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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Wake Forest University

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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.

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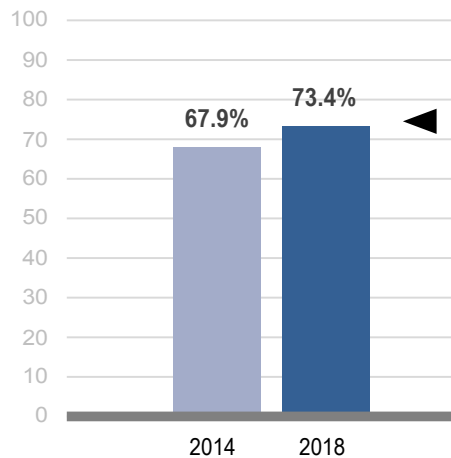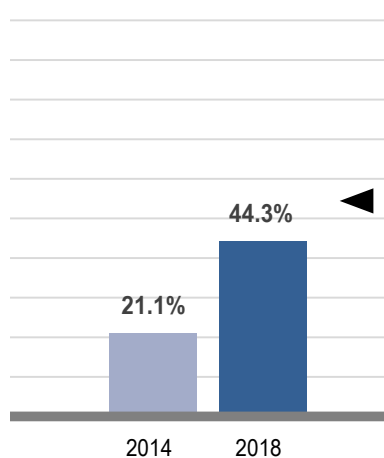
Warm regards,

IDHE Team

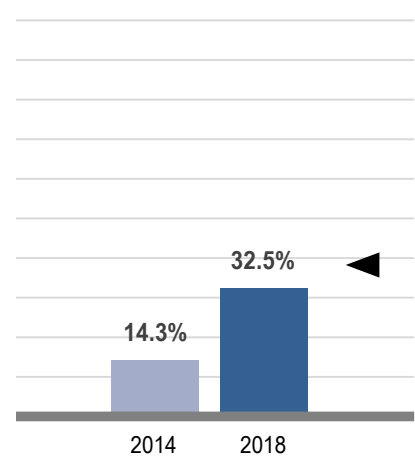**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

32.5%

CHANGE
FROM 2014

+18.2

2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate

- 67.9%
- 73.4% ◀

Voting Rate of Registered Students

- 21.1%
- 44.3% ◀

Voting Rate

- 14.3%
- 32.5% ◀

2014 | 2018

◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	7,280	8,338	⬆	1,058
Age under 18/Unknown	(23)	(18)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(456)	(772)		
FERPA records blocked	(12)	(11)		
Total eligible voters	6,789	7,537	⬆	748
Number of students who registered	4,611	5,530	⬆	919
Number of students who voted	973	2,451	⬆	1,478
Registration rate	67.9%	73.4%	⬆	5.5
Voting rate of registered students	21.1%	44.3%	⬆	23.2
Voting rate	14.3%	32.5%	⬆	18.2
Difference from all institutions	-5.4	-6.6		

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH
54.0%

LOW
1.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-5.4**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-6.6**

	Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2014	14.3%	19.5%	19.6%	17.6%
2018	32.5%	41.2%	40.8%	42.5%
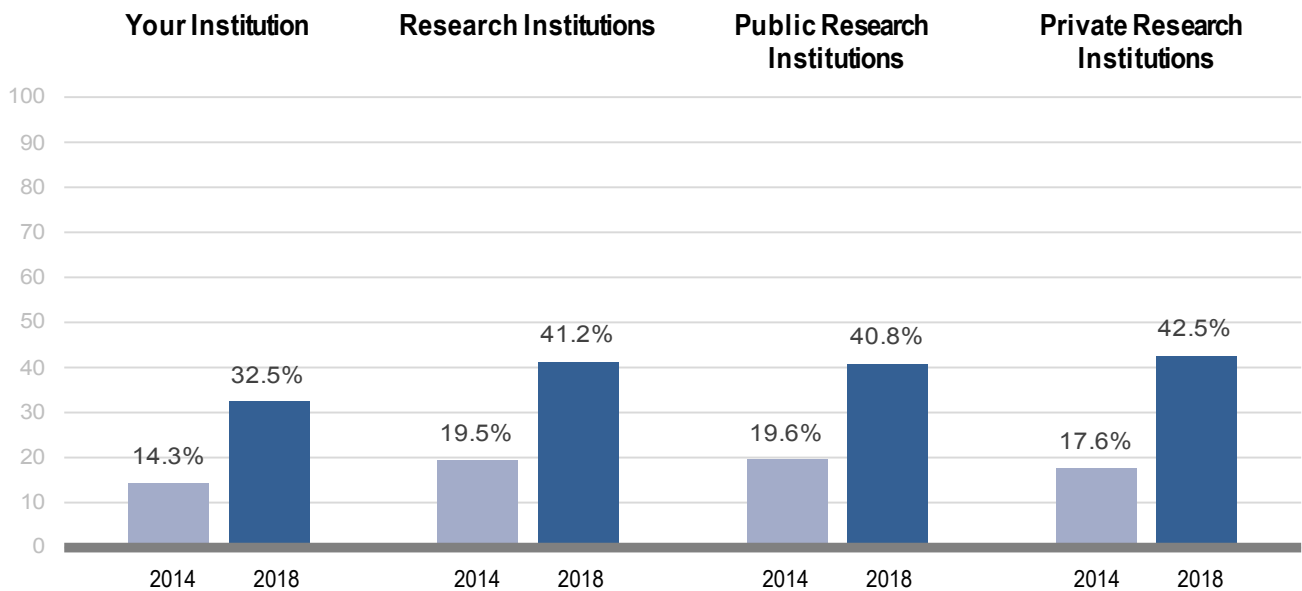
By Voting Method*
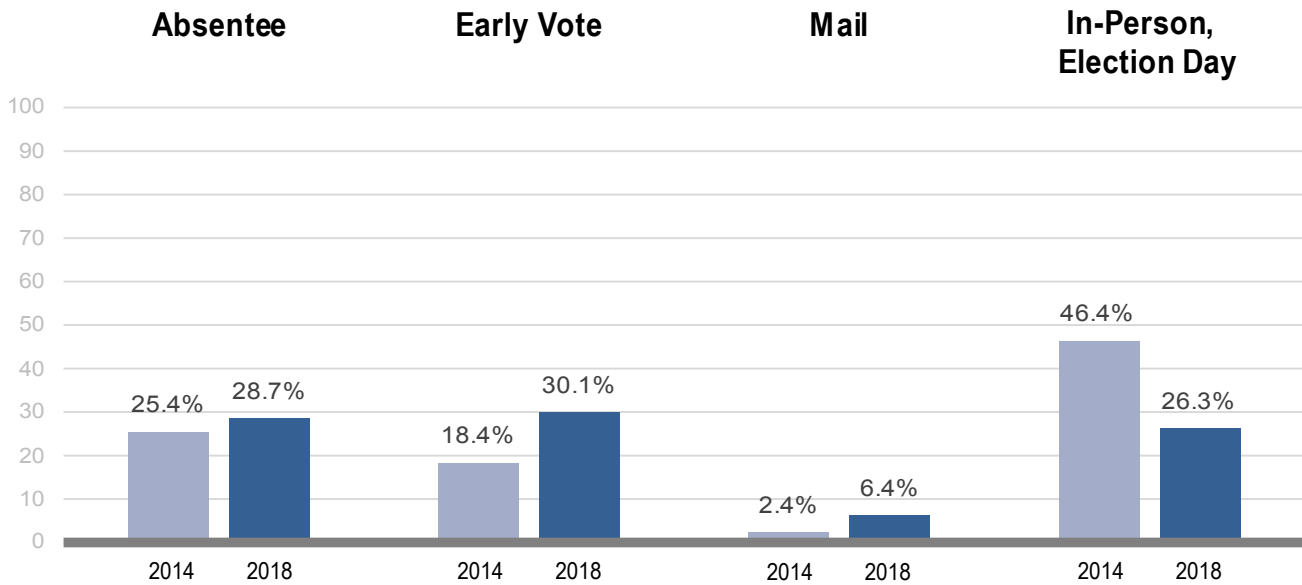
	2014			2018			Change
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		
Absentee	247	**25.4%**		704	**28.7%**	⬆	**3.3**
Early Vote	179	**18.4%**		738	**30.1%**	⬆	**11.7**
Mail	23	**2.4%**		156	**6.4%**	⬆	**4.0**
In-Person, Election Day	451	**46.4%**		644	**26.3%**	⬇	**-20.1**
Unknown	73	**7.5%**		209	**8.5%**		
Total	**973**			**2,451**			

