

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Washington 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, 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,

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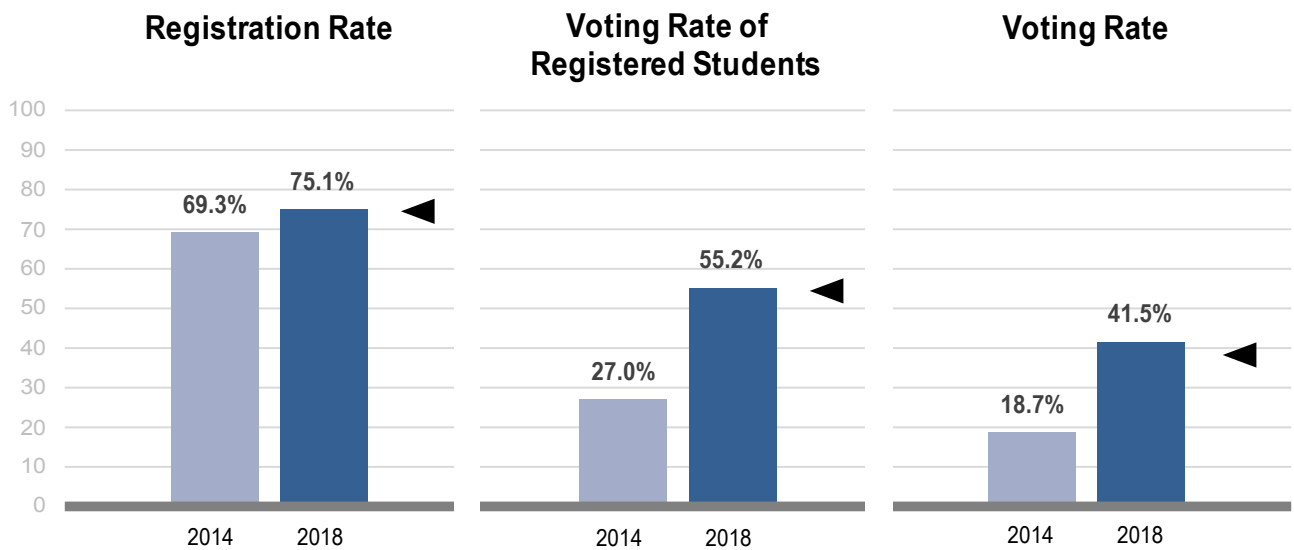
**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

# Voting and Registration Rates

**2018 Voting Rate**  
**41.5%**

**CHANGE FROM 2014**  
**+22.7**

**2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS**  
**39.1%**



◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	26,671	29,065	↑ 2,394
Age under 18/Unknown	(112)	(242)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,788)	(2,049)	
FERPA records blocked	(191)	(247)	
Total eligible voters	24,580	26,527	↑ 1,947
Number of students who registered	17,035	19,915	↑ 2,880
Number of students who voted	4,607	10,999	↑ 6,392
Registration rate	69.3%	75.1%	↑ 5.8
Voting rate of registered students	27.0%	55.2%	↑ 28.2
Voting rate	18.7%	41.5%	↑ 22.7
Difference from all institutions	-1.0	+2.4	

