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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Missouri 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: **https://idhe.tufts.edu.**

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Warm regards,

IDHE Team

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

37.1%

CHANGE
FROM 2014
+22.8

2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%

Registration Rate

77.9% 78.8%

2014 2018

Voting Rate of Registered Students

18.4% 47.1%

2014 2018

Voting Rate

14.3% 37.1%
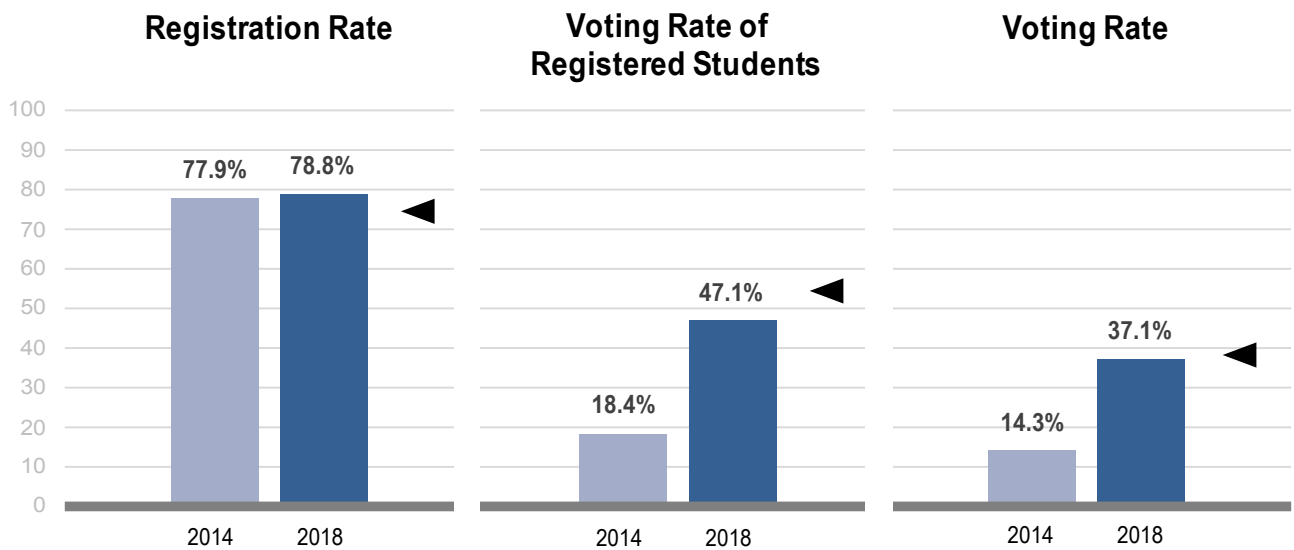
2014 2018

◄ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	21,793	23,799	⬆	2,006
Age under 18/Unknown	(2,072)	(2,487)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,229)	(1,110)		
FERPA records blocked	(20)	*		
Total eligible voters	18,472	20,195	⬆	1,723
Number of students who registered	14,380	15,909	⬆	1,529
Number of students who voted	2,644	7,495	⬆	4,851
Registration rate	77.9%	78.8%	⬆	0.9
Voting rate of registered students	18.4%	47.1%	⬆	28.7
Voting rate	14.3%	37.1%	⬆	22.8
Difference from all institutions	-5.4	-2.0		

