

## **2014 & 2018 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, 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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Warm regards,

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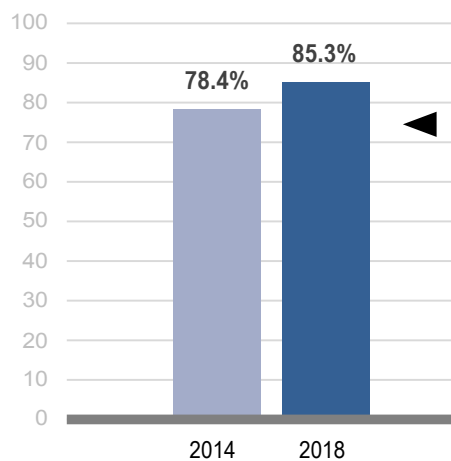
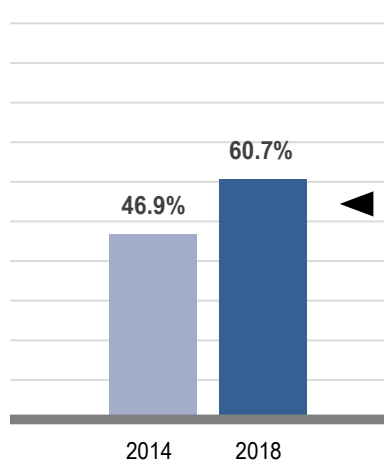
## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## Voting and Registration Rates

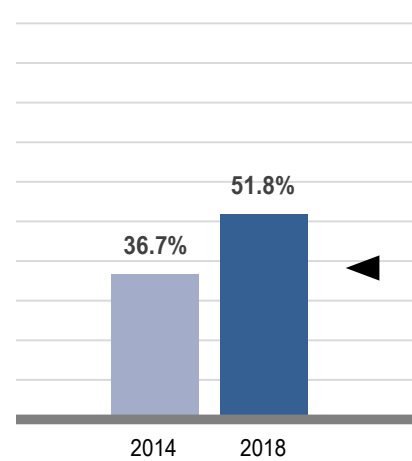
2018 Voting Rate

**51.8%**CHANGE  
FROM 2014**+15.0**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	5,961	5,111	↓ -850
Age under 18/Unknown	(50)	(23)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(358)	(333)	
FERPA records blocked	(11)	*	
Total eligible voters	5,542	4,746	↓ -796
Number of students who registered	4,342	4,047	↓ -295
Number of students who voted	2,035	2,456	↑ 421
Registration rate	78.4%	85.3%	↑ 6.9
Voting rate of registered students	46.9%	60.7%	↑ 13.8
Voting rate	36.7%	51.8%	↑ 15.0
Difference from all institutions	+17.0	+12.7	

## 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

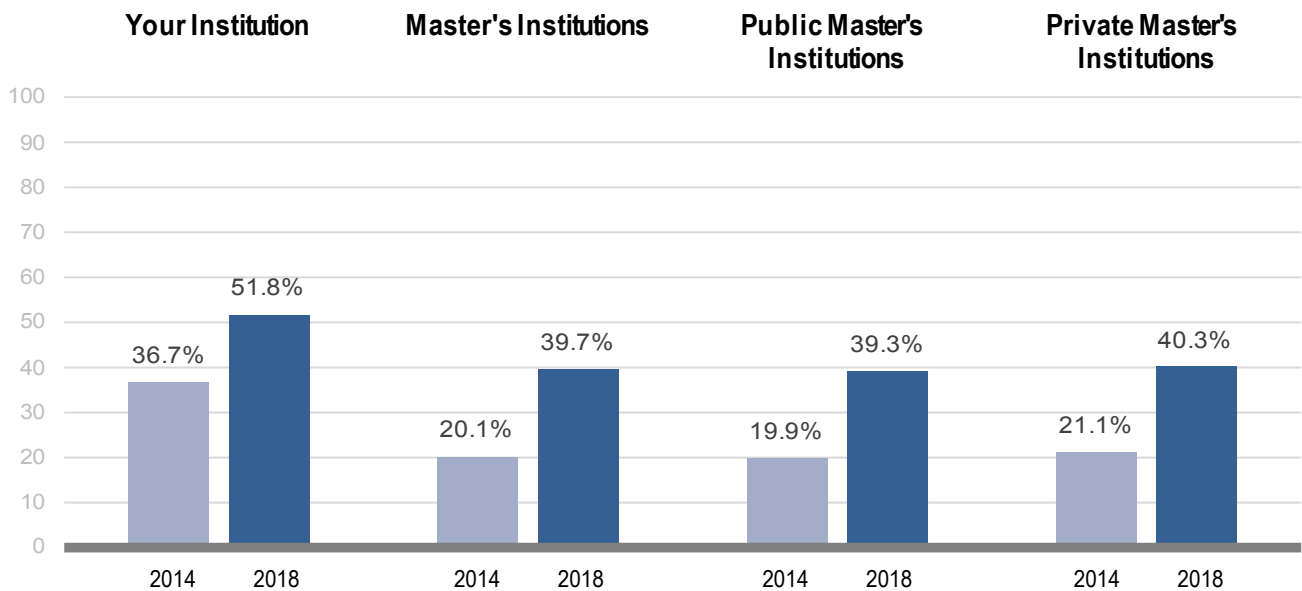
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

