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2014 & 2018 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, 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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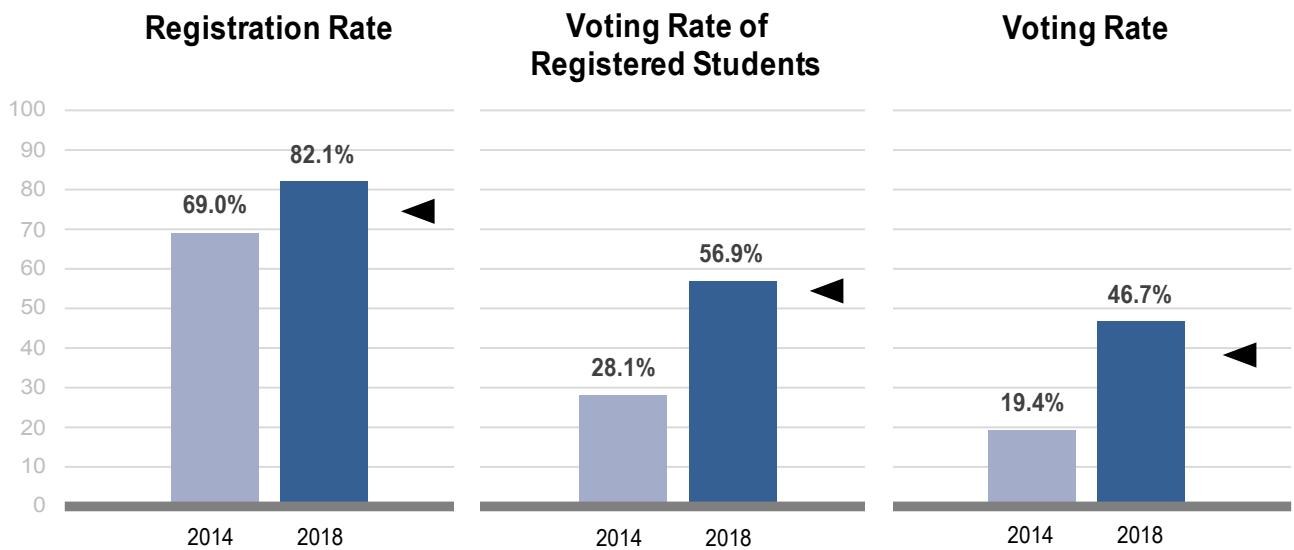
Warm regards,

IDHE Team

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

46.7%

CHANGE
FROM 2014

+27.4

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	**11,884**	**13,320**	⬆	1,436
Age under 18/Unknown	(207)	(556)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(167)	(133)		
FERPA records blocked	*	*		
Total eligible voters	**11,501**	**12,628**	⬆	1,127
Number of students who registered	**7,935**	**10,365**	⬆	2,430
Number of students who voted	**2,226**	**5,900**	⬆	3,674
Registration rate	**69.0%**	**82.1%**	⬆	13.1
Voting rate of registered students	**28.1%**	**56.9%**	⬆	28.9
Voting rate	**19.4%**	**46.7%**	⬆	27.4
Difference from all institutions	**-0.3**	**+7.6**		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 54.0%
19.7%	LOW 1.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-0.3**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 64.1%
39.1%	LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **+7.6**

