

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Western Illinois 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



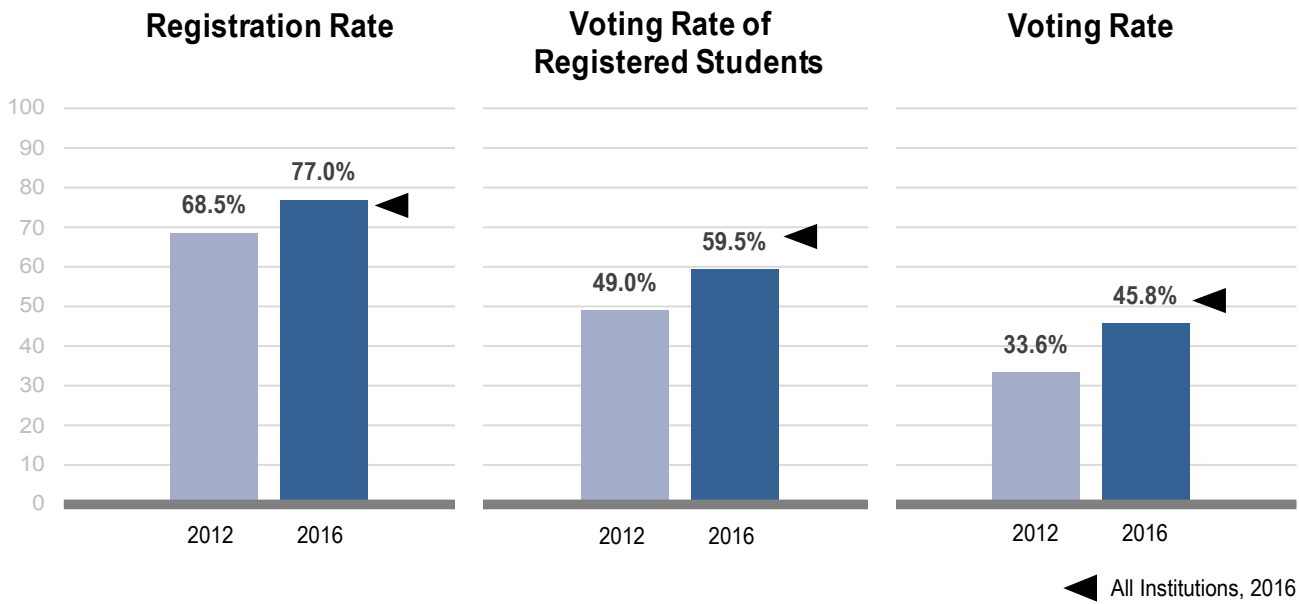
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
45.8%

CHANGE FROM 2012
12.2

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	11,945	10,189	↓ -1,756
Age under 18/Unknown	(16)	(19)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(334)	(464)	
FERPA records blocked	(10)	*	
Total eligible voters	11,585	9,700	↓ -1,885
Number of students who registered	7,933	7,468	↓ -465
Number of students who voted	3,887	4,441	↑ 554
Registration rate	68.5%	77.0%	↑ 8.5
Voting rate of registered students	49.0%	59.5%	↑ 10.5
Voting rate	33.6%	45.8%	↑ 12.2
Difference from all institutions	-13.4	-4.6	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

