

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Vassar College

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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



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate

57.2%

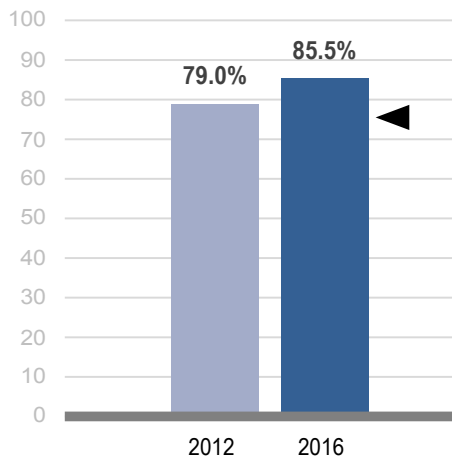
CHANGE FROM 2012

5.3

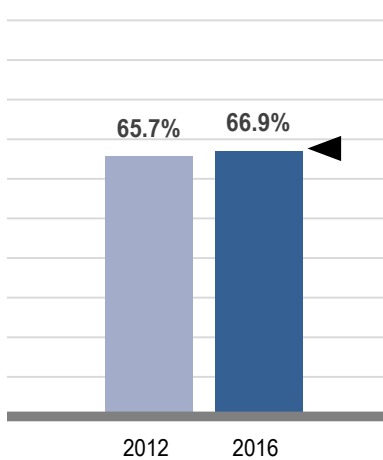
2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

50.4%

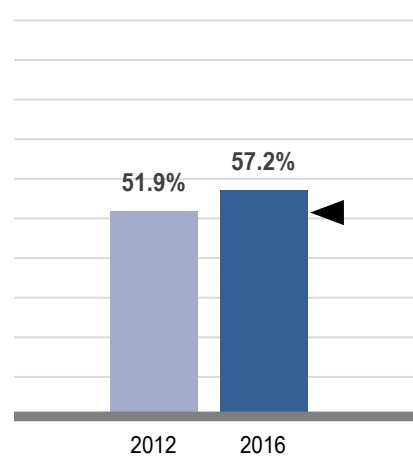
Registration Rate



Voting Rate of Registered Students



Voting Rate



◀ All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	2,562	2,506	↓ -56
Age under 18/Unknown	(41)	(28)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(177)	(184)	
FERPA records blocked	(21)	*	
Total eligible voters	2,323	2,290	↓ -33
Number of students who registered	1,835	1,957	↑ 122
Number of students who voted	1,205	1,310	↑ 105
Registration rate	79.0%	85.5%	↑ 6.5
Voting rate of registered students	65.7%	66.9%	↑ 1.3
Voting rate	51.9%	57.2%	↑ 5.3
Difference from all institutions	+5.0	+6.8	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

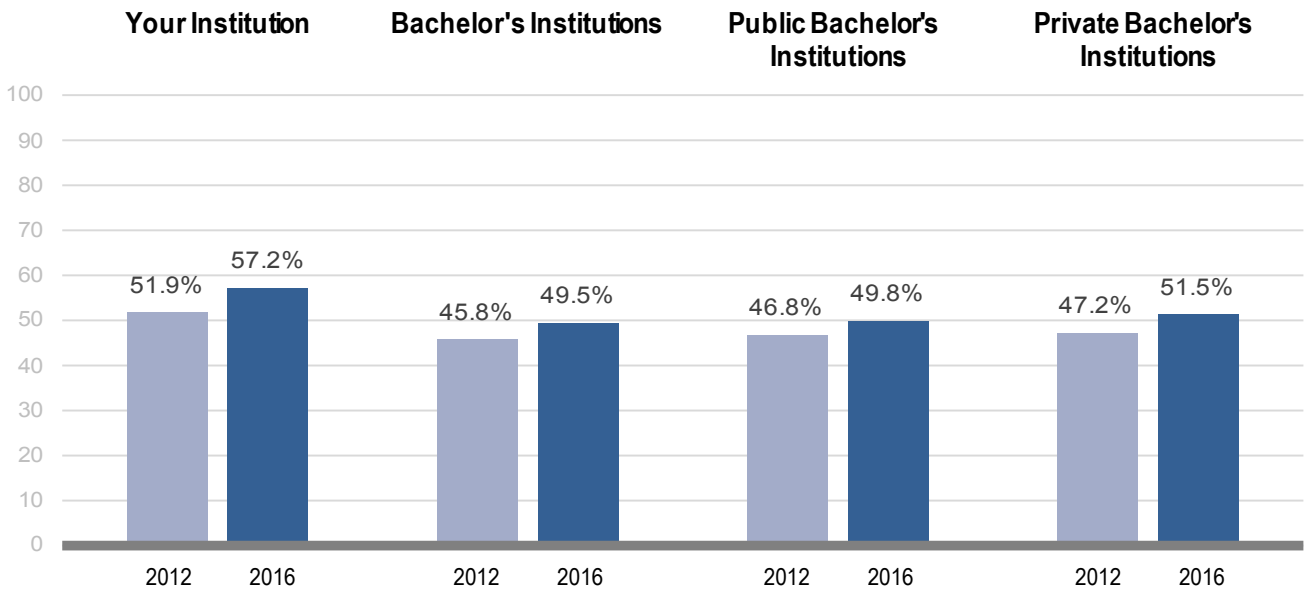
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