Your Institution	Master's Institutions	Public Master's Institutions	Private Master's Institutions
2014: 19.4% / 2018: 46.7%	2014: 20.1% / 2018: 39.7%	2014: 19.9% / 2018: 39.3%	2014: 21.1% / 2018: 40.3%
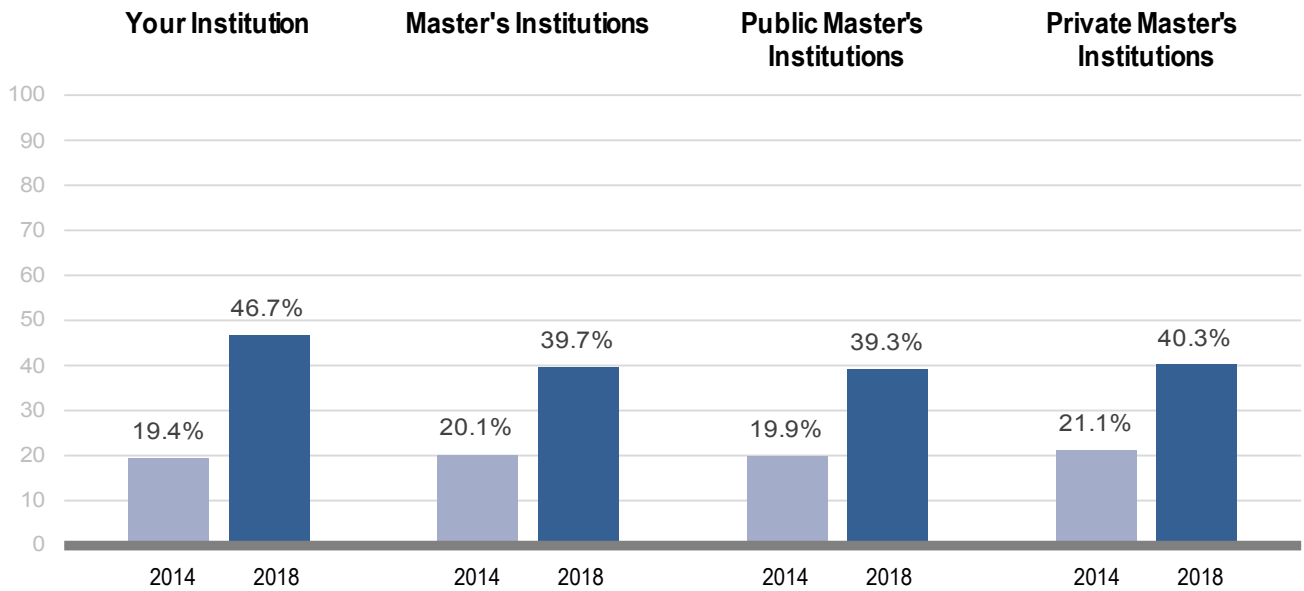
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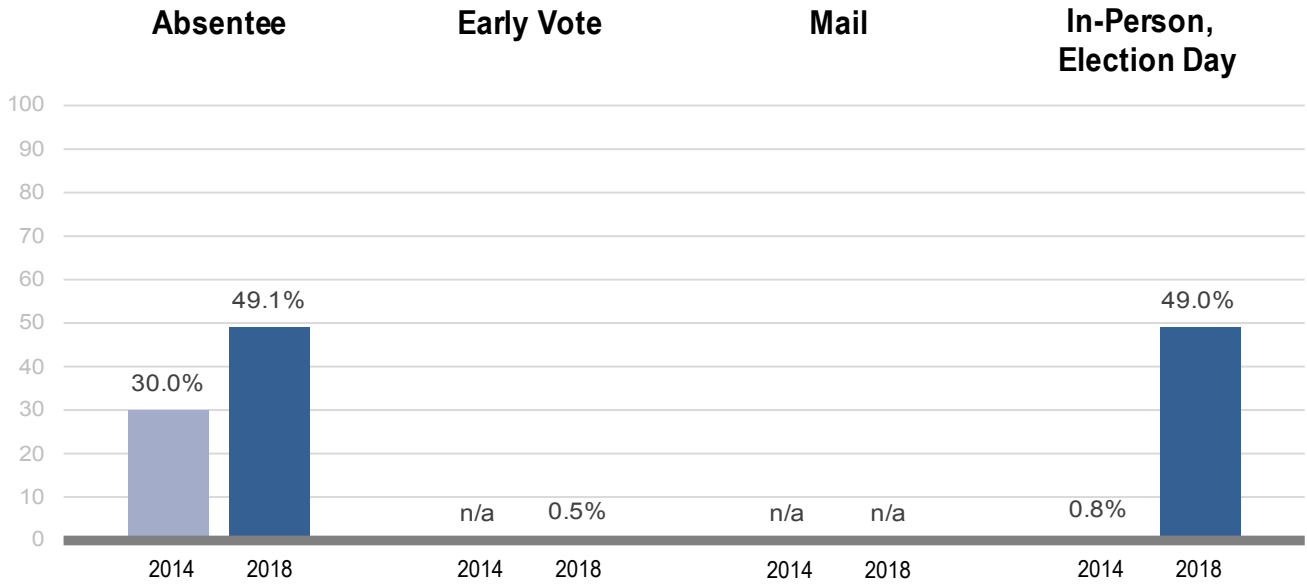
	2014			2018		
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate	Change
Absentee	667	**30.0%**		2,897	**49.1%**	⬆ **19.1**
Early Vote	*	**n/a**		30	**0.5%**	**n/a**
Mail	*	**n/a**		*	**n/a**	**n/a**
In-Person, Election Day	17	**0.8%**		2,893	**49.0%**	⬆ **48.3**
Unknown	1,533	**68.9%**		71	**1.2%**	
Total	**2,226**			**5,900**		

