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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Oregon State University

Tufts UNIVERSITY | **Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life**

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 2014 and 2018 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.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: **https://idhe.tufts.edu/.**

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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at **NSLVE@tufts.edu.**

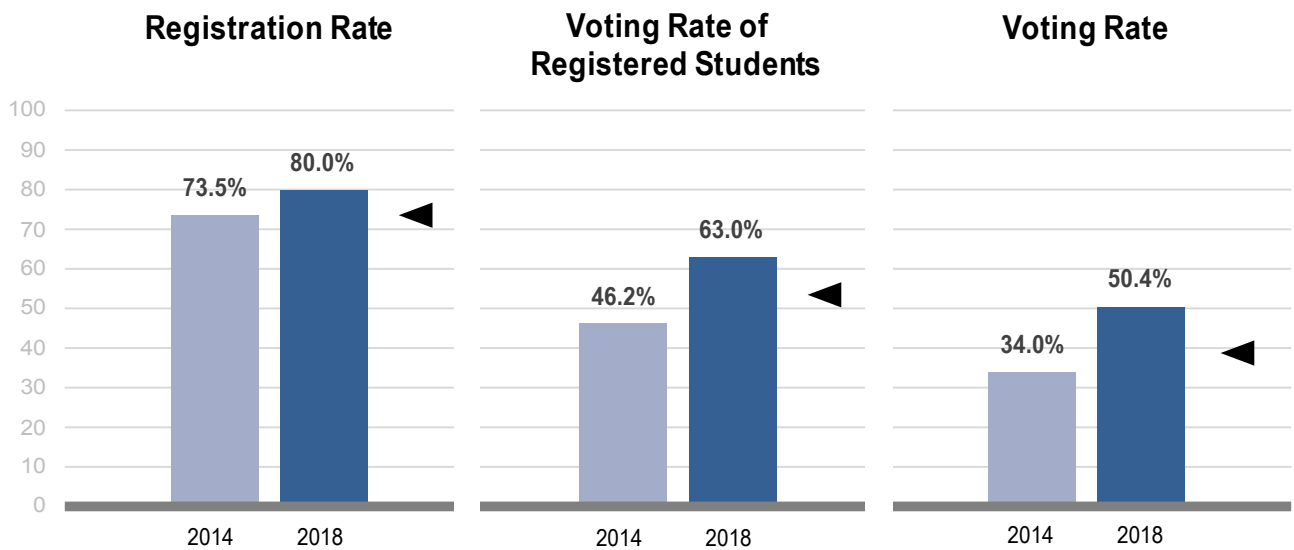Warm regards,

IDHE Team

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

50.4%

CHANGE FROM 2014
+16.4

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%

Registration Rate

73.5% → 80.0%

2014 / 2018

Voting Rate of Registered Students

46.2% → 63.0%

2014 / 2018

Voting Rate

34.0% → 50.4%

2014 / 2018

◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	29,850	31,093	⬆	1,243
Age under 18/Unknown	(180)	(204)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(3,181)	(3,430)		
FERPA records blocked	(24)	(18)		
Total eligible voters	26,465	27,441	⬆	976
Number of students who registered	19,446	21,959	⬆	2,513
Number of students who voted	8,988	13,827	⬆	4,839
Registration rate	73.5%	80.0%	⬆	6.5
Voting rate of registered students	46.2%	63.0%	⬆	16.8
Voting rate	34.0%	50.4%	⬆	16.4
Difference from all institutions	+14.3	+11.3		

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions	**HIGH 54.0%**
19.7%	**LOW 1.5%**

Difference from All Institutions **+14.3**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	**HIGH 64.1%**
39.1%	**LOW 11.5%**

Difference from All Institutions **+11.3**

Your Institution	**Research Institutions**	**Public Research Institutions**	**Private Research Institutions**

Bar chart data:

	Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2014	34.0%	19.5%	19.6%	17.6%
2018	50.4%	41.2%	40.8%	42.5%
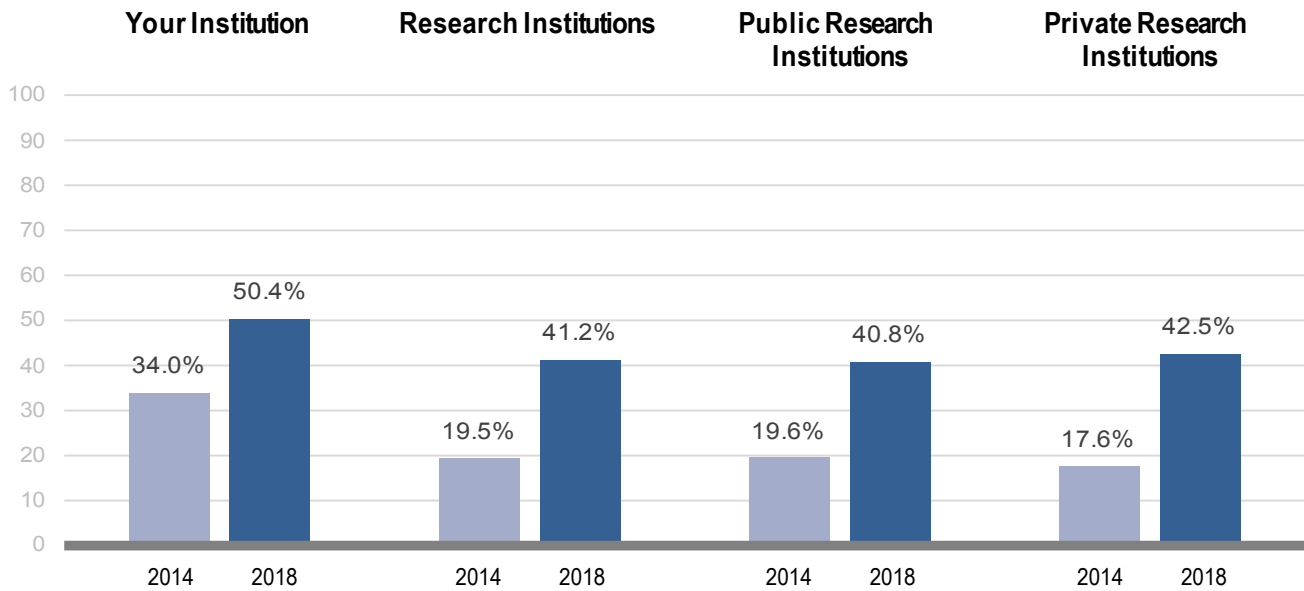
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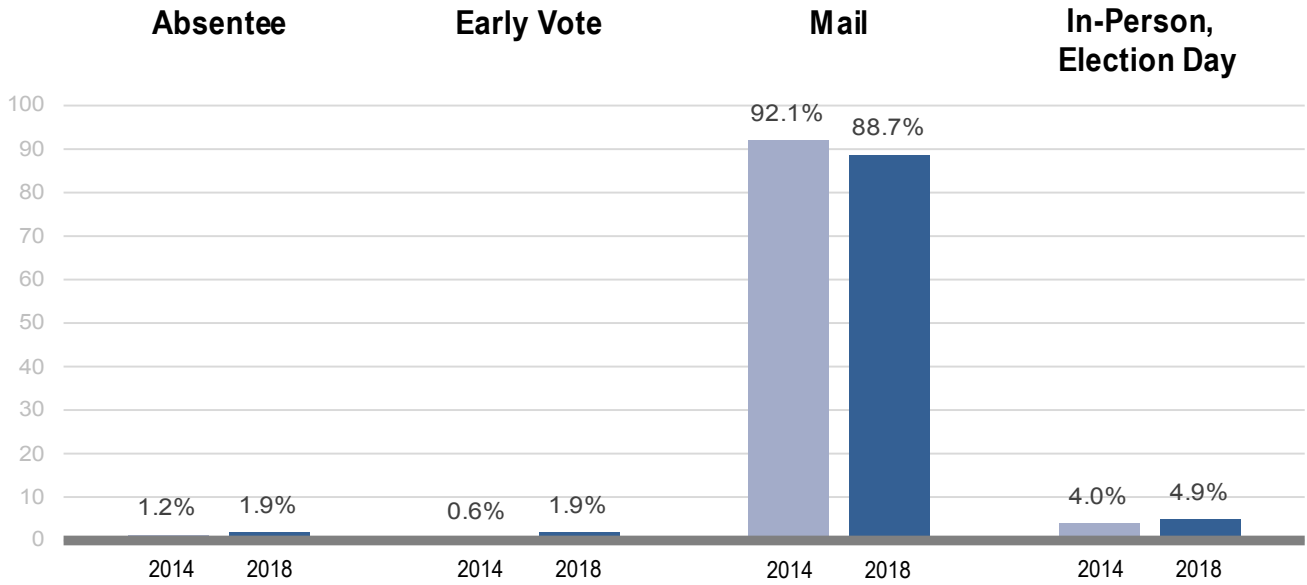
	2014			**2018**			
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	107	**1.2%**		257	**1.9%**	⬆	0.7
Early Vote	56	**0.6%**		266	**1.9%**	⬆	1.3
Mail	8,276	**92.1%**		12,263	**88.7%**	⬇	-3.4
In-Person, Election Day	361	**4.0%**		676	**4.9%**	⬆	0.9
Unknown	188	**2.1%**		365	**2.6%**		
Total	**8,988**			**13,827**			

