

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Michigan Technological
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 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

34.3%

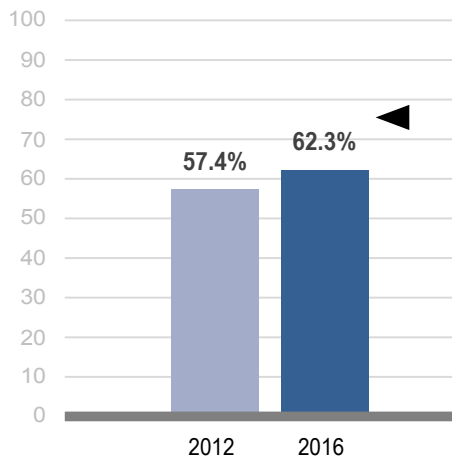
CHANGE FROM 2012

5.7

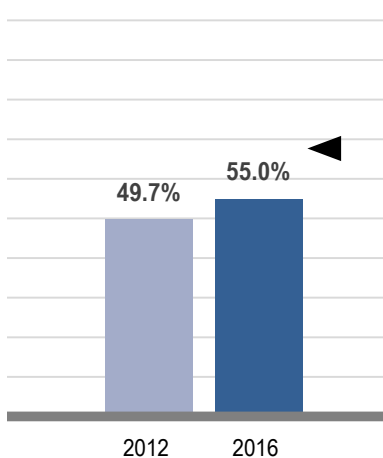
2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

50.4%

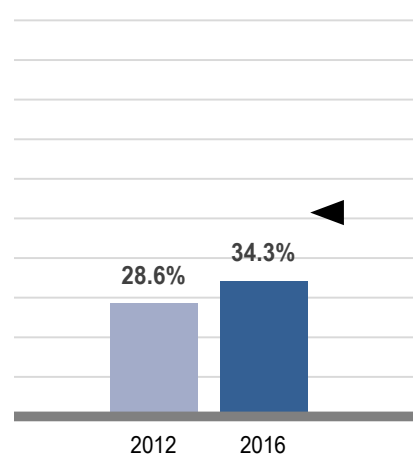
Registration Rate



Voting Rate of Registered Students



Voting Rate



◀ All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	6,776	7,198 ↑	422
Age under 18/Unknown	(47)	(46)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(999)	(1,157)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	5,721	5,990 ↑	269
Number of students who registered	3,285	3,733 ↑	448
Number of students who voted	1,634	2,052 ↑	418
Registration rate	57.4%	62.3% ↑	4.9
Voting rate of registered students	49.7%	55.0% ↑	5.2
Voting rate	28.6%	34.3% ↑	5.7
Difference from all institutions	-18.3	-16.1	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

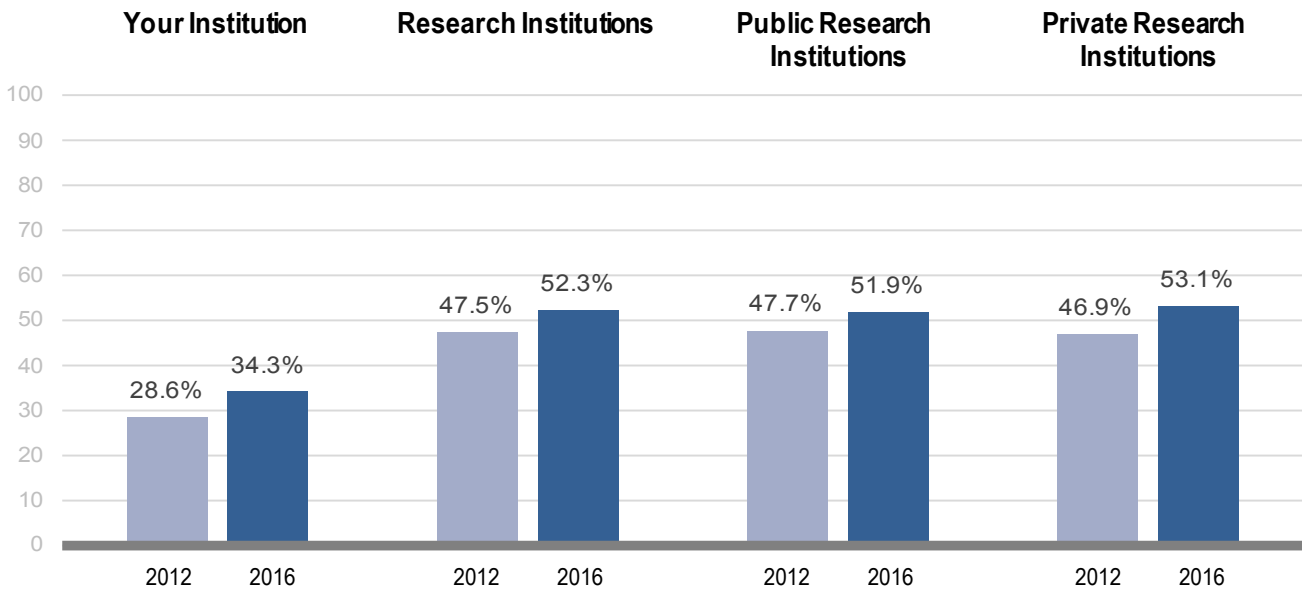
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

