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Student Voting Rates for University of Northern Colorado

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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.

Warm regards,

IDHE Team

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS
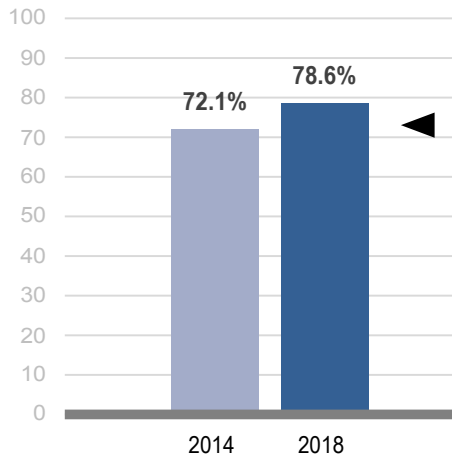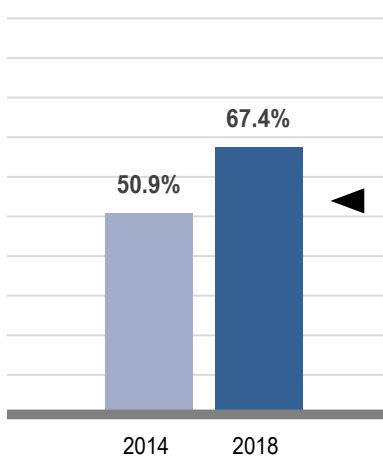
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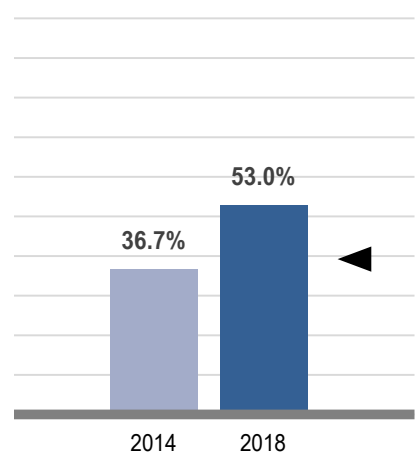
2018 Voting Rate

53.0%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+16.3

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate

72.1% (2014) 78.6% (2018)

Voting Rate of Registered Students

50.9% (2014) 67.4% (2018)

Voting Rate

36.7% (2014) 53.0% (2018)

◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	11,502	13,196	⬆	1,694
Age under 18/Unknown	(162)	(865)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(348)	(365)		
FERPA records blocked	*	*		
Total eligible voters	10,986	11,963	⬆	977
Number of students who registered	7,916	9,401	⬆	1,485
Number of students who voted	4,027	6,340	⬆	2,313
Registration rate	72.1%	78.6%	⬆	6.5
Voting rate of registered students	50.9%	67.4%	⬆	16.6
Voting rate	36.7%	53.0%	⬆	16.3
Difference from all institutions	+17.0	+13.9		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH 54.0%

LOW 1.5%

Difference from All Institutions **+17.0**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH 64.1%

LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions **+13.9**

	Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2014	36.7%	19.5%	19.6%	17.6%
2018	53.0%	41.2%	40.8%	42.5%
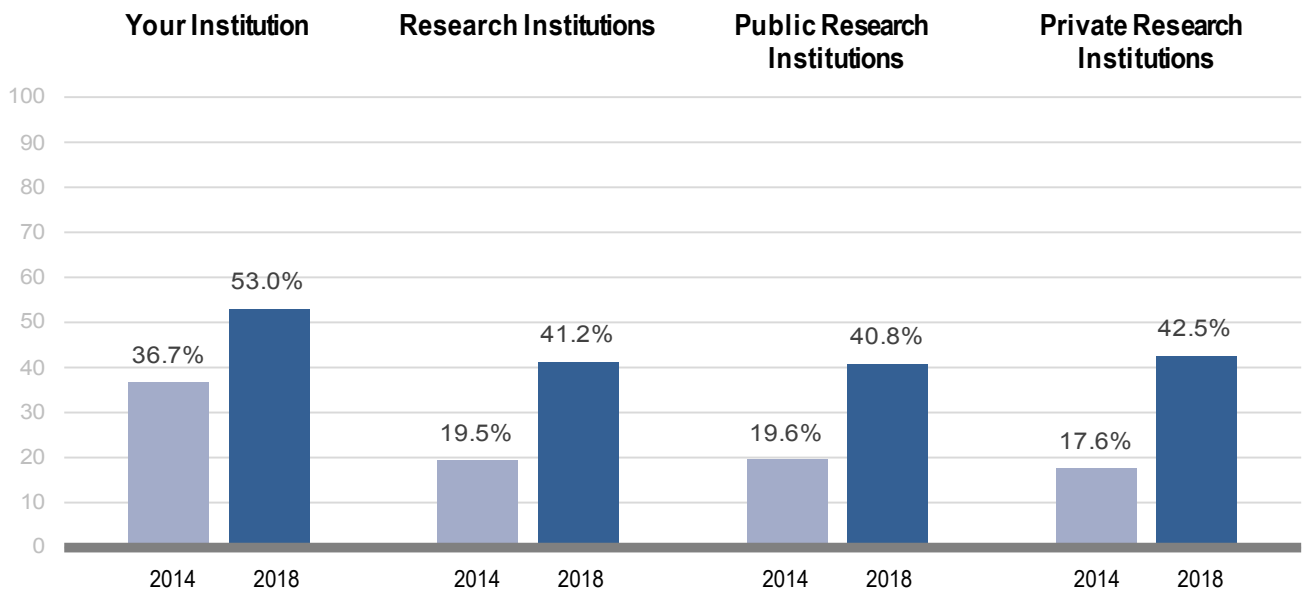
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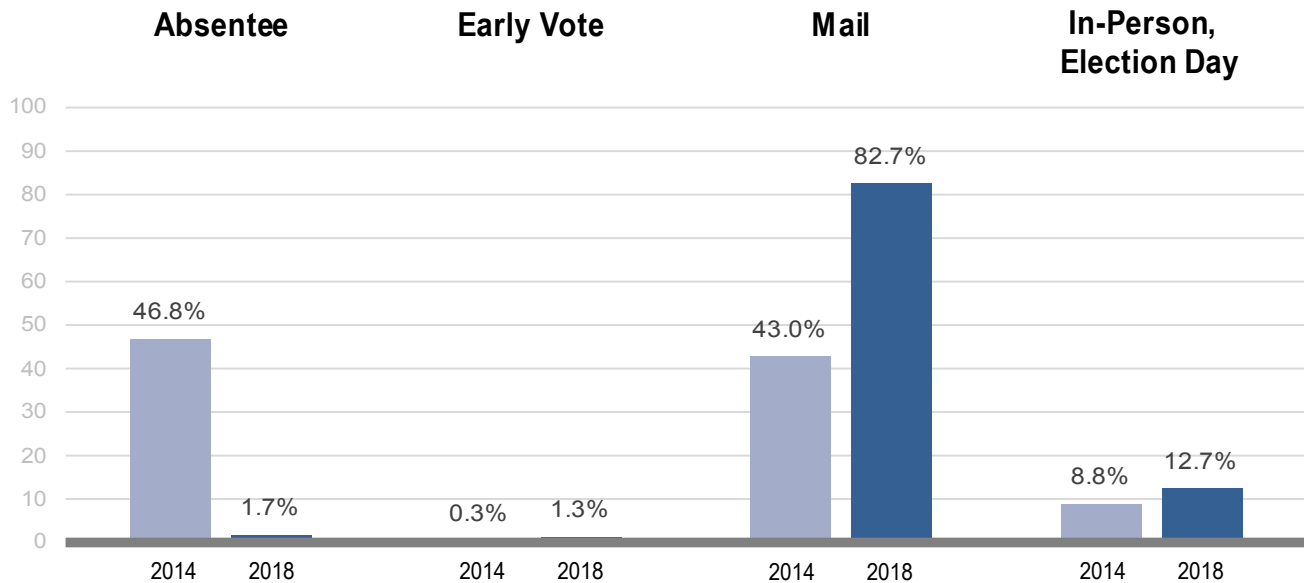
	2014			2018				
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate			Change
Absentee	1,886	**46.8%**		106	**1.7%**	⬇		**-45.2**
Early Vote	11	**0.3%**		81	**1.3%**	⬆		**1.0**
Mail	1,731	**43.0%**		5,246	**82.7%**	⬆		**39.8**
In-Person, Election Day	353	**8.8%**		802	**12.7%**	⬆		**3.9**
Unknown	46	**1.1%**		105	**1.7%**			
Total	**4,027**			**6,340**				

