

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

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

Warm regards,

IDHE Team



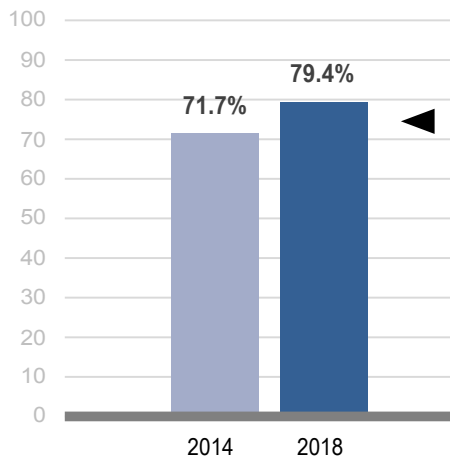
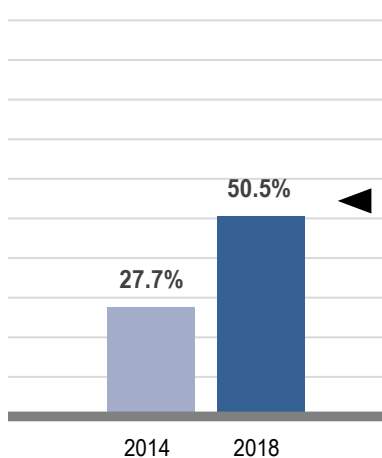
## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## Voting and Registration Rates

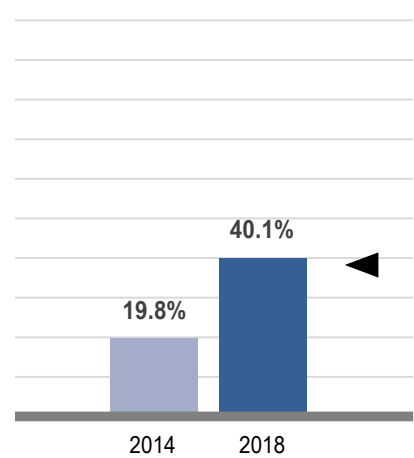
2018 Voting Rate

**40.1%**CHANGE  
FROM 2014**+20.3**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	5,964	5,828	↓ -136
Age under 18/Unknown	(250)	(269)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(191)	(123)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	5,515	5,427	↓ -88
Number of students who registered	3,953	4,307	↑ 354
Number of students who voted	1,093	2,176	↑ 1,083
Registration rate	71.7%	79.4%	↑ 7.7
Voting rate of registered students	27.7%	50.5%	↑ 22.9
Voting rate	19.8%	40.1%	↑ 20.3
Difference from all institutions	+0.1	+1.0	

## 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

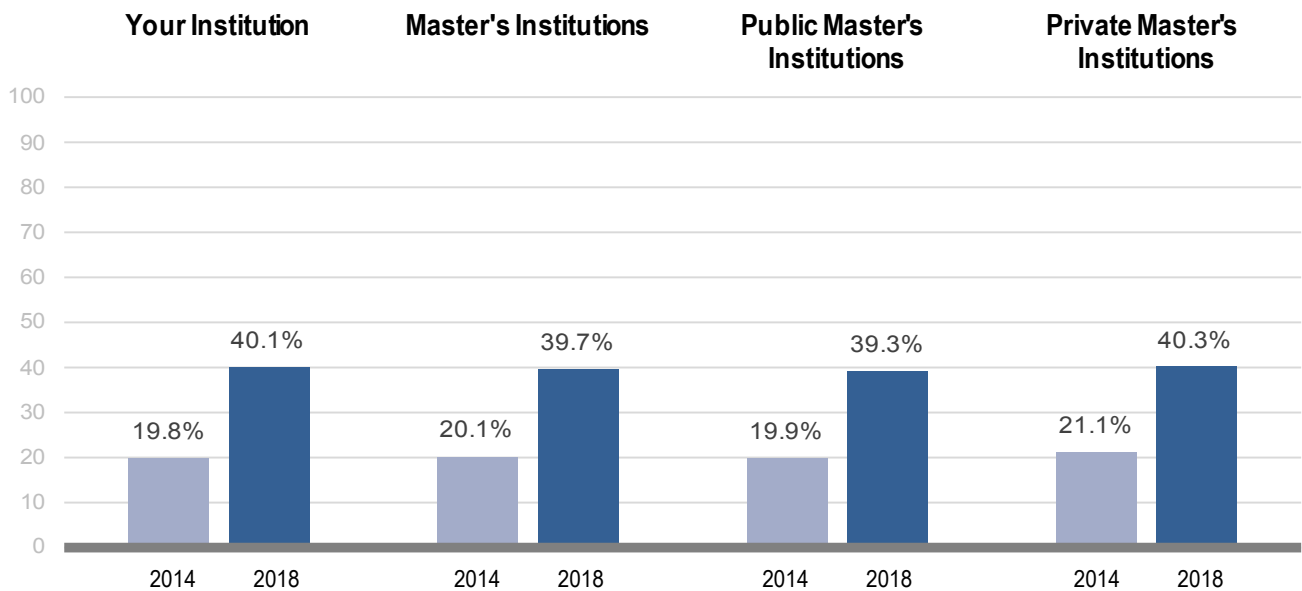
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

