

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Metropolitan State
University of Denver

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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 Catalyst.

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



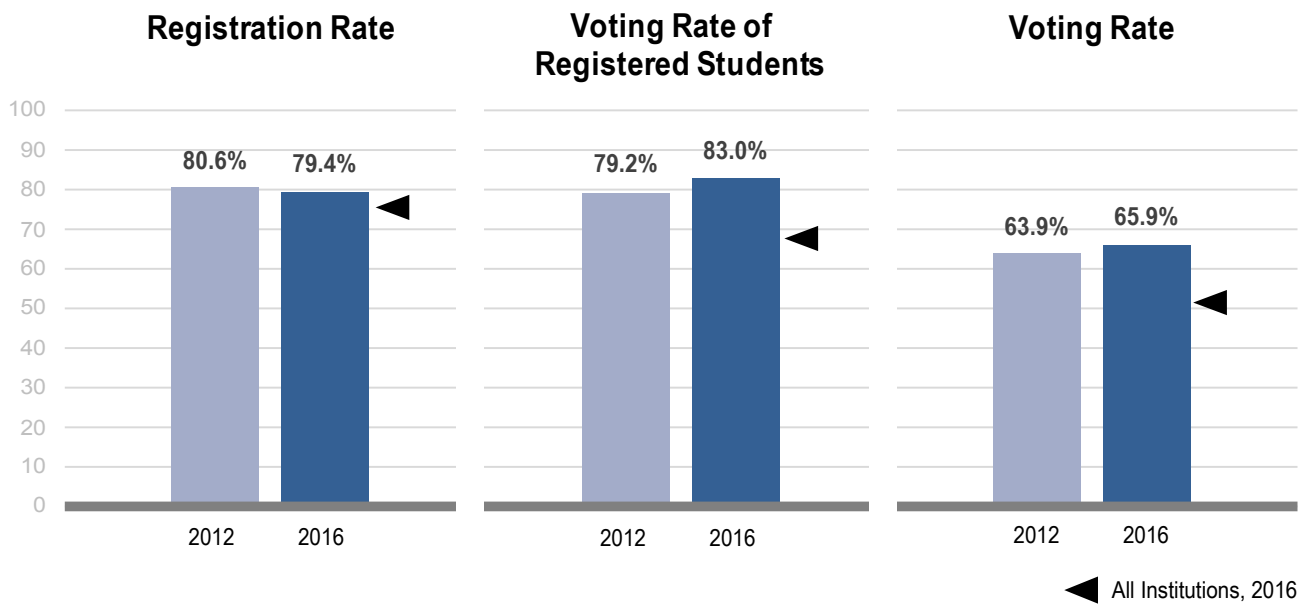
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
65.9%

CHANGE FROM 2012
2.1

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	22,927	19,605	↓ -3,322
Age under 18/Unknown	(40)	(83)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(111)	(92)	
FERPA records blocked	(24)	*	
Total eligible voters	22,752	19,421	↓ -3,331
Number of students who registered	18,338	15,429	↓ -2,909
Number of students who voted	14,531	12,807	↓ -1,724
Registration rate	80.6%	79.4%	↓ -1.2
Voting rate of registered students	79.2%	83.0%	↑ 3.8
Voting rate	63.9%	65.9%	↑ 2.1
Difference from all institutions	+17.0	+15.5	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

