

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
William Paterson
University of New Jersey

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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.

Warm regards,

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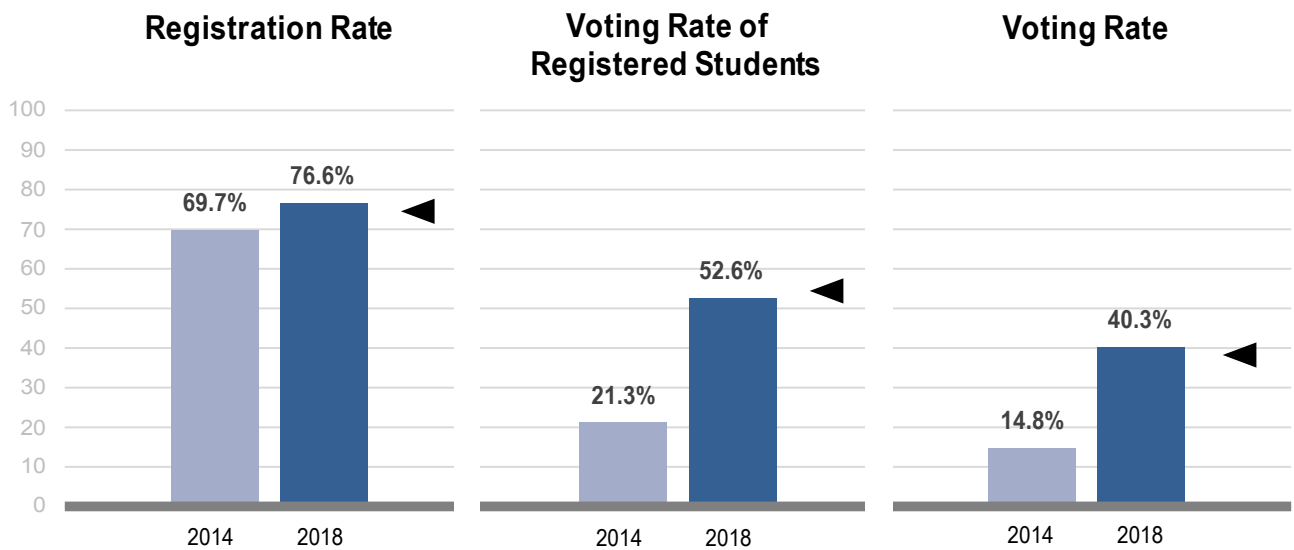
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate
40.3%

CHANGE FROM 2014
+25.5

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%



◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	10,880	9,980	↓ -900
Age under 18/Unknown	(98)	(44)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(106)	(93)	
FERPA records blocked	(152)	(27)	
Total eligible voters	10,524	9,816	↓ -708
Number of students who registered	7,333	7,519	↑ 186
Number of students who voted	1,560	3,955	↑ 2,395
Registration rate	69.7%	76.6%	↑ 6.9
Voting rate of registered students	21.3%	52.6%	↑ 31.3
Voting rate	14.8%	40.3%	↑ 25.5
Difference from all institutions	-4.9	+1.2	

