

#### **AUGUST 2017**

**2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT** 

Student Voting Rates for Trinity 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



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# Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate

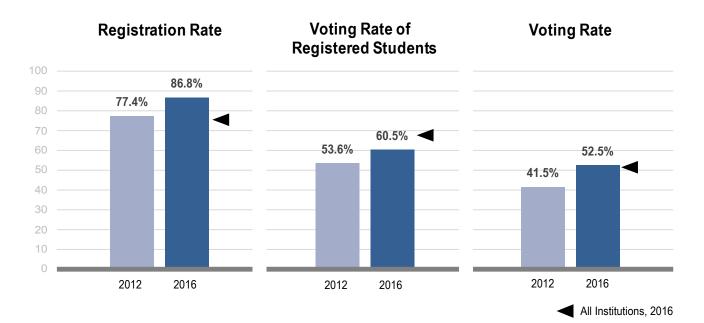
52.5%

CHANGE FROM 2012

11.0

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	2,489	2,464	-25
Age under 18/Unknown IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens FERPA records blocked	(14) (167) 0	* (173) 0	
Total eligible voters	2,308	2,282	-26
Number of students who registered	1,786	1,981	<b>1</b> 95
Number of students who voted	958	1,199	<b>2</b> 41
Registration rate	77.4%	86.8%	9.4
Voting rate of registered students	53.6%	60.5%	6.9
Voting rate	41.5%	52.5%	<b>11.0</b>
Difference from all institutions	-5.4	+2.1	

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### **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%

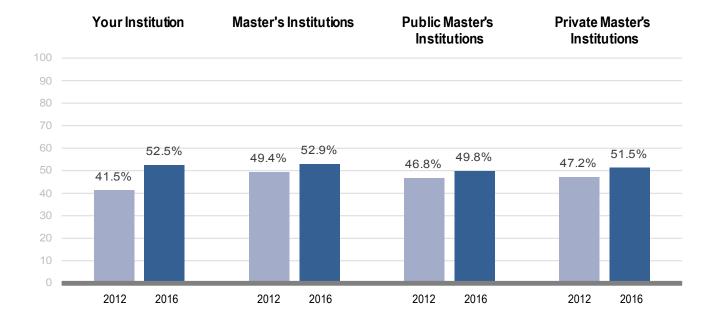
LOW 13.1%

Difference from All Institutions

-5.4

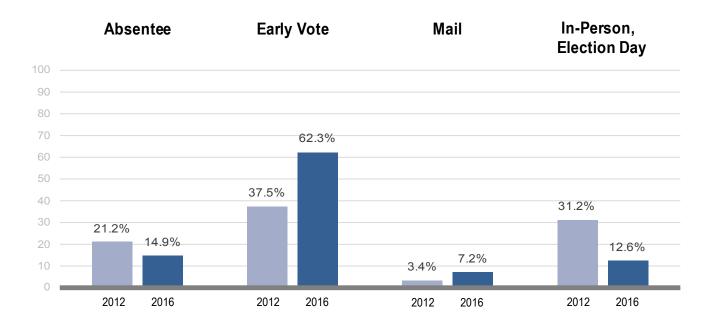
Difference from All Institutions

+2.1



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# By Voting Method\*

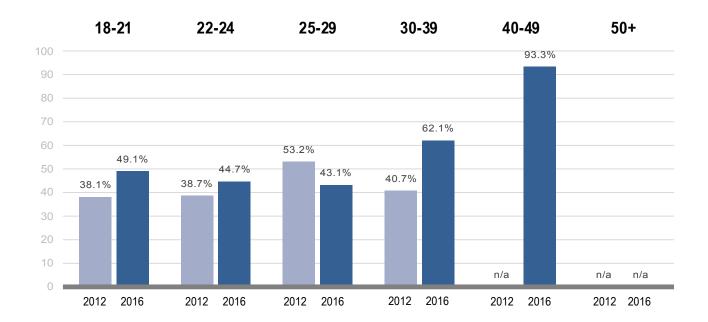


2012		20			
Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
203	21.2%	179	14.9%	1	-6.3
359	37.5%	747	62.3%	•	24.8
33	3.4%	86	7.2%	1	3.7
299	31.2%	151	12.6%	1	-18.6
64	6.7%	36	3.0%		
958		1,199			
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<sup>\*</sup> Your students' data broken down by voting method. If your 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\*