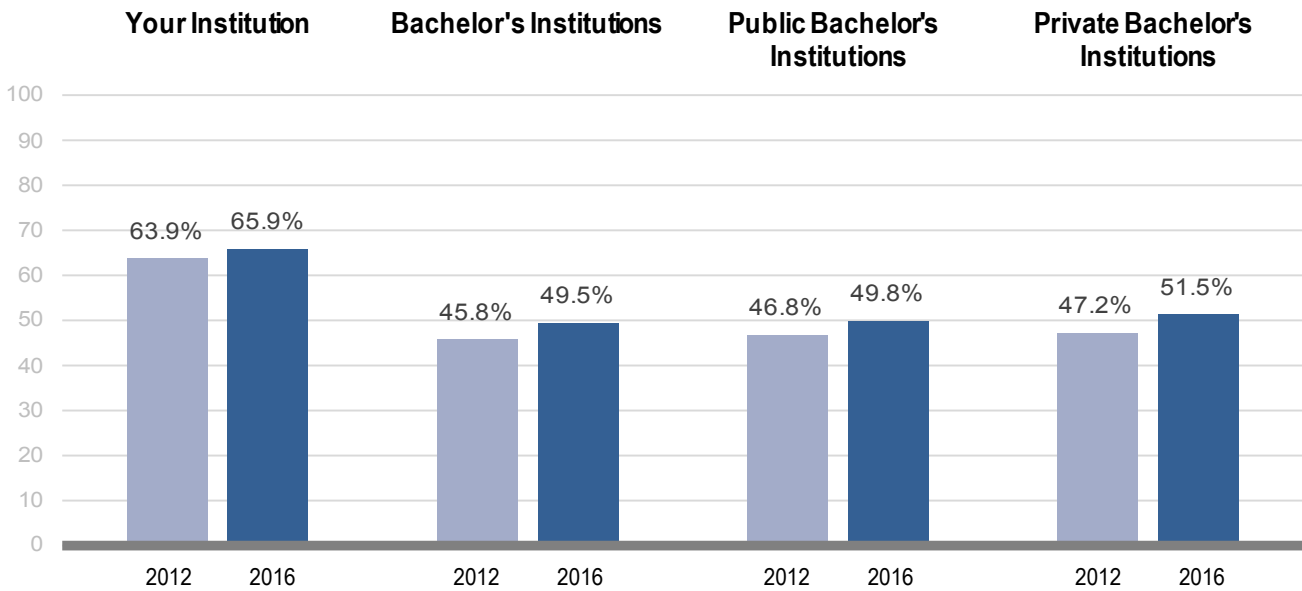
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

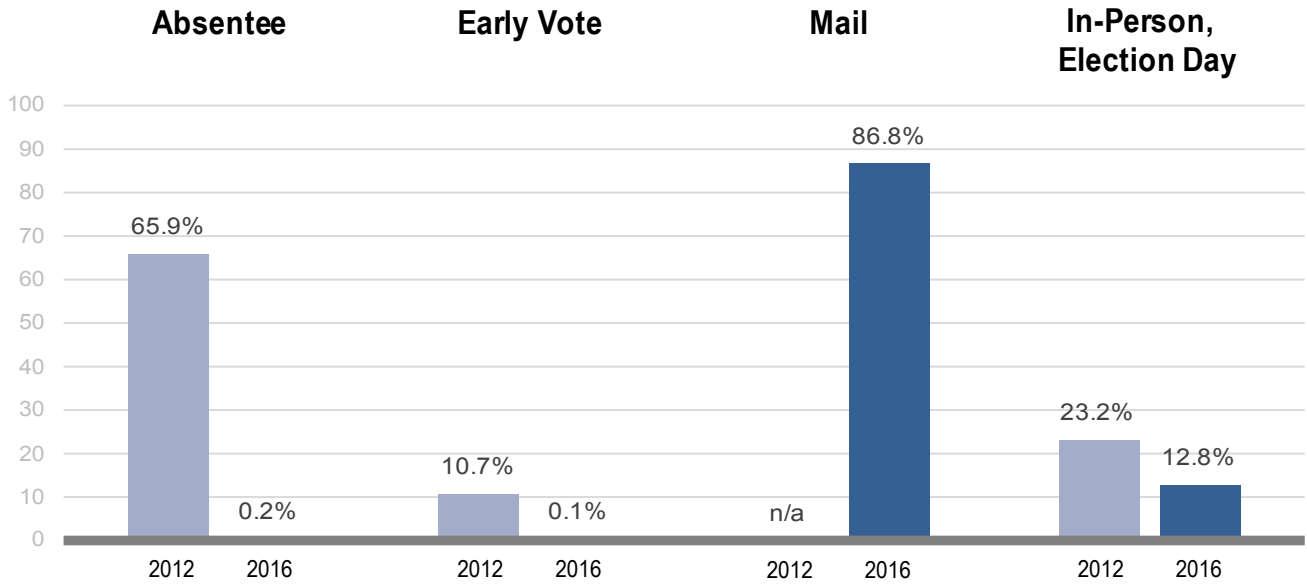
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By Voting Method*