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

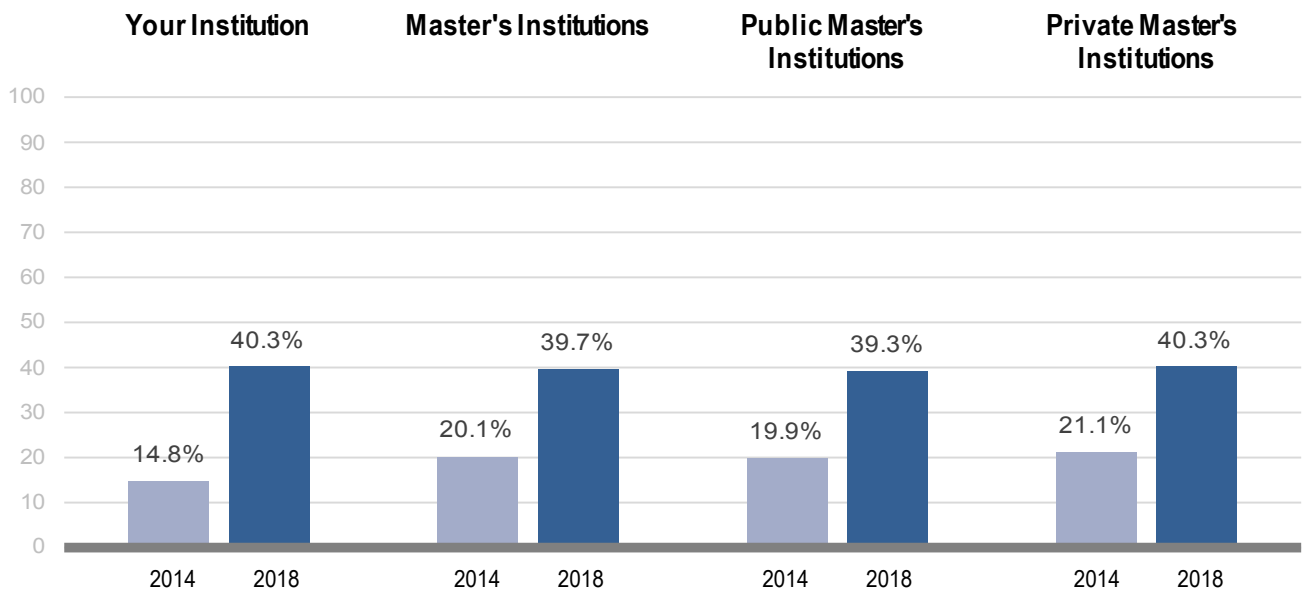
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

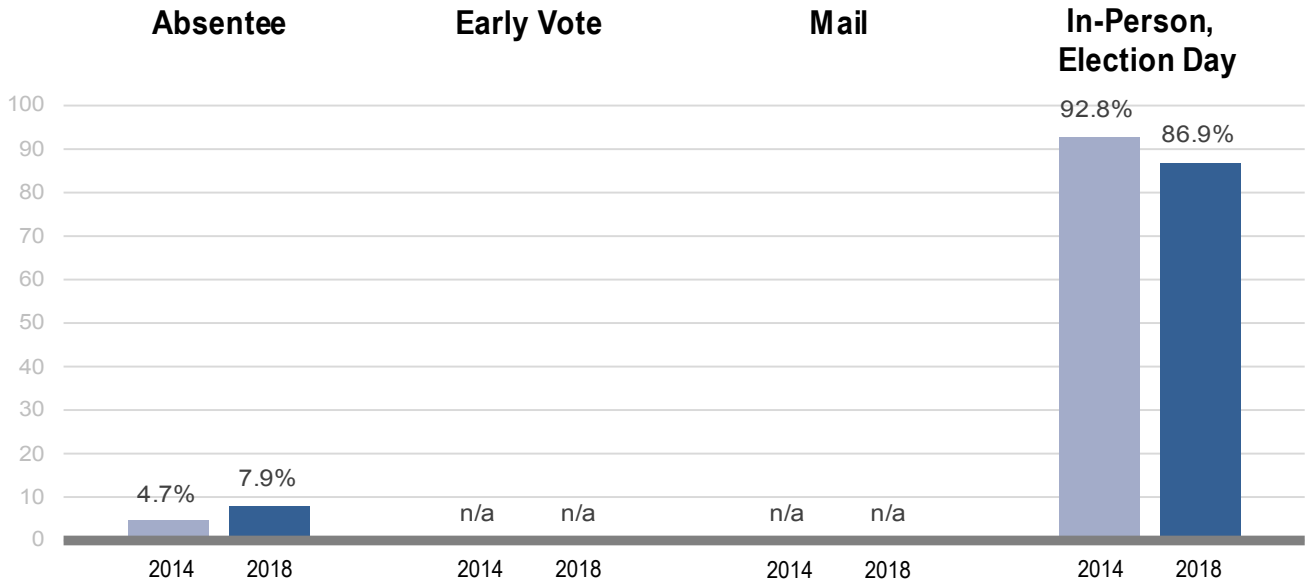
Difference from All Institutions **-4.9**

