

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Ohio 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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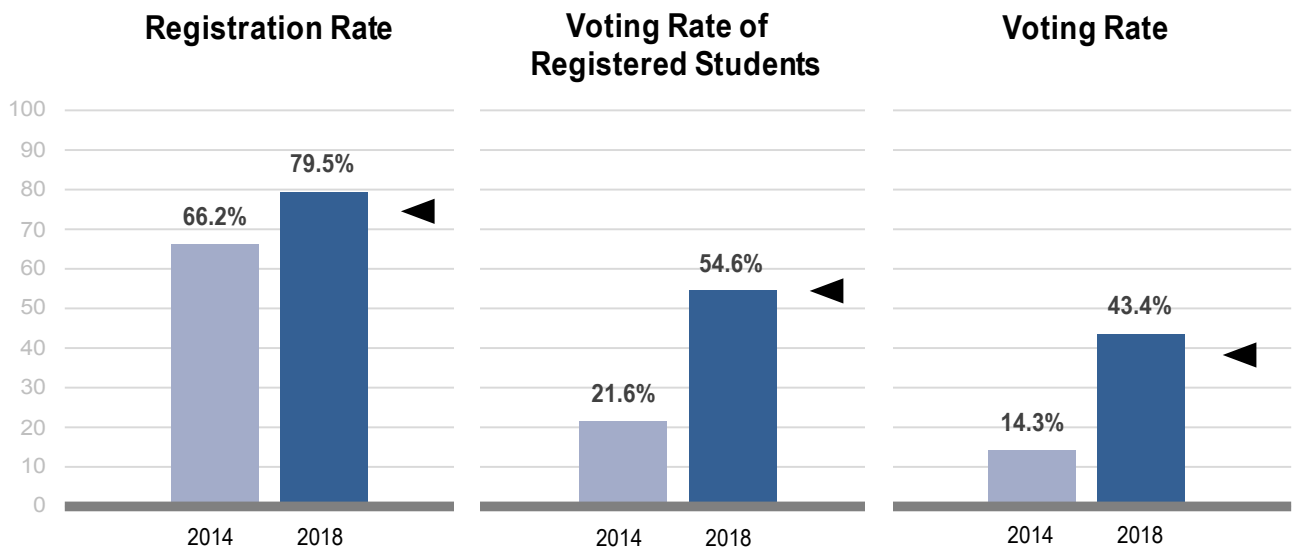
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2018 Voting Rate**  
**43.4%**

CHANGE FROM 2014  
**+29.1**

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



◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	64,587	66,995	↑ 2,408
Age under 18/Unknown	(556)	(771)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(6,076)	(6,443)	
FERPA records blocked	(205)	(230)	
Total eligible voters	57,750	59,626	↑ 1,876
Number of students who registered	38,221	47,389	↑ 9,168
Number of students who voted	8,248	25,888	↑ 17,640
Registration rate	66.2%	79.5%	↑ 13.3
Voting rate of registered students	21.6%	54.6%	↑ 33.1
Voting rate	14.3%	43.4%	↑ 29.1
Difference from all institutions	-5.4	+4.3	

