

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Southwestern 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.

Warm regards,

IDHE Team



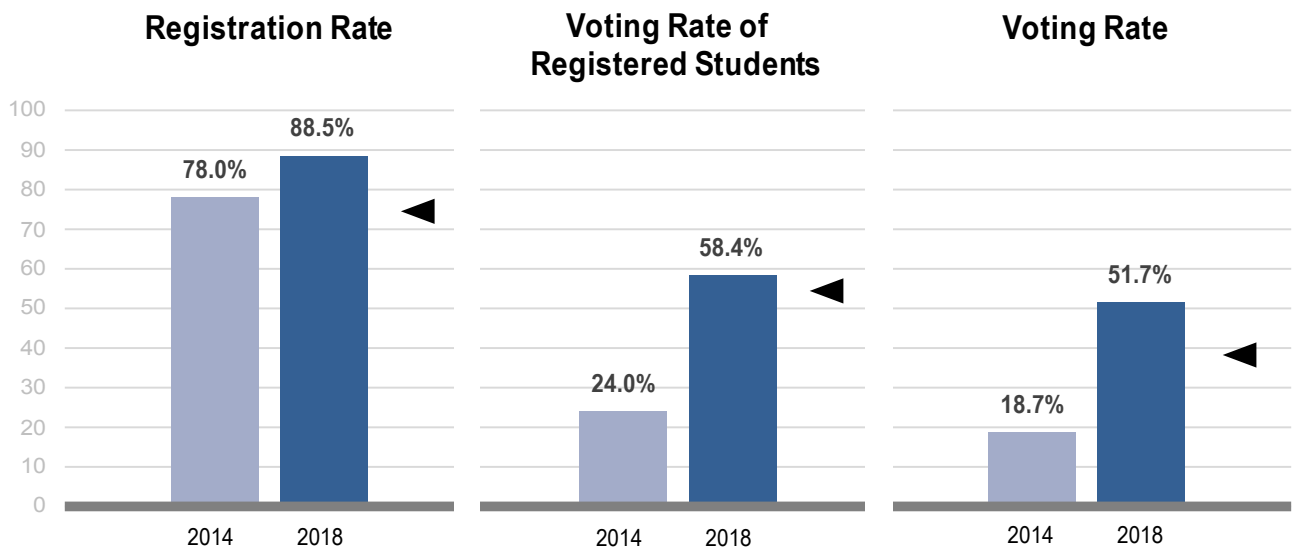
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate
51.7%

CHANGE FROM 2014
+33.0

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%



◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	1,532	1,429	↓ -103
Age under 18/Unknown	*	*	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(69)	(16)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	1,454	1,401	↓ -53
Number of students who registered	1,134	1,240	↑ 106
Number of students who voted	272	724	↑ 452
Registration rate	78.0%	88.5%	↑ 10.5
Voting rate of registered students	24.0%	58.4%	↑ 34.4
Voting rate	18.7%	51.7%	↑ 33.0
Difference from all institutions	-1.0	+12.6	

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

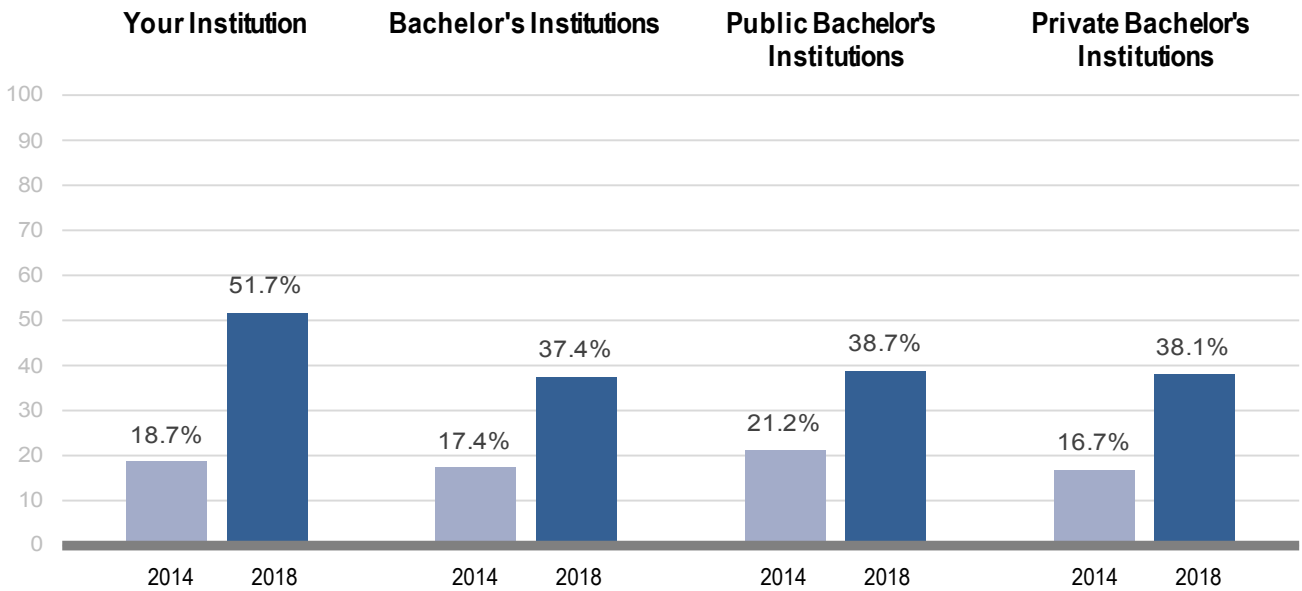
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