* 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*
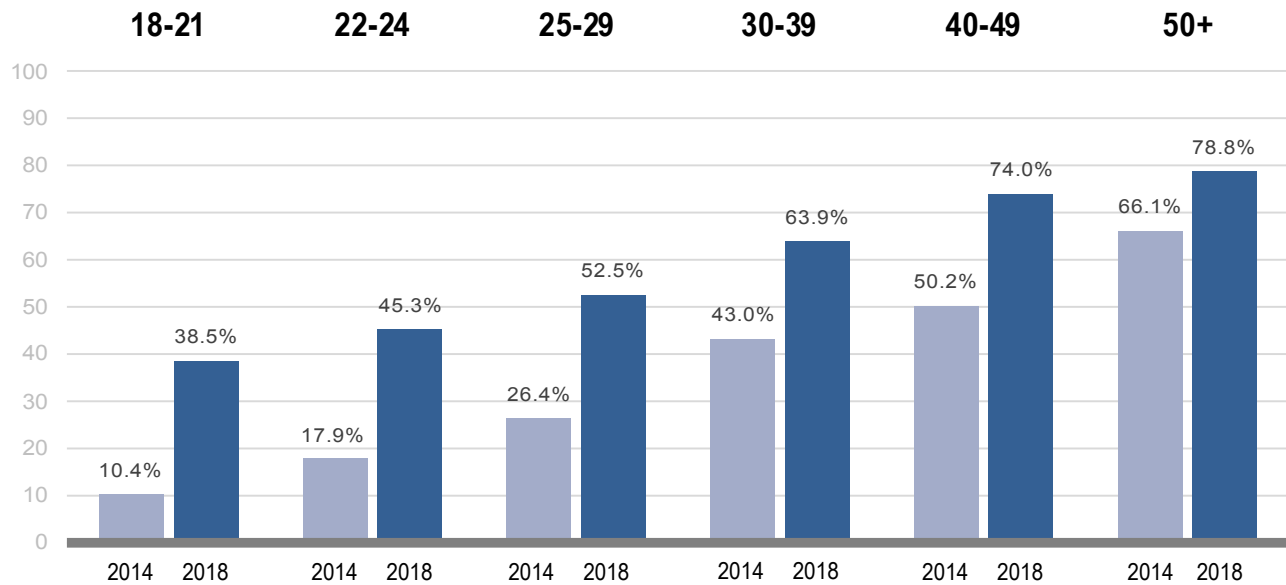
	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	6,607	685	**10.4%**	7,027	2,708	**38.5%**	⬆	**28.2**
22-24	2,193	392	**17.9%**	2,451	1,110	**45.3%**	⬆	**27.4**
25-29	1,112	293	**26.4%**	1,179	619	**52.5%**	⬆	**26.2**
30-39	920	396	**43.0%**	1,074	686	**63.9%**	⬆	**20.8**
40-49	582	292	**50.2%**	714	528	**74.0%**	⬆	**23.8**
50+	254	168	**66.1%**	316	249	**78.8%**	⬆	**12.7**
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.