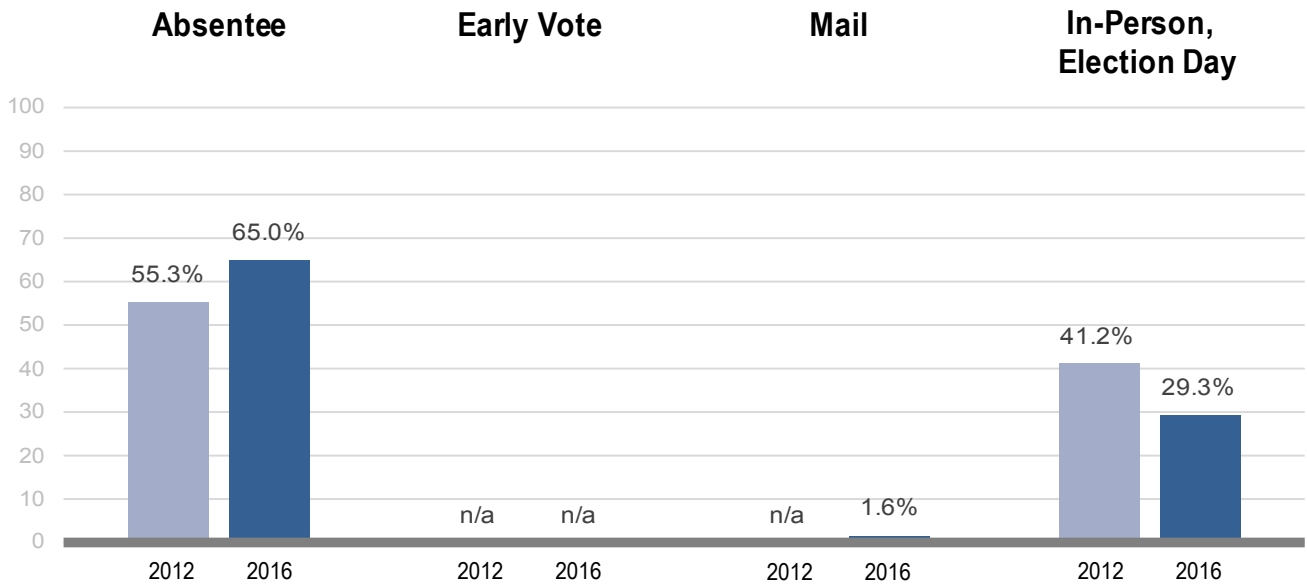
Difference from All Institutions **-18.3**

