

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Michigan 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:

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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at NSLVE@tufts.edu.

Warm regards,

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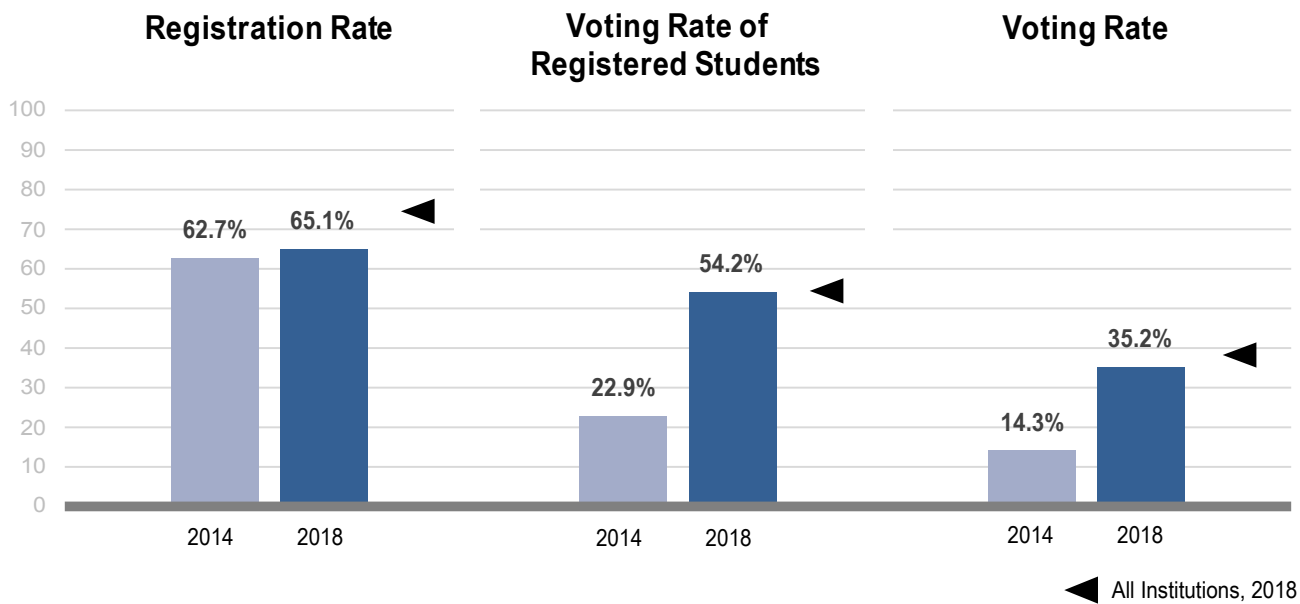
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate
35.2%

CHANGE FROM 2014
+20.9

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%



	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	44,120	49,504	↑ 5,384
Age under 18/Unknown	(256)	(345)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(6,262)	(6,522)	
FERPA records blocked	(2,827)	(1,519)	
Total eligible voters	34,775	41,118	↑ 6,343
Number of students who registered	21,794	26,749	↑ 4,955
Number of students who voted	4,980	14,492	↑ 9,512
Registration rate	62.7%	65.1%	↑ 2.4
Voting rate of registered students	22.9%	54.2%	↑ 31.3
Voting rate	14.3%	35.2%	↑ 20.9
Difference from all institutions	-5.4	-3.9	

