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Student Voting Rates for Missouri State University

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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to share this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for several recent election cycles. For the first time ever, this report contains *four* years of relevant topline data: the midterm elections of 2014, 2018, and 2022, along with contextual data from the 2020 presidential election year. As we build the NSLVE data over time, the additional years of data may help your institution to begin to understand longer-term trends and considerations for practice.

This month, we are also looking forward to the release of Democracy Counts 2022, our national report on our most recent midterm elections. The results from 2022 were mixed – some encouraging trends and some signs of more work to do. We are excited to dive into the results with you and share what we see as the major takeaways in the coming weeks, so stay tuned.

You've heard this from us before: we urge you to share this report widely and strategically across your campus community. NSLVE data is an important resource for not only understanding your institution but also building a culture of political learning in higher education. We also invite you to invite you to [lean on our team's resources, including our Election Imperatives report series](#), which provides data-backed practical recommendations for centering civic and political learning and participation.

Other resources that you might find helpful in your work include our forthcoming national report ([keep an eye on our homepage!](#)), [our report on how institutions use NSLVE reports](#), and [our discussion guide on how to talk about your NSLVE reports on campus](#).

Finally, we always encourage you to reach out to us for support and with any questions that you may have. Email NSLVE@tufts.edu to get in touch with our team, and as always, watch your inbox (or sign up!) for [our periodic newsletter](#), announcements about upcoming releases, and new resources.

Remember, student political learning is a constant effort, requiring year-round strategic building. Elections may be episodic, but student engagement in democracy should not be.

All the Best,
Adam, Duy, Mari, and Victoria
The NSLVE Team

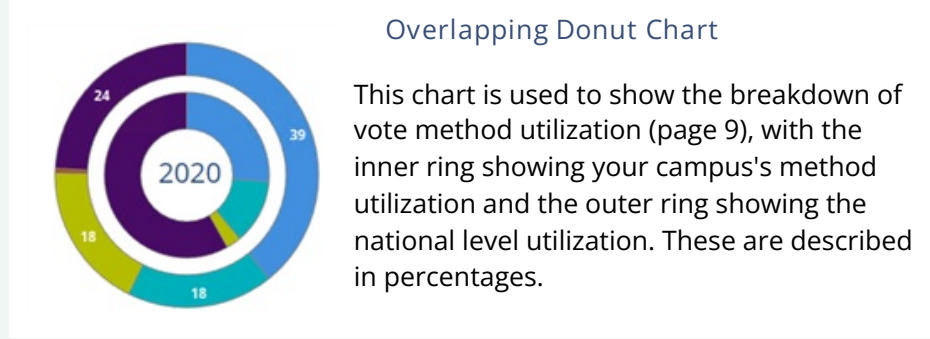
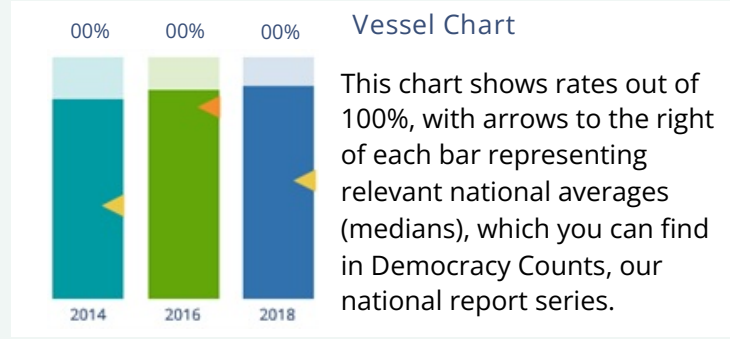
In This Report

This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut charts, and tables.

Tables

	2014			2018			2014-2018 Change (p.p.)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The tables show the numbers of students and the rates from 2014, 2018, 2020, and 2022, when available. The change column represents difference between comparable counts and rates. The change in rates are in terms of percentage points. A red down arrow indicates a decrease, a green up arrow indicates an increase, and a yellow arrow pointing to the right indicates no change. "-" in these tables indicates that the data is unavailable/missing, or is available for 10 or less students.



Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

25.8%

2022 Voting Rate

-10.1

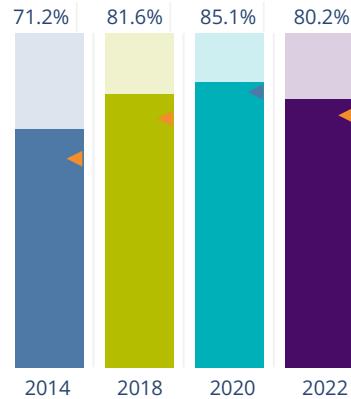
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

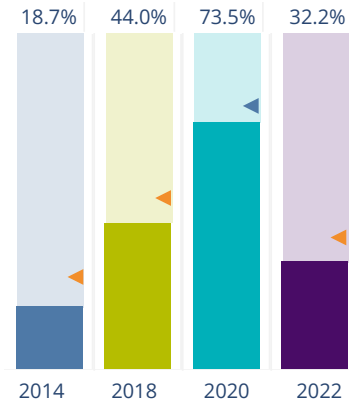
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



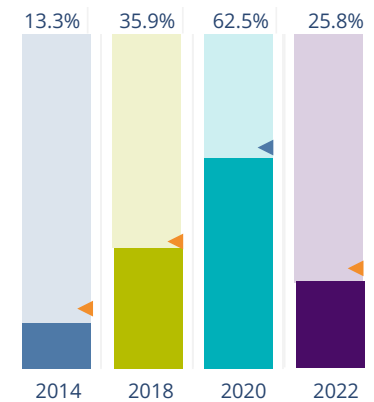
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS



The **Voting Rate of Registered Students** is the percent of registered students who voted on Election Day. We often refer to this as the “yield” rate.

VOTING RATE



The **Voting Rate** is the percentage of eligible students who voted on Election Day. The voting rate is also the product of the registration and yield rates.

Looking Closer

Voting and Registration Rates

	2014	2018	2020	2022	2018-2022 Change
Total Student Enrollment	21,810	23,825	23,850	22,930	↓ -895
Age under 18/Unknown	2,072	2,487	3,449	4,159	↑ 1,672
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,212	1,036	546	816	↓ -220
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	20	-	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	280	521	781	-	-
Total eligible voters	18,225	19,773	19,067	17,954	↓ -1,818
Number of students who registered	12,975	16,127	16,226	14,408	↓ -1,719
Number of students who voted	2,420	7,090	11,920	4,636	↓ -2,454
Registration Rate %	71	81	85	80	↓ -1
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	18	43	73	32	↓ -11
Voting Rate %	13	35	62	25	↓ -10

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates. The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we

make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged, students who are not pursuing degrees.

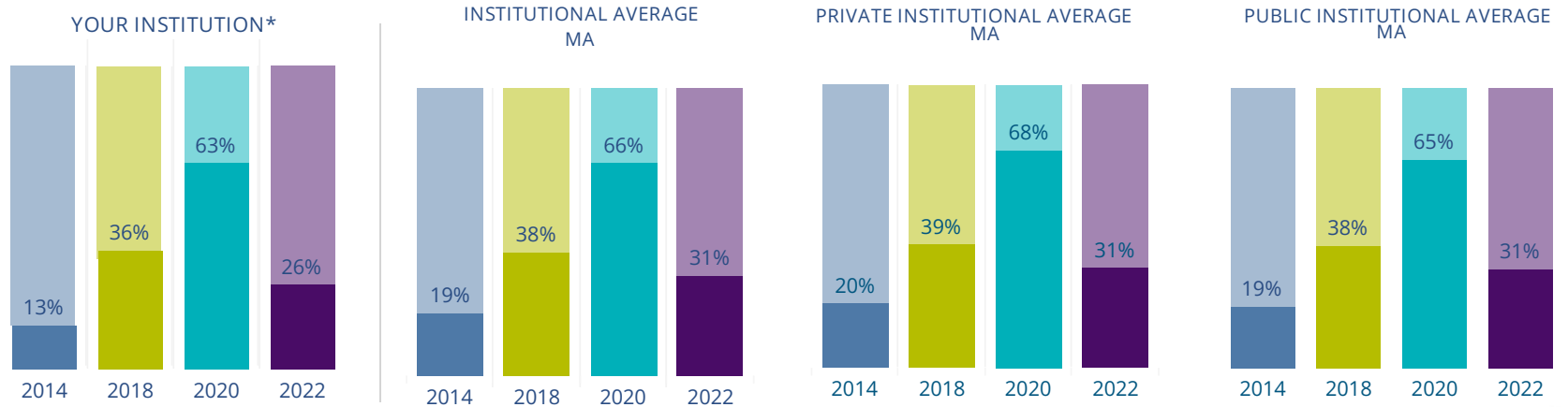
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to NSC, or we cannot verify the accuracy of the reported counts. This is indicated by IPEDS in the data source.