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

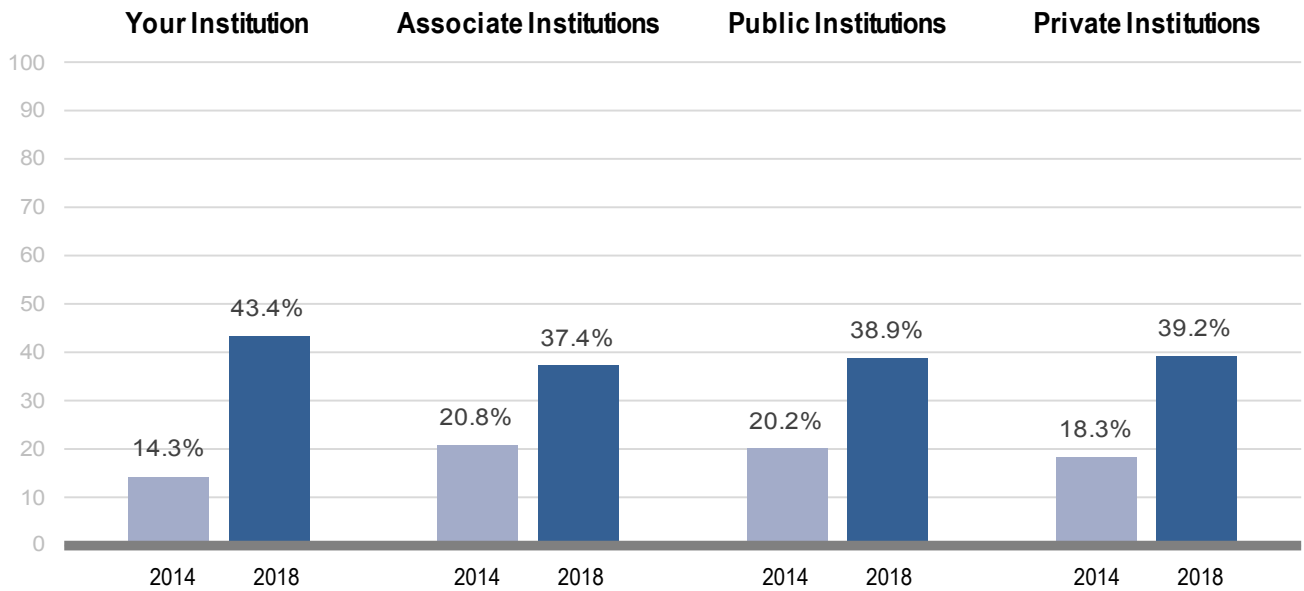
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

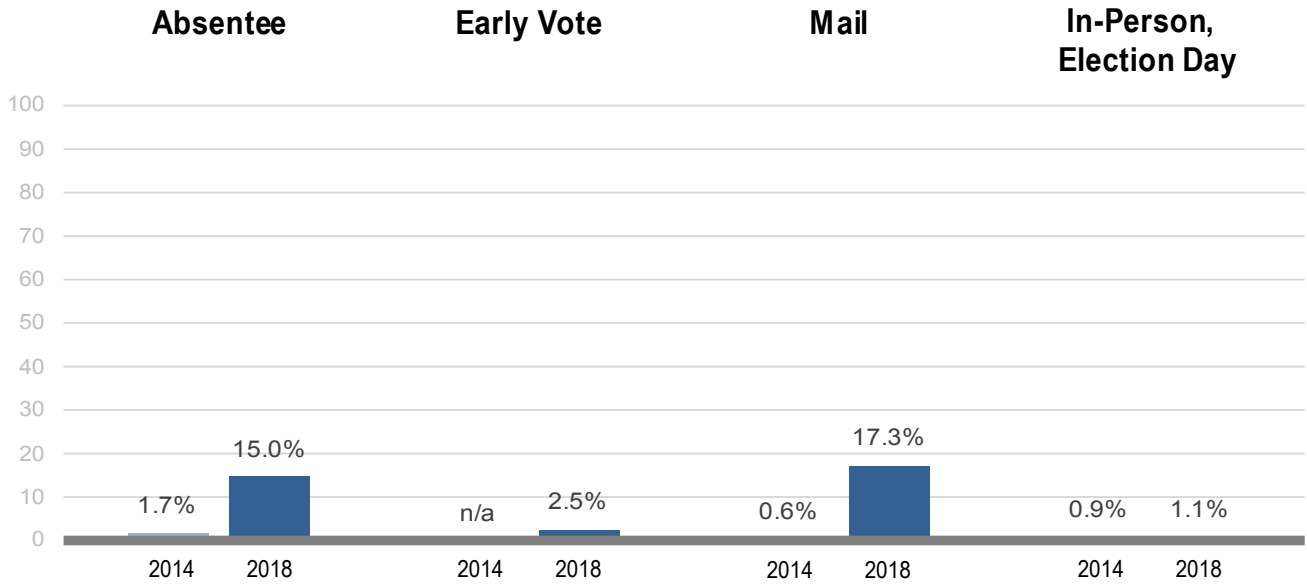
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# By Voting Method\*

