

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Wesleyan 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 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.

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Warm regards,
IDHE Team



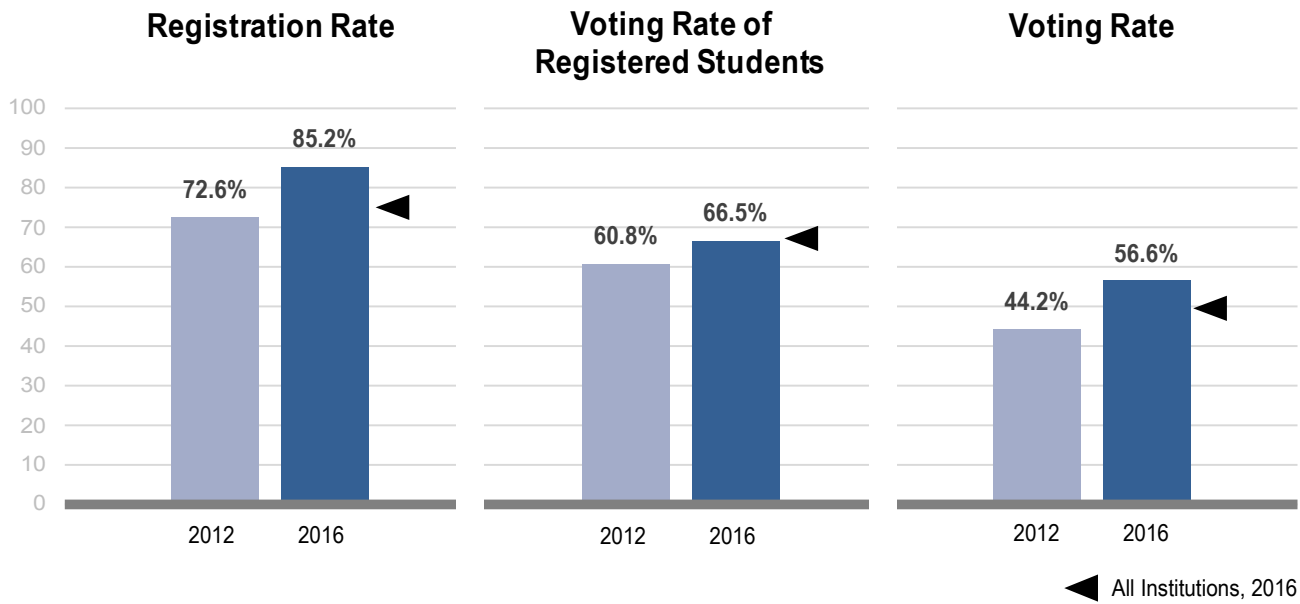
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
56.6%

CHANGE FROM 2012
12.4

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	3,309	3,276	↓ -33
Age under 18/Unknown	(27)	(25)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(318)	(336)	
FERPA records blocked	*	0	
Total eligible voters	2,963	2,915	↓ -48
Number of students who registered	2,152	2,482	↑ 330
Number of students who voted	1,309	1,650	↑ 341
Registration rate	72.6%	85.2%	↑ 12.5
Voting rate of registered students	60.8%	66.5%	↑ 5.7
Voting rate	44.2%	56.6%	↑ 12.4
Difference from all institutions	-2.7	+6.2	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

