

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), housed at the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, Tufts University. Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 750 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012 and 2014 elections. Participating colleges and universities are located in 48 states and represent all Carnegie classifications as well as socially and economically diverse students. With others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 6.7 million college student records that is already serving as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

Looking Ahead

In response to our survey, many of you requested resources as well as stories about what other campuses are doing. Over the coming months, NSLVE will be releasing tools and resources that you and others can use to enhance political learning and engagement in democracy on your campus. Here is a sneak peek into some of this work.

- ❑ *Campus Discussion Guide*: A tool for conversations on your campus regarding how to use the NSLVE report to spark change.
- ❑ *National Data*: We'll be sharing data about the national landscape for college student voting.
- ❑ *Comparison Data*: We know campuses are interested in learning more about how their voting compares to other similar institutions. We'll be rolling out aggregate comparison data for groups of participating campuses.
- ❑ *Case Studies*: We've been on the road, visiting campuses with unpredicted, high voting rates. We will be sharing the findings from our studies of campus climates for student political learning and engagement in democracy.
- ❑ *Diversity & Democracy*: In November, in partnership with the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU) we will publish a special issue on college student political learning

If you or someone else on your campus would like to receive more information about our research and resources, please [join our mailing list](#).

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 2014 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse ("Clearinghouse") and publicly available voting records collected by Catalyst.

Using enrollment records submitted on a date closest to the election, we removed students under 18 on Election Day. We also deducted an estimated number of students identified by your institution as non-resident aliens. This is based on the percentage of non-resident aliens reported by your institution to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), and is more reliable than the demographic data campuses provide to the Clearinghouse at this time. Please note that students who blocked the use of their information under FERPA were also removed from the enrollment lists by the Clearinghouse.

When combining two datasets, matching errors can occur. That said, for each record, we receive a "confidence score." The average confidence score for the student records in our database is 96.6%. Nonetheless, some errors are still possible:

- On page three, we indicate the number of students who blocked their records from being used for any purpose, including research. If those students voted at a much lower or higher rate than your other students, it might affect the voting rate.
- Students not found in the voting database are considered non-voters, but we have no way to remove individual noncitizens (resident aliens and non-resident aliens). We use an estimate based on IPEDS data to account for your international students. We cannot adjust for undocumented students. This may result in your actual voting rate being higher than we report. To recalculate that percentage, see our [FAQ on campus reports](#).

Reviewing the Data

Please use the following key to interpret the charts below:

- * = number of students is less than 10
- = zero results in this field

For some colleges and universities, this report will contain some categories for which data is "unknown." These likely reflect the amount or quality of the data the institution provides, a problem that can be corrected by more comprehensive reporting to the Clearinghouse.

Your Students' Voting and Registration Rates

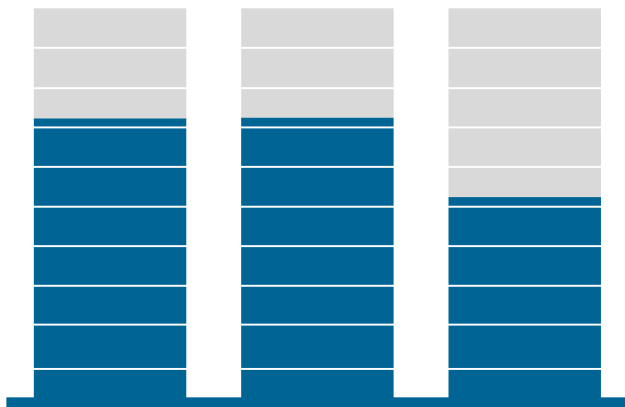
2012 Voting Rate

52%

2014 Voting Rate

19%

2012 Presidential Election



72.1%

Registration Rate

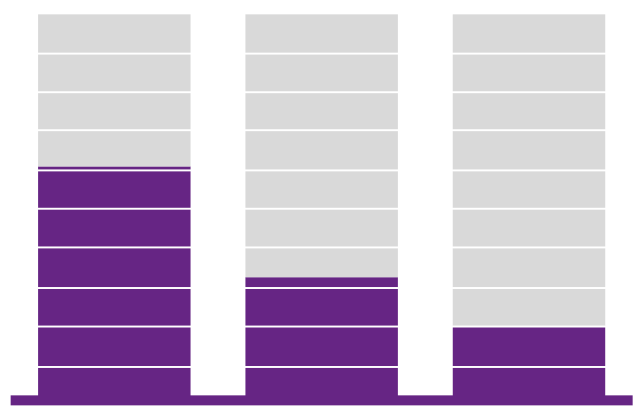
72.3%

Rate of Registered Students who Voted

52.1%

Voting Rate

2014 Midterm Election



60.6%

Registration Rate

31.9%

Rate of Registered Students who Voted

19.3%

Voting Rate

Total student enrollment	27,383
Ineligible to vote because too young	87
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,797
FERPA records blocked	337
Number of students who registered	18,143
Number of students who voted	13,116

