

## **2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

# Student Voting Rates for Washington University in St Louis

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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,

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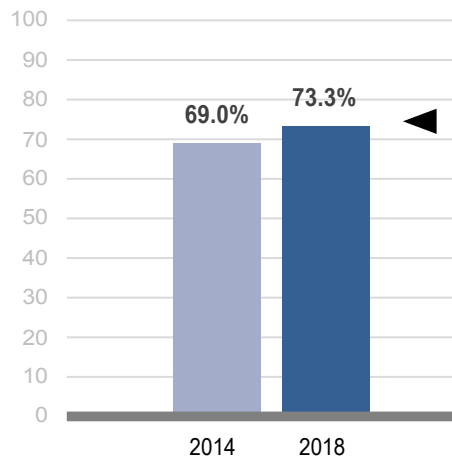
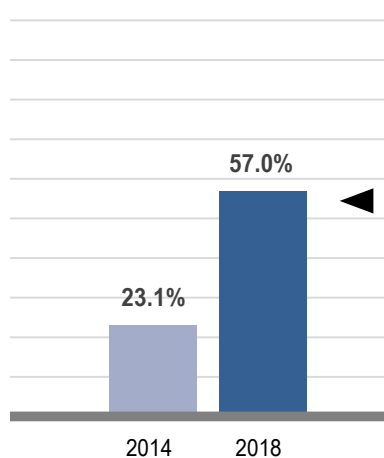
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## Voting and Registration Rates

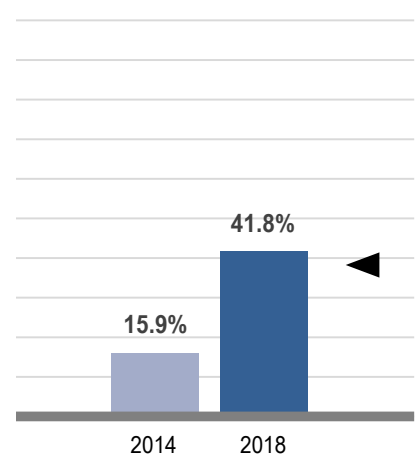
2018 Voting Rate

**41.8%**CHANGE  
FROM 2014**+25.9**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	14,401	15,992	↑ 1,591
Age under 18/Unknown	(90)	(53)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(2,289)	(3,147)	
FERPA records blocked	(878)	(269)	
Total eligible voters	11,144	12,523	↑ 1,379
Number of students who registered	7,690	9,182	↑ 1,492
Number of students who voted	1,776	5,234	↑ 3,458
Registration rate	69.0%	73.3%	↑ 4.3
Voting rate of registered students	23.1%	57.0%	↑ 33.9
Voting rate	15.9%	41.8%	↑ 25.9
Difference from all institutions	-3.8	+2.7	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate  
for All Institutions

**19.7%**

HIGH  
54.0%

LOW  
1.5%

2018 Voting Rate  
for All Institutions

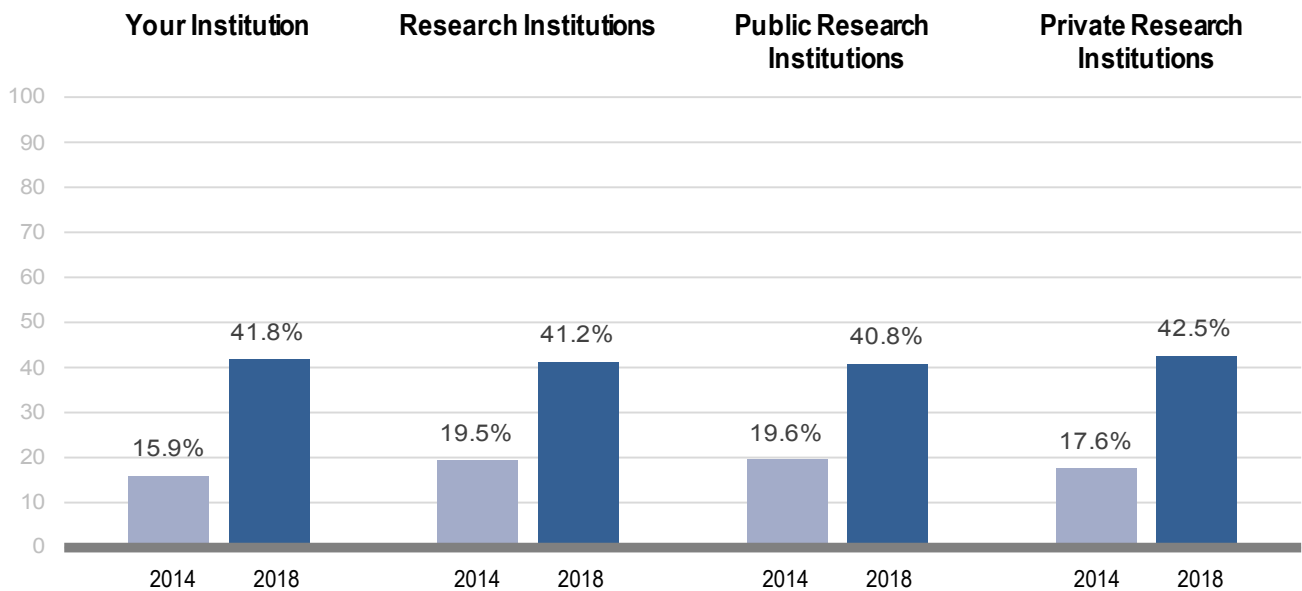
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

