

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
University of Louisville

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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 providing 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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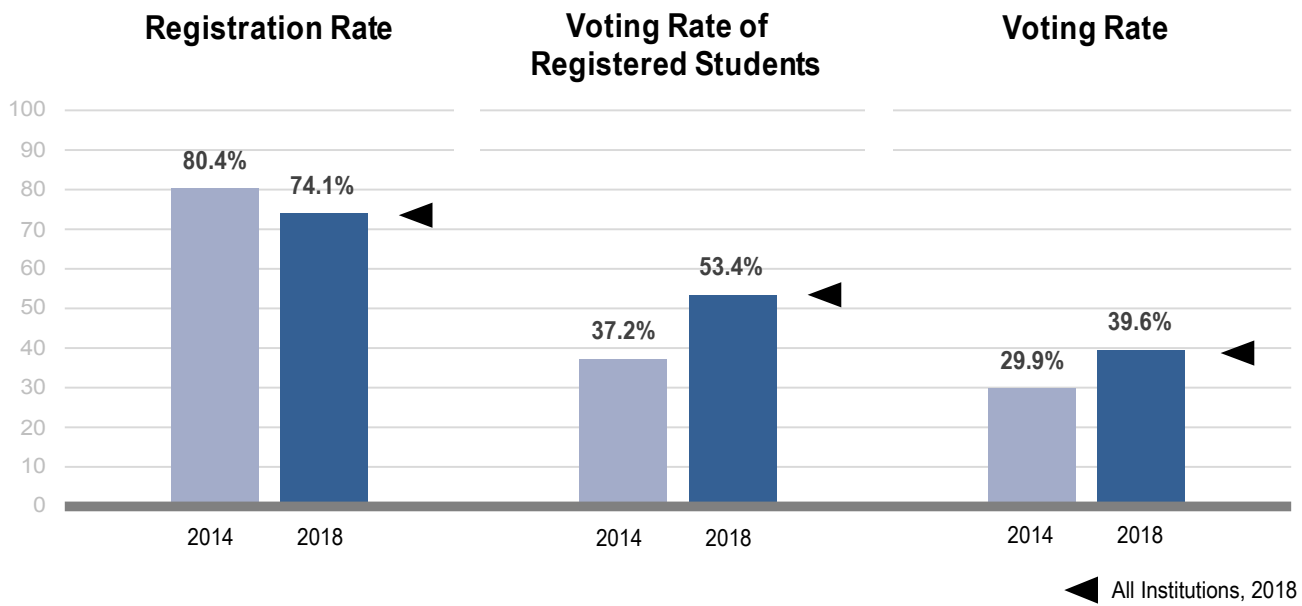
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate
39.6%

CHANGE
FROM 2014
+9.7

2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%



	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	19,867	20,937	↑ 1,070
Age under 18/Unknown	(353)	(679)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(557)	(577)	
FERPA records blocked	(22)	*	
Total eligible voters	18,935	19,672	↑ 737
Number of students who registered	15,213	14,585	↓ -628
Number of students who voted	5,663	7,789	↑ 2,126
Registration rate	80.4%	74.1%	↓ -6.2
Voting rate of registered students	37.2%	53.4%	↑ 16.2
Voting rate	29.9%	39.6%	↑ 9.7
Difference from all institutions	+10.2	+0.5	