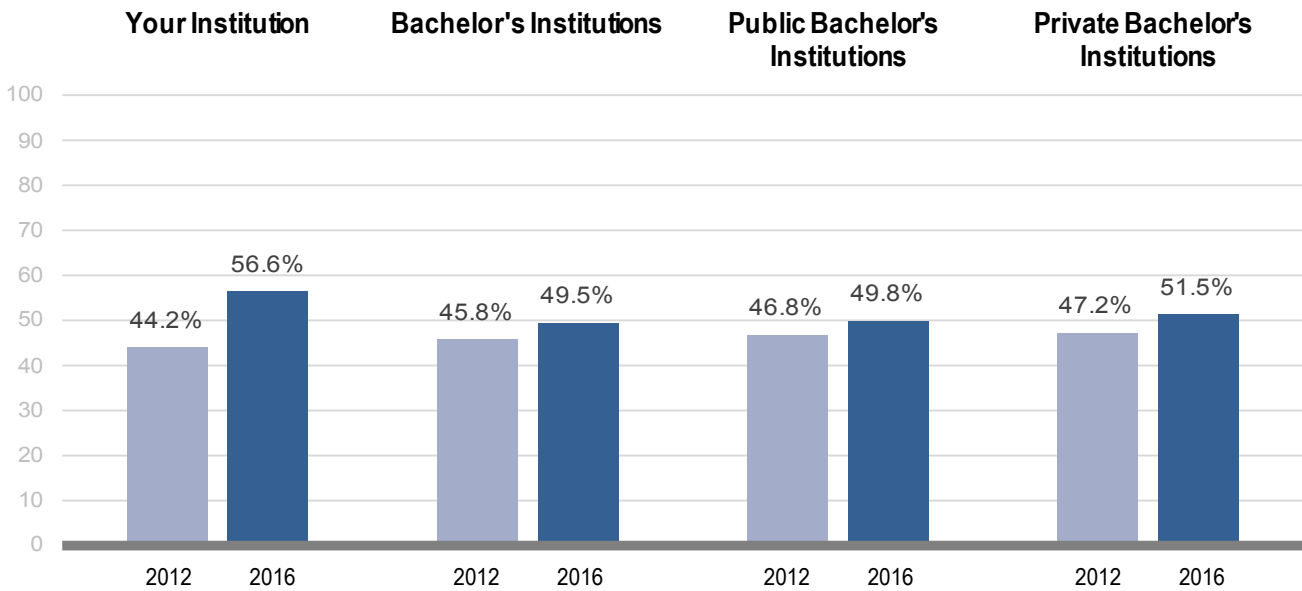
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

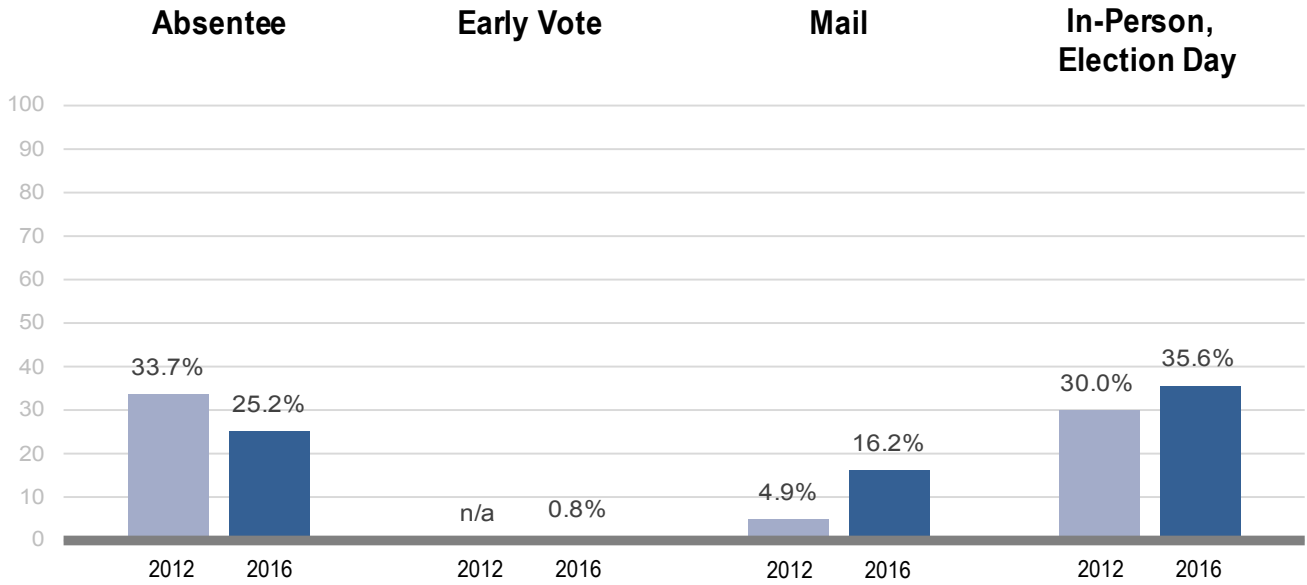
Difference from All Institutions **-2.7**