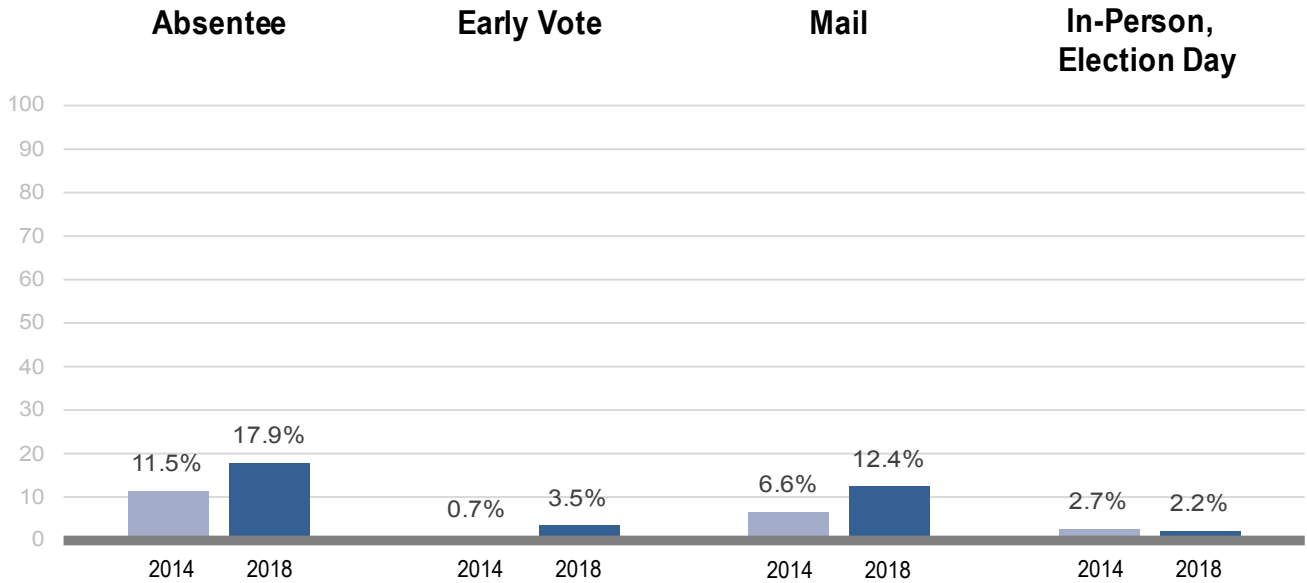
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## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# By Voting Method\*

