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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Wofford College

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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-questio

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,

IDHE Team



Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

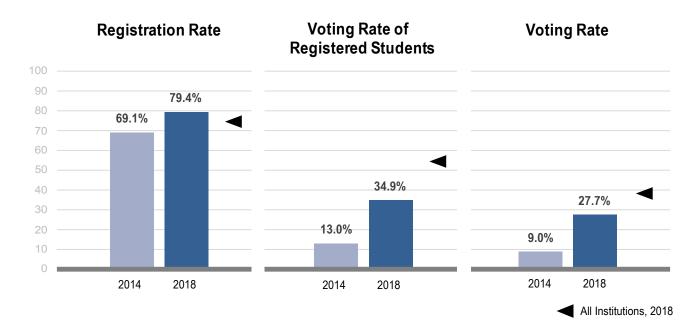
27.7%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+18.7

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%



	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	1,610	1,653	1	43
Age under 18/Unknown IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	* (38)	* (26)		
FERPA records blocked	0	0		
Total eligible voters	1,565	1,621	⇧	56
Number of students who registered	1,082	1,288	•	206
Number of students who voted	141	449	•	308
Registration rate	69.1%	79.4%	•	10.3
Voting rate of registered students	13.0%	34.9%	•	21.8
Voting rate	9.0%	27.7%	•	18.7
Difference from all institutions	-10.7	-11.4		

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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%

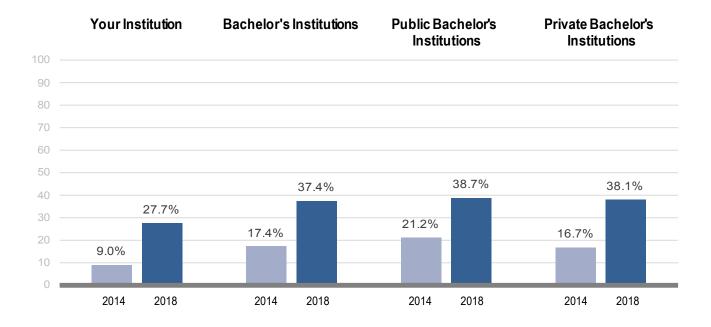
LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions

-10.7

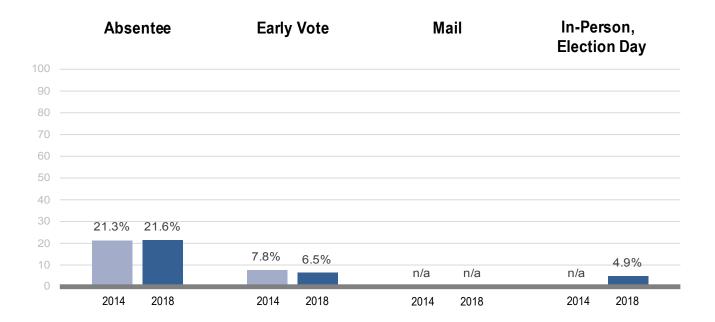
Difference from All Institutions

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By Voting Method*

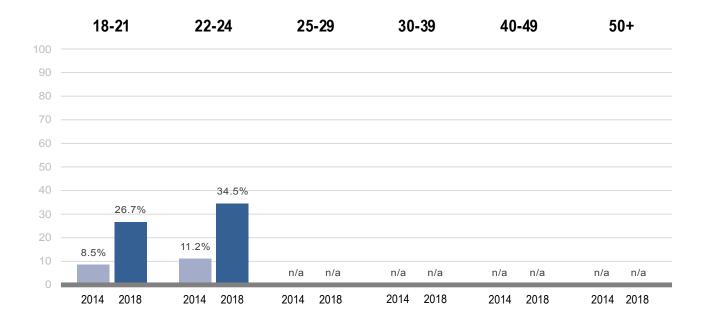


	2014		20	2018		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	30	21.3%	97	21.6%	•	0.3
Early Vote	11	7.8%	29	6.5%	1	-1.3
Mail	0	n/a	*	n/a		n/a
In-Person, Election Day	*	n/a	22	4.9%		n/a
Unknown	94	66.7%	295	65.7%		
Total	141		449			

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^{*} 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 officals where your students voted.

By Age Group*

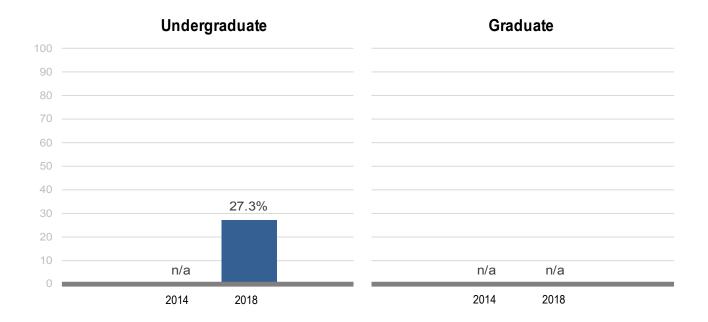


	2014				2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
18-21	1,475	126	8.5%	1,530	408	26.7%	1	18.1
22-24	125	14	11.2%	116	40	34.5%	⇧	23.3
25-29	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
30-39	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
40-49	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a		n/a
50+	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
Unknown	0			0				

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^{*} 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.

