

**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), housed at the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life, Tufts University. Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 850 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. With others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 7.5 million college student records that is already serving as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

NSLVE has recently published several resources including:

- ❑ *Talking Politics*: A tool for conversations on your campus regarding how to use the NSLVE report to spark change.
- ❑ *Democracy Matters: A Guide to Non-Statutory Barriers to Voting*: In this guide, we identify sometimes-hidden barriers students might face when registering to vote or voting, and strategies to overcome them.
- ❑ *National Data*: We have published data about the national landscape for college student political engagement including breakdowns by field of study and region.

## Looking Ahead

Over the coming months, NSLVE will be releasing additional tools and resources that you can use to increase political learning and engagement in democracy on your campus. Here is a preview of some of this work.

- ❑ *Comparison Data*: We'll continue to aggregate comparison data for groups of participating campuses.
- ❑ *Case Studies*: We will be sharing the findings from our studies of campus climates for student political learning and engagement in democracy.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data and resources visit: [Activecitizen.tufts.edu/IDHE](http://Activecitizen.tufts.edu/IDHE)

## 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 Catalist.

Using enrollment records submitted on a date closest to the election, we removed students under age 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). Please note that students who blocked the use of their information under FERPA were also removed from the enrollment lists.

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 non-resident aliens. We cannot adjust for resident aliens. 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
- = no data was collected for this field

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

NSLVE encourages campuses to share their data as broadly as possible, including posting your campus report. When doing so please reference, *Institute for Democracy and Higher Education: National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement*; as the data source.

# Your Students' Voting and Registration Rates

2012 Voting Rate

**48%**

2014 Voting Rate

**15%**

## 2012 Presidential Election



**69.7%**  
Registration  
Rate

**69.3%**  
Rate of  
Registered  
Students  
who Voted

**48.3%**  
Voting  
Rate

Total student enrollment	<b>63,314</b>
Ineligible to vote because too young	<b>461</b>
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	<b>6,743</b>
FERPA records blocked	<b>238</b>
Number of students who registered	<b>38,916</b>
Number of students who voted	<b>26,988</b>

## 2014 Midterm Election



**66.2%**  
Registration  
Rate

**21.8%**  
Rate of  
Registered  
Students  
who Voted

**14.5%**  
Voting  
Rate

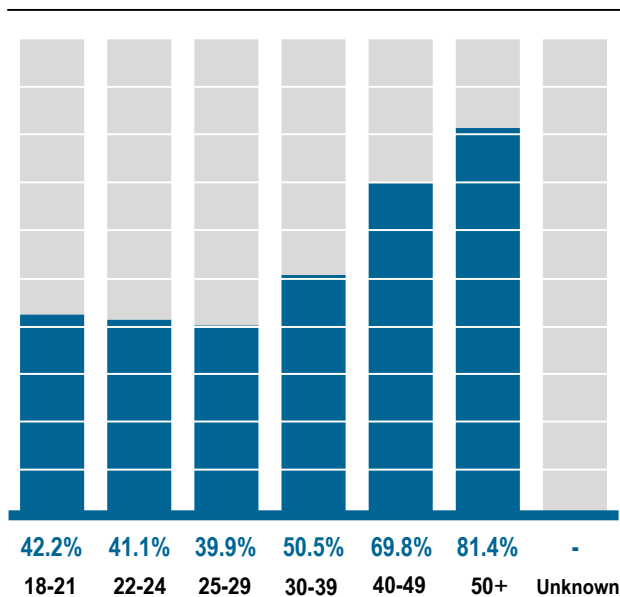
Total student enrollment	<b>64,587</b>
Ineligible to vote because too young	<b>556</b>
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	<b>6,764</b>
FERPA records blocked	<b>205</b>
Number of students who registered	<b>37,749</b>
Number of students who voted	<b>8,248</b>

# Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

## BY AGE GROUP

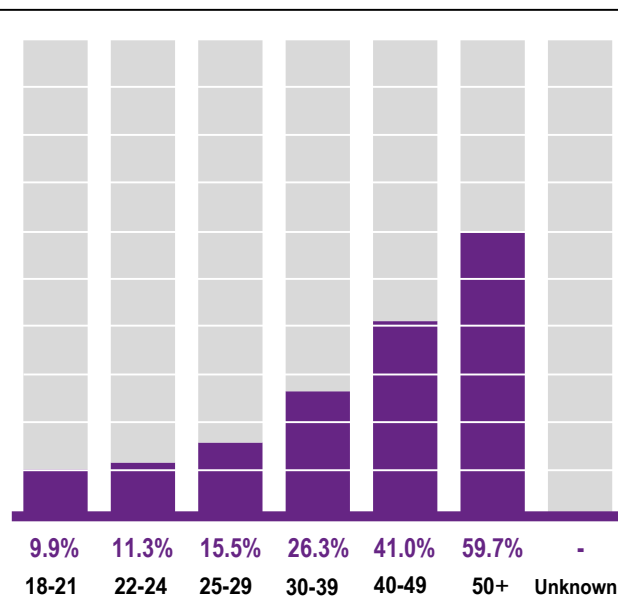
Your students' data broken down by age at the time of the election. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

### 2012 Presidential Election



AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	35,727	15,084
22-24	13,530	5,565
25-29	7,647	3,053
30-39	3,984	2,013
40-49	1,142	797
50+	585	476
Unknown	-	-

### 2014 Midterm Election



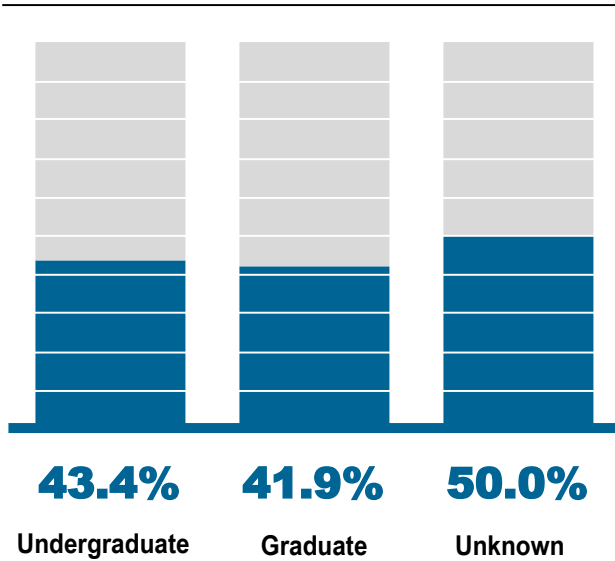
AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	36,521	3,625
22-24	13,901	1,570
25-29	7,748	1,201
30-39	3,939	1,035
40-49	1,112	456
50+	605	361
Unknown	-	-

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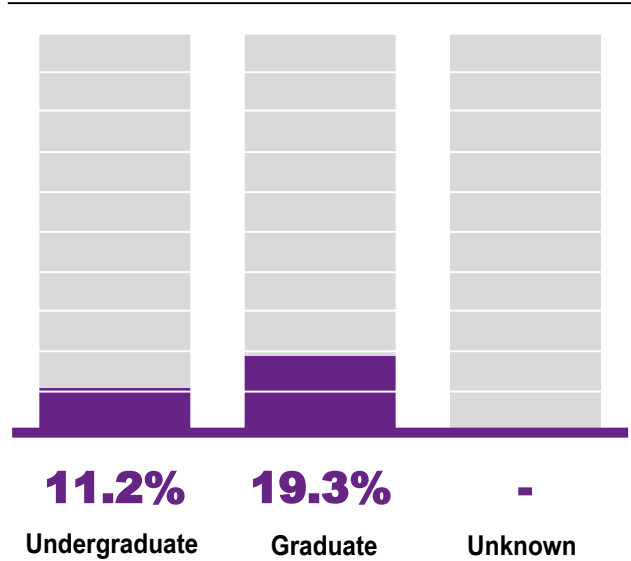
## BY EDUCATION LEVEL

Your students' data broken down by undergraduate and graduate students. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

### 2012 Presidential Election



### 2014 Midterm Election



EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	49,182	21,360
Graduate	13,429	5,626
Unknown	*	*