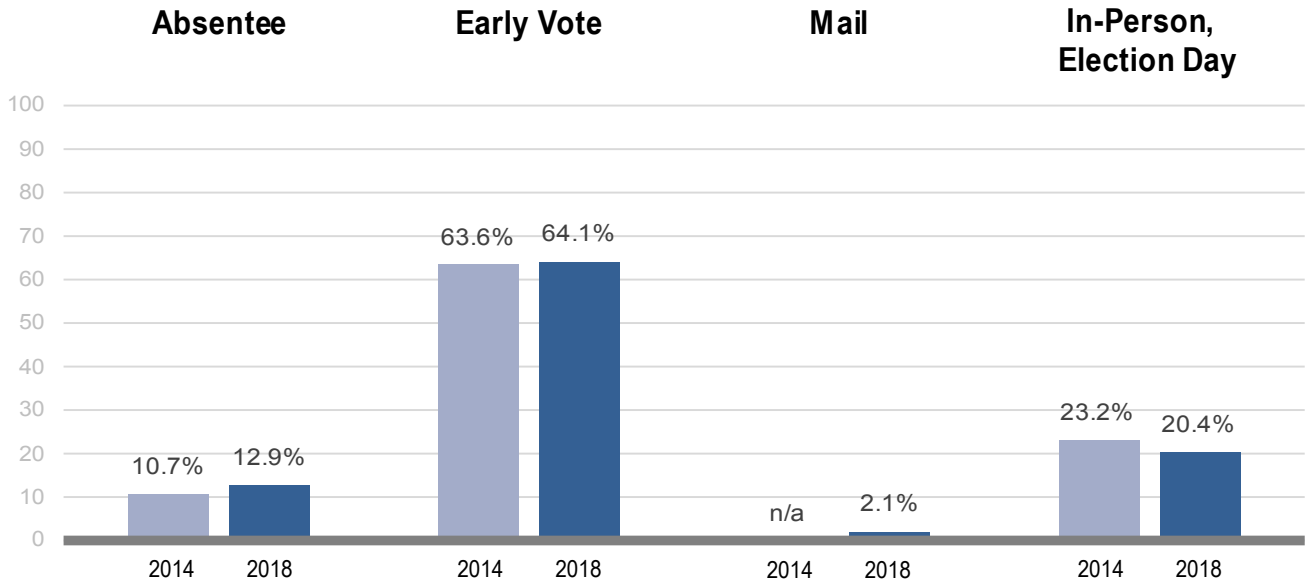
Difference from All Institutions **-1.0**

