

**2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
University of Wisconsin-  
Parkside

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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](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

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Warm regards,  
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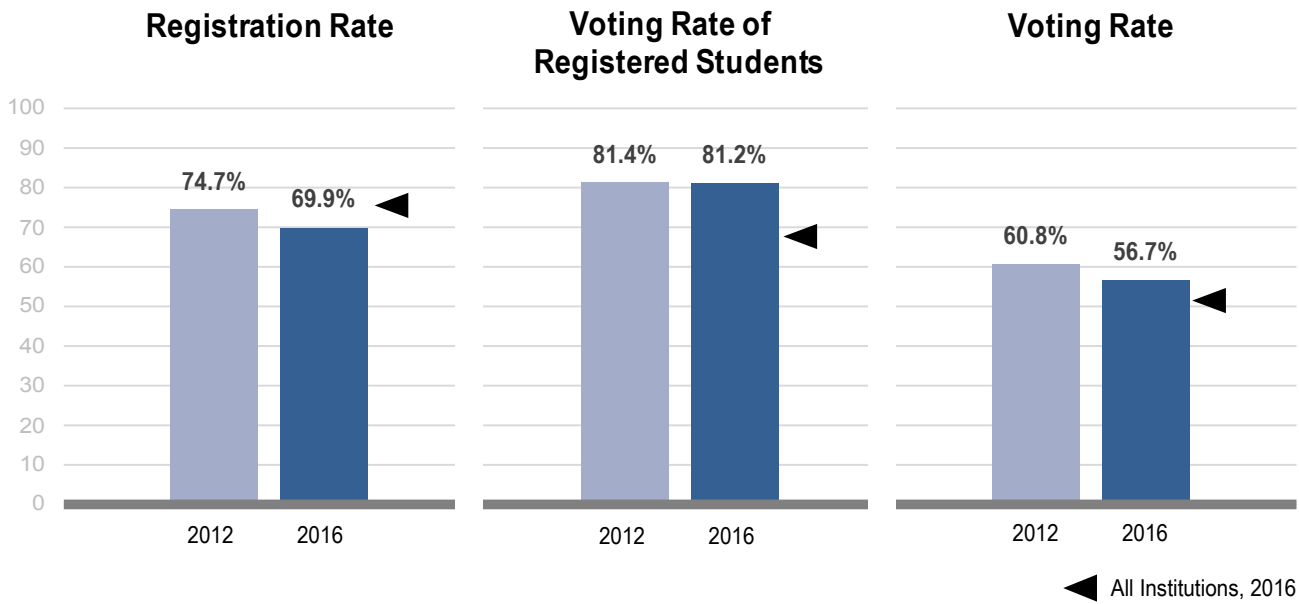
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2016 Voting Rate**  
**56.7%**

CHANGE FROM 2012  
**-4.1**

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**50.4%**



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	4,644	4,279	↓ -365
Age under 18/Unknown	(57)	(11)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(89)	(97)	
FERPA records blocked	(33)	(11)	
Total eligible voters	4,465	4,160	↓ -305
Number of students who registered	3,336	2,906	↓ -430
Number of students who voted	2,716	2,360	↓ -356
Registration rate	74.7%	69.9%	↓ -4.9
Voting rate of registered students	81.4%	81.2%	↓ -0.2
Voting rate	60.8%	56.7%	↓ -4.1
Difference from all institutions	+13.9	+6.3	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

