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2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Kean 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 and 2016 federal elections. Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of nearly 30 million college student records, about 10 million for each election year, that serve as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

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. The mission of IDHE is to shift college and university priorities and culture to advance political learning, agency, and equity. We achieve our mission through research, resource development, technical assistance, 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 actually voted in the 2012 and 2016 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (FERPA-blocked records excluded) and publicly available voting files collected by Catalist.

Institutional voting rates 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, we cannot consistently adjust for students who are non-resident aliens, resident aliens, or undocumented students. This may result in your institution's actual voting rate being higher than we report. To calculate that percentage, and to read more about NSLVE data, see our **FAQ on Campus Reports**. Please also see **Creating and Maintaining the NSLVE Database** paper for a more detailed study methodology.

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. This report provides a baseline measure of your students' engagement in democracy in 2012 and 2016, and compares your institution's voting rates to similar institutions. Visit our website for more comparison data.

❑ Share the report widely and strategically, including posting it online.

❑ Put your data into practice. Use our IDHE Resources to guide you.

❑ Address your campus climate for student political learning, discourse, and participation. Start by bringing the IDHE team to your campus or using the IDHE self- assessment rubric available on our website.

❑ Partner with IDHE. We are available with virtual office hours, webinars, brown bag discussions and in-person trainings.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: **idhe.tufts.edu.**

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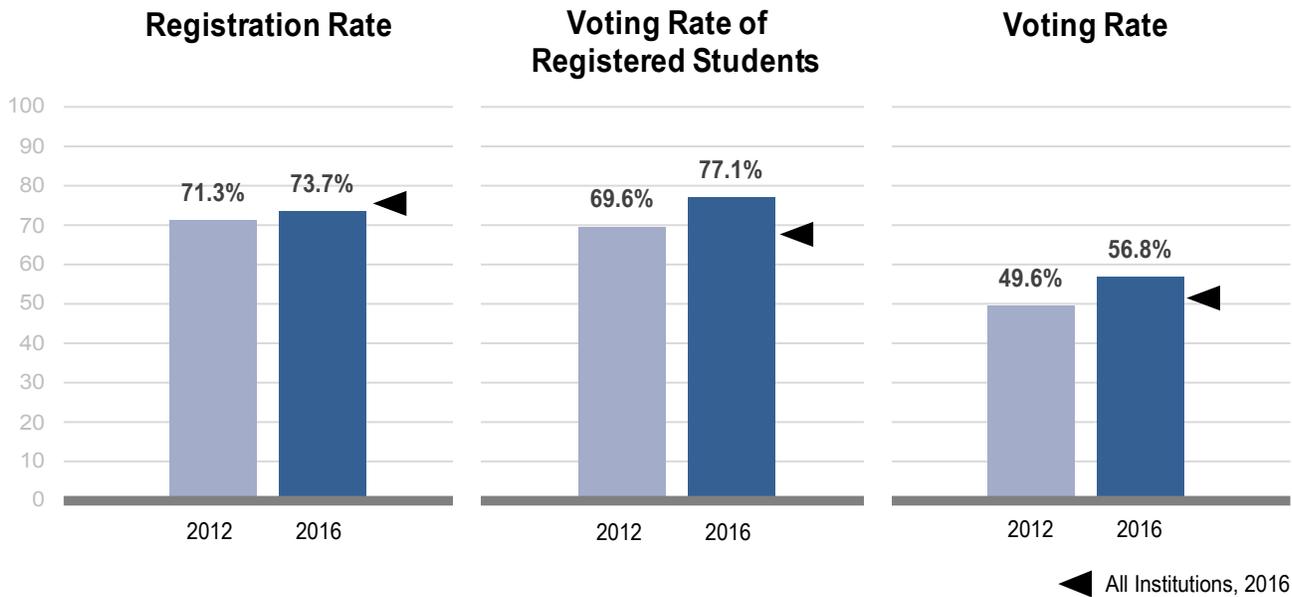
Warm regards,
IDHE Team

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate

56.8%

CHANGE
FROM 2012

7.2

2016 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

50.4%

Registration Rate — 71.3% (2012), 73.7% (2016)

Voting Rate of Registered Students — 69.6% (2012), 77.1% (2016)

Voting Rate — 49.6% (2012), 56.8% (2016)

