

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Ohio State University-
Main Campus

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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



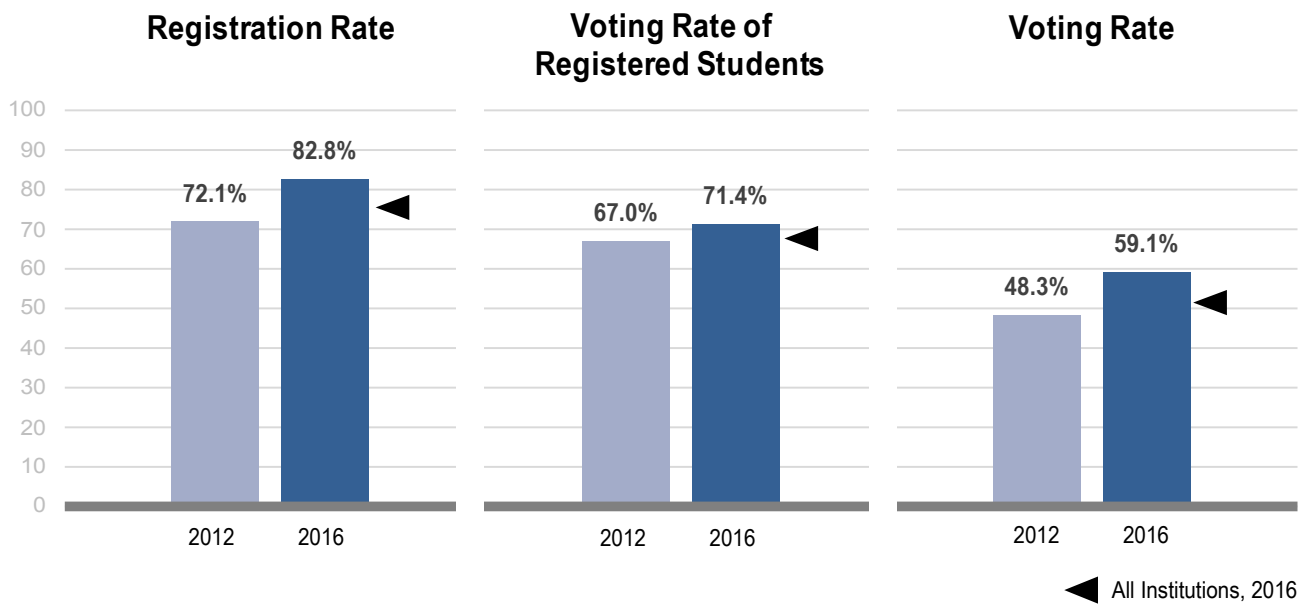
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
59.1%

CHANGE FROM 2012
10.8

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	63,314	65,649	↑ 2,335
Age under 18/Unknown	(461)	(641)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(6,743)	(6,854)	
FERPA records blocked	(238)	(252)	
Total eligible voters	55,872	57,902	↑ 2,030
Number of students who registered	40,290	47,923	↑ 7,633
Number of students who voted	26,988	34,233	↑ 7,245
Registration rate	72.1%	82.8%	↑ 10.7
Voting rate of registered students	67.0%	71.4%	↑ 4.5
Voting rate	48.3%	59.1%	↑ 10.8
Difference from all institutions	+1.4	+8.7	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