Difference from All Institutions **+12.6**



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

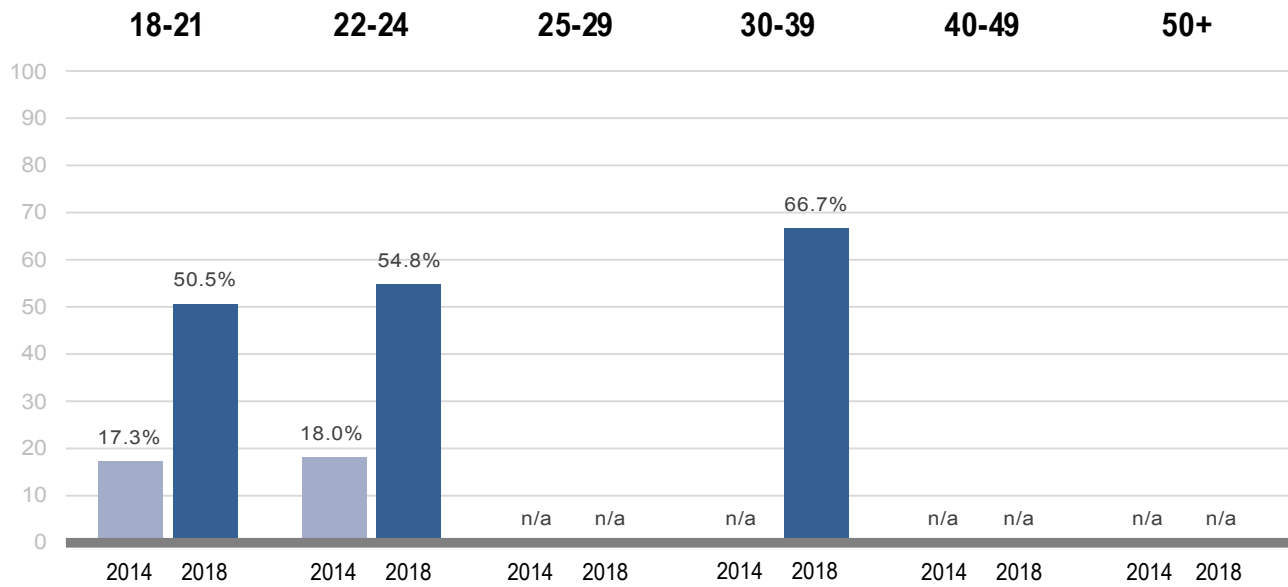


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	29	10.7%	93	12.9%	↑ 2.2
Early Vote	173	63.6%	464	64.1%	↑ 0.5
Mail	*	n/a	15	2.1%	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	63	23.2%	148	20.4%	↓ -2.7
Unknown	*	n/a	*	n/a	
Total	272		724		

* 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*

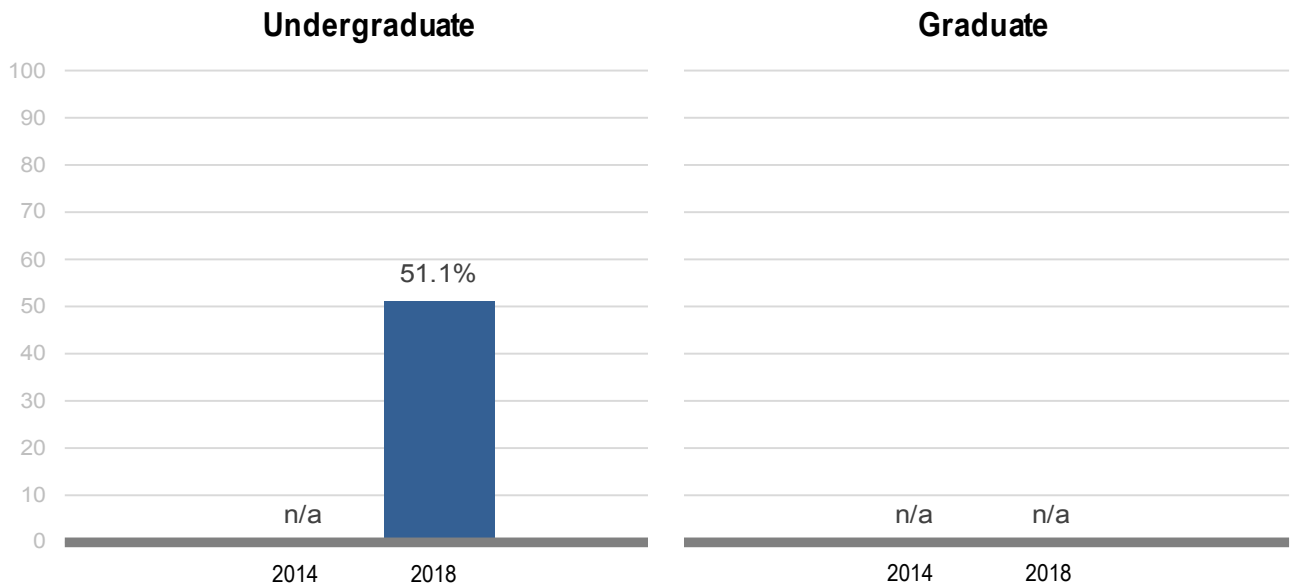


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	1,348	233	17.3%	1,252	632	50.5%	↑ 33.2
22-24	122	22	18.0%	126	69	54.8%	↑ 36.7
25-29	23	*	n/a	17	*	n/a	n/a
30-39	19	*	n/a	15	10	66.7%	n/a
40-49	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
50+	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Unknown	0			0			

