

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Western Oregon
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



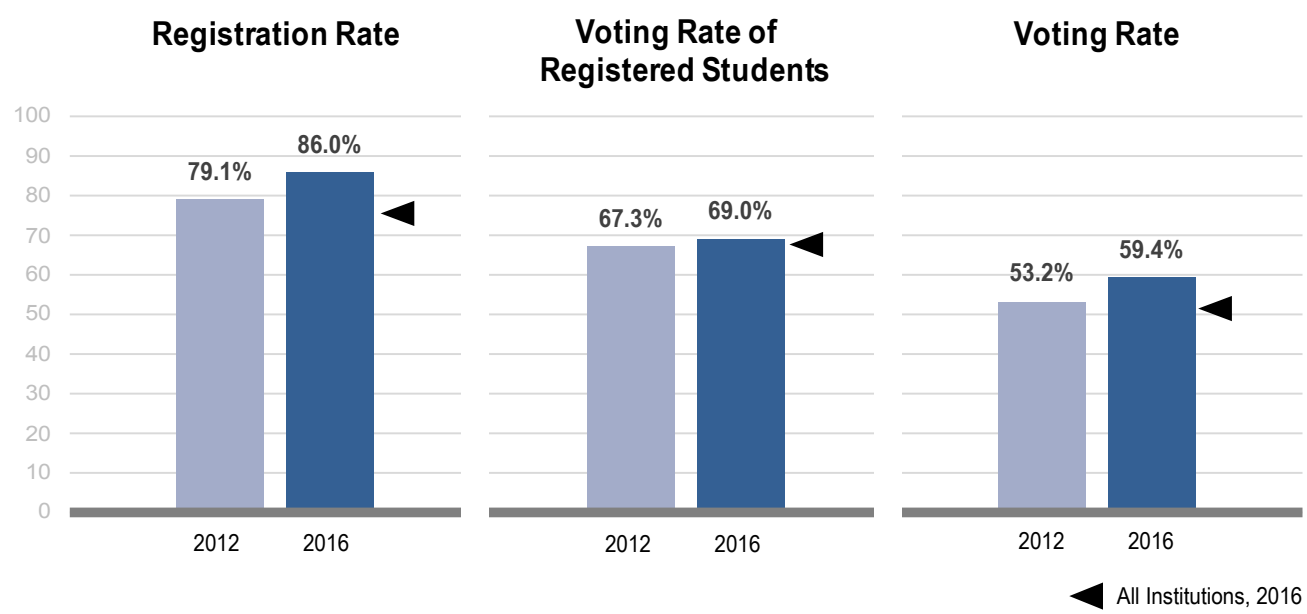
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
59.4%

CHANGE FROM 2012
6.1

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	6,115	5,351	↓ -764
Age under 18/Unknown	(41)	(16)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(282)	(319)	
FERPA records blocked	(12)	*	
Total eligible voters	5,780	5,011	↓ -769
Number of students who registered	4,570	4,309	↓ -261
Number of students who voted	3,077	2,974	↓ -103
Registration rate	79.1%	86.0%	↑ 6.9
Voting rate of registered students	67.3%	69.0%	↑ 1.7
Voting rate	53.2%	59.4%	↑ 6.1
Difference from all institutions	+6.3	+9.0	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