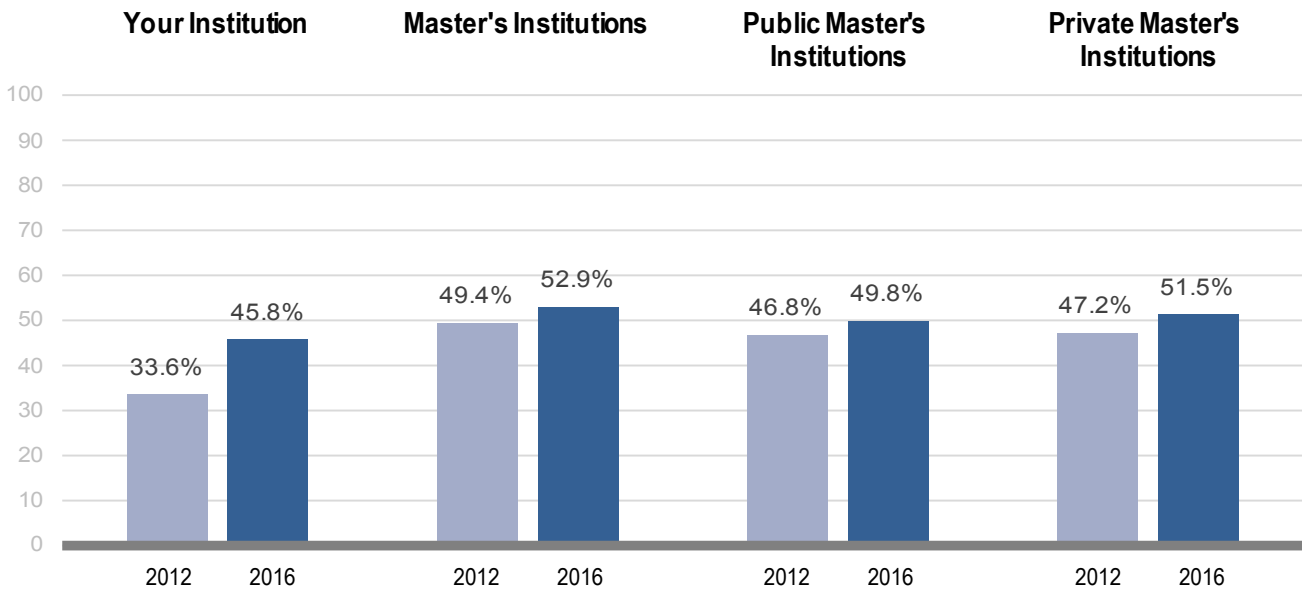
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

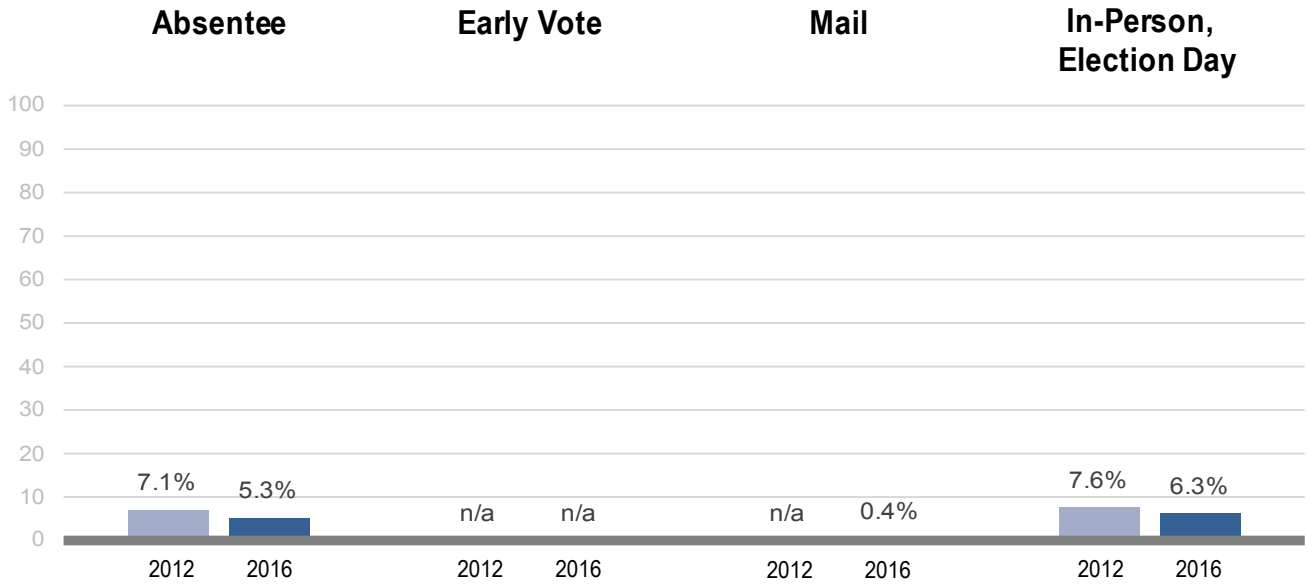
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By Voting Method*