* 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*

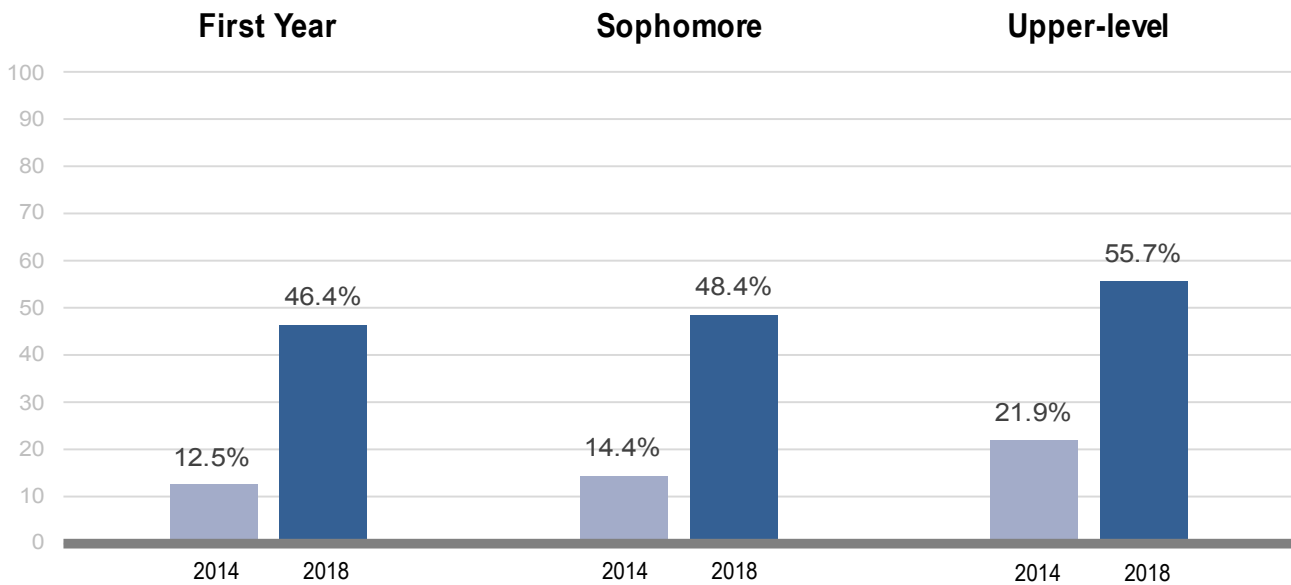


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	1,416	724	51.1%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	1,523			*			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Undergraduate Class Year*