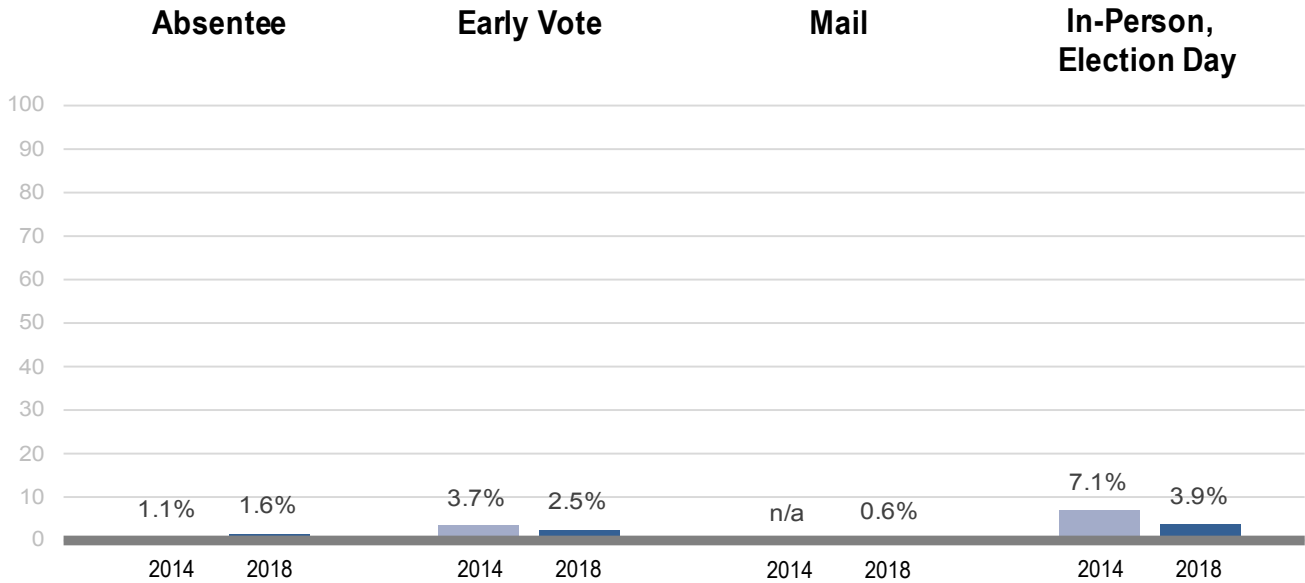
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## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# By Voting Method\*