Difference from All Institutions **+1.2**



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

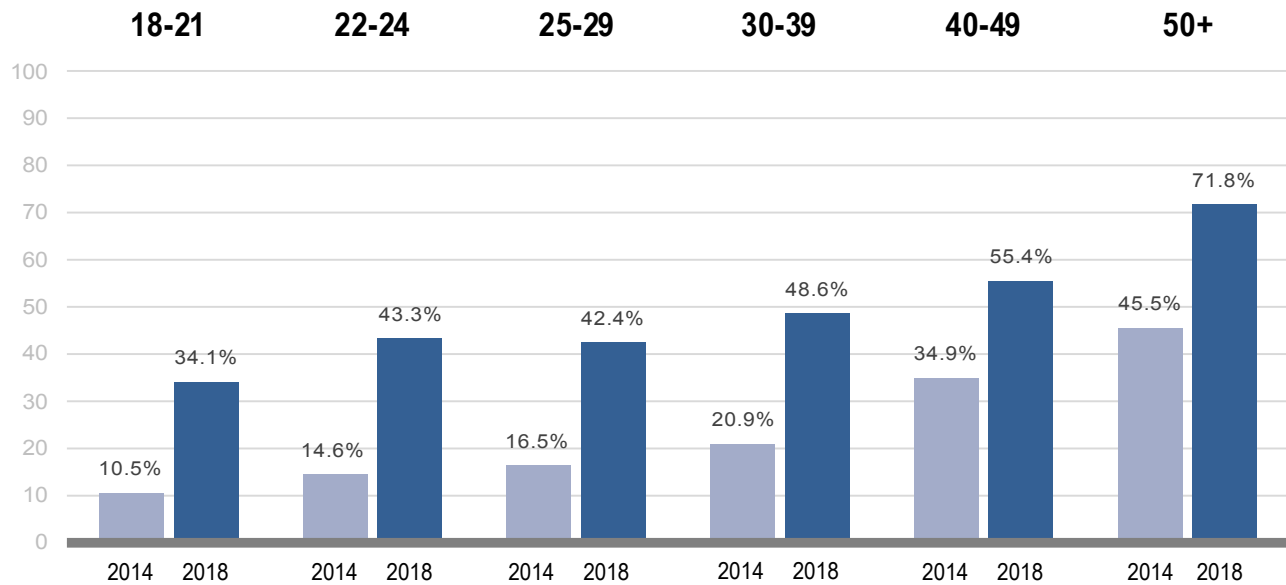


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	73	4.7%	314	7.9%	↑ 3.3
Early Vote	0	n/a	0	n/a	n/a
Mail	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	1,447	92.8%	3,435	86.9%	↓ -5.9
Unknown	37	2.4%	197	5.0%	
Total	1,560		3,955		