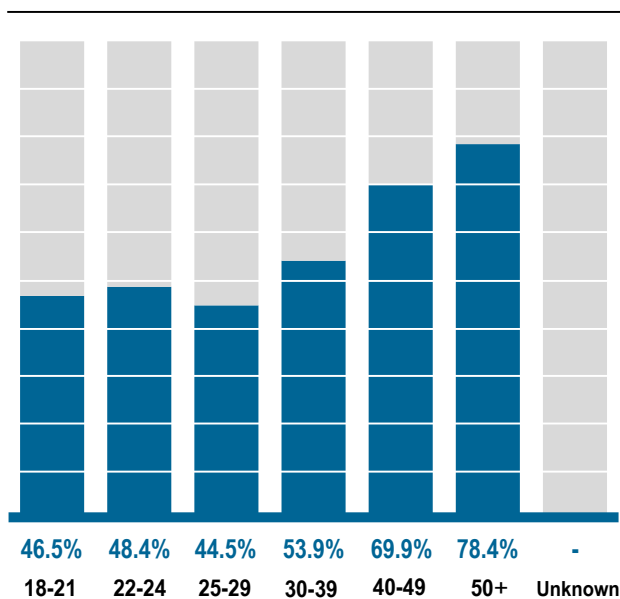
Total student enrollment	28,515
Ineligible to vote because too young	112
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,920
FERPA records blocked	191
Number of students who registered	15,921
Number of students who voted	5,076

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

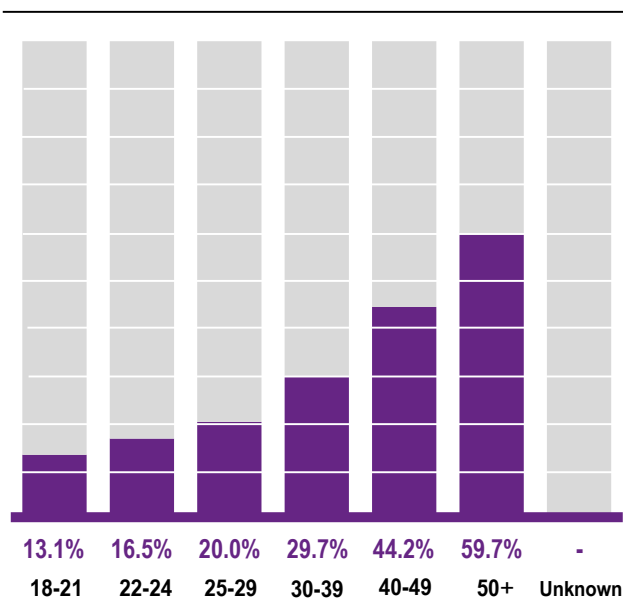
BY AGE GROUP

Your students broken down by age at the time of the election. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

**2012
Presidential Election**



**2014
Midterm Election**



AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	14,053	6,536
22-24	5,505	2,666
25-29	3,427	1,526
30-39	2,623	1,414
40-49	957	669
50+	389	305
Unknown	*	-

AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	14,786	1,940
22-24	5,763	952
25-29	3,511	703
30-39	2,834	842
40-49	953	421
50+	365	218
Unknown	-	-

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY EDUCATION LEVEL

Your students broken down by undergraduate and graduate students. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election

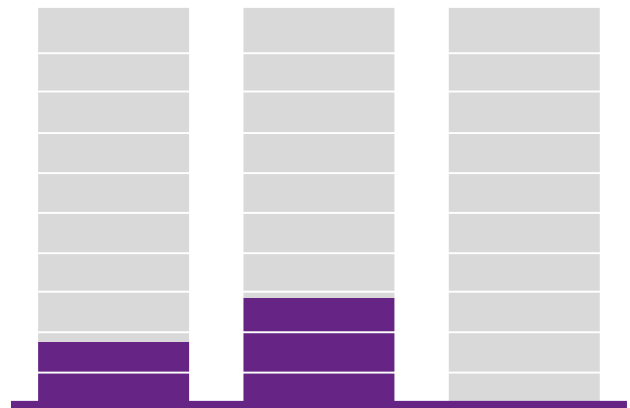


49.1% **46.6%** **43.5%**

Undergraduate Graduate Unknown

EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	22,582	11,079
Graduate	4,354	2,027
Unknown	23	10