◀ All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016		Change
Total student enrollment	15,265	13,515	⬇	-1,750
Age under 18/Unknown	(264)	(54)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(211)	(217)		
FERPA records blocked	0	0		
Total eligible voters	14,790	13,244	⬇	-1,546
Number of students who registered	10,548	9,761	⬇	-787
Number of students who voted	7,339	7,524	⬆	185
Registration rate	71.3%	73.7%	⬆	2.4
Voting rate of registered students	69.6%	77.1%	⬆	7.5
Voting rate	49.6%	56.8%	⬆	7.2
Difference from all institutions	+2.7	+6.4		

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions

46.9%

HIGH 72.9%

LOW 19.3%

Difference from All Institutions **+2.7**
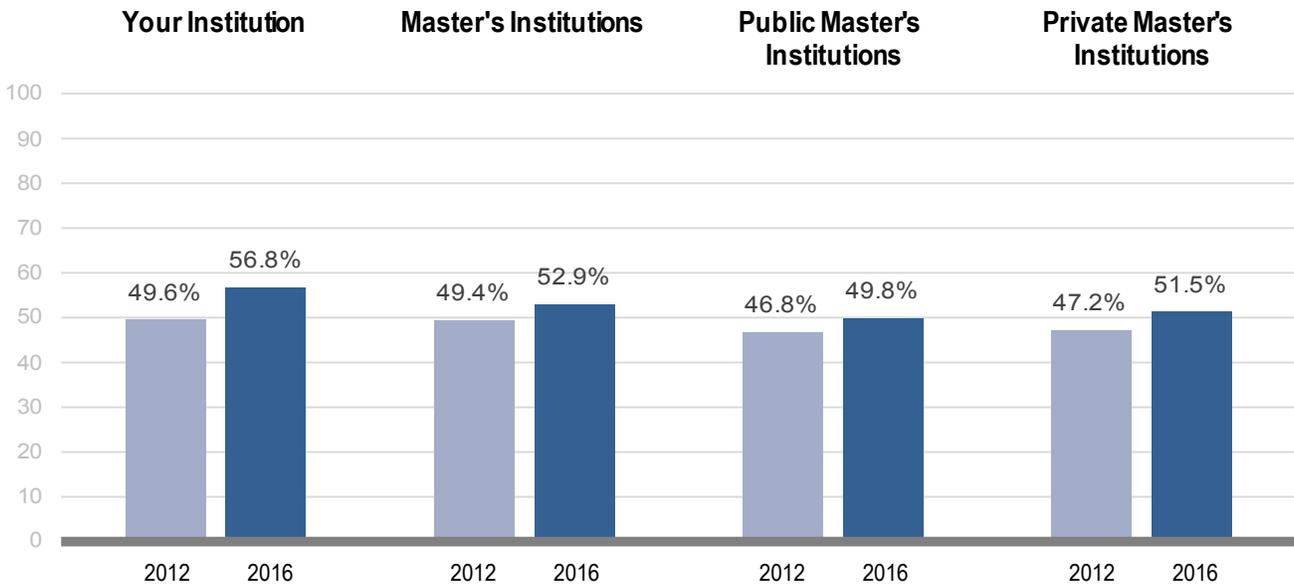
2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions

50.4%

HIGH 81.4%

LOW 13.1%

Difference from All Institutions **+6.4**

	Your Institution	Master's Institutions	Public Master's Institutions	Private Master's Institutions
2012	49.6%	49.4%	46.8%	47.2%
2016	56.8%	52.9%	49.8%	51.5%