By Education Level*

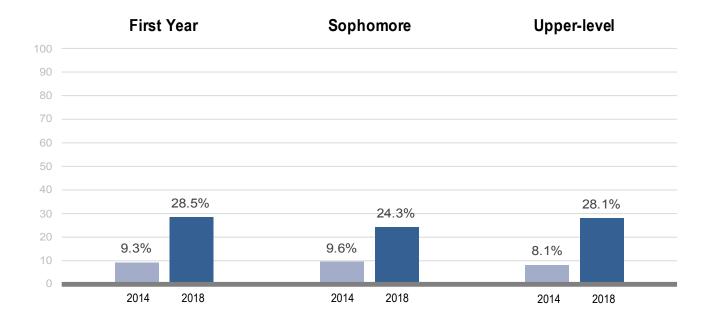


	2014				2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	1,647	449	27.3%	n/a	
Graduate	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	
Unknown	1,603			0				

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^{*} 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.

By Undergraduate Class Year*

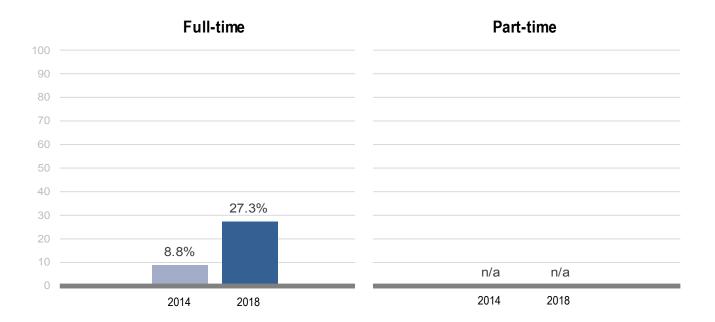


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	473	44	9.3%	492	140	28.5%	1	19.2
Sophomore	375	36	9.6%	408	99	24.3%	•	14.7
Upper-level	755	61	8.1%	747	210	28.1%	•	20.0

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^{*} 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.

By Enrollment Status*

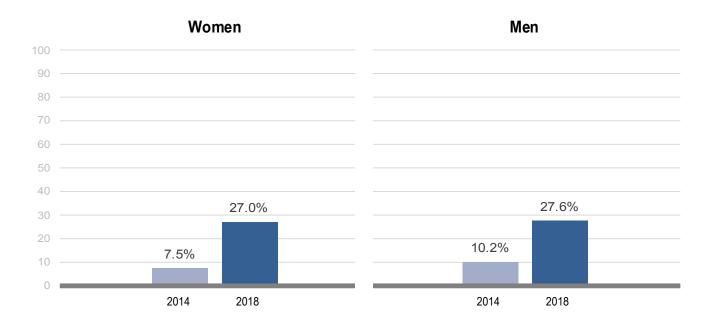


		2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	1,530	134	8.8%	1,633	445	27.3%	1	18.5
Part-time	73	*	n/a	14	*	n/a		n/a
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

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^{*} 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.

By Gender*

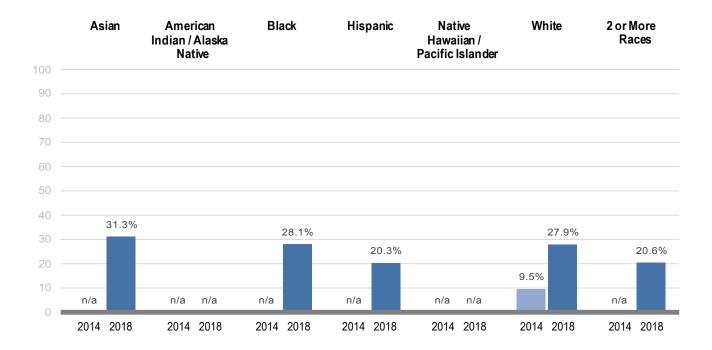


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	827	62	7.5%	875	236	27.0%	•	19.5
Men	776	79	10.2%	772	213	27.6%	•	17.4
Unknown	0			0				

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^{*} 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.

By Race/Ethnicity*



	2014				2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change	€	
Asian	44	0	n/a	32	10	31.3%	n/a	3	
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	3	
Black	125	*	n/a	139	39	28.1%	n/a	3	
Hispanic	51	*	n/a	69	14	20.3%	n/a	3	
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	3	
White	1,314	125	9.5%	1,327	370	27.9%	1 18.4	1	
2 or More Races	54	*	n/a	68	14	20.6%	n/a	3	
Unknown	15	,	,	12					

^{*} 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.

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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.

		2014			2018		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	179	*	n/a	187	44	23.5%	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	224	25	11.2%	232	48	20.7% 👚	9.5
Computer and Information Sciences	21	*	n/a	30	11	36.7%	n/a
English Language and Literature	63	*	n/a	72	20	27.8%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	68	*	n/a	55	19	34.6%	n/a
History	24	*	n/a	31	17	54.8%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	682	66	9.7%	672	186	27.7% 👚	18.0
Mathematics and Statistics	29	*	n/a	28	*	n/a	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	34	*	n/a	32	*	n/a	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	s 18	0	n/a	13	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	81	*	n/a	57	15	26.3%	n/a
Psychology	60	*	n/a	84	24	28.6%	n/a
Social Sciences	87	18	20.7%	121	41	33.9% 👚	13.2
Visual and Performing Arts	28	*	n/a	25	*	n/a	n/a
Unknown	*	*	n/a	*	0	n/a	n/a

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