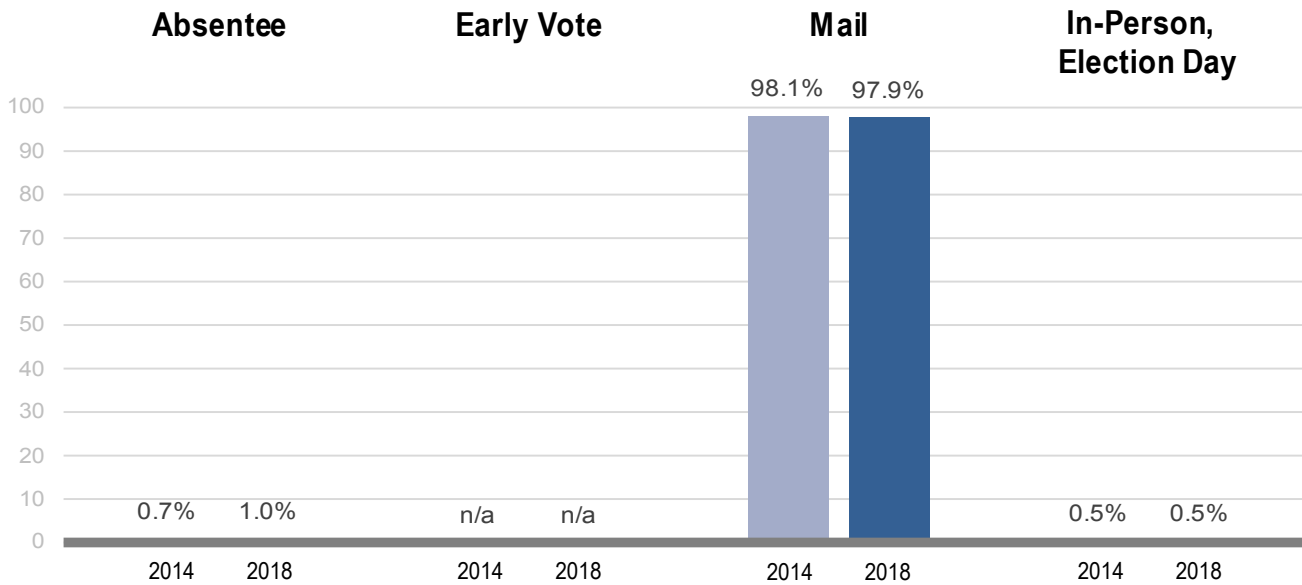
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## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# By Voting Method\*