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

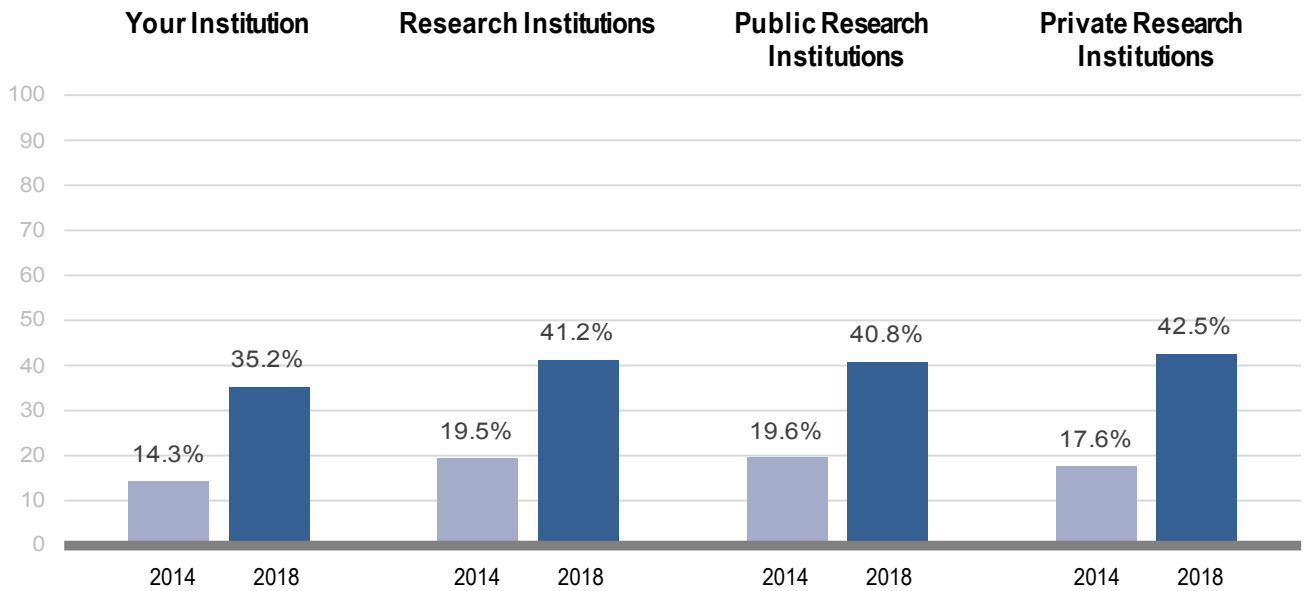
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

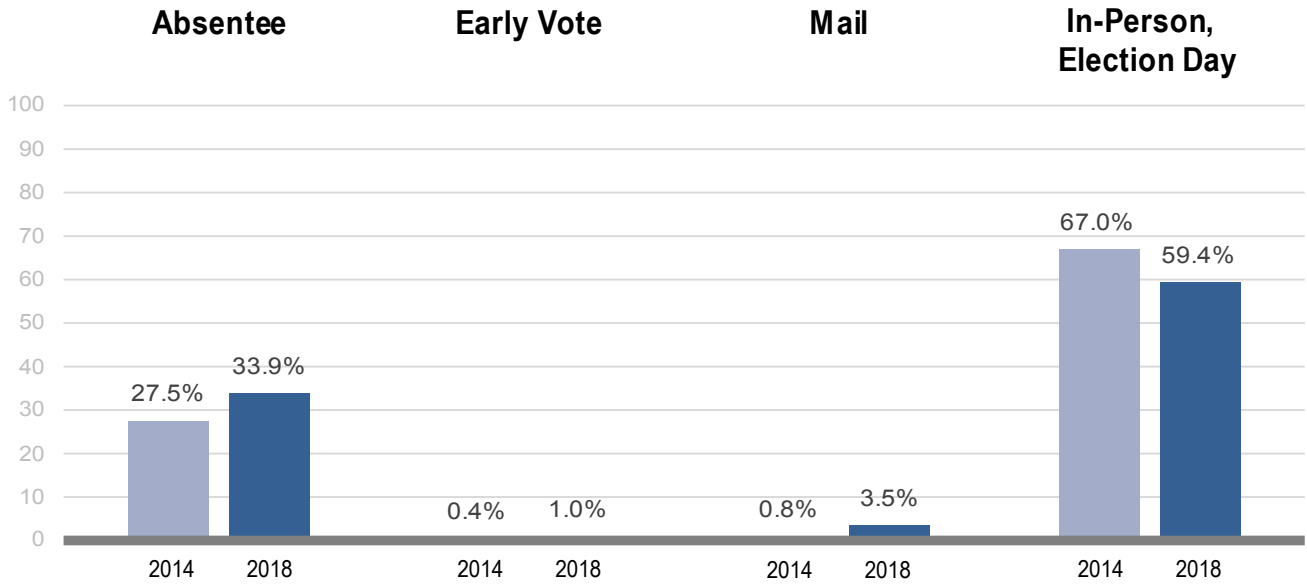
Difference from All Institutions **-5.4**