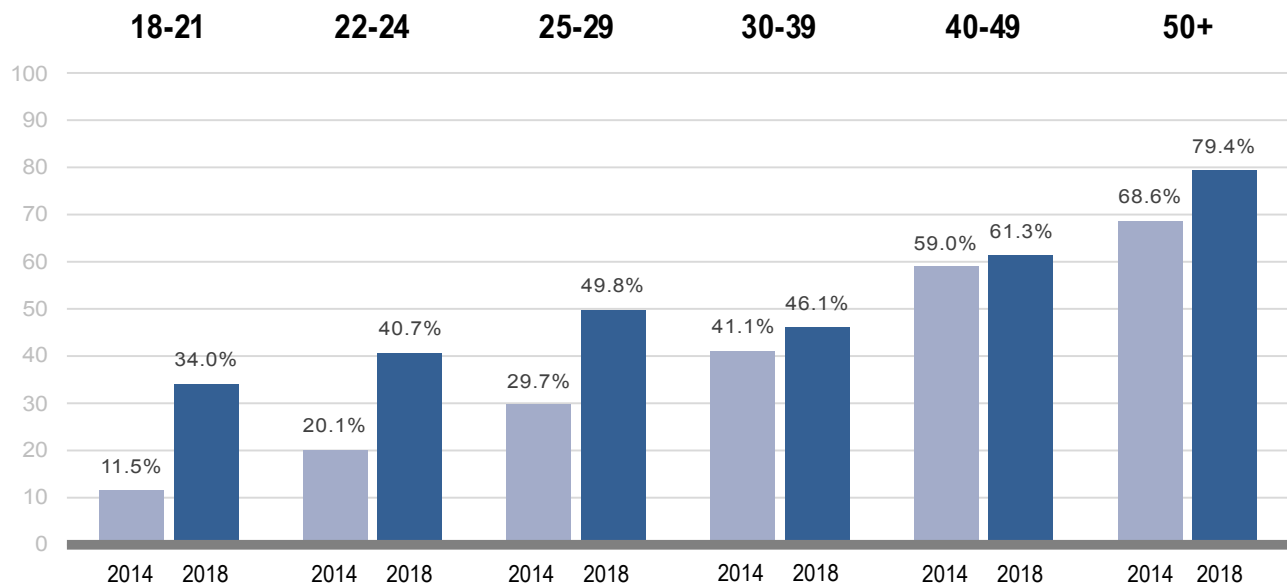


	2014		2018		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	12	1.1%	35	1.6%	↑	0.5
Early Vote	40	3.7%	55	2.5%	↓	-1.1
Mail	*	n/a	13	0.6%		n/a
In-Person, Election Day	78	7.1%	85	3.9%	↓	-3.2
Unknown	962	88.0%	1,988	91.4%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,093</b>		<b>2,176</b>			

\* 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\*

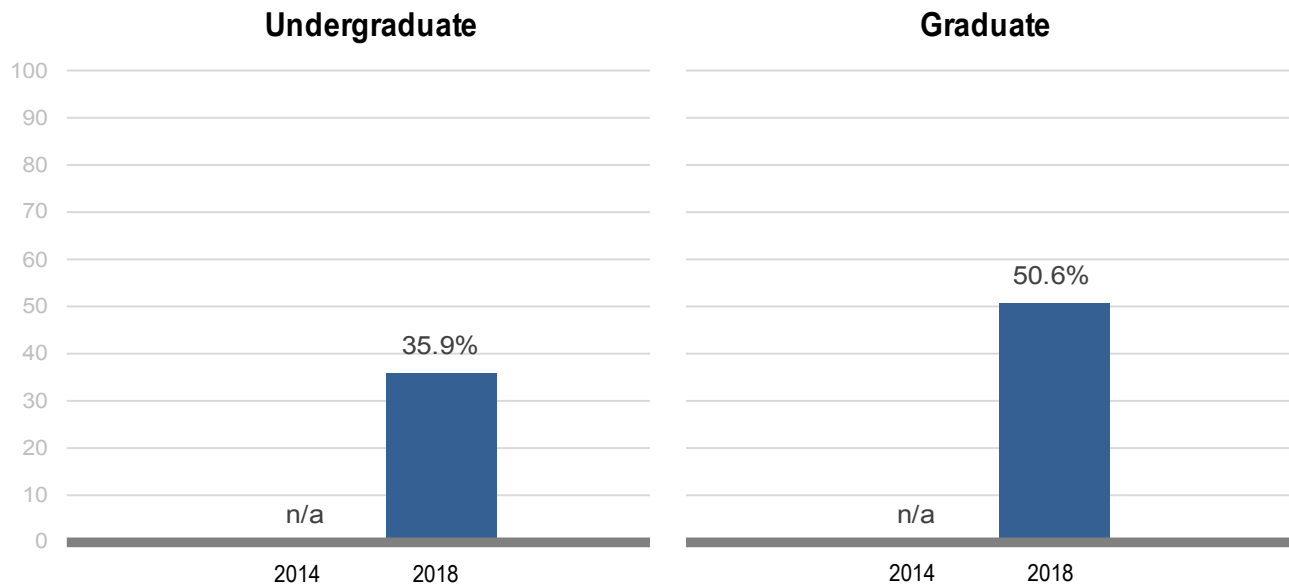


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	3,537	405	11.5%	3,541	1,205	34.0%	↑	22.6
22-24	1,097	220	20.1%	998	406	40.7%	↑	20.6
25-29	427	127	29.7%	420	209	49.8%	↑	20.0
30-39	304	125	41.1%	256	118	46.1%	↑	5.0
40-49	188	111	59.0%	155	95	61.3%	↑	2.3
50+	153	105	68.6%	180	143	79.4%	↑	10.8
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\*