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

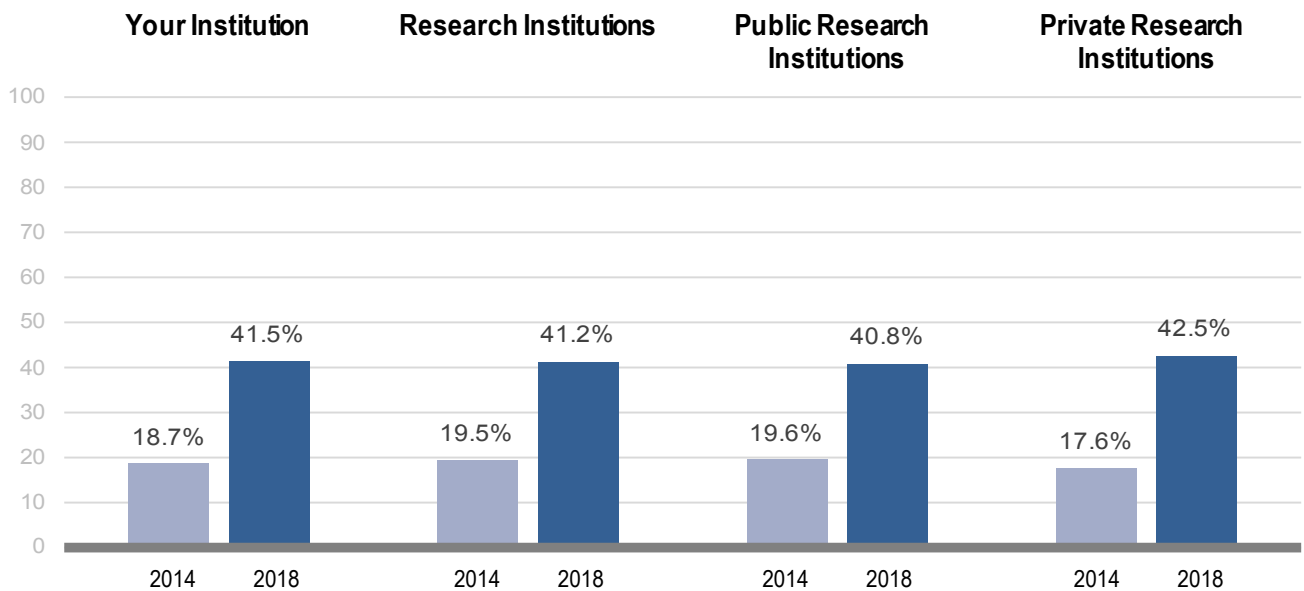
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

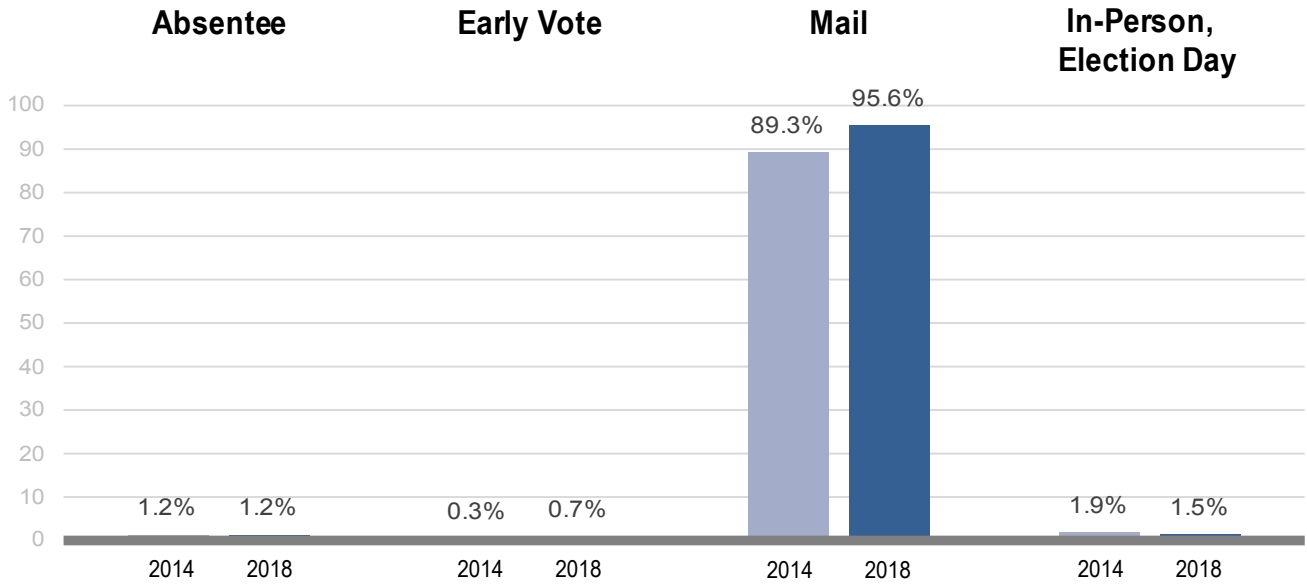
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# By Voting Method\*

