

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Worcester State
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



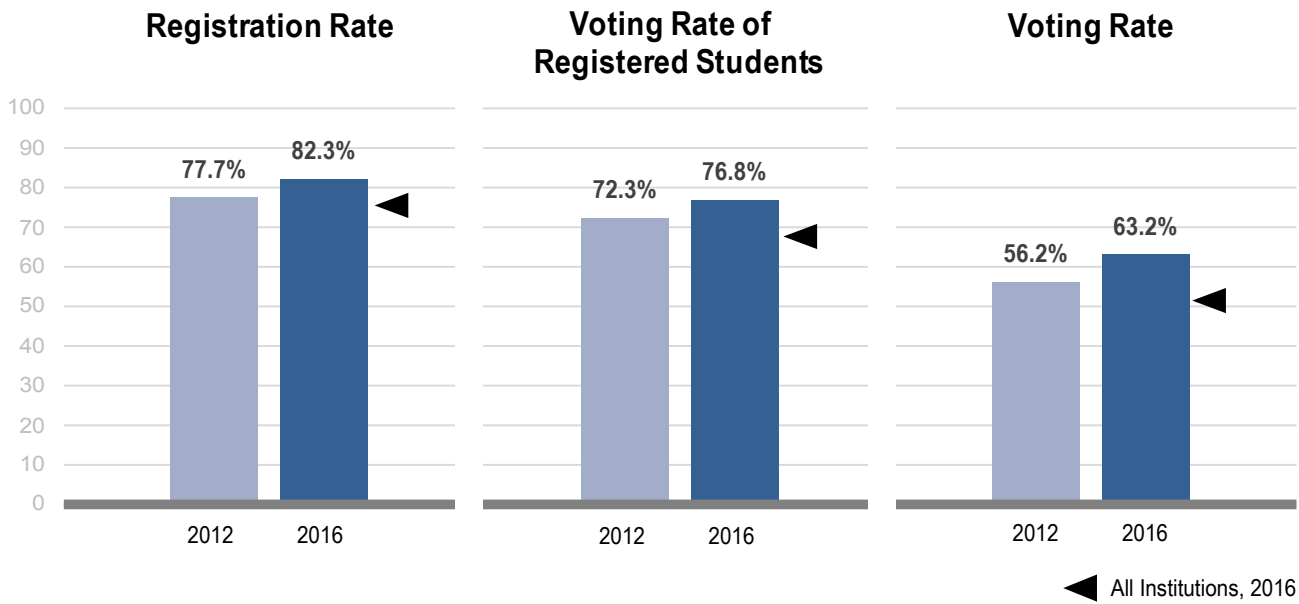
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
63.2%

CHANGE FROM 2012
7.0

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	6,422	6,936	↑ 514
Age under 18/Unknown	(31)	(38)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(54)	(64)	
FERPA records blocked	0	0	
Total eligible voters	6,337	6,834	↑ 497
Number of students who registered	4,922	5,624	↑ 702
Number of students who voted	3,560	4,319	↑ 759
Registration rate	77.7%	82.3%	↑ 4.6
Voting rate of registered students	72.3%	76.8%	↑ 4.5
Voting rate	56.2%	63.2%	↑ 7.0
Difference from all institutions	+9.3	+12.8	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