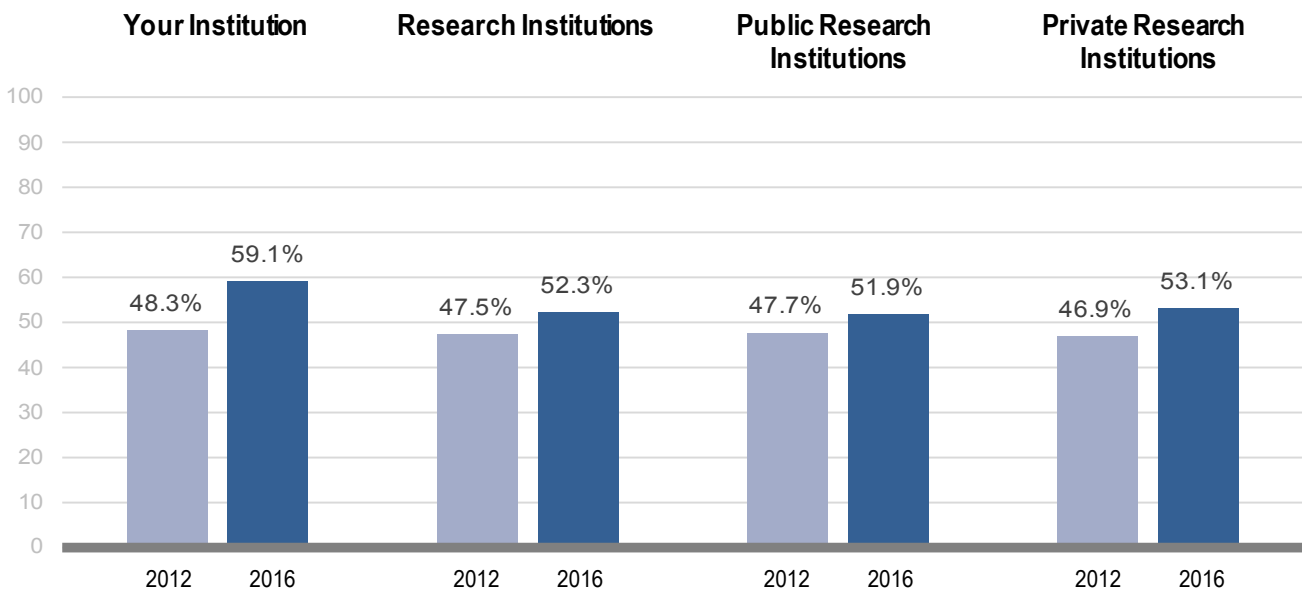
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

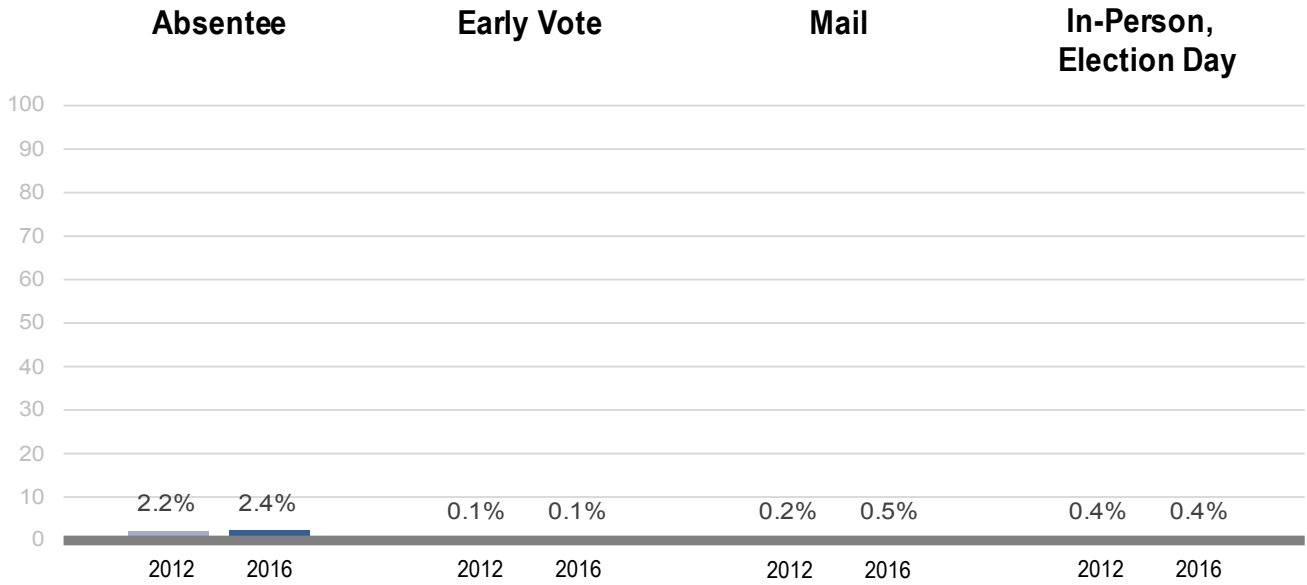
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By Voting Method*