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By Voting Method*
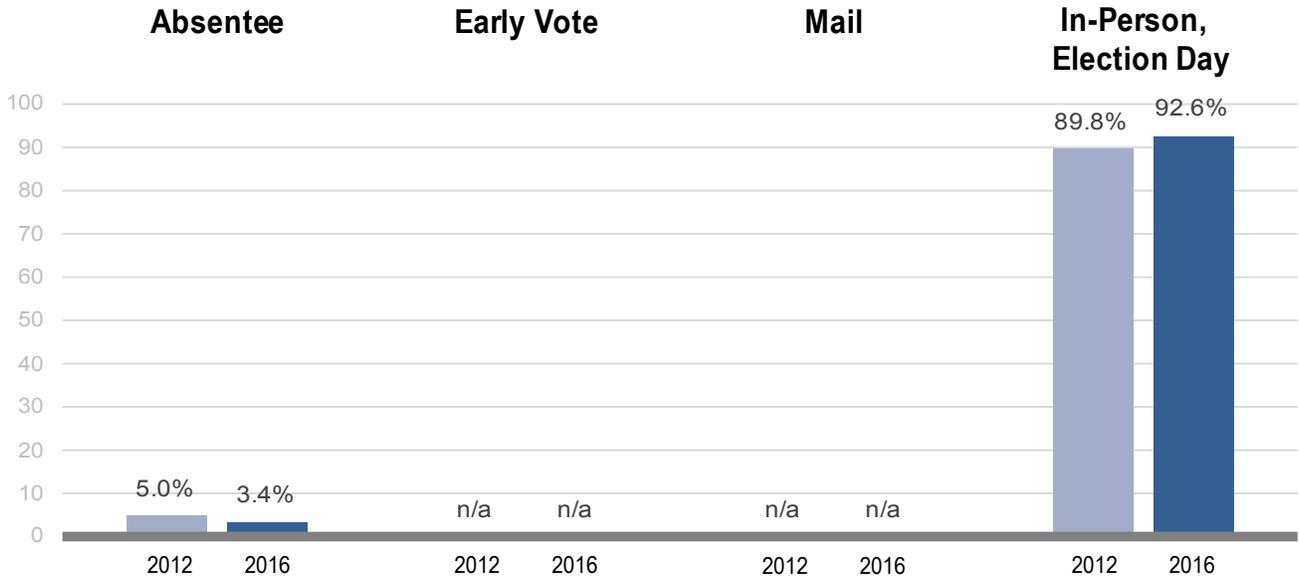
	2012			**2016**			
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	367	**5.0%**		259	**3.4%**	⬇	**-1.6**
Early Vote	0	**n/a**		*	**n/a**		**n/a**
Mail	*	**n/a**		*	**n/a**		**n/a**
In-Person, Election Day	6,593	**89.8%**		6,970	**92.6%**	⬆	**2.8**
Unknown	378	**5.2%**		289	**3.8%**		
Total	**7,339**			**7,524**			

* 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.

By Age Group*
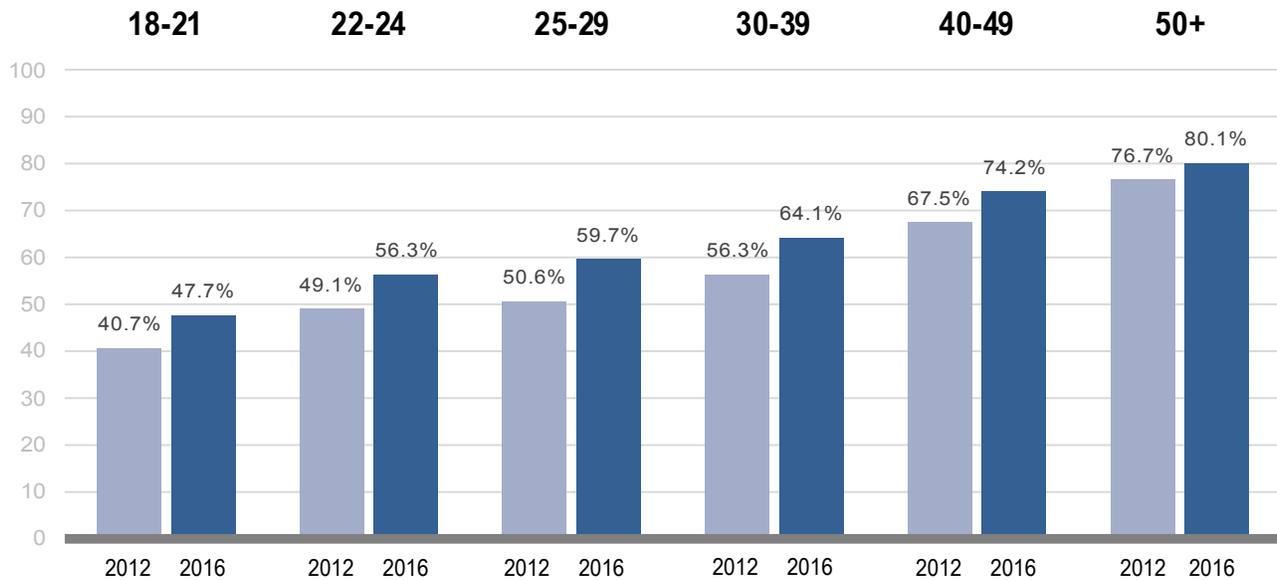
	2012				**2016**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	5,675	2,310	**40.7%**		5,229	2,492	**47.7%**	⬆	**7.0**
22-24	3,984	1,956	**49.1%**		3,546	1,996	**56.3%**	⬆	**7.2**
25-29	2,339	1,183	**50.6%**		2,284	1,363	**59.7%**	⬆	**9.1**
30-39	1,619	911	**56.3%**		1,329	852	**64.1%**	⬆	**7.8**
40-49	894	603	**67.5%**		646	479	**74.2%**	⬆	**6.7**
50+	490	376	**76.7%**		427	342	**80.1%**	⬆	**3.4**
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 | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS**