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH
54.0%
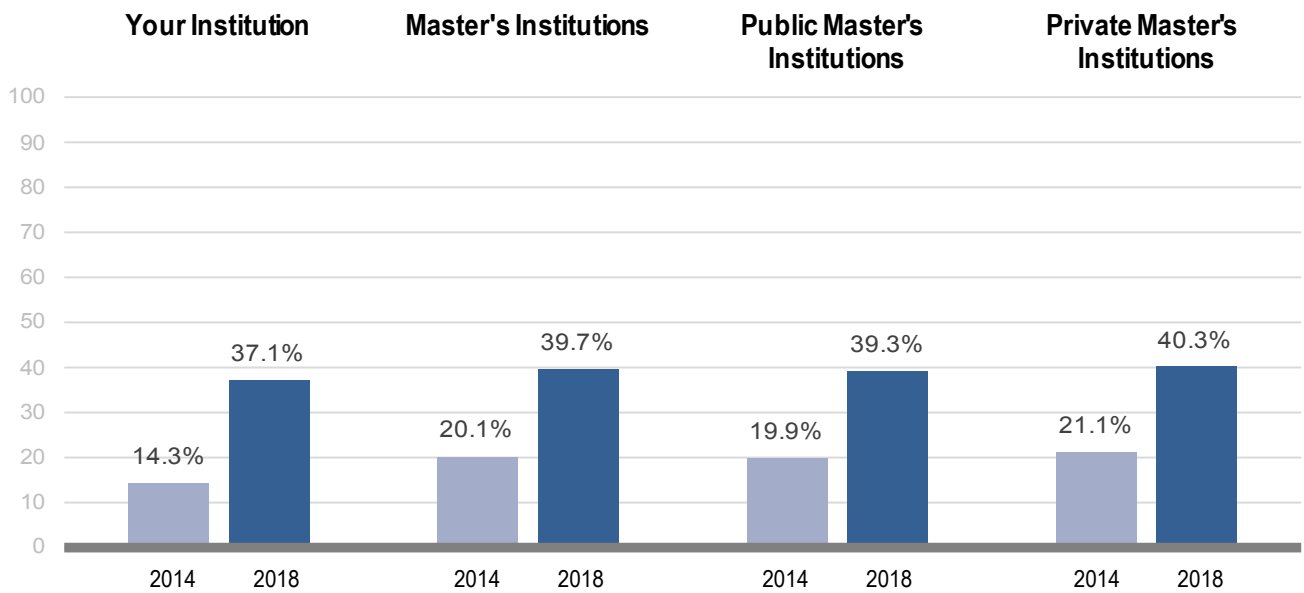
LOW
1.5%

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-5.4**

Difference from All Institutions   **-2.0**

	Your Institution	Master's Institutions	Public Master's Institutions	Private Master's Institutions
2014	14.3%	20.1%	19.9%	21.1%
2018	37.1%	39.7%	39.3%	40.3%

By Voting Method*

	Absentee		**Early Vote**		**Mail**		**In-Person, Election Day**	
	1.0%	1.2%	0.7%	1.2%	0.5%	1.8%	2.7%	2.0%
	2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018
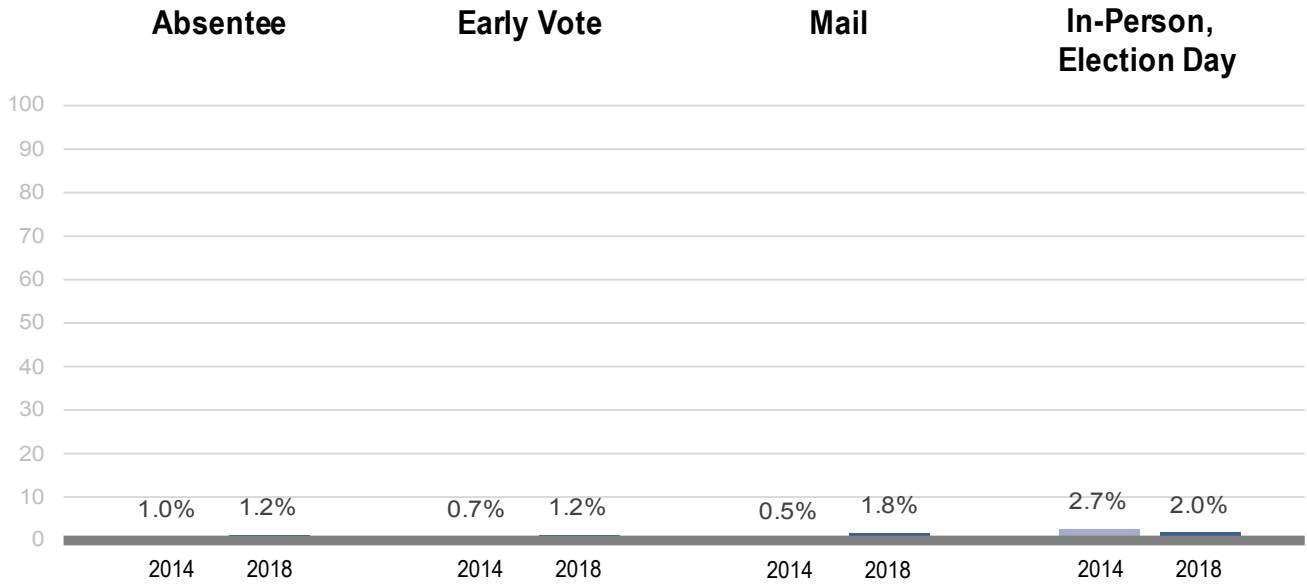
	2014		**2018**			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	25	**1.0%**	89	**1.2%**	⬆	0.2
Early Vote	19	**0.7%**	92	**1.2%**	⬆	0.5
Mail	13	**0.5%**	134	**1.8%**	⬆	1.3
In-Person, Election Day	72	**2.7%**	148	**2.0%**	⬇	-0.8
Unknown	2,515	**95.1%**	7,032	93.8%		
Total	**2,644**		**7,495**			