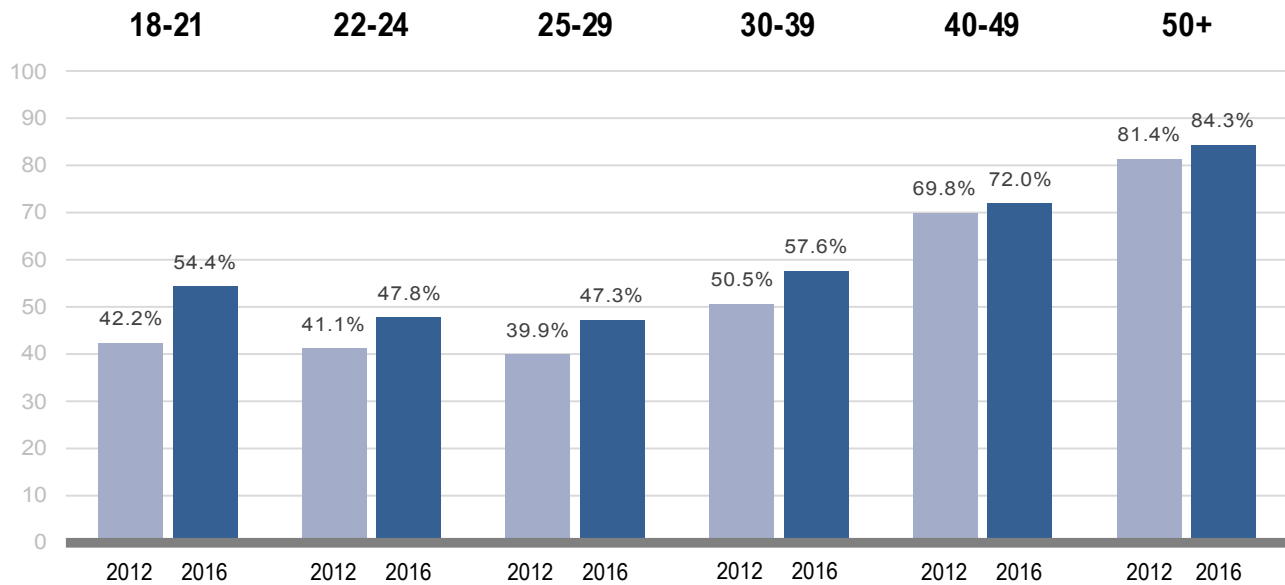


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	587	2.2%	823	2.4%	↑ 0.2
Early Vote	29	0.1%	35	0.1%	→ 0.0
Mail	46	0.2%	176	0.5%	↑ 0.3
In-Person, Election Day	103	0.4%	119	0.4%	→ 0.0
Unknown	26,223	97.2%	33,080	96.6%	
Total	26,988		34,233		