By Education Level*

Undergraduate
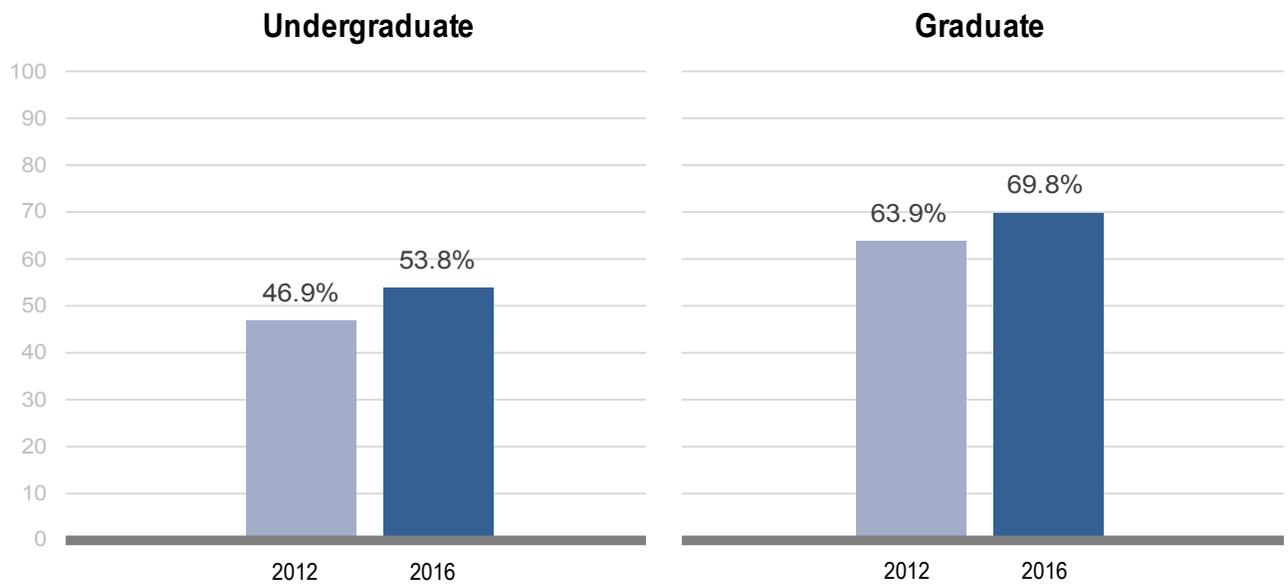
Graduate

	2012				**2016**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Undergraduate	13,174	6,172	**46.9%**		11,715	6,304	**53.8%**	⬆	**7.0**
Graduate	1,823	1,165	**63.9%**		1,744	1,218	**69.8%**	⬆	**5.9**
Unknown		*				*			

