

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Wayne State 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.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: <https://idhe.tufts.edu>.

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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at NSLVE@tufts.edu.

Warm regards,

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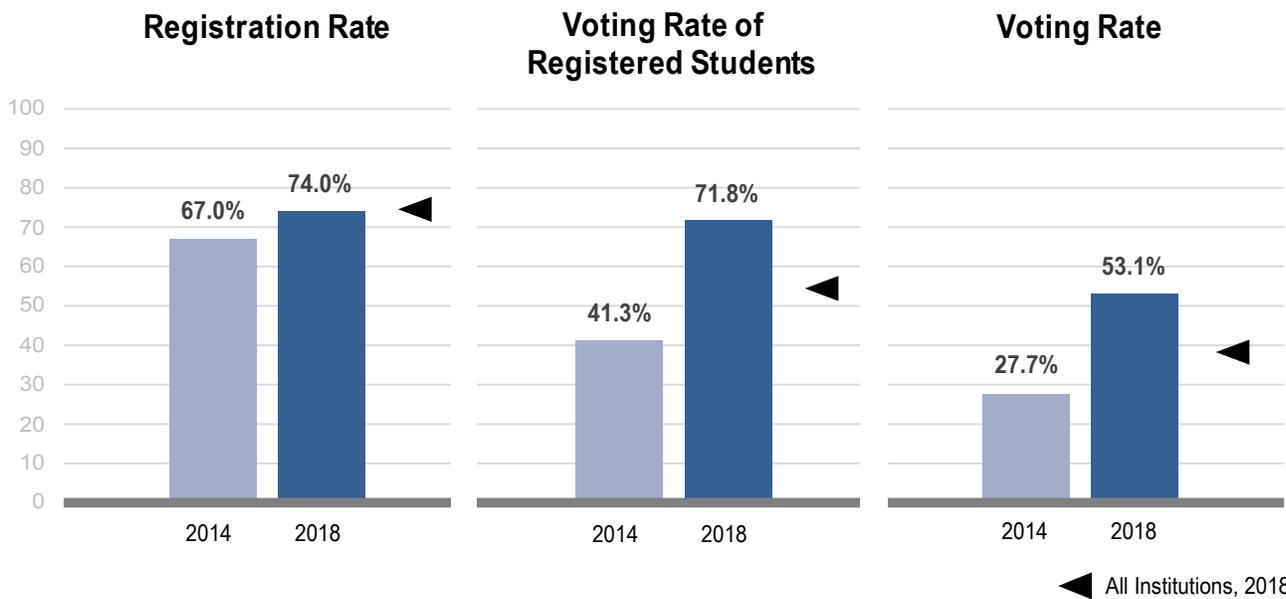
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate
53.1%

CHANGE FROM 2014
+25.4

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%



	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	23,857	25,156	↑ 1,299
Age under 18/Unknown	(239)	(226)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,919)	(1,792)	
FERPA records blocked	(354)	(109)	
Total eligible voters	21,345	23,029	↑ 1,684
Number of students who registered	14,305	17,040	↑ 2,735
Number of students who voted	5,913	12,237	↑ 6,324
Registration rate	67.0%	74.0%	↑ 7.0
Voting rate of registered students	41.3%	71.8%	↑ 30.5
Voting rate	27.7%	53.1%	↑ 25.4
Difference from all institutions	+8.0	+14.0	

