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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for University of Rochester

Tufts UNIVERSITY | Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life

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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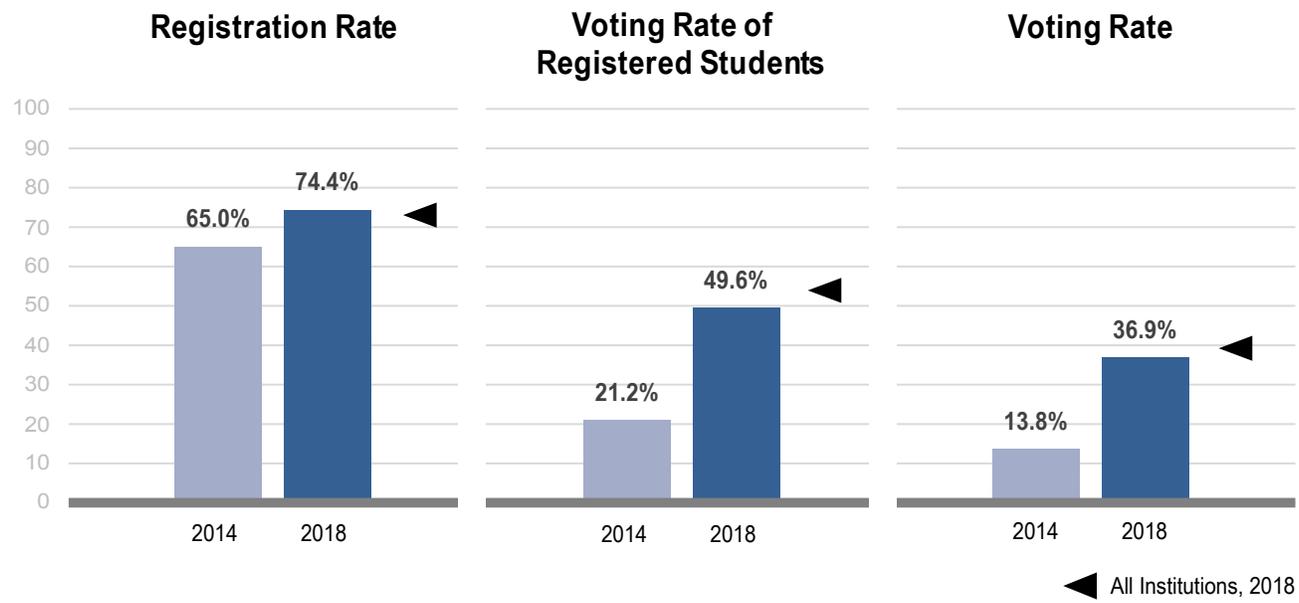
Warm regards,

IDHE Team

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

36.9%

CHANGE
FROM 2014

+23.1

2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate

Voting Rate of Registered Students

Voting Rate

65.0% 74.4%

21.2% 49.6%

13.8% 36.9%

2014 2018

◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	**2018**		Change
Total student enrollment	9,539	11,138	⬆	1,599
Age under 18/Unknown	(78)	(85)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(2,230)	(3,170)		
FERPA records blocked	(13)	*		
Total eligible voters	7,218	7,878	⬆	660
Number of students who registered	4,694	5,861	⬆	1,167
Number of students who voted	995	2,905	⬆	1,910
Registration rate	65.0%	74.4%	⬆	9.4
Voting rate of registered students	21.2%	49.6%	⬆	28.4
Voting rate	13.8%	36.9%	⬆	23.1
Difference from all institutions	-5.9	-2.2		

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions		**2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions**	
19.7%	**HIGH 54.0%** / **LOW 1.5%**	**39.1%**	**HIGH 64.1%** / **LOW 11.5%**