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*
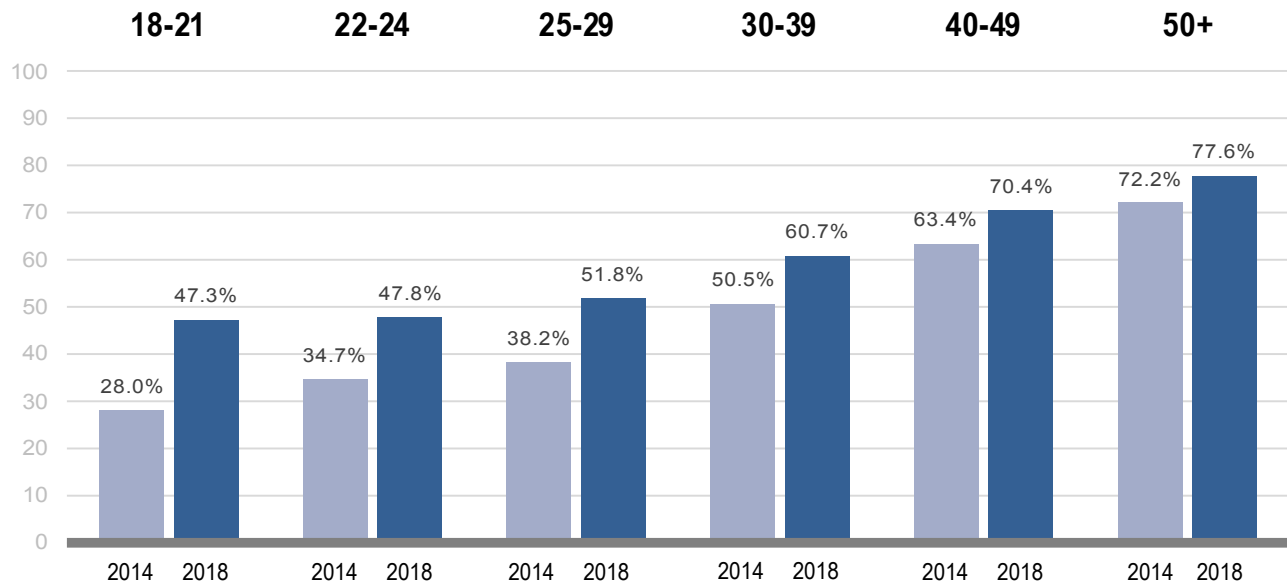
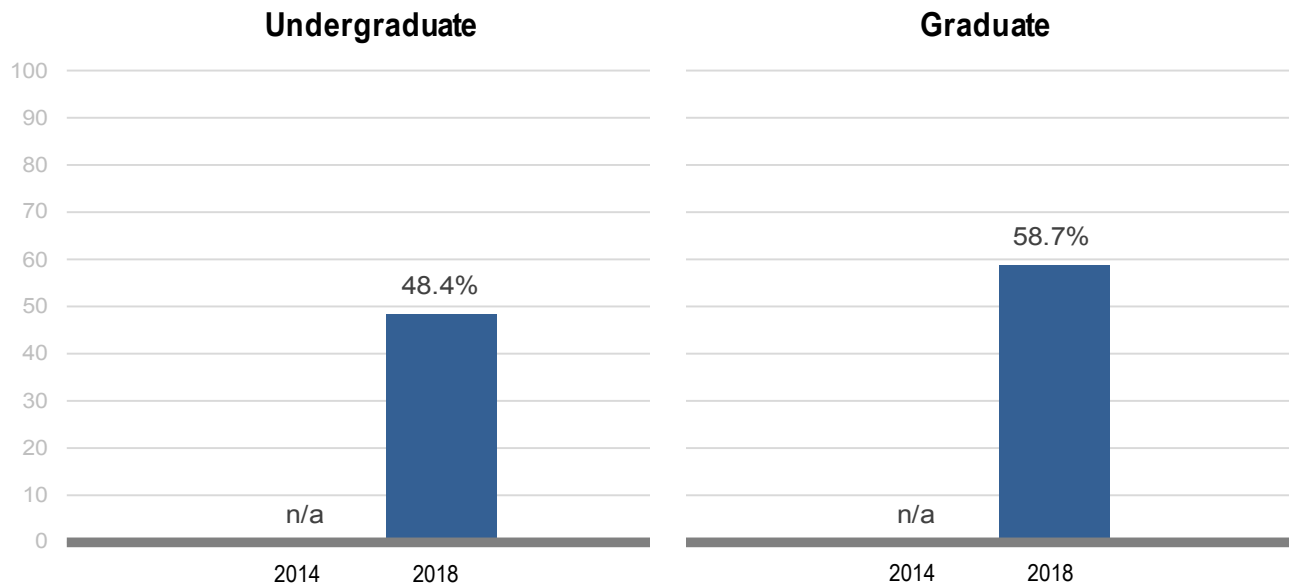|	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	6,113	1,713	**28.0%**	6,520	3,081	**47.3%**	⬆	**19.2**
22-24	2,047	711	**34.7%**	2,019	965	**47.8%**	⬆	**13.1**
25-29	1,162	444	**38.2%**	1,424	738	**51.8%**	⬆	**13.6**
30-39	1,127	569	**50.5%**	1,351	820	**60.7%**	⬆	**10.2**
40-49	554	351	**63.4%**	706	497	**70.4%**	⬆	**7.0**
50+	331	239	**72.2%**	308	239	**77.6%**	⬆	**5.4**
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.