* 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*
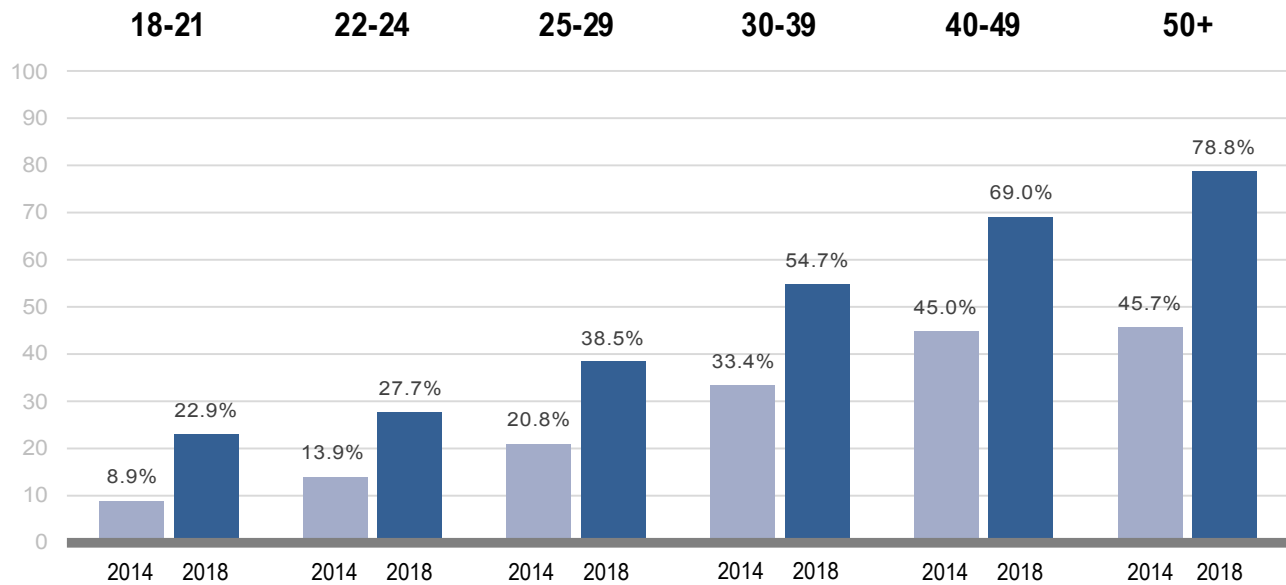
	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	4,487	398	**8.9%**	4,866	1,116	**22.9%**	⬆	**14.1**
22-24	1,331	185	**13.9%**	1,529	424	**27.7%**	⬆	**13.8**
25-29	835	174	**20.8%**	1,108	426	**38.5%**	⬆	**17.6**
30-39	437	146	**33.4%**	552	302	**54.7%**	⬆	**21.3**
40-49	109	49	**45.0%**	174	120	**69.0%**	⬆	**24.0**
50+	46	21	**45.7%**	80	63	**78.8%**	⬆	**33.1**
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.