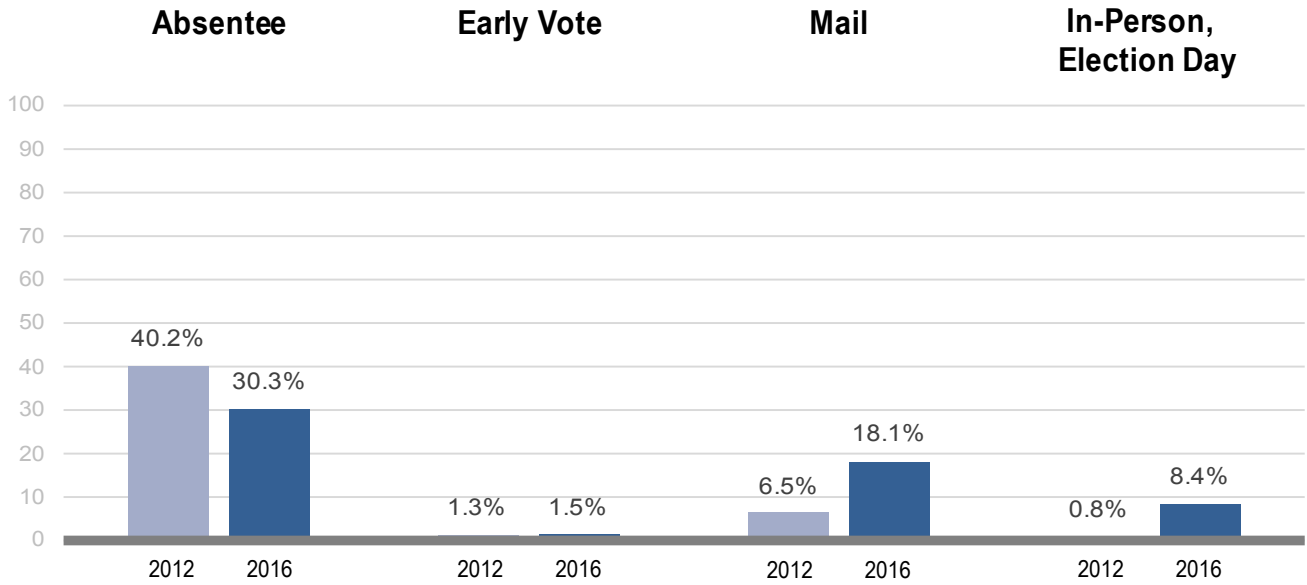
Difference from All Institutions **+5.0**

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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