**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Education Level*

Undergraduate

Graduate

	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**	8,861	4,285	**48.4%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**	2,764	1,623	**58.7%**	**n/a**
Unknown	11,334			703			

* 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*

First Year	Sophomore	Upper-level
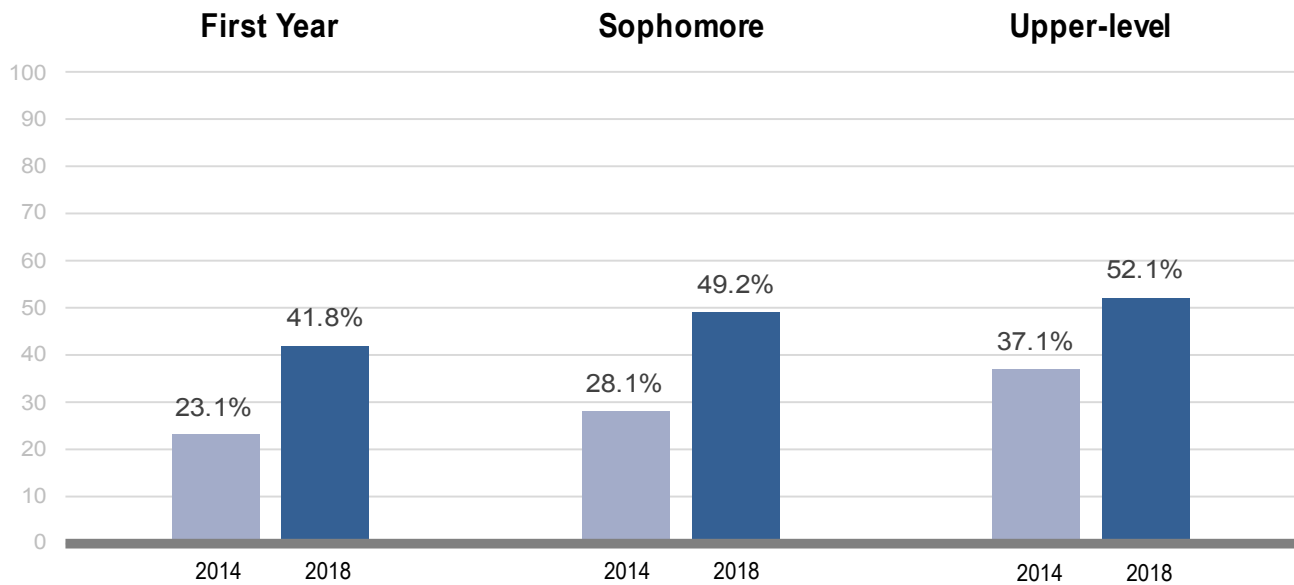
	2014				**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	2,616	605	**23.1%**		2,804	1,173	**41.8%**	⬆	**18.7**
Sophomore	1,796	504	**28.1%**		1,898	933	**49.2%**	⬆	**21.1**
Upper-level	4,539	1,684	**37.1%**		4,481	2,335	**52.1%**	⬆	**15.0**

* 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.