* 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 officals where your students voted.

**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Age Group*
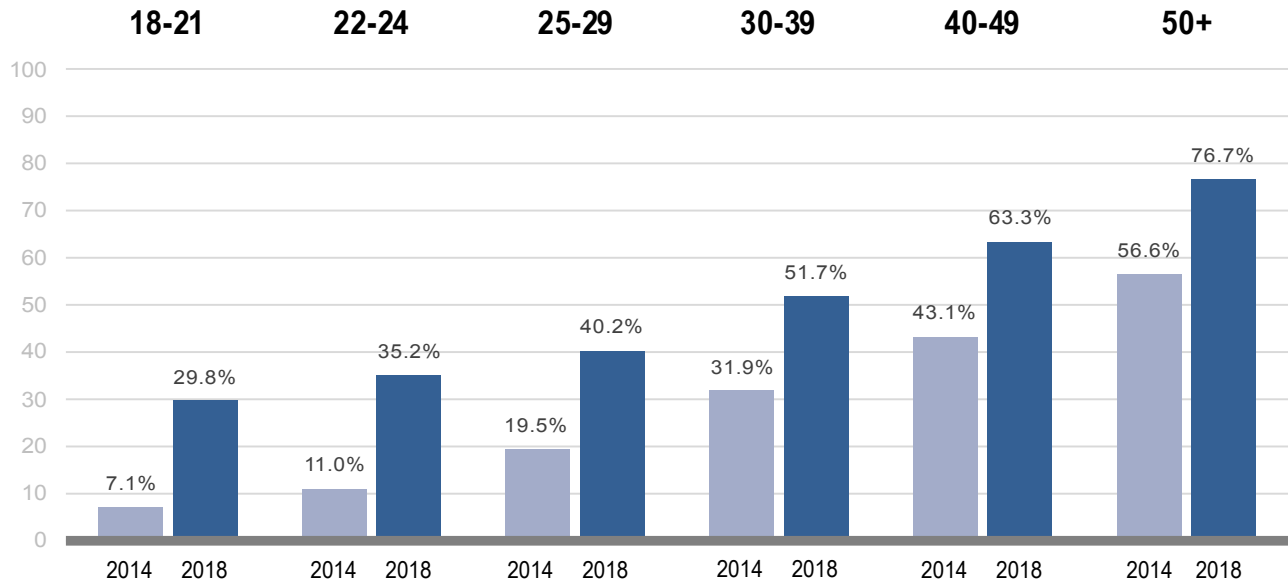
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	10,137	720	**7.1%**	12,055	3,588	**29.8%**	⬆	**22.7**
22-24	4,794	525	**11.0%**	4,760	1,674	**35.2%**	⬆	**24.2**
25-29	2,173	424	**19.5%**	2,031	816	**40.2%**	⬆	**20.7**
30-39	1,634	521	**31.9%**	1,521	787	**51.7%**	⬆	**19.9**
40-49	673	290	**43.1%**	668	423	**63.3%**	⬆	**20.2**
50+	290	164	**56.6%**	270	207	**76.7%**	⬆	**20.1**
Unknown	*			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.