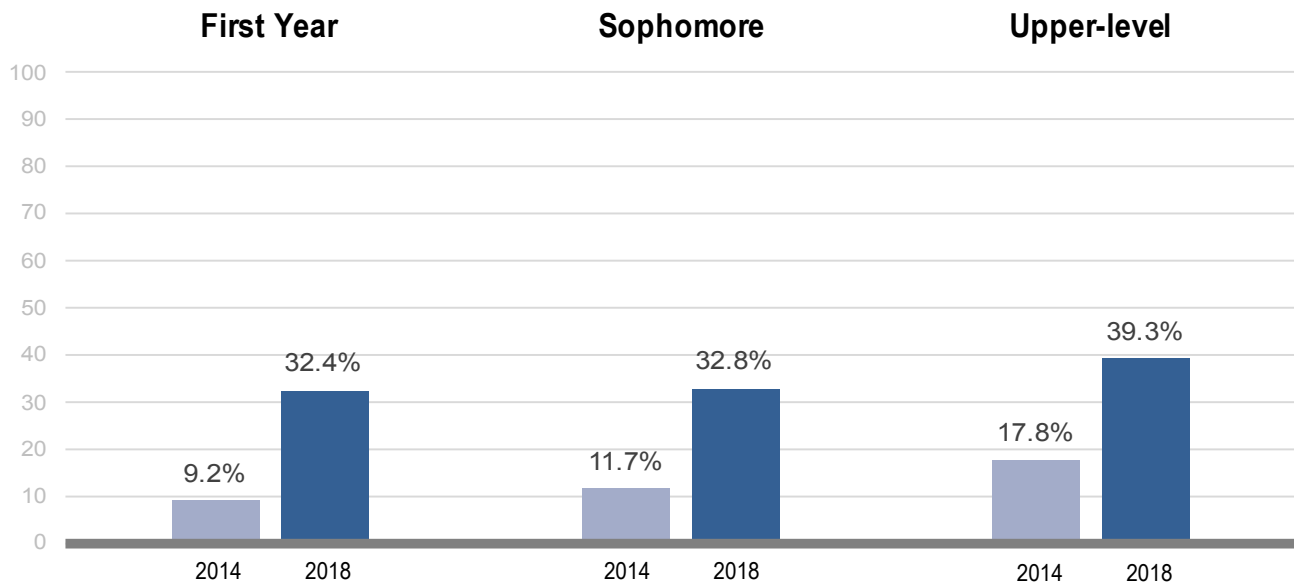


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	4,506	1,618	35.9%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	709	359	50.6%	n/a
Unknown	5,706			335			

\* 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\*



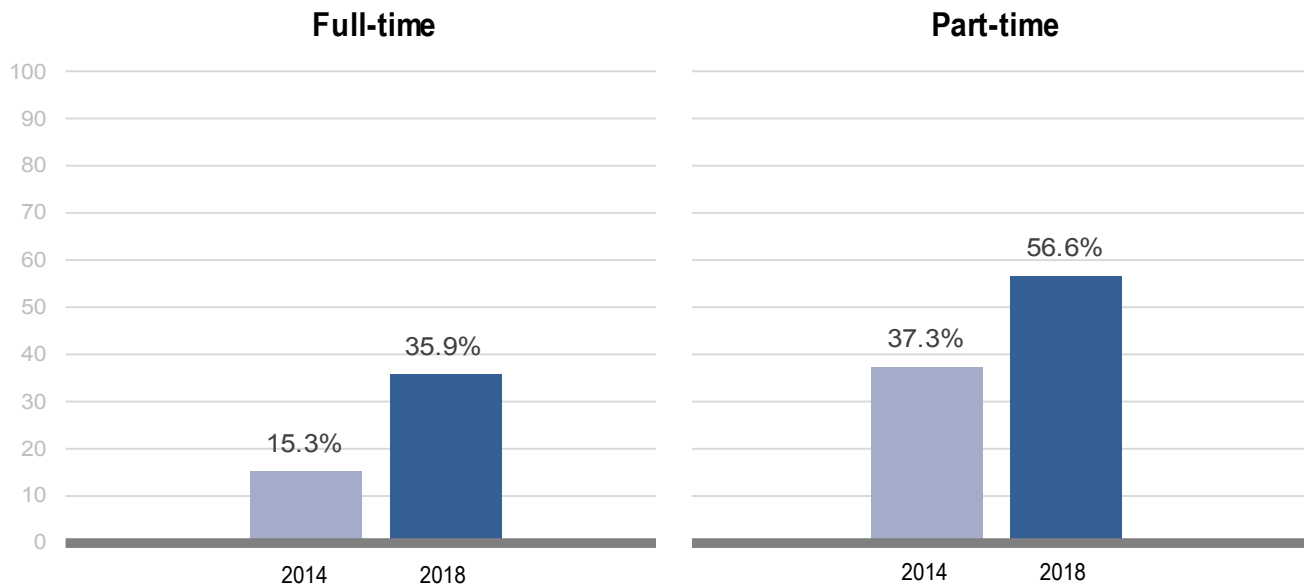
	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	1,119	103	9.2%	1,047	339	32.4%	↑	23.2
Sophomore	1,111	130	11.7%	1,017	334	32.8%	↑	21.1
Upper-level	2,436	434	17.8%	2,498	981	39.3%	↑	21.5