Difference from All Institutions **+6.2**



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By Voting Method*

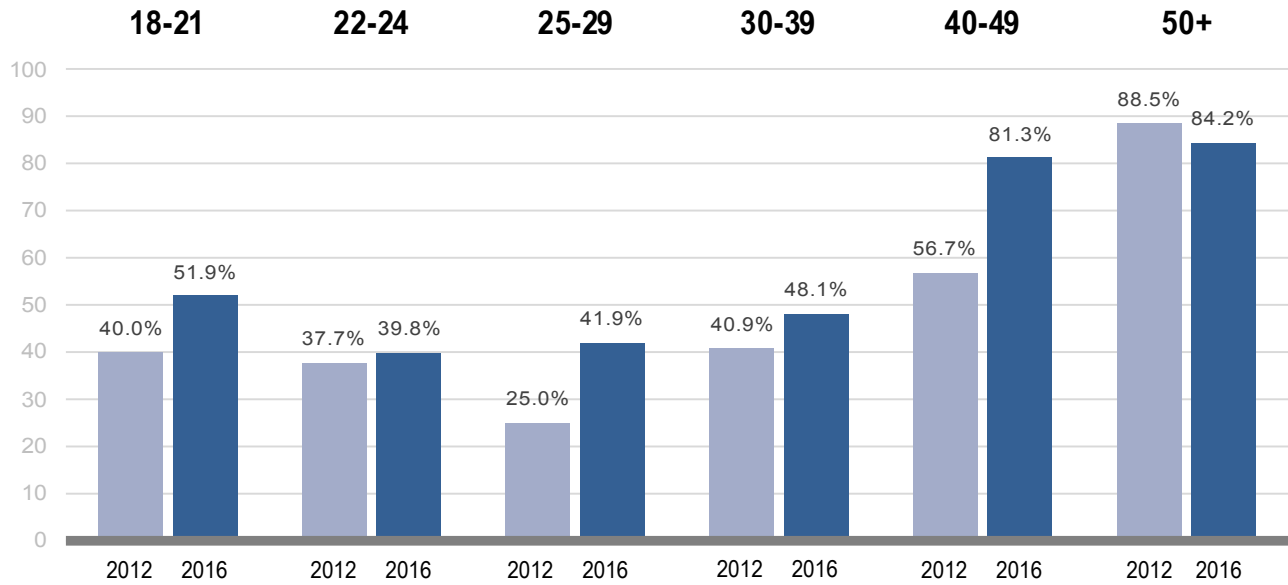


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	441	33.7%	416	25.2%	↓ -8.5
Early Vote	*	n/a	13	0.8%	n/a
Mail	64	4.9%	268	16.2%	↑ 11.4
In-Person, Election Day	392	30.0%	587	35.6%	↑ 5.6
Unknown	404	30.9%	366	22.2%	
Total	1,309		1,650		