2014 Midterm Election



16.1% **27.2%** **-**

Undergraduate Graduate Unknown

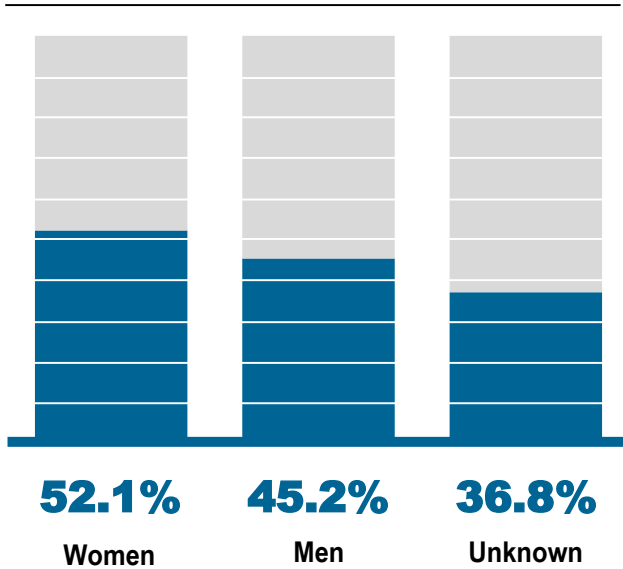
EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	23,383	3,765
Graduate	4,828	1,311
Unknown	*	-

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

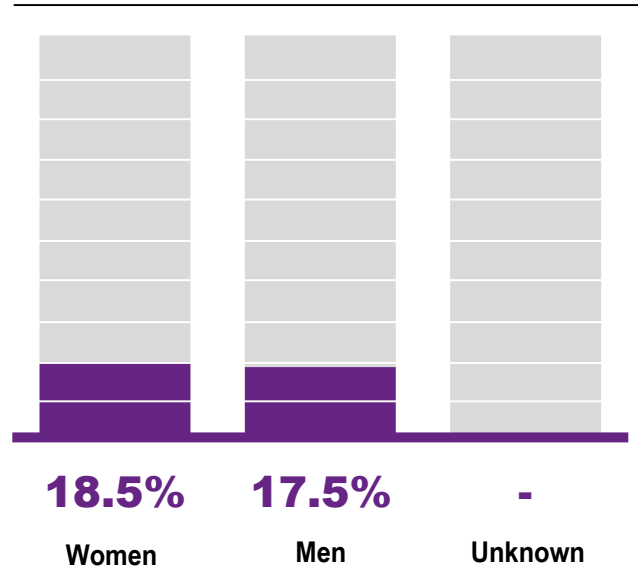
BY GENDER

Your students broken down by gender. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election



GENDER	ENROLLED	VOTED
Women	13,265	7,119
Men	13,265	5,990
Unknown	19	*

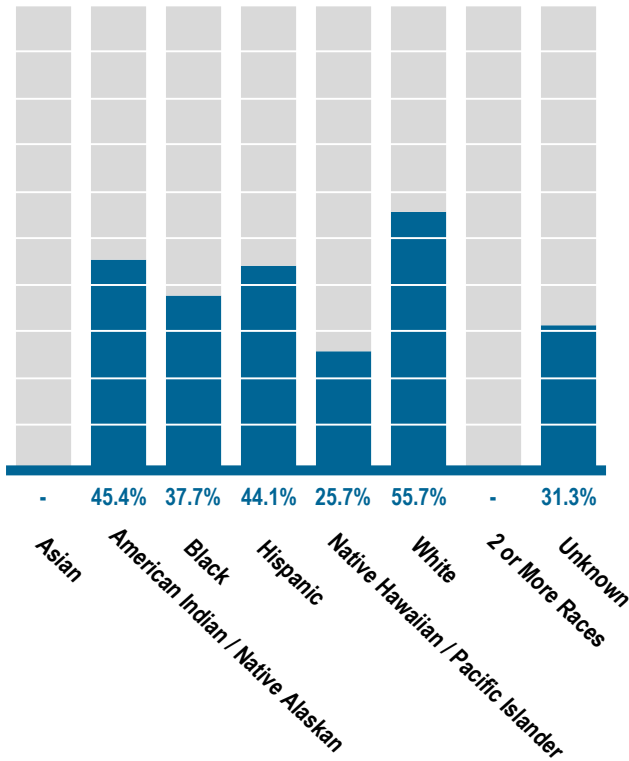
GENDER	ENROLLED	VOTED
Women	14,460	2,669
Men	13,752	2,407
Unknown	-	-

