

## **2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT**

# Student Voting Rates for Clemson 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 2012 and 2016 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.

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Warm regards,

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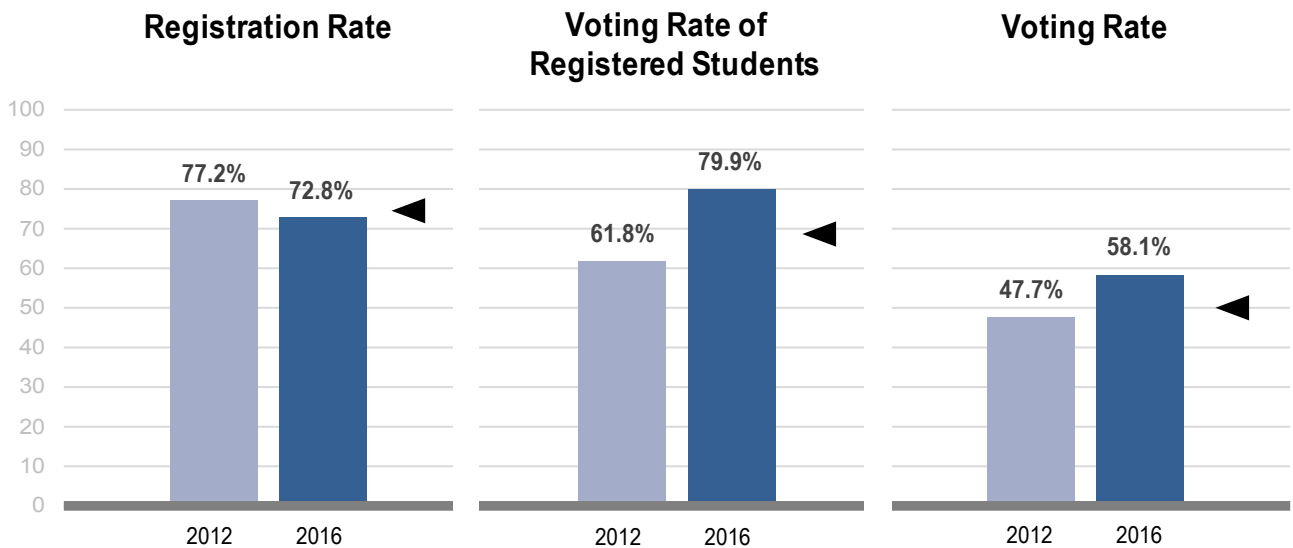
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2016 Voting Rate**  
**58.1%**

CHANGE FROM 2012  
**+10.4**

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**50.6%**



◀ All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	20,095	23,329	↑ 3,234
Age under 18/Unknown	(122)	(141)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,372)	(1,519)	
FERPA records blocked	*	0	
Total eligible voters	18,597	21,669	↑ 3,072
Number of students who registered	14,354	15,765	↑ 1,411
Number of students who voted	8,871	12,595	↑ 3,724
Registration rate	77.2%	72.8%	↓ -4.4
Voting rate of registered students	61.8%	79.9%	↑ 18.1
Voting rate	47.7%	58.1%	↑ 10.4
Difference from all institutions	+0.1	+7.5	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