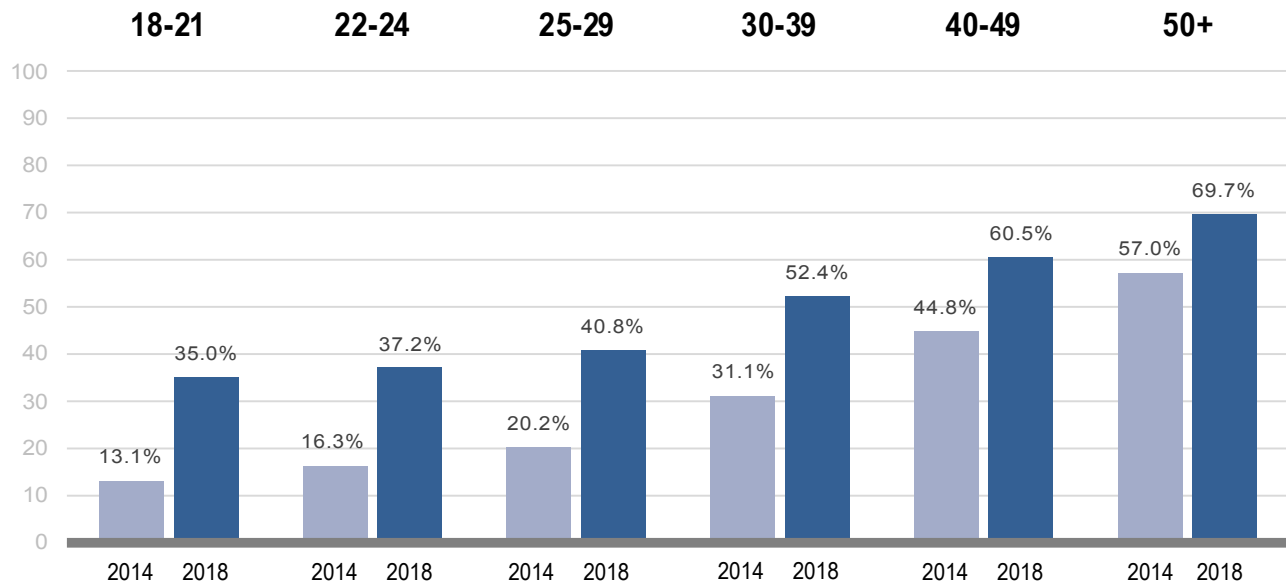


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	55	1.2%	130	1.2%	→ 0.0
Early Vote	15	0.3%	75	0.7%	↑ 0.4
Mail	4,116	89.3%	10,511	95.6%	↑ 6.2
In-Person, Election Day	87	1.9%	165	1.5%	↓ -0.4
Unknown	334	7.3%	118	1.1%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,607</b>		<b>10,999</b>		

\* 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.