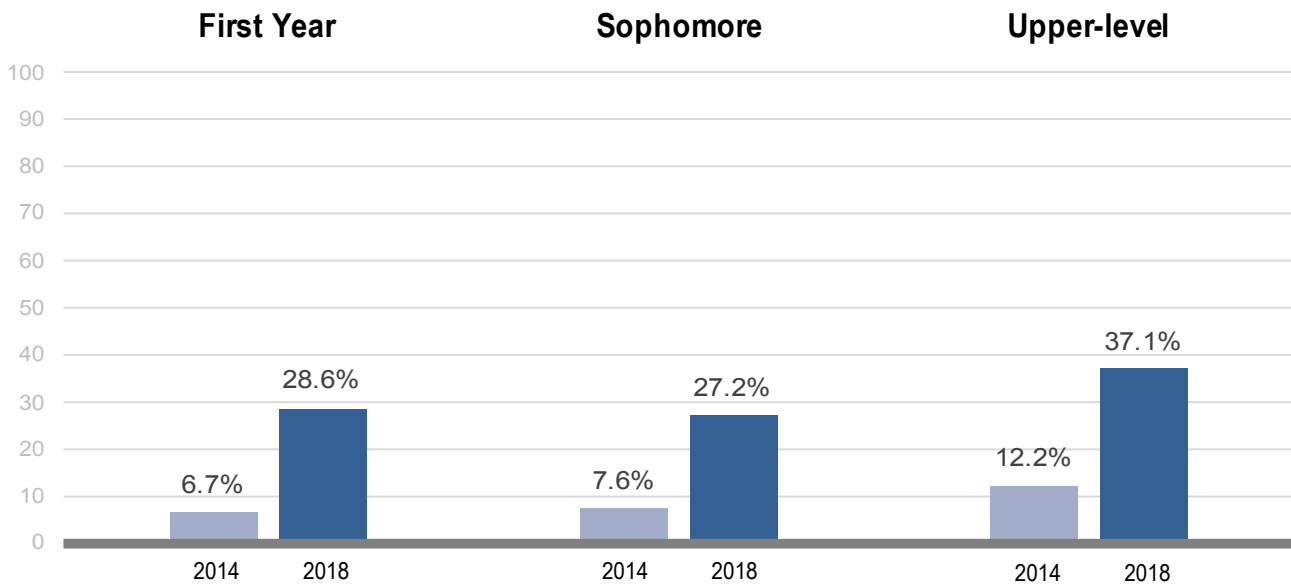**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Education Level*

Undergraduate
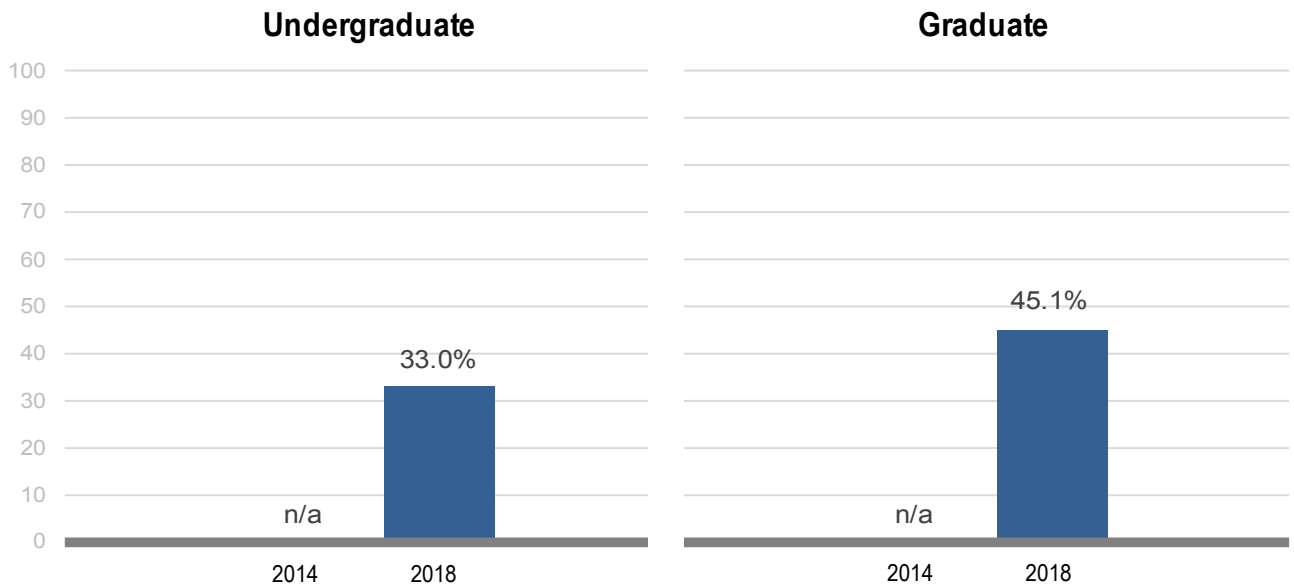
Graduate

	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**		16,959	5,603	**33.0%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**		3,190	1,439	**45.1%**	**n/a**
Unknown	19,701				1,156			