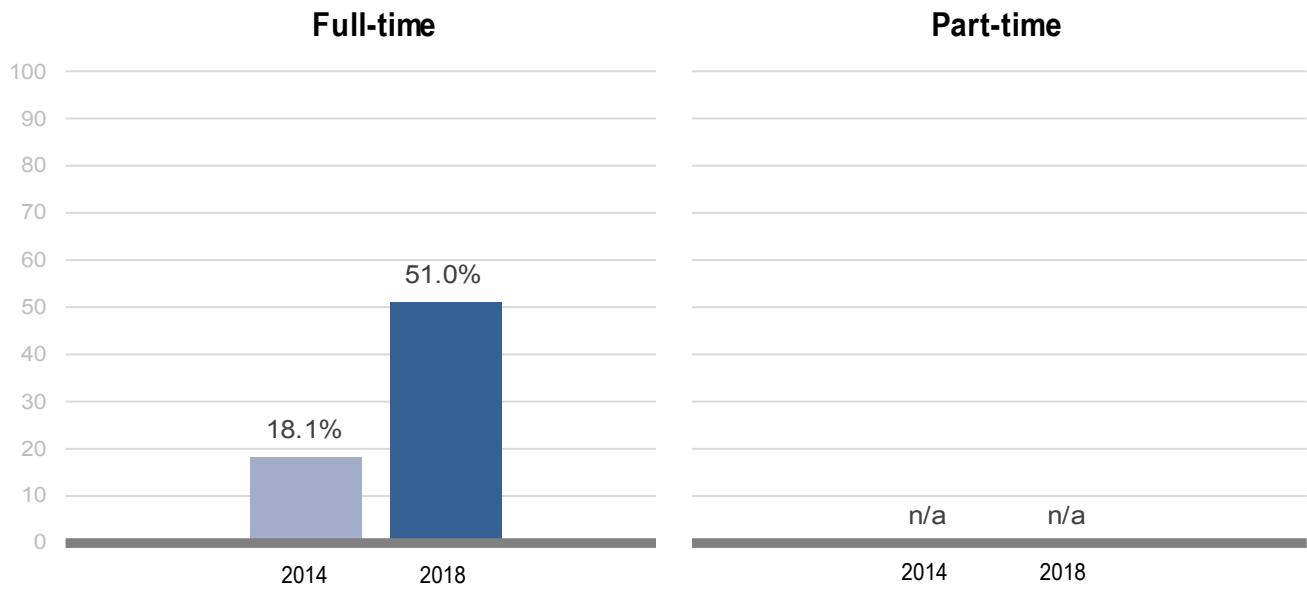


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	423	53	12.5%	453	210	46.4%	↑ 33.8
Sophomore	418	60	14.4%	310	150	48.4%	↑ 34.0
Upper-level	629	138	21.9%	653	364	55.7%	↑ 33.8

* 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*

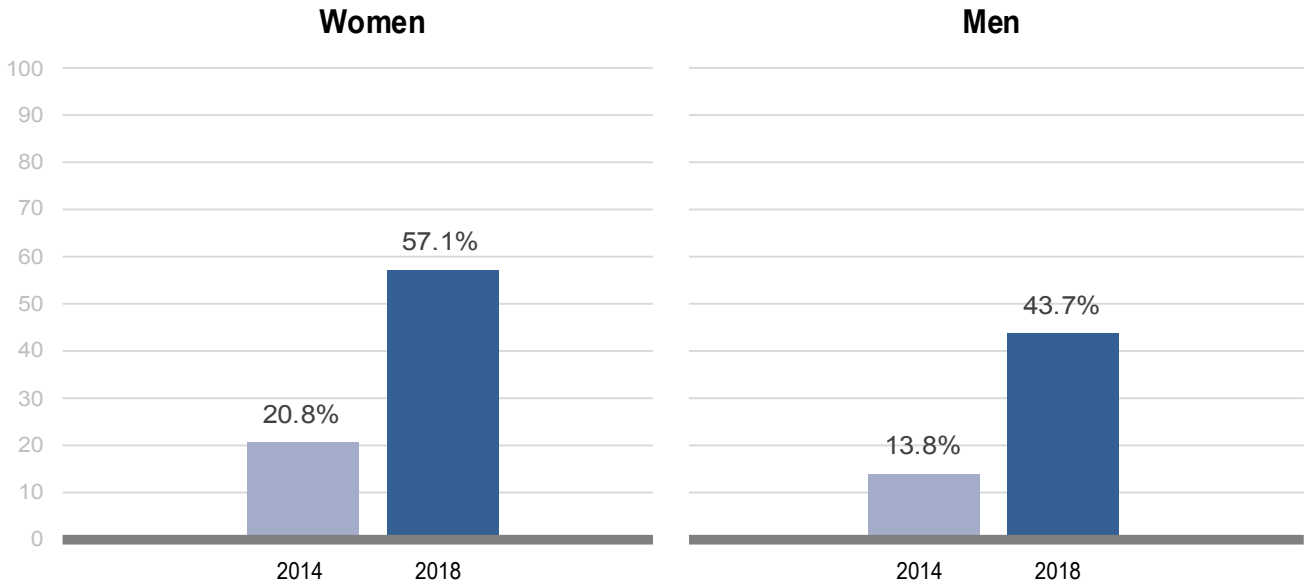


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	1,467	265	18.1%	1,405	716	51.0%	↑ 32.9
Part-time	56	*	n/a	12	*	n/a	n/a
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