* 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*

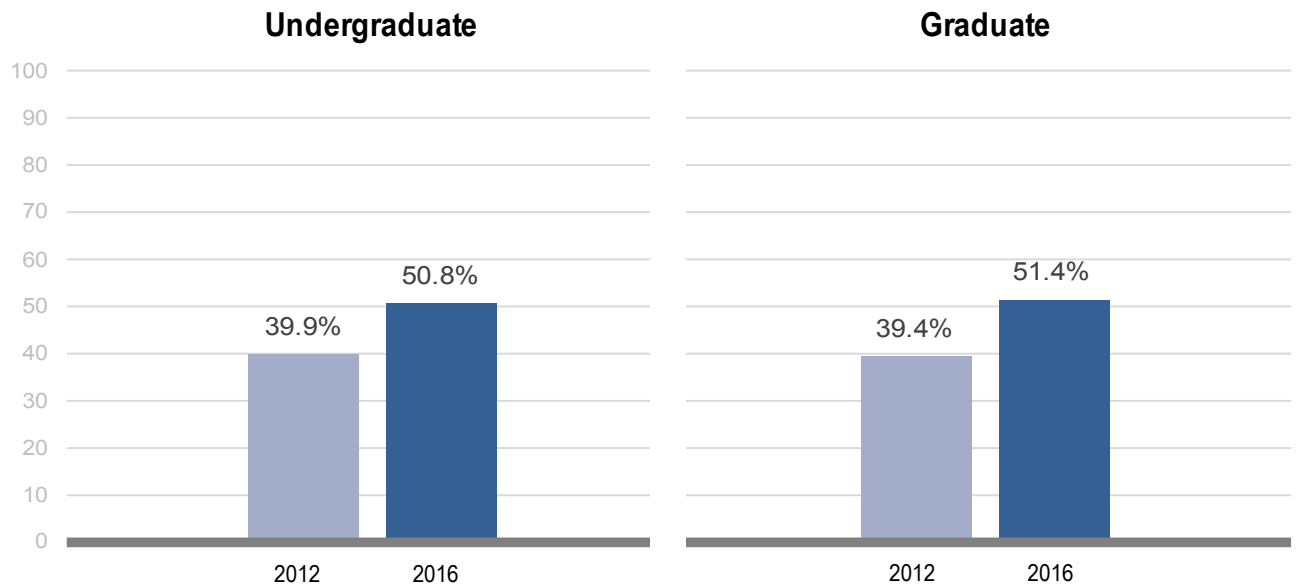


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	2,778	1,110	40.0%	2,738	1,422	51.9%	↑ 12.0
22-24	284	107	37.7%	294	117	39.8%	↑ 2.1
25-29	92	23	25.0%	105	44	41.9%	↑ 16.9
30-39	71	29	40.9%	79	38	48.1%	↑ 7.3
40-49	30	17	56.7%	16	13	81.3%	↑ 24.6
50+	26	23	88.5%	19	16	84.2%	↓ -4.3
Unknown	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*