Difference from All Institutions **-16.1**



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

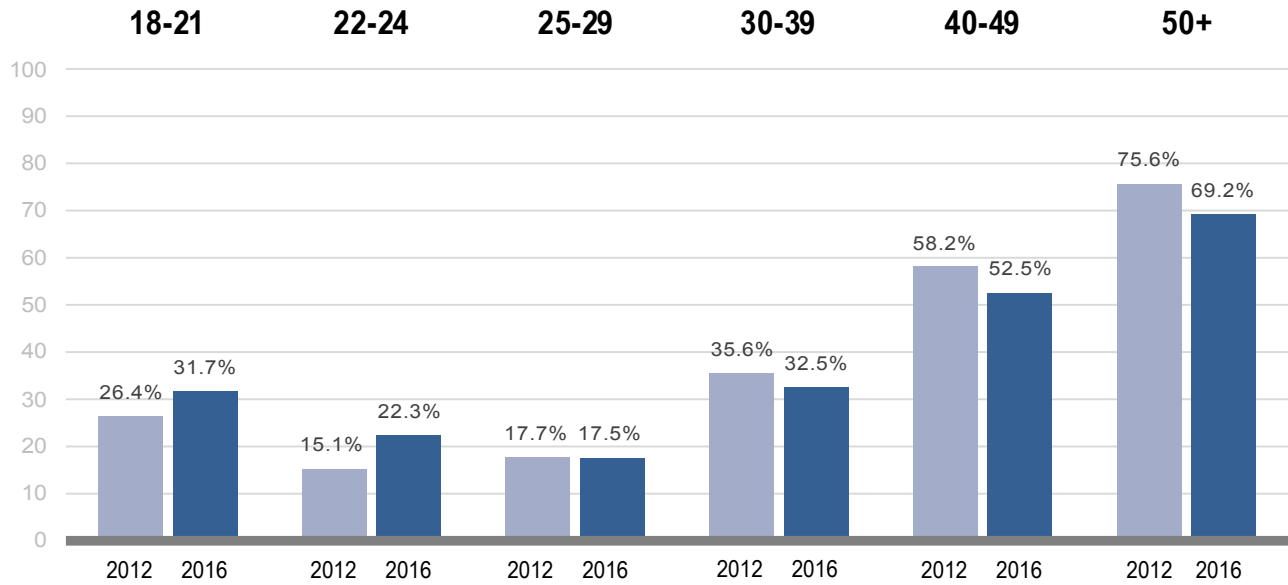


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	904	55.3%	1,334	65.0%	↑ 9.7
Early Vote	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
Mail	*	n/a	33	1.6%	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	673	41.2%	601	29.3%	↓ -11.9
Unknown	47	2.9%	80	3.9%	
Total	1,634		2,052		

* 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*

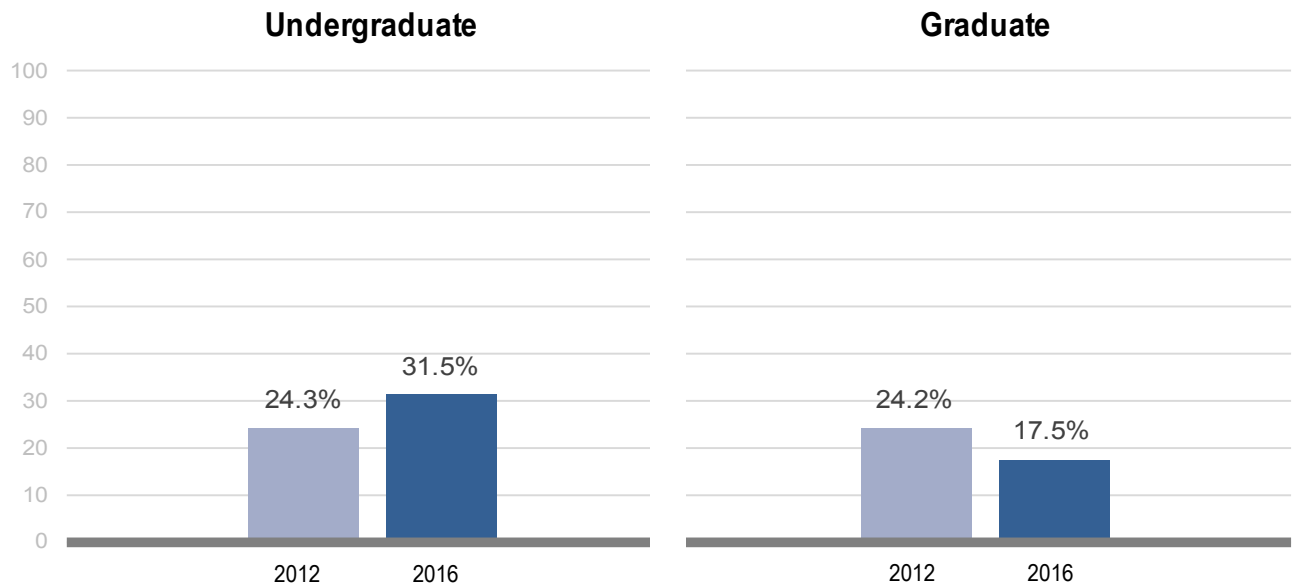


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	3,890	1,027	26.4%	4,368	1,383	31.7%	↑ 5.3
22-24	1,651	250	15.1%	1,595	356	22.3%	↑ 7.2
25-29	662	117	17.7%	713	125	17.5%	↓ -0.1
30-39	329	117	35.6%	339	110	32.5%	↓ -3.1
40-49	110	64	58.2%	80	42	52.5%	↓ -5.7
50+	78	59	75.6%	52	36	69.2%	↓ -6.4
Unknown	*			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*