**2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**46.9%**

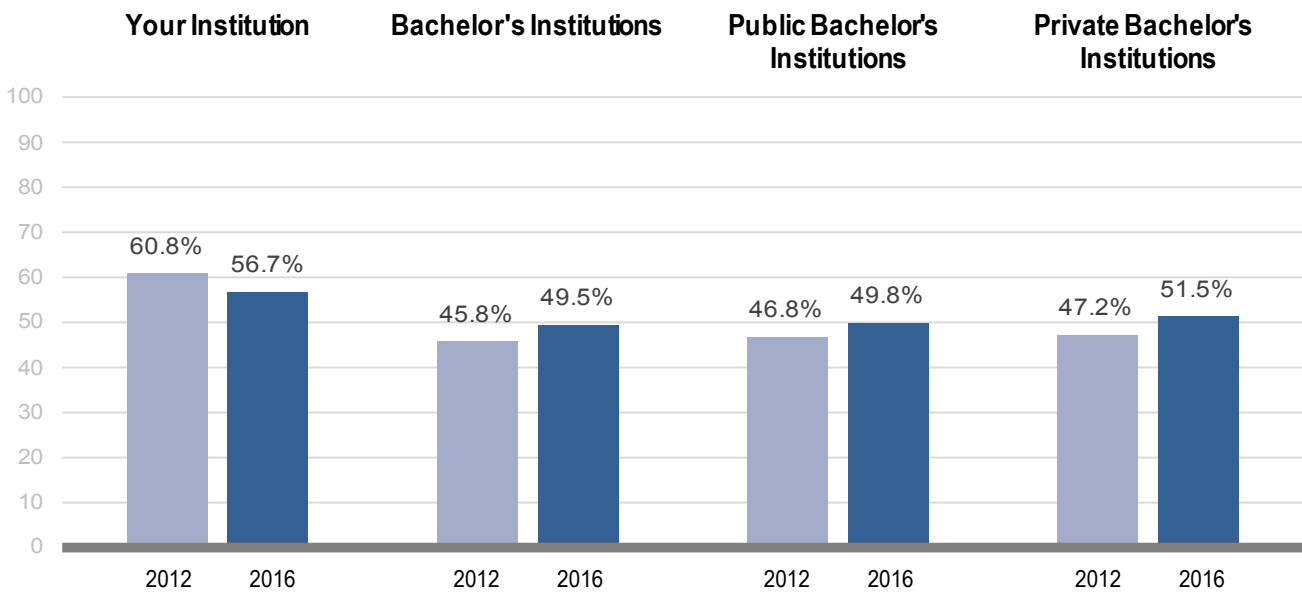
HIGH 72.9%  
 LOW 19.3%

**2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**50.4%**

HIGH 81.4%  
 LOW 13.1%

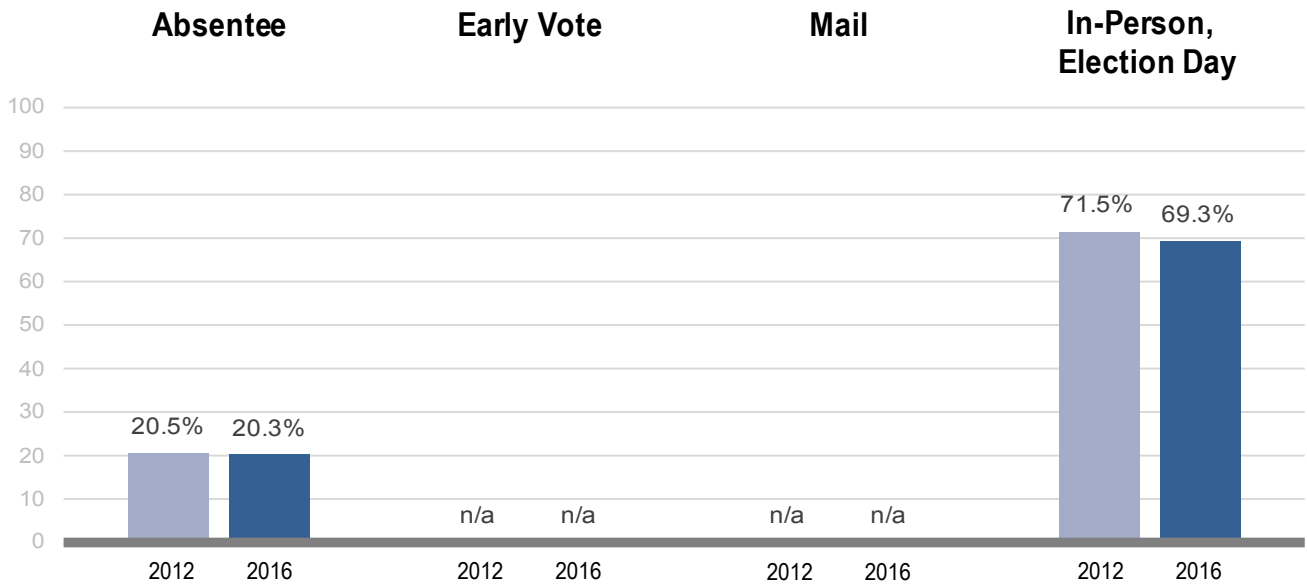
Difference from All Institutions **+13.9**