* 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.

By Undergraduate Class Year*

First Year		Sophomore		Upper-level	
6.7% (2014)	28.6% (2018)	7.6% (2014)	27.2% (2018)	12.2% (2014)	37.1% (2018)

	2014			**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	3,924	262	**6.7%**	4,110	1,176	**28.6%**	⬆	**21.9**
Sophomore	3,124	236	**7.6%**	3,512	956	**27.2%**	⬆	**19.7**
Upper-level	8,599	1,051	**12.2%**	10,184	3,780	**37.1%**	⬆	**24.9**

* 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.

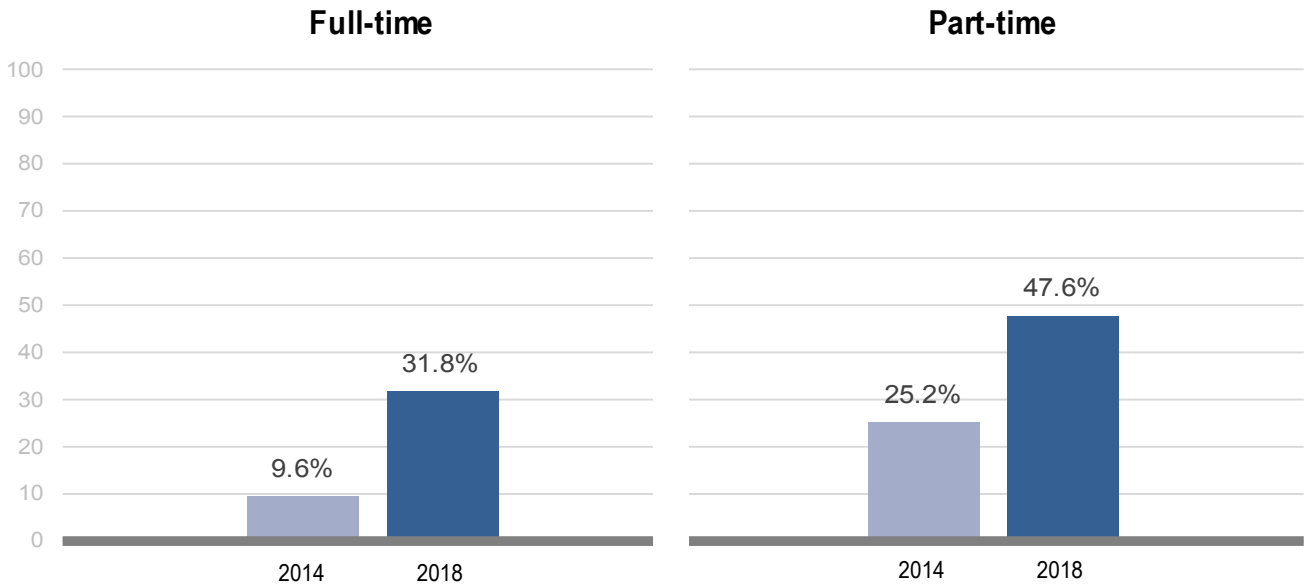## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Enrollment Status*

Full-time

Part-time

	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Full-time	14,824	1,415	**9.6%**	16,762	5,334	**31.8%**	⬆ **22.3**
Part-time	4,877	1,229	**25.2%**	4,543	2,161	**47.6%**	⬆ **22.4**
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.
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By Gender*