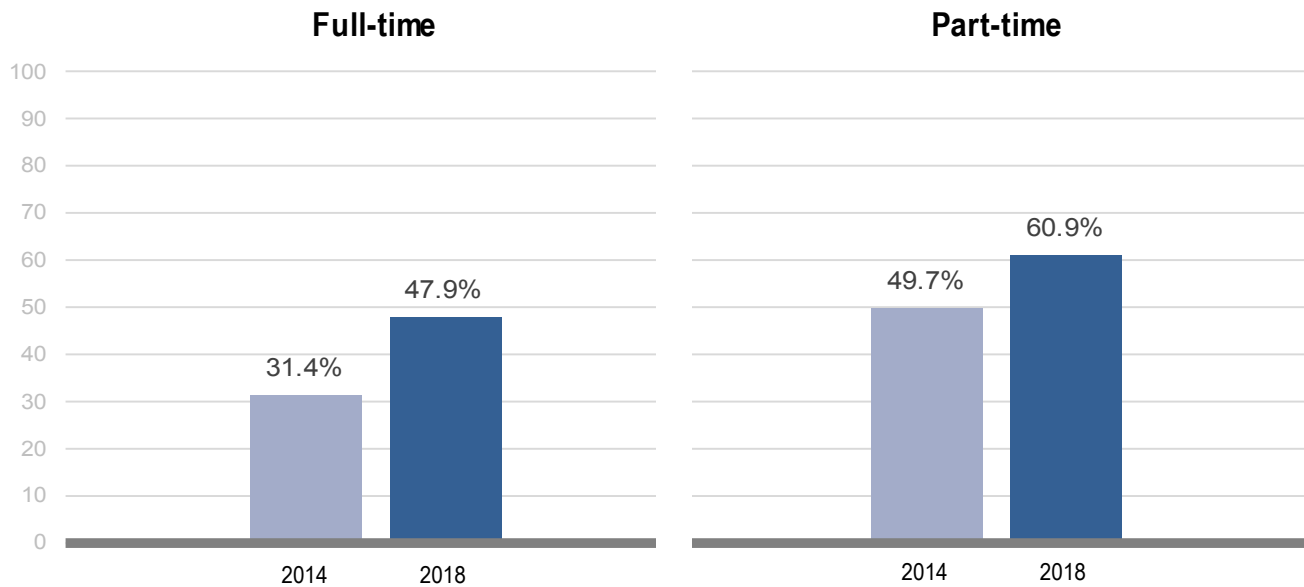**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Enrollment Status*

Full-time

Part-time

	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	8,780	2,759	**31.4%**	8,992	4,308	**47.9%**	⬆	**16.5**
Part-time	2,554	1,268	**49.7%**	3,336	2,032	**60.9%**	⬆	**11.3**
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.