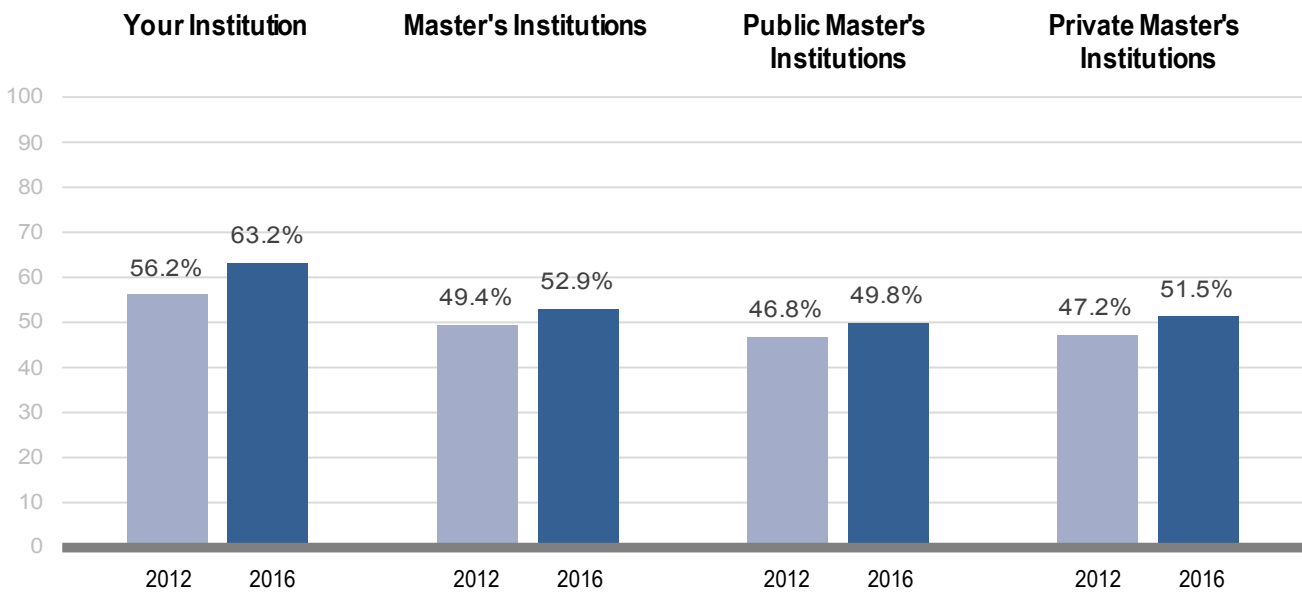
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

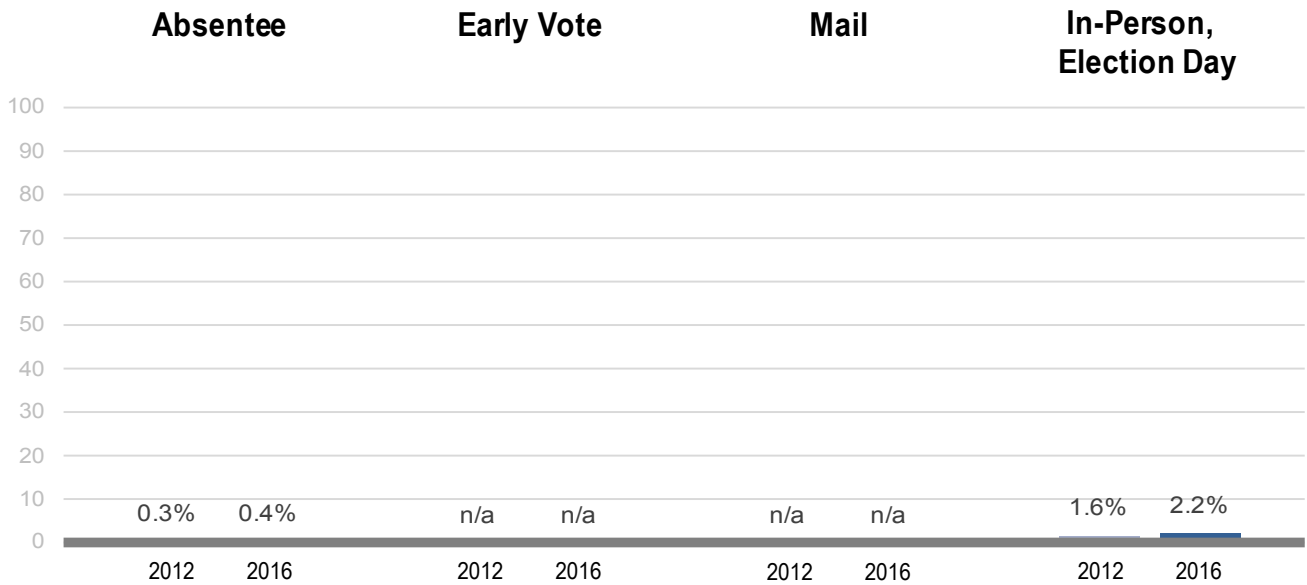
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By Voting Method*