* 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*

First Year	Sophomore	Upperclassman
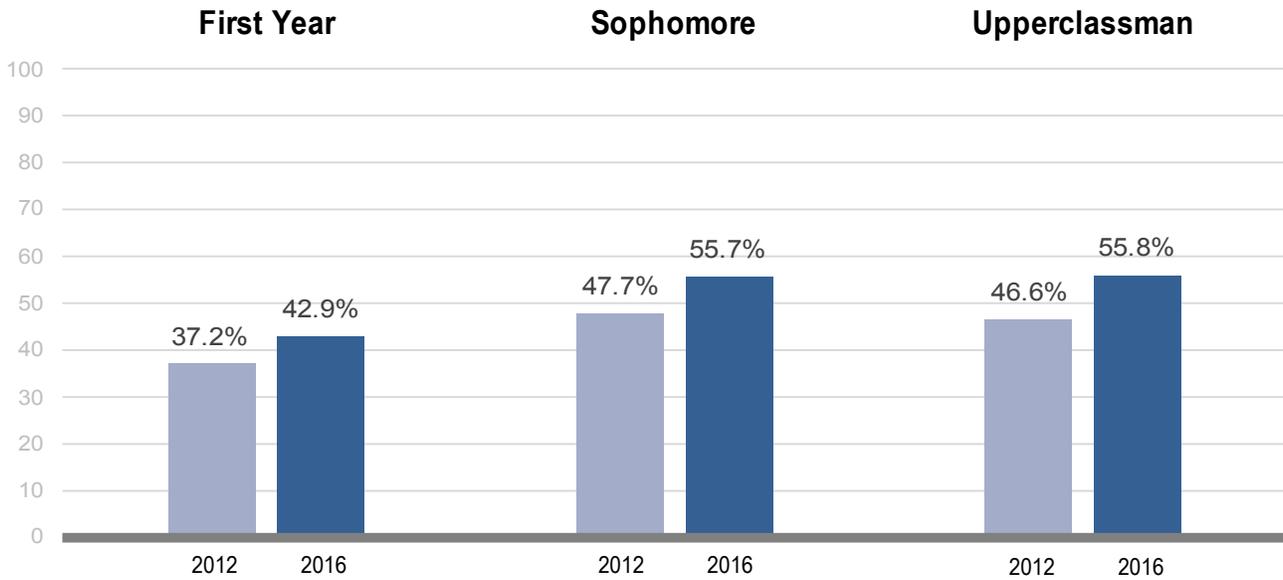
	2012				**2016**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	2,374	883	**37.2%**		2,364	1,014	**42.9%**	⬆	**5.7**
Sophomore	5,984	2,857	**47.7%**		5,357	2,984	**55.7%**	⬆	**8.0**
Upperclassman	3,890	1,811	**46.6%**		3,607	2,013	**55.8%**	⬆	**9.3**

* 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.

By Enrollment Status*
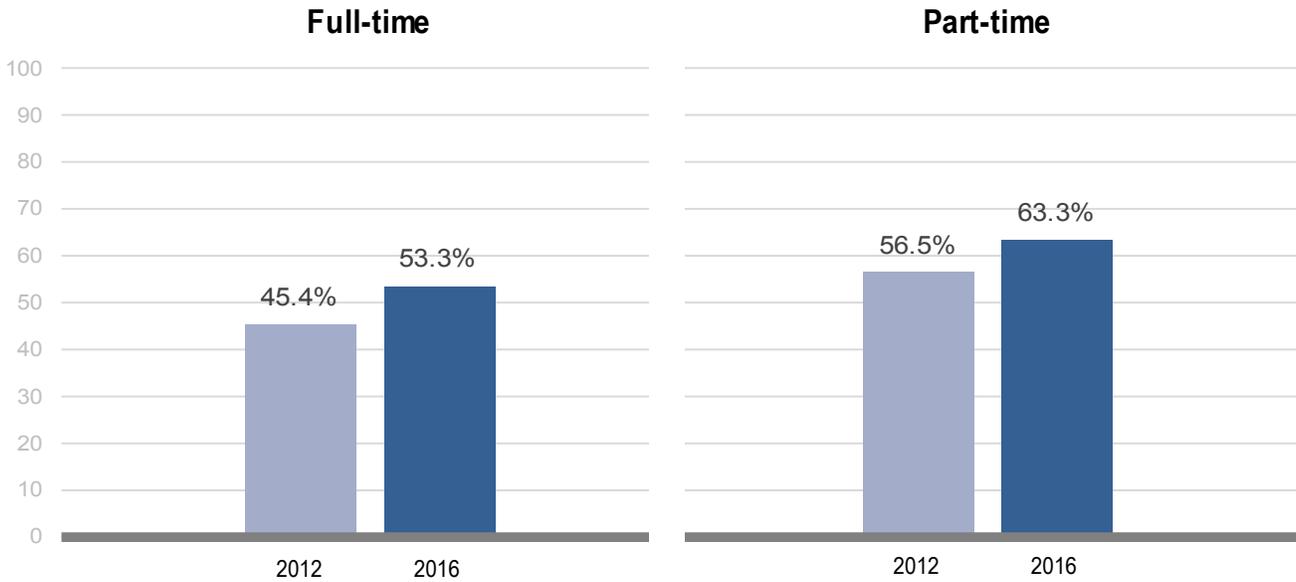
Full-time

Part-time

	2012				**2016**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	10,207	4,633	**45.4%**		9,965	5,312	**53.3%**	⬆	**7.9**
Part-time	4,794	2,706	**56.5%**		3,496	2,212	**63.3%**	⬆	**6.8**
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.