By Education Level*

Undergraduate
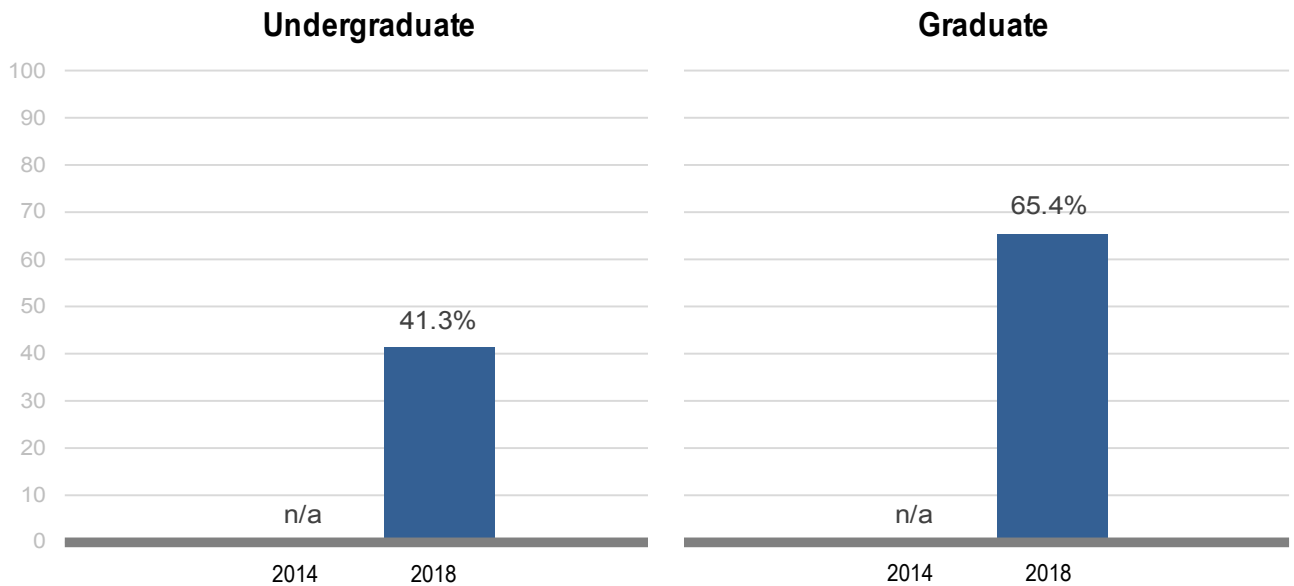
Graduate

	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**		10,175	4,204	**41.3%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**		2,344	1,534	**65.4%**	**n/a**
Unknown	11,668				242			

* 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*
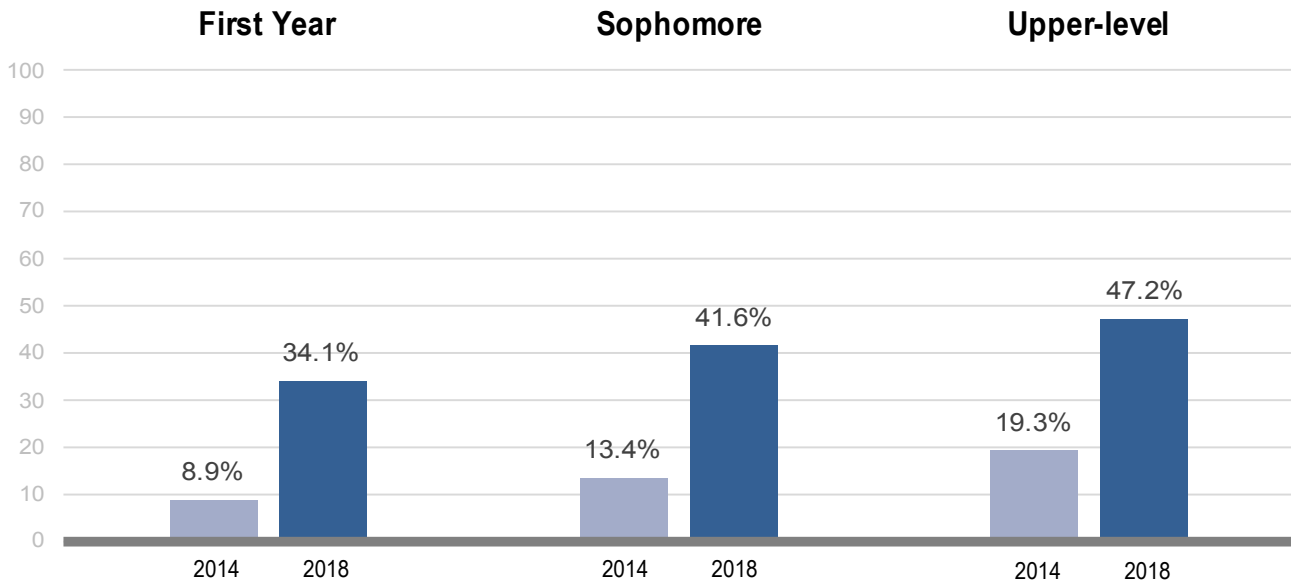
	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	3,406	303	**8.9%**	3,348	1,140	**34.1%**	⬆	**25.2**
Sophomore	2,372	318	**13.4%**	2,528	1,051	**41.6%**	⬆	**28.2**
Upper-level	3,583	691	**19.3%**	4,403	2,077	**47.2%**	⬆	**27.9**