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# By Age Group\*

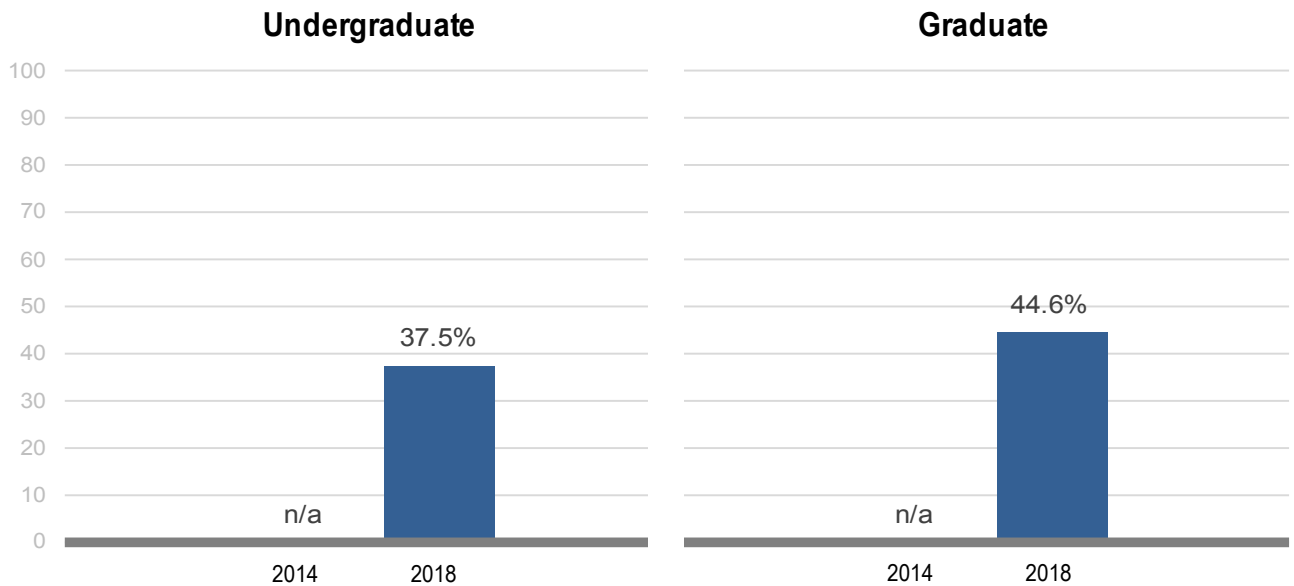


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	14,775	1,939	13.1%	16,329	5,721	35.0%	↑ 21.9
22-24	5,506	899	16.3%	5,829	2,169	37.2%	↑ 20.9
25-29	2,797	564	20.2%	3,144	1,282	40.8%	↑ 20.6
30-39	2,220	691	31.1%	2,187	1,145	52.4%	↑ 21.2
40-49	786	352	44.8%	820	496	60.5%	↑ 15.7
50+	284	162	57.0%	267	186	69.7%	↑ 12.6
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.