Difference from All Institutions **-3.9**



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

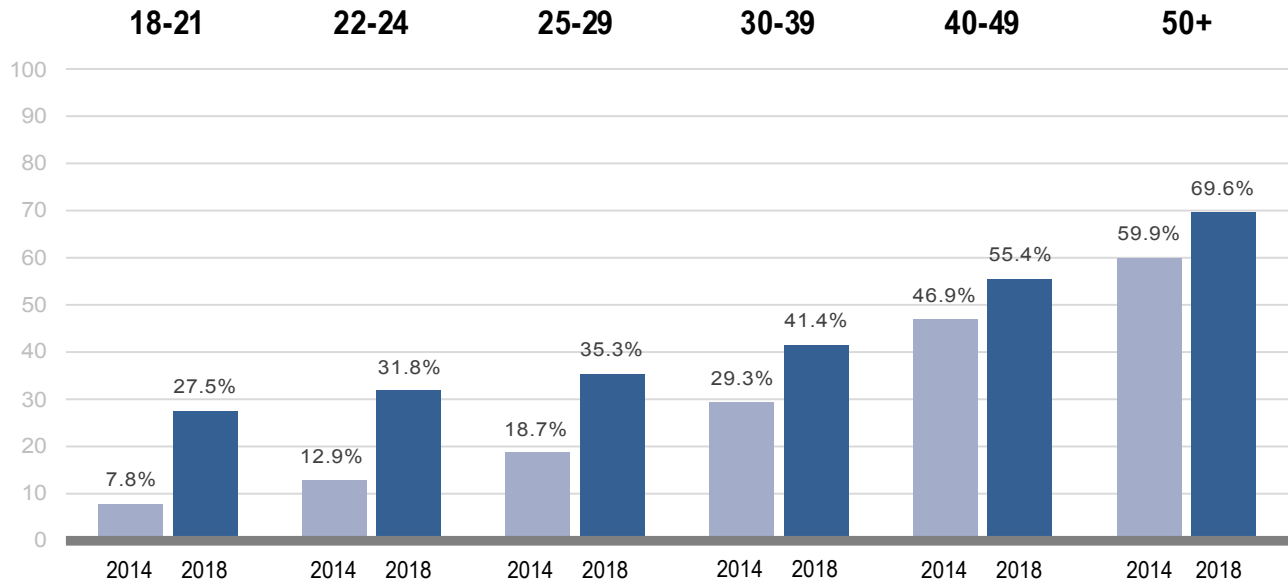


	2014		2018		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change
Absentee	1,369	27.5%	4,911	33.9%	↑ 6.4
Early Vote	22	0.4%	139	1.0%	↑ 0.5
Mail	42	0.8%	512	3.5%	↑ 2.7
In-Person, Election Day	3,338	67.0%	8,611	59.4%	↓ -7.6
Unknown	209	4.2%	319	2.2%	
Total	4,980		14,492		