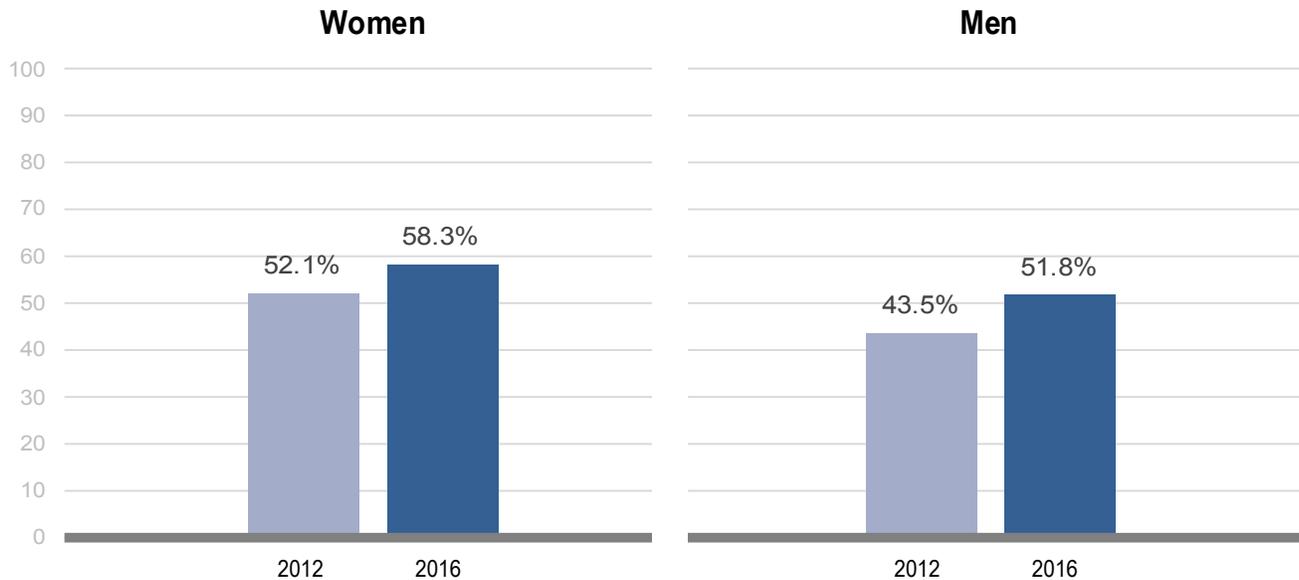## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Gender*

Women

Men

	2012			2016				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	9,468	4,934	**52.1%**	8,496	4,953	**58.3%**	⬆	**6.2**
Men	5,533	2,405	**43.5%**	4,965	2,571	**51.8%**	⬆	**8.3**
Unknown	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**		

* 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.