* 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.

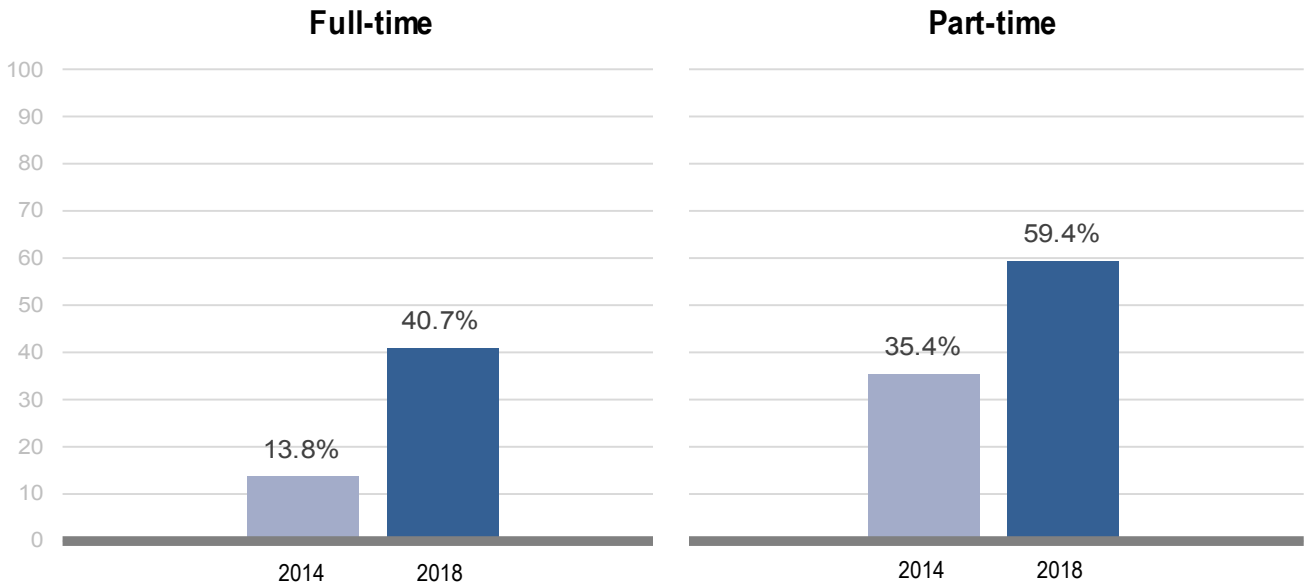**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Enrollment Status*

	2014				2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	8,807	1,213	**13.8%**		8,995	3,665	**40.7%**	⬆	**27.0**
Part-time	2,861	1,013	**35.4%**		3,766	2,235	**59.4%**	⬆	**23.9**
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.
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By Gender*