* 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*

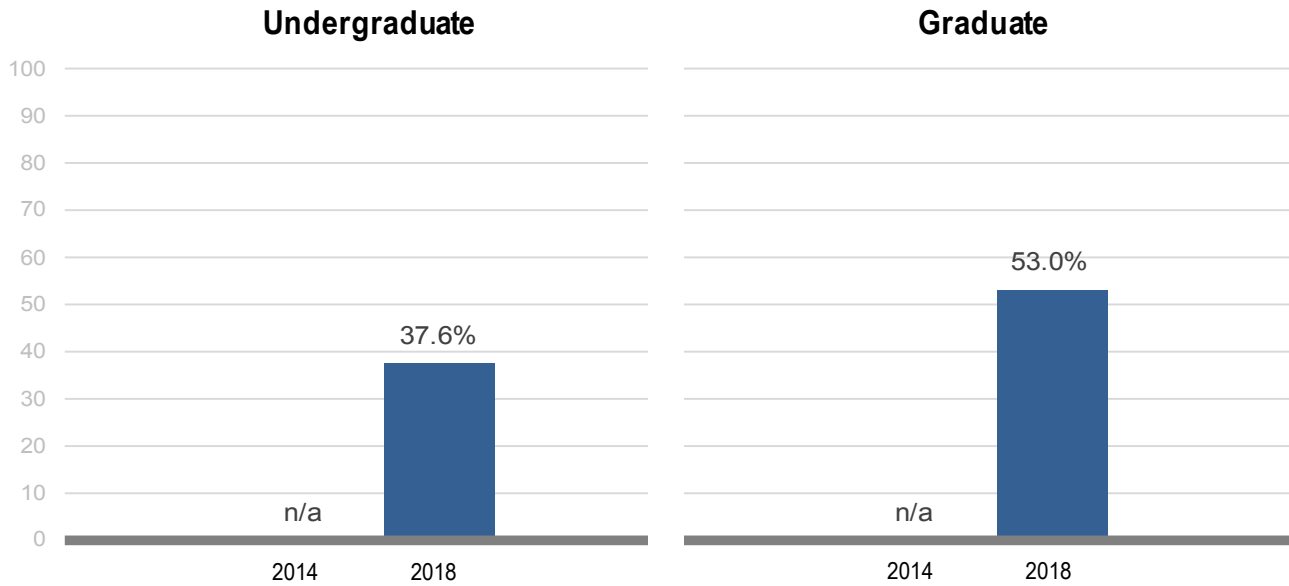


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	4,857	512	10.5%	4,944	1,687	34.1%	↑ 23.6
22-24	3,031	442	14.6%	2,278	986	43.3%	↑ 28.7
25-29	1,433	236	16.5%	1,409	598	42.4%	↑ 26.0
30-39	775	162	20.9%	743	361	48.6%	↑ 27.7
40-49	332	116	34.9%	372	206	55.4%	↑ 20.4
50+	202	92	45.5%	163	117	71.8%	↑ 26.2
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*