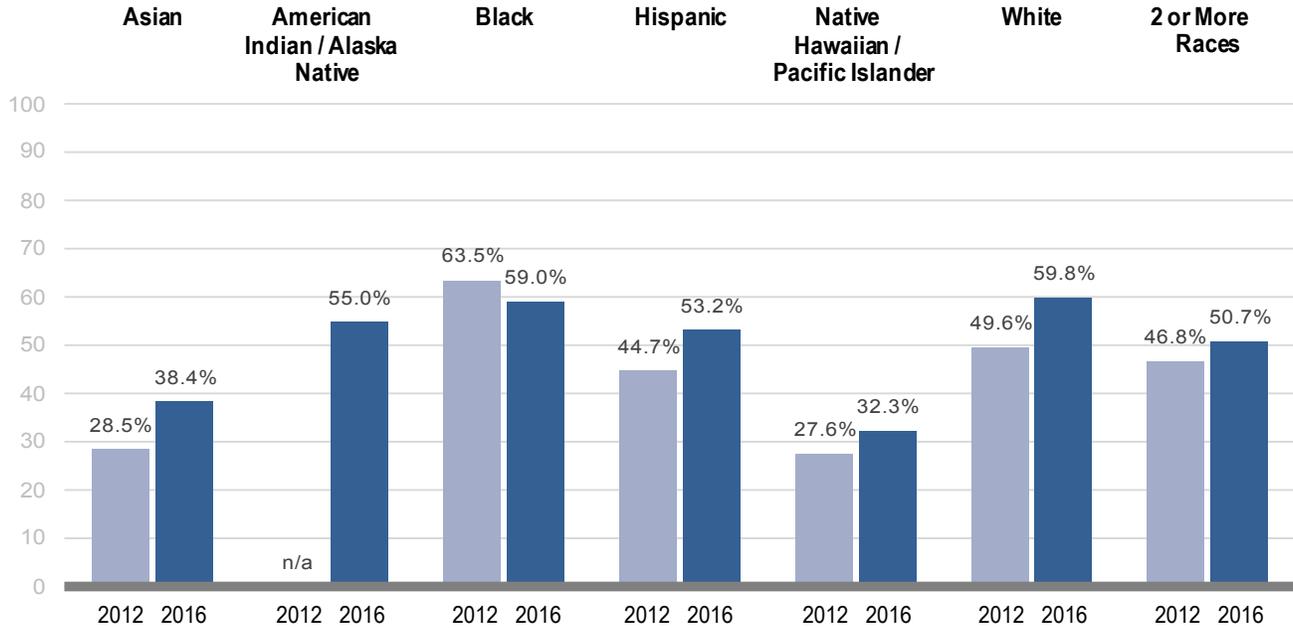**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS**

By Race/Ethnicity*

	2012			**2016**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Asian	804	229	**28.5%**	808	310	**38.4%**	⬆	9.9
American Indian/ Alaska Native	16	*	**n/a**	20	11	**55.0%**		**n/a**
Black	2,670	1,694	**63.5%**	2,626	1,550	**59.0%**	⬇	-4.4
Hispanic	3,119	1,395	**44.7%**	3,558	1,892	**53.2%**	⬆	8.5
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	58	16	**27.6%**	31	10	**32.3%**	⬆	4.7
White	6,044	2,997	**49.6%**	4,964	2,969	**59.8%**	⬆	10.2
2 or More Races	139	65	**46.8%**	284	144	**50.7%**	⬆	3.9
Unknown	2,151			1,170				

* 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.

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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.

	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Architecture	0	0	n/a	54	19	35.2%	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	996	353	35.4%	1,144	510	44.6% ⬆	9.1
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,981	806	40.7%	2,246	1,123	50.0% ⬆	9.3
Communication and Journalism	548	319	58.2%	572	355	62.1% ⬆	3.9
Communications Technologies/Technicians	23	11	47.8%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	303	106	35.0%	488	203	41.6% ⬆	6.6
Education	3,898	2,173	55.8%	2,775	1,745	62.9% ⬆	7.1
English Language and Literature	428	212	49.5%	335	207	61.8% ⬆	12.3
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	67	31	46.3%	52	31	59.6% ⬆	13.4
Health Professions	966	468	48.5%	950	571	60.1% ⬆	11.7
History	408	246	60.3%	263	195	74.1% ⬆	13.9
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	810	347	42.8%	742	390	52.6% ⬆	9.7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	15	13	86.7%	284	121	42.6% ⬇	-44.1
Mathematics and Statistics	251	109	43.4%	173	96	55.5% ⬆	12.1
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	35	22	62.9%	52	42	80.8% ⬆	17.9
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	140	64	45.7%	179	113	63.1% ⬆	17.4
Physical Sciences	161	66	41.0%	110	48	43.6% ⬆	2.7
Psychology	1,506	706	46.9%	1,537	861	56.0% ⬆	9.1
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	406	278	68.5%	403	285	70.7% ⬆	2.3
Science Technologies/Technicians	98	46	46.9%	120	63	52.5% ⬆	5.6
Social Sciences	453	239	52.8%	368	227	61.7% ⬆	8.9
Visual and Performing Arts	742	332	44.7%	580	303	52.2% ⬆	7.5

Unknown		766	392	**51.2%**		29	14	**48.3%** ⬇	**-2.9**

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: **idhe.tufts.edu**.

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