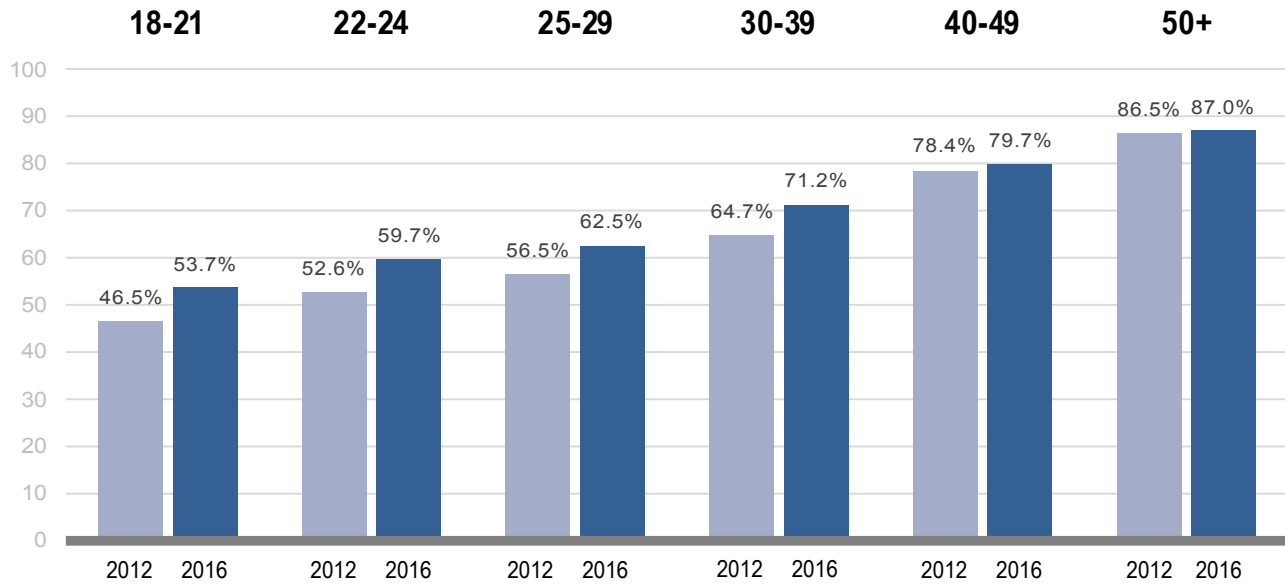


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	10	0.3%	18	0.4%	↑ 0.1
Early Vote	*	n/a	0	n/a	n/a
Mail	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	57	1.6%	94	2.2%	↑ 0.6
Unknown	3,490	98.0%	4,203	97.3%	
Total	3,560		4,319		

