.4%	2,303	1,178	51.2%	↓ -1.2
25-29	1,029	548	53.3%	1,112	640	57.6%	↑ 4.3
30-39	1,051	716	68.1%	881	610	69.2%	↑ 1.1
40-49	593	452	76.2%	598	451	75.4%	↓ -0.8
50+	255	212	83.1%	261	213	81.6%	↓ -1.5
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*

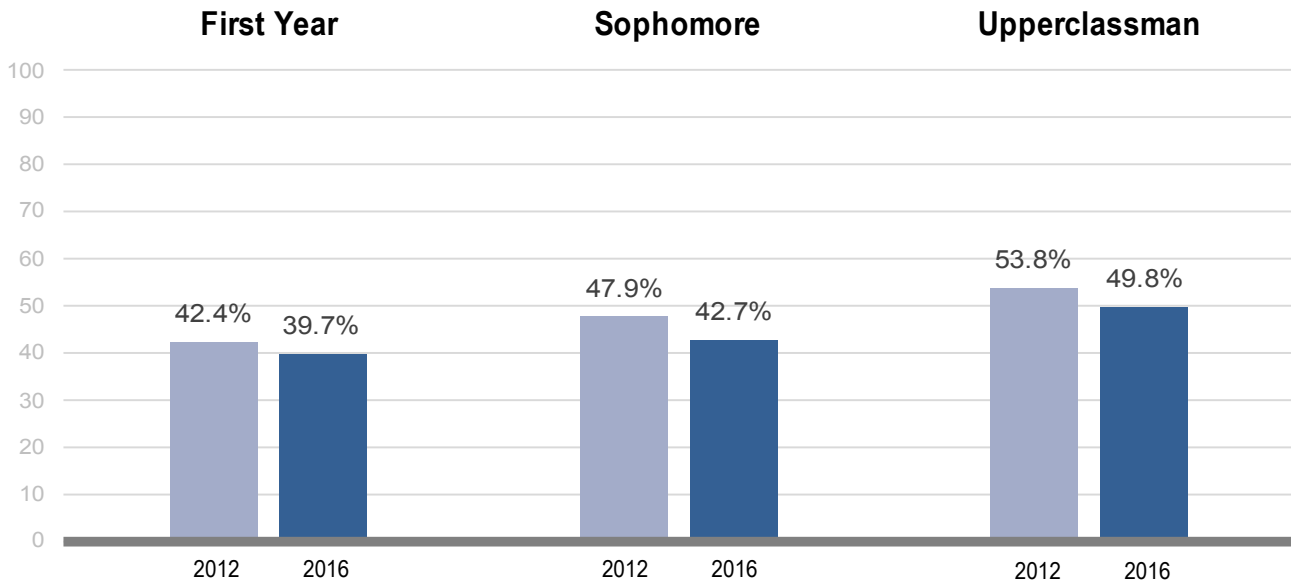


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	9,570	4,651	48.6%	10,607	4,765	44.9%	↓ -3.7
Graduate	1,749	1,216	69.5%	1,891	1,351	71.4%	↑ 1.9
Unknown	*			*			