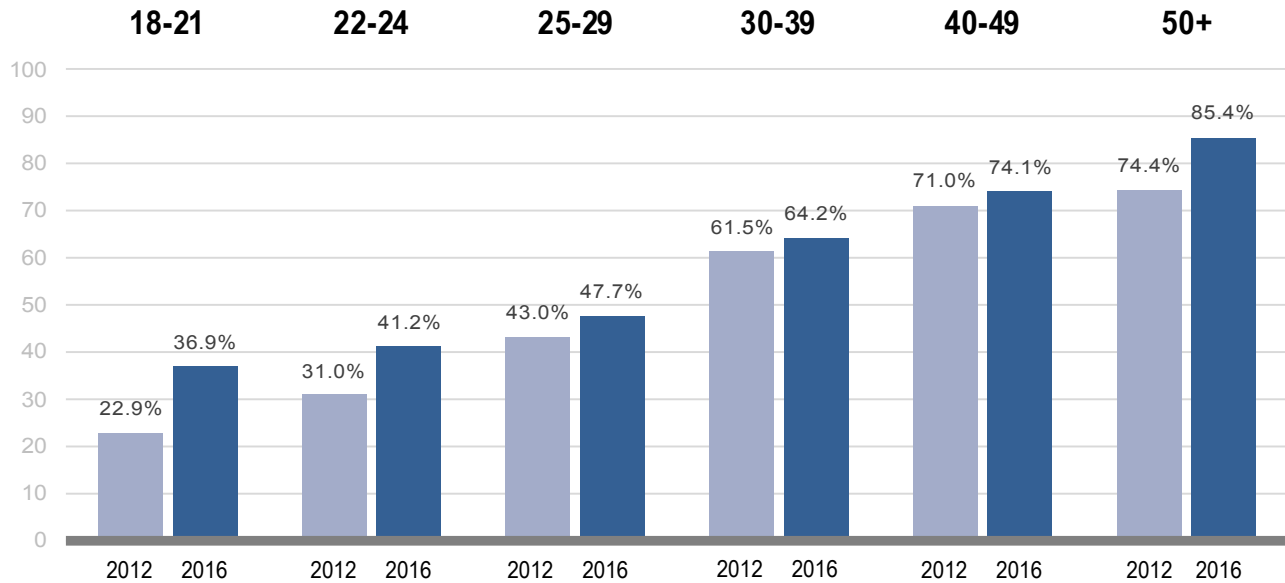


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	276	7.1%	234	5.3%	↓ -1.8
Early Vote	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
Mail	*	n/a	19	0.4%	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	297	7.6%	281	6.3%	↓ -1.3
Unknown	3,303	85.0%	3,903	87.9%	
Total	3,887		4,441		