Difference from All Institutions **-5.9**

Difference from All Institutions **-2.2**

	Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2014	13.8%	19.5%	19.6%	17.6%
2018	36.9%	41.2%	40.8%	42.5%
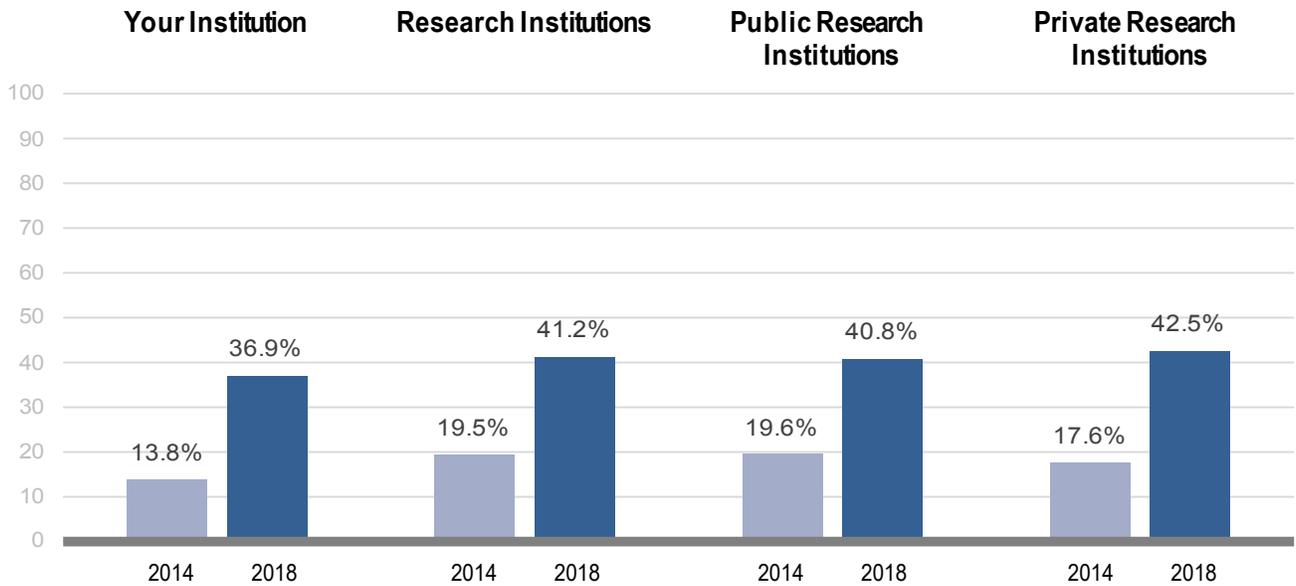
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By Voting Method*
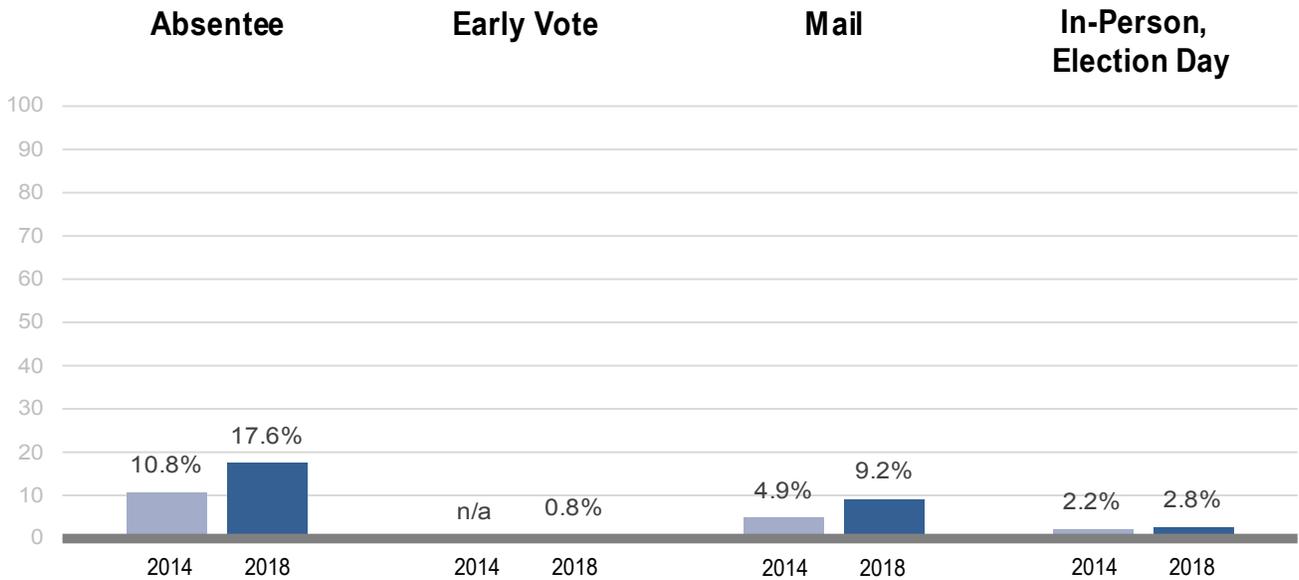
	2014			2018			
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	107	**10.8%**		511	**17.6%**	⬆	**6.8**
Early Vote	*	**n/a**		23	**0.8%**		**n/a**
Mail	49	**4.9%**		266	**9.2%**	⬆	**4.2**
In-Person, Election Day	22	**2.2%**		80	**2.8%**	⬆	**0.5**
Unknown	810	**81.4%**		2,025	**69.7%**		
Total	**995**			**2,905**			

* 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.

