

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Western Illinois 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

30.3%

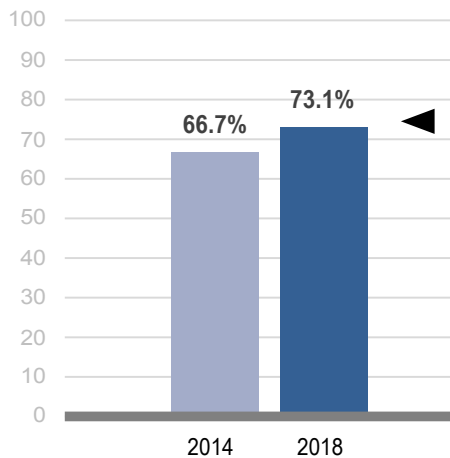
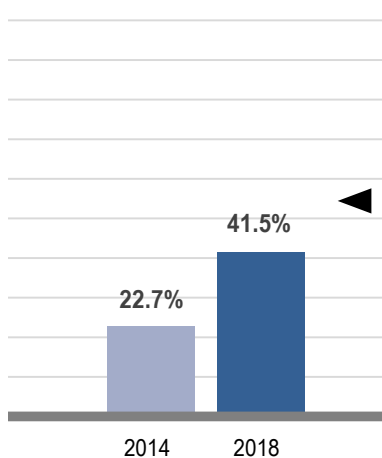
CHANGE
FROM 2014

+15.2

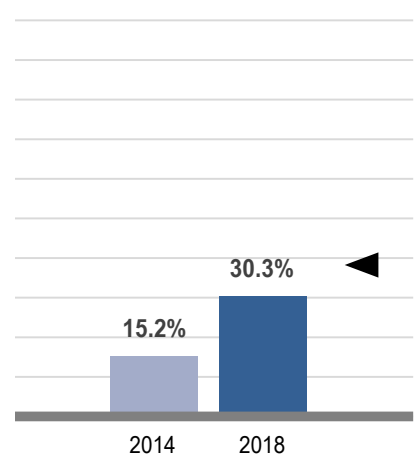
2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate


Voting Rate of
Registered Students


Voting Rate



All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	11,249	8,298	↓ -2,951
Age under 18/Unknown	(17)	*	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(501)	(403)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	10,725	7,883	↓ -2,842
Number of students who registered	7,155	5,759	↓ -1,396
Number of students who voted	1,625	2,389	↑ 764
Registration rate	66.7%	73.1%	↑ 6.3
Voting rate of registered students	22.7%	41.5%	↑ 18.8
Voting rate	15.2%	30.3%	↑ 15.2
Difference from all institutions	-4.6	-8.8	

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

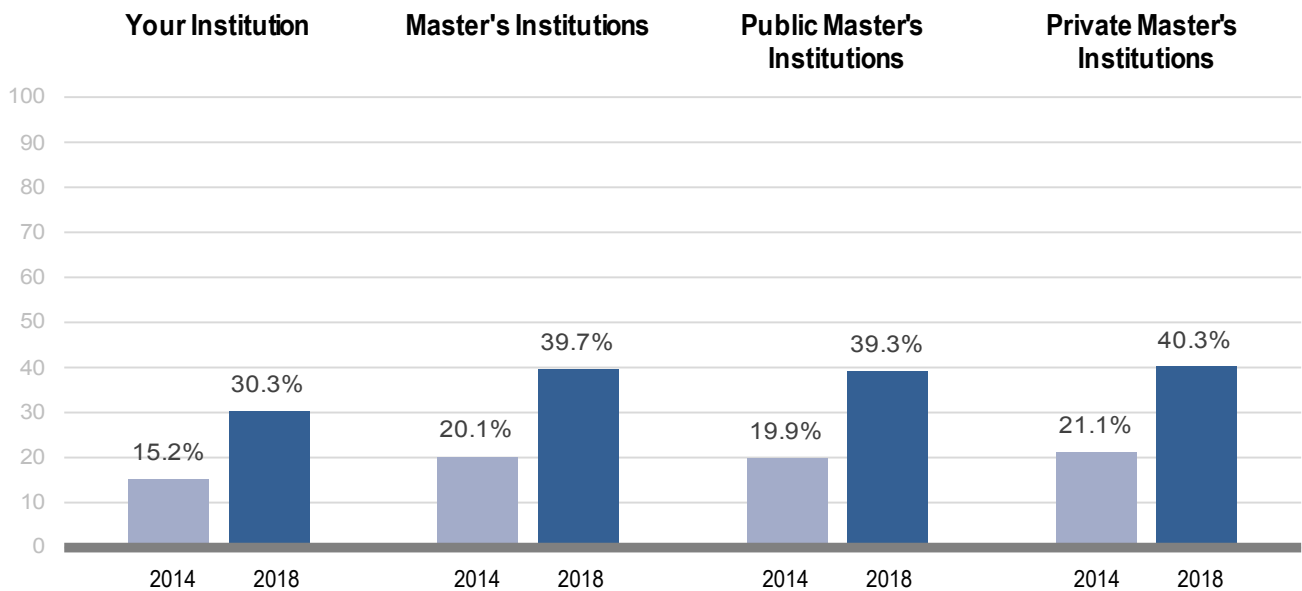
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