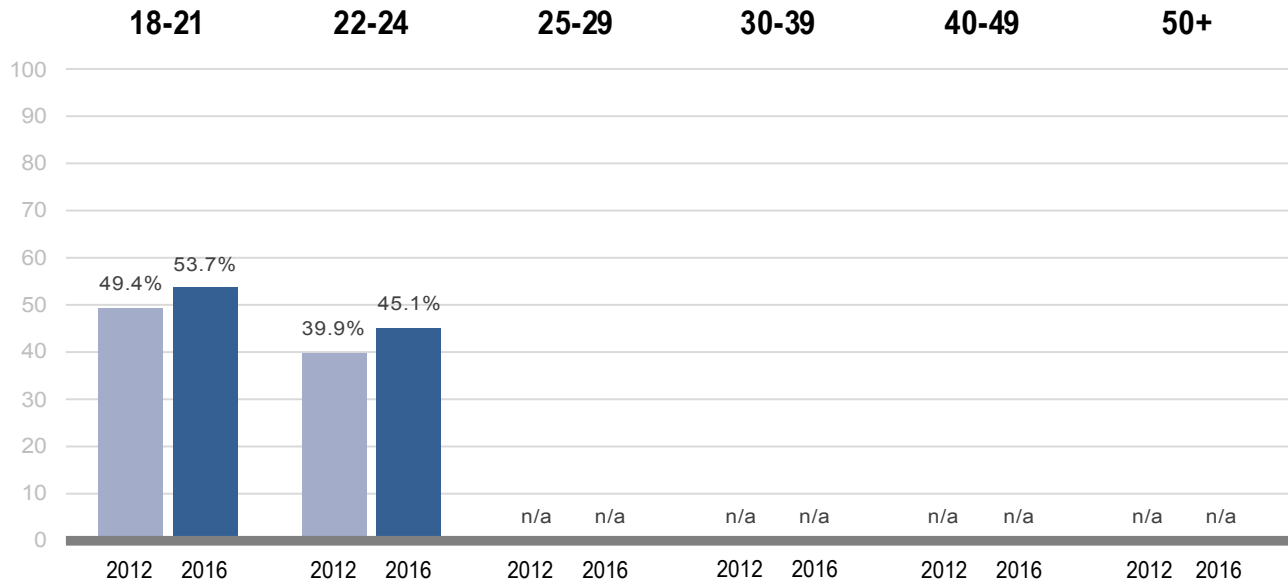


	2012		2016		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	484	40.2%	397	30.3%	↓	-9.9
Early Vote	16	1.3%	19	1.5%	↑	0.1
Mail	78	6.5%	237	18.1%	↑	11.6
In-Person, Election Day	10	0.8%	110	8.4%	↑	7.6
Unknown	617	51.2%	547	41.8%		
Total	1,205		1,310			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Age Group*

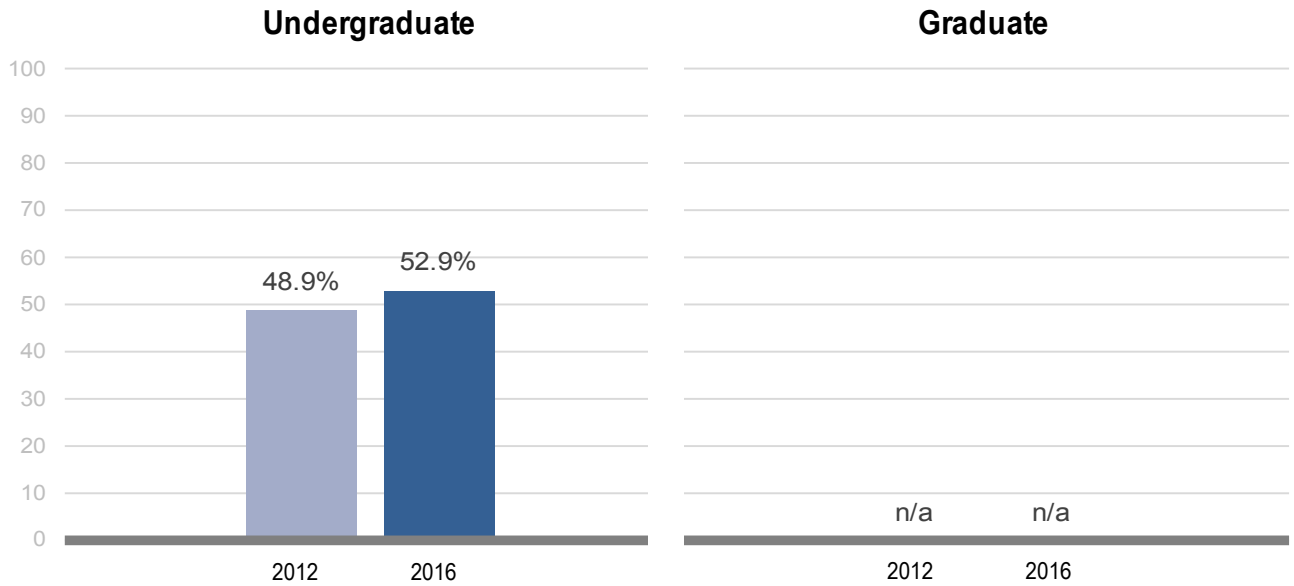


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	2,304	1,137	49.4%	2,298	1,233	53.7%	↑ 4.3
22-24	148	59	39.9%	144	65	45.1%	↑ 5.3
25-29	*	*	n/a	20	*	n/a	n/a
30-39	14	*	n/a	11	*	n/a	n/a
40-49	18	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
50+	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Unknown	0			0			