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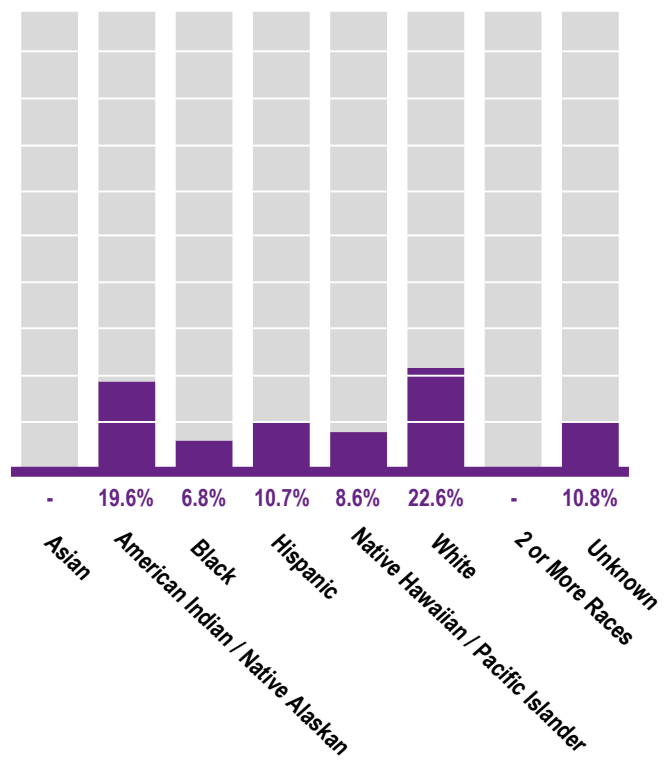
BY RACE/ETHNICITY

Your students broken down by race/ethnicity. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

**2012
Presidential Election**



**2014
Midterm Election**



RACE/ETHNICITY	ENROLLED	VOTED
Asian	-	-
American Indian / Native Alaskan	174	79
Black	746	281
Hispanic	2,295	1,012
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	1,523	391
White	18,020	10,039
2 or More Races	-	-
Unknown	4,201	1,314

RACE/ETHNICITY	ENROLLED	VOTED
Asian	-	-
American Indian / Native Alaskan	163	32
Black	883	60
Hispanic	3,010	323
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	1,657	143
White	17,764	4,008
2 or More Races	-	-
Unknown	4,735	510

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY FIELD OF STUDY

Your students broken down by field of study. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

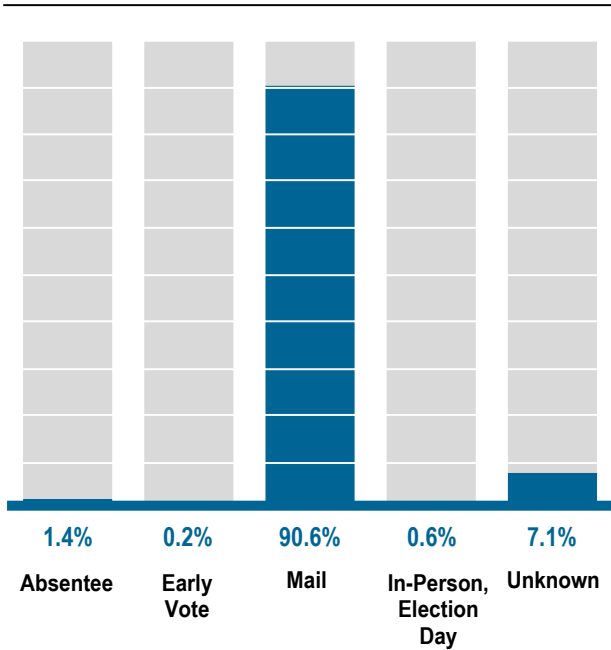
	2012 Presidential Election			2014 Midterm Election		
	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout
Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences	595	317	53.3%	464	102	22.0%
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,141	579	50.7%	896	161	18.0%
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support	2,575	1,204	46.8%	1,684	232	13.8%
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	1,340	727	54.3%	965	149	15.4%
Computer and Information and Library Sciences	305	141	46.2%	278	61	21.9%
Education	672	423	62.9%	342	113	33.0%
Engineering	1,871	914	48.9%	1,279	246	19.2%
Health Professions and Related Sciences, Knowledge, and Skills	1,878	1,000	53.2%	1,648	381	23.1%
Humanities	798	482	60.4%	470	120	25.5%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities	489	267	54.6%	356	79	22.2%
Mathematics and Statistics	147	68	46.3%	97	20	20.6%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	6,079	2,418	39.8%	15	*	13.3%
Parks and Recreation	557	255	45.8%	432	51	11.8%
Physical Sciences	739	398	53.9%	542	103	19.0%
Professions	246	115	46.7%	163	35	21.5%
Psychology, Personal Awareness, and Self-Improvement	358	189	52.8%	74	14	18.9%
Social Sciences	1,809	928	51.3%	1,074	206	19.2%
Technologies/Technicians	493	247	50.1%	385	72	18.7%
Trades	1,201	635	52.9%	826	111	13.4%
Visual and Performing Arts	223	120	53.8%	201	25	12.4%