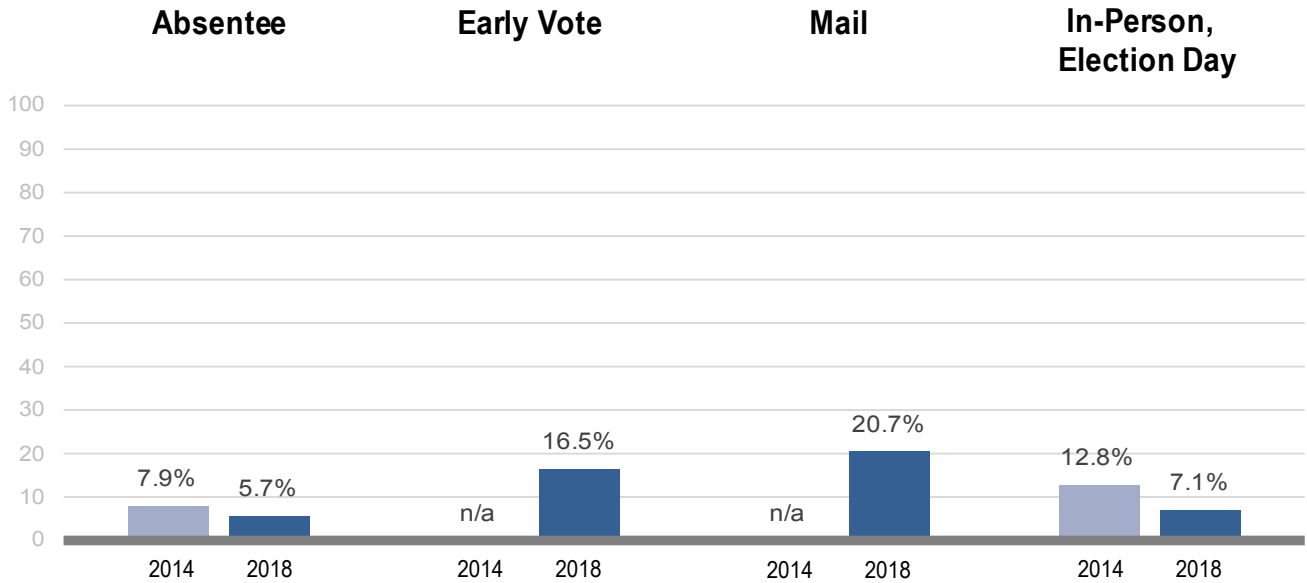
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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