* 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*

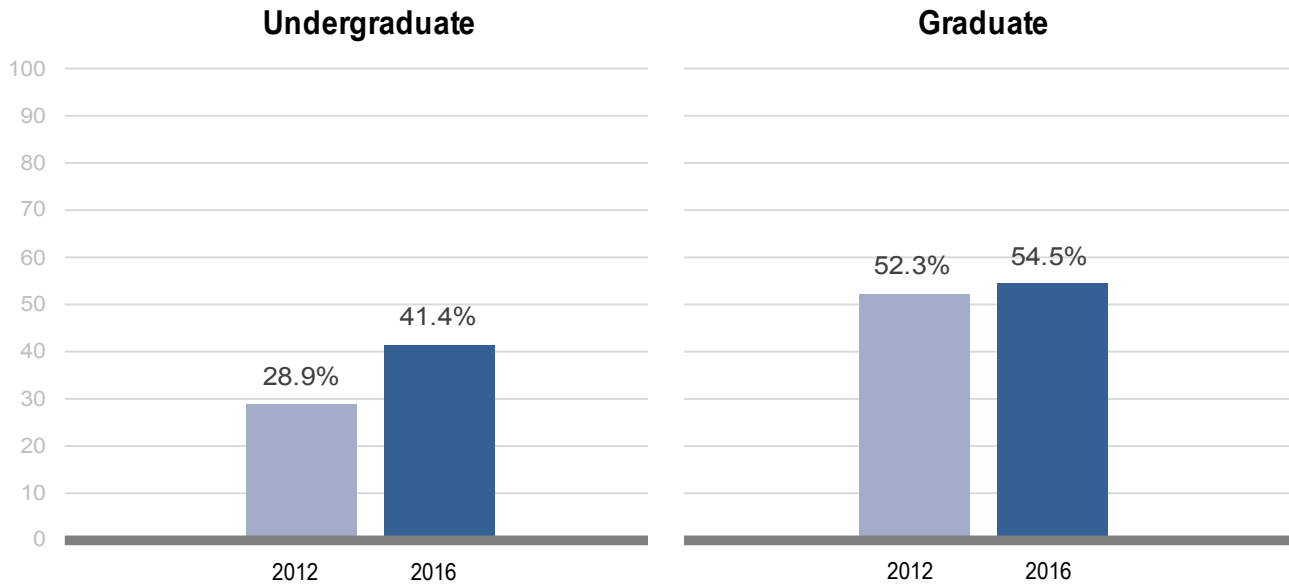


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	6,274	1,435	22.9%	5,281	1,949	36.9%	↑ 14.0
22-24	2,845	883	31.0%	2,386	982	41.2%	↑ 10.1
25-29	1,236	532	43.0%	1,057	504	47.7%	↑ 4.6
30-39	859	528	61.5%	823	528	64.2%	↑ 2.7
40-49	455	323	71.0%	432	320	74.1%	↑ 3.1
50+	250	186	74.4%	185	158	85.4%	↑ 11.0
Unknown	*			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*