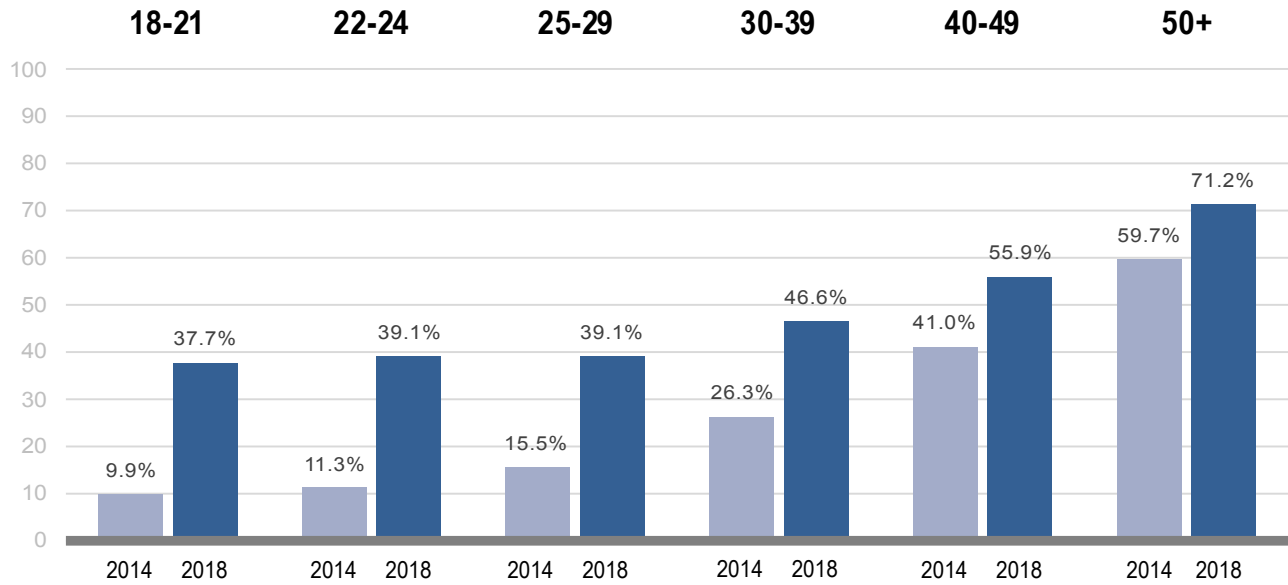


	2014		2018		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	143	1.7%	3,870	15.0%	↑	13.2
Early Vote	*	n/a	642	2.5%		n/a
Mail	53	0.6%	4,468	17.3%	↑	16.6
In-Person, Election Day	74	0.9%	275	1.1%	↑	0.2
Unknown	7,969	96.6%	16,633	64.3%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,248</b>		<b>25,888</b>			