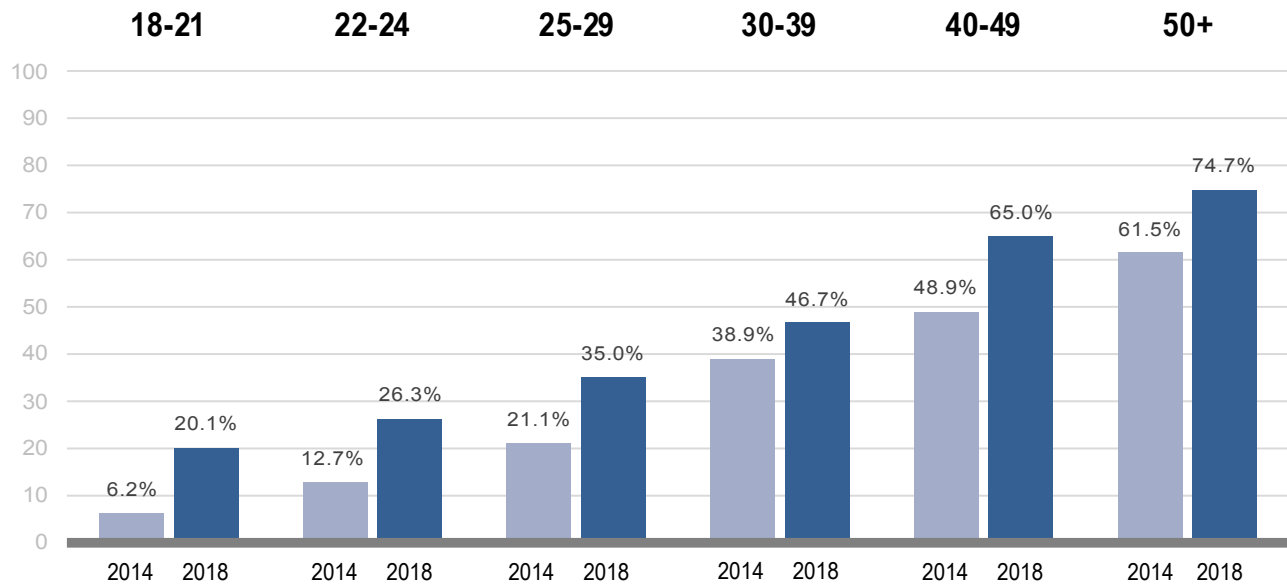


	2014		2018			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change	
Absentee	129	7.9%	135	5.7%	↓	-2.3
Early Vote	*	n/a	393	16.5%	n/a	
Mail	*	n/a	494	20.7%	n/a	
In-Person, Election Day	208	12.8%	170	7.1%	↓	-5.7
Unknown	1,280	78.8%	1,197	50.1%		
Total	1,625		2,389			

* 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*

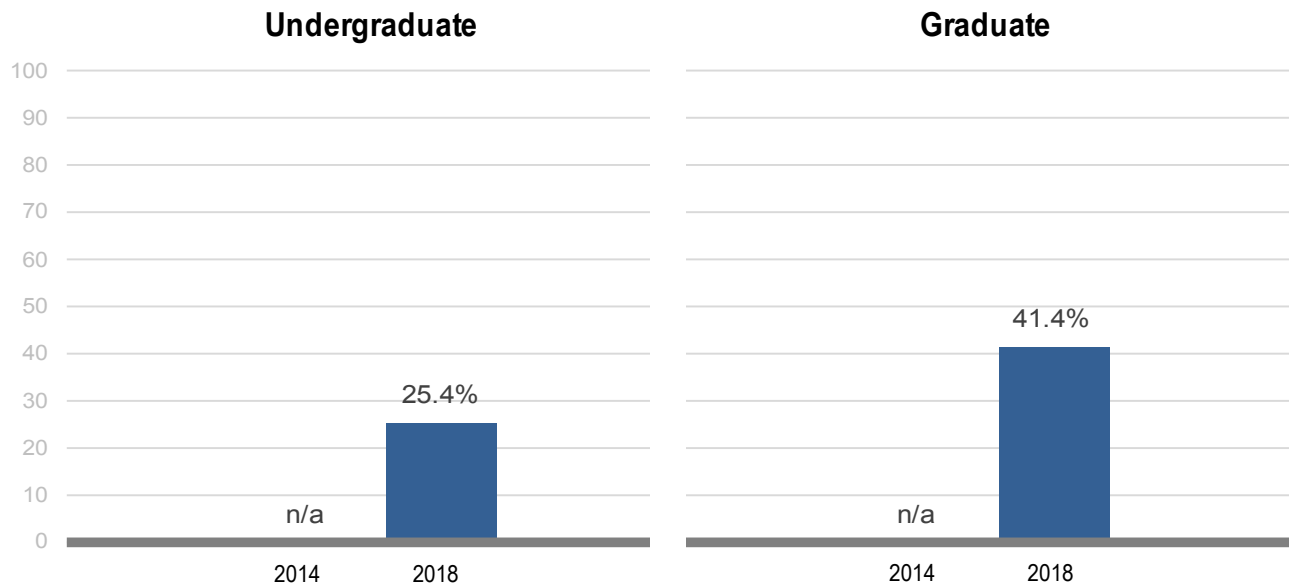


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	5,850	362	6.2%	4,030	810	20.1%	↑	13.9
22-24	2,723	347	12.7%	2,068	543	26.3%	↑	13.5
25-29	1,163	245	21.1%	900	315	35.0%	↑	13.9
30-39	843	328	38.9%	724	338	46.7%	↑	7.8
40-49	434	212	48.9%	394	256	65.0%	↑	16.1
50+	213	131	61.5%	170	127	74.7%	↑	13.2
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*