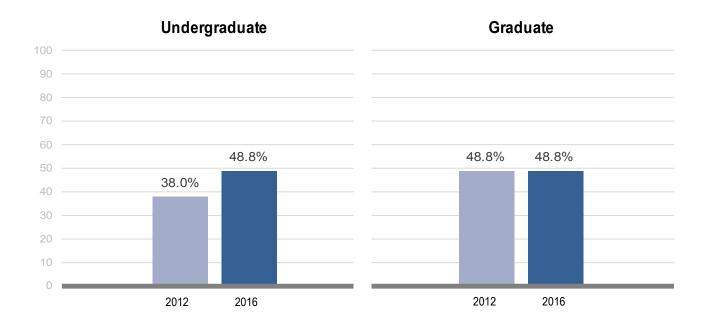


	2012				2016					
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change		
18-21	2,056	783	38.1%	2,040	1,001	49.1%	•	11.0		
22-24	326	126	38.7%	309	138	44.7%	•	6.0		
25-29	47	25	53.2%	58	25	43.1%	1	-10.1		
30-39	27	11	40.7%	29	18	62.1%	•	21.3		
40-49	12	*	n/a	15	14	93.3%		n/a		
50+	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a		n/a		
Unknown	0			0						

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

# By Education Level\*

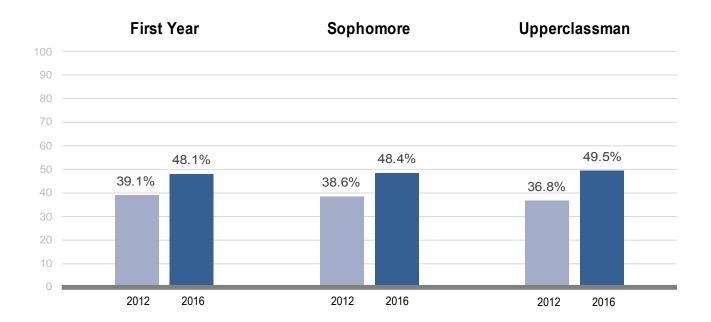


	2012			2016				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Undergraduate	2,307	876	38.0%	2,287	1,117	48.8%	•	10.9
Graduate	168	82	48.8%	168	82	48.8%	$\Rightarrow$	0.0
Unknown	0			0				

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

# By Undergraduate Class Year\*

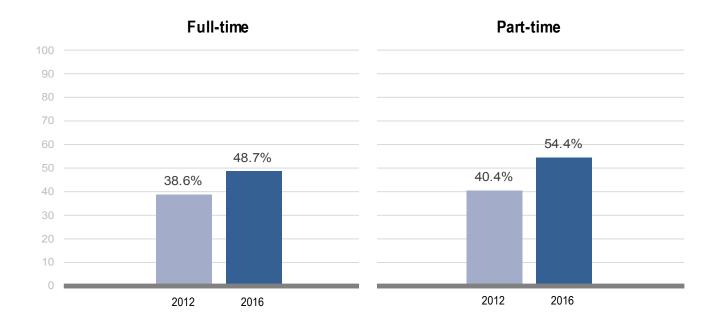


	2012			2016				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	604	236	39.1%	643	309	48.1%	•	9.0
Sophomore	612	236	38.6%	585	283	48.4%	•	9.8
Upperclassman	1,068	393	36.8%	1,042	516	49.5%	•	12.7

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<sup>\*</sup> 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\*