* 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*

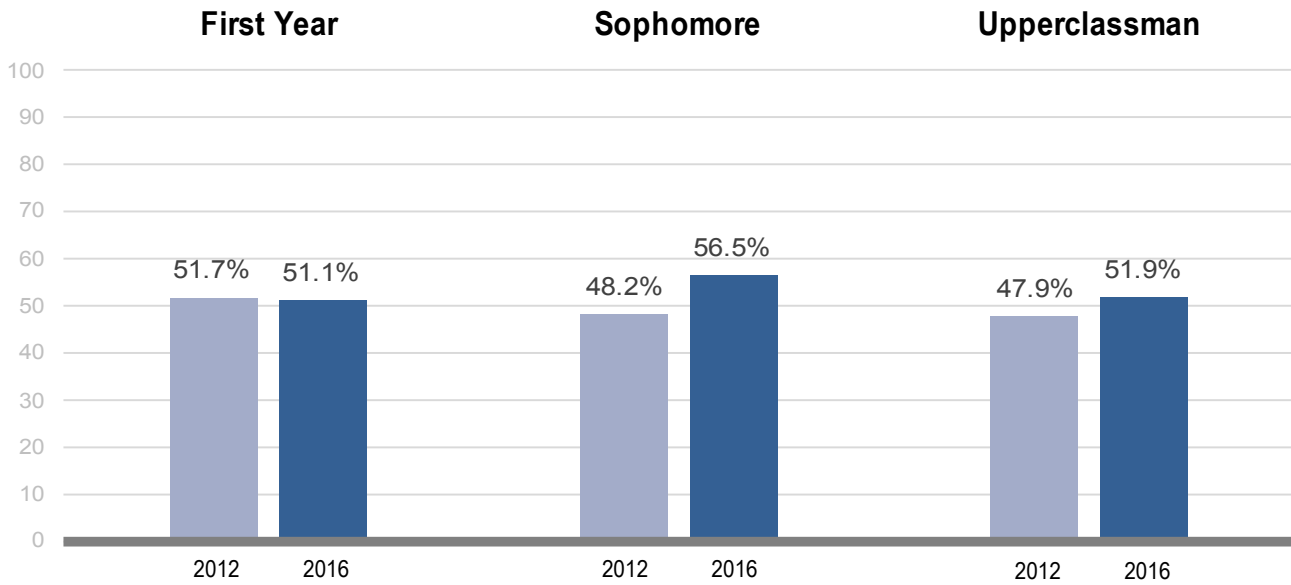


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	2,452	1,199	48.9%	2,471	1,307	52.9%	↑ 4.0
Graduate	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	48			*			