**2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**47.6%**

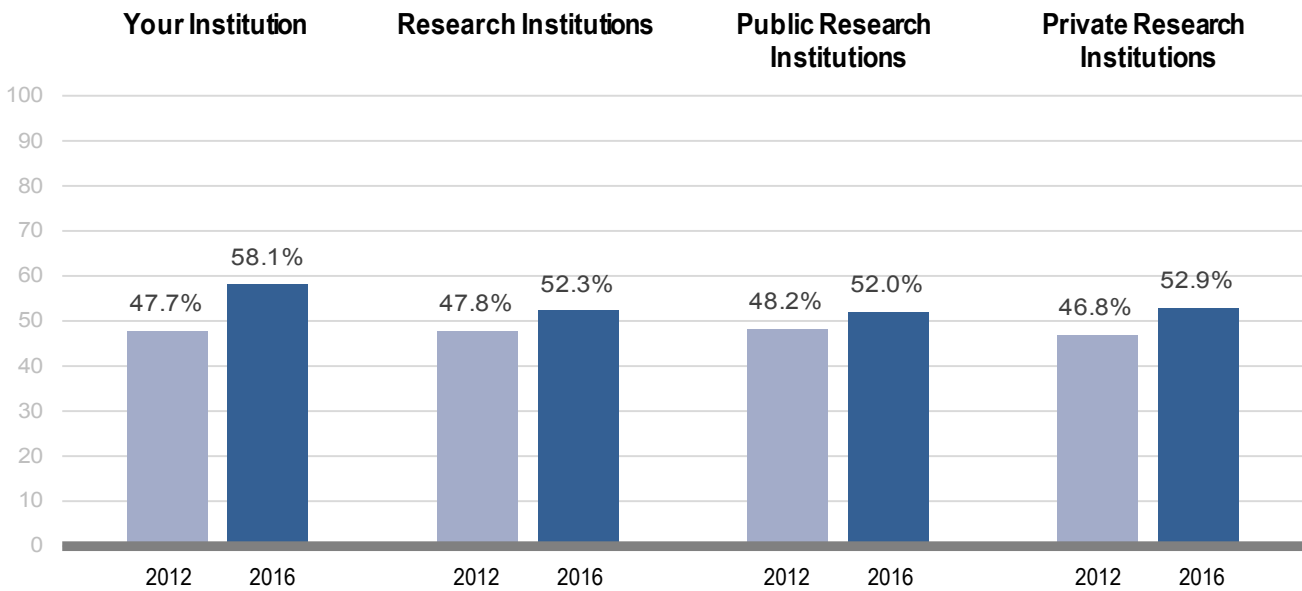
HIGH 75.65%  
 LOW 19.35%

**2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**50.6%**

HIGH 81.35%  
 LOW 13.12%

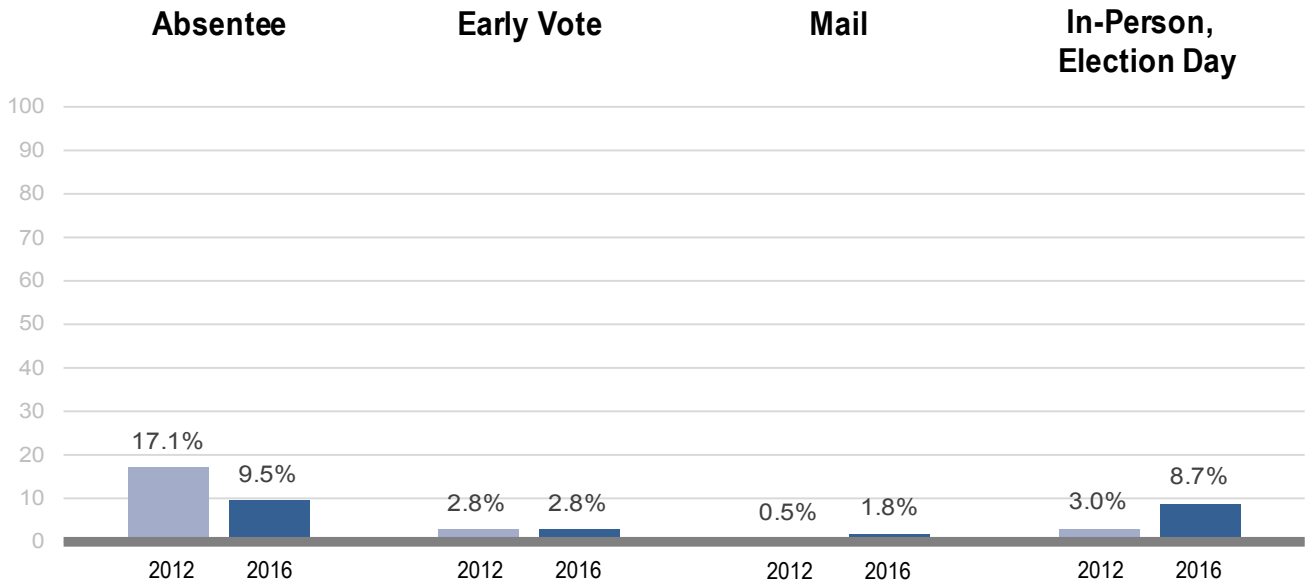
Difference from All Institutions **+0.1**