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# By Education Level\*

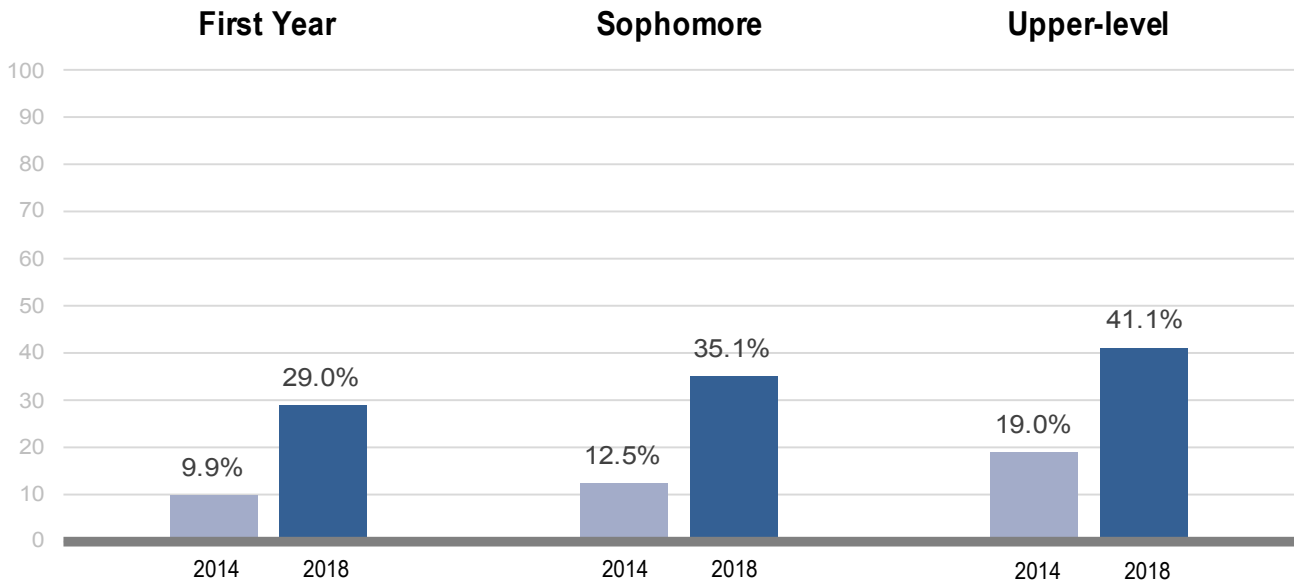


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	24,886	9,324	37.5%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	3,187	1,420	44.6%	n/a
Unknown	26,368			503			

\* 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\*



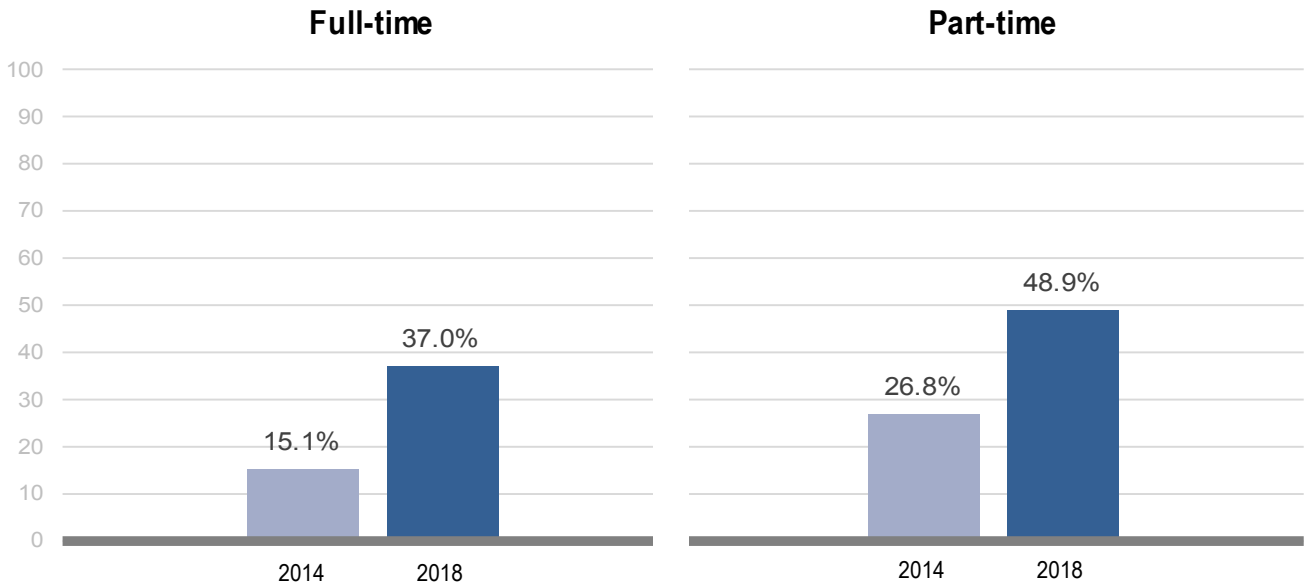
	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	5,602	554	9.9%	5,556	1,610	29.0%	↑ 19.1
Sophomore	4,104	512	12.5%	4,568	1,605	35.1%	↑ 22.7
Upper-level	13,058	2,482	19.0%	14,440	5,930	41.1%	↑ 22.1