By Age Group*
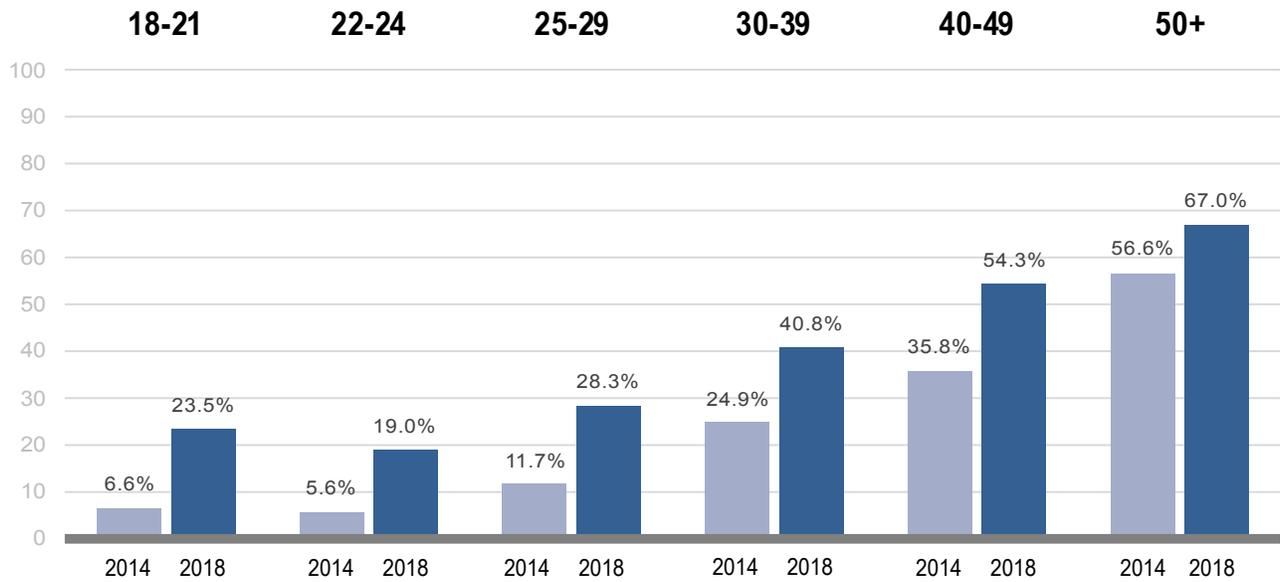
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	5,063	333	**6.6%**	5,405	1,270	**23.5%**	⬆	**16.9**
22-24	1,652	92	**5.6%**	2,285	434	**19.0%**	⬆	**13.4**
25-29	1,428	167	**11.7%**	1,917	543	**28.3%**	⬆	**16.6**
30-39	889	221	**24.9%**	1,034	422	**40.8%**	⬆	**16.0**
40-49	257	92	**35.8%**	289	157	**54.3%**	⬆	**18.5**
50+	159	90	**56.6%**	118	79	**67.0%**	⬆	**10.4**
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.

By Education Level*

Undergraduate

Graduate

	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**		6,205	1,483	**23.9%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**		4,792	1,417	**29.6%**	**n/a**
Unknown	9,448				51			