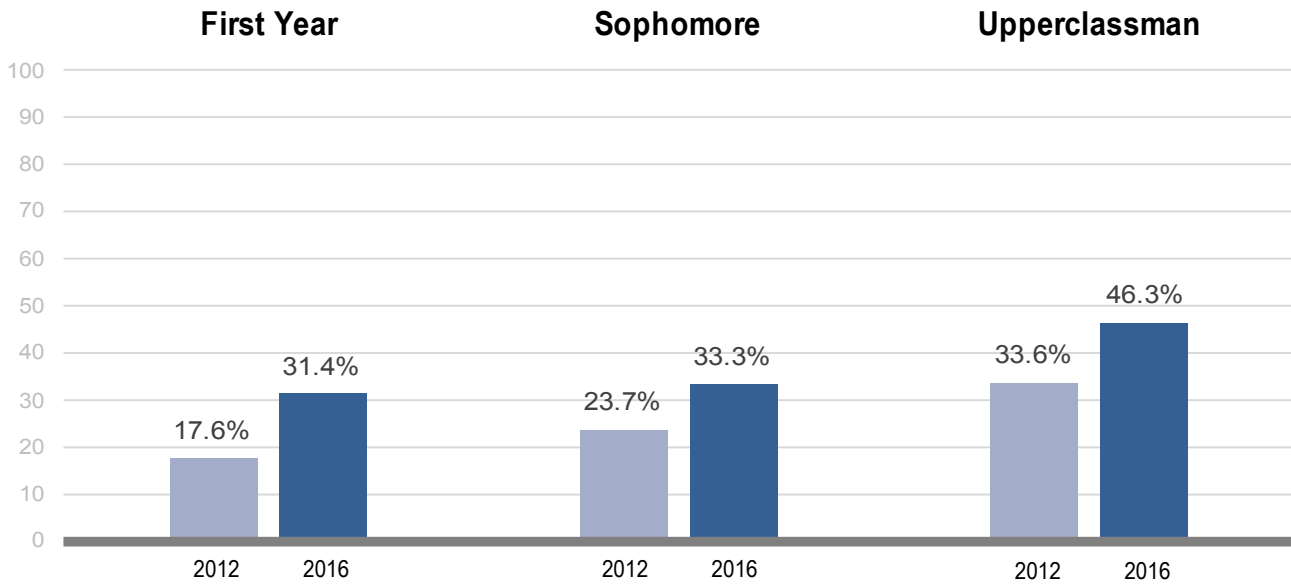


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	10,036	2,902	28.9%	8,375	3,466	41.4%	↑ 12.5
Graduate	1,883	985	52.3%	1,789	975	54.5%	↑ 2.2
Unknown	0			0			

* 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*

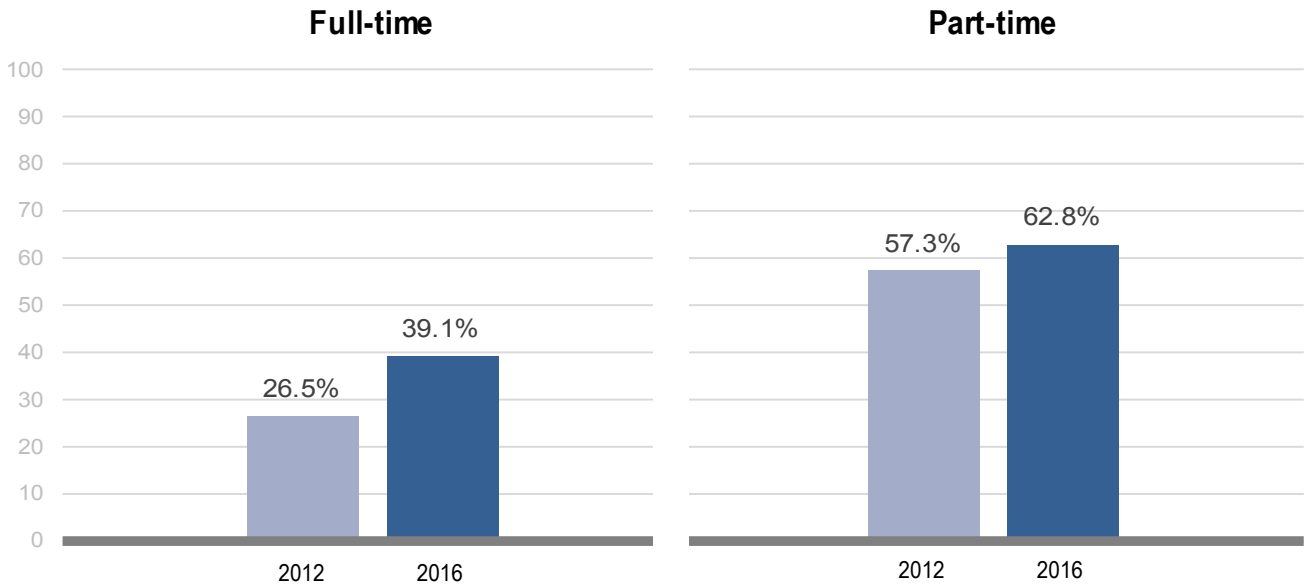


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	1,841	324	17.6%	1,530	481	31.4%	↑ 13.8
Sophomore	1,784	423	23.7%	1,432	477	33.3%	↑ 9.6
Upperclassman	6,411	2,155	33.6%	5,413	2,508	46.3%	↑ 12.7