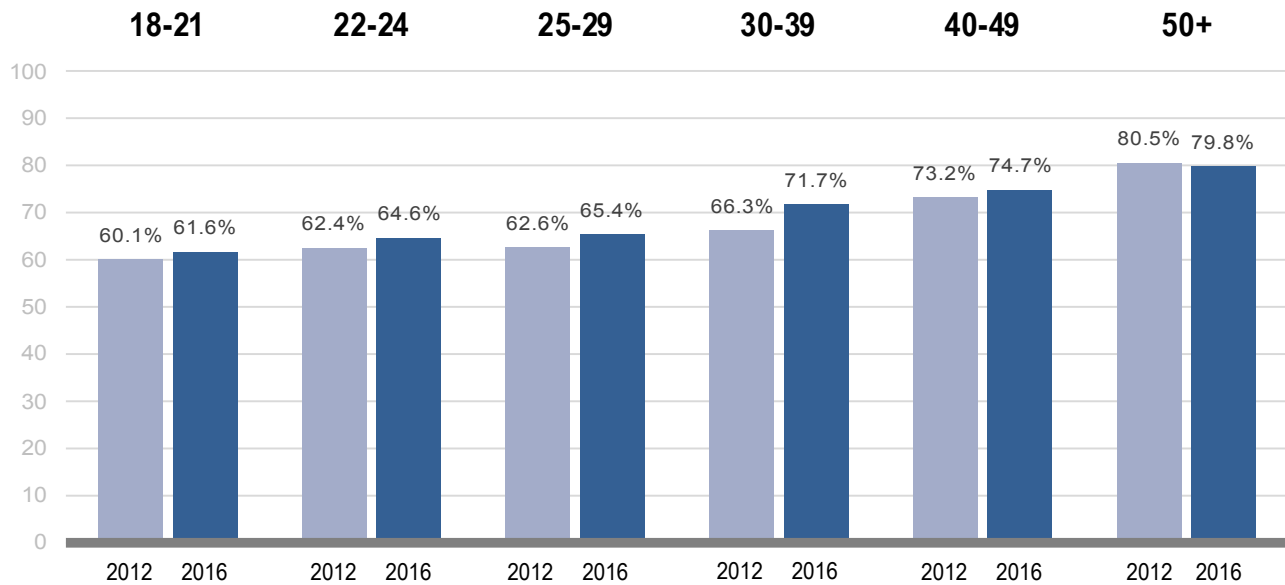


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	9,580	65.9%	20	0.2%	↓ -65.8
Early Vote	1,559	10.7%	12	0.1%	↓ -10.6
Mail	*	n/a	11,114	86.8%	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	3,372	23.2%	1,645	12.8%	↓ -10.4
Unknown	16	0.1%	16	0.1%	
Total	14,531		12,807		

* 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.