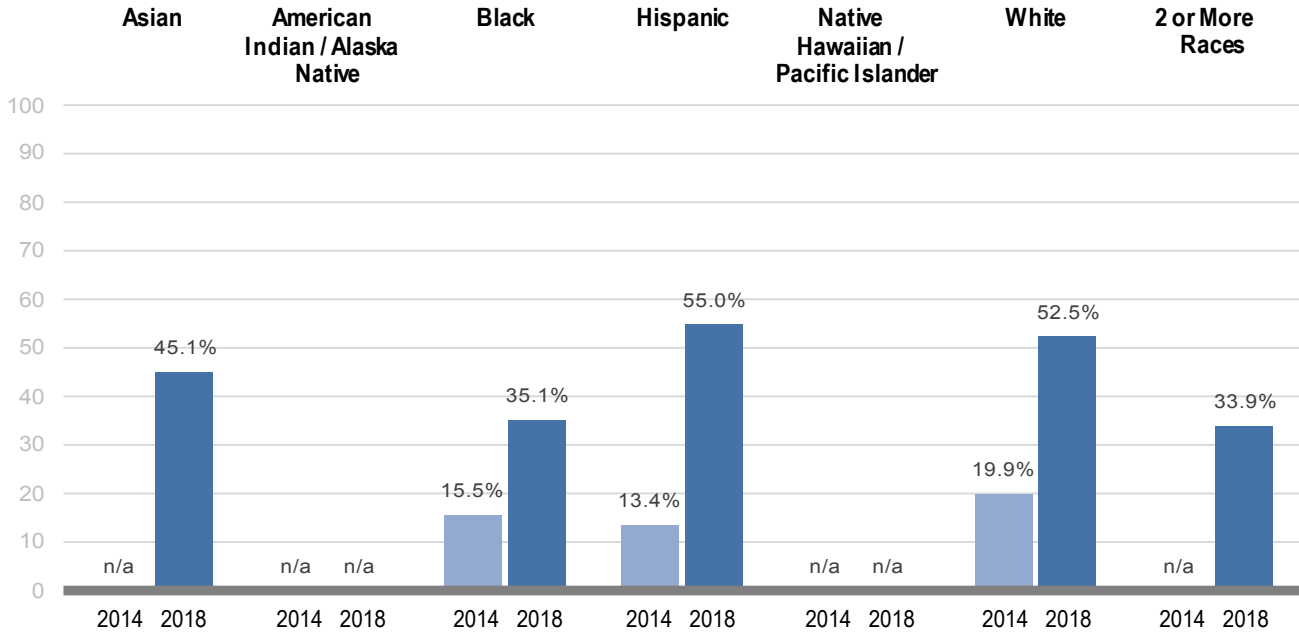


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	886	184	20.8%	783	447	57.1%	↑ 36.3
Men	637	88	13.8%	634	277	43.7%	↑ 29.9
Unknown	0			0			

* 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	70	*	n/a	51	23	45.1%	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Black	71	11	15.5%	74	26	35.1%	↑ 19.7
Hispanic	313	42	13.4%	342	188	55.0%	↑ 41.6
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
White	1,003	200	19.9%	872	458	52.5%	↑ 32.6
2 or More Races	40	*	n/a	59	20	33.9%	n/a
Unknown	20			19			

* 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	11	*	n/a	10	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	120	24	20.0%	76	39	51.3% ↑	31.3
Business, Management, and Marketing	107	10	9.4%	106	49	46.2% ↑	36.9
Communication and Journalism	60	15	25.0%	50	26	52.0% ↑	27.0
Computer and Information Sciences	27	*	n/a	26	19	73.1%	n/a
Education	42	12	28.6%	65	35	53.9% ↑	25.3
English Language and Literature	42	10	23.8%	26	17	65.4% ↑	41.6
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	12	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
History	20	11	55.0%	13	10	76.9% ↑	21.9
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	708	86	12.2%	740	335	45.3% ↑	33.1
Mathematics and Statistics	18	*	n/a	15	*	n/a	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	18	*	n/a	23	16	69.6%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	38	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	12	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	31	*	n/a	25	17	68.0%	n/a
Psychology	69	14	20.3%	55	34	61.8% ↑	41.5
Social Sciences	94	31	33.0%	93	62	66.7% ↑	33.7
Visual and Performing Arts	81	22	27.2%	60	34	56.7% ↑	29.5
Unknown	13	*	n/a	26	12	46.2%	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>.

References: IDHE encourages report recipients to share this report as broadly as possible, including posting it on the college or university's website. When doing so, please use the following citation: Institute for Democracy & Higher Education: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2019). *2014 and 2018 report for _____* [name of institution]. Medford, MA.

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