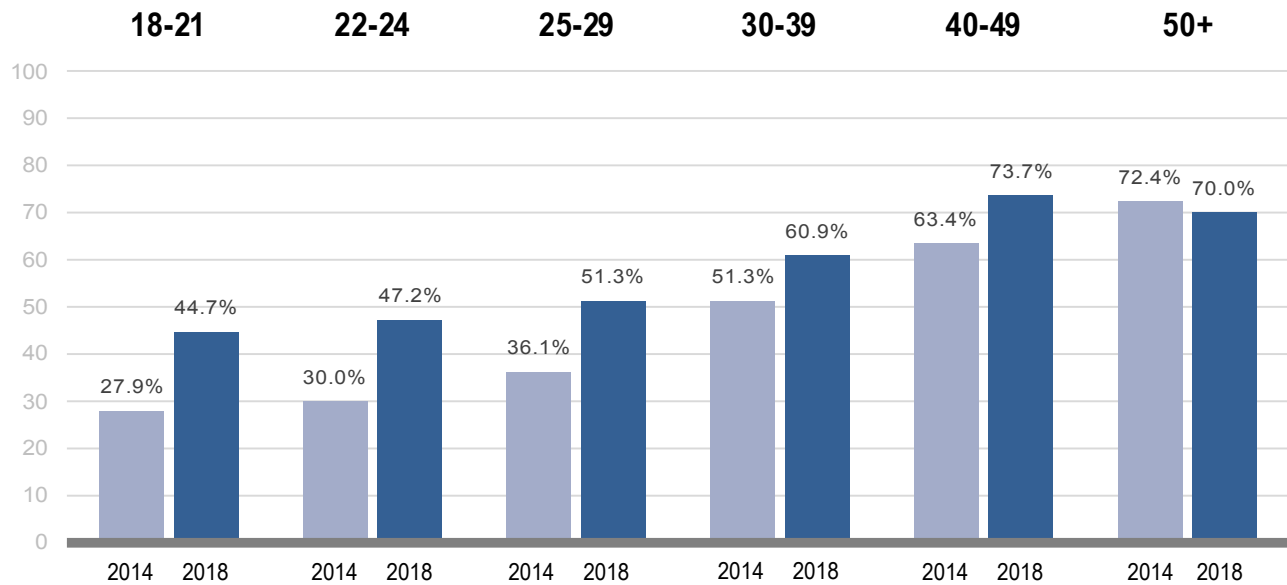


	2014		2018		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	15	0.7%	24	1.0%	↑	0.2
Early Vote	*	n/a	*	n/a		n/a
Mail	1,996	98.1%	2,405	97.9%	↓	-0.2
In-Person, Election Day	10	0.5%	13	0.5%	→	0.0
Unknown	13	0.6%	*	n/a		
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,035</b>		<b>2,456</b>			

\* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Age Group\*

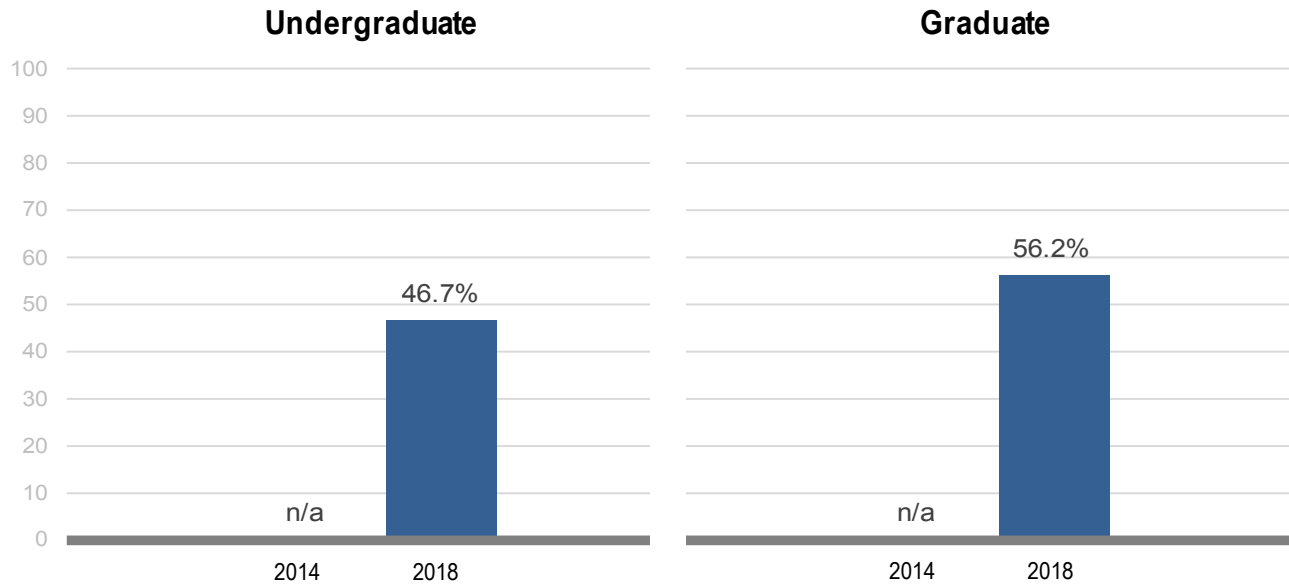


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	2,815	785	27.9%	2,810	1,256	44.7%	↑	16.8
22-24	1,316	395	30.0%	1,122	529	47.2%	↑	17.1
25-29	771	278	36.1%	560	287	51.3%	↑	15.2
30-39	558	286	51.3%	361	220	60.9%	↑	9.7
40-49	306	194	63.4%	156	115	73.7%	↑	10.3
50+	134	97	72.4%	70	49	70.0%	↓	-2.4
Unknown	*			*				