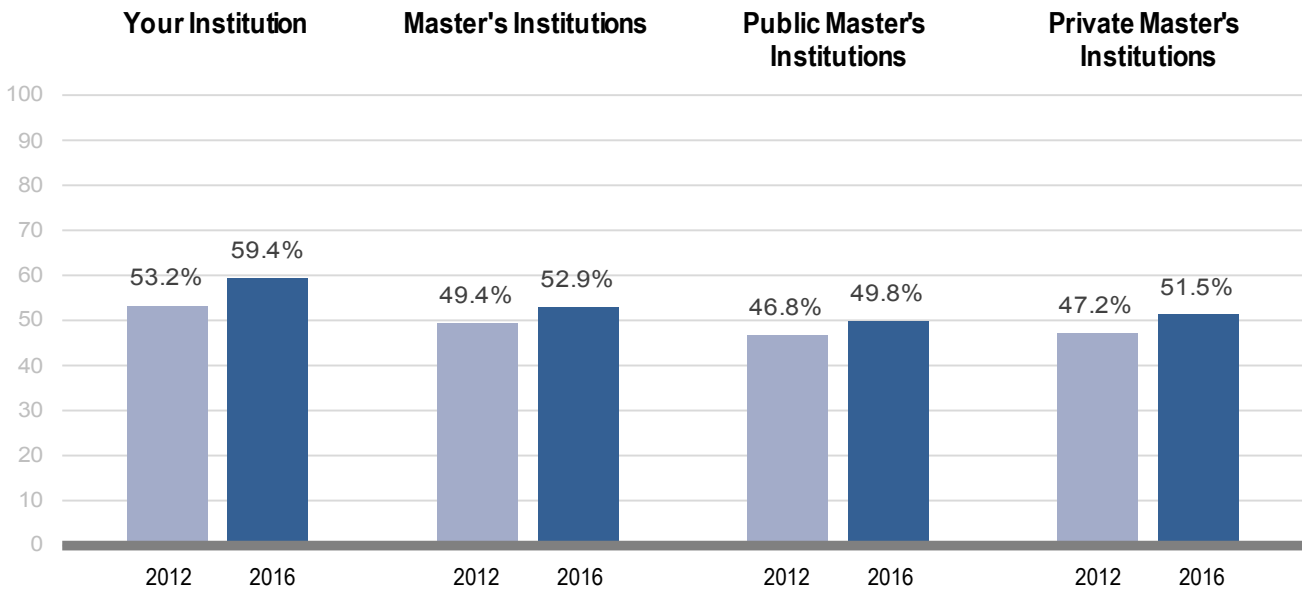
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

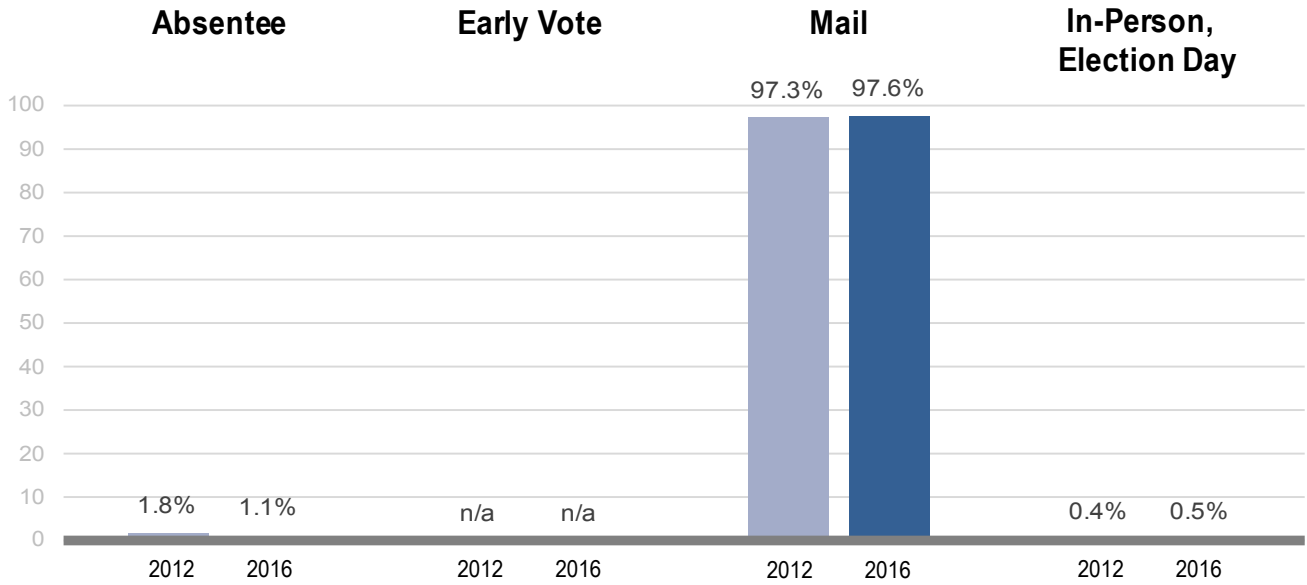
Difference from All Institutions **+6.3**