Difference from All Institutions **+6.3**



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# By Voting Method\*

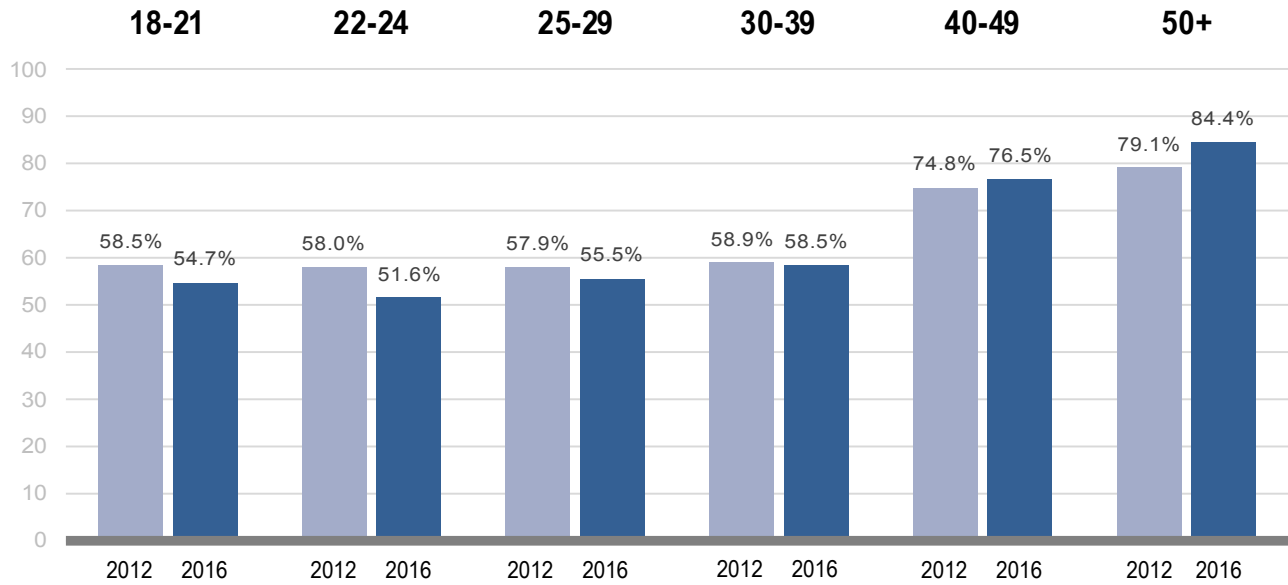


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	558	20.5%	479	20.3%	↓ -0.2
Early Vote	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
Mail	0	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	1,942	71.5%	1,636	69.3%	↓ -2.2
Unknown	215	7.9%	235	10.0%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,716</b>		<b>2,360</b>		