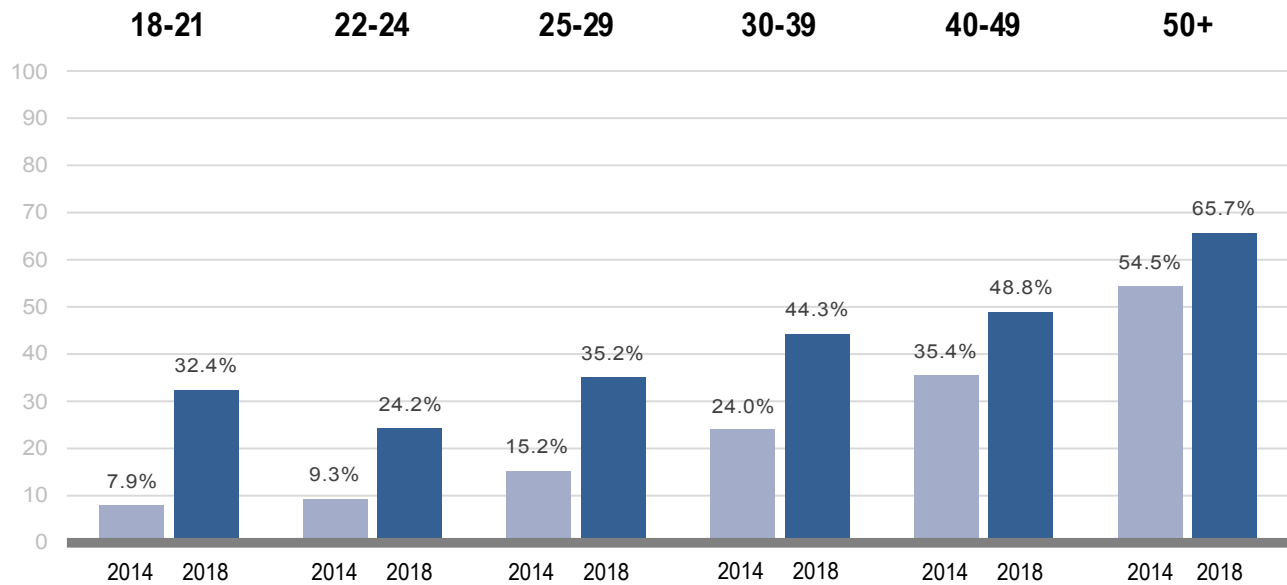


	2014		2018		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	204	11.5%	936	17.9%	↑	6.4
Early Vote	13	0.7%	183	3.5%	↑	2.8
Mail	118	6.6%	650	12.4%	↑	5.8
In-Person, Election Day	47	2.7%	114	2.2%	↓	-0.5
Unknown	1,394	78.5%	3,351	64.0%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,776</b>		<b>5,234</b>			

\* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Age Group\*

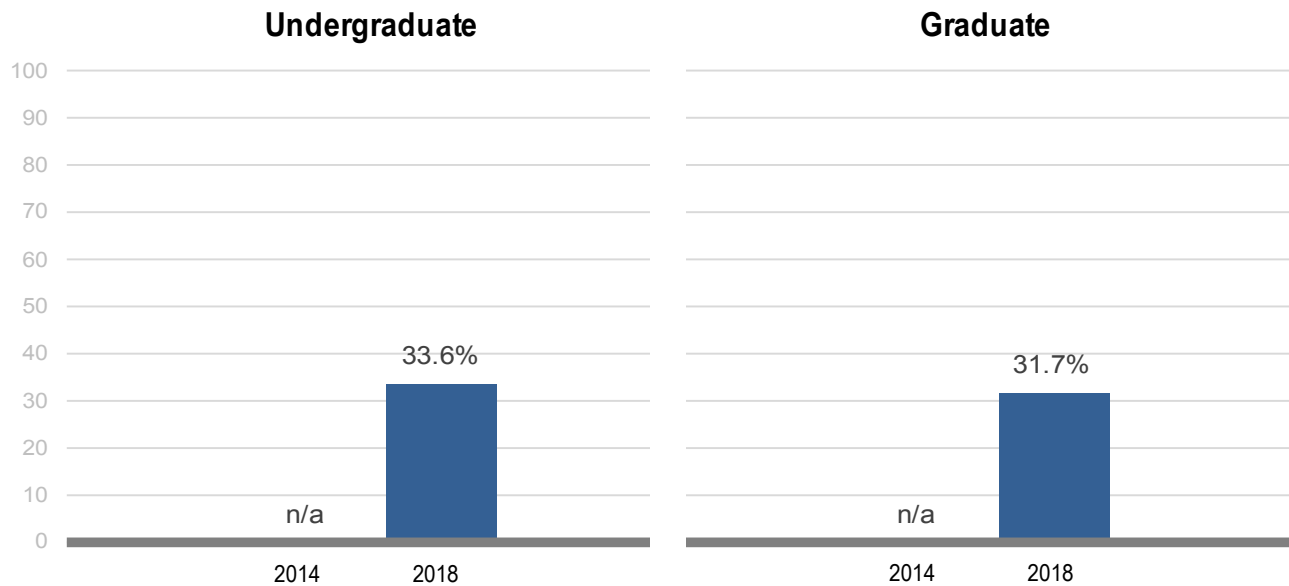


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	5,810	456	7.9%	6,649	2,156	32.4%	↑ 24.6
22-24	2,905	269	9.3%	3,610	874	24.2%	↑ 15.0
25-29	2,503	381	15.2%	3,064	1,078	35.2%	↑ 20.0
30-39	1,494	359	24.0%	1,534	679	44.3%	↑ 20.2
40-49	429	152	35.4%	516	252	48.8%	↑ 13.4
50+	292	159	54.5%	297	195	65.7%	↑ 11.2
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\*