Women

Men
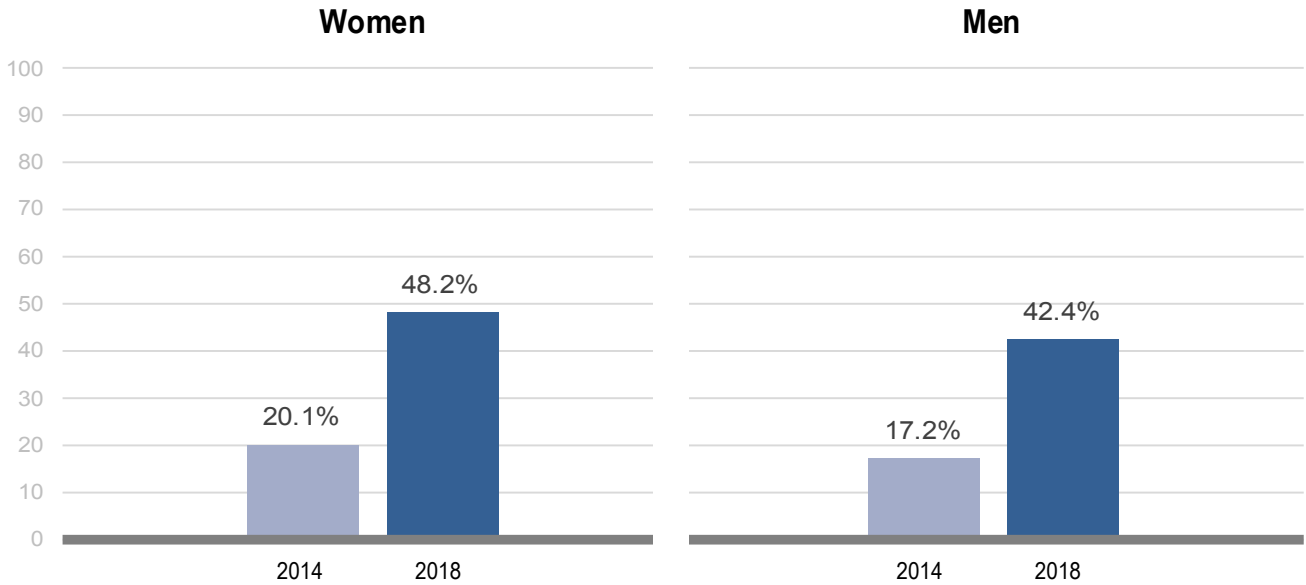
	2014				**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	7,518	1,512	**20.1%**		8,480	4,084	**48.2%**	⬆	**28.1**
Men	4,150	714	**17.2%**		4,279	1,816	**42.4%**	⬆	**25.2**
Unknown	0				*				

