

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Webster 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 providing 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](mailto:NSLVE@tufts.edu).

Warm regards,

IDHE Team



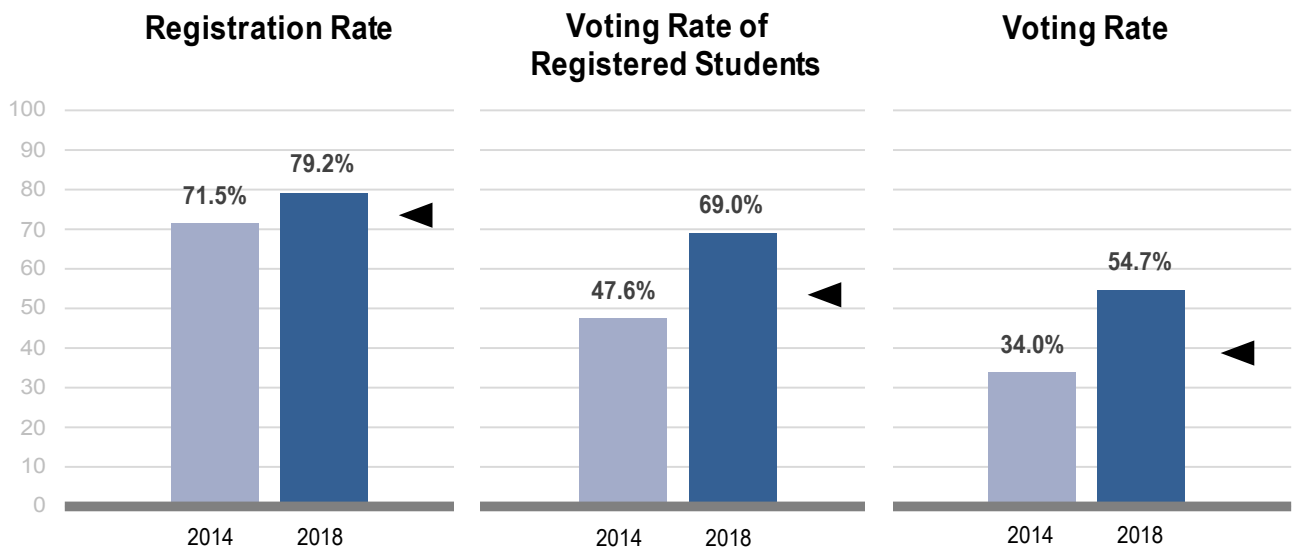
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# Voting and Registration Rates

**2018 Voting Rate**  
**54.7%**

CHANGE FROM 2014  
**+20.7**

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**39.1%**



◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	14,362	9,732	↓ -4,630
Age under 18/Unknown	(16)	(11)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(303)	(254)	
FERPA records blocked	(31)	(27)	
Total eligible voters	14,012	9,440	↓ -4,572
Number of students who registered	10,015	7,479	↓ -2,536
Number of students who voted	4,769	5,163	↑ 394
Registration rate	71.5%	79.2%	↑ 7.8
Voting rate of registered students	47.6%	69.0%	↑ 21.4
Voting rate	34.0%	54.7%	↑ 20.7
Difference from all institutions	+14.3	+15.6	