\* 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\*

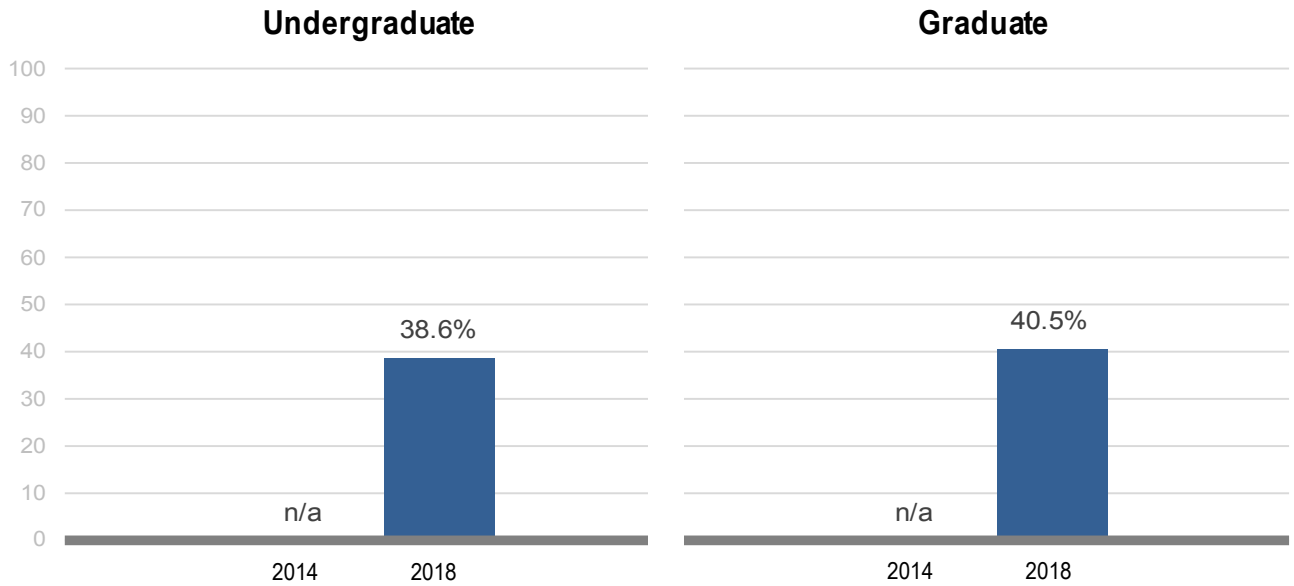


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	36,521	3,625	9.9%	38,907	14,665	37.7%	↑ 27.8
22-24	13,901	1,570	11.3%	13,737	5,371	39.1%	↑ 27.8
25-29	7,748	1,201	15.5%	7,857	3,070	39.1%	↑ 23.6
30-39	3,939	1,035	26.3%	3,901	1,817	46.6%	↑ 20.3
40-49	1,112	456	41.0%	1,102	616	55.9%	↑ 14.9
50+	605	361	59.7%	490	349	71.2%	↑ 11.6
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\*

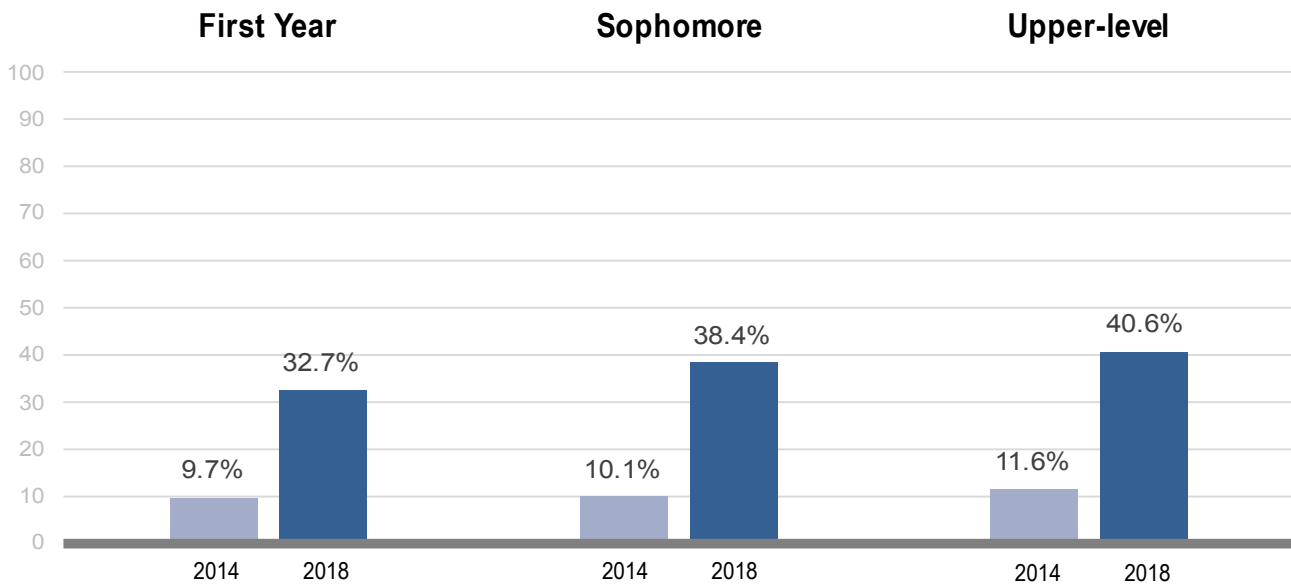


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	51,033	19,672	38.6%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	13,676	5,544	40.5%	n/a
Unknown	63,826			1,285			