* 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*

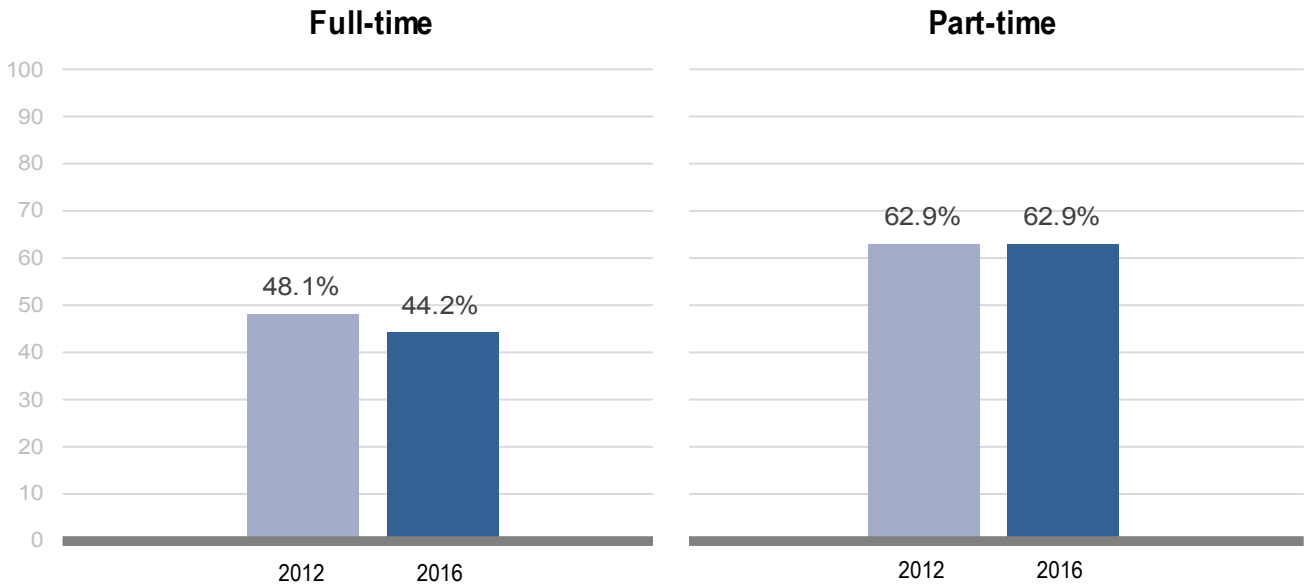


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	3,430	1,454	42.4%	3,660	1,454	39.7%	↓ -2.7
Sophomore	2,102	1,006	47.9%	2,560	1,092	42.7%	↓ -5.2
Upperclassman	3,591	1,932	53.8%	4,232	2,106	49.8%	↓ -4.0

* 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*

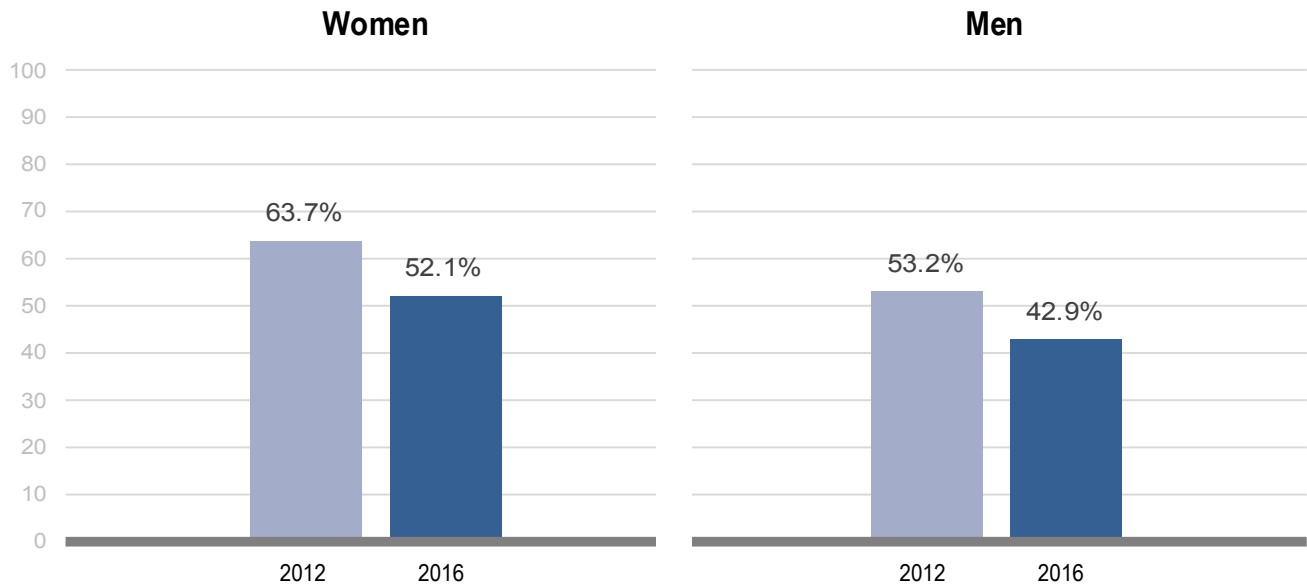


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	8,506	4,095	48.1%	9,332	4,124	44.2%	↓ -4.0
Part-time	2,817	1,773	62.9%	3,167	1,993	62.9%	→ 0.0
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