* 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*

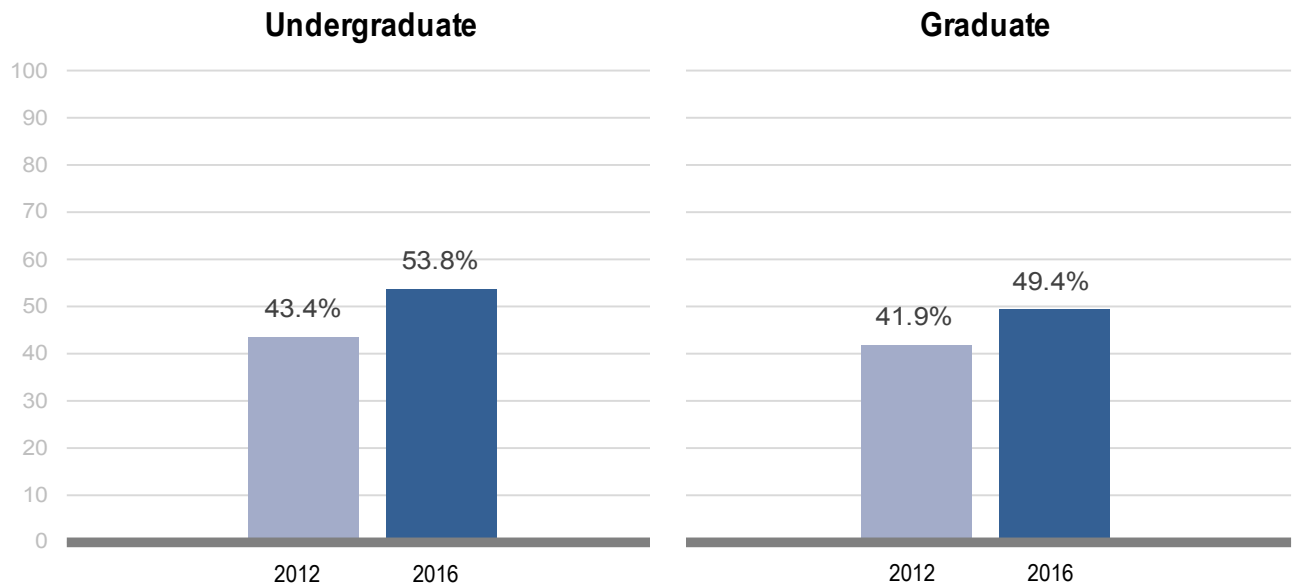


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	35,727	15,084	42.2%	37,736	20,541	54.4%	↑ 12.2
22-24	13,530	5,565	41.1%	13,884	6,638	47.8%	↑ 6.7
25-29	7,647	3,053	39.9%	7,715	3,646	47.3%	↑ 7.3
30-39	3,984	2,013	50.5%	3,854	2,218	57.6%	↑ 7.0
40-49	1,142	797	69.8%	1,069	770	72.0%	↑ 2.2
50+	585	476	81.4%	498	420	84.3%	↑ 3.0
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*