\* 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\*

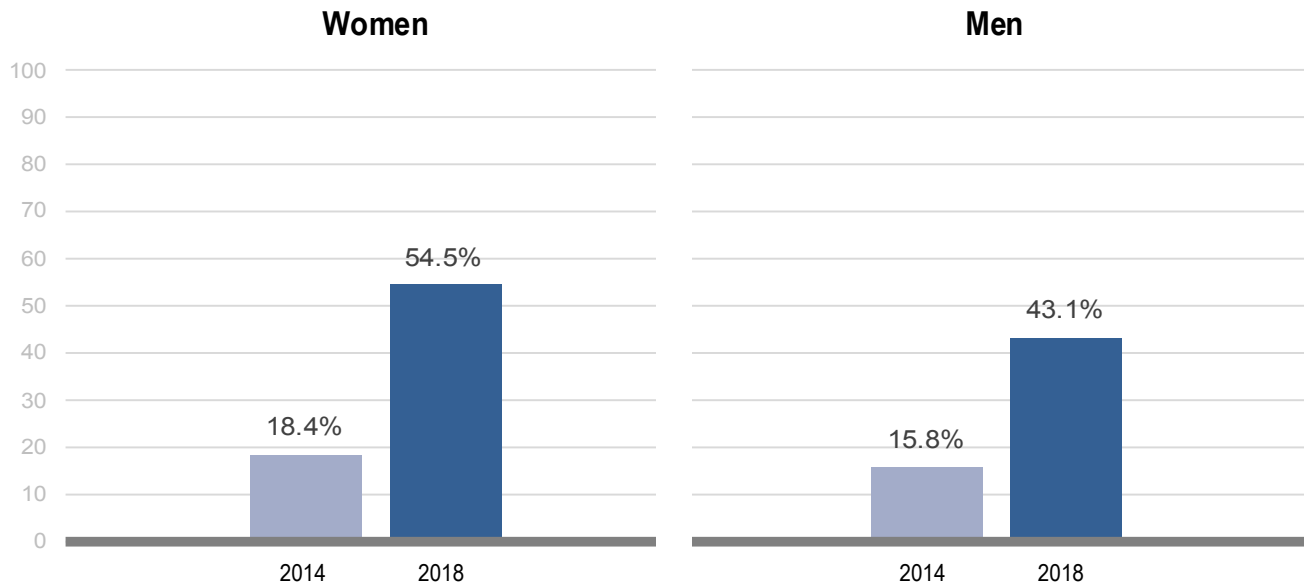


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	4,696	716	15.3%	4,658	1,671	35.9%	↑	20.6
Part-time	1,010	377	37.3%	892	505	56.6%	↑	19.3
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