In the following pages with tables, **Enrolled** represents the eligible voters when we have used NSC as the data source. When we have used IPEDS as the data source, **Enrolled** includes non-resident aliens who are ineligible to vote, and for whom we are unable to account due to the lack of data from your institution.

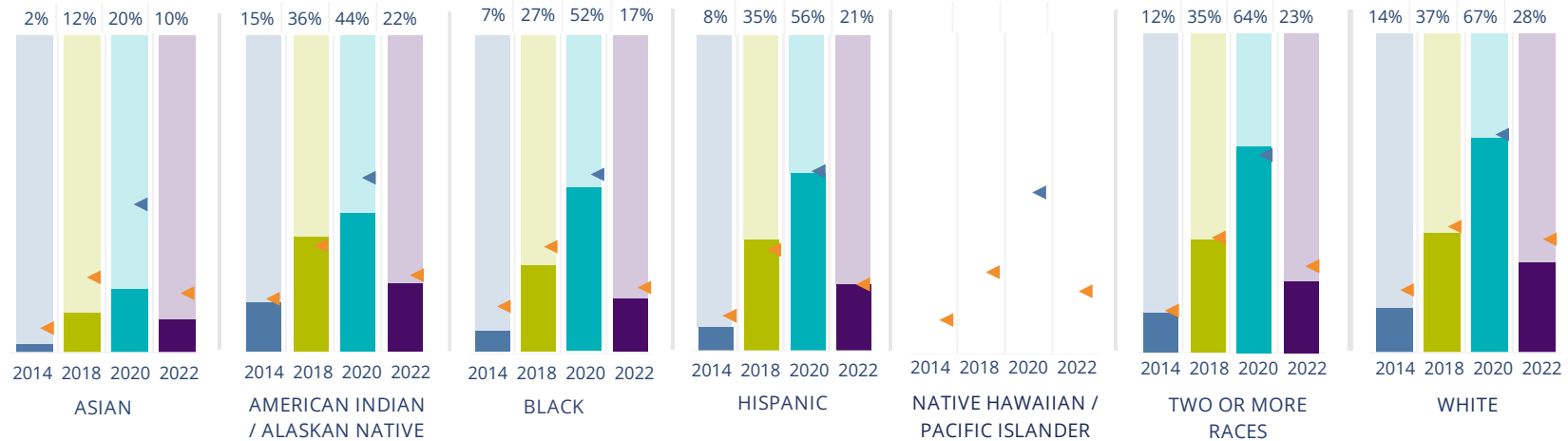
By Institution Types



These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. For Associate institutions, we only share public associate institutional averages due to sample size. *"Your Institution" chart is presented at a different scale.



By Race / Ethnicity



These are estimated voting rates for race / ethnicity groups. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following race reporting procedures* defined by the National Center for Education Statistics of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Please see our FAQ for more detail : <https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nsive-report-faq>

If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data or reports this data as unknown; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

*<https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/report-your-data/race-ethnicity-collecting-data-for-reporting-purposes>

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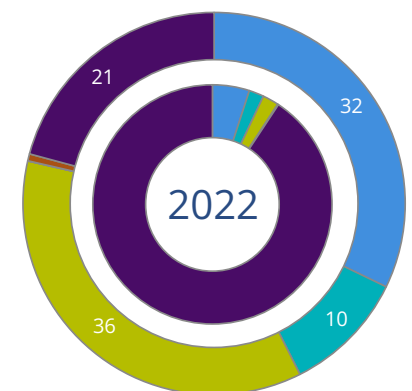
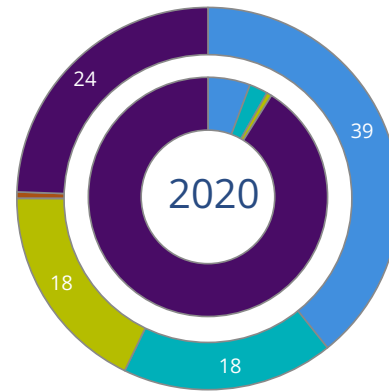
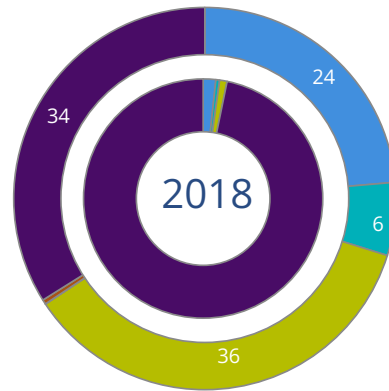
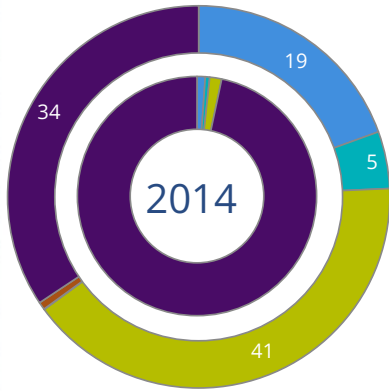
By Race/Ethnicity