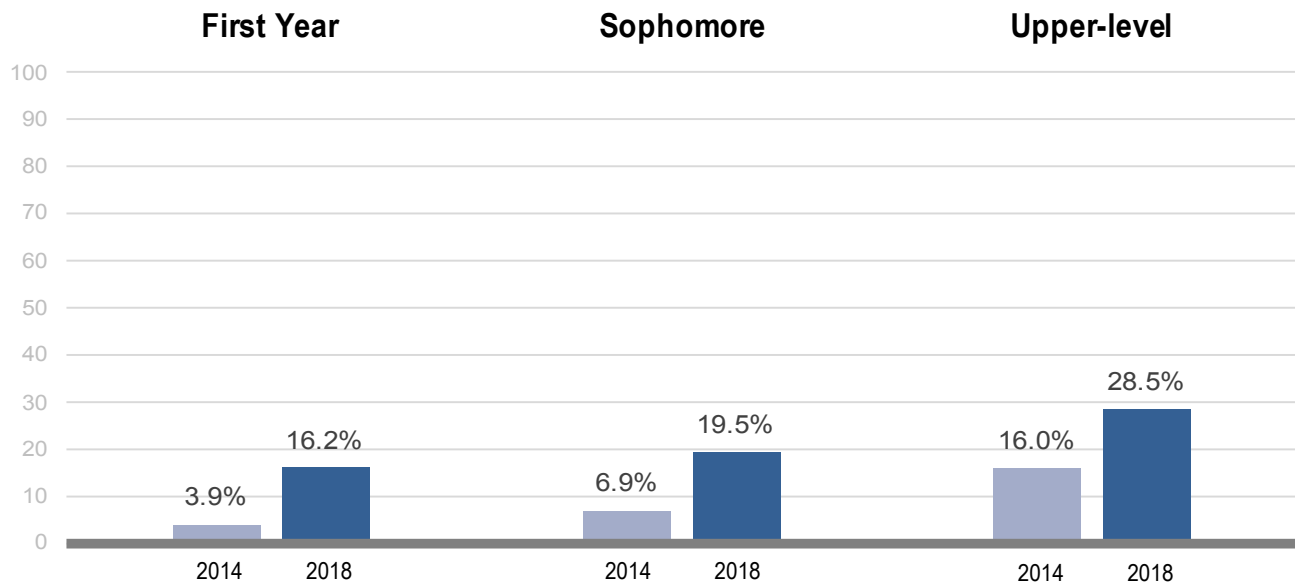


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	6,555	1,662	25.4%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	1,689	699	41.4%	n/a
Unknown	11,226			42			