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

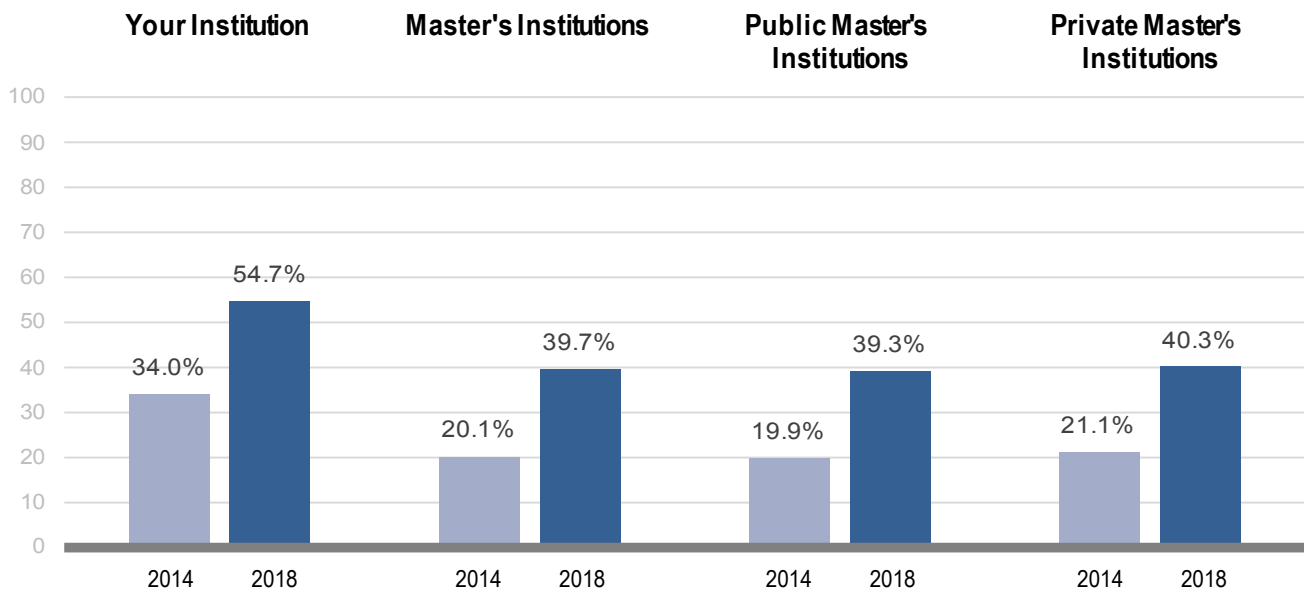
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

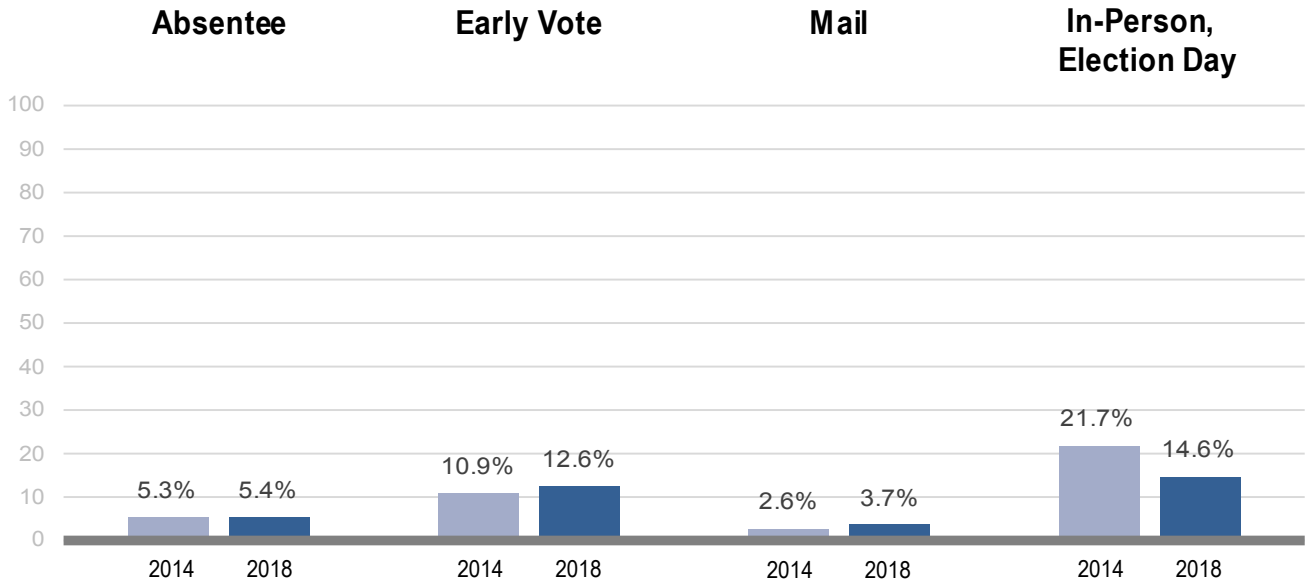
Difference from All Institutions **+14.3**