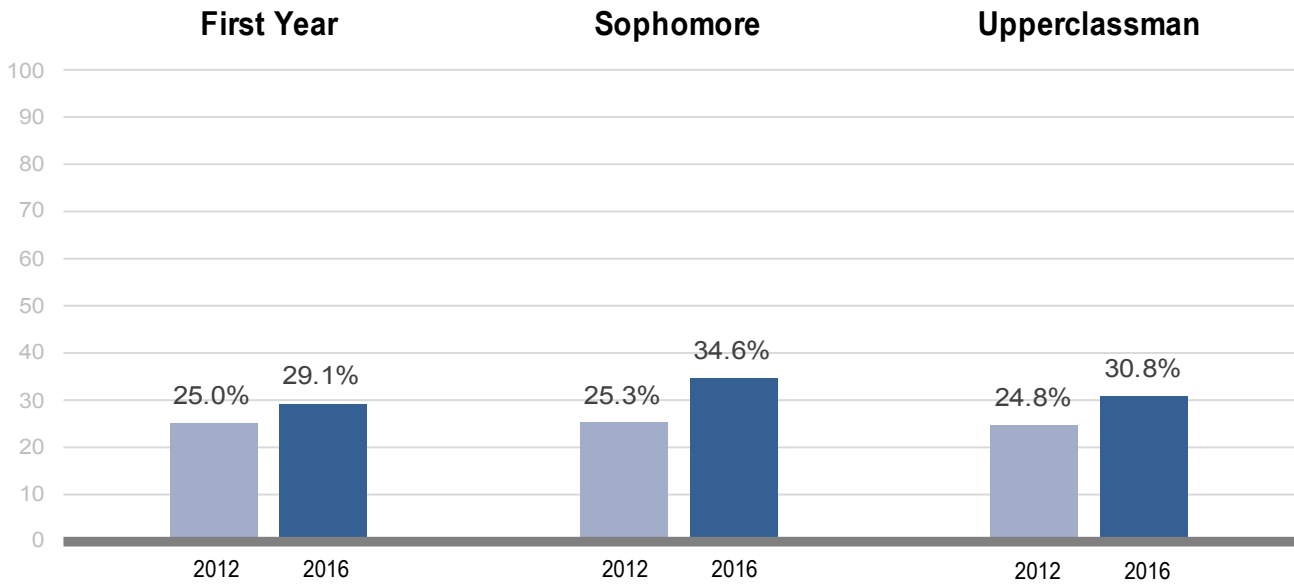


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	5,421	1,318	24.3%	5,727	1,803	31.5%	↑ 7.2
Graduate	1,297	314	24.2%	1,418	248	17.5%	↓ -6.7
Unknown	*			*			