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

By Education Level*

Undergraduate
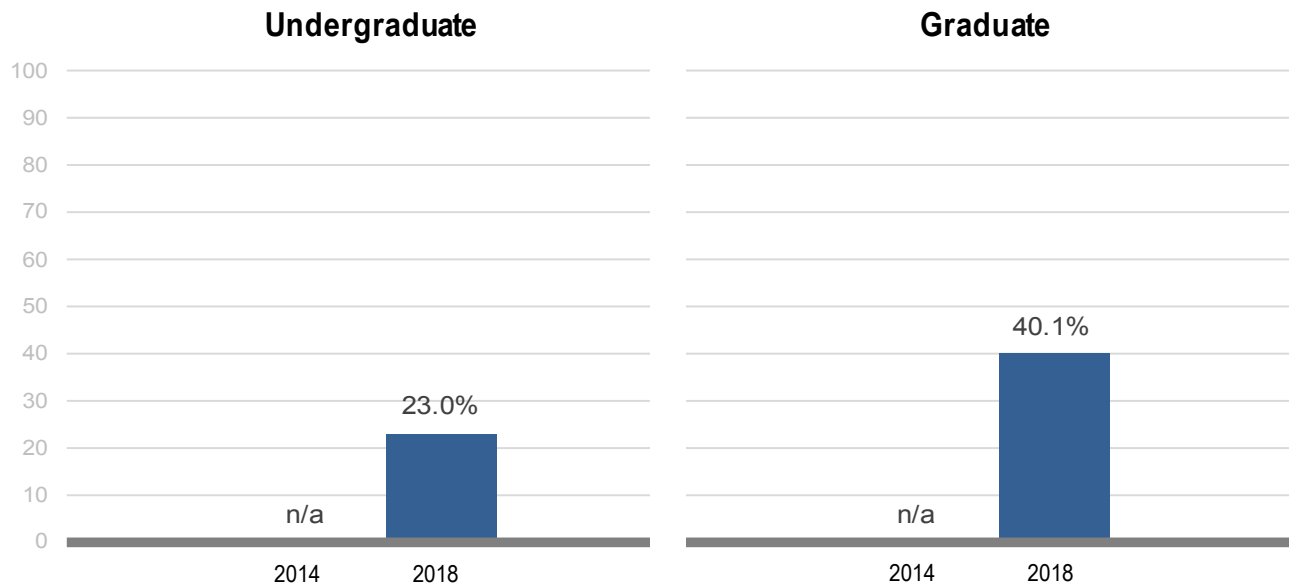
Graduate

	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**		5,169	1,190	**23.0%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**		3,128	1,254	**40.1%**	**n/a**
Unknown	7,245				12			

* 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*
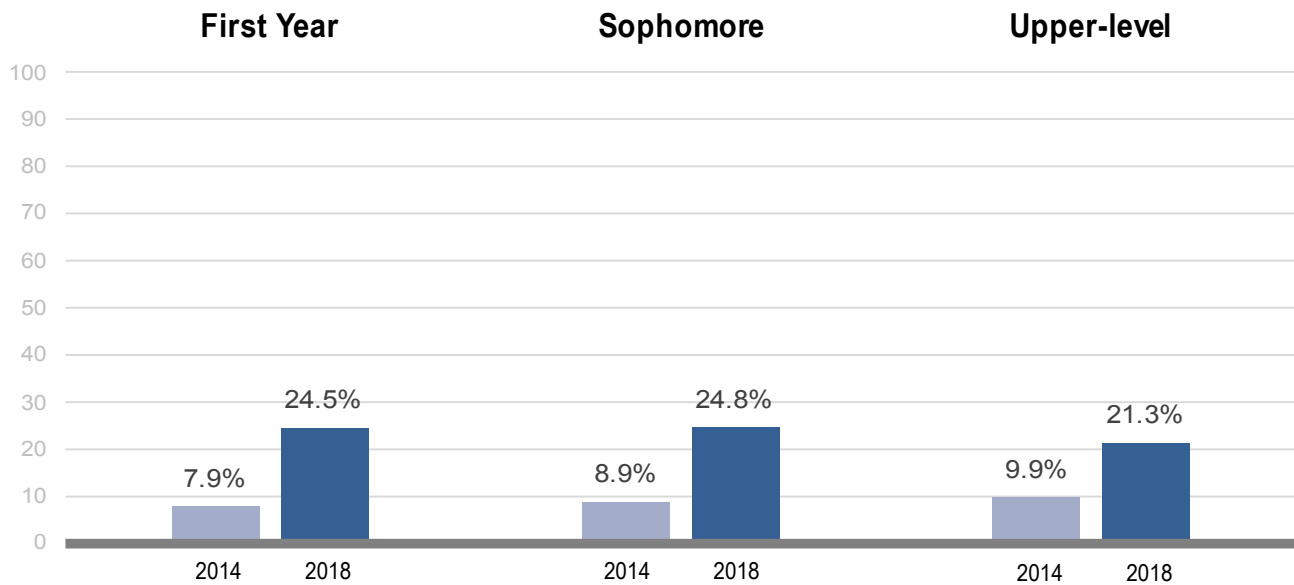
	2014				2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	1,255	99	**7.9%**		1,399	343	**24.5%**	⬆	**16.6**
Sophomore	1,216	108	**8.9%**		1,299	322	**24.8%**	⬆	**15.9**
Upper-level	2,338	231	**9.9%**		2,471	525	**21.3%**	⬆	**11.4**