\* 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\*

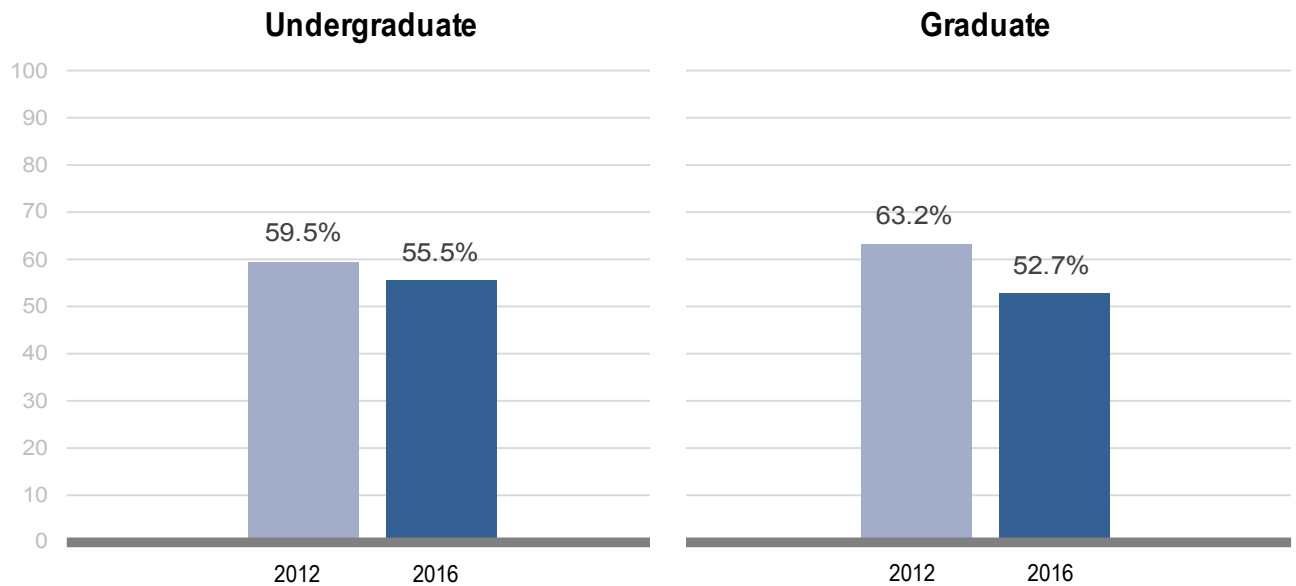


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	2,154	1,260	58.5%	2,267	1,239	54.7%	↓ -3.9
22-24	1,104	640	58.0%	1,006	519	51.6%	↓ -6.4
25-29	568	329	57.9%	458	254	55.5%	↓ -2.5
30-39	397	234	58.9%	330	193	58.5%	↓ -0.5
40-49	202	151	74.8%	132	101	76.5%	↑ 1.8
50+	129	102	79.1%	64	54	84.4%	↑ 5.3
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.