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

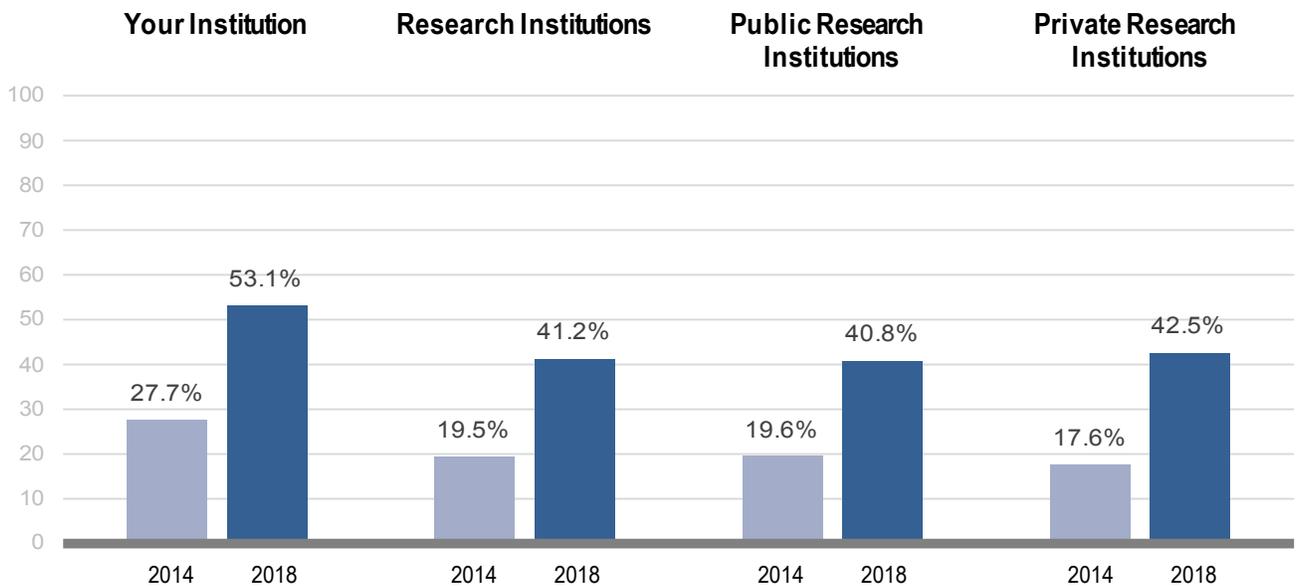
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

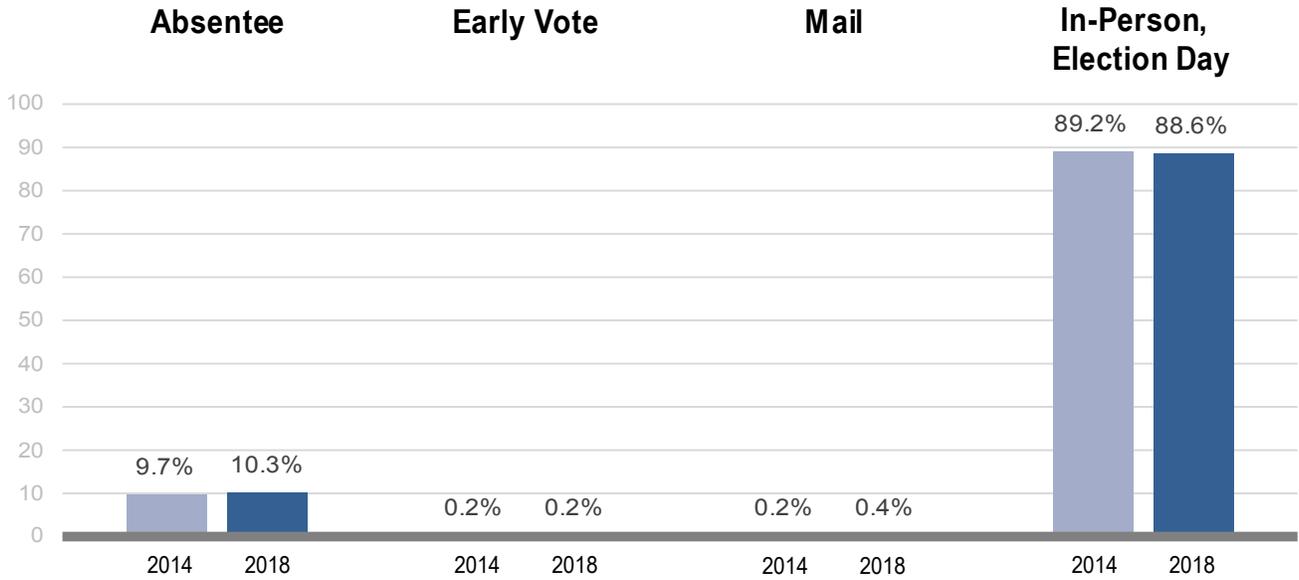
Difference from All Institutions **+8.0**