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*

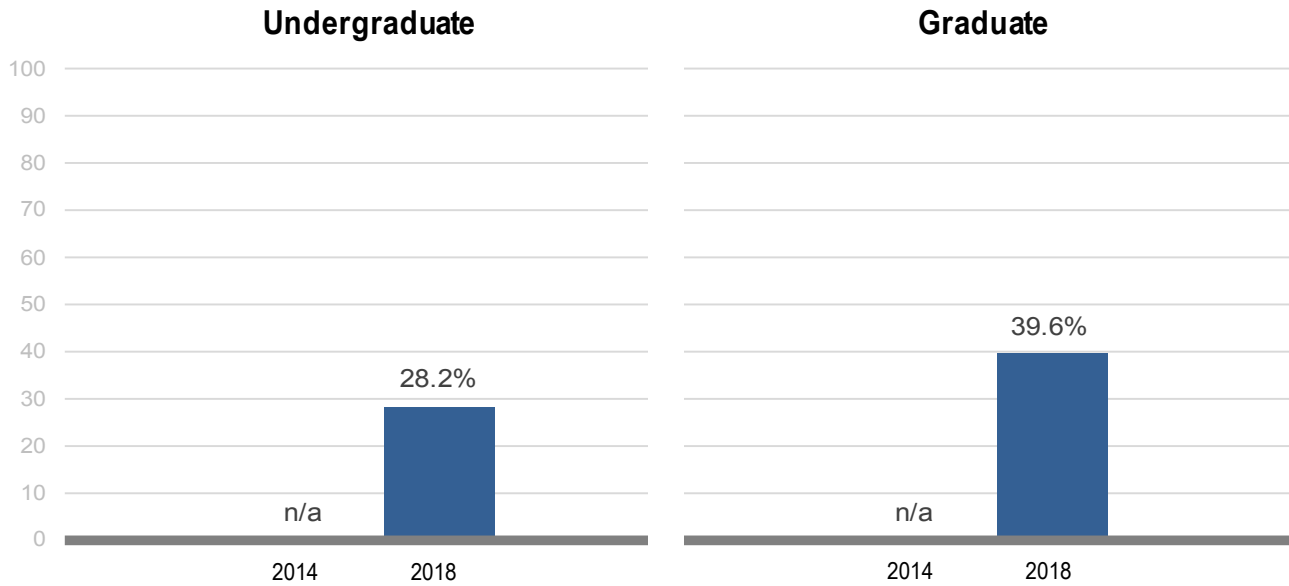


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	26,122	2,042	7.8%	31,522	8,665	27.5%	↑ 19.7
22-24	7,392	954	12.9%	7,956	2,533	31.8%	↑ 18.9
25-29	4,133	773	18.7%	4,577	1,617	35.3%	↑ 16.6
30-39	2,376	696	29.3%	2,485	1,028	41.4%	↑ 12.1
40-49	712	334	46.9%	820	454	55.4%	↑ 8.5
50+	302	181	59.9%	280	195	69.6%	↑ 9.7
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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Education Level*