\* 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\*

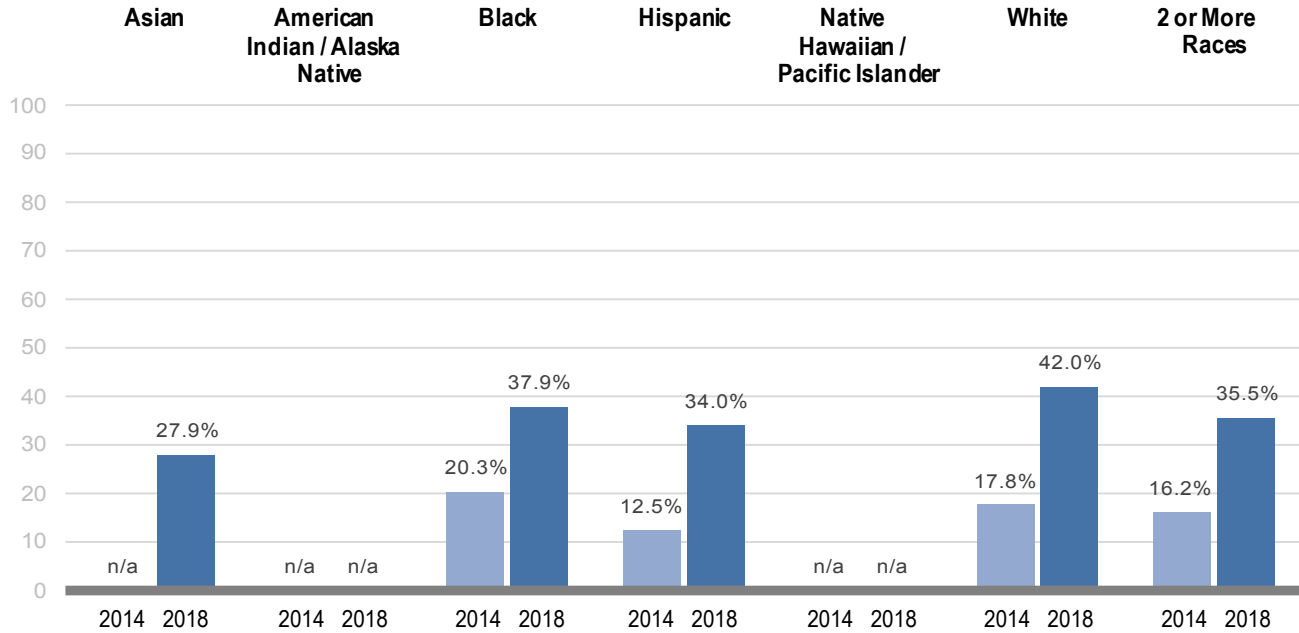


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	3,676	676	18.4%	321	175	54.5%	↑	36.1
Men	1,726	273	15.8%	130	56	43.1%	↑	27.3
Unknown	304			5,099				

\* 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	58	*	n/a	61	17	27.9%	n/a	
American Indian/ Alaska Native	17	*	n/a	19	*	n/a	n/a	
Black	1,426	289	20.3%	1,579	598	37.9%	↑	17.6
Hispanic	192	24	12.5%	282	96	34.0%	↑	21.5
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	*	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	
White	3,047	541	17.8%	3,297	1,386	42.0%	↑	24.3
2 or More Races	142	23	16.2%	200	71	35.5%	↑	19.3
Unknown	817			112				

\* 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	387	49	12.7%	413	143	34.6% ↑	22.0
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,013	159	15.7%	929	322	34.7% ↑	19.0
Communication and Journalism	255	24	9.4%	206	79	38.4% ↑	28.9
Computer and Information Sciences	71	10	14.1%	92	31	33.7% ↑	19.6
Education	1,071	253	23.6%	987	407	41.2% ↑	17.6
English Language and Literature	171	28	16.4%	160	83	51.9% ↑	35.5
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	146	32	21.9%	126	51	40.5% ↑	18.6
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	28	*	n/a	44	14	31.8%	n/a
Health Professions	97	11	11.3%	83	26	31.3% ↑	20.0
History	112	32	28.6%	96	54	56.3% ↑	27.7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	279	125	44.8%	70	27	38.6% ↓	-6.2
Mathematics and Statistics	64	13	20.3%	47	17	36.2% ↑	15.9
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	34	13	38.2%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	31	*	n/a	30	14	46.7%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	356	32	9.0%	396	114	28.8% ↑	19.8
Philosophy and Religious Studies	23	*	n/a	22	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	118	15	12.7%	108	25	23.2% ↑	10.4
Psychology	347	45	13.0%	316	113	35.8% ↑	22.8
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	248	98	39.5%	295	134	45.4% ↑	5.9
Social Sciences	238	41	17.2%	241	102	42.3% ↑	25.1
Visual and Performing Arts	499	54	10.8%	530	204	38.5% ↑	27.7
Unknown	152	58	38.2%	325	196	60.3% ↑	22.2

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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