* 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.

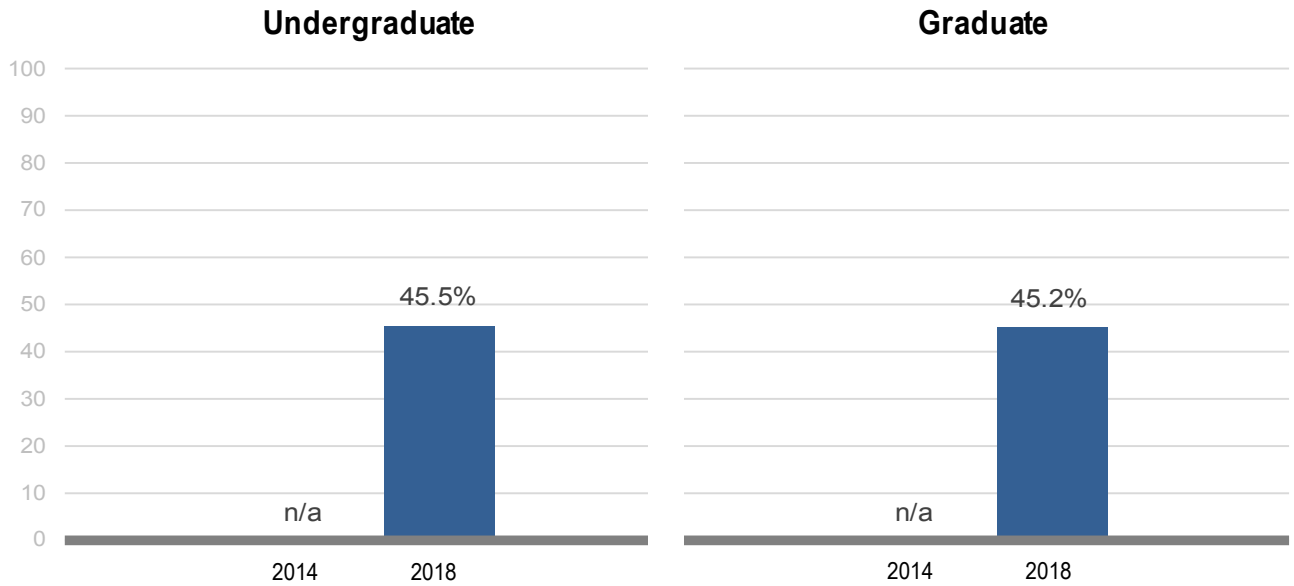**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Age Group*
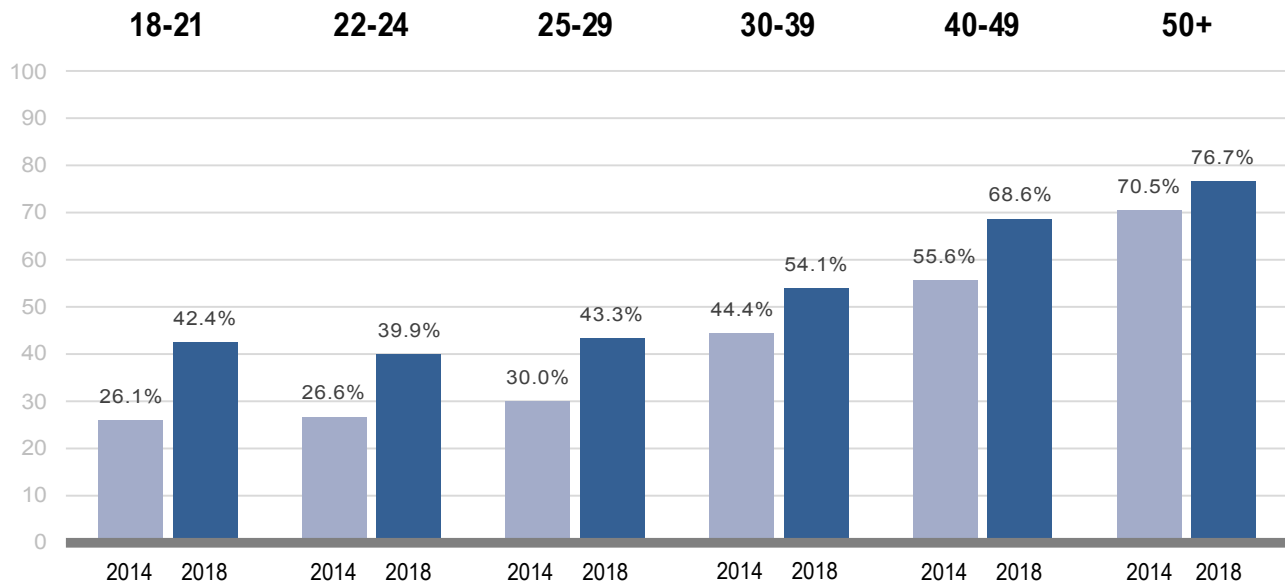
	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	14,381	3,746	**26.1%**	14,561	6,177	**42.4%**	⬆	**16.4**
22-24	6,374	1,698	**26.6%**	6,430	2,566	**39.9%**	⬆	**13.3**
25-29	4,396	1,320	**30.0%**	4,820	2,088	**43.3%**	⬆	**13.3**
30-39	3,084	1,369	**44.4%**	3,533	1,910	**54.1%**	⬆	**9.7**
40-49	936	520	**55.6%**	1,047	718	**68.6%**	⬆	**13.0**
50+	475	335	**70.5%**	480	368	**76.7%**	⬆	**6.1**
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.