* 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*

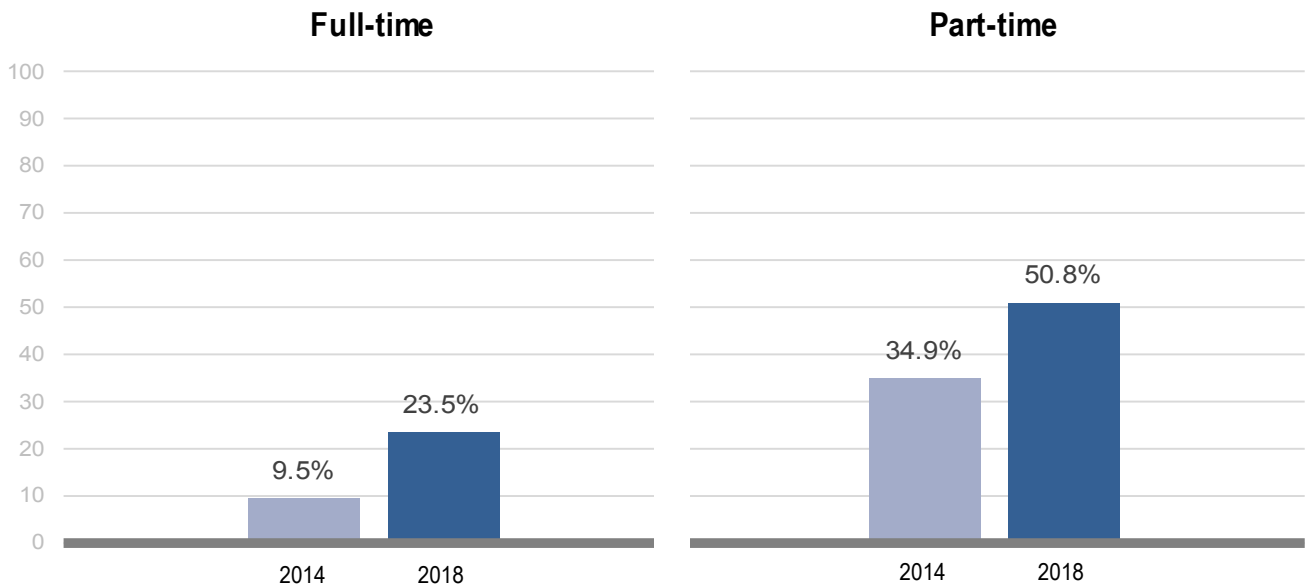


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	2,290	90	3.9%	905	147	16.2%	↑	12.3
Sophomore	1,568	108	6.9%	1,016	198	19.5%	↑	12.6
Upper-level	5,622	897	16.0%	4,645	1,325	28.5%	↑	12.6

* 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*

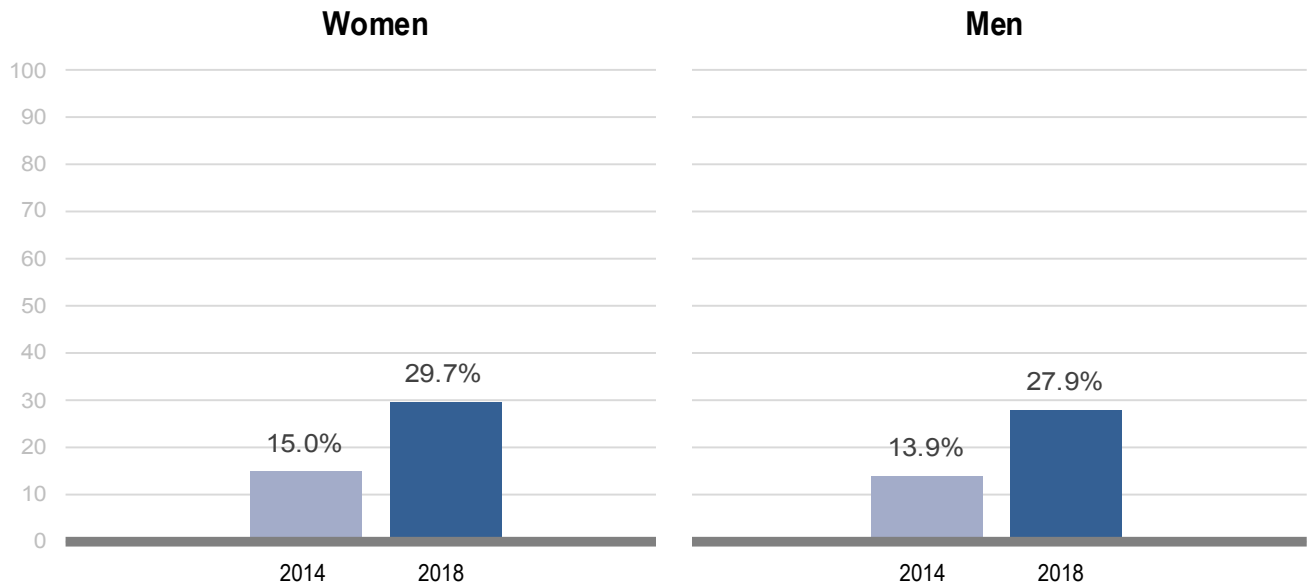


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	9,039	862	9.5%	6,665	1,565	23.5%	↑	13.9
Part-time	2,187	763	34.9%	1,621	824	50.8%	↑	15.9
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