Women

Men
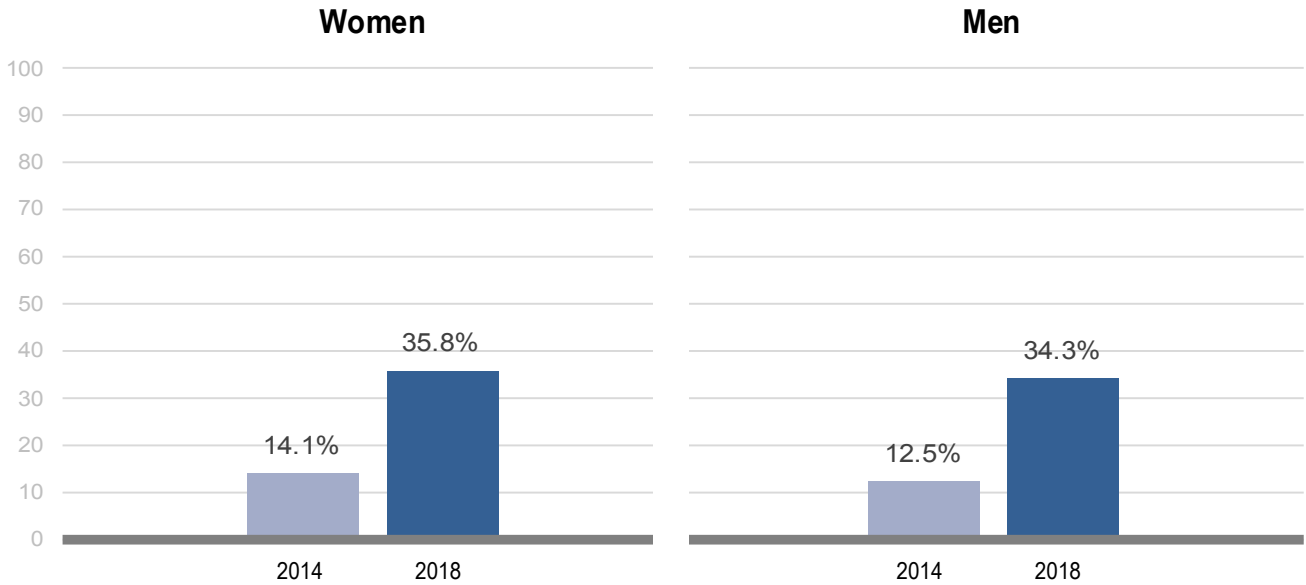
	2014				**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	11,453	1,611	**14.1%**		12,545	4,493	**35.8%**	⬆	**21.8**
Men	8,248	1,033	**12.5%**		8,756	3,000	**34.3%**	⬆	**21.7**
Unknown	0				*				

* 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.

By Race/Ethnicity*
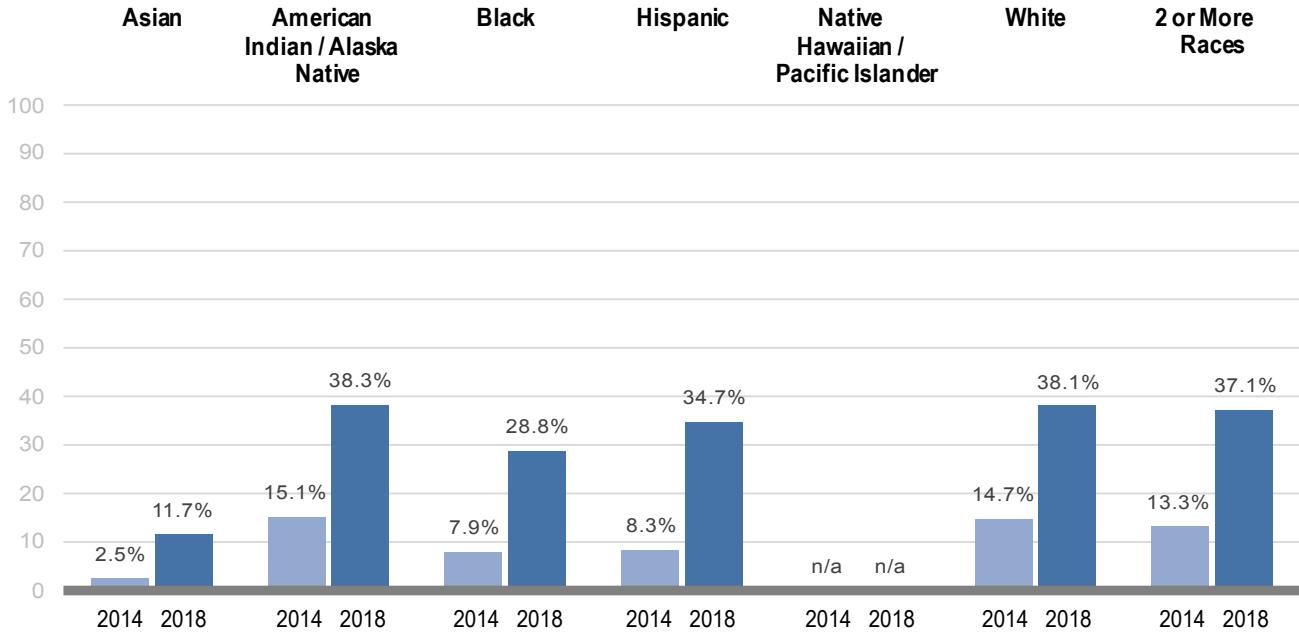
	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Asian	634	16	**2.5%**	667	78	**11.7%**	⬆	**9.2**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	106	16	**15.1%**	94	36	**38.3%**	⬆	**23.2**
Black	801	63	**7.9%**	878	253	**28.8%**	⬆	**21.0**
Hispanic	639	53	**8.3%**	779	270	**34.7%**	⬆	**26.4**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	26	*	**n/a**	16	0	**n/a**		**n/a**
White	15,464	2,276	**14.7%**	16,878	6,436	**38.1%**	⬆	**23.4**
2 or More Races	564	75	**13.3%**	768	285	**37.1%**	⬆	**23.8**
Unknown	1,467			1,225				