* 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*
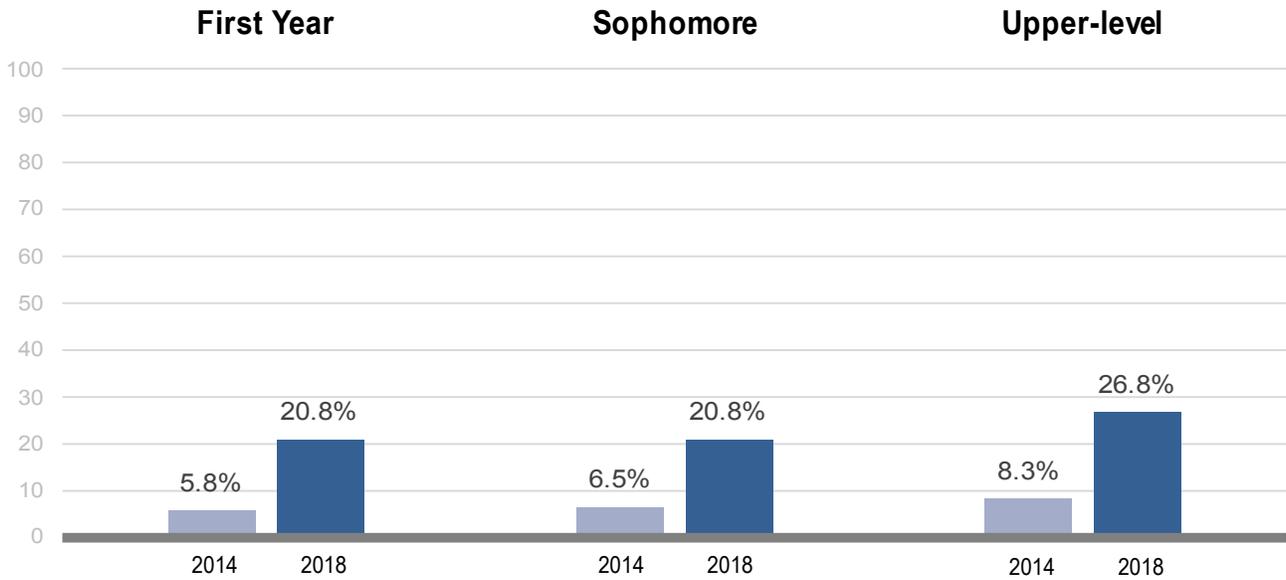
	2014			**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	1,392	80	**5.8%**	1,457	303	**20.8%**	⬆	15.1
Sophomore	1,495	97	**6.5%**	1,509	314	**20.8%**	⬆	14.3
Upper-level	3,081	257	**8.3%**	3,251	870	**26.8%**	⬆	18.4

* 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.

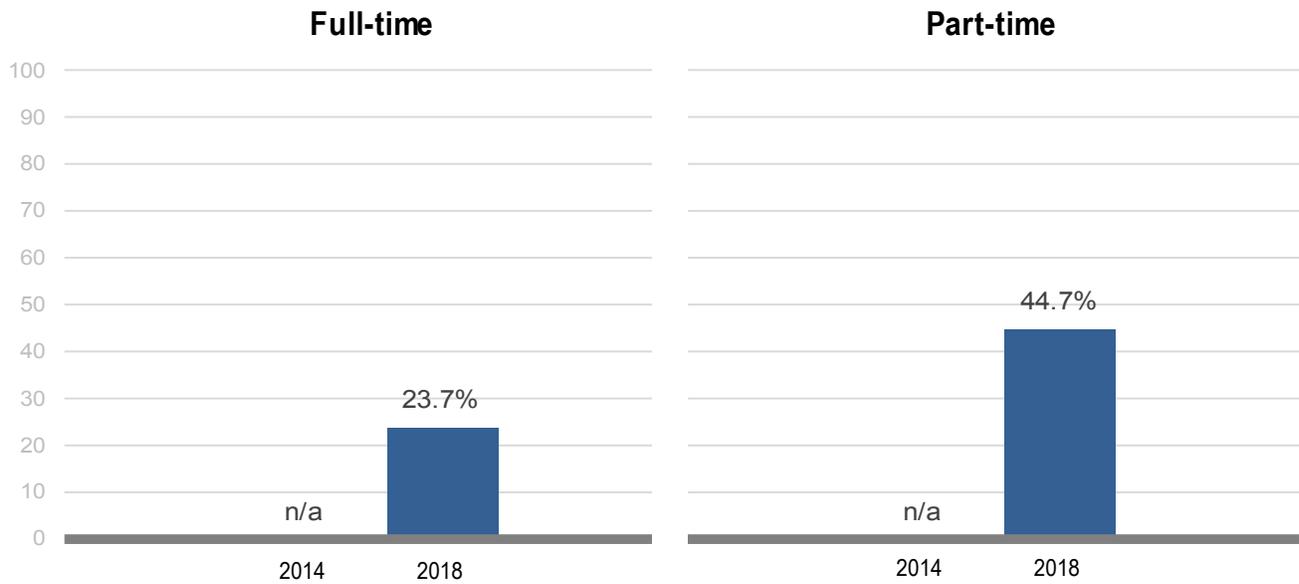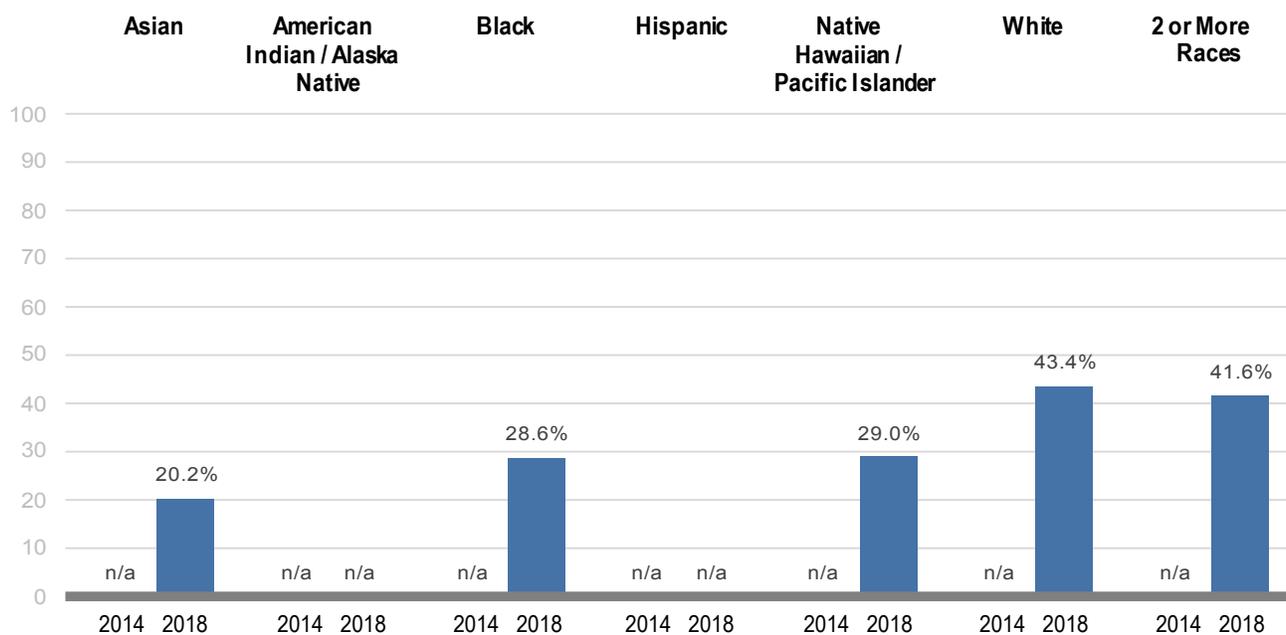**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Enrollment Status*