* 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*

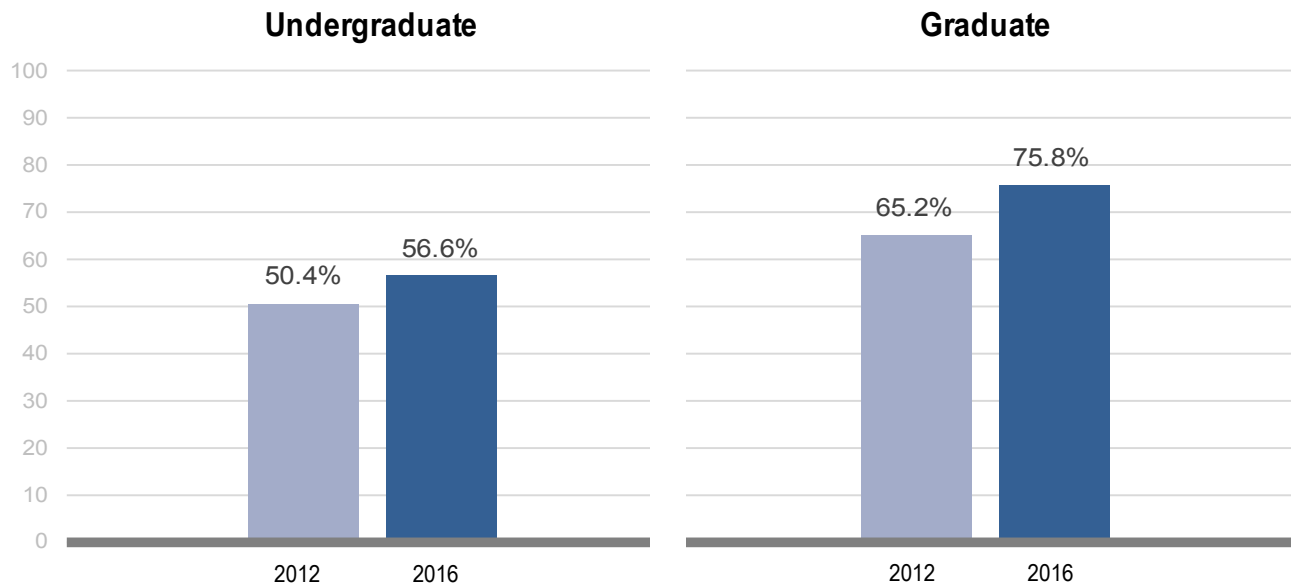


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	2,922	1,359	46.5%	2,973	1,595	53.7%	↑ 7.1
22-24	1,200	631	52.6%	1,224	731	59.7%	↑ 7.1
25-29	722	408	56.5%	799	499	62.5%	↑ 5.9
30-39	635	411	64.7%	785	559	71.2%	↑ 6.5
40-49	468	367	78.4%	508	405	79.7%	↑ 1.3
50+	444	384	86.5%	609	530	87.0%	↑ 0.5
Unknown	14			18			

* 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*

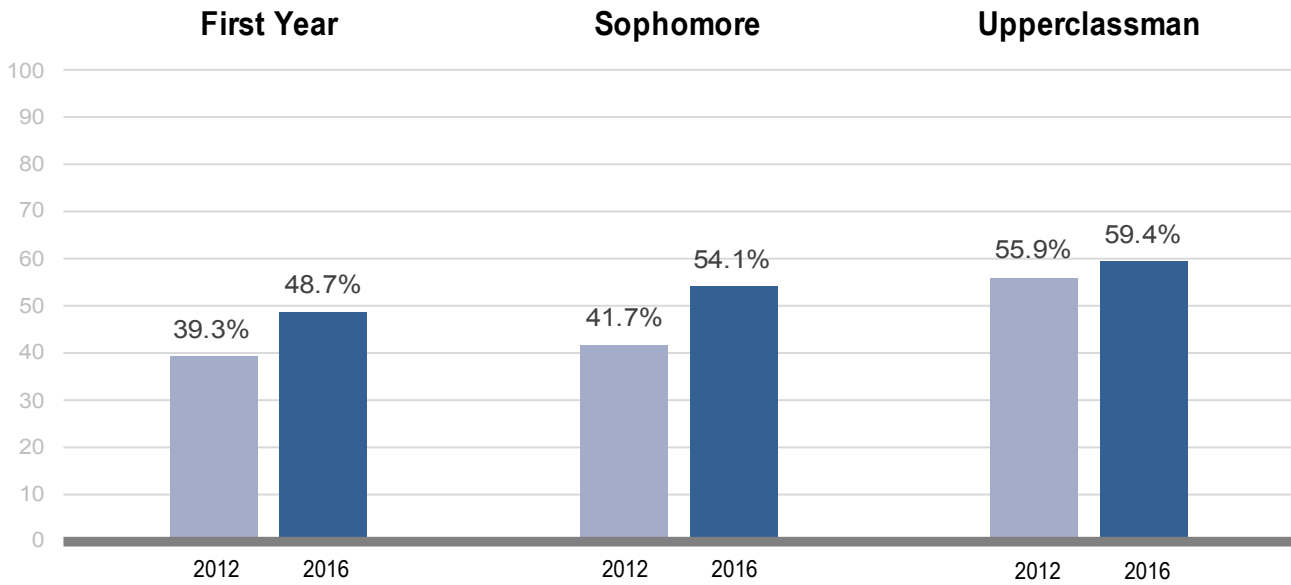


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	4,351	2,194	50.4%	5,055	2,860	56.6%	↑ 6.2
Graduate	270	176	65.2%	442	335	75.8%	↑ 10.6
Unknown	1,770			1,401			