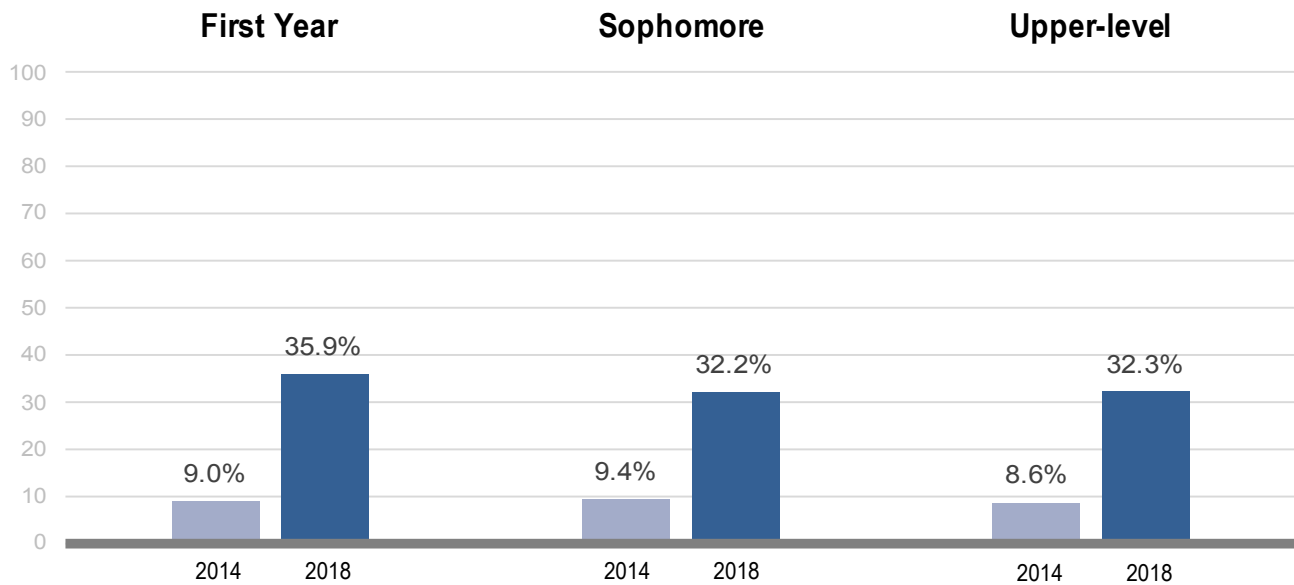


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	7,126	2,392	33.6%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	7,828	2,484	31.7%	n/a
Unknown	13,433			716			

\* 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\*



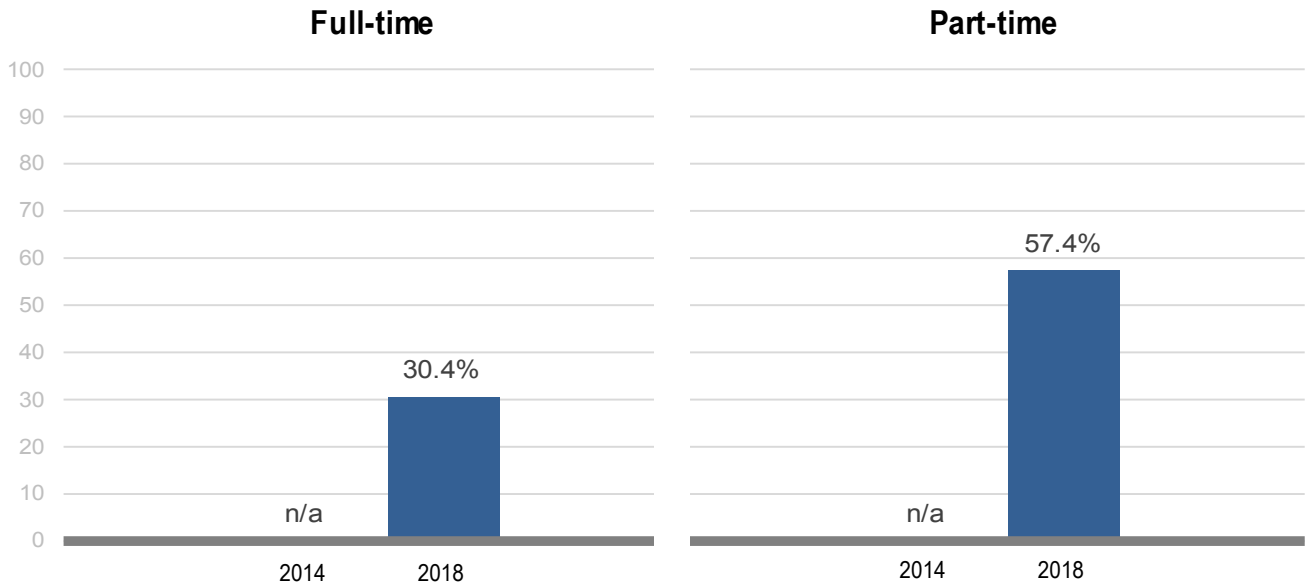
	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	1,602	144	9.0%	1,817	653	35.9%	↑	27.0
Sophomore	1,494	140	9.4%	1,729	557	32.2%	↑	22.9
Upper-level	3,222	277	8.6%	3,521	1,137	32.3%	↑	23.7