Difference from All Institutions **+14.0**



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

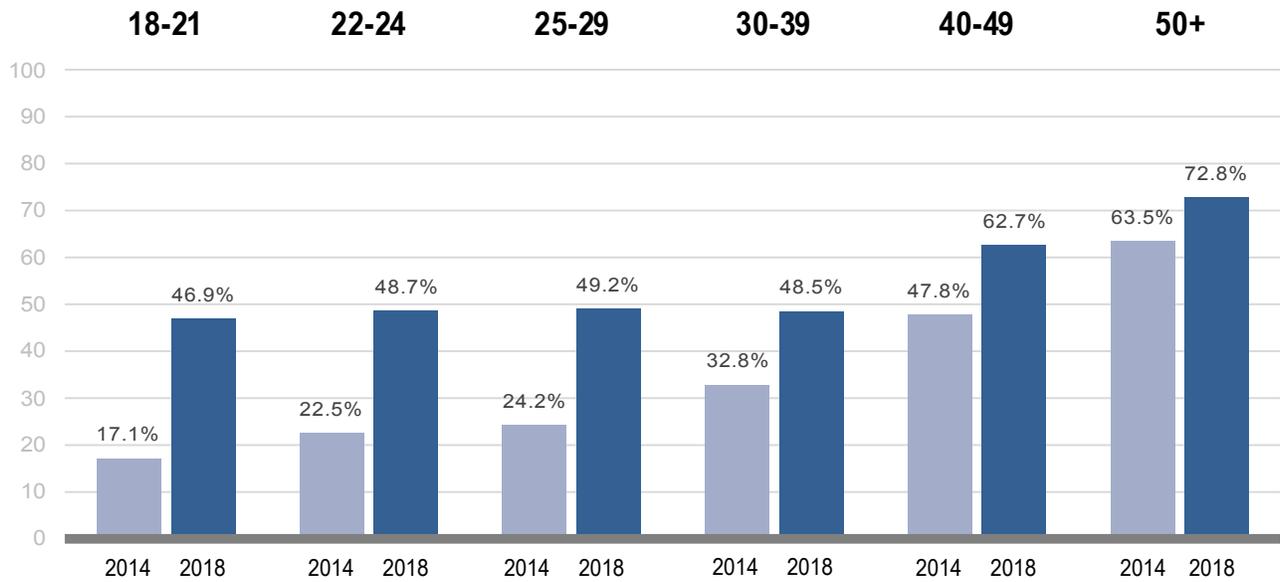


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	575	9.7%	1,256	10.3%	↑ 0.5
Early Vote	11	0.2%	28	0.2%	→ 0.0
Mail	12	0.2%	48	0.4%	↑ 0.2
In-Person, Election Day	5,275	89.2%	10,845	88.6%	↓ -0.6
Unknown	40	0.7%	60	0.5%	
Total	5,913		12,237		