Difference from All Institutions **+7.5**



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# By Voting Method\*

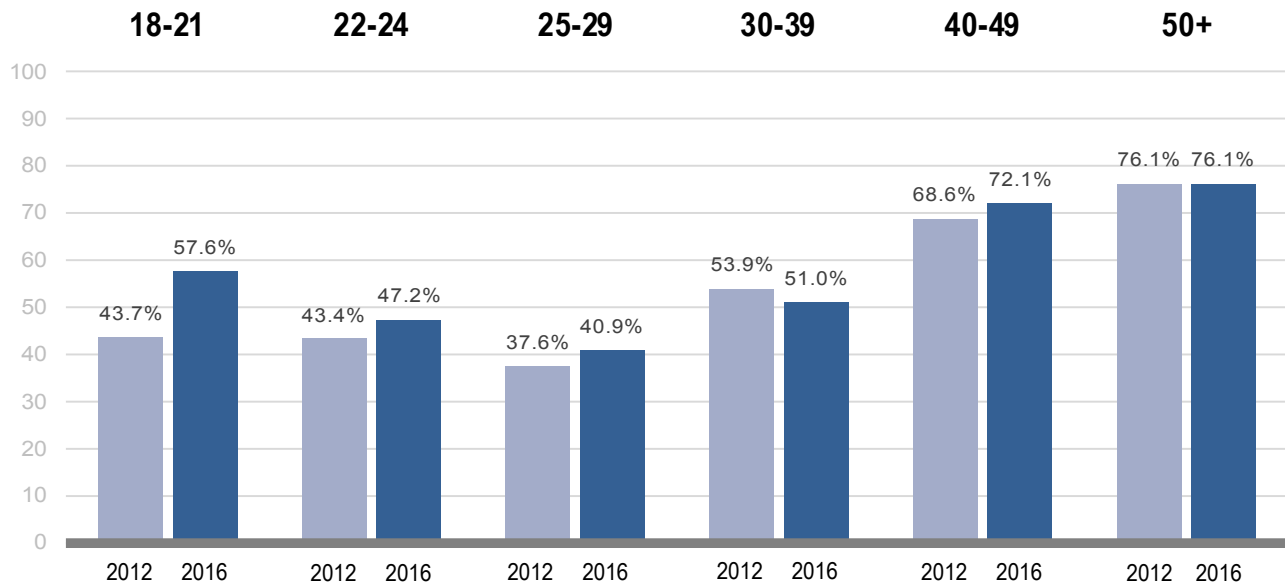


	2012		2016		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	1,520	17.1%	1,197	9.5%	↓	-7.6
Early Vote	247	2.8%	356	2.8%	↑	0.1
Mail	48	0.5%	226	1.8%	↑	1.3
In-Person, Election Day	263	3.0%	1,099	8.7%	↑	5.8
Unknown	6,793	76.6%	9,717	77.2%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,871</b>		<b>12,595</b>			