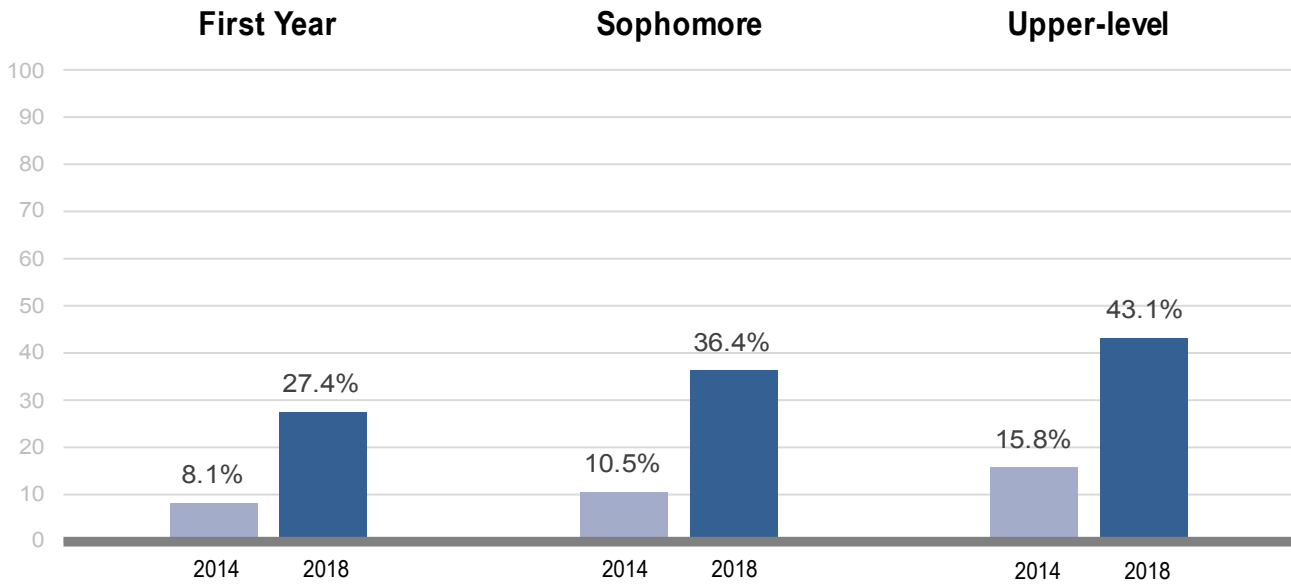


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	8,466	3,181	37.6%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	1,390	737	53.0%	n/a
Unknown	10,630			53			

* 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*

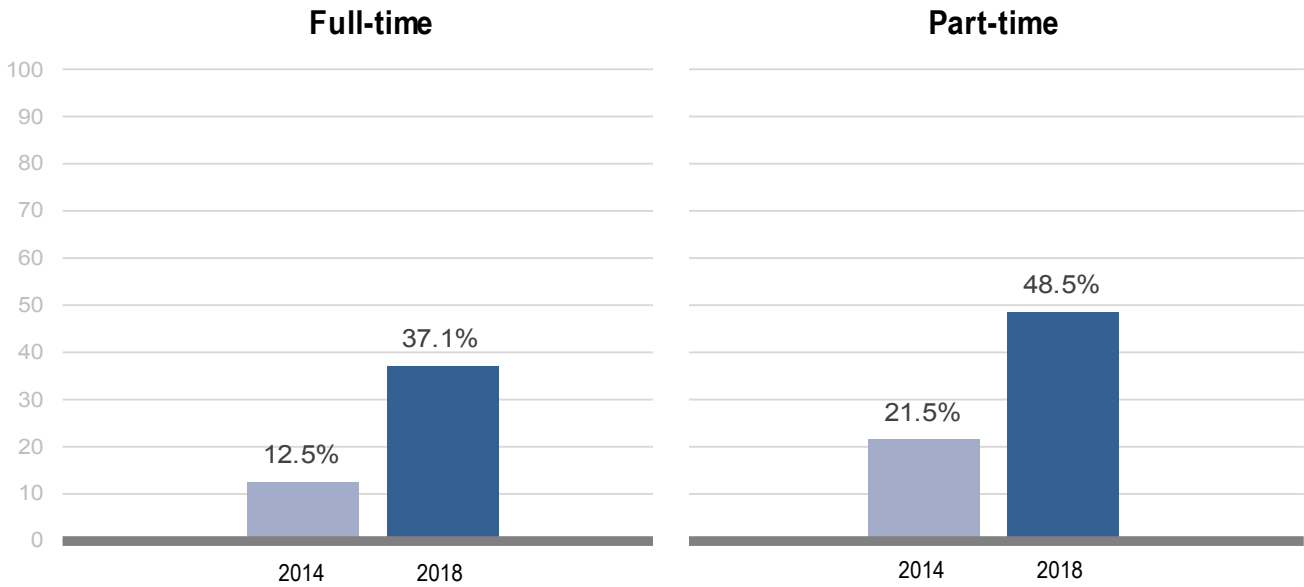


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	1,908	155	8.1%	2,353	645	27.4%	↑ 19.3
Sophomore	1,821	192	10.5%	1,516	552	36.4%	↑ 25.9
Upper-level	5,637	888	15.8%	4,622	1,992	43.1%	↑ 27.4

* 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.