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%

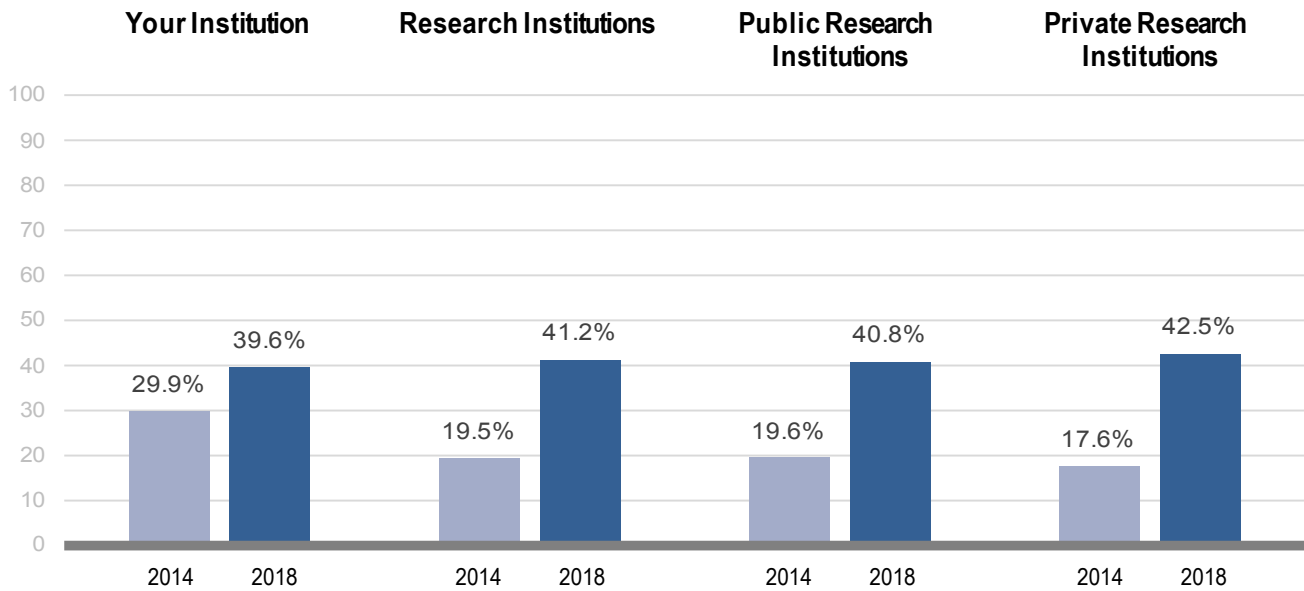
LOW
11.5%

Difference from All Institutions

+10.2

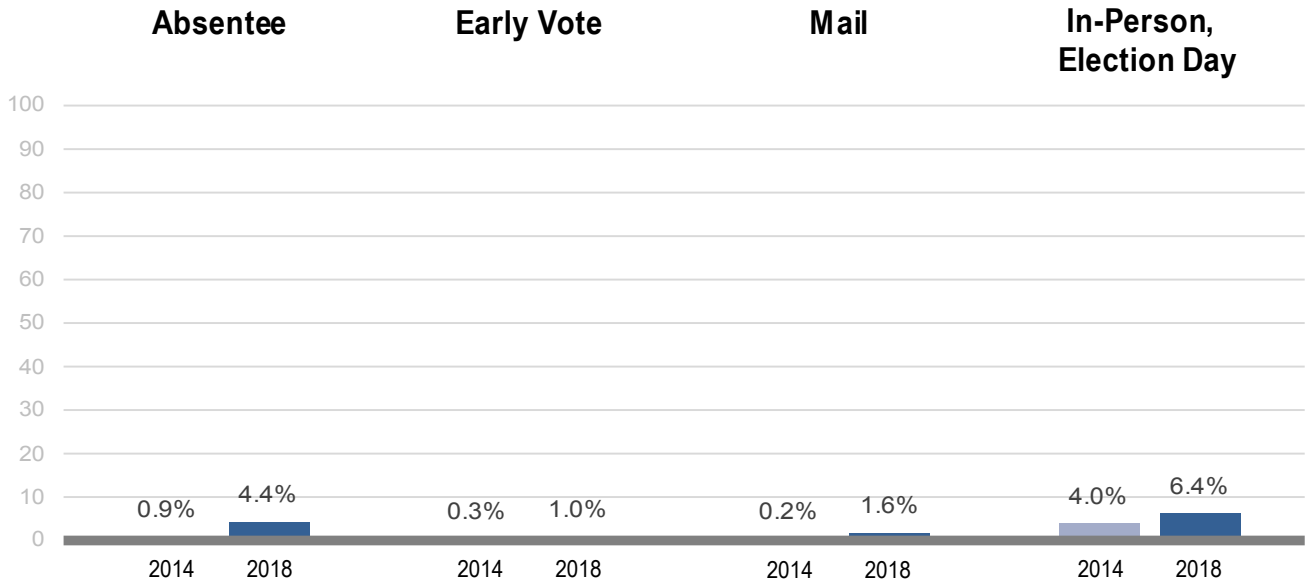
Difference from All Institutions

+0.5



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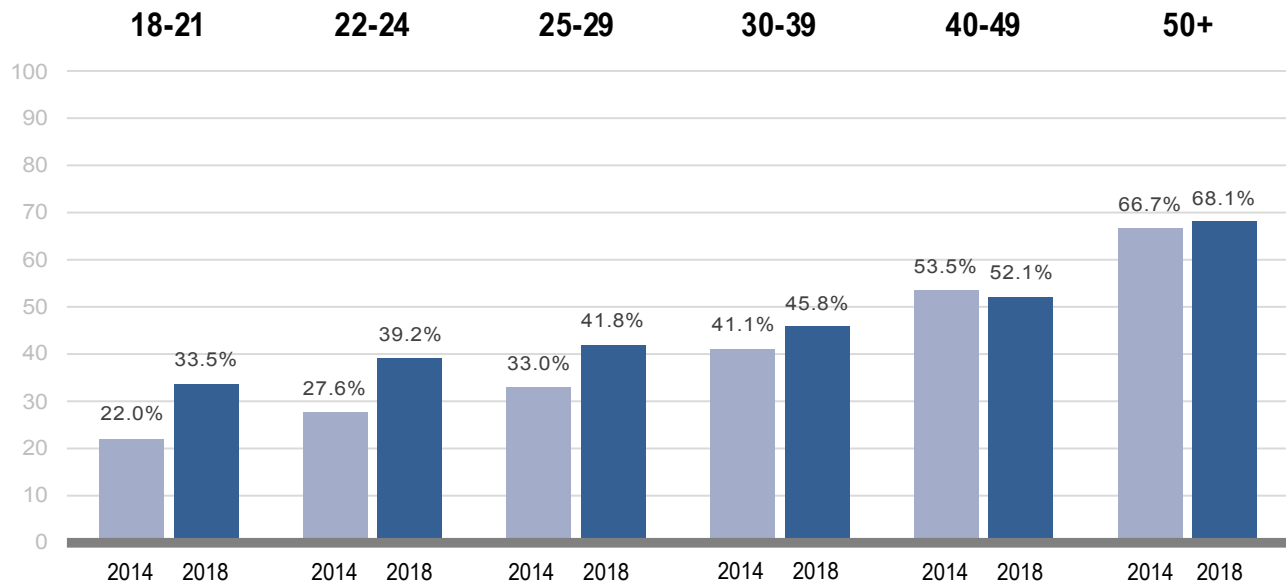
By Voting Method*



	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	51	0.9%	340	4.4%	↑ 3.5
Early Vote	14	0.3%	78	1.0%	↑ 0.8
Mail	10	0.2%	128	1.6%	↑ 1.5
In-Person, Election Day	229	4.0%	502	6.4%	↑ 2.4
Unknown	5,359	94.6%	6,741	86.6%	
Total	5,663		7,789		

* 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.