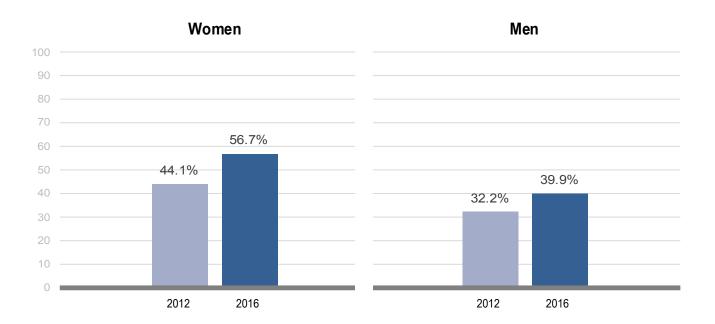


	2012				2016			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	2,376	918	38.6%	2,398	1,168	48.7%	1	10.1
Part-time	99	40	40.4%	57	31	54.4%	⇧	14.0
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

## By Gender\*

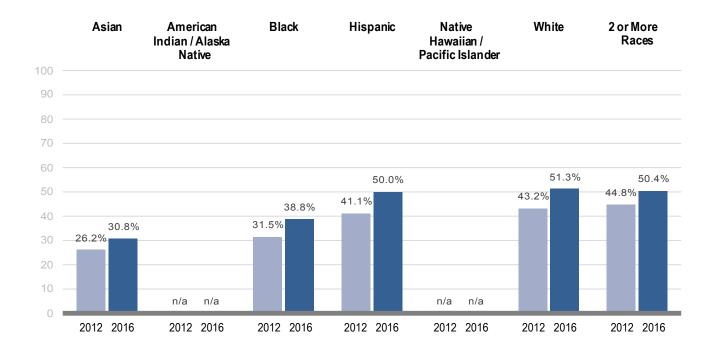


	2012				2016			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	1,352	596	44.1%	1,309	742	56.7%	1	12.6
Men	1,123	362	32.2%	1,146	457	39.9%	•	7.6
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

# By Race/Ethnicity\*



	2012			2016				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Asian	187	49	26.2%	198	61	30.8%	•	4.6
American Indian/ Alaska Native	13	*	n/a	*	*	n/a		n/a
Black	92	29	31.5%	121	47	38.8%	•	7.3
Hispanic	377	155	41.1%	582	291	50.0%	•	8.9
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
White	1,493	645	43.2%	1,362	699	51.3%	1	8.1
2 or More Races	58	26	44.8%	121	61	50.4%	•	5.6
Unknown	255	1		64				

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

### 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				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	112	44	39.3%	140	69	49.3% 👚	10.0	
Business, Management, and Marketing	247	81	32.8%	194	73	37.6% 👚	4.8	
Communication and Journalism	57	22	38.6%	69	47	68.1% 👚	29.5	
Computer and Information Sciences	29	*	n/a	46	19	41.3%	n/a	
Education	32	19	59.4%	42	23	54.8% 🔱	-4.6	
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	52	15	28.9%	70	30	42.9% 🎓	14.0	
English Language and Literature	45	17	37.8%	54	30	55.6% 🁚	17.8	
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	28	13	46.4%	12	*	n/a	n/a	
Health Professions	84	39	46.4%	87	35	40.2% 🔱	-6.2	
History	34	16	47.1%	33	17	51.5% 👚	4.5	
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,333	505	37.9%	1,265	597	47.2% 🎓	9.3	
Mathematics and Statistics	15	*	n/a	42	20	47.6%	n/a	
Natural Resources and Conservation	16	*	n/a	14	10	71.4%	n/a	
Philosophy and Religious Studies	28	14	50.0%	18	10	55.6% 👚	5.6	
Physical Sciences	29	11	37.9%	63	36	57.1% 👚	19.2	
Psychology	84	37	44.1%	79	48	60.8% 👚	16.7	
Social Sciences	161	65	40.4%	138	79	57.3% 👚	16.9	
Visual and Performing Arts	58	30	51.7%	43	27	62.8%	11.1	
Unknown	23	*	n/a	38	19	50.0%	n/a	

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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.

#### References:

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