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By Enrollment Status*

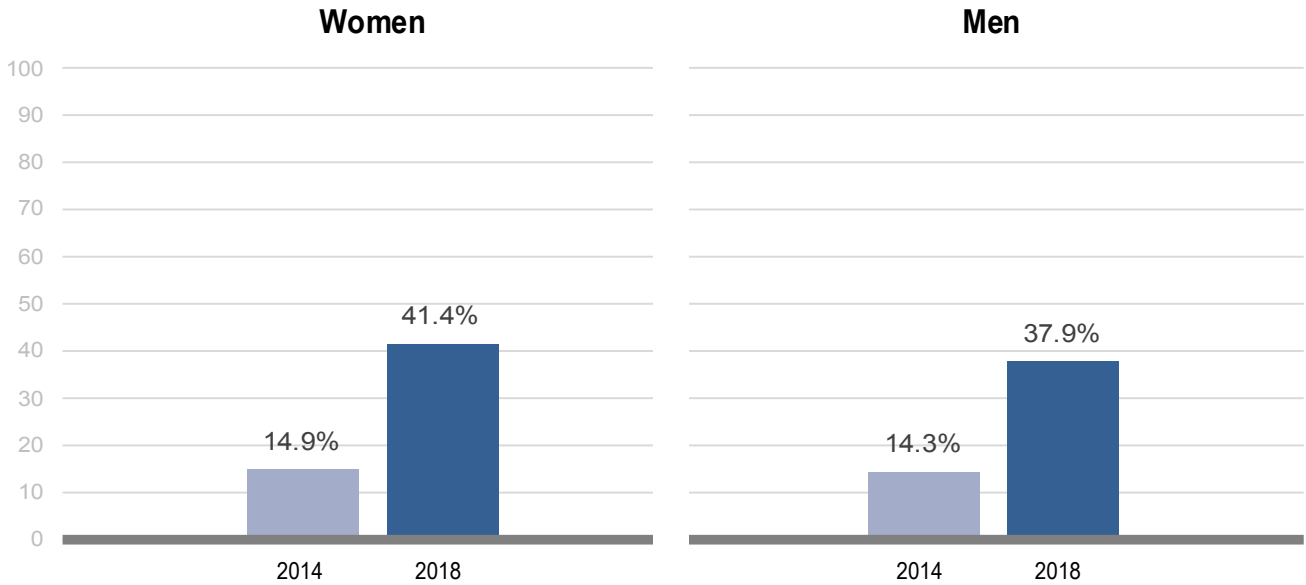


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	8,019	999	12.5%	7,455	2,764	37.1%	↑ 24.6
Part-time	2,611	561	21.5%	2,454	1,191	48.5%	↑ 27.0
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