* 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*

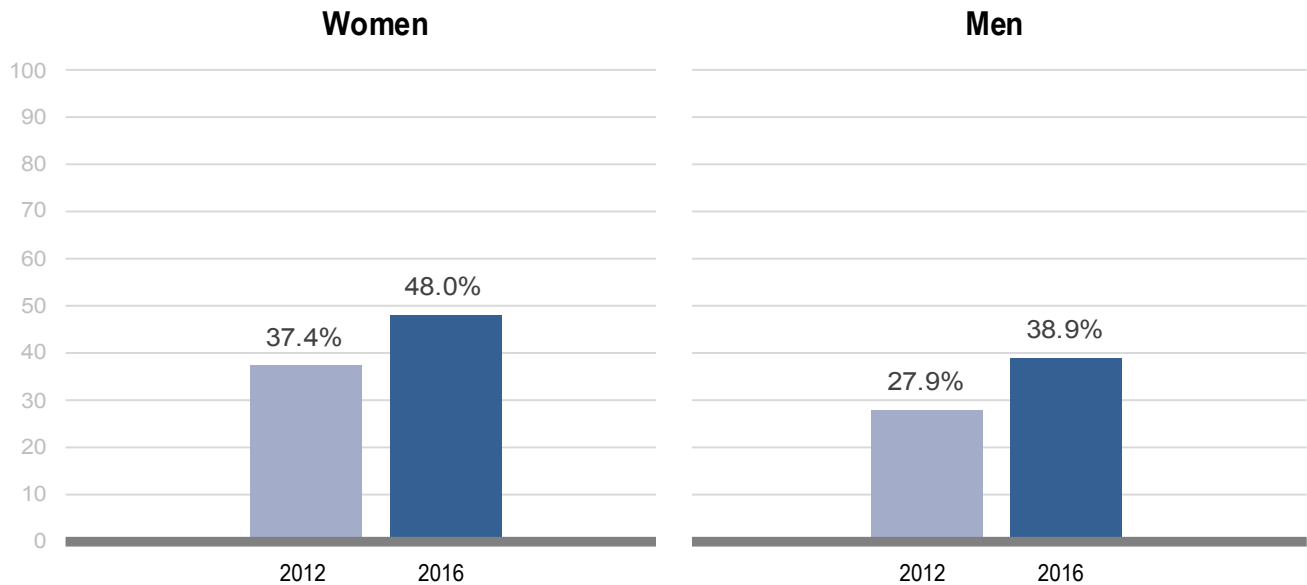


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	9,564	2,537	26.5%	8,190	3,202	39.1%	↑ 12.6
Part-time	2,355	1,350	57.3%	1,974	1,239	62.8%	↑ 5.5
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