\* 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\*

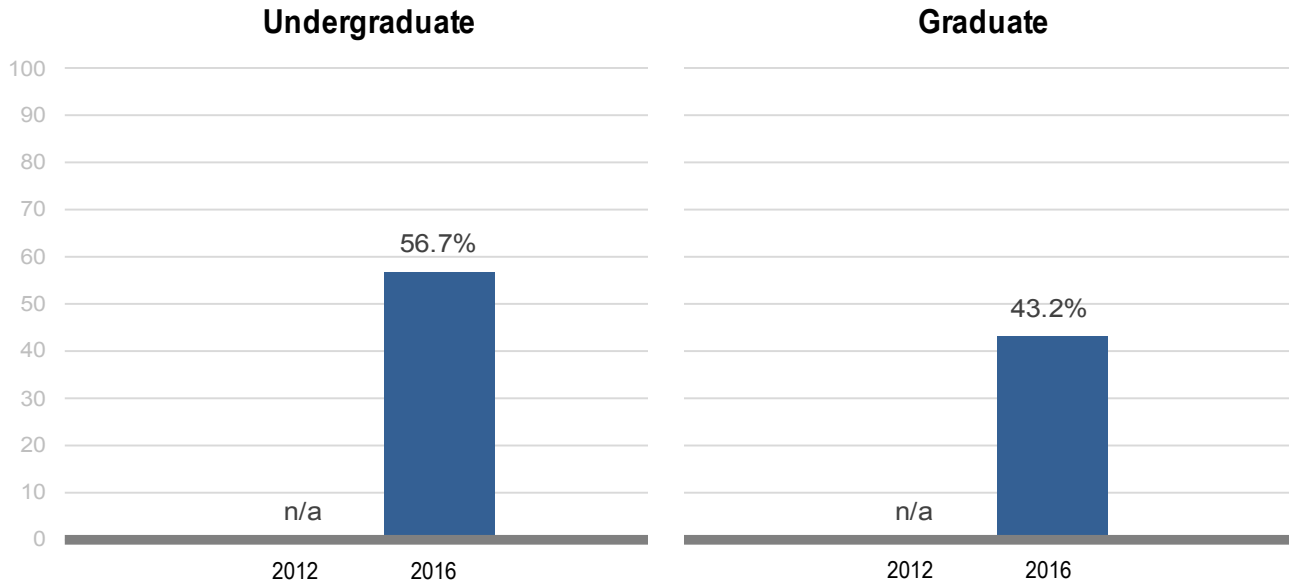


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	12,983	5,670	43.7%	14,969	8,616	57.6%	↑ 13.9
22-24	3,675	1,593	43.4%	4,216	1,989	47.2%	↑ 3.8
25-29	1,680	631	37.6%	2,043	836	40.9%	↑ 3.4
30-39	1,050	566	53.9%	1,268	647	51.0%	↓ -2.9
40-49	414	284	68.6%	487	351	72.1%	↑ 3.5
50+	167	127	76.1%	205	156	76.1%	→ 0.0
Unknown	25			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\*

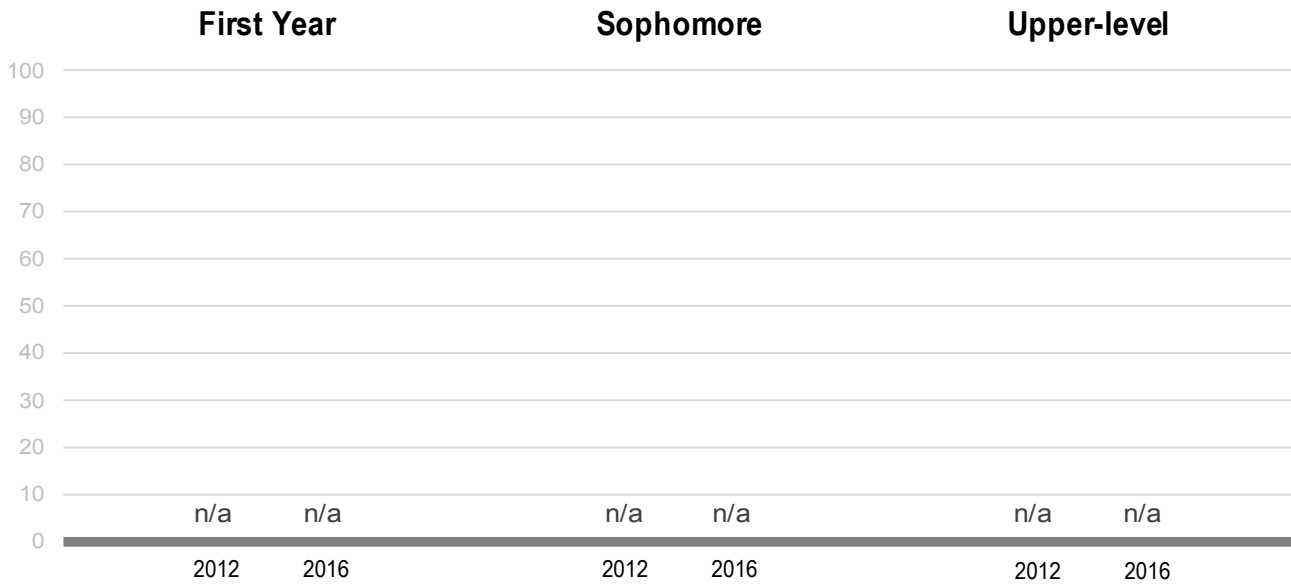


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	18,387	10,432	56.7%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	4,310	1,863	43.2%	n/a
Unknown	19,969			491			