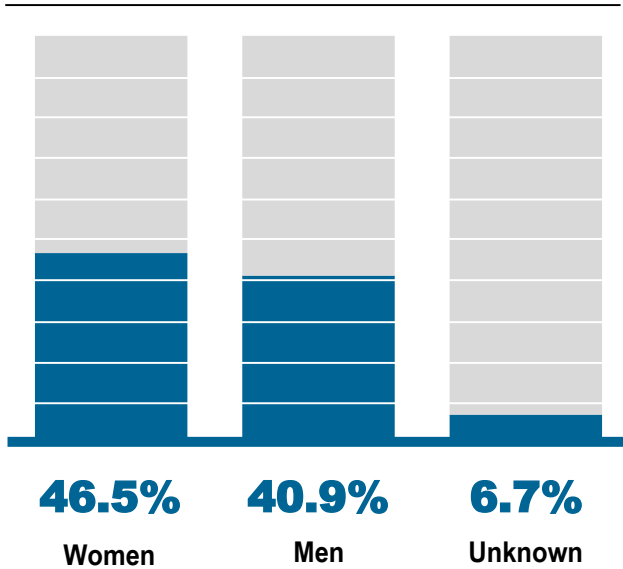
EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	50,301	5,640
Graduate	13,522	2,608
Unknown	*	-

# Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

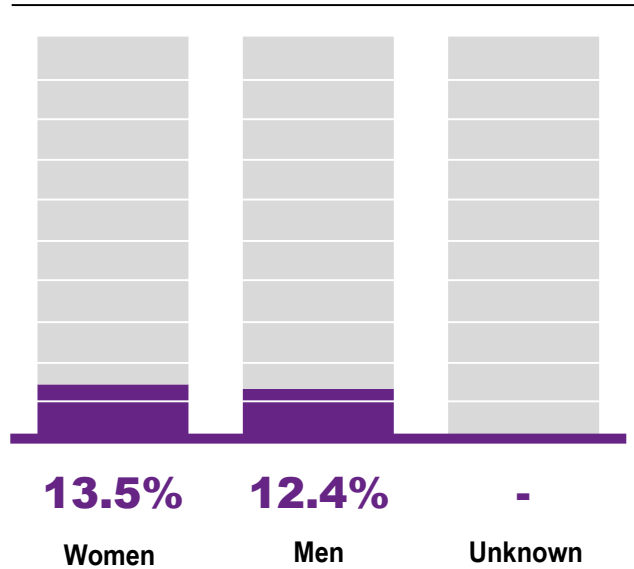
## BY GENDER

Your students' data broken down by gender. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. 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	30,040	13,967
Men	31,650	12,959
Unknown	925	62

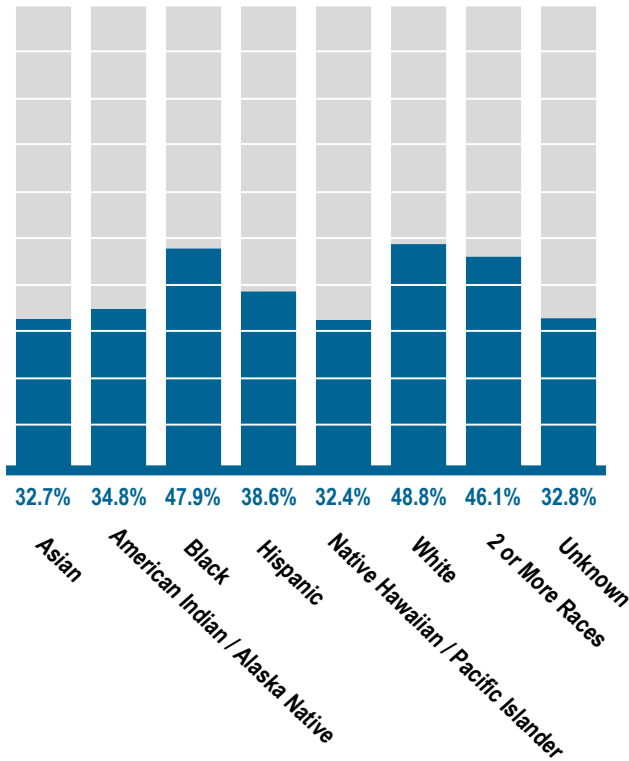
GENDER	ENROLLED	VOTED
Women	31,529	4,253
Men	32,297	3,995
Unknown	-	-

# Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

## BY RACE/ETHNICITY

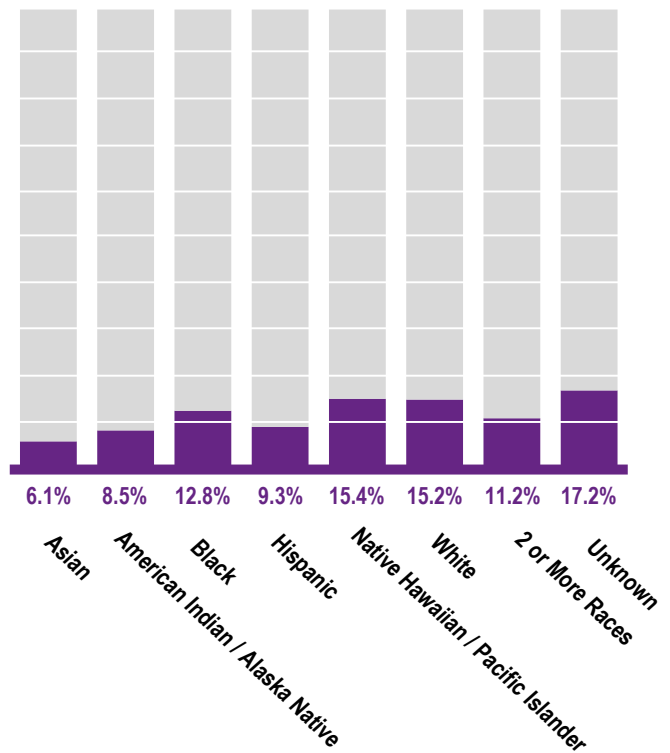
Your students' data broken down by race/ethnicity. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

**2012  
Presidential Election**



RACE/ETHNICITY	ENROLLED	VOTED
Asian	3,085	<b>1,008</b>
American Indian/ Alaska Native	138	<b>48</b>
Black	3,790	<b>1,814</b>
Hispanic	1,865	<b>720</b>
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	37	<b>12</b>
White	45,267	<b>22,080</b>
2 or More Races	1,232	<b>568</b>
Unknown	2,249	<b>738</b>

**2014  
Midterm Election**



RACE/ETHNICITY	ENROLLED	VOTED
Asian	3,411	<b>209</b>
American Indian/ Alaska Native	94	*
Black	3,568	<b>456</b>
Hispanic	2,211	<b>205</b>
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	39	*
White	45,065	<b>6,856</b>
2 or More Races	1,677	<b>187</b>
Unknown	1,866	<b>321</b>

# Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

## BY FIELD OF STUDY

Your students' data broken down by field of study. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked. 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	2,355	1,081	45.9%	2,507	347	13.8%
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	4,928	2,016	40.9%	5,406	492	9.1%
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support	7,799	2,712	34.8%	7,980	752	9.4%
Communications, Journalism, and Related Programs	1,680	724	43.1%	1,808	199	11.0%
Computer and Information and Library Sciences	397	170	42.8%	435	49	11.3%
Education	3,106	1,721	55.4%	3,527	699	19.8%
Engineering	9,062	3,260	36.0%	9,652	937	9.7%
Health Professions and Related Sciences, Knowledge, and Skills	7,773	3,622	46.6%	8,107	1,119	13.8%
Humanities	2,903	1,363	47.0%	2,424	394	16.3%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and General Studies	2,739	1,330	48.6%	2,579	472	18.3%
Mathematics and Statistics	708	205	29.0%	793	53	6.7%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	3,216	1,585	49.3%	3,540	534	15.1%
Parks and Recreation	382	166	43.5%	714	50	7.0%
Physical Sciences	1,998	802	40.1%	2,270	307	13.5%
Professions	2,956	1,541	52.1%	2,913	650	22.3%
Psychology, Personal Awareness, and Self-Improvement	2,448	1,111	45.4%	2,287	264	11.5%
Social Sciences	3,916	1,763	45.0%	3,691	578	15.7%
Technologies/Technicians	49	10	20.4%	26	*	11.5%
Trades	2,540	1,076	42.4%	1,652	153	9.3%
Visual and Performing Arts	1,610	707	43.9%	1,470	188	12.8%
Unknown	50	23	46.0%	45	*	17.8%