Difference from All Institutions **+15.6**



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# By Voting Method\*

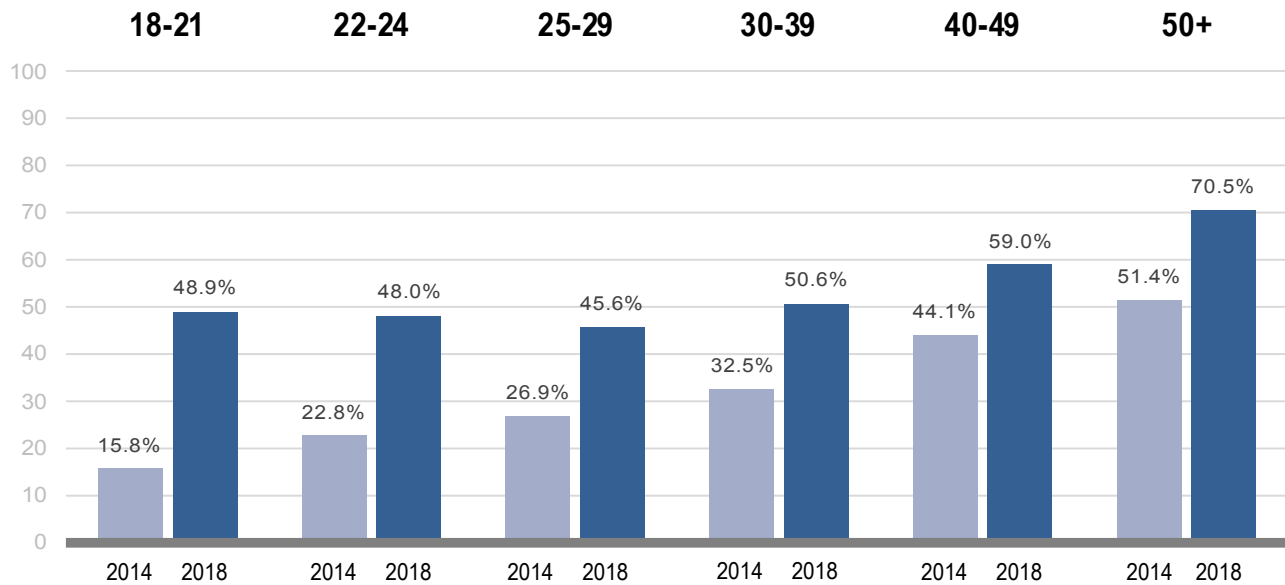


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	253	5.3%	278	5.4%	↑ 0.1
Early Vote	518	10.9%	650	12.6%	↑ 1.7
Mail	126	2.6%	191	3.7%	↑ 1.1
In-Person, Election Day	1,033	21.7%	755	14.6%	↓ -7.0
Unknown	2,839	59.5%	3,289	63.7%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,769</b>		<b>5,163</b>		