* 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*

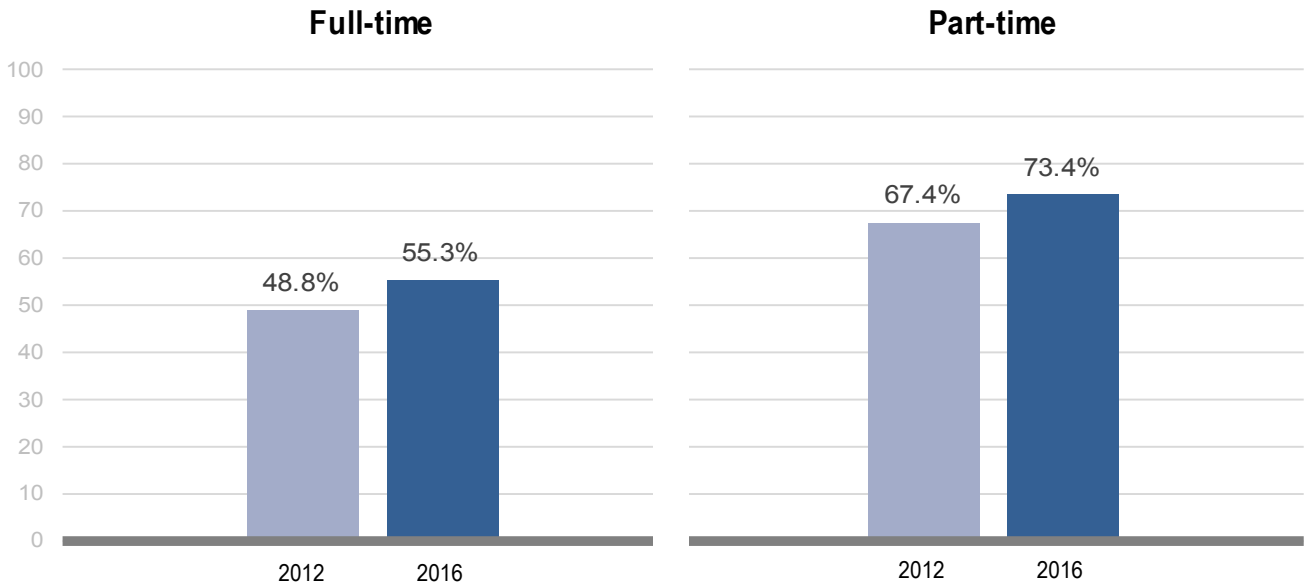


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	820	322	39.3%	1,173	571	48.7%	↑ 9.4
Sophomore	914	381	41.7%	1,093	591	54.1%	↑ 12.4
Upperclassman	2,423	1,354	55.9%	2,455	1,458	59.4%	↑ 3.5

* 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*

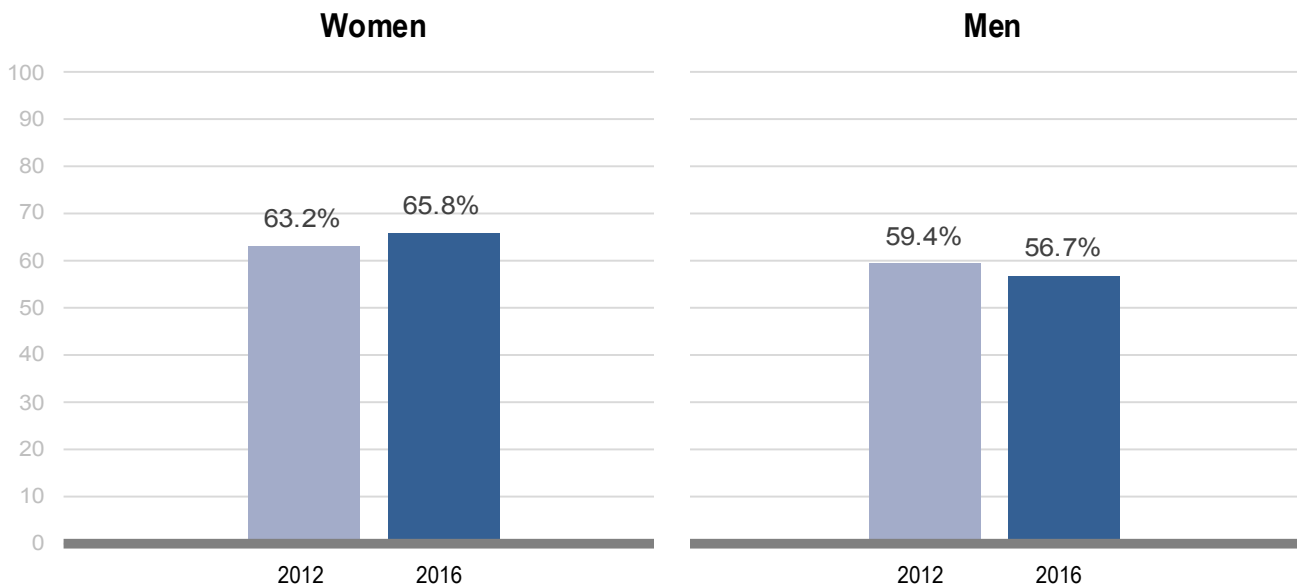


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	4,022	1,963	48.8%	4,113	2,275	55.3%	↑ 6.5
Part-time	2,369	1,597	67.4%	2,785	2,044	73.4%	↑ 6.0
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