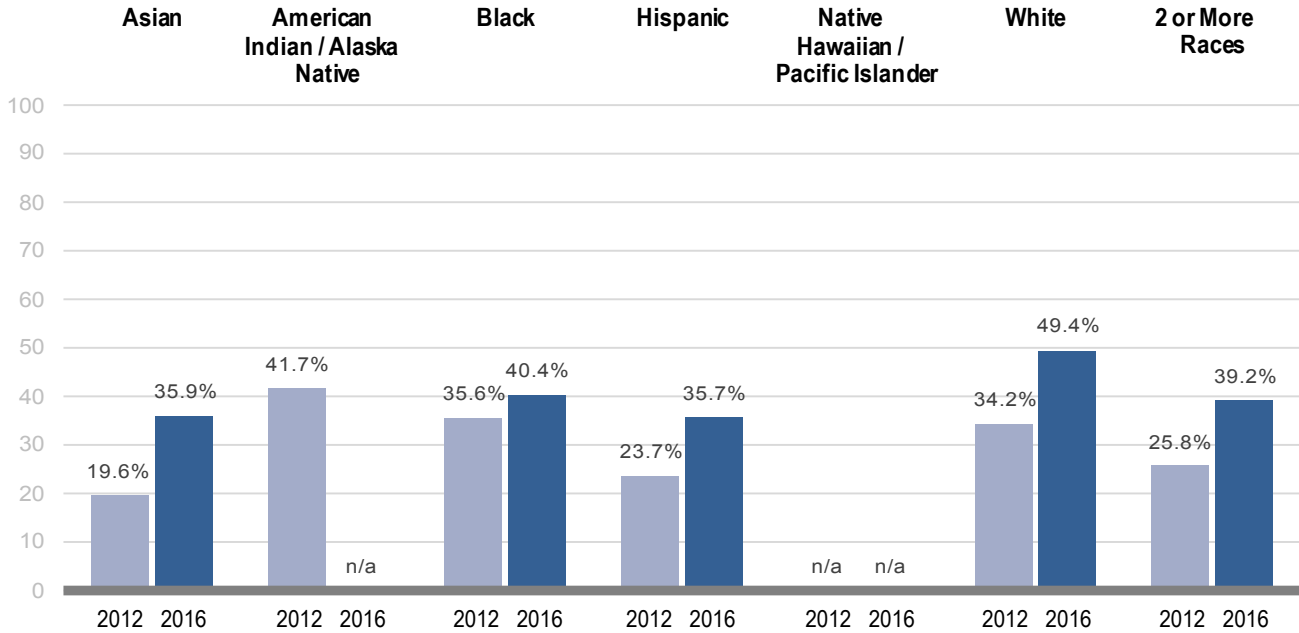


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	5,944	2,221	37.4%	5,323	2,557	48.0%	↑ 10.7
Men	5,975	1,666	27.9%	4,841	1,884	38.9%	↑ 11.0
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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	102	20	19.6%	92	33	35.9%	↑ 16.3
American Indian/ Alaska Native	24	10	41.7%	12	*	n/a	n/a
Black	1,732	617	35.6%	1,827	738	40.4%	↑ 4.8
Hispanic	760	180	23.7%	1,033	369	35.7%	↑ 12.0
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	10	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
White	8,288	2,837	34.2%	6,244	3,086	49.4%	↑ 15.2
2 or More Races	190	49	25.8%	268	105	39.2%	↑ 13.4
Unknown	494			198			

* 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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	355	107	30.1%	342	146	42.7% ↑	12.6
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	36	18	50.0%	15	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	509	131	25.7%	465	173	37.2% ↑	11.5
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,329	414	31.2%	1,319	561	42.5% ↑	11.4
Communication and Journalism	641	196	30.6%	460	183	39.8% ↑	9.2
Communications Technologies/Technicians	91	22	24.2%	44	18	40.9% ↑	16.7
Computer and Information Sciences	284	63	22.2%	383	110	28.7% ↑	6.5
Education	1,368	718	52.5%	1,004	616	61.4% ↑	8.9
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	183	70	38.3%	324	139	42.9% ↑	4.7
English Language and Literature	186	73	39.3%	143	65	45.5% ↑	6.2
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	302	81	26.8%	72	24	33.3% ↑	6.5
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	30	10	33.3%	25	12	48.0% ↑	14.7
Health Professions	612	158	25.8%	618	239	38.7% ↑	12.9
History	171	60	35.1%	116	70	60.3% ↑	25.3
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	1,691	415	24.5%	1,579	592	37.5% ↑	13.0
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	695	393	56.6%	995	531	53.4% ↓	-3.2
Mathematics and Statistics	107	19	17.8%	63	20	31.8% ↑	14.0
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	23	13	56.5%	45	31	68.9% ↑	12.4
Natural Resources and Conservation	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	768	163	21.2%	540	200	37.0% ↑	15.8
Philosophy and Religious Studies	19	*	n/a	14	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	382	95	24.9%	296	105	35.5% ↑	10.6
Psychology	462	136	29.4%	395	153	38.7% ↑	9.3

Public Administration and Social Service Professions	183	56	30.6%	237	111	46.8% ↑	16.2
Social Sciences	372	132	35.5%	256	124	48.4% ↑	13.0
Visual and Performing Arts	427	117	27.4%	392	192	49.0% ↑	21.6
Unknown	693	221	31.9%	15	*	n/a	n/a

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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