\* 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\*

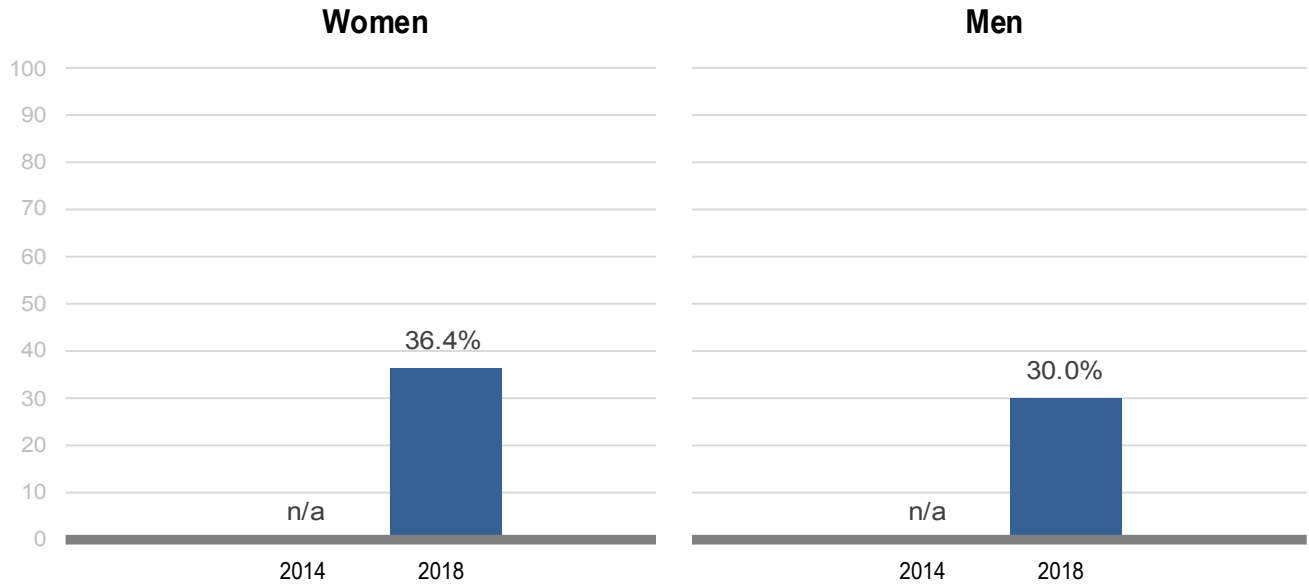


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	0	0	n/a	13,917	4,228	30.4%	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	1,753	1,006	57.4%	n/a
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Gender\*