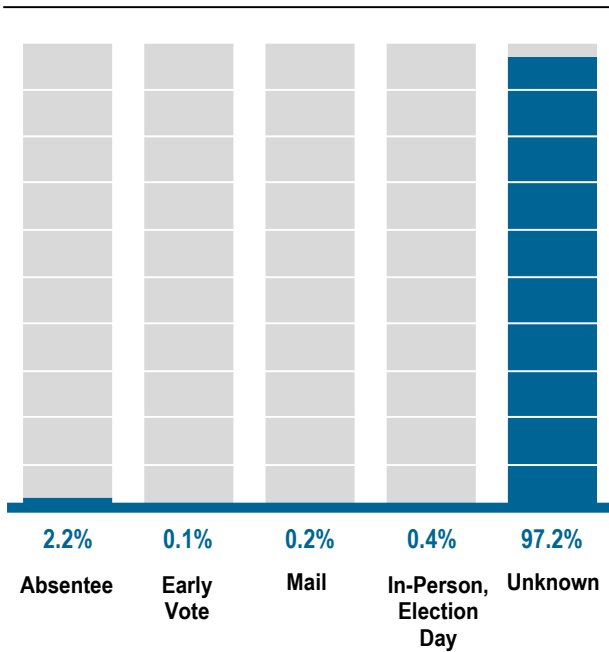


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## BY VOTING METHOD

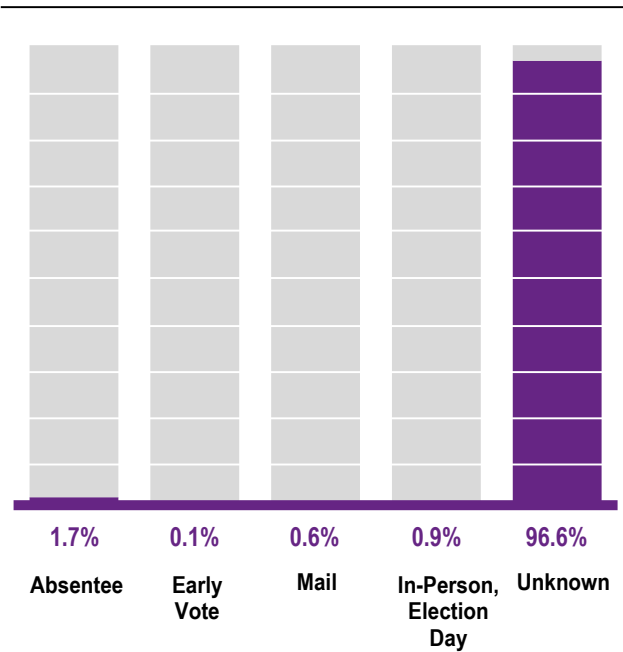
Your students' data broken down by voting method. If your campus has a high percentage of "unknown" voting methods, it means that this information is not reported by local officials.

### 2012 Presidential Election



VOTING METHOD	VOTED
Absentee	587
Early Vote	29
Mail	46
In-person, Election Day	103
Unknown	26,223
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,988</b>

### 2014 Midterm Election



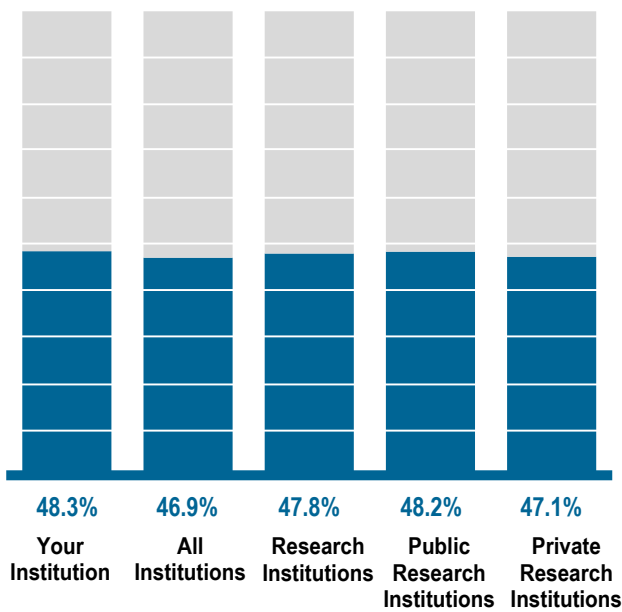
VOTING METHOD	VOTED
Absentee	143
Early Vote	*
Mail	53
In-person, Election Day	74
Unknown	7,969
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,248</b>

# How Your Numbers Compare

## BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

See how your campus voting rate compares to others in your institution's Carnegie classification. This comparison data allows your campus to understand your voting rate in the context of similar institutions.

### 2012 Presidential Election



### 2014 Midterm Election