By Age Group*

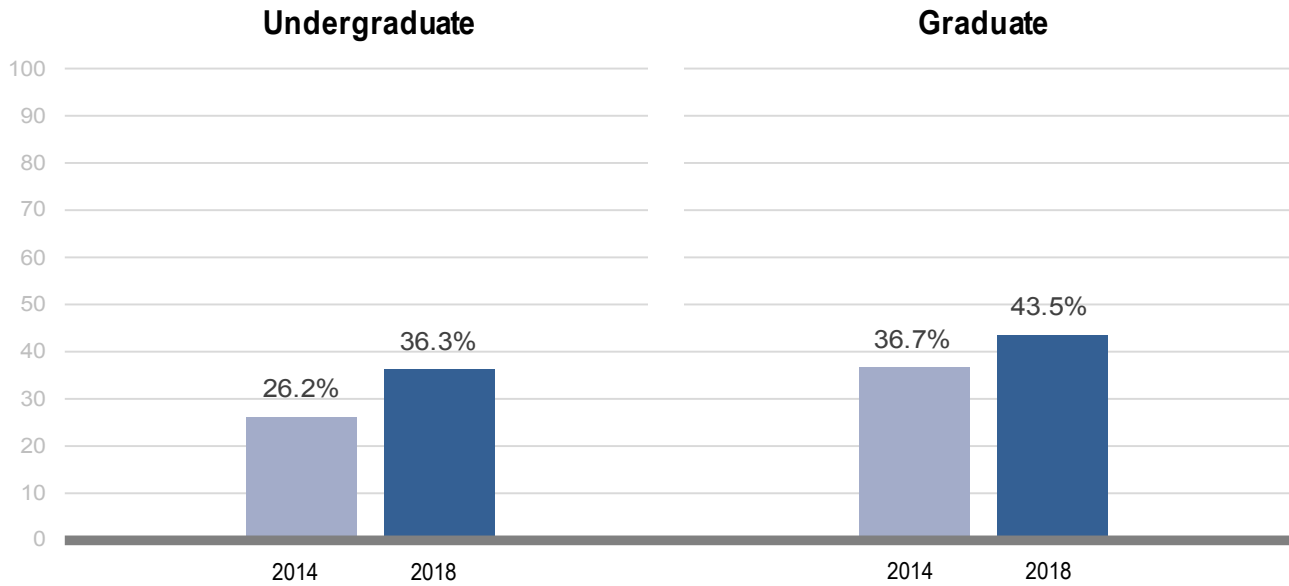


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	9,427	2,076	22.0%	9,869	3,310	33.5%	↑ 11.5
22-24	4,137	1,143	27.6%	4,340	1,700	39.2%	↑ 11.5
25-29	2,619	865	33.0%	2,873	1,200	41.8%	↑ 8.7
30-39	2,021	830	41.1%	2,005	918	45.8%	↑ 4.7
40-49	835	447	53.5%	814	424	52.1%	↓ -1.4
50+	453	302	66.7%	348	237	68.1%	↑ 1.4
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*

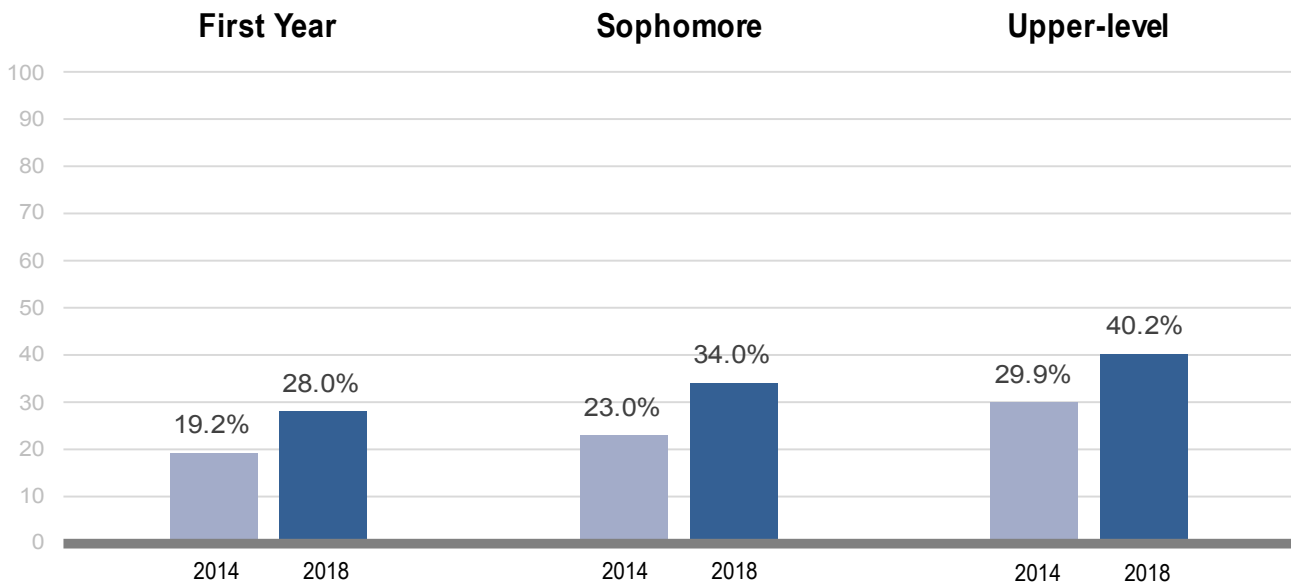


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	14,627	3,829	26.2%	14,198	5,147	36.3%	↑ 10.1
Graduate	4,178	1,534	36.7%	5,495	2,388	43.5%	↑ 6.7
Unknown	687			556			