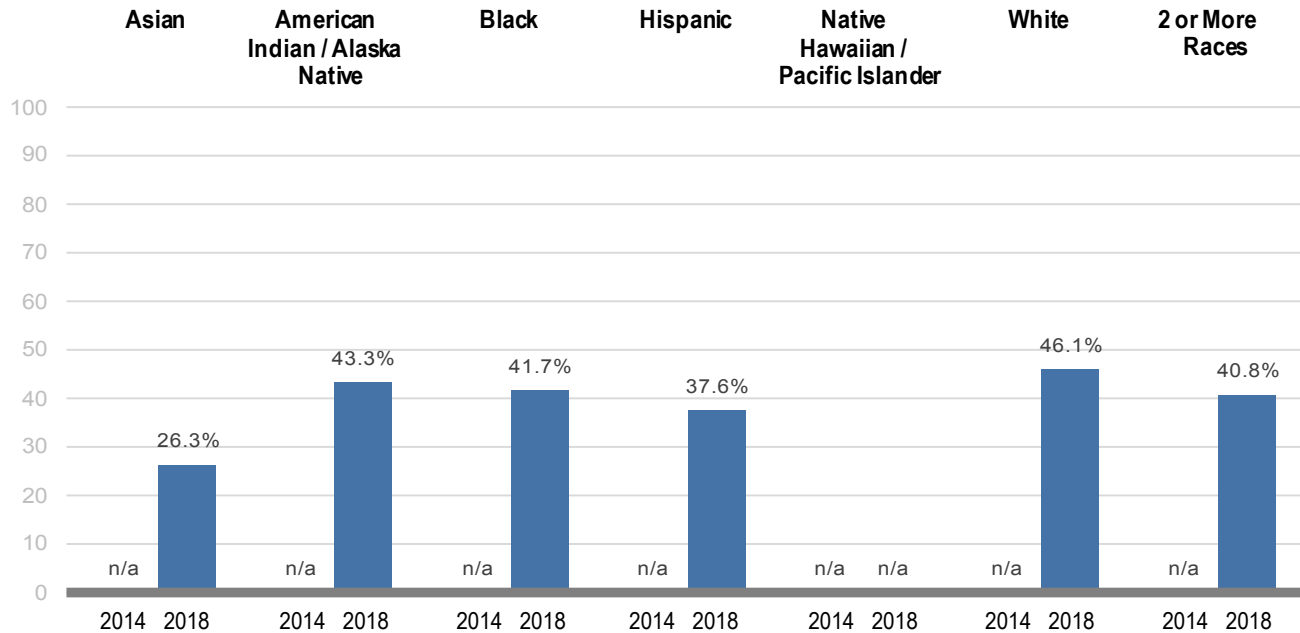


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	0	0	n/a	8,158	2,967	36.4%	n/a
Men	0	0	n/a	7,428	2,230	30.0%	n/a
Unknown	13,433			84			

\* 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			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	0	0	n/a	1,777	468	26.3%	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	30	13	43.3%	n/a
Black	0	0	n/a	1,177	491	41.7%	n/a
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	1,018	383	37.6%	n/a
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
White	0	0	n/a	7,239	3,339	46.1%	n/a
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	508	207	40.8%	n/a
Unknown	13,433			3,914			

\* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## 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	
Architecture	449	14	3.1%	445	75	16.9% ↑	13.7
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	106	12	11.3%	126	54	42.9% ↑	31.5
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	979	125	12.8%	1,164	388	33.3% ↑	20.6
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,938	264	13.6%	2,136	570	26.7% ↑	13.1
Communication and Journalism	15	*	n/a	18	13	72.2%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	520	91	17.5%	791	187	23.6% ↑	6.1
Education	59	20	33.9%	53	25	47.2% ↑	13.3
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,806	195	10.8%	1,746	461	26.4% ↑	15.6
English Language and Literature	165	29	17.6%	159	69	43.4% ↑	25.8
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	199	16	8.0%	189	53	28.0% ↑	20.0
Health Professions	1,162	148	12.7%	1,229	485	39.5% ↑	26.7
History	101	25	24.8%	84	37	44.1% ↑	19.3
Legal Professions and Studies	952	121	12.7%	1,257	470	37.4% ↑	24.7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,911	327	17.1%	1,664	601	36.1% ↑	19.0
Mathematics and Statistics	210	12	5.7%	337	69	20.5% ↑	14.8
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	333	38	11.4%	689	250	36.3% ↑	24.9
Natural Resources and Conservation	60	13	21.7%	50	16	32.0% ↑	10.3
Philosophy and Religious Studies	15	*	n/a	41	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	375	21	5.6%	397	112	28.2% ↑	22.6
Psychology	368	53	14.4%	475	175	36.8% ↑	22.4
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	474	97	20.5%	554	284	51.3% ↑	30.8
Social Sciences	702	94	13.4%	872	307	35.2% ↑	21.8
Visual and Performing Arts	420	36	8.6%	455	152	33.4% ↑	24.8

Unknown	114	14	12.3%	739	372	50.3% ↑	38.1
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