* 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*

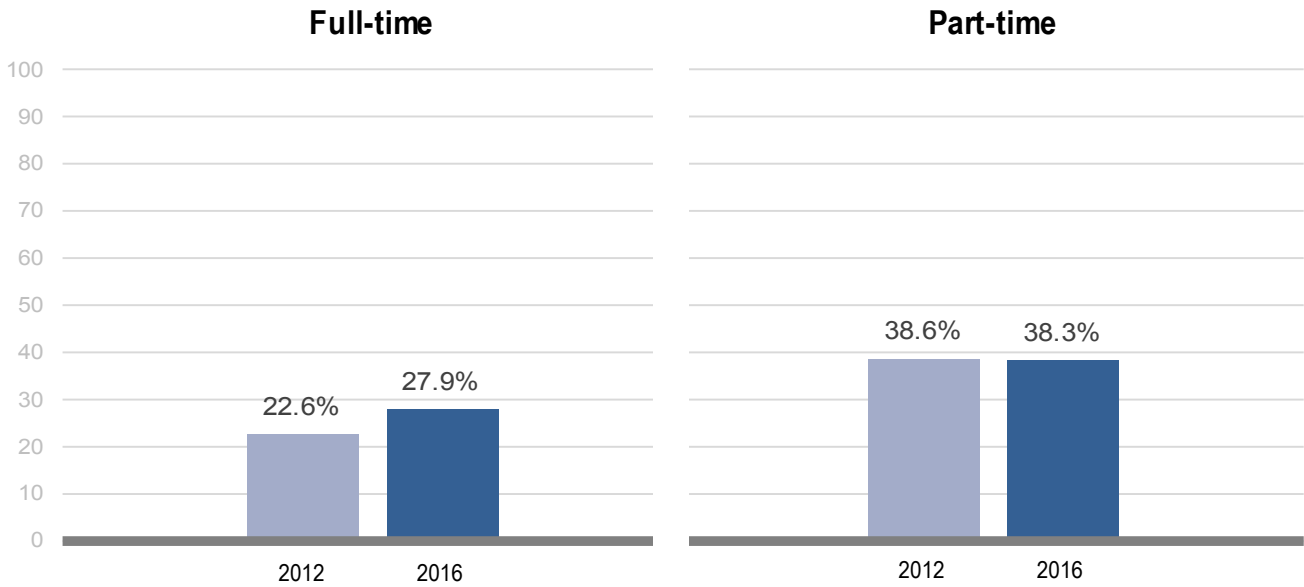


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	1,354	339	25.0%	1,513	440	29.1%	↑ 4.0
Sophomore	1,156	292	25.3%	1,243	430	34.6%	↑ 9.3
Upperclassman	2,489	617	24.8%	2,867	883	30.8%	↑ 6.0

* 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*

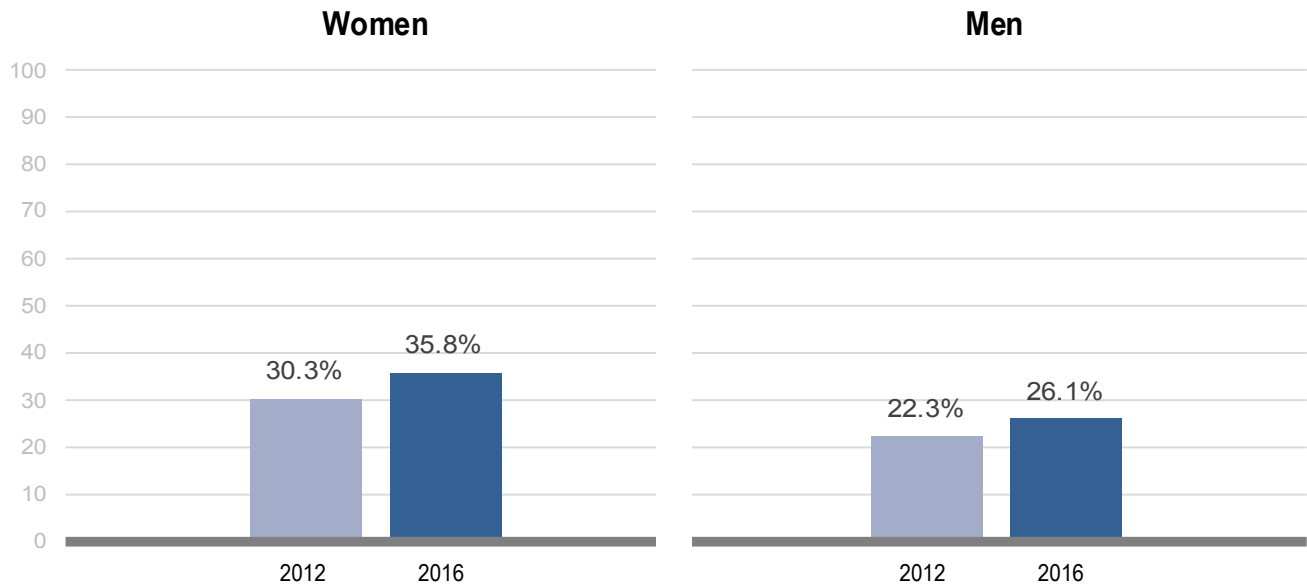


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	6,010	1,360	22.6%	6,554	1,825	27.9%	↑ 5.2
Part-time	710	274	38.6%	593	227	38.3%	↓ -0.3
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