Difference from All Institutions **+9.0**



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By Voting Method*

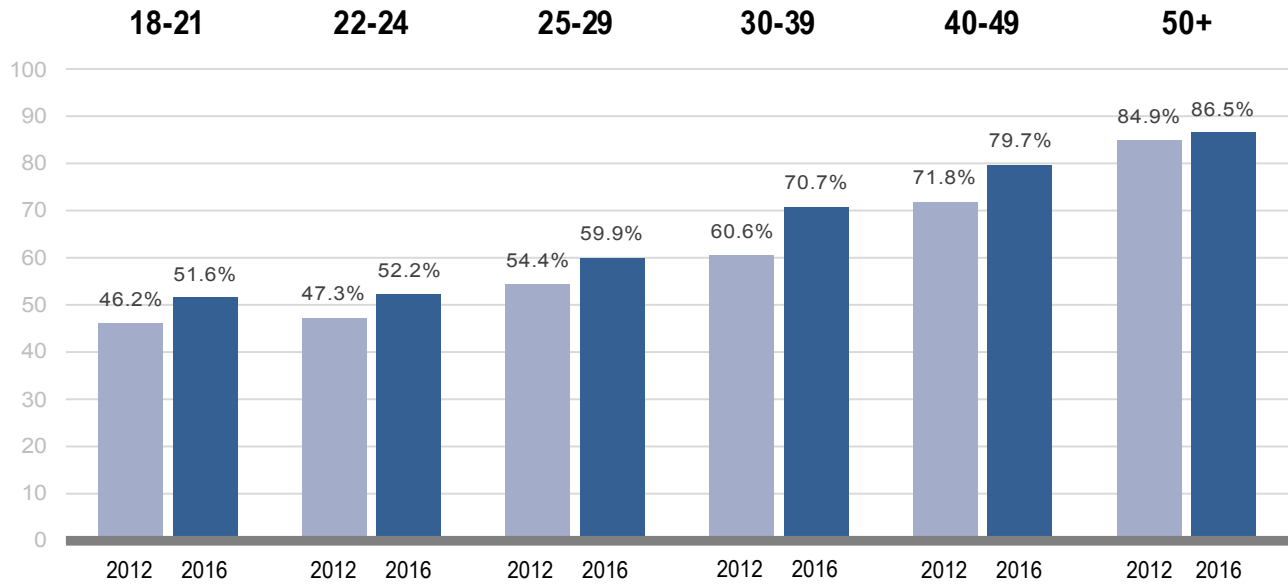


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	55	1.8%	34	1.1%	↓ -0.7
Early Vote	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
Mail	2,993	97.3%	2,903	97.6%	↑ 0.3
In-Person, Election Day	11	0.4%	15	0.5%	↑ 0.1
Unknown	17	0.6%	16	0.5%	
Total	3,077		2,974		