\* 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\*

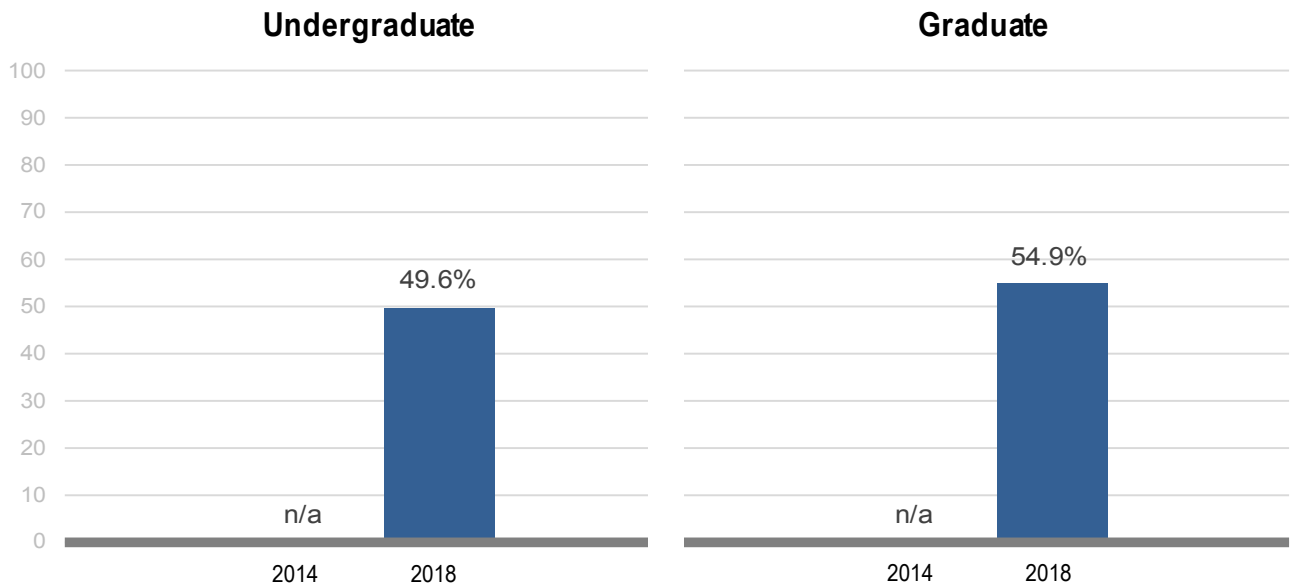


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	1,721	271	15.8%	1,639	802	48.9%	↑ 33.2
22-24	1,258	287	22.8%	829	398	48.0%	↑ 25.2
25-29	2,459	662	26.9%	1,663	759	45.6%	↑ 18.7
30-39	4,150	1,347	32.5%	2,602	1,317	50.6%	↑ 18.2
40-49	3,111	1,372	44.1%	1,736	1,024	59.0%	↑ 14.9
50+	1,616	830	51.4%	1,225	863	70.5%	↑ 19.1
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.

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# By Education Level\*

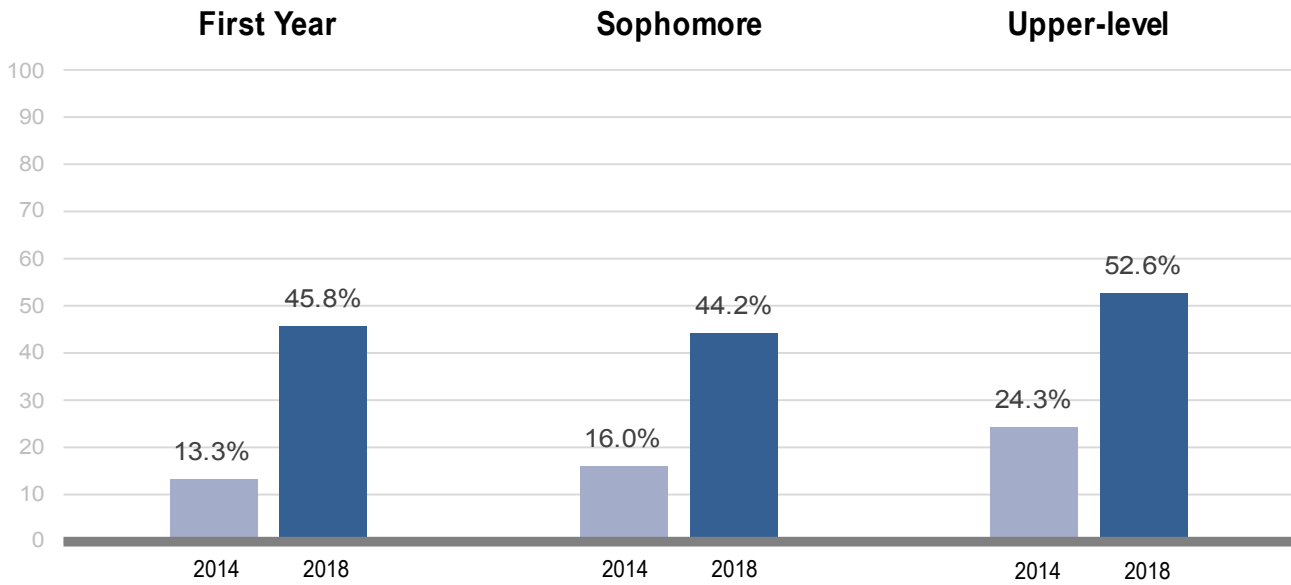


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	2,910	1,444	49.6%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	6,658	3,657	54.9%	n/a
Unknown	14,315			126			