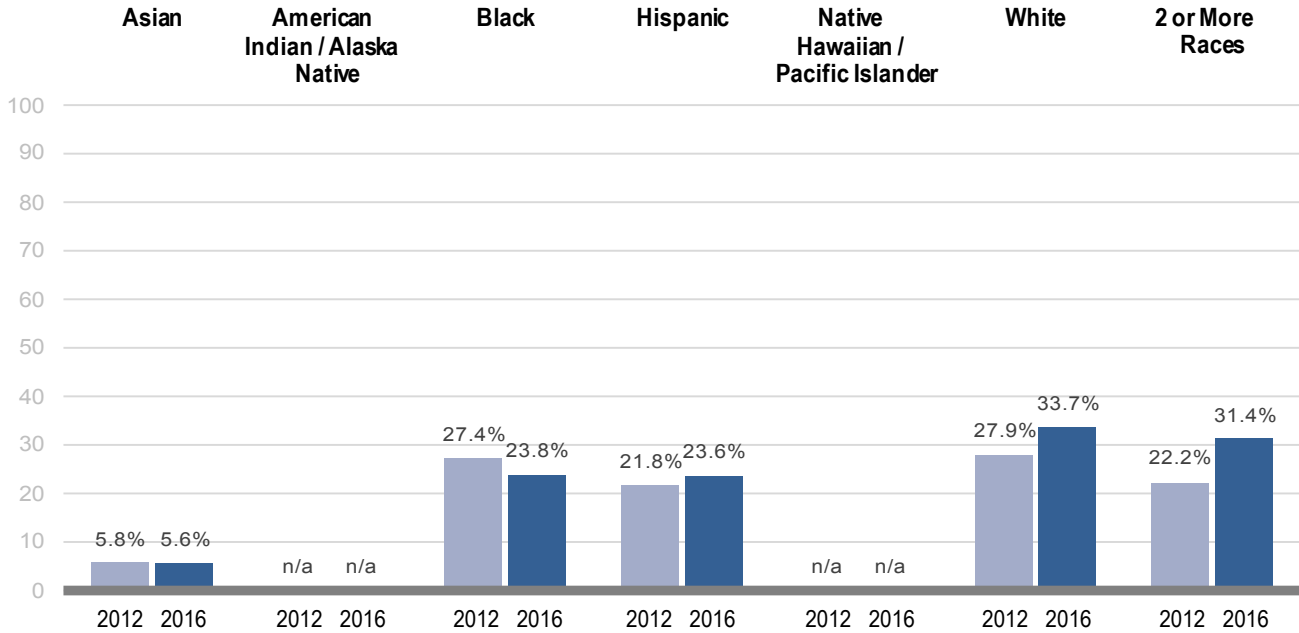


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	1,722	521	30.3%	1,924	689	35.8%	↑ 5.6
Men	4,987	1,113	22.3%	5,222	1,363	26.1%	↑ 3.8
Unknown	11	0	n/a	*	0	n/a	

* 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	224	13	5.8%	250	14	5.6%	↓ -0.2
American Indian/ Alaska Native	36	*	n/a	22	*	n/a	n/a
Black	106	29	27.4%	84	20	23.8%	↓ -3.6
Hispanic	133	29	21.8%	127	30	23.6%	↑ 1.8
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
White	5,163	1,439	27.9%	5,499	1,854	33.7%	↑ 5.9
2 or More Races	99	22	22.2%	172	54	31.4%	↑ 9.2
Unknown	959			993			

* 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	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	309	96	31.1%	240	86	35.8% ↑	4.8
Business, Management, and Marketing	361	95	26.3%	303	108	35.6% ↑	9.3
Communication and Journalism	114	37	32.5%	45	24	53.3% ↑	20.9
Communications Technologies/Technicians	45	10	22.2%	38	14	36.8% ↑	14.6
Computer and Information Sciences	397	70	17.6%	465	111	23.9% ↑	6.2
Education	27	17	63.0%	18	11	61.1% ↓	-1.9
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	4,192	941	22.5%	4,898	1,339	27.3% ↑	4.9
English Language and Literature	75	*	n/a	68	22	32.4%	n/a
Health Professions	60	16	26.7%	89	35	39.3% ↑	12.7
History	13	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	57	16	28.1%	41	13	31.7% ↑	3.6
Mathematics and Statistics	111	21	18.9%	150	30	20.0% ↑	1.1
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	19	*	n/a	13	*	n/a	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	217	56	25.8%	191	66	34.6% ↑	8.7
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	107	42	39.3%	89	27	30.3% ↓	-8.9
Physical Sciences	255	59	23.1%	253	59	23.3% ↑	0.2
Psychology	62	17	27.4%	41	11	26.8% ↓	-0.6
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	16	*	n/a	17	*	n/a	n/a
Social Sciences	96	33	34.4%	66	23	34.9% ↑	0.5
Visual and Performing Arts	23	*	n/a	15	*	n/a	n/a
Other	126	79	62.7%	72	45	62.5% ↓	-0.2
Unknown	38	*	n/a	26	*	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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