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By Age Group*

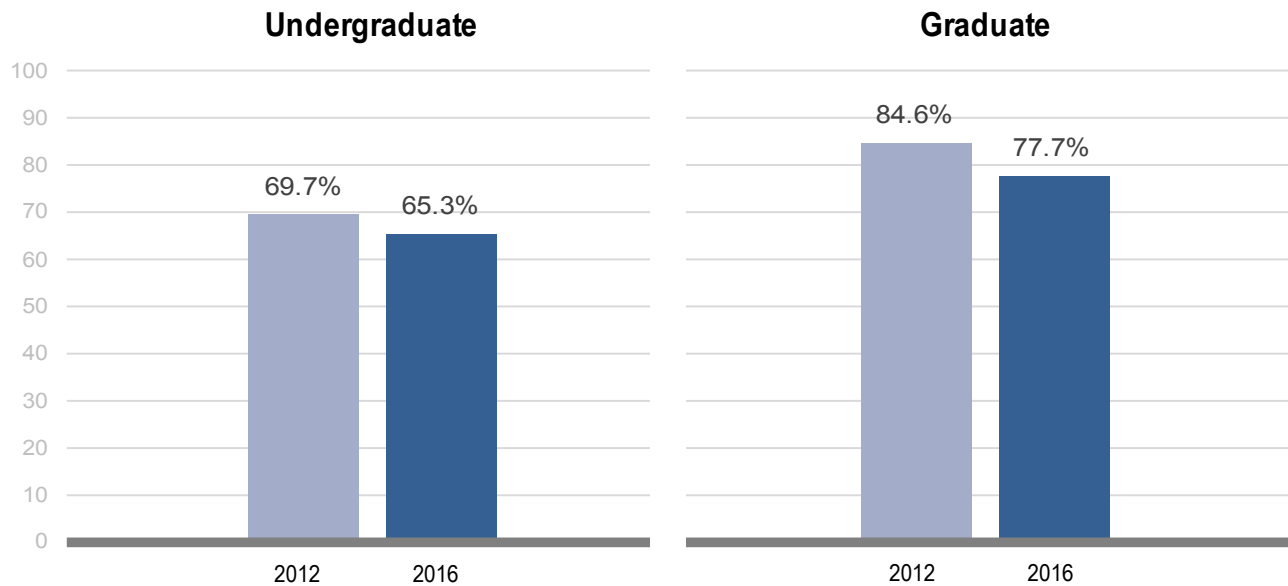


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	6,573	3,953	60.1%	6,346	3,908	61.6%	↑ 1.4
22-24	5,356	3,342	62.4%	4,632	2,990	64.6%	↑ 2.2
25-29	5,223	3,270	62.6%	4,326	2,827	65.4%	↑ 2.7
30-39	3,773	2,502	66.3%	2,850	2,044	71.7%	↑ 5.4
40-49	1,322	968	73.2%	918	686	74.7%	↑ 1.5
50+	616	496	80.5%	441	352	79.8%	↓ -0.7
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.