Full-time

Part-time

	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Full-time	0	0	**n/a**		9,689	2,298	**23.7%**	**n/a**
Part-time	0	0	**n/a**		1,359	607	**44.7%**	**n/a**
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.
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By Race/Ethnicity*

	2014				2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Asian	0	0	n/a		910	184	**20.2%**	**n/a**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a		10	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
Black	0	0	n/a		517	148	**28.6%**	**n/a**
Hispanic	0	0	n/a		0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a		649	188	**29.0%**	**n/a**
White	0	0	n/a		4,646	2,018	**43.4%**	**n/a**
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a		257	107	**41.6%**	**n/a**
Unknown	9,448				4,059			

* 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	0	0	n/a		24	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	988	63	6.4%		1,273	342	26.9% ⬆	20.5
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,322	148	11.2%		1,578	246	15.6% ⬆	4.4
Communication and Journalism	38	*	n/a		50	10	20.0%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	373	26	7.0%		679	114	16.8% ⬆	9.8
Education	656	189	28.8%		506	253	50.0% ⬆	21.2
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,484	102	6.9%		1,477	304	20.6% ⬆	13.7
English Language and Literature	187	27	14.4%		156	66	42.3% ⬆	27.9
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	*	*	n/a		39	24	61.5%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	138	13	9.4%		113	43	38.1% ⬆	28.6
Health Professions	541	110	20.3%		1,218	498	40.9% ⬆	20.6
History	80	20	25.0%		73	47	64.4% ⬆	39.4
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	265	15	5.7%		242	47	19.4% ⬆	13.8
Mathematics and Statistics	207	11	5.3%		305	47	15.4% ⬆	10.1
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	13	*	n/a		183	32	17.5%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	56	*	n/a		58	23	39.7%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	67	11	16.4%		52	17	32.7% ⬆	16.3
Physical Sciences	642	56	8.7%		676	171	25.3% ⬆	16.6
Psychology	502	44	8.8%		492	144	29.3% ⬆	20.5
Social Sciences	819	60	7.3%		769	176	22.9% ⬆	15.6
Theology and Religious Vocations	30	*	n/a		0	0	n/a	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	969	75	7.7%		980	271	27.7% ⬆	19.9
Unknown	64	11	17.2%		105	28	26.7% ⬆	9.5

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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