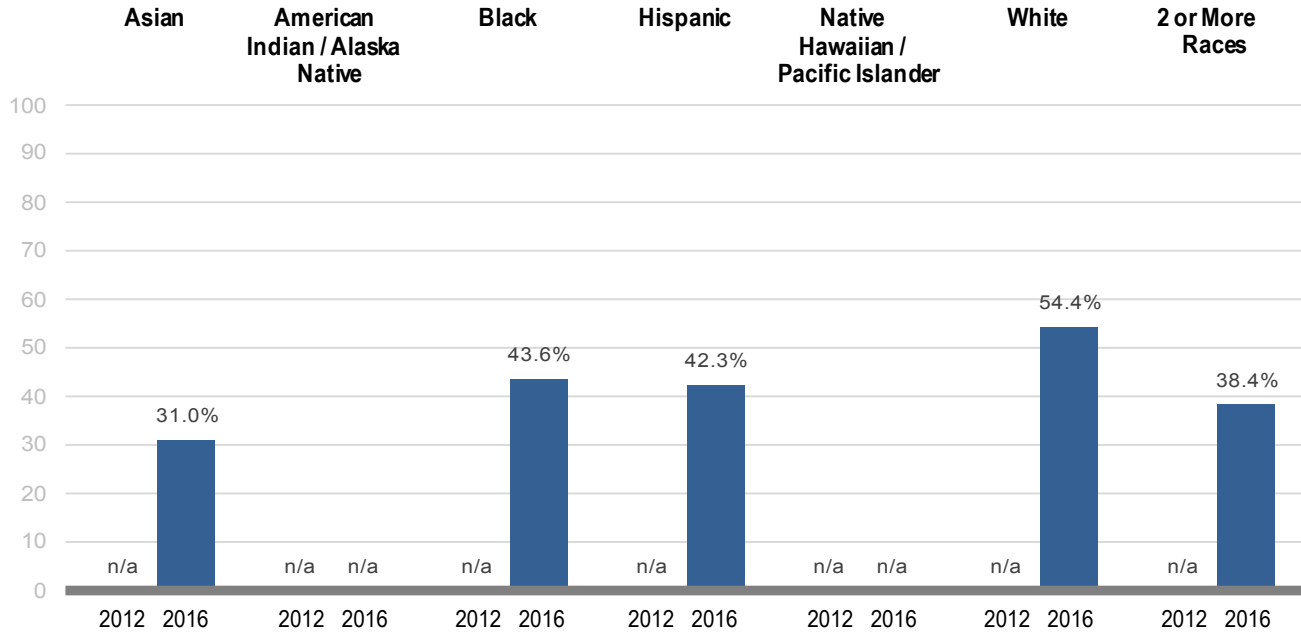


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	6,179	3,936	63.7%	8,207	4,275	52.1%	↓ -11.6
Men	3,627	1,930	53.2%	4,292	1,842	42.9%	↓ -10.3
Unknown	1,517	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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 Race/Ethnicity*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	0	0	n/a	129	40	31.0%	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	15	*	n/a	n/a
Black	0	0	n/a	4,697	2,047	43.6%	n/a
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	634	268	42.3%	n/a
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	14	*	n/a	n/a
White	0	0	n/a	6,289	3,418	54.4%	n/a
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	398	153	38.4%	n/a
Unknown	11,323			323			

* 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.

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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	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	845	383	45.3%	954	400	41.9% ↓	-3.4
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,711	852	49.8%	1,978	925	46.8% ↓	-3.0
Communication and Journalism	449	252	56.1%	597	272	45.6% ↓	-10.6
Computer and Information Sciences	290	113	39.0%	361	139	38.5% ↓	-0.5
Education	2,126	1,344	63.2%	2,215	1,388	62.7% ↓	-0.6
English Language and Literature	254	131	51.6%	206	107	51.9% ↑	0.4
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	71	27	38.0%	52	18	34.6% ↓	-3.4
Health Professions	1,359	723	53.2%	1,776	930	52.4% ↓	-0.8
History	256	139	54.3%	165	95	57.6% ↑	3.3
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	883	398	45.1%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	129	66	51.2%	95	55	57.9% ↑	6.7
Natural Resources and Conservation	50	26	52.0%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	240	102	42.5%	419	128	30.6% ↓	-12.0
Philosophy and Religious Studies	65	28	43.1%	36	12	33.3% ↓	-9.8
Physical Sciences	365	162	44.4%	320	138	43.1% ↓	-1.3
Psychology	690	341	49.4%	763	309	40.5% ↓	-8.9
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	33	22	66.7%	37	26	70.3% ↑	3.6
Social Sciences	1,075	547	50.9%	1,278	617	48.3% ↓	-2.6
Visual and Performing Arts	344	133	38.7%	350	150	42.9% ↑	4.2
Unknown	971	477	49.1%	14	10	71.4% ↑	22.3

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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