\* 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\*



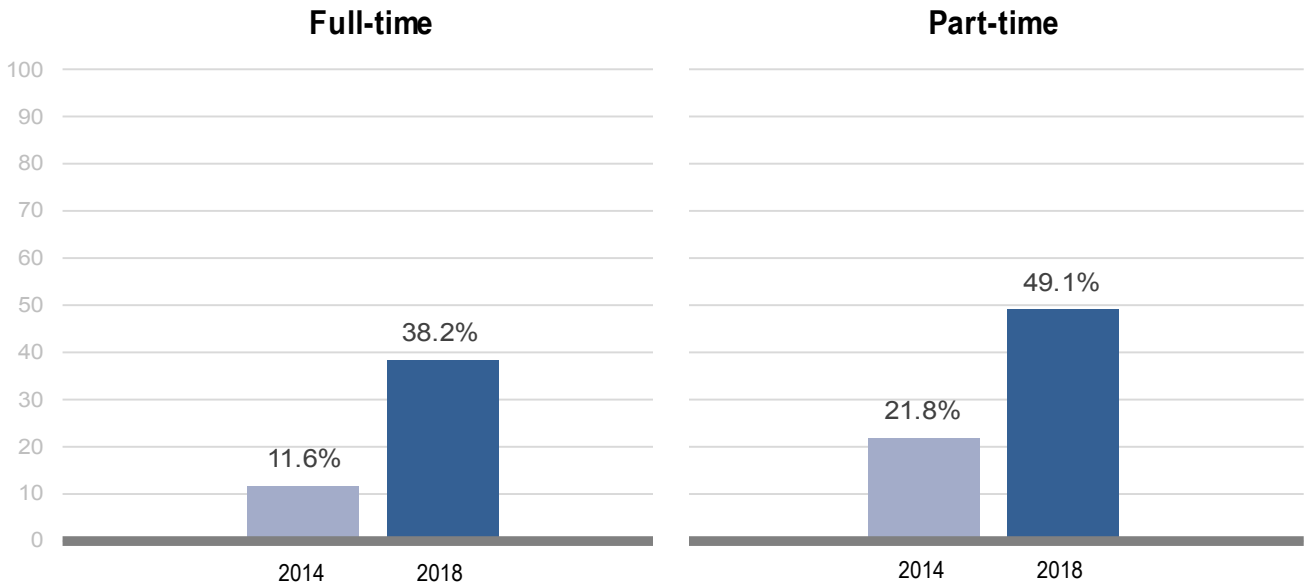
	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	9,554	931	9.7%	9,249	3,020	32.7%	↑ 22.9
Sophomore	10,989	1,107	10.1%	10,790	4,148	38.4%	↑ 28.4
Upper-level	28,143	3,260	11.6%	30,234	12,261	40.6%	↑ 29.0

\* 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.