\* 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\*



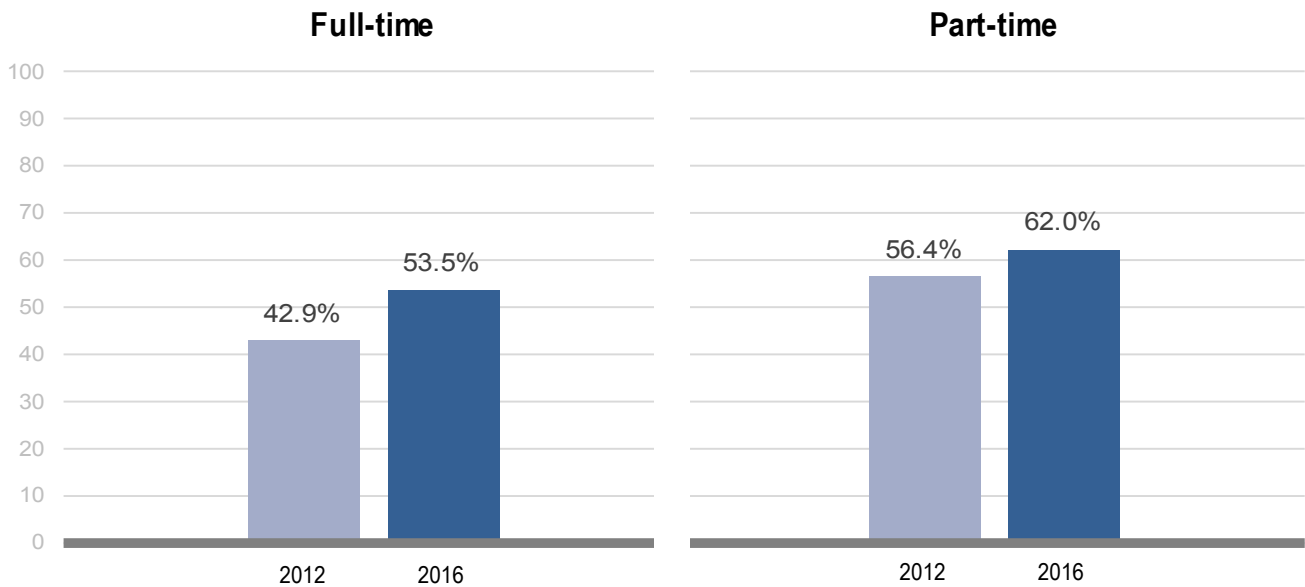
	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Upper-level	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a

\* 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	17,763	7,626	<b>42.9%</b>	20,917	11,186	<b>53.5%</b>	↑ 10.6
Part-time	2,206	1,245	<b>56.4%</b>	2,271	1,409	<b>62.0%</b>	↑ 5.6
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 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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	0	0	n/a	1,437	811	<b>56.4%</b>	n/a
Architecture	0	0	n/a	507	219	<b>43.2%</b>	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	0	0	n/a	17	10	<b>58.8%</b>	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	0	0	n/a	2,288	1,394	<b>60.9%</b>	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	0	0	n/a	2,650	1,469	<b>55.4%</b>	n/a
Communication and Journalism	0	0	n/a	117	55	<b>47.0%</b>	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	0	0	n/a	975	458	<b>47.0%</b>	n/a
Education	0	0	n/a	1,063	711	<b>66.9%</b>	n/a
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	0	0	n/a	4,585	2,216	<b>48.3%</b>	n/a
English Language and Literature	0	0	n/a	462	259	<b>56.1%</b>	n/a
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	0	0	n/a	67	36	<b>53.7%</b>	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	0	0	n/a	340	216	<b>63.5%</b>	n/a
Health Professions	0	0	n/a	994	616	<b>62.0%</b>	n/a
History	0	0	n/a	150	93	<b>62.0%</b>	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	3,166	1,677	<b>53.0%</b>	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	0	0	n/a	302	135	<b>44.7%</b>	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	58	31	<b>53.5%</b>	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	0	0	n/a	230	129	<b>56.1%</b>	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	0	0	n/a	660	368	<b>55.8%</b>	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	0	0	n/a	43	22	<b>51.2%</b>	n/a
Physical Sciences	0	0	n/a	424	167	<b>39.4%</b>	n/a
Psychology	0	0	n/a	760	416	<b>54.7%</b>	n/a
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	0	0	n/a	79	60	<b>76.0%</b>	n/a
Social Sciences	0	0	n/a	845	435	<b>51.5%</b>	n/a

Visual and Performing Arts	0	0	n/a	558	333	59.7%	n/a
Unknown	19,969	8,871	44.4%	411	478	63.0% ↑	18.6

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