* 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.

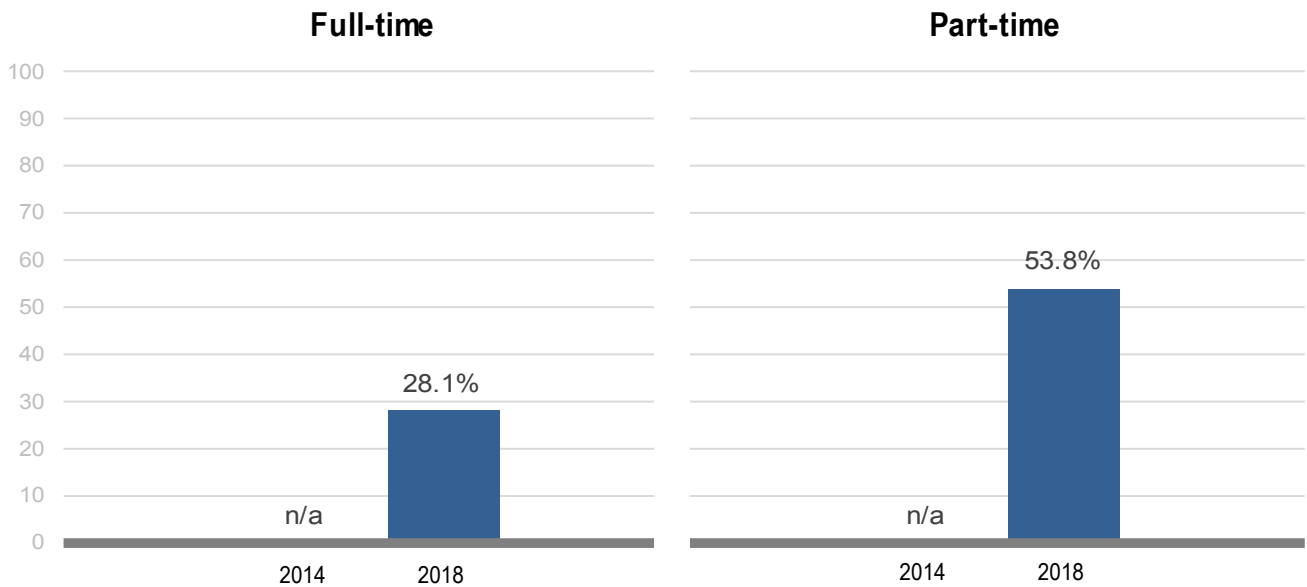**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Enrollment Status*