* 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*

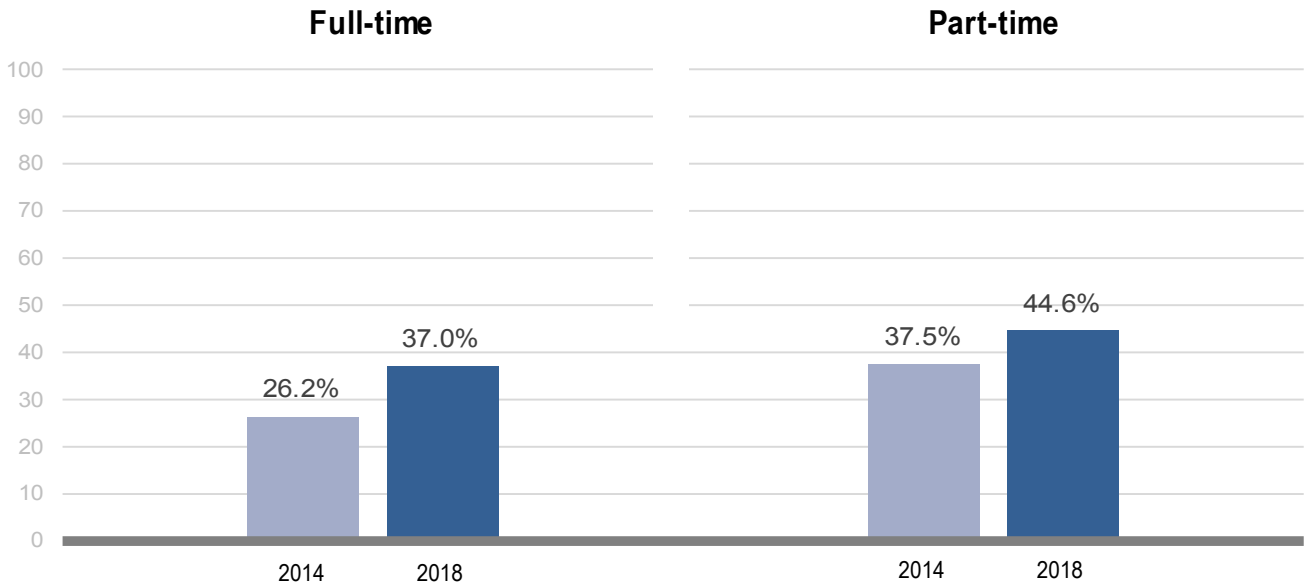


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	3,170	608	19.2%	3,189	893	28.0%	↑ 8.8
Sophomore	3,040	698	23.0%	2,865	975	34.0%	↑ 11.1
Upper-level	7,926	2,372	29.9%	8,083	3,250	40.2%	↑ 10.3

* 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	14,517	3,799	26.2%	16,290	6,024	37.0%	↑ 10.8
Part-time	4,975	1,864	37.5%	3,958	1,764	44.6%	↑ 7.1
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.

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	
Architecture	26	13	50.0%	13	*	n/a	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	90	39	43.3%	114	55	48.3% ↑	4.9
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,138	250	22.0%	1,221	424	34.7% ↑	12.8
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,597	405	25.4%	2,040	731	35.8% ↑	10.5
Communication and Journalism	881	237	26.9%	750	296	39.5% ↑	12.6
Computer and Information Sciences	*	*	n/a	34	19	55.9%	n/a
Education	2,031	780	38.4%	2,097	986	47.0% ↑	8.6
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,383	574	24.1%	2,569	867	33.8% ↑	9.7
English Language and Literature	370	128	34.6%	274	146	53.3% ↑	18.7
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	189	62	32.8%	114	45	39.5% ↑	6.7
Health Professions	1,698	429	25.3%	2,961	1,035	35.0% ↑	9.7
History	197	85	43.2%	164	90	54.9% ↑	11.7
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	716	246	34.4%	601	224	37.3% ↑	2.9
Legal Professions and Studies	373	185	49.6%	357	184	51.5% ↑	1.9
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,178	504	23.1%	1,835	557	30.4% ↑	7.2
Mathematics and Statistics	170	48	28.2%	141	60	42.6% ↑	14.3
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	15	*	n/a	78	44	56.4%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,134	229	20.2%	1,029	279	27.1% ↑	6.9
Philosophy and Religious Studies	49	20	40.8%	52	27	51.9% ↑	11.1
Physical Sciences	386	84	21.8%	376	124	33.0% ↑	11.2
Psychology	902	197	21.8%	859	324	37.7% ↑	15.9
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	646	263	40.7%	725	417	57.5% ↑	16.8
Social Sciences	898	368	41.0%	750	375	50.0% ↑	9.0

Visual and Performing Arts	653	170	26.0%	630	274	43.5% ↑	17.5
Unknown	766	335	43.7%	465	199	42.8% ↓	-0.9

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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