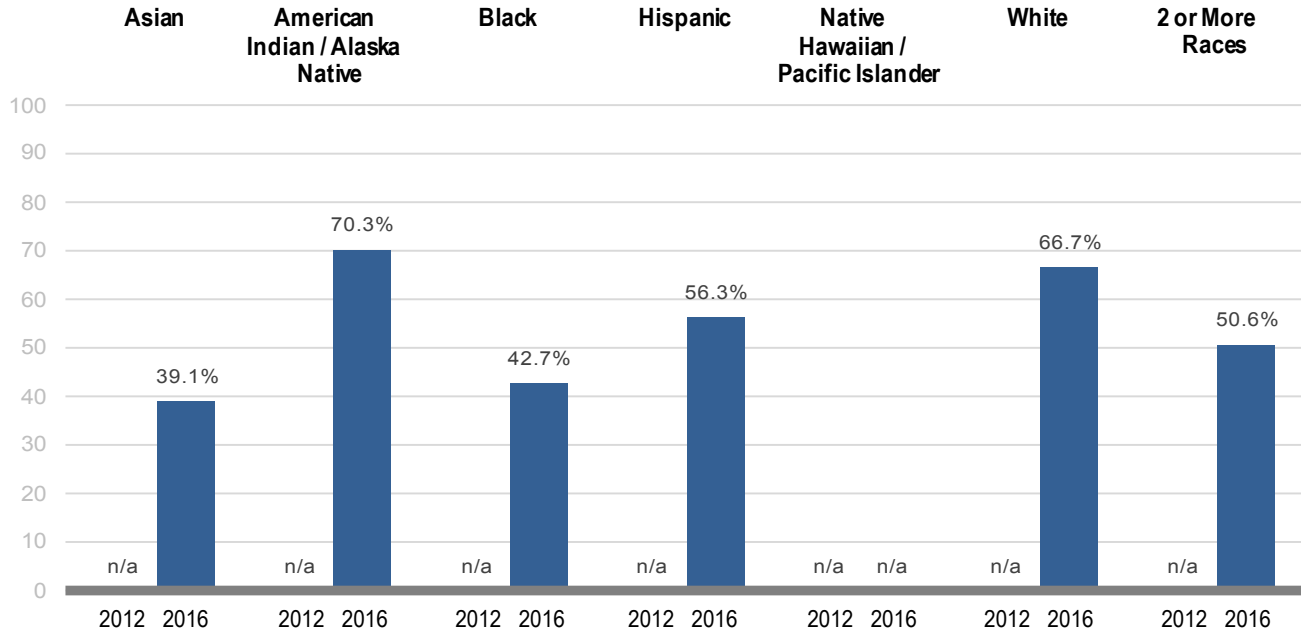


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	3,700	2,337	63.2%	4,478	2,947	65.8%	↑ 2.7
Men	2,039	1,212	59.4%	2,420	1,372	56.7%	↓ -2.8
Unknown	652	11	1.7%	0	0	n/a	

* 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	238	93	39.1%	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	37	26	70.3%	n/a
Black	0	0	n/a	452	193	42.7%	n/a
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	599	337	56.3%	n/a
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
White	0	0	n/a	4,939	3,296	66.7%	n/a
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	162	82	50.6%	n/a
Unknown	6,391			445			

* 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	0	0	n/a	481	243	50.5%	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	0	0	n/a	800	447	55.9%	n/a
Communication and Journalism	0	0	n/a	231	136	58.9%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	0	0	n/a	175	92	52.6%	n/a
Education	0	0	n/a	621	445	71.7%	n/a
English Language and Literature	0	0	n/a	141	92	65.3%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	0	0	n/a	40	26	65.0%	n/a
Health Professions	0	0	n/a	1,201	672	56.0%	n/a
History	0	0	n/a	154	117	76.0%	n/a
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	0	0	n/a	464	260	56.0%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	222	103	46.4%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	0	0	n/a	75	42	56.0%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	0	0	n/a	37	22	59.5%	n/a
Physical Sciences	0	0	n/a	103	50	48.5%	n/a
Psychology	0	0	n/a	466	274	58.8%	n/a
Social Sciences	0	0	n/a	220	144	65.5%	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	0	0	n/a	53	37	69.8%	n/a
Unknown	6,391	3,560	55.7%	1,414	1,117	79.0% ↑	23.3

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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