* 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*

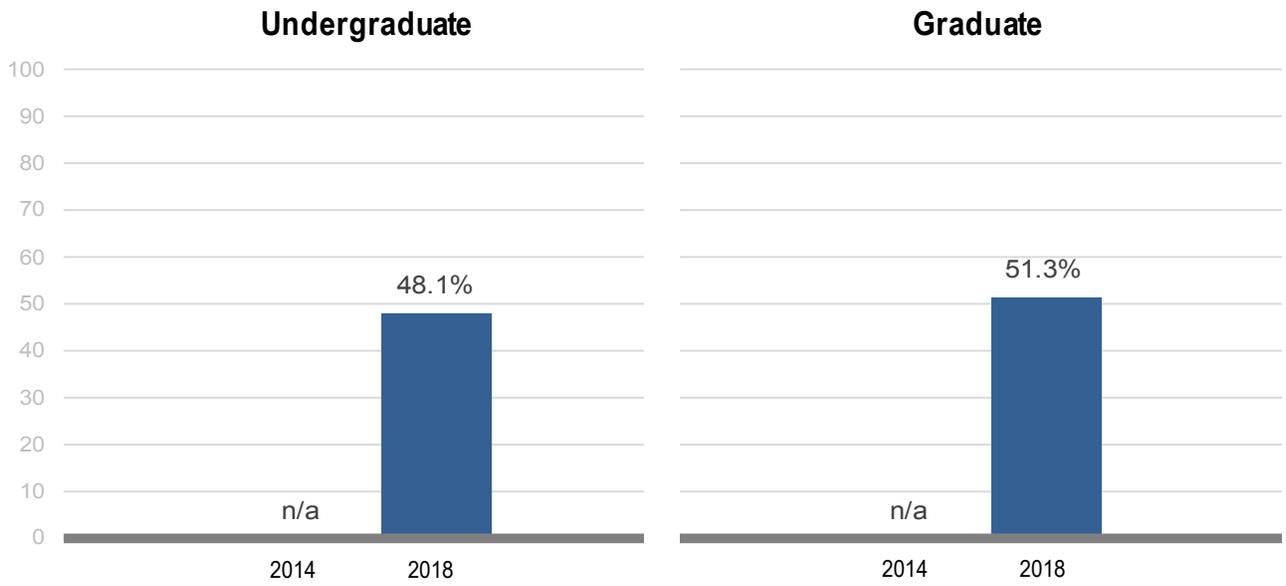


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	7,382	1,262	17.1%	9,309	4,364	46.9%	↑ 29.8
22-24	5,833	1,311	22.5%	5,746	2,798	48.7%	↑ 26.2
25-29	4,717	1,141	24.2%	5,165	2,539	49.2%	↑ 25.0
30-39	3,193	1,047	32.8%	2,910	1,412	48.5%	↑ 15.7
40-49	1,312	627	47.8%	1,056	662	62.7%	↑ 14.9
50+	827	525	63.5%	635	462	72.8%	↑ 9.3
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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Education Level*