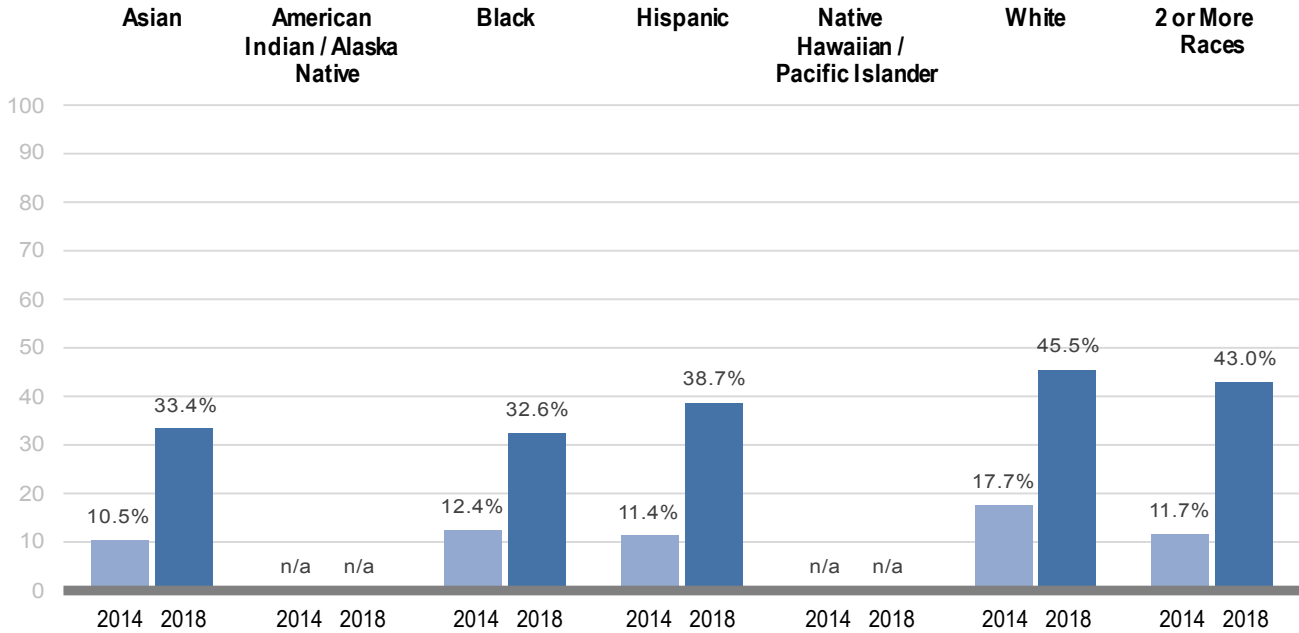


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	6,104	910	14.9%	5,710	2,363	41.4%	↑ 26.5
Men	4,497	642	14.3%	4,197	1,590	37.9%	↑ 23.6
Unknown	29			*			

* 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	679	71	10.5%	698	233	33.4%	↑ 22.9
American Indian/ Alaska Native	*	0	n/a	13	*	n/a	n/a
Black	1,433	178	12.4%	1,670	544	32.6%	↑ 20.2
Hispanic	2,647	301	11.4%	3,021	1,169	38.7%	↑ 27.3
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	25	0	n/a	*	0	n/a	n/a
White	5,039	891	17.7%	3,993	1,817	45.5%	↑ 27.8
2 or More Races	266	31	11.7%	300	129	43.0%	↑ 31.4
Unknown	532			209			

* 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	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	52	*	n/a	50	29	58.0%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	557	61	11.0%	412	146	35.4% ↑	24.5
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,837	238	13.0%	1,734	672	38.8% ↑	25.8
Communication and Journalism	844	116	13.7%	678	309	45.6% ↑	31.8
Computer and Information Sciences	231	17	7.4%	422	133	31.5% ↑	24.2
Education	1,540	359	23.3%	912	463	50.8% ↑	27.5
English Language and Literature	344	49	14.2%	241	115	47.7% ↑	33.5
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	30	*	n/a	25	12	48.0%	n/a
Health Professions	960	126	13.1%	1,051	403	38.3% ↑	25.2
History	208	37	17.8%	110	54	49.1% ↑	31.3
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	485	61	12.6%	655	241	36.8% ↑	24.2
Legal Professions and Studies	58	12	20.7%	59	20	33.9% ↑	13.2
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	876	113	12.9%	1,053	375	35.6% ↑	22.7
Mathematics and Statistics	143	14	9.8%	87	39	44.8% ↑	35.0
Natural Resources and Conservation	76	16	21.1%	49	24	49.0% ↑	27.9
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	409	44	10.8%	426	125	29.3% ↑	18.6
Philosophy and Religious Studies	27	*	n/a	23	10	43.5%	n/a
Physical Sciences	113	19	16.8%	92	30	32.6% ↑	15.8
Psychology	774	96	12.4%	837	318	38.0% ↑	25.6
Social Sciences	504	85	16.9%	461	200	43.4% ↑	26.5
Visual and Performing Arts	537	73	13.6%	524	234	44.7% ↑	31.1
Unknown	25	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	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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