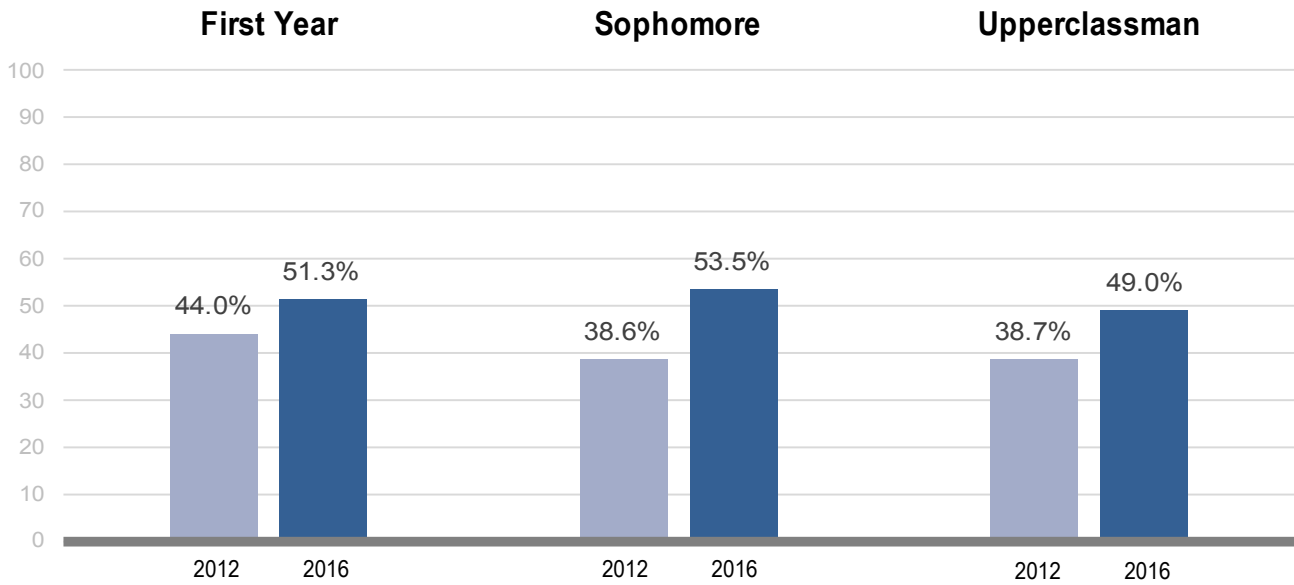


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	2,997	1,197	39.9%	3,003	1,524	50.8%	↑ 10.8
Graduate	284	112	39.4%	243	125	51.4%	↑ 12.0
Unknown	0			*			

* 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*

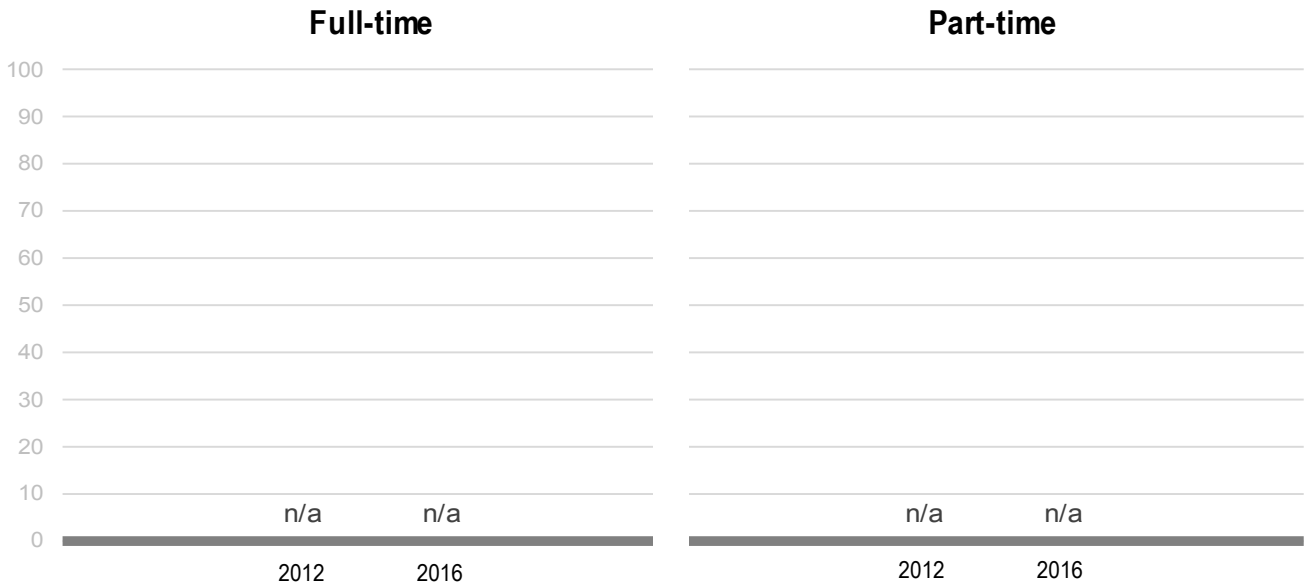


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	720	317	44.0%	746	383	51.3%	↑ 7.3
Sophomore	795	307	38.6%	780	417	53.5%	↑ 14.8
Upperclassman	1,482	573	38.7%	1,477	724	49.0%	↑ 10.4

* 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.