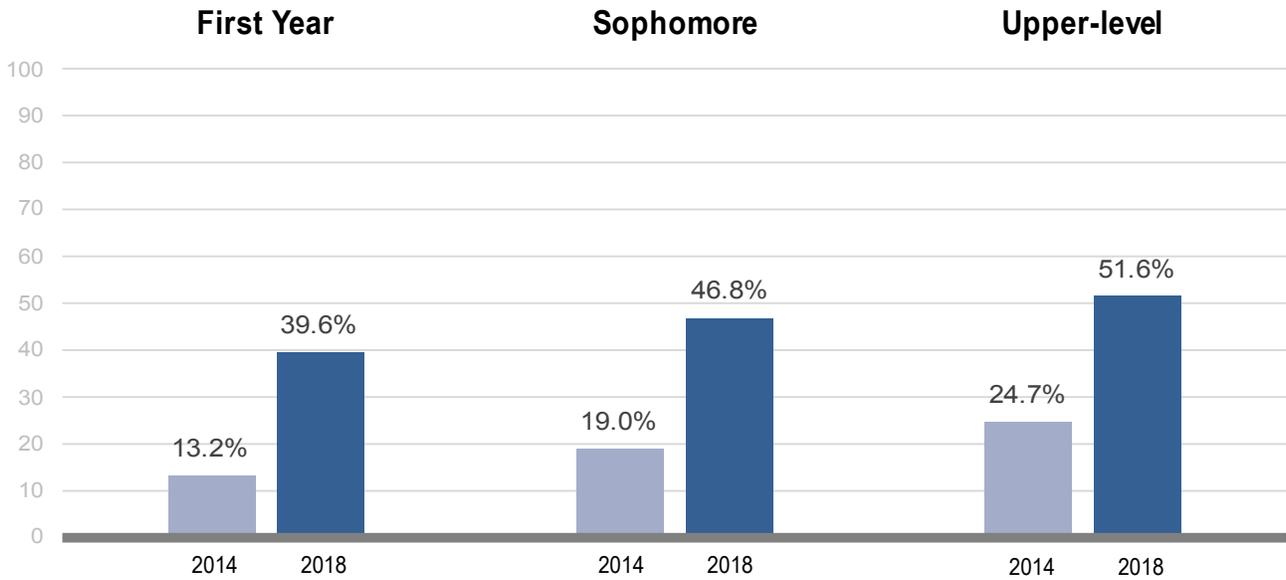


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	15,781	7,584	48.1%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	8,819	4,522	51.3%	n/a
Unknown	23,264			221			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Undergraduate Class Year*

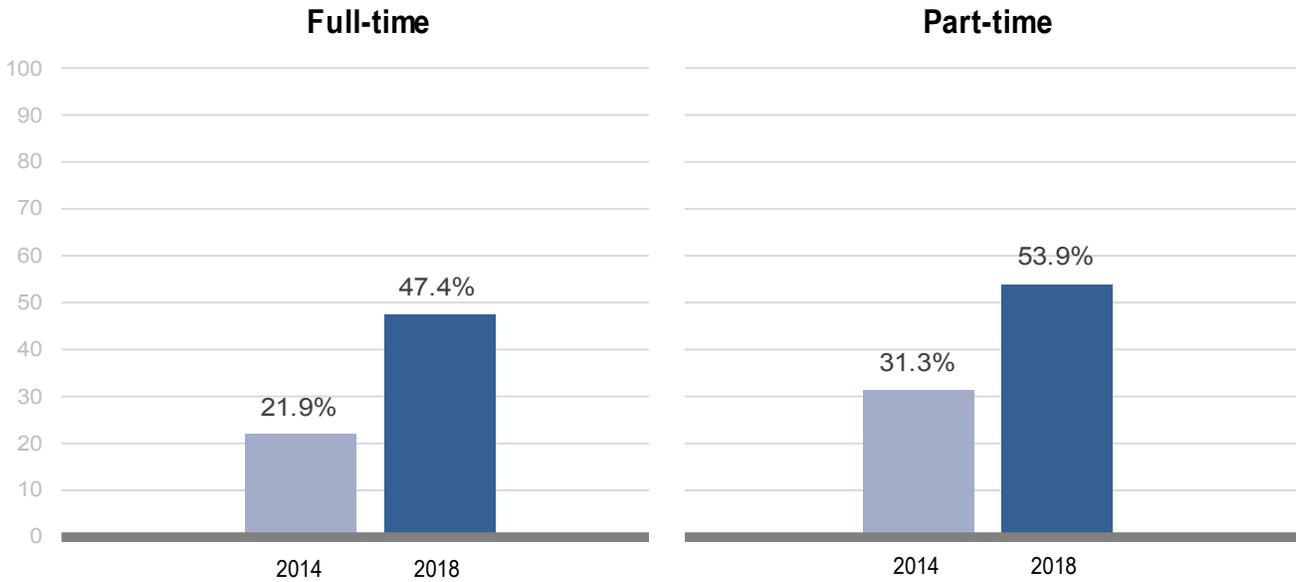


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	3,136	413	13.2%	3,671	1,455	39.6%	↑ 26.5
Sophomore	2,666	507	19.0%	2,787	1,304	46.8%	↑ 27.8
Upper-level	9,970	2,462	24.7%	9,433	4,871	51.6%	↑ 27.0