Full-time

Part-time

28.1%

53.8%

n/a 2014   2018

n/a 2014   2018

	2014			**2018**			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	0	0	**n/a**	7,850	2,204	**28.1%**	**n/a**
Part-time	0	0	**n/a**	459	247	**53.8%**	**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*

Women

Men
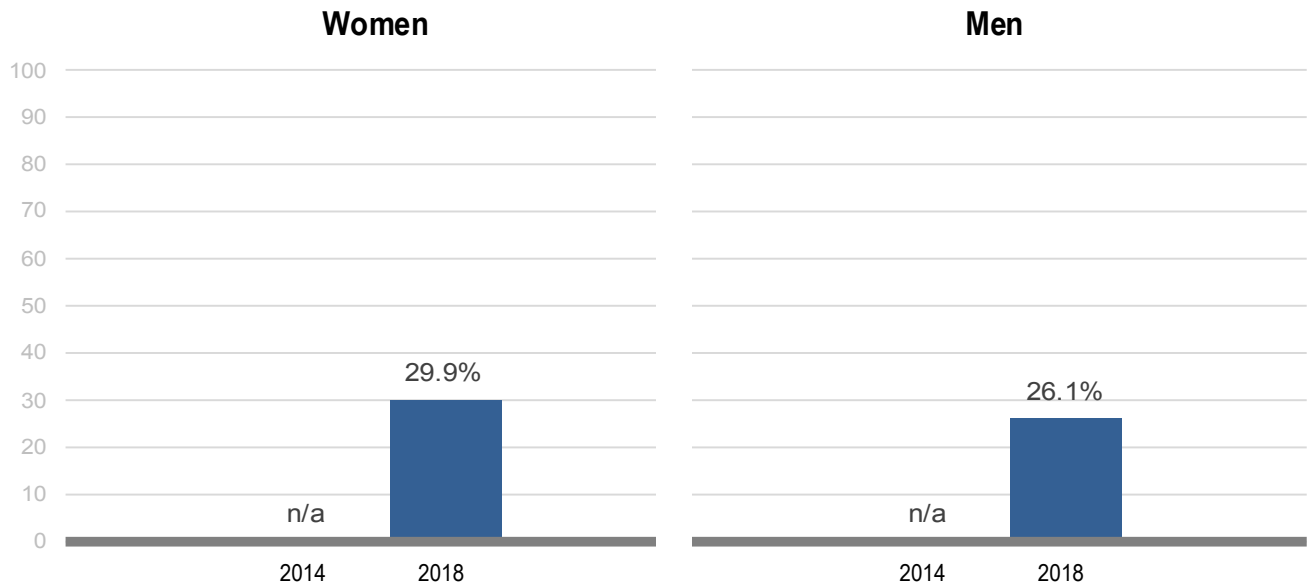
	2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Women	0	0	**n/a**	3,904	1,169	**29.9%**	**n/a**
Men	0	0	**n/a**	3,350	875	**26.1%**	**n/a**
Unknown	7,245			1,055			

* 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.