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# By Education Level\*

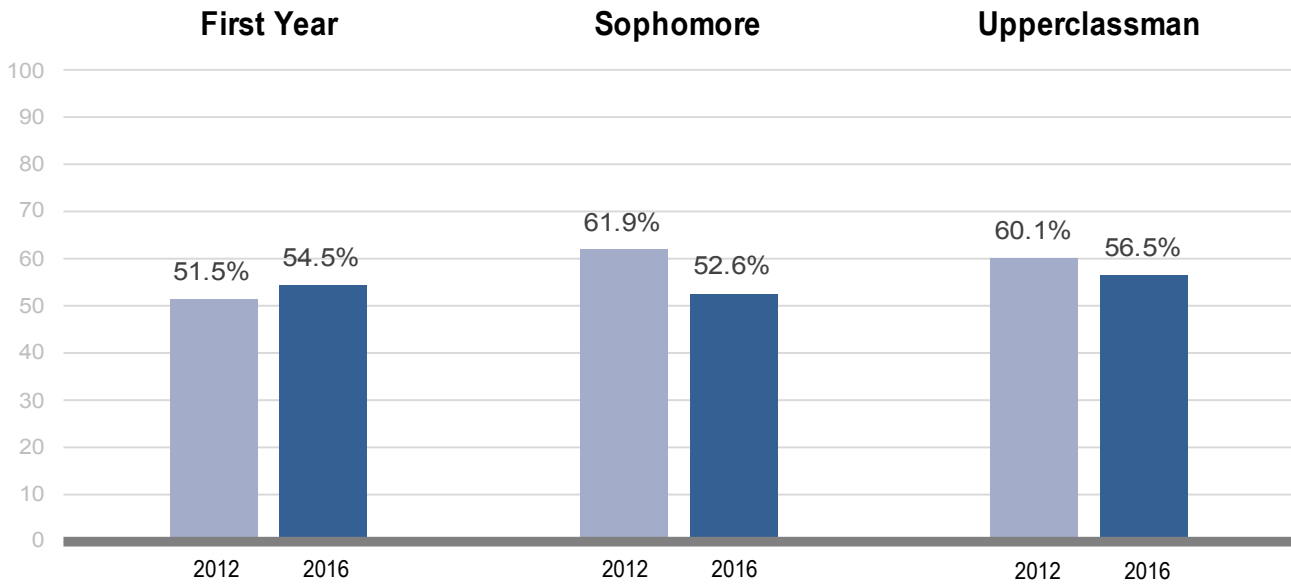


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	4,391	2,613	<b>59.5%</b>	4,147	2,302	<b>55.5%</b>	↓ <b>-4.0</b>
Graduate	163	103	<b>63.2%</b>	110	58	<b>52.7%</b>	↓ <b>-10.5</b>
Unknown	0			0			

\* 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\*



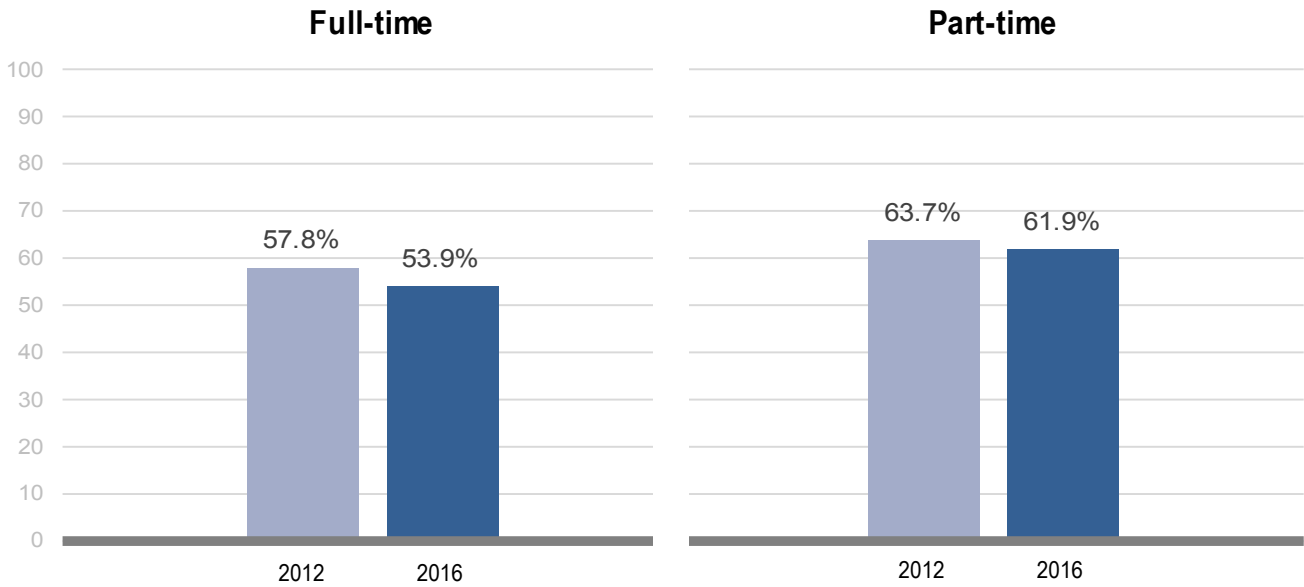
	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	894	460	<b>51.5%</b>	995	542	<b>54.5%</b>	↑ <b>3.0</b>
Sophomore	851	527	<b>61.9%</b>	837	440	<b>52.6%</b>	↓ <b>-9.4</b>
Upperclassman	2,398	1,442	<b>60.1%</b>	2,262	1,277	<b>56.5%</b>	↓ <b>-3.7</b>