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By Education Level*

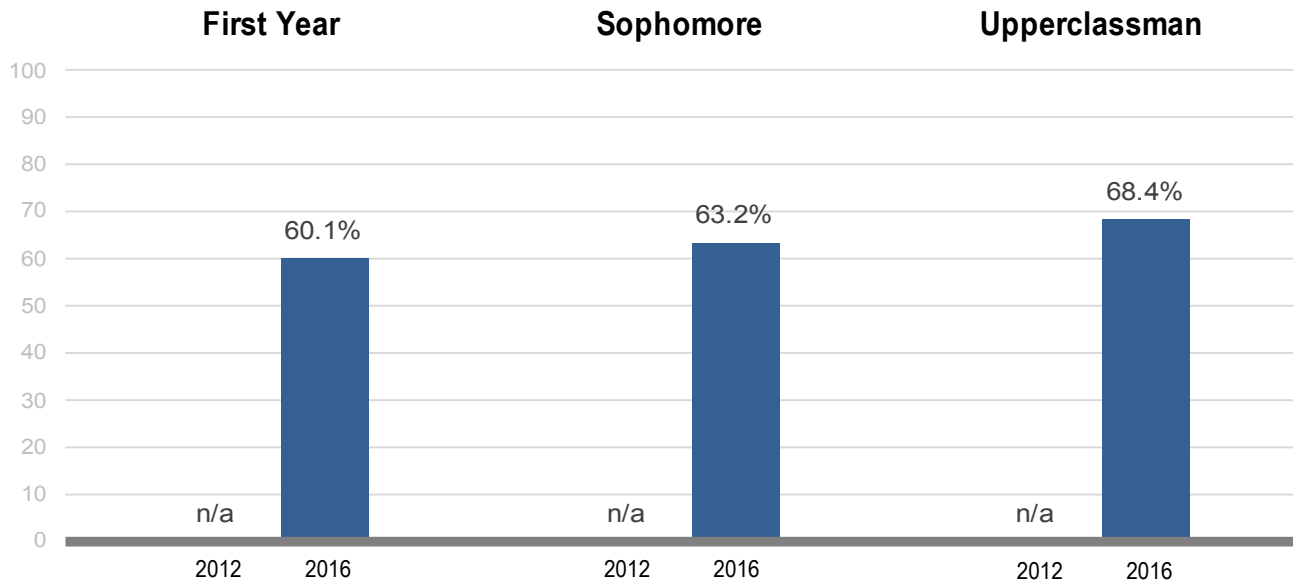


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	966	673	69.7%	19,035	12,435	65.3%	↓ -4.3
Graduate	13	11	84.6%	476	370	77.7%	↓ -6.9
Unknown	21,884			*			

* 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*

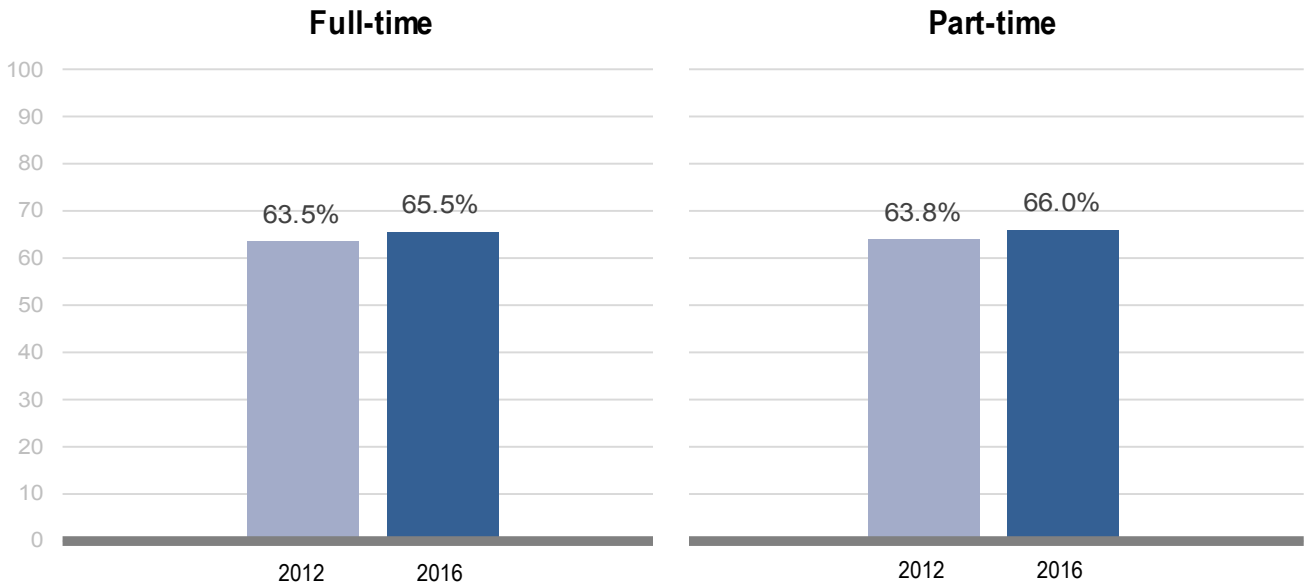


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	0	0	n/a	4,767	2,864	60.1%	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	3,644	2,302	63.2%	n/a
Upperclassman	0	0	n/a	10,574	7,229	68.4%	n/a