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# By Enrollment Status\*

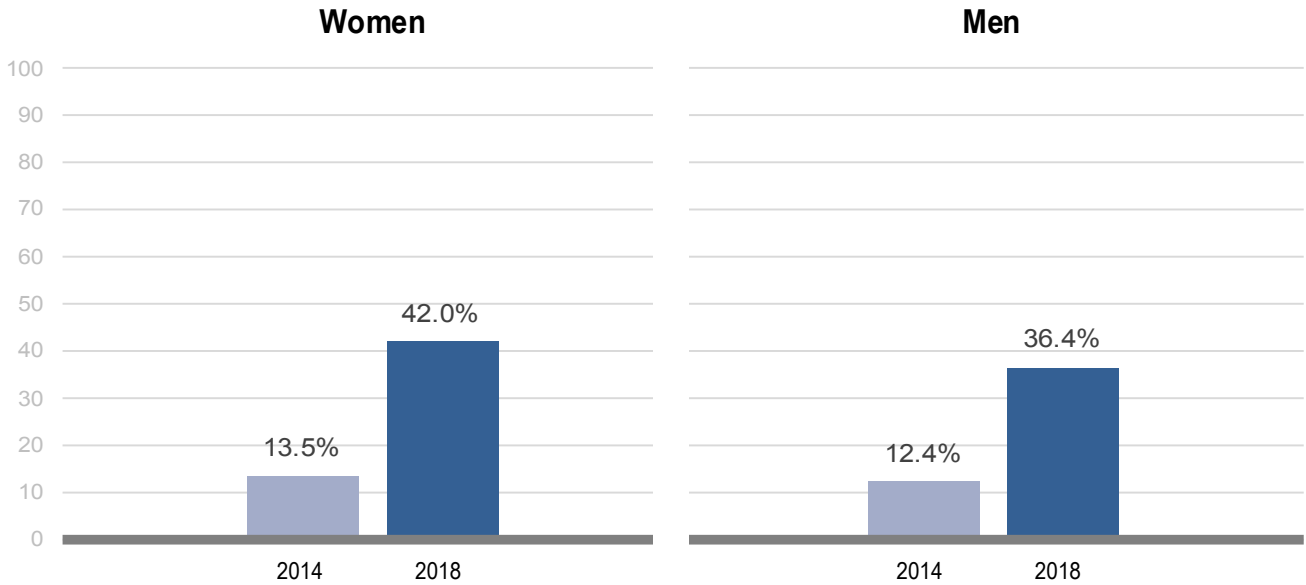


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	55,538	6,444	11.6%	59,995	22,944	38.2%	↑ 26.6
Part-time	8,288	1,804	21.8%	5,999	2,944	49.1%	↑ 27.3
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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.