* 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*

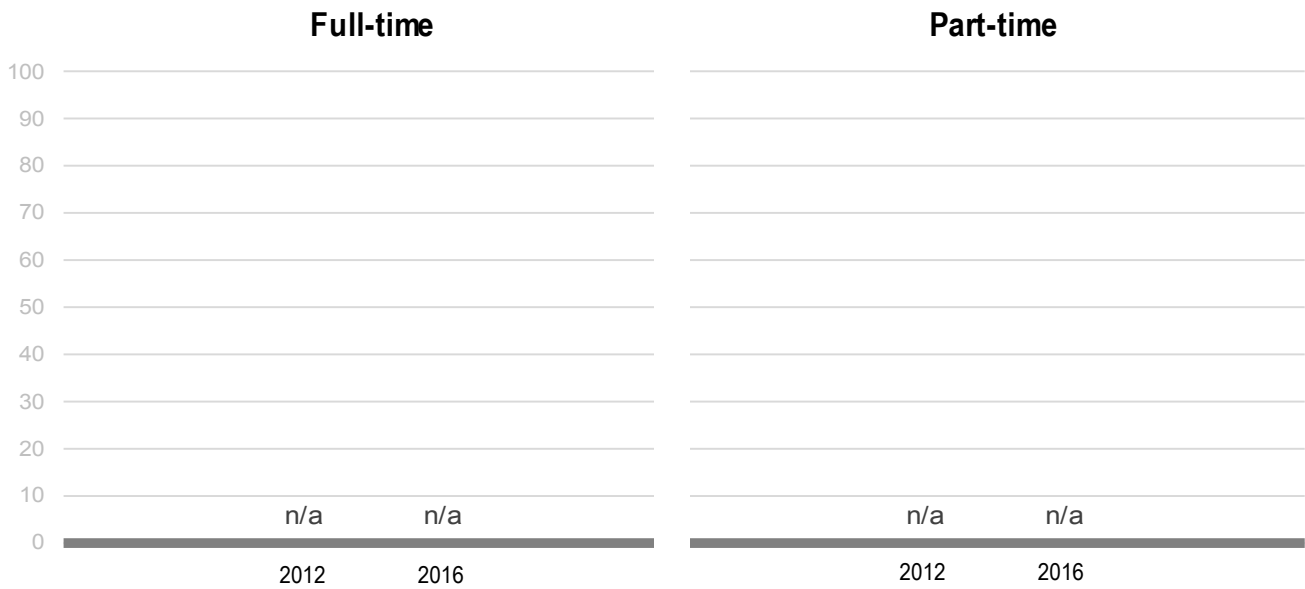


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	596	308	51.7%	626	320	51.1%	↓ -0.6
Sophomore	647	312	48.2%	641	362	56.5%	↑ 8.3
Upperclassman	1,209	579	47.9%	1,204	625	51.9%	↑ 4.0