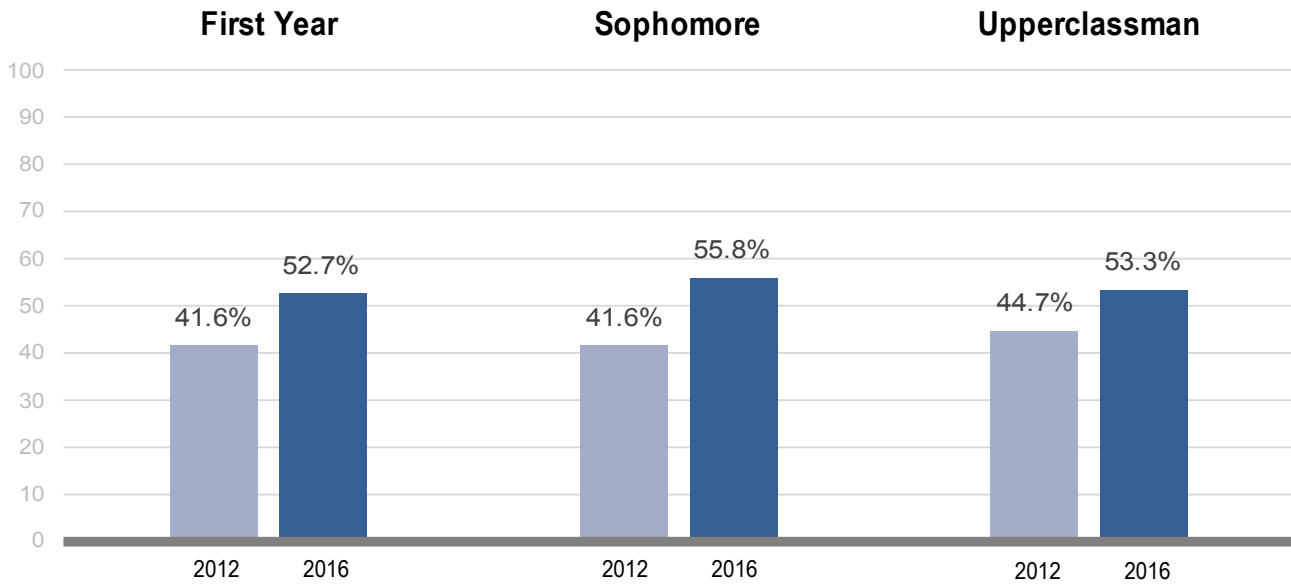


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	49,182	21,360	43.4%	51,209	27,532	53.8%	↑ 10.3
Graduate	13,429	5,626	41.9%	13,529	6,687	49.4%	↑ 7.5
Unknown	*			18			

* 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*

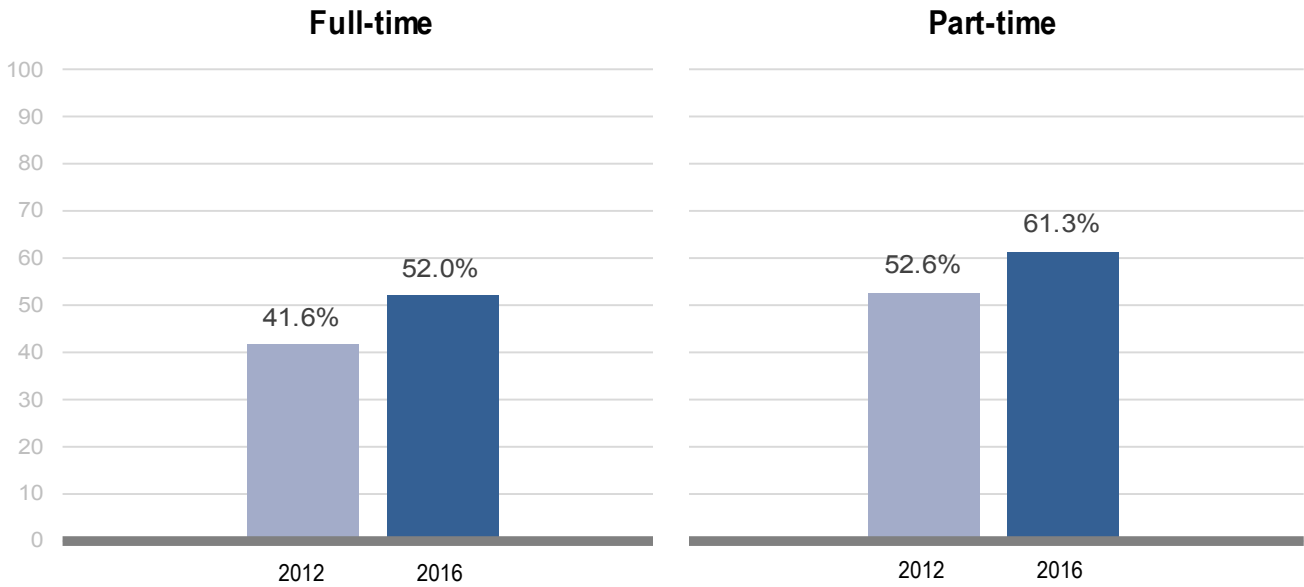


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	10,515	4,376	41.6%	9,598	5,054	52.7%	↑ 11.0
Sophomore	10,900	4,538	41.6%	10,860	6,058	55.8%	↑ 14.2
Upperclassman	26,661	11,920	44.7%	29,064	15,497	53.3%	↑ 8.6