\* 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\*

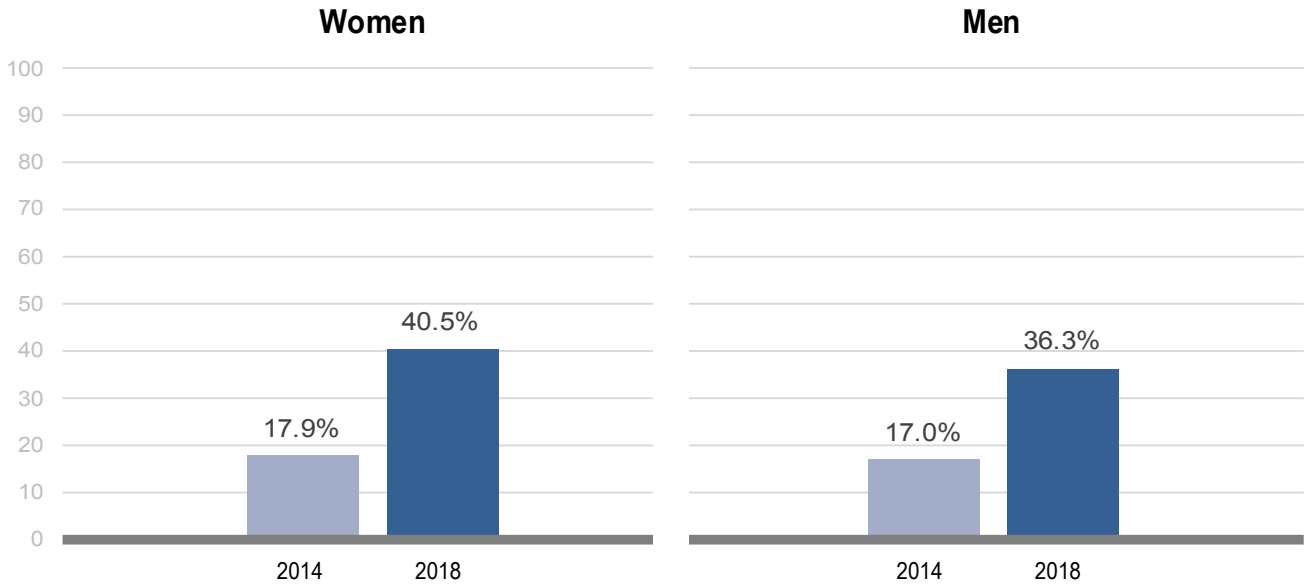


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	21,104	3,195	15.1%	24,989	9,244	37.0%	↑ 21.9
Part-time	5,264	1,412	26.8%	3,587	1,755	48.9%	↑ 22.1
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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\*