By Race/Ethnicity*
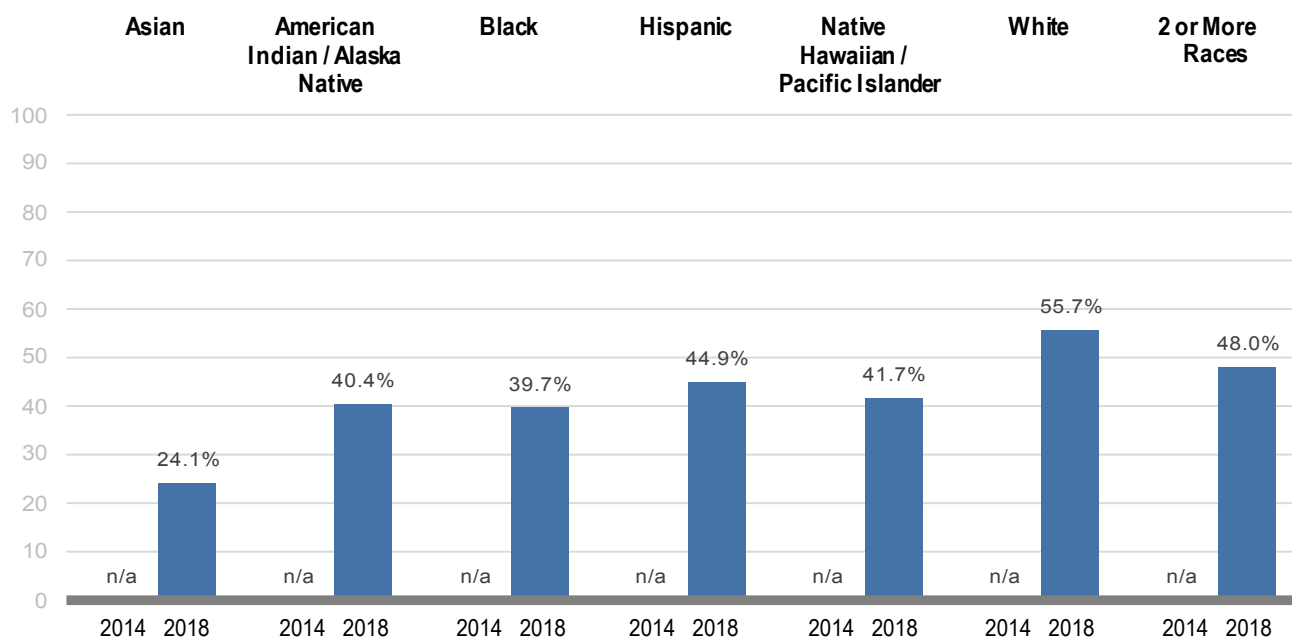
	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Asian	0	0	**n/a**		411	99	**24.1%**	**n/a**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	**n/a**		47	19	**40.4%**	**n/a**
Black	0	0	**n/a**		476	189	**39.7%**	**n/a**
Hispanic	0	0	**n/a**		2,305	1,035	**44.9%**	**n/a**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	**n/a**		24	10	**41.7%**	**n/a**
White	0	0	**n/a**		8,106	4,517	**55.7%**	**n/a**
2 or More Races	0	0	**n/a**		481	231	**48.0%**	**n/a**
Unknown	11,334				478			

* 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.

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	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	29	*	n/a		49	22	44.9%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	395	142	36.0%		512	221	43.2% ⬆	7.2
Business, Management, and Marketing	979	307	31.4%		882	411	46.6% ⬆	15.2
Communication and Journalism	341	82	24.1%		309	150	48.5% ⬆	24.5
Education	1,696	778	45.9%		2,468	1,466	59.4% ⬆	13.5
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	36	10	27.8%		67	23	34.3% ⬆	6.6
English Language and Literature	231	96	41.6%		217	122	56.2% ⬆	14.7
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	13	*	n/a		*	*	n/a	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	132	46	34.9%		196	99	50.5% ⬆	15.7
Health Professions	1,601	557	34.8%		1,930	988	51.2% ⬆	16.4
History	208	85	40.9%		209	133	63.6% ⬆	22.8
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	379	121	31.9%		466	198	42.5% ⬆	10.6
Leisure and Recreational Activities	0	0	n/a		10	*	n/a	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	932	374	40.1%		471	196	41.6% ⬆	1.5
Mathematics and Statistics	160	55	34.4%		171	91	53.2% ⬆	18.8
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	893	345	38.6%		227	112	49.3% ⬆	10.7
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	827	203	24.6%		792	334	42.2% ⬆	17.6
Philosophy and Religious Studies	30	*	n/a		36	18	50.0%	n/a
Physical Sciences	326	104	31.9%		329	156	47.4% ⬆	15.5
Psychology	832	283	34.0%		938	485	51.7% ⬆	17.7
Social Sciences	442	154	34.8%		480	256	53.3% ⬆	18.5
Visual and Performing Arts	844	260	30.8%		998	506	50.7% ⬆	19.9
Unknown	*	*	n/a		563	340	60.4%	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: **https://idhe.tufts.edu.**

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