* 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*

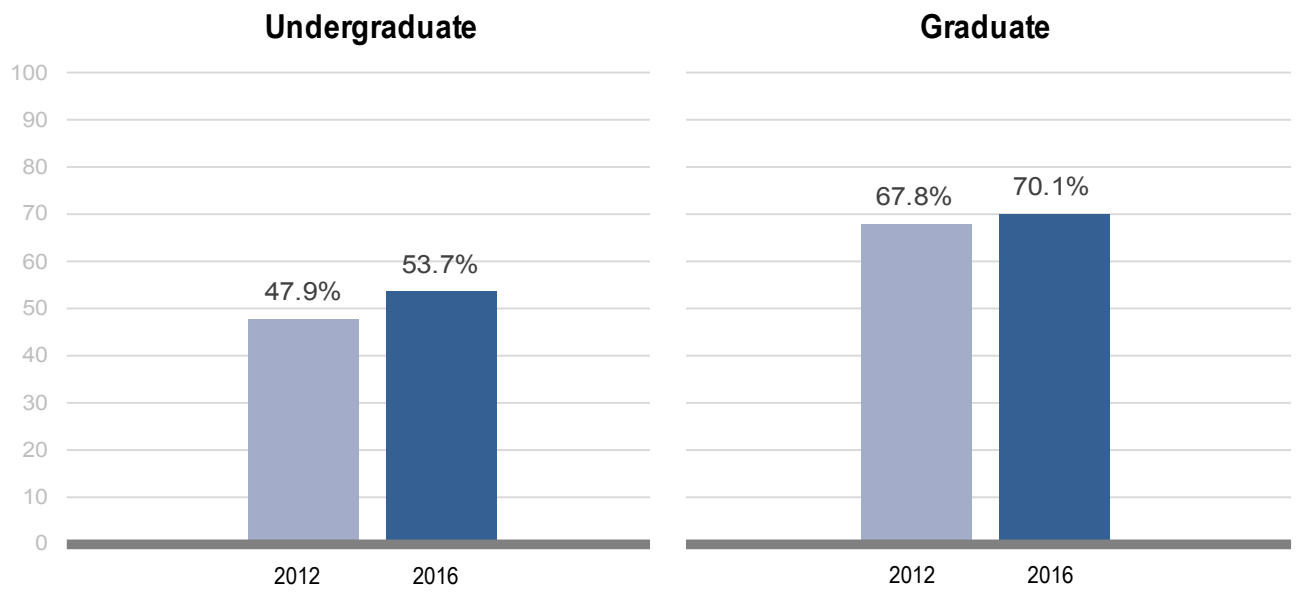


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	3,127	1,444	46.2%	2,912	1,503	51.6%	↑ 5.4
22-24	1,282	606	47.3%	1,136	593	52.2%	↑ 4.9
25-29	673	366	54.4%	571	342	59.9%	↑ 5.5
30-39	550	333	60.6%	420	297	70.7%	↑ 10.2
40-49	284	204	71.8%	187	149	79.7%	↑ 7.9
50+	146	124	84.9%	104	90	86.5%	↑ 1.6
Unknown	13			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*