\* 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\*

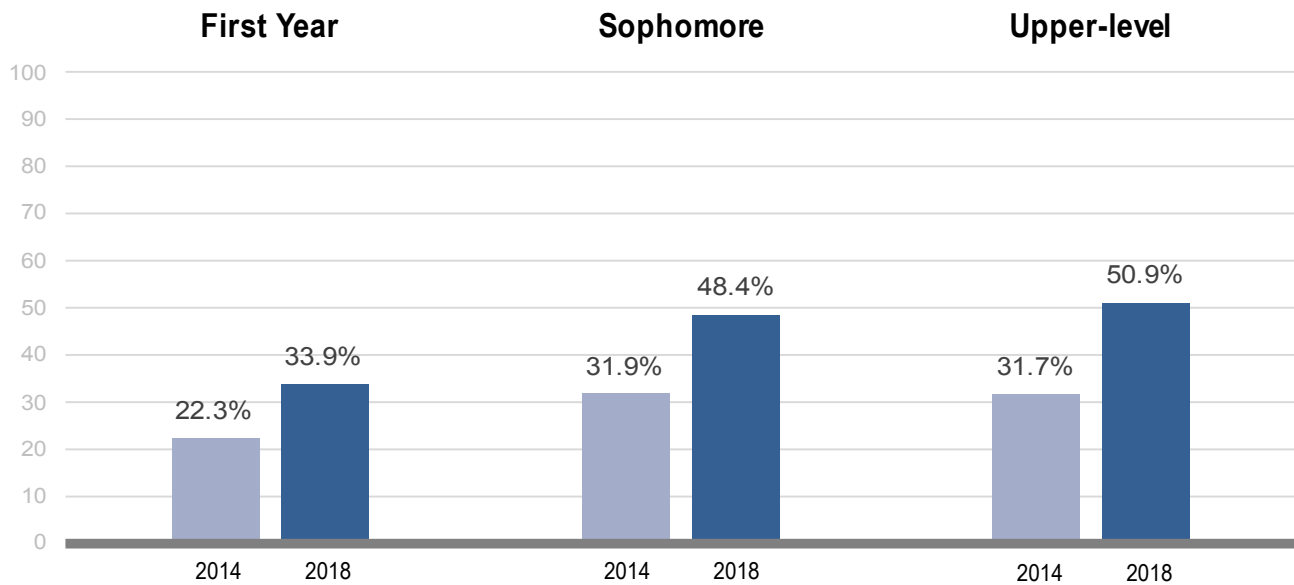


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	4,498	2,100	46.7%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	413	232	56.2%	n/a
Unknown	5,900			168			