* 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*

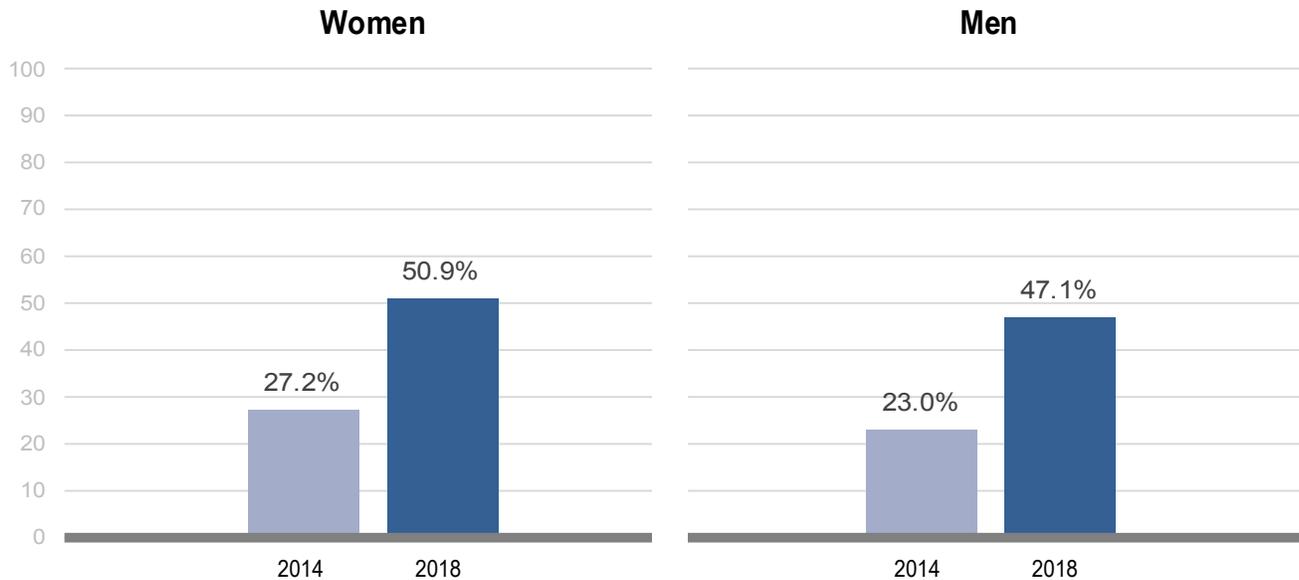


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	14,553	3,186	21.9%	17,379	8,229	47.4%	↑ 25.5
Part-time	8,711	2,727	31.3%	7,442	4,008	53.9%	↑ 22.6
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