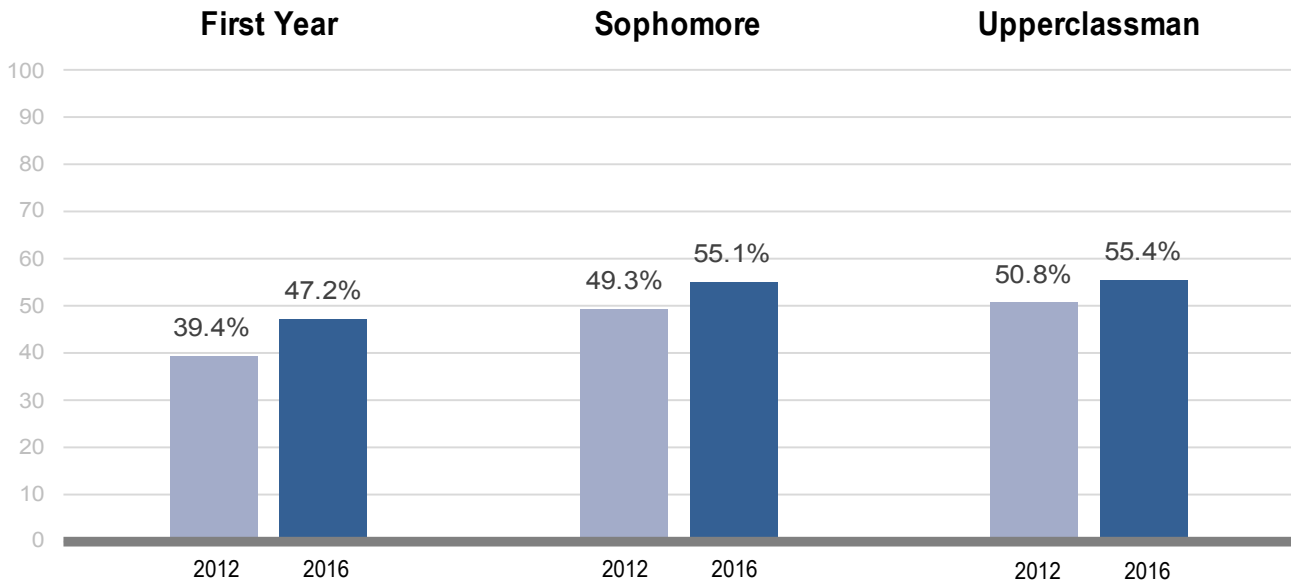


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	5,162	2,470	47.9%	4,645	2,494	53.7%	↑ 5.8
Graduate	894	606	67.8%	685	480	70.1%	↑ 2.3
Unknown	*			0			

* 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*

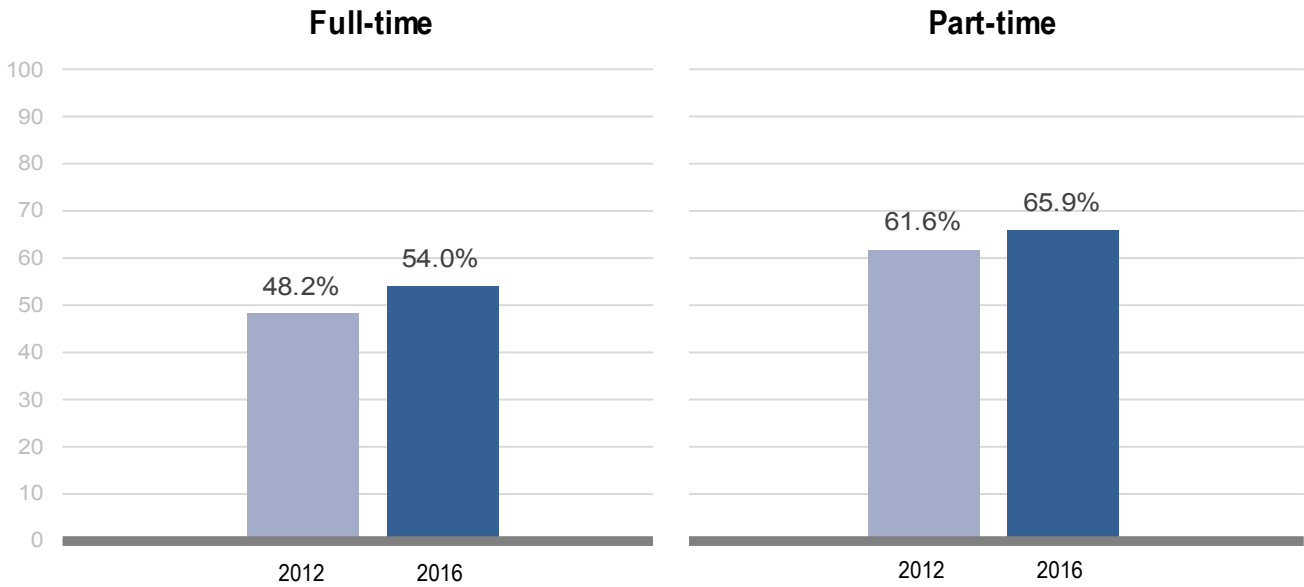


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	1,084	427	39.4%	873	412	47.2%	↑ 7.8
Sophomore	2,727	1,343	49.3%	2,650	1,459	55.1%	↑ 5.8
Upperclassman	1,166	592	50.8%	1,103	611	55.4%	↑ 4.6