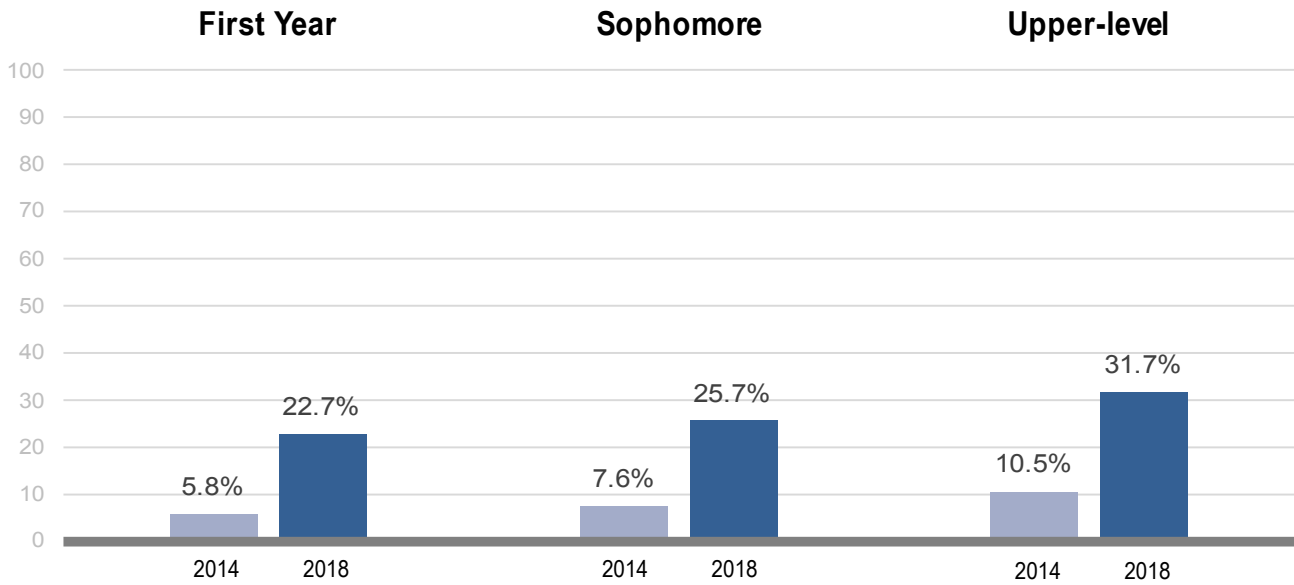


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	37,421	10,555	28.2%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	9,665	3,828	39.6%	n/a
Unknown	41,037			554			

* 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*

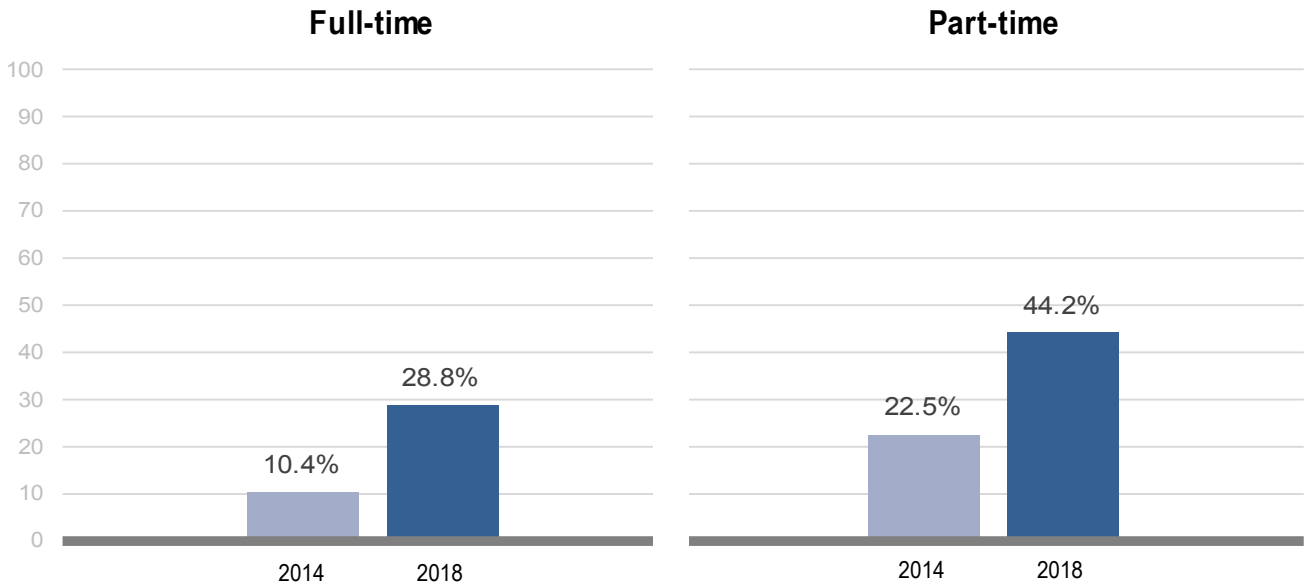


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	7,277	420	5.8%	9,012	2,048	22.7%	↑ 17.0
Sophomore	7,142	539	7.6%	8,688	2,233	25.7%	↑ 18.2
Upper-level	17,211	1,808	10.5%	19,296	6,120	31.7%	↑ 21.2