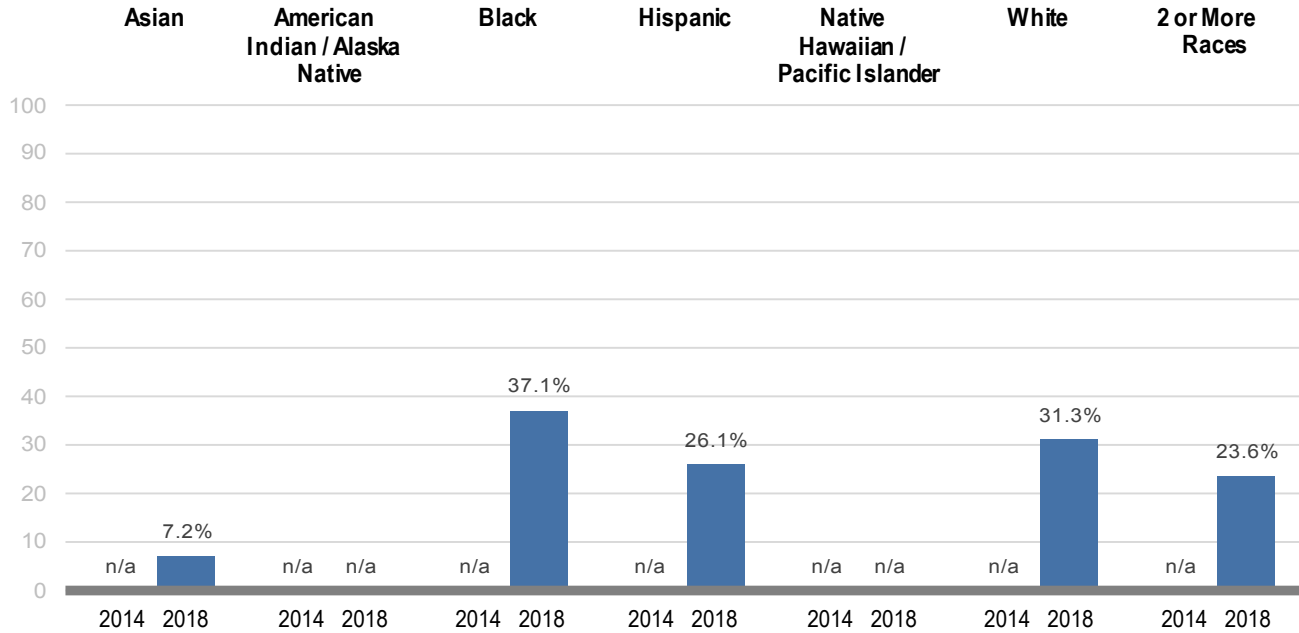**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Race/Ethnicity*

	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Asian	0	0	**n/a**	807	58	**7.2%**	**n/a**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	**n/a**	11	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
Black	0	0	**n/a**	591	219	**37.1%**	**n/a**
Hispanic	0	0	**n/a**	526	137	**26.1%**	**n/a**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
White	0	0	**n/a**	5,014	1,570	**31.3%**	**n/a**
2 or More Races	0	0	**n/a**	199	47	**23.6%**	**n/a**
Unknown	7,245			1,161			

* 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.

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**			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	16	*	n/a	*	0	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	256	29	11.3%	502	153	30.5% ⬆	19.2
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,286	205	15.9%	1,255	348	27.7% ⬆	11.8
Communication and Journalism	218	20	9.2%	240	57	23.8% ⬆	14.6
Computer and Information Sciences	76	*	n/a	93	20	21.5%	n/a
Education	245	70	28.6%	345	167	48.4% ⬆	19.8
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	0	0	n/a	62	21	33.9%	n/a
English Language and Literature	116	16	13.8%	89	25	28.1% ⬆	14.3
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	45	*	n/a	47	13	27.7%	n/a
Health Professions	21	*	n/a	770	298	38.7%	n/a
History	72	15	20.8%	63	21	33.3% ⬆	12.5
Legal Professions and Studies	553	108	19.5%	608	244	40.1% ⬆	20.6
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,439	210	8.6%	2,647	651	24.6% ⬆	16.0
Mathematics and Statistics	93	12	12.9%	145	21	14.5% ⬆	1.6
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	13	*	n/a	10	*	n/a	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	178	*	n/a	154	36	23.4%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	63	*	n/a	61	18	29.5%	n/a
Physical Sciences	192	23	12.0%	144	35	24.3% ⬆	12.3
Psychology	200	20	10.0%	226	63	27.9% ⬆	17.9
Social Sciences	543	77	14.2%	616	146	23.7% ⬆	9.5
Theology and Religious Vocations	120	34	28.3%	115	65	56.5% ⬆	28.2
Visual and Performing Arts	74	*	n/a	68	25	36.8%	n/a
Unknown	426	90	21.1%	42	19	45.2% ⬆	24.1

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