* 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*

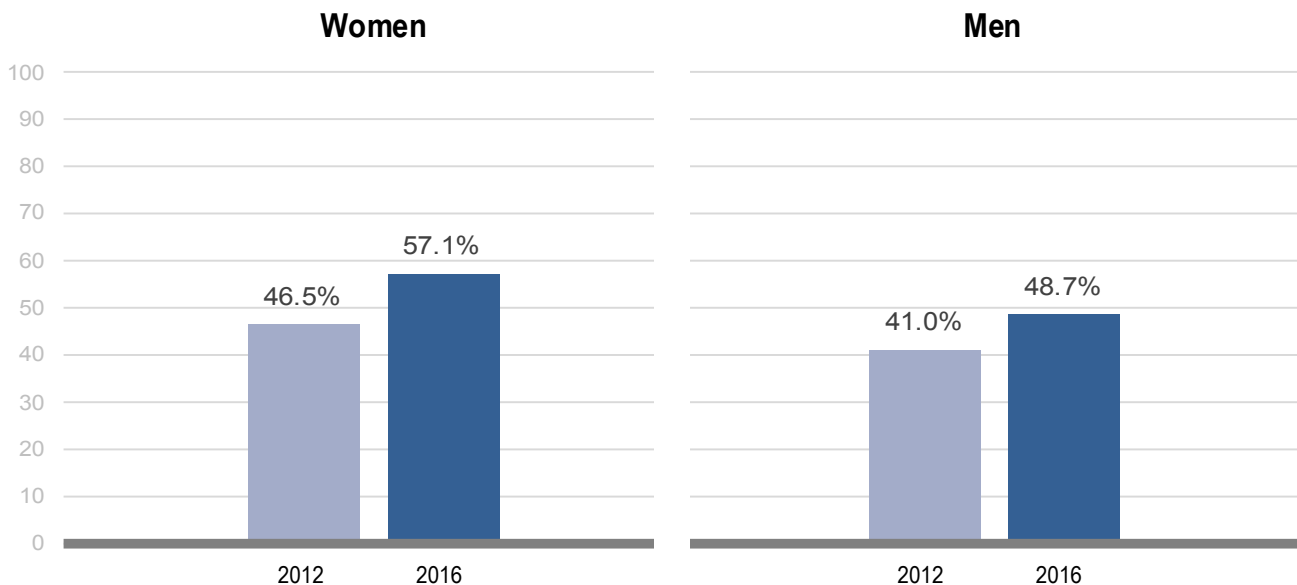


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	54,035	22,473	41.6%	58,824	30,599	52.0%	↑ 10.4
Part-time	8,580	4,515	52.6%	5,932	3,634	61.3%	↑ 8.6
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