* 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.

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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	507	57	**11.2%**	577	238	**41.3%** ⬆	**30.0**
Architecture	11	*	**n/a**	29	14	**48.3%**	**n/a**
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	21	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,013	93	**9.2%**	1,125	377	**33.5%** ⬆	**24.3**
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,566	335	**7.3%**	4,839	1,331	**27.5%** ⬆	**20.2**
Communication and Journalism	699	85	**12.2%**	796	313	**39.3%** ⬆	**27.2**
Computer and Information Sciences	419	29	**6.9%**	728	277	**38.1%** ⬆	**31.1**
Education	2,815	768	**27.3%**	2,725	1,151	**42.2%** ⬆	**15.0**
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	349	93	**26.7%**	333	154	**46.3%** ⬆	**19.6**
English Language and Literature	378	58	**15.3%**	332	161	**48.5%** ⬆	**33.2**
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	535	43	**8.0%**	528	178	**33.7%** ⬆	**25.7**
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	72	*	**n/a**	132	66	**50.0%**	**n/a**
Health Professions	1,924	201	**10.5%**	2,161	683	**31.6%** ⬆	**21.2**
History	115	35	**30.4%**	151	86	**57.0%** ⬆	**26.5**
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	0	0	**n/a**	15	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
Legal Professions and Studies	0	0	**n/a**	*	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	879	43	**4.9%**	875	230	**26.3%** ⬆	**21.4**
Mathematics and Statistics	113	15	**13.3%**	115	37	**32.2%** ⬆	**18.9**
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	197	31	**15.7%**	204	90	**44.1%** ⬆	**28.4**
Natural Resources and Conservation	81	*	**n/a**	111	47	**42.3%**	**n/a**
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	622	33	**5.3%**	694	161	**23.2%** ⬆	**17.9**
Philosophy and Religious Studies	98	15	**15.3%**	83	45	**54.2%** ⬆	**38.9**
Physical Sciences	397	44	**11.1%**	351	119	**33.9%** ⬆	**22.8**

Psychology	799	70	**8.8%**		1,008	363	**36.0%** ⬆	**27.3**
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	400	99	**24.8%**		356	127	**35.7%** ⬆	**10.9**
Social Sciences	954	163	**17.1%**		922	387	**42.0%** ⬆	**24.9**
Visual and Performing Arts	800	69	**8.6%**		883	379	**42.9%** ⬆	**34.3**
Other	78	31	**39.7%**		90	41	**45.6%** ⬆	**5.8**
Unknown	859	213	**24.8%**		1,137	429	**37.7%** ⬆	**12.9**

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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