* 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*

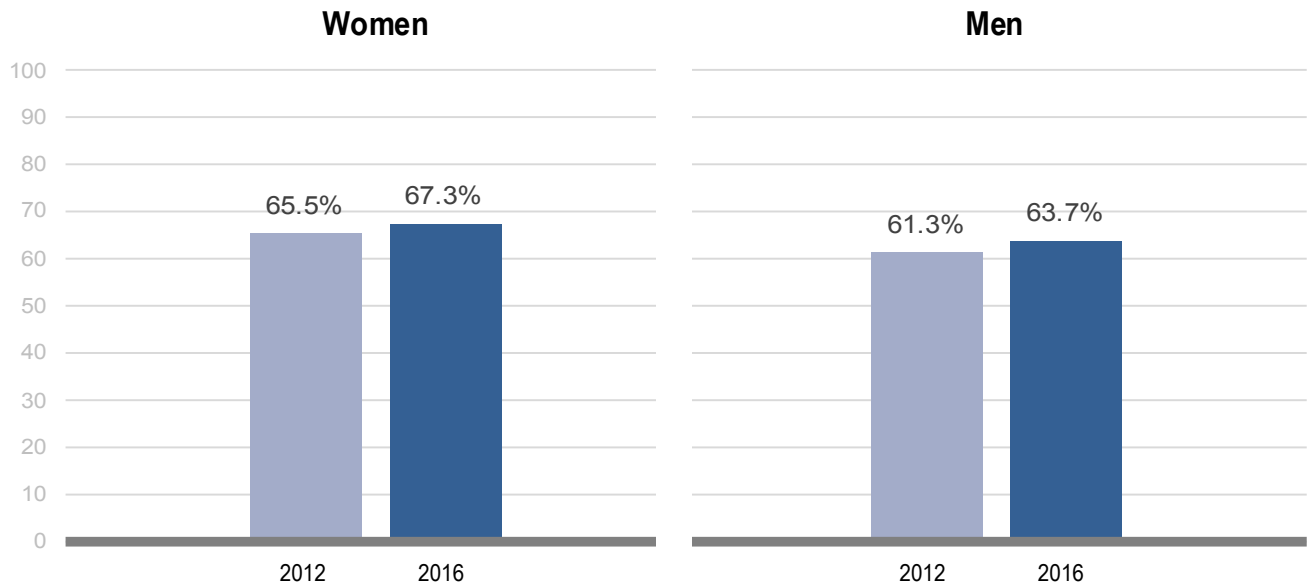


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	17,091	10,846	63.5%	13,445	8,805	65.5%	↑ 2.0
Part-time	5,772	3,685	63.8%	6,068	4,002	66.0%	↑ 2.1
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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.