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates. We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data or reports this data as unknown; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Asian	620	14	2	643	79	12	915	182	19	737	76	10	↓-1
American Indian/ Alaska Native	104	16	15	89	32	35	69	30	43	60	13	21	↓14
Black	792	52	6	860	234	27	766	395	51	654	109	16	↓10
Hispanic	630	48	7	764	268	35	840	472	56	876	184	21	↓14
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	26	-	-	16	-	-	19	-	-	22	-	-	-
2 or More Races	558	68	12	754	266	35	673	433	64	644	145	22	↓12
White	15,277	2,107	13	16,476	6,085	36	15,410	10,262	66	14,167	4,009	28	↓-8
Race Unknown	1,414	112	7	1,182	124	10	900	138	15	1,611	98	6	↓-4

By Voting Method

■ Not-In-Person
 ■ Early Vote
 ■ In-Person
 ■ Other
 ■ Provisional
 ■ Unknown



	2014		2018		2020		2022		2018-2022	
	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Change	
Early Vote	15	0	38	0	297	2	95	2	↑	1
In-Person	38	1	70	1	83	0	100	2	↑	1
Not-In-Person	27	1	124	1	675	5	231	5	↑	3
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	2,339	96	6,858	96	10,863	91	4,207	90	↓	-6

These are estimated rates for vote method utilization, the number of students utilizing each method, and the percent of students utilizing each method. Not all U.S. states provide information on vote method; voting method for voter files from these states are classified "Voting Method Unknown." For a list of these states, see our FAQ. <https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-faq#CampusReports>. The inner ring in these charts show your campus's method utilization and the outer ring show the national level utilization.

By Age Group

	2014	2018	2020	2022
18-21	6%	28%	58%	18%
22-24	10%	35%	61%	24%
25-29	17%	40%	60%	28%
30-39	28%	52%	67%	39%
40-49	40%	62%	71%	52%
50+	54%	79%	80%	62%

Voting is habit-forming and young voters will often continue as voters in subsequent elections. Also, elected officials and public opinion polls solicit opinions from people they can locate - people in the voter files. Our 2020 data showed a surge among the youngest voters on college campuses, yet 2022 saw a return to past trends, with older students voting at higher rates than their younger counterparts. This change underscores the importance of continued need for institutionalized learning -- working with students to help them understand their political voice and power as they arrive on campus.

Looking Closer

By Age Group

Here, we provide the numbers of students in each age category and the voting rates for each group. These

are based on the student's age on the day of the election, as calculated by the National Student Clearinghouse using data from student enrollment records.

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022 Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
18-21	10,128	695	6	12,048	3,399	28	11,371	6,695	58	10,008	1,857	18	↓ -9
22-24	4,745	501	10	4,611	1,622	35	4,455	2,743	61	4,339	1,057	24	↓ -10
25-29	2,101	378	17	1,916	784	40	1,697	1,029	60	1,826	521	28	↓ -12
30-39	1,556	451	28	1,378	727	52	1,265	854	67	1,540	615	39	↓ -12
40-49	623	250	40	596	372	62	555	398	71	750	394	52	↓ -9
50+	268	145	54	235	186	79	249	201	80	308	192	62	↓ -16

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	11,259	1,455	12	12,198	4,305	35	11,764	7,446	63	11,368	2,870	25	↓ -10
Male	8,162	965	11	8,582	2,784	32	7,816	4,464	57	7,369	1,754	23	↓ -8

These are estimated voting rates for sex groups and the numbers we used to calculate their voting rates. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following the reporting procedures defined by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Presently, NCES requires institutions to report students as “Male” or “Female” only.*

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*<https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/public/survey-materials/faq?faqid=11>