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By Enrollment Status*

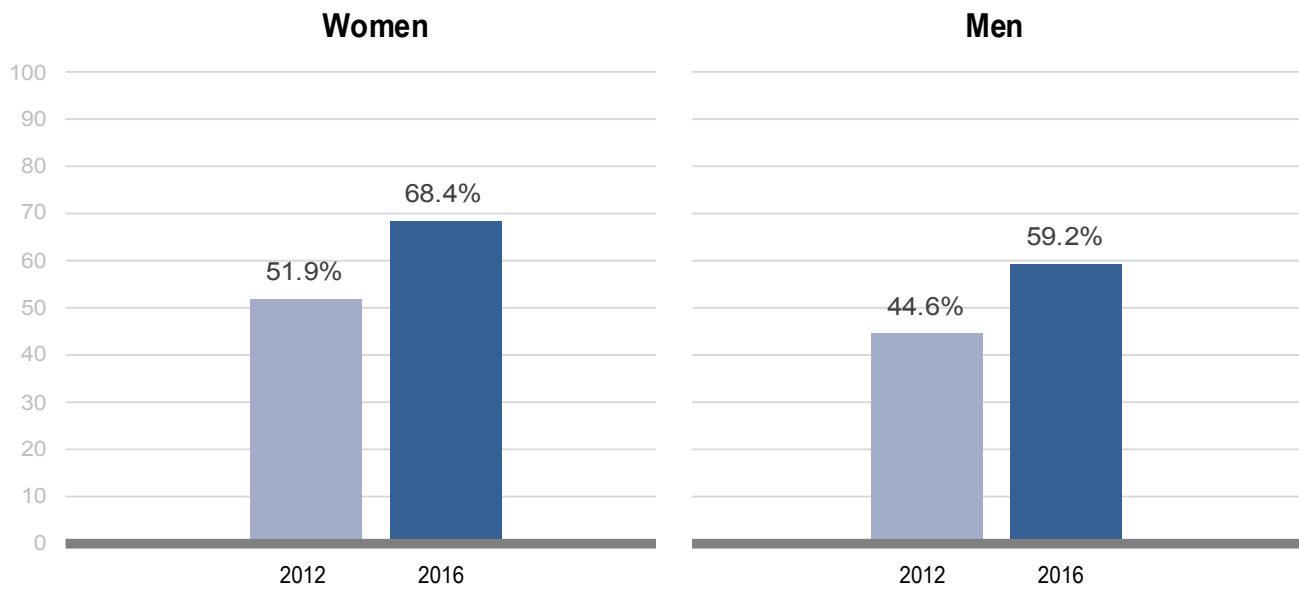


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*



	2012			2016			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	1,400	726	51.9%	1,406	962	68.4%	↑	16.6
Men	1,287	574	44.6%	1,133	671	59.2%	↑	14.6
Unknown	594	*	n/a	712	17	2.4%		

* 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 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	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	244	83	34.0%	194	87	44.9% ↑	10.8
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	256	106	41.4%	174	93	53.5% ↑	12.0
Computer and Information Sciences	51	17	33.3%	78	28	35.9% ↑	2.6
Education	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
English Language and Literature	259	116	44.8%	172	101	58.7% ↑	13.9
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	13	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
History	80	33	41.3%	42	20	47.6% ↑	6.4
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	75	50	66.7%	1,514	807	53.3% ↓	-13.4
Mathematics and Statistics	74	30	40.5%	49	16	32.7% ↓	-7.9
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	28	19	67.9%	32	18	56.3% ↓	-11.6
Natural Resources and Conservation	32	11	34.4%	12	*	n/a	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	43	20	46.5%	17	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	211	69	32.7%	145	71	49.0% ↑	16.3
Psychology	260	96	36.9%	152	74	48.7% ↑	11.8
Social Sciences	599	206	34.4%	415	198	47.7% ↑	13.3
Visual and Performing Arts	267	112	42.0%	197	98	49.8% ↑	7.8
Unknown	784	331	42.2%	53	25	47.2% ↑	5.0

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.

References:

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