\* 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\*

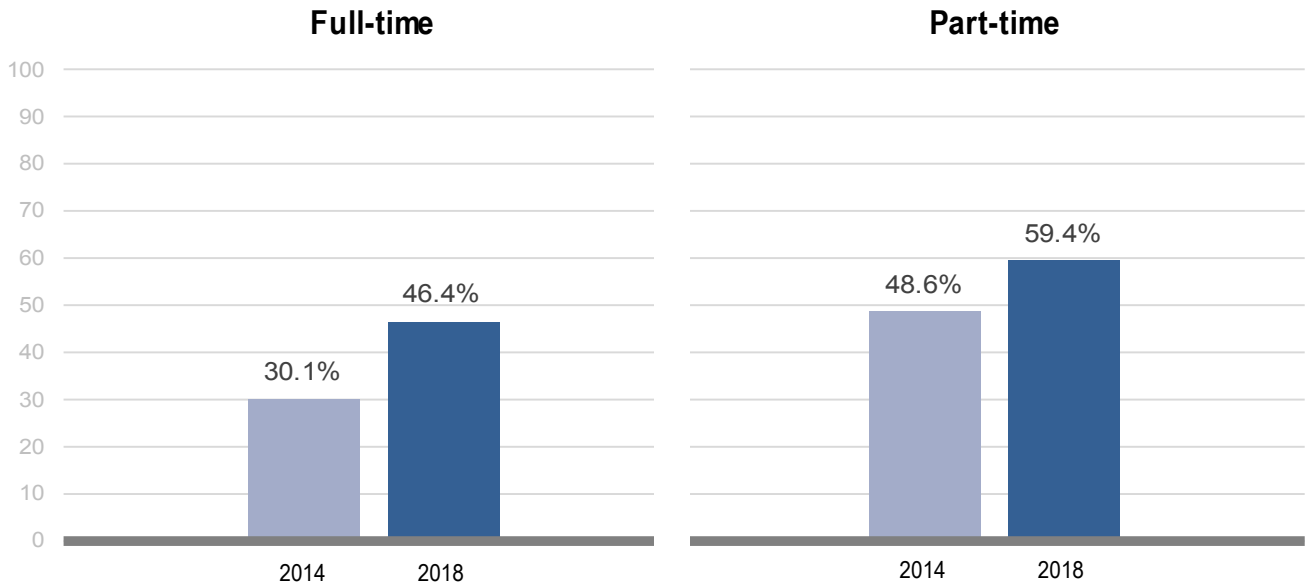


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	922	206	22.3%	811	275	33.9%	↑	11.6
Sophomore	2,659	848	31.9%	2,538	1,229	48.4%	↑	16.5
Upper-level	1,147	363	31.7%	1,077	548	50.9%	↑	19.2

\* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## By Enrollment Status\*

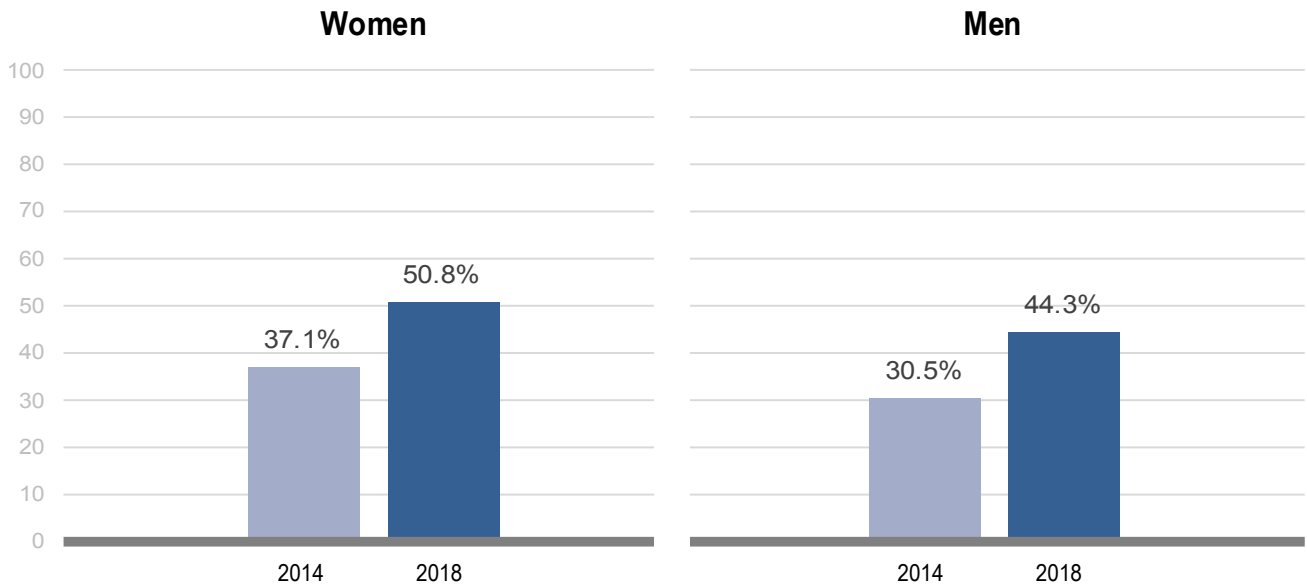


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	4,504	1,356	30.1%	4,300	1,993	46.4%	↑	16.2
Part-time	1,396	679	48.6%	779	463	59.4%	↑	10.8
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