\* 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\*



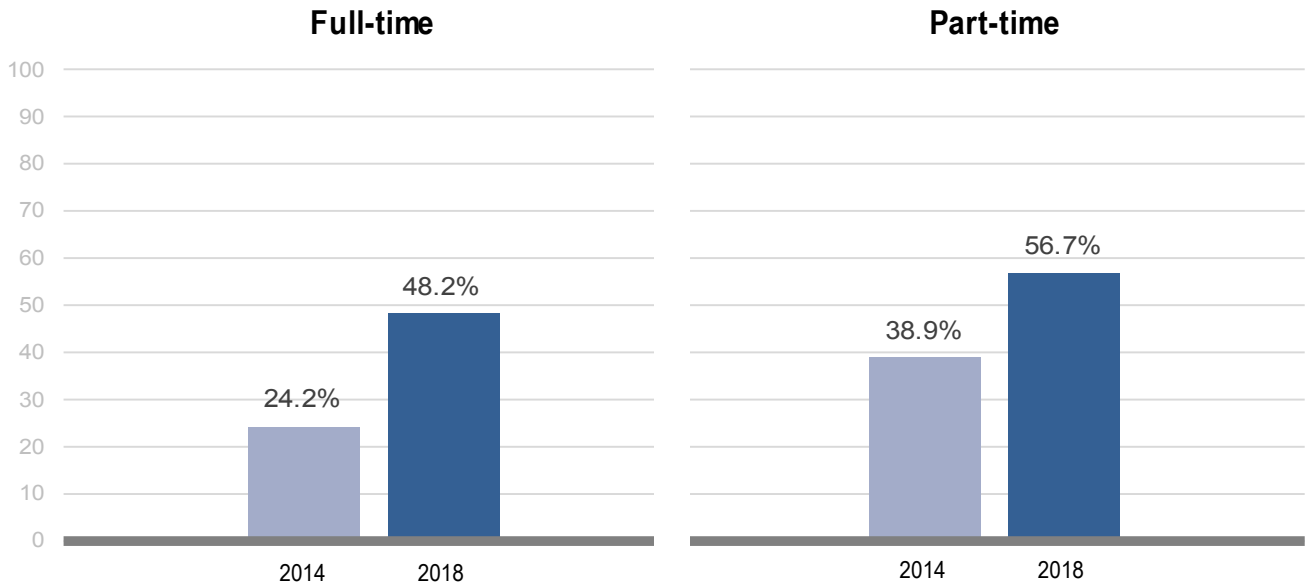
	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	510	68	13.3%	544	249	45.8%	↑ 32.4
Sophomore	575	92	16.0%	577	255	44.2%	↑ 28.2
Upper-level	2,266	551	24.3%	1,792	943	52.6%	↑ 28.3

\* 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	5,411	1,307	<b>24.2%</b>	3,913	1,887	<b>48.2%</b>	↑ 24.1
Part-time	8,904	3,462	<b>38.9%</b>	5,781	3,276	<b>56.7%</b>	↑ 17.8
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 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	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	124	20	16.1%	134	51	38.1% ↑	21.9
Business, Management, and Marketing	7,940	2,804	35.3%	4,518	2,393	53.0% ↑	17.7
Communication and Journalism	561	135	24.1%	371	206	55.5% ↑	31.5
Communications Technologies/Technicians	185	21	11.4%	181	116	64.1% ↑	52.7
Computer and Information Sciences	238	75	31.5%	385	188	48.8% ↑	17.3
Education	676	285	42.2%	549	337	61.4% ↑	19.2
English Language and Literature	85	14	16.5%	48	29	60.4% ↑	44.0
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	13	*	n/a	11	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	821	324	39.5%	529	309	58.4% ↑	19.0
History	21	10	47.6%	17	11	64.7% ↑	17.1
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	369	123	33.3%	252	97	38.5% ↑	5.2
Legal Professions and Studies	144	43	29.9%	85	44	51.8% ↑	21.9
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	145	19	13.1%	242	126	52.1% ↑	39.0
Mathematics and Statistics	21	*	n/a	64	35	54.7%	n/a
Military Science, Leadership and Operational Art	73	26	35.6%	302	162	53.6% ↑	18.0
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	101	36	35.6%	51	26	51.0% ↑	15.3
Natural Resources and Conservation	64	12	18.8%	45	21	46.7% ↑	27.9
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	0	0	n/a	37	*	n/a	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	26	*	n/a	11	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Psychology	1,330	504	37.9%	657	354	53.9% ↑	16.0
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	51	20	39.2%	82	46	56.1% ↑	16.9

Social Sciences	459	120	<b>26.1%</b>	324	152	<b>46.9%</b> ↑	<b>20.8</b>
Visual and Performing Arts	650	111	<b>17.1%</b>	685	377	<b>55.0%</b> ↑	<b>38.0</b>
Unknown	211	53	<b>25.1%</b>	107	59	<b>55.1%</b> ↑	<b>30.0</b>

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