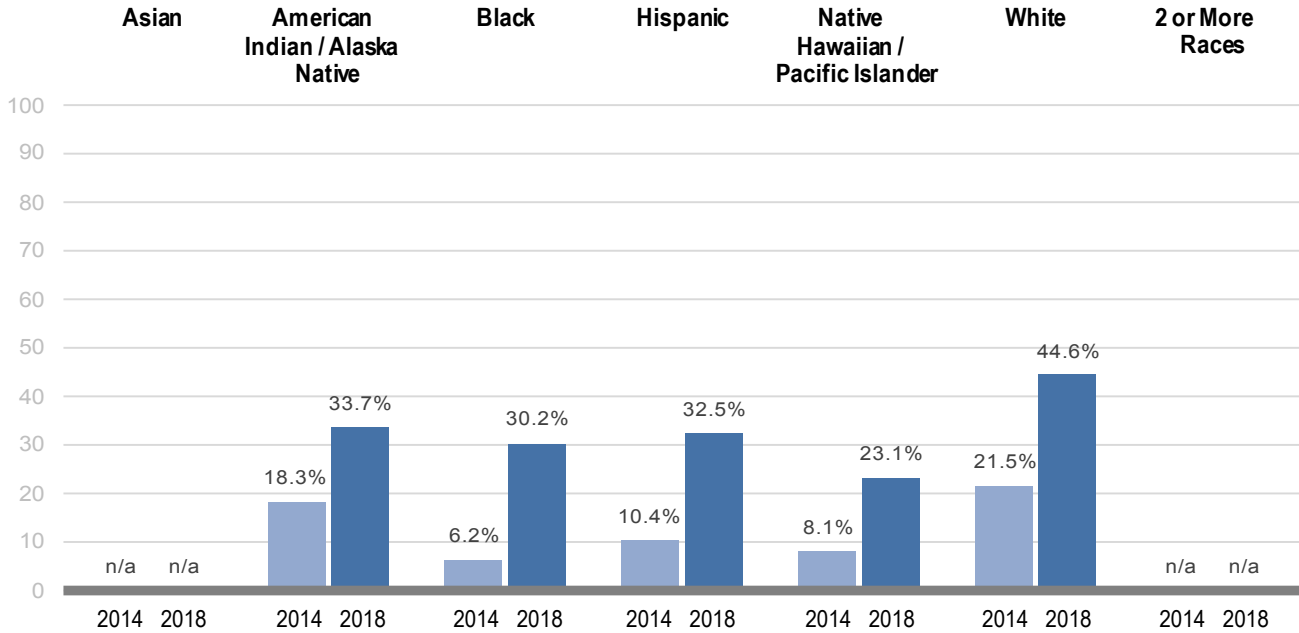


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	13,605	2,433	17.9%	15,184	6,145	40.5%	↑ 22.6
Men	12,763	2,174	17.0%	13,392	4,854	36.3%	↑ 19.2
Unknown	0			0			

\* 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\*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	153	28	18.3%	169	57	33.7%	↑ 15.4
Black	850	53	6.2%	923	279	30.2%	↑ 24.0
Hispanic	2,913	304	10.4%	4,092	1,329	32.5%	↑ 22.0
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	1,581	128	8.1%	2,148	497	23.1%	↑ 15.0
White	16,887	3,632	21.5%	17,075	7,616	44.6%	↑ 23.1
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	3,984			4,169			

\* 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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	464	102	22.0%	1,126	442	39.3% ↑	17.3
Architecture	132	16	12.1%	347	94	27.1% ↑	15.0
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	15	*	n/a	35	16	45.7%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	896	161	18.0%	2,124	769	36.2% ↑	18.2
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,684	232	13.8%	5,472	1,987	36.3% ↑	22.5
Communication and Journalism	965	149	15.4%	1,789	781	43.7% ↑	28.2
Computer and Information Sciences	278	61	21.9%	1,024	369	36.0% ↑	14.1
Education	281	70	24.9%	1,037	451	43.5% ↑	18.6
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,279	246	19.2%	3,358	1,275	38.0% ↑	18.7
English Language and Literature	206	48	23.3%	317	147	46.4% ↑	23.1
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	490	64	13.1%	857	313	36.5% ↑	23.5
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	53	12	22.6%	99	32	32.3% ↑	9.7
Health Professions	1,648	381	23.1%	3,327	1,241	37.3% ↑	14.2
History	189	54	28.6%	235	132	56.2% ↑	27.6
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	336	47	14.0%	613	215	35.1% ↑	21.1
Legal Professions and Studies	0	0	n/a	49	18	36.7%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	356	79	22.2%	304	133	43.8% ↑	21.6
Mathematics and Statistics	97	20	20.6%	194	72	37.1% ↑	16.5
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	143	57	39.9%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	123	27	22.0%	106	56	52.8% ↑	30.9
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	432	51	11.8%	804	235	29.2% ↑	17.4
Philosophy and Religious Studies	22	*	n/a	65	32	49.2%	n/a
Physical Sciences	419	76	18.1%	690	306	44.4% ↑	26.2

Psychology	74	14	18.9%	1,378	502	36.4% ↑	17.5
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	31	19	61.3%	56	40	71.4% ↑	10.1
Science Technologies/Technicians	385	72	18.7%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Social Sciences	1,074	206	19.2%	2,175	916	42.1% ↑	22.9
Visual and Performing Arts	201	25	12.4%	339	114	33.6% ↑	21.2
Unknown	14,238	2,367	16.6%	513	254	49.5% ↑	32.9

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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