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BY VOTING METHOD

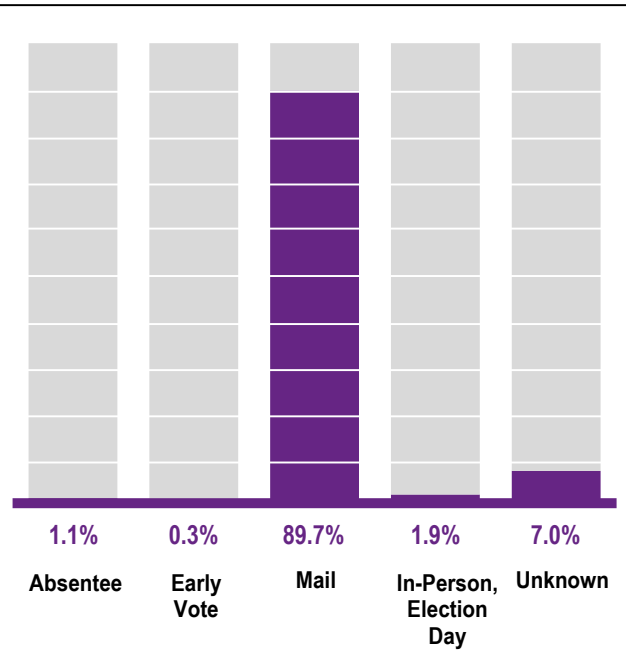
Your students broken down by voting method. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens. If your campus has a high percentage of "unknown" voting methods, it means that this information is not reported by local officials.

2012 Presidential Election



VOTING METHOD	ENROLLED	VOTED
Absentee	27,383	190
Early Vote	27,383	31
Mail	27,383	11,878
In-person, Election Day	27,383	84
Unknown	27,383	933

2014 Midterm Election



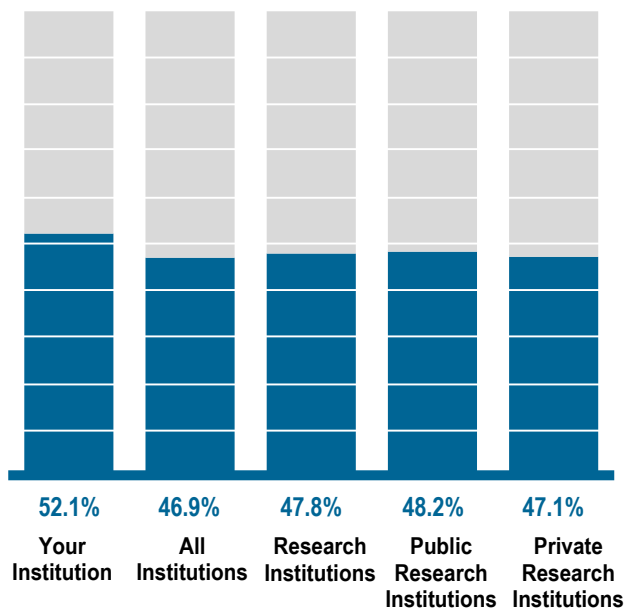
VOTING METHOD	ENROLLED	VOTED
Absentee	28,515	55
Early Vote	28,515	15
Mail	28,515	4,553
In-person, Election Day	28,515	96
Unknown	28,515	357

How Your Numbers Compare

BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

See how your campus voting rate compares to others in your Carnegie classification. This comparison data allows your campus to understand your individual voting rates in the context of similar institutions. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election