* 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*

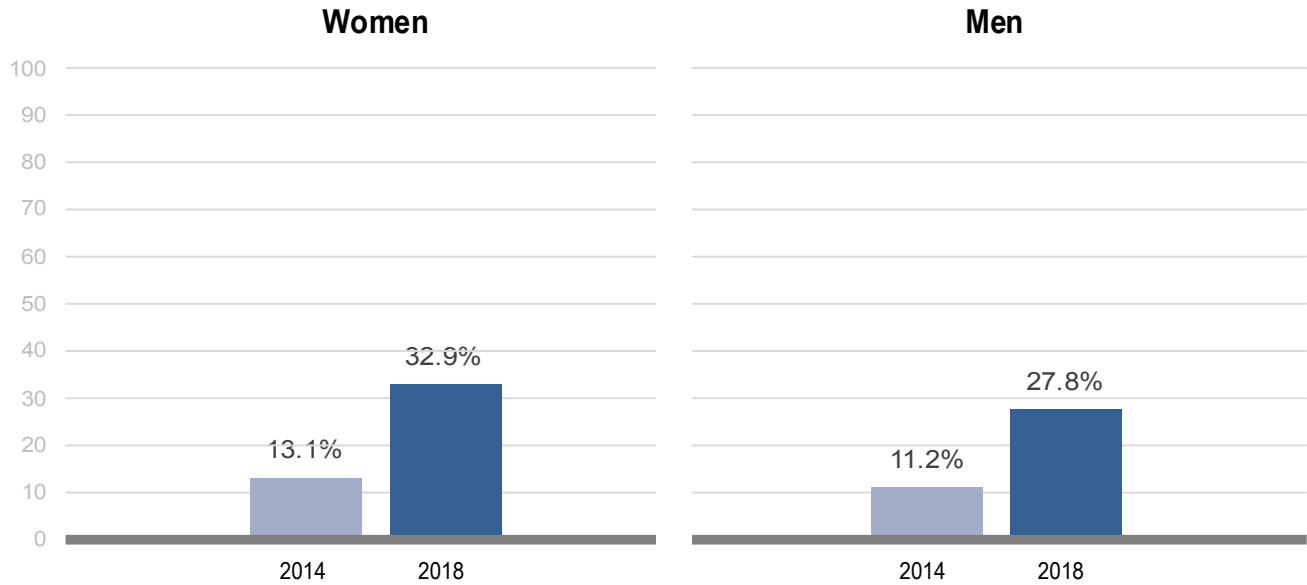


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	35,228	3,676	10.4%	42,514	12,225	28.8%	↑ 18.3
Part-time	5,809	1,304	22.5%	5,126	2,267	44.2%	↑ 21.8
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Gender*