\* 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\*

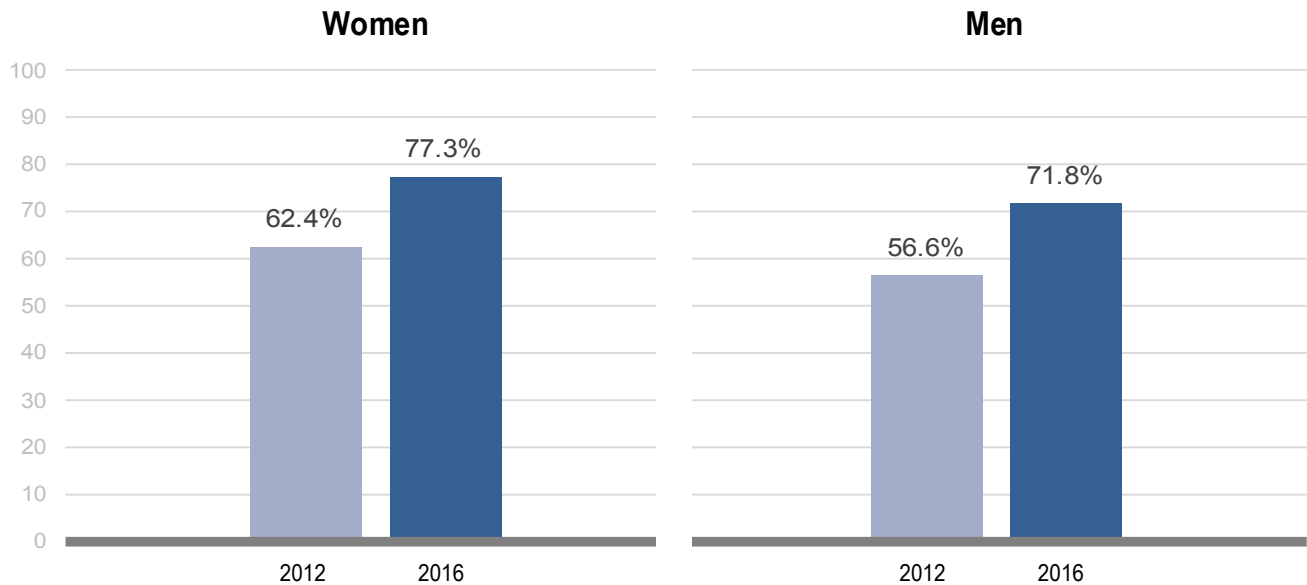


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	3,147	1,820	<b>57.8%</b>	3,431	1,849	<b>53.9%</b>	↓ <b>-3.9</b>
Part-time	1,407	896	<b>63.7%</b>	826	511	<b>61.9%</b>	↓ <b>-1.8</b>
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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\*