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By Gender*

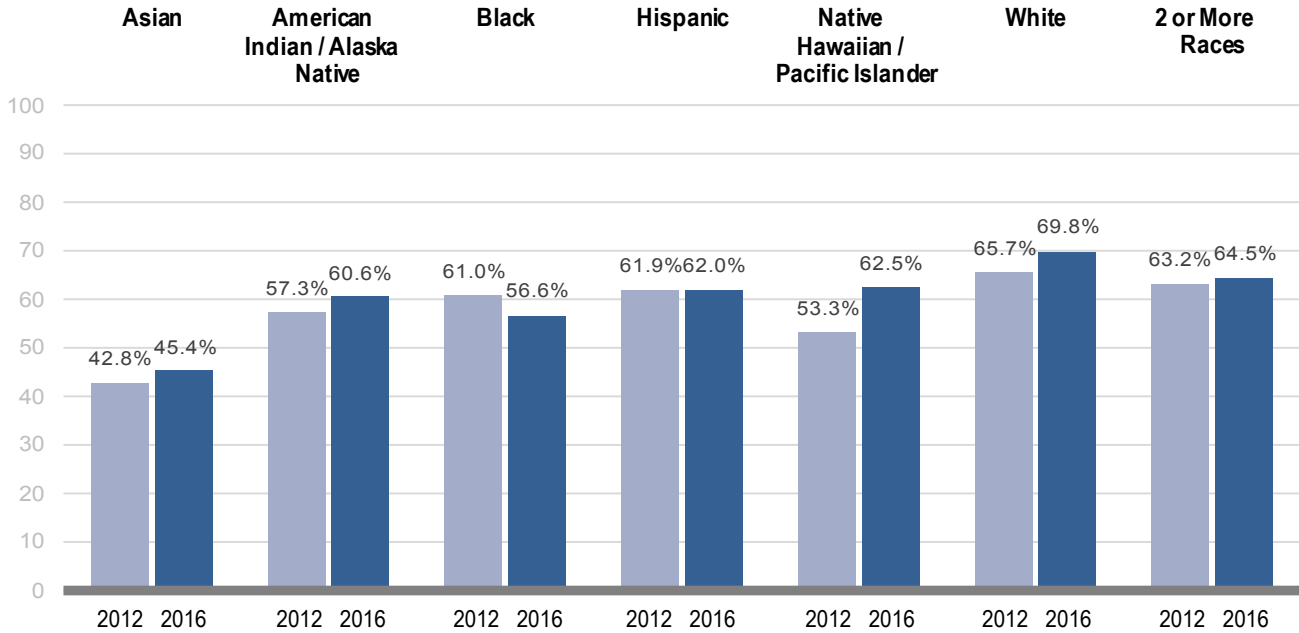


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	12,329	8,069	65.5%	10,580	7,120	67.3%	↑ 1.8
Men	10,534	6,462	61.3%	8,933	5,687	63.7%	↑ 2.3
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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.

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By Race/Ethnicity*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	738	316	42.8%	771	350	45.4%	↑ 2.6
American Indian/ Alaska Native	157	90	57.3%	104	63	60.6%	↑ 3.3
Black	1,350	823	61.0%	1,210	685	56.6%	↓ -4.4
Hispanic	4,225	2,617	61.9%	4,654	2,885	62.0%	↑ 0.1
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	60	32	53.3%	56	35	62.5%	↑ 9.2
White	13,422	8,818	65.7%	11,102	7,750	69.8%	↑ 4.1
2 or More Races	690	436	63.2%	836	539	64.5%	↑ 1.3
Unknown	2,221			780			

* 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	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	70	47	67.1%	71	51	71.8% ↑	4.7
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,363	830	60.9%	1,271	799	62.9% ↑	2.0
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,143	2,529	61.0%	3,662	2,281	62.3% ↑	1.3
Communication and Journalism	516	346	67.1%	403	274	68.0% ↑	0.9
Computer and Information Sciences	399	233	58.4%	545	342	62.8% ↑	4.4
Education	864	622	72.0%	934	684	73.2% ↑	1.2
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	706	396	56.1%	739	431	58.3% ↑	2.2
English Language and Literature	947	640	67.6%	676	491	72.6% ↑	5.1
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	227	151	66.5%	181	123	68.0% ↑	1.4
Health Professions	824	518	62.9%	1,026	672	65.5% ↑	2.6
History	526	383	72.8%	359	286	79.7% ↑	6.9
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	1,256	810	64.5%	955	606	63.5% ↓	-1.0
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	205	149	72.7%	1,653	1,008	61.0% ↓	-11.7
Mathematics and Statistics	242	159	65.7%	198	144	72.7% ↑	7.0
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,140	737	64.7%	1,152	792	68.8% ↑	4.1
Natural Resources and Conservation	476	349	73.3%	338	254	75.2% ↑	1.8
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	768	434	56.5%	658	391	59.4% ↑	2.9
Philosophy and Religious Studies	87	60	69.0%	46	33	71.7% ↑	2.8
Physical Sciences	466	286	61.4%	347	223	64.3% ↑	2.9
Psychology	1,578	989	62.7%	1,235	795	64.4% ↑	1.7
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	1,047	714	68.2%	891	650	73.0% ↑	4.8
Social Sciences	705	514	72.9%	556	392	70.5% ↓	-2.4
Transportation and Materials Moving	489	284	58.1%	467	304	65.1% ↑	7.0

Visual and Performing Arts	1,609	1,027	63.8%	1,142	775	67.9% ↑	4.0
Unknown	2,210	1,324	59.9%	*	*	n/a	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: idhe.tufts.edu.

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