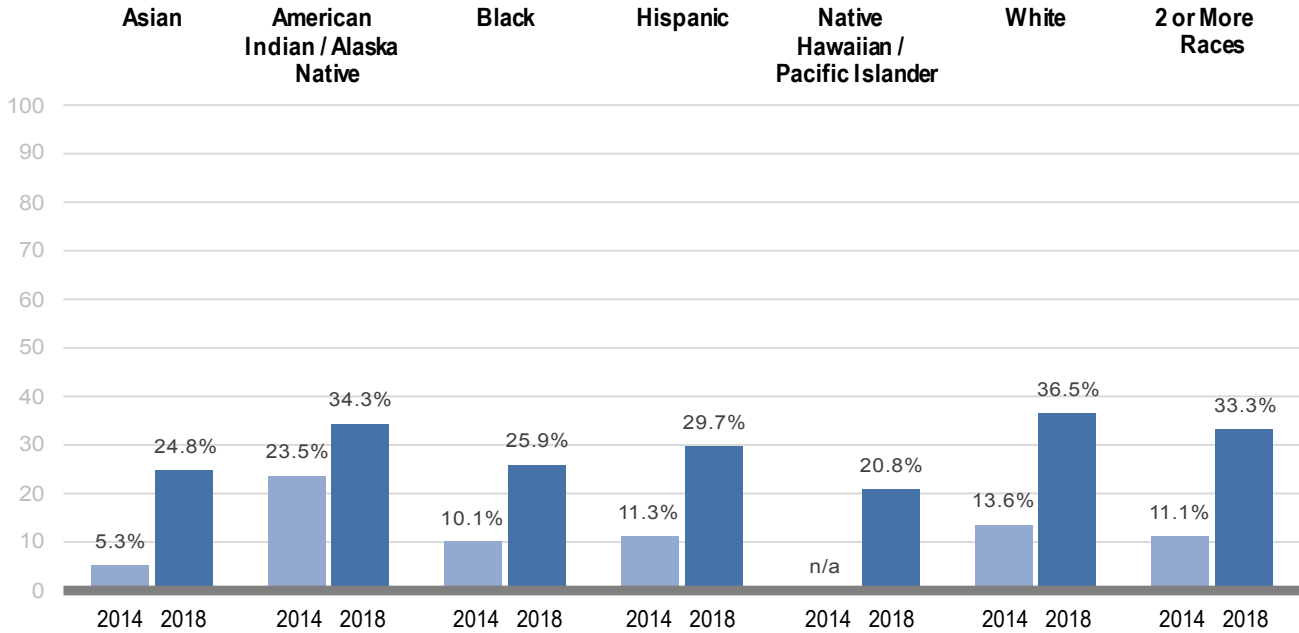


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	21,149	2,762	13.1%	24,534	8,077	32.9%	↑	19.9
Men	19,888	2,218	11.2%	23,106	6,415	27.8%	↑	16.6
Unknown	0			0				

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Race/Ethnicity*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	1,889	100	5.3%	2,614	649	24.8%	↑ 19.5
American Indian/ Alaska Native	119	28	23.5%	102	35	34.3%	↑ 10.8
Black	2,746	278	10.1%	3,183	823	25.9%	↑ 15.7
Hispanic	1,716	194	11.3%	2,246	667	29.7%	↑ 18.4
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	41	*	n/a	48	10	20.8%	n/a
White	30,788	4,176	13.6%	31,779	11,607	36.5%	↑ 23.0
2 or More Races	1,087	121	11.1%	1,399	466	33.3%	↑ 22.2
Unknown	2,651			6,269			

* 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	1,487	223	15.0%	1,759	611	34.7% ↑	19.7
Architecture	109	10	9.2%	101	37	36.6% ↑	27.5
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	65	13	20.0%	43	18	41.9% ↑	21.9
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	0	0	n/a	73	0	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	3,718	388	10.4%	4,691	1,489	31.7% ↑	21.3
Business, Management, and Marketing	6,310	568	9.0%	8,124	2,064	25.4% ↑	16.4
Communication and Journalism	2,986	244	8.2%	3,576	990	27.7% ↑	19.5
Computer and Information Sciences	702	62	8.8%	1,581	366	23.2% ↑	14.3
Construction Trades	30	*	n/a	36	*	n/a	n/a
Education	2,292	588	25.7%	1,935	831	43.0% ↑	17.3
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	4,492	339	7.6%	5,535	1,397	25.2% ↑	17.7
English Language and Literature	637	92	14.4%	470	210	44.7% ↑	30.2
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	479	67	14.0%	445	144	32.4% ↑	18.4
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	327	43	13.2%	294	86	29.3% ↑	16.1
Health Professions	5,258	770	14.6%	5,215	1,947	37.3% ↑	22.7
History	159	38	23.9%	201	99	49.3% ↑	25.4
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	751	96	12.8%	706	218	30.9% ↑	18.1
Legal Professions and Studies	267	28	10.5%	368	129	35.1% ↑	24.6
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,029	148	14.4%	739	164	22.2% ↑	7.8
Mathematics and Statistics	426	31	7.3%	827	165	20.0% ↑	12.7
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,360	155	11.4%	1,380	471	34.1% ↑	22.7
Natural Resources and Conservation	563	121	21.5%	778	297	38.2% ↑	16.7
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,116	85	7.6%	1,422	371	26.1% ↑	18.5

Philosophy and Religious Studies	78	14	18.0%	58	23	39.7% ↑	21.7
Physical Sciences	961	97	10.1%	1,086	308	28.4% ↑	18.3
Psychology	1,317	128	9.7%	1,401	407	29.1% ↑	19.3
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	354	99	28.0%	328	149	45.4% ↑	17.5
Social Sciences	2,803	430	15.3%	2,858	1,019	35.7% ↑	20.3
Visual and Performing Arts	933	89	9.5%	1,120	364	32.5% ↑	23.0
Unknown	28	*	n/a	490	110	22.5%	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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