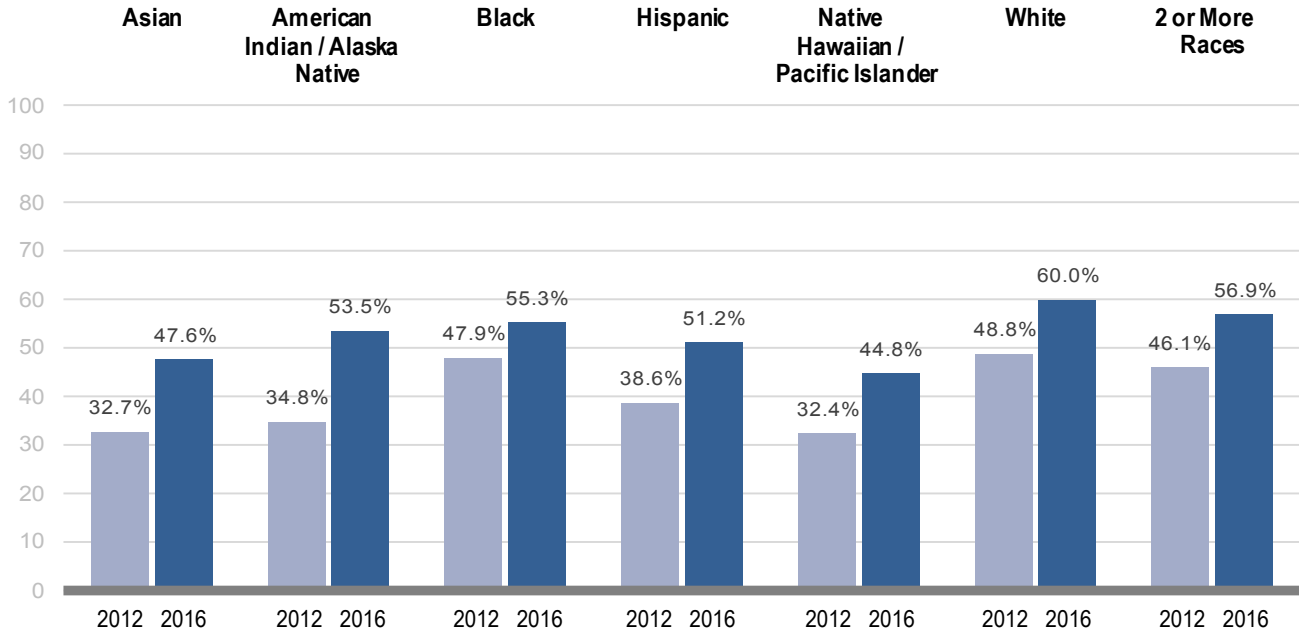


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	30,102	13,996	46.5%	32,282	18,436	57.1%	↑ 10.6
Men	31,716	12,988	41.0%	32,474	15,797	48.7%	↑ 7.7
Unknown	797	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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	3,085	1,008	32.7%	3,802	1,810	47.6%	↑ 14.9
American Indian/ Alaska Native	138	48	34.8%	86	46	53.5%	↑ 18.7
Black	3,790	1,814	47.9%	3,674	2,033	55.3%	↑ 7.5
Hispanic	1,865	720	38.6%	2,510	1,284	51.2%	↑ 12.6
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	37	12	32.4%	29	13	44.8%	↑ 12.4
White	45,267	22,080	48.8%	44,408	26,622	60.0%	↑ 11.2
2 or More Races	1,232	568	46.1%	1,976	1,124	56.9%	↑ 10.8
Unknown	2,249			2,150			

* 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	2,355	1,081	45.9%	2,326	1,211	52.1% ↑	6.2
Architecture	823	312	37.9%	686	340	49.6% ↑	11.7
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	92	39	42.4%	98	56	57.1% ↑	14.8
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	209	*	n/a	45	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	4,928	2,016	40.9%	5,468	2,958	54.1% ↑	13.2
Business, Management, and Marketing	7,799	2,712	34.8%	8,538	4,009	47.0% ↑	12.2
Communication and Journalism	1,680	724	43.1%	1,642	913	55.6% ↑	12.5
Computer and Information Sciences	397	170	42.8%	467	198	42.4% ↓	-0.4
Education	3,106	1,721	55.4%	3,445	2,143	62.2% ↑	6.8
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	9,104	3,266	35.9%	9,955	4,611	46.3% ↑	10.5
English Language and Literature	1,046	509	48.7%	849	552	65.0% ↑	16.4
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	2,223	1,025	46.1%	1,153	641	55.6% ↑	9.5
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	936	384	41.0%	690	320	46.4% ↑	5.4
Health Professions	7,773	3,622	46.6%	8,476	4,958	58.5% ↑	11.9
History	786	410	52.2%	511	309	60.5% ↑	8.3
Legal Professions and Studies	626	332	53.0%	543	331	61.0% ↑	7.9
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,739	1,330	48.6%	1,921	1,159	60.3% ↑	11.8
Mathematics and Statistics	708	205	29.0%	1,199	346	28.9% ↓	-0.1
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	3,124	1,546	49.5%	3,900	2,157	55.3% ↑	5.8
Natural Resources and Conservation	649	333	51.3%	848	502	59.2% ↑	7.9
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	382	166	43.5%	828	389	47.0% ↑	3.5
Philosophy and Religious Studies	135	60	44.4%	112	55	49.1% ↑	4.7
Physical Sciences	1,349	469	34.8%	1,446	637	44.1% ↑	9.3

Psychology	2,448	1,111	45.4%	2,183	1,178	54.0% ↑	8.6
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	1,507	897	59.5%	1,738	1,173	67.5% ↑	8.0
Science Technologies/Technicians	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Social Sciences	3,916	1,763	45.0%	3,577	1,889	52.8% ↑	7.8
Transportation and Materials Moving	108	50	46.3%	177	99	55.9% ↑	9.6
Visual and Performing Arts	1,610	707	43.9%	1,411	773	54.8% ↑	10.9
Unknown	50	23	46.0%	524	325	62.0% ↑	16.0

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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