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# By Gender\*

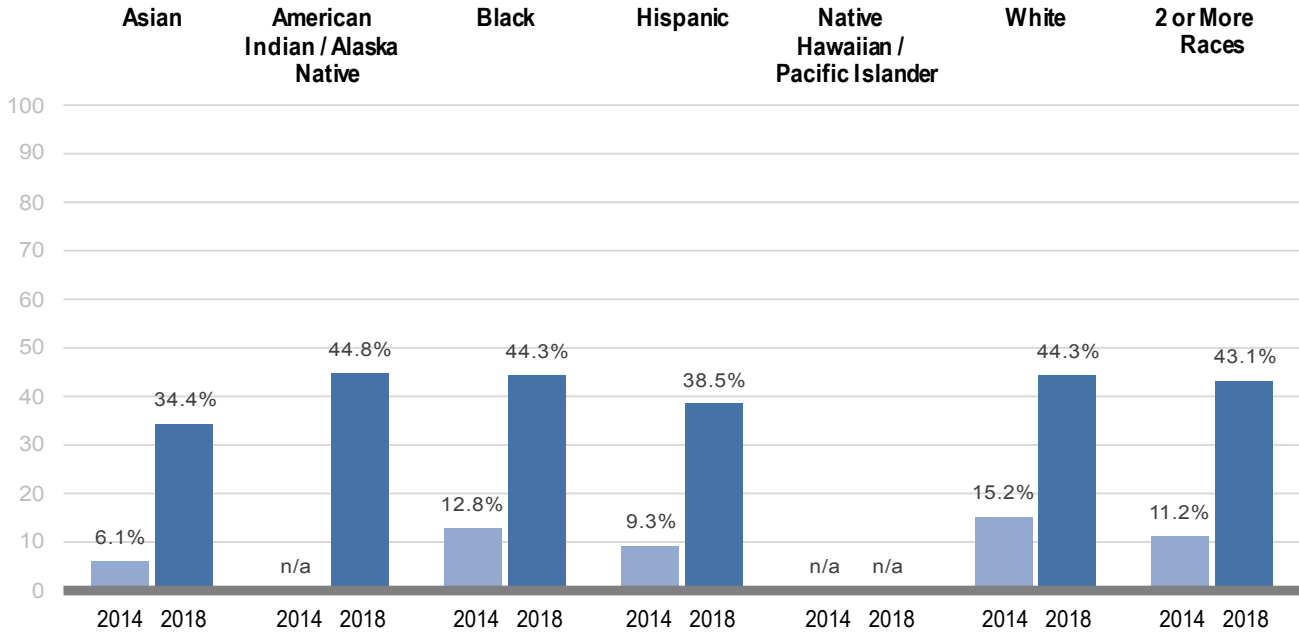


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	31,529	4,253	13.5%	33,193	13,943	42.0%	↑ 28.5
Men	32,297	3,995	12.4%	32,800	11,945	36.4%	↑ 24.1
Unknown	0			*			

\* 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	3,411	209	6.1%	4,215	1,448	34.4%	↑ 28.2
American Indian/ Alaska Native	94	*	n/a	58	26	44.8%	n/a
Black	3,568	456	12.8%	4,128	1,829	44.3%	↑ 31.5
Hispanic	2,211	205	9.3%	2,937	1,132	38.5%	↑ 29.3
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	39	*	n/a	26	*	n/a	n/a
White	45,065	6,856	15.2%	43,605	19,336	44.3%	↑ 29.1
2 or More Races	1,677	187	11.2%	2,374	1,023	43.1%	↑ 31.9
Unknown	7,761			8,651			

\* 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	2,507	347	13.8%	2,103	714	34.0% ↑	20.1
Architecture	692	70	10.1%	742	318	42.9% ↑	32.7
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	116	26	22.4%	99	50	50.5% ↑	28.1
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	88	0	n/a	11	0	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	5,406	492	9.1%	5,780	2,282	39.5% ↑	30.4
Business, Management, and Marketing	7,980	752	9.4%	8,867	2,921	32.9% ↑	23.5
Communication and Journalism	1,808	199	11.0%	1,578	656	41.6% ↑	30.6
Communications Technologies/Technicians	0	0	n/a	26	10	38.5%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	435	49	11.3%	617	190	30.8% ↑	19.5
Education	3,527	699	19.8%	3,373	1,569	46.5% ↑	26.7
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	9,678	940	9.7%	9,821	3,397	34.6% ↑	24.9
English Language and Literature	844	129	15.3%	726	430	59.2% ↑	44.0
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	1,407	132	9.4%	1,151	427	37.1% ↑	27.7
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	834	104	12.5%	671	283	42.2% ↑	29.7
Health Professions	8,107	1,119	13.8%	9,188	3,793	41.3% ↑	27.5
History	625	144	23.0%	497	277	55.7% ↑	32.7
Legal Professions and Studies	555	169	30.5%	590	367	62.2% ↑	31.8
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,579	472	18.3%	1,636	721	44.1% ↑	25.8
Mathematics and Statistics	793	53	6.7%	1,562	364	23.3% ↑	16.6
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	3,424	508	14.8%	3,220	1,175	36.5% ↑	21.7
Natural Resources and Conservation	806	138	17.1%	907	479	52.8% ↑	35.7
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	714	50	7.0%	750	207	27.6% ↑	20.6
Philosophy and Religious Studies	121	17	14.1%	118	50	42.4% ↑	28.3

Physical Sciences	1,464	169	11.5%	1,478	491	33.2% ↑	21.7
Psychology	2,287	264	11.5%	2,125	871	41.0% ↑	29.5
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	1,666	411	24.7%	1,923	1,106	57.5% ↑	32.8
Social Sciences	3,691	578	15.7%	3,798	1,561	41.1% ↑	25.4
Transportation and Materials Moving	157	21	13.4%	223	73	32.7% ↑	19.4
Visual and Performing Arts	1,470	188	12.8%	1,378	623	45.2% ↑	32.4
Unknown	45	*	n/a	1,036	483	46.6%	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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