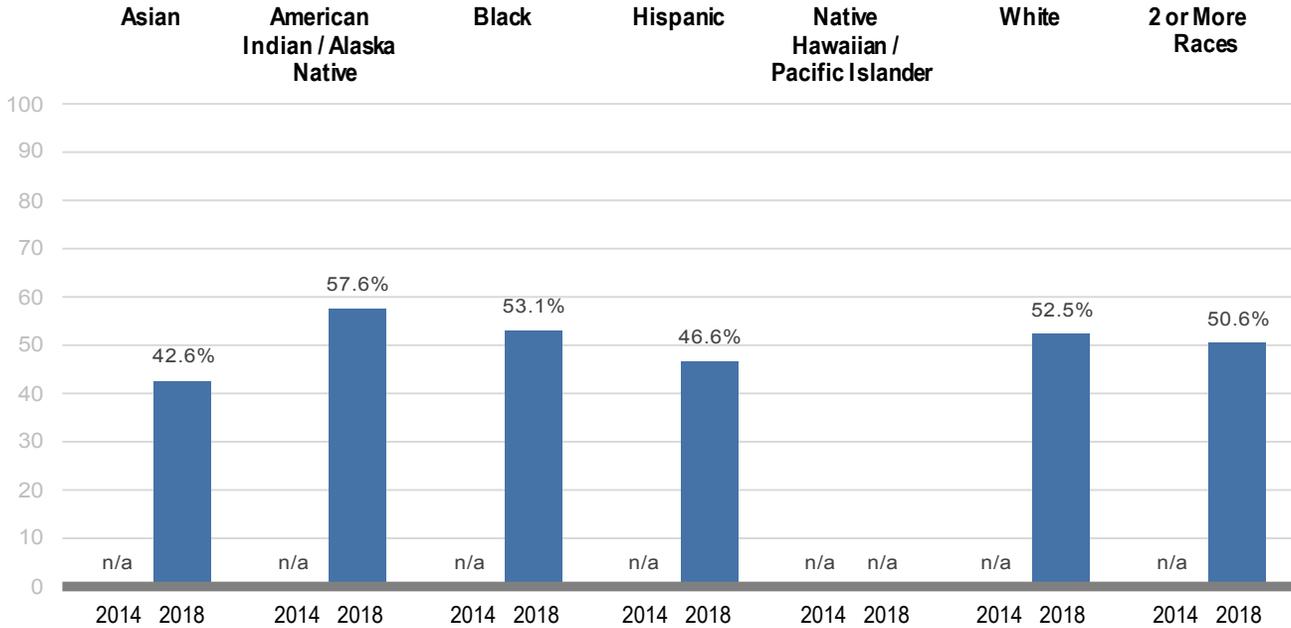


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	13,370	3,642	27.2%	14,316	7,293	50.9%	↑ 23.7
Men	9,894	2,271	23.0%	10,502	4,942	47.1%	↑ 24.1
Unknown	0			*			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Race/Ethnicity*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	0	0	n/a	2,184	931	42.6%	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	59	34	57.6%	n/a
Black	0	0	n/a	3,807	2,022	53.1%	n/a
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	1,177	549	46.6%	n/a
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	16	*	n/a	n/a
White	0	0	n/a	14,924	7,831	52.5%	n/a
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	919	465	50.6%	n/a
Unknown	23,264			1,735			

* 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	51	22	43.1%	60	39	65.0% ↑	21.9
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	62	22	35.5%	57	34	59.7% ↑	24.2
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,598	268	16.8%	1,676	716	42.7% ↑	26.0
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,746	677	24.7%	3,963	2,033	51.3% ↑	26.7
Communication and Journalism	685	198	28.9%	633	378	59.7% ↑	30.8
Computer and Information Sciences	557	92	16.5%	901	375	41.6% ↑	25.1
Education	2,397	881	36.8%	2,020	1,092	54.1% ↑	17.3
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,936	359	18.5%	2,298	876	38.1% ↑	19.6
English Language and Literature	261	84	32.2%	272	161	59.2% ↑	27.0
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	527	88	16.7%	626	314	50.2% ↑	33.5
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	221	67	30.3%	223	125	56.1% ↑	25.7
Health Professions	3,126	593	19.0%	4,028	1,868	46.4% ↑	27.4
History	140	64	45.7%	111	69	62.2% ↑	16.5
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	468	89	19.0%	411	175	42.6% ↑	23.6
Legal Professions and Studies	451	209	46.3%	420	284	67.6% ↑	21.3
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,954	438	22.4%	1,263	538	42.6% ↑	20.2
Library Science	464	245	52.8%	368	277	75.3% ↑	22.5
Mathematics and Statistics	169	32	18.9%	147	51	34.7% ↑	15.8
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	36	19	52.8%	34	22	64.7% ↑	11.9
Natural Resources and Conservation	68	22	32.4%	99	58	58.6% ↑	26.2
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	63	22	34.9%	118	50	42.4% ↑	7.5
Personal and Culinary Services	42	*	n/a	33	22	66.7%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	63	22	34.9%	75	44	58.7% ↑	23.8

Physical Sciences	756	126	16.7%	823	310	37.7% ↑	21.0
Psychology	1,389	289	20.8%	1,332	651	48.9% ↑	28.1
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	995	411	41.3%	1,003	633	63.1% ↑	21.8
Social Sciences	794	258	32.5%	892	525	58.9% ↑	26.4
Visual and Performing Arts	1,176	290	24.7%	861	476	55.3% ↑	30.6
Unknown	69	19	27.5%	74	41	55.4% ↑	27.9

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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