* 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*

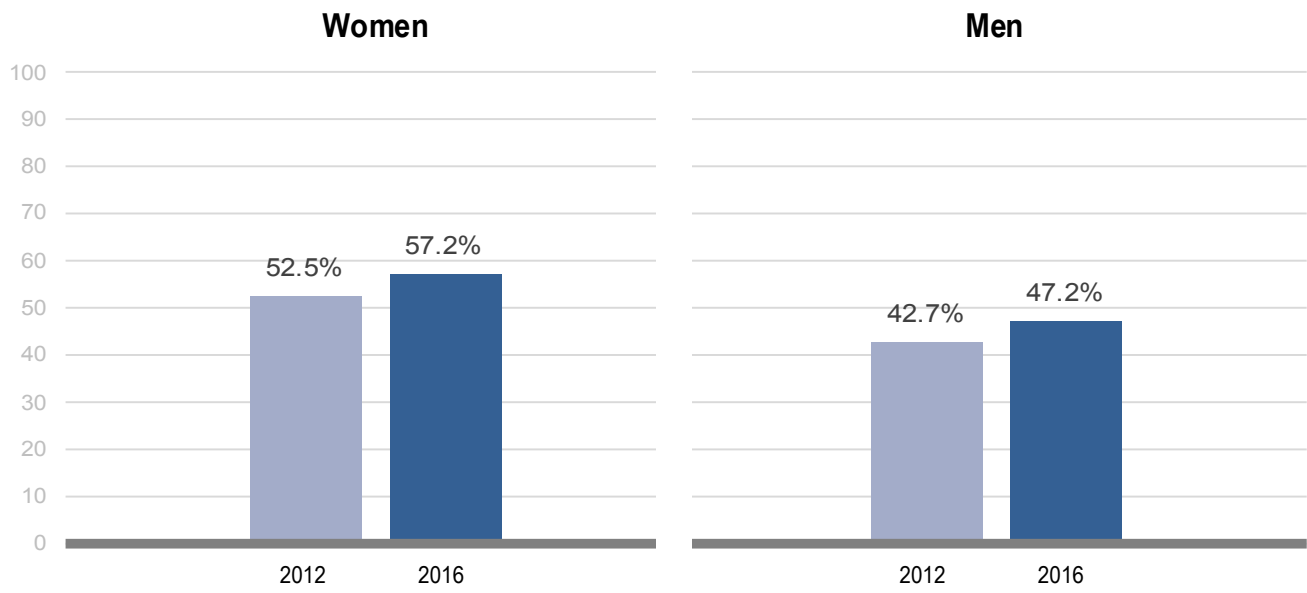


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

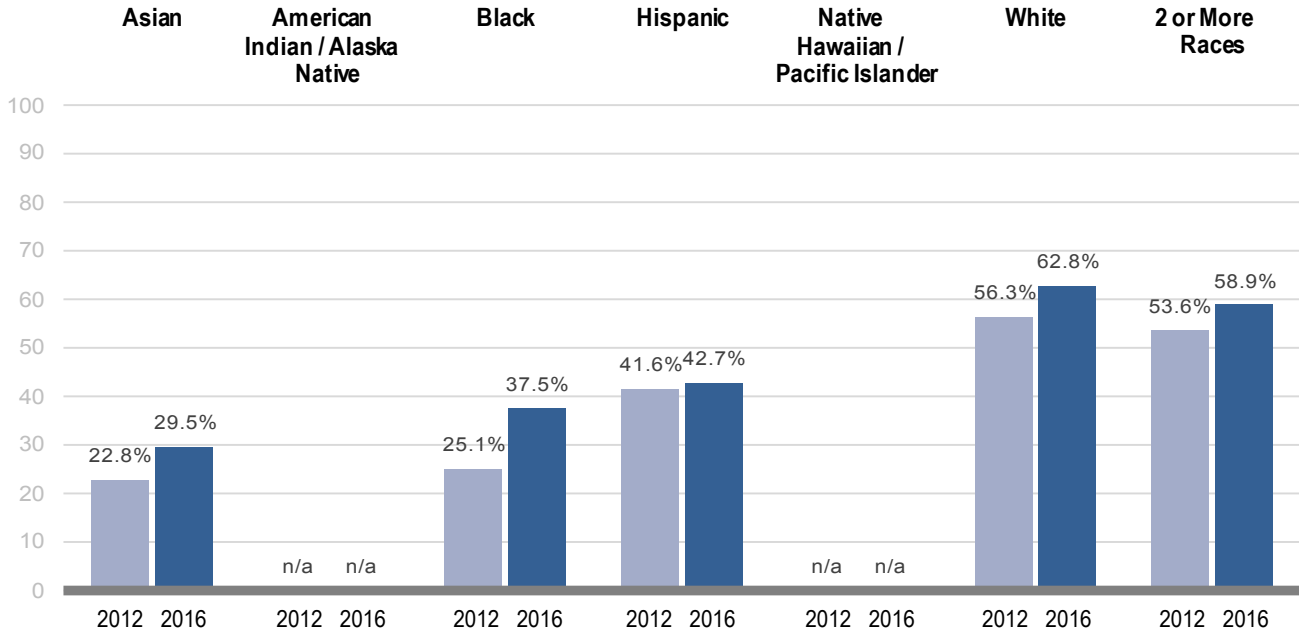


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	1,412	741	52.5%	1,426	815	57.2%	↑ 4.7
Men	1,088	464	42.7%	1,048	495	47.2%	↑ 4.6
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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	294	67	22.8%	437	129	29.5%	↑ 6.7
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Black	175	44	25.1%	120	45	37.5%	↑ 12.4
Hispanic	296	123	41.6%	272	116	42.7%	↑ 1.1
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
White	1,575	887	56.3%	1,464	920	62.8%	↑ 6.5
2 or More Races	151	81	53.6%	168	99	58.9%	↑ 5.3
Unknown	*			13			

* 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	56	27	48.2%	45	28	62.2% ↑	14.0
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	216	101	46.8%	232	124	53.5% ↑	6.7
Communication and Journalism	17	10	58.8%	43	29	67.4% ↑	8.6
Computer and Information Sciences	37	14	37.8%	89	42	47.2% ↑	9.4
Education	0	0	n/a	21	12	57.1%	n/a
English Language and Literature	124	66	53.2%	81	43	53.1% ↓	-0.1
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	72	34	47.2%	54	30	55.6% ↑	8.3
History	51	30	58.8%	55	40	72.7% ↑	13.9
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	772	366	47.4%	750	376	50.1% ↑	2.7
Mathematics and Statistics	36	15	41.7%	63	30	47.6% ↑	5.9
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	84	45	53.6%	103	47	45.6% ↓	-7.9
Natural Resources and Conservation	35	18	51.4%	25	18	72.0% ↑	20.6
Philosophy and Religious Studies	58	25	43.1%	40	23	57.5% ↑	14.4
Physical Sciences	58	28	48.3%	93	59	63.4% ↑	15.2
Psychology	133	69	51.9%	109	55	50.5% ↓	-1.4
Social Sciences	488	227	46.5%	448	221	49.3% ↑	2.8
Visual and Performing Arts	205	119	58.1%	201	119	59.2% ↑	1.2
Unknown	58	11	19.0%	22	14	63.6% ↑	44.7

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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