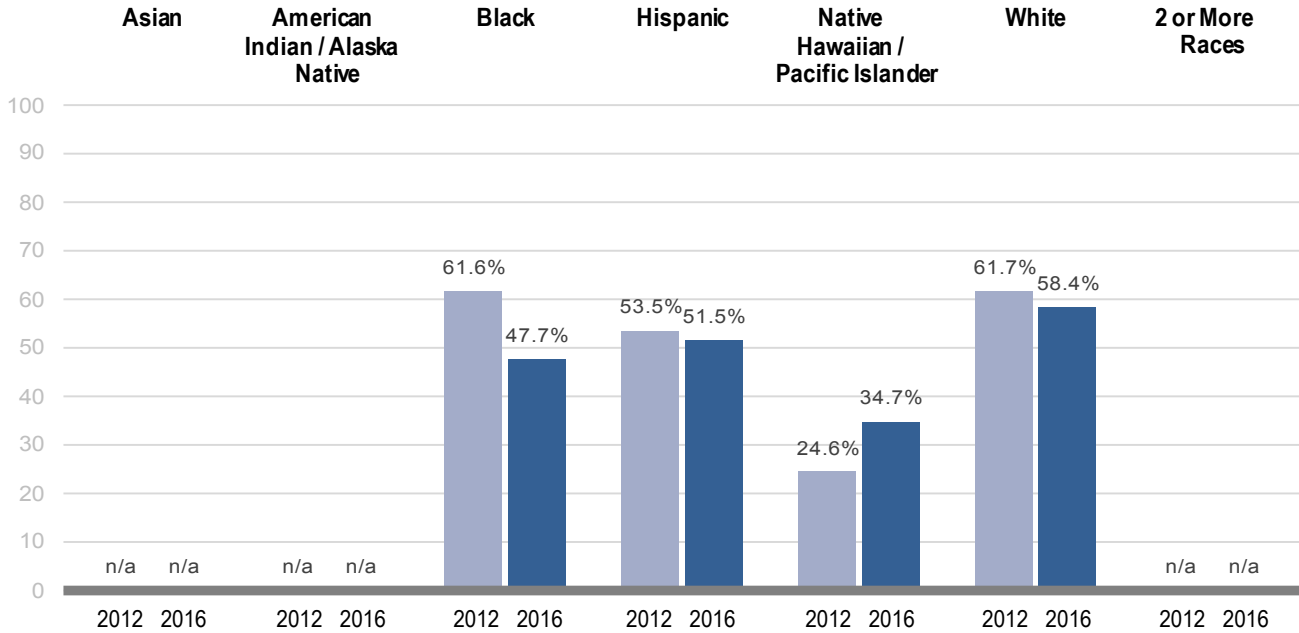


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	2,392	1,493	<b>62.4%</b>	1,549	1,197	<b>77.3%</b>	↑ 14.9
Men	2,162	1,223	<b>56.6%</b>	1,431	1,027	<b>71.8%</b>	↑ 15.2
Unknown	0	0	n/a	1,277	136	<b>10.7%</b>	

\* 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	0	0	n/a	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Black	435	268	61.6%	384	183	47.7%	↓ -14.0
Hispanic	299	160	53.5%	293	151	51.5%	↓ -2.0
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	175	43	24.6%	213	74	34.7%	↑ 10.2
White	3,589	2,214	61.7%	3,327	1,942	58.4%	↓ -3.3
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	47			33			

\* 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	254	150	59.1%	363	195	53.7% ↓	-5.3
Business, Management, and Marketing	816	461	56.5%	863	470	54.5% ↓	-2.0
Communication and Journalism	95	58	61.1%	131	77	58.8% ↓	-2.3
Computer and Information Sciences	125	73	58.4%	197	106	53.8% ↓	-4.6
Education	0	0	n/a	105	61	58.1%	n/a
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
English Language and Literature	108	72	66.7%	82	49	59.8% ↓	-6.9
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	15	11	73.3%	27	18	66.7% ↓	-6.7
Health Professions	166	92	55.4%	151	80	53.0% ↓	-2.4
History	62	43	69.4%	65	37	56.9% ↓	-12.4
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	234	146	62.4%	265	137	51.7% ↓	-10.7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	27	19	70.4%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	28	17	60.7%	38	25	65.8% ↑	5.1
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	33	23	69.7%	27	20	74.1% ↑	4.4
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	114	55	48.3%	201	95	47.3% ↓	-1.0
Philosophy and Religious Studies	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	73	50	68.5%	131	82	62.6% ↓	-5.9
Psychology	155	91	58.7%	238	137	57.6% ↓	-1.2
Social Sciences	186	127	68.3%	161	98	60.9% ↓	-7.4
Visual and Performing Arts	250	158	63.2%	216	122	56.5% ↓	-6.7
Unknown	1,835	1,088	59.3%	956	525	54.9% ↓	-4.4

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](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

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