* 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.
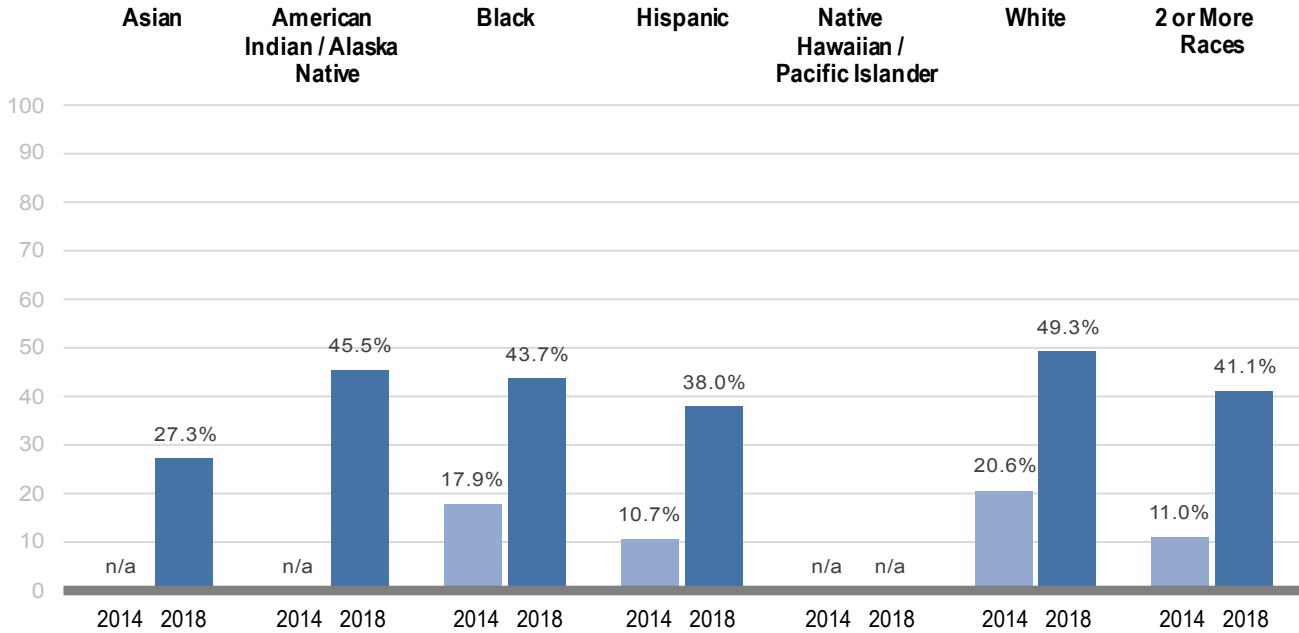
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By Race/Ethnicity*

	2014			**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Asian	123	*	**n/a**	139	38	**27.3%**		**n/a**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	16	*	**n/a**	22	10	**45.5%**		**n/a**
Black	4,124	738	**17.9%**	4,612	2,017	**43.7%**	⬆	**25.8**
Hispanic	476	51	**10.7%**	871	331	**38.0%**	⬆	**27.3**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	13	0	**n/a**	20	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
White	6,197	1,277	**20.6%**	6,381	3,148	**49.3%**	⬆	**28.7**
2 or More Races	345	38	**11.0%**	416	171	**41.1%**	⬆	**30.1**
Unknown	374			300				

* 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
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	904	110	**12.2%**		779	301	**38.6%** ⬆	**26.5**
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,874	332	**17.7%**		2,134	927	**43.4%** ⬆	**25.7**
Communication and Journalism	543	67	**12.3%**		651	302	**46.4%** ⬆	**34.1**
Computer and Information Sciences	332	61	**18.4%**		385	153	**39.7%** ⬆	**21.4**
Education	2,025	643	**31.8%**		2,492	1,503	**60.3%** ⬆	**28.6**
English Language and Literature	241	38	**15.8%**		200	108	**54.0%** ⬆	**38.2**
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	47	*	**n/a**		52	28	**53.9%**	**n/a**
Health Professions	1,462	271	**18.5%**		1,173	544	**46.4%** ⬆	**27.8**
History	226	66	**29.2%**		155	89	**57.4%** ⬆	**28.2**
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	854	146	**17.1%**		1,377	562	**40.8%** ⬆	**23.7**
Mathematics and Statistics	120	20	**16.7%**		77	32	**41.6%** ⬆	**24.9**
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	**n/a**		45	21	**46.7%**	**n/a**
Natural Resources and Conservation	19	*	**n/a**		0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	303	30	**9.9%**		446	130	**29.2%** ⬆	**19.3**
Philosophy and Religious Studies	36	*	**n/a**		21	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
Physical Sciences	425	63	**14.8%**		275	111	**40.4%** ⬆	**25.5**
Psychology	706	104	**14.7%**		815	328	**40.3%** ⬆	**25.5**
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	42	22	**52.4%**		57	32	**56.1%** ⬆	**3.8**
Social Sciences	1,161	200	**17.2%**		1,196	543	**45.4%** ⬆	**28.2**
Visual and Performing Arts	333	36	**10.8%**		426	176	**41.3%** ⬆	**30.5**
Unknown	15	*	**n/a**		*	*	**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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