* 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*

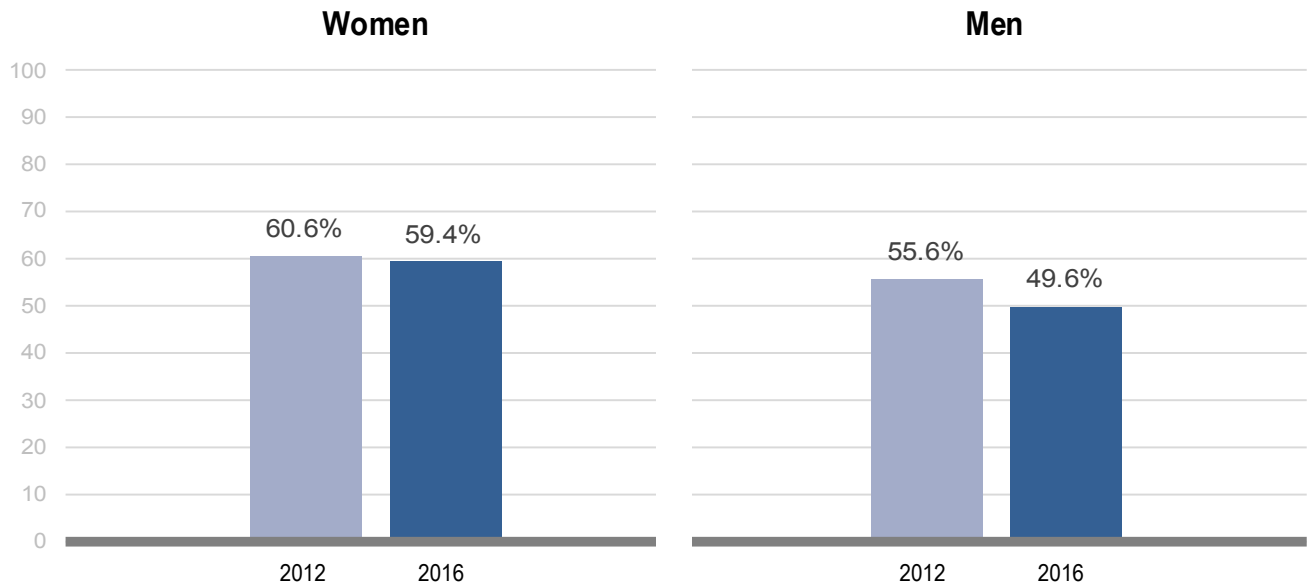


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	4,910	2,367	48.2%	4,533	2,449	54.0%	↑ 5.8
Part-time	1,152	710	61.6%	797	525	65.9%	↑ 4.2
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