\* 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 Gender\*

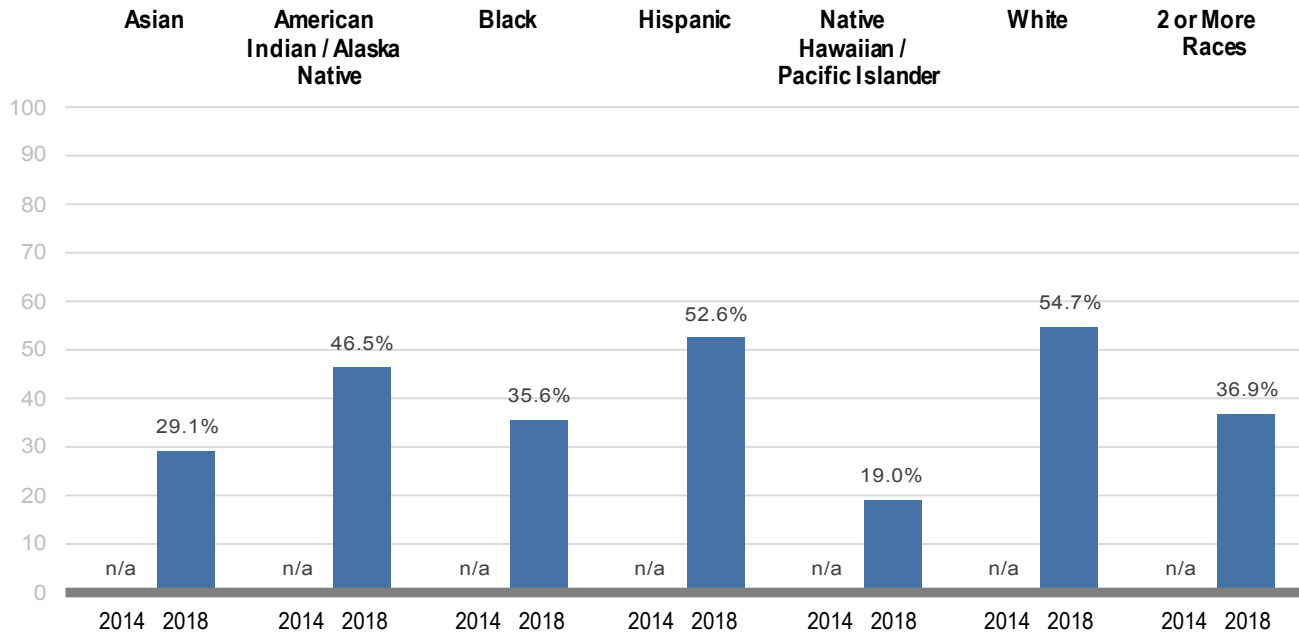


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	3,578	1,327	37.1%	3,194	1,621	50.8%	↑	13.7
Men	2,321	707	30.5%	1,811	803	44.3%	↑	13.9
Unknown	*			74				

\* 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	210	61	29.1%	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	71	33	46.5%	n/a
Black	0	0	n/a	174	62	35.6%	n/a
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	789	415	52.6%	n/a
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	121	23	19.0%	n/a
White	0	0	n/a	3,137	1,715	54.7%	n/a
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	122	45	36.9%	n/a
Unknown	5,900			455			

\* 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	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	184	62	33.7%	151	71	47.0% ↑	13.3
Business, Management, and Marketing	604	134	22.2%	474	165	34.8% ↑	12.6
Communication and Journalism	118	37	31.4%	95	52	54.7% ↑	23.4
Computer and Information Sciences	216	54	25.0%	196	78	39.8% ↑	14.8
Education	978	399	40.8%	1,220	678	55.6% ↑	14.8
English Language and Literature	76	32	42.1%	64	40	62.5% ↑	20.4
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	*	*	n/a	49	*	n/a	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	203	57	28.1%	216	91	42.1% ↑	14.1
Health Professions	293	114	38.9%	228	121	53.1% ↑	14.2
History	61	31	50.8%	37	24	64.9% ↑	14.0
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	510	177	34.7%	387	174	45.0% ↑	10.3
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	16	*	n/a	180	75	41.7%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	46	16	34.8%	20	11	55.0% ↑	20.2
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	458	133	29.0%	434	190	43.8% ↑	14.7
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	259	51	19.7%	239	96	40.2% ↑	20.5
Philosophy and Religious Studies	*	*	n/a	12	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	85	28	32.9%	71	31	43.7% ↑	10.7
Psychology	393	126	32.1%	374	188	50.3% ↑	18.2
Social Sciences	286	105	36.7%	190	105	55.3% ↑	18.6
Visual and Performing Arts	281	91	32.4%	264	118	44.7% ↑	12.3
Unknown	820	379	46.2%	178	131	73.6% ↑	27.4

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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