* 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*

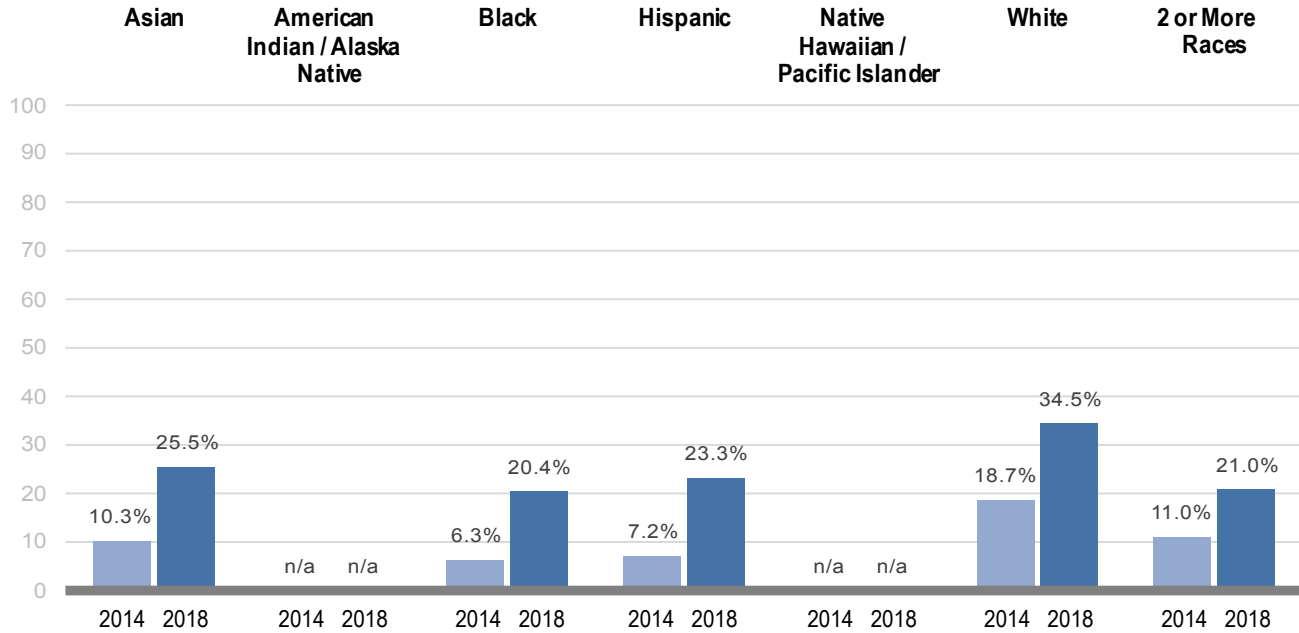


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	5,726	859	15.0%	4,405	1,307	29.7%	↑	14.7
Men	5,500	766	13.9%	3,881	1,082	27.9%	↑	14.0
Unknown	0			0				

* 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	107	11	10.3%	94	24	25.5%	↑	15.3
American Indian/ Alaska Native	16	*	n/a	*	*	n/a		n/a
Black	1,853	117	6.3%	1,538	314	20.4%	↑	14.1
Hispanic	972	70	7.2%	919	214	23.3%	↑	16.1
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	10	*	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
White	7,189	1,344	18.7%	4,988	1,723	34.5%	↑	15.8
2 or More Races	245	27	11.0%	229	48	21.0%	↑	9.9
Unknown	834			510				

* 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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	343	42	12.2%	278	64	23.0% ↑	10.8
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	20	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	494	43	8.7%	390	88	22.6% ↑	13.9
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,434	240	16.7%	1,152	314	27.3% ↑	10.5
Communication and Journalism	550	66	12.0%	352	95	27.0% ↑	15.0
Communications Technologies/Technicians	69	*	n/a	23	*	n/a	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	382	25	6.5%	300	61	20.3% ↑	13.8
Education	1,153	335	29.1%	930	415	44.6% ↑	15.6
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	281	53	18.9%	258	69	26.7% ↑	7.9
English Language and Literature	168	36	21.4%	120	46	38.3% ↑	16.9
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	234	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	29	*	n/a	20	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	518	43	8.3%	506	72	14.2% ↑	5.9
History	147	33	22.5%	87	39	44.8% ↑	22.4
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	1,643	148	9.0%	1,303	294	22.6% ↑	13.6
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,256	309	24.6%	733	332	45.3% ↑	20.7
Mathematics and Statistics	71	*	n/a	59	18	30.5%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	49	10	20.4%	42	21	50.0% ↑	29.6
Natural Resources and Conservation	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	637	53	8.3%	411	89	21.7% ↑	13.3
Philosophy and Religious Studies	15	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	377	44	11.7%	213	51	23.9% ↑	12.3
Psychology	425	34	8.0%	360	68	18.9% ↑	10.9

Public Administration and Social Service Professions	209	15	7.2%	166	57	34.3% ↑	27.2
Social Sciences	299	37	12.4%	232	82	35.3% ↑	23.0
Visual and Performing Arts	417	34	8.2%	332	95	28.6% ↑	20.5
Unknown	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a

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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