By Education Level*

Undergraduate	Graduate

	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**	24,474	11,137	**45.5%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**	4,548	2,056	**45.2%**	**n/a**
Unknown	29,646			1,849			

* 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*

First Year	Sophomore	Upper-level

	2014			**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	4,656	1,051	**22.6%**	4,171	1,532	**36.7%**	⬆	**14.2**
Sophomore	4,552	1,258	**27.6%**	4,693	1,962	**41.8%**	⬆	**14.2**
Upper-level	12,526	4,318	**34.5%**	13,648	6,529	**47.8%**	⬆	**13.4**

* 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*
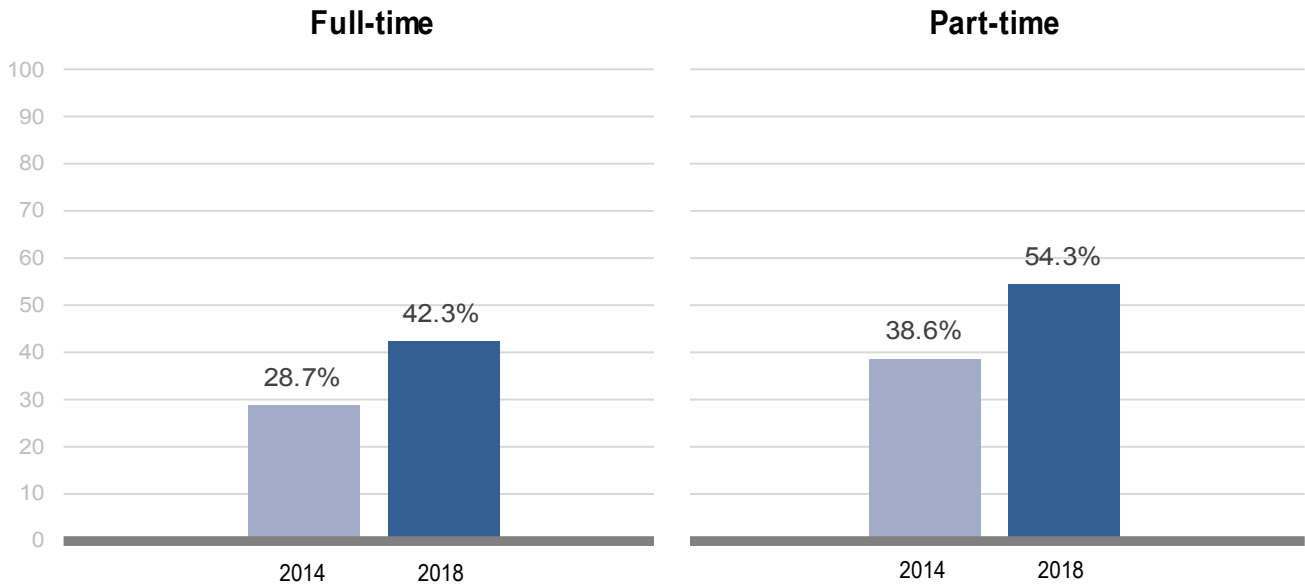
Full-time

Part-time

	2014				**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	24,930	7,166	**28.7%**		24,416	10,320	**42.3%**	⬆	**13.5**
Part-time	4,716	1,822	**38.6%**		6,455	3,507	**54.3%**	⬆	**15.7**
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.
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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.

	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	1,530	575	37.6%	1,380	640	46.4% ⬆	8.8
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	88	44	50.0%	77	50	64.9% ⬆	14.9
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	395	0	n/a	718	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,977	643	32.5%	1,988	971	48.8% ⬆	16.3
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,793	577	20.7%	3,415	1,284	37.6% ⬆	16.9
Communication and Journalism	407	126	31.0%	403	182	45.2% ⬆	14.2
Computer and Information Sciences	1,720	550	32.0%	2,987	1,401	46.9% ⬆	14.9
Education	446	232	52.0%	826	531	64.3% ⬆	12.3
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	5,730	1,518	26.5%	5,680	2,247	39.6% ⬆	13.1
English Language and Literature	384	146	38.0%	308	149	48.4% ⬆	10.4
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	1,840	588	32.0%	1,142	557	48.8% ⬆	16.8
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	97	33	34.0%	170	89	52.4% ⬆	18.3
Health Professions	1,804	540	29.9%	1,985	890	44.8% ⬆	14.9
History	183	72	39.3%	183	113	61.8% ⬆	22.4
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	730	155	21.2%	326	177	54.3% ⬆	33.1
Mathematics and Statistics	292	89	30.5%	394	166	42.1% ⬆	11.7
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	2,369	699	29.5%	1,769	938	53.0% ⬆	23.5
Natural Resources and Conservation	1,925	765	39.7%	2,218	1,168	52.7% ⬆	12.9
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,309	352	26.9%	1,050	442	42.1% ⬆	15.2
Philosophy and Religious Studies	36	13	36.1%	50	25	50.0% ⬆	13.9
Physical Sciences	777	287	36.9%	837	384	45.9% ⬆	8.9
Psychology	782	240	30.7%	895	374	41.8% ⬆	11.1
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	74	32	43.2%	69	35	50.7% ⬆	7.5

Social Sciences	1,324	516	**39.0%**	1,338	690	**51.6%** ⬆	**12.6**
Visual and Performing Arts	511	143	**28.0%**	646	306	**47.4%** ⬆	**19.4**
Unknown	123	53	**43.1%**	17	10	**58.8%** ⬆	**15.7**

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: **https://idhe.tufts.edu.**

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