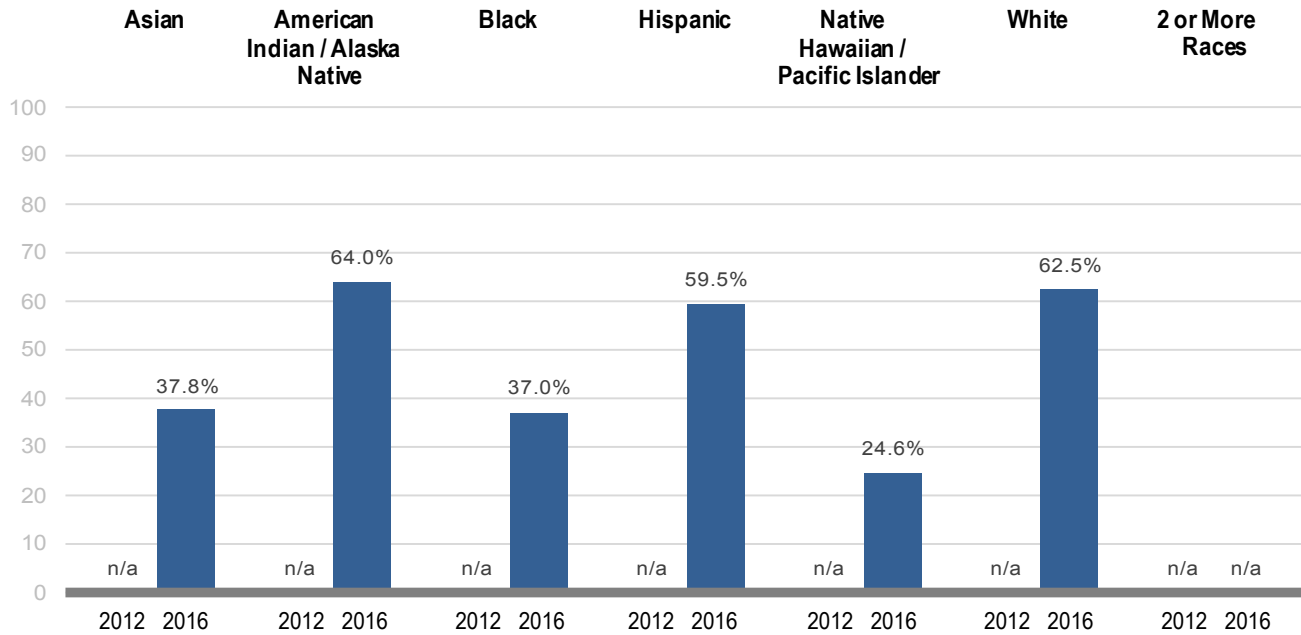


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	3,067	1,859	60.6%	3,360	1,996	59.4%	↓ -1.2
Men	1,993	1,108	55.6%	1,970	978	49.6%	↓ -6.0
Unknown	1,002	110	11.0%	0	0	n/a	

* 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 Race/Ethnicity*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	0	0	n/a	225	85	37.8%	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	86	55	64.0%	n/a
Black	0	0	n/a	189	70	37.0%	n/a
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	692	412	59.5%	n/a
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	138	34	24.6%	n/a
White	0	0	n/a	3,503	2,190	62.5%	n/a
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Unknown	6,062			197			

* 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.

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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	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	209	86	41.2%	147	84	57.1% ↑	16.0
Business, Management, and Marketing	652	256	39.3%	581	226	38.9% ↓	-0.4
Communication and Journalism	135	76	56.3%	117	65	55.6% ↓	-0.7
Computer and Information Sciences	186	77	41.4%	177	79	44.6% ↑	3.2
Education	985	575	58.4%	1,163	738	63.5% ↑	5.1
English Language and Literature	121	58	47.9%	72	48	66.7% ↑	18.7
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	0	0	n/a	11	*	n/a	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	207	101	48.8%	198	96	48.5% ↓	-0.3
Health Professions	275	162	58.9%	276	170	61.6% ↑	2.7
History	73	55	75.3%	37	26	70.3% ↓	-5.1
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	550	248	45.1%	404	225	55.7% ↑	10.6
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	22	12	54.6%	10	*	n/a	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	50	25	50.0%	74	46	62.2% ↑	12.2
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	457	211	46.2%	369	199	53.9% ↑	7.8
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	236	82	34.8%	265	119	44.9% ↑	10.2
Philosophy and Religious Studies	12	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	88	46	52.3%	92	50	54.4% ↑	2.1
Psychology	432	217	50.2%	425	260	61.2% ↑	11.0
Social Sciences	307	173	56.4%	242	140	57.9% ↑	1.5
Visual and Performing Arts	329	174	52.9%	294	162	55.1% ↑	2.2
Unknown	736	436	59.2%	376	229	60.9% ↑	1.7

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.

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