Looking Closer





By Education Level / Undergraduate Class Year

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022 Rate Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	
EDUCATION LEVEL													
Undergraduate	15,886	1,567	9	16,959	5,455	32	15,458	9,301	60	13,633	2,925	21	↓-10
Graduate	2,715	663	24	2,732	1,244	45	2,924	1,923	65	2,918	988	33	↓-11
Class Unknown	820	190	23	1,093	391	35	1,210	696	57	2,220	704	31	↓-4
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	3,905	248	6	4,110	1,059	25	3,973	2,209	55	3,794	639	16	↓-8
Sophomore	3,124	228	7	3,512	908	25	2,867	1,751	61	2,495	464	18	↓-7
Upperclassman	8,597	1,013	11	10,184	3,782	37	9,677	5,936	61	8,428	2,116	25	↓-12
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	14,717	1,319	8	16,558	5,135	31	14,850	9,117	61	13,399	2,826	21	↓-9
Part-time	4,704	1,101	23	4,226	1,955	46	4,742	2,803	59	5,372	1,810	33	↓-12

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (undergraduate/graduate), Class Year, and Enrollment Status (full-time/part-time), and the numbers we used to calculate these rates.

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By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Agriculture	507	56	11	577	226	39	702	334	47	637	102	16	 -23
Architecture	11	-	-	29	18	62	15	-	-	15	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,012	90	8	1,124	371	33	900	567	63	768	176	22	 -10
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,541	320	7	4,693	1,191	25	4,074	2,094	51	3,787	682	18	 -7
Communication and Journalism	688	77	11	787	308	39	462	312	67	465	137	29	 -9

These are estimated voting rates by field of study, and the numbers we used to calculate the field of study rates. For an explanation of CIP codes, please see our FAQ.* There are roughly 8,000 fields of study among U.S. colleges and universities, so we provide rates for condensed categories.

*<https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq>

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Computer and Information Sciences	419	31	7	721	265	36	816	443	54	1,025	195	19	↓ -17
Education	2,696	676	25	2,584	1,044	40	2,435	1,759	72	2,544	830	32	↓ -7
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	337	80	23	309	132	42	366	193	52	496	78	15	↓ -26
English Language and Literature	371	54	14	329	170	51	281	202	71	255	98	38	↓ -13
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	531	39	7	528	184	34	512	328	64	404	87	21	↓ -13
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	72	-	-	131	64	48	115	84	73	101	33	32	↓ -16
Health Professions	1,913	190	9	2,122	658	31	2,069	1,312	63	1,966	418	21	↓ -9
History	115	34	29	151	91	60	213	173	81	183	100	54	↓ -5
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	26	61	70	21	30	-
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	622	30	4	684	145	21	592	332	56	421	65	15	↓ -5

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	879	38	4	875	211	24	866	475	54	541	108	19	 -4
Mathematics and Statistics	113	11	9	115	38	33	88	50	56	66	16	24	 -8
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	183	25	13	172	82	47	111	85	76	207	85	41	 -6
Philosophy and Religious Studies	98	15	15	83	44	53	67	47	70	81	31	38	 -14
Social Sciences	951	152	15	916	372	40	796	524	65	667	195	29	 -11
Visual and Performing Arts	800	68	8	883	388	43	1,001	685	68	972	288	29	 -14
Unknown	833	195	23	1,113	400	35	1,268	735	57	1,284	387	30	 -5

About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement.

Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, nearly 1,200 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2022 federal elections.

Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database representing an average of well over 10 million students for each election year, that serves as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

The National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement (NSLVE, "en-solve") is a service offered to colleges and universities that provides a tailored report on their students' voting rates and other metrics. Launched in 2013 at Tufts University's Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life, NSLVE represents more than 1,200 campuses in all 50 states + D.C. and now serves as a widely impactful resource for the work of understanding and fostering student political learning.

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 2014, 2018, 2020, and 2022 elections.

These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) and publicly available voting files collected by L2 Political.

Enrollment lists are adjusted by deducting students under age 18 (at the time of the election), people identified as non-degree seeking and those identified by campuses as "nonresident aliens" (NRAs) (the federal government's category for mostly international students). Unfortunately, not all campuses report NRAs to NSC. For those campuses, we use IPEDS to calculate the number of NRA students on each campus and adjust NSC enrollment numbers to estimate the number of students to remove. We also quality check NRA removals by verifying that there is little to no discrepancy between the number of international students reported by the campus to IPEDS and to NSC. We cannot adjust subgroup analyses absent identification of NRAs verified by the process above. We welcome closer partnerships with individual colleges and universities to provide more accurate rates. For more on the data and the matching process, see our FAQ on Campus Reports.

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://nslve.tufts.edu>.

References: NSLVE 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: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2024). 2022 report for _____ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.

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