NSLVE NATIONAL STUDY OF LEARNING, VOTING, AND ENGAGEMENT

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Shenandoah 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 improving 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.
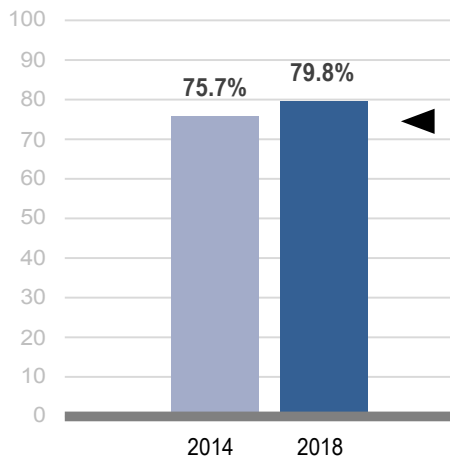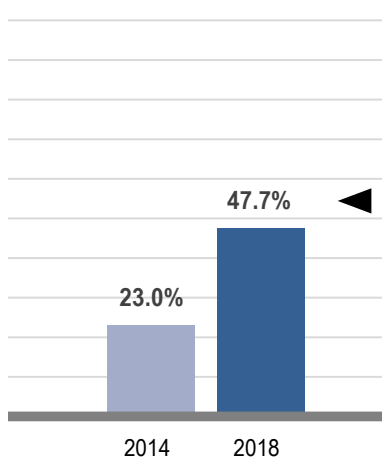
Warm regards,

IDHE Team

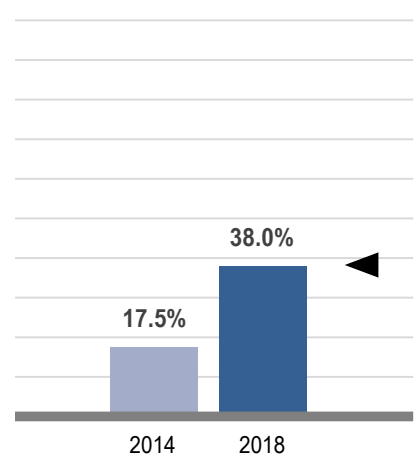**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

38.0%

CHANGE
FROM 2014

+20.6

2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate	**Voting Rate of Registered Students**	**Voting Rate**
75.7% 79.8%	23.0% 47.7%	17.5% 38.0%
2014 2018	2014 2018	2014 2018

◄ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	**2018**		Change
Total student enrollment	3,555	3,669	⬆	114
Age under 18/Unknown	(13)	(11)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(172)	(143)		
FERPA records blocked	*	*		
Total eligible voters	3,369	3,514	⬆	145
Number of students who registered	2,552	2,803	⬆	251
Number of students who voted	588	1,336	⬆	748
Registration rate	75.7%	79.8%	⬆	4.0
Voting rate of registered students	23.0%	47.7%	⬆	24.6
Voting rate	17.5%	38.0%	⬆	20.6
Difference from all institutions	-2.3	-1.1		

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH 54.0%

LOW 1.5%

Difference from All Institutions **-2.3**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH 64.1%

LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions **-1.1**

	Your Institution	Master's Institutions	Public Master's Institutions	Private Master's Institutions
2014	17.5%	20.1%	19.9%	21.1%
2018	38.0%	39.7%	39.3%	40.3%
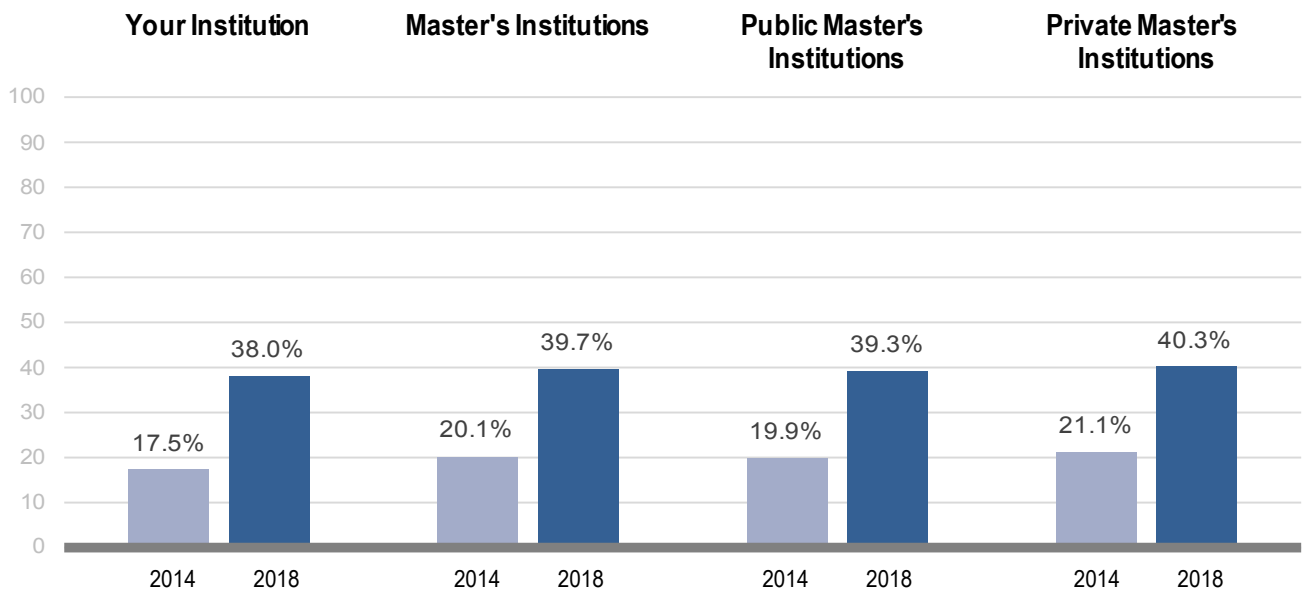
By Voting Method*

	Absentee	Early Vote	Mail	In-Person, Election Day
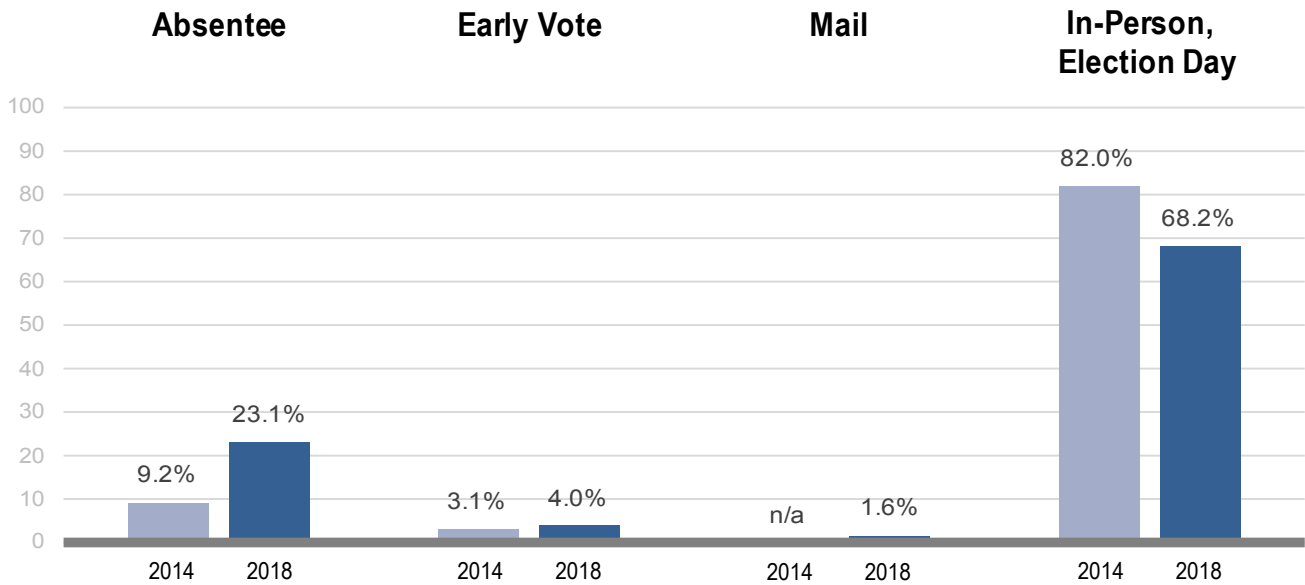
	2014			**2018**			
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	54	**9.2%**		308	**23.1%**	⬆	**13.9**
Early Vote	18	**3.1%**		54	**4.0%**	⬆	**1.0**
Mail	*	**n/a**		21	**1.6%**		**n/a**
In-Person, Election Day	482	**82.0%**		911	**68.2%**	⬇	**-13.8**
Unknown	28	**4.8%**		42	**3.1%**		
Total	**588**			**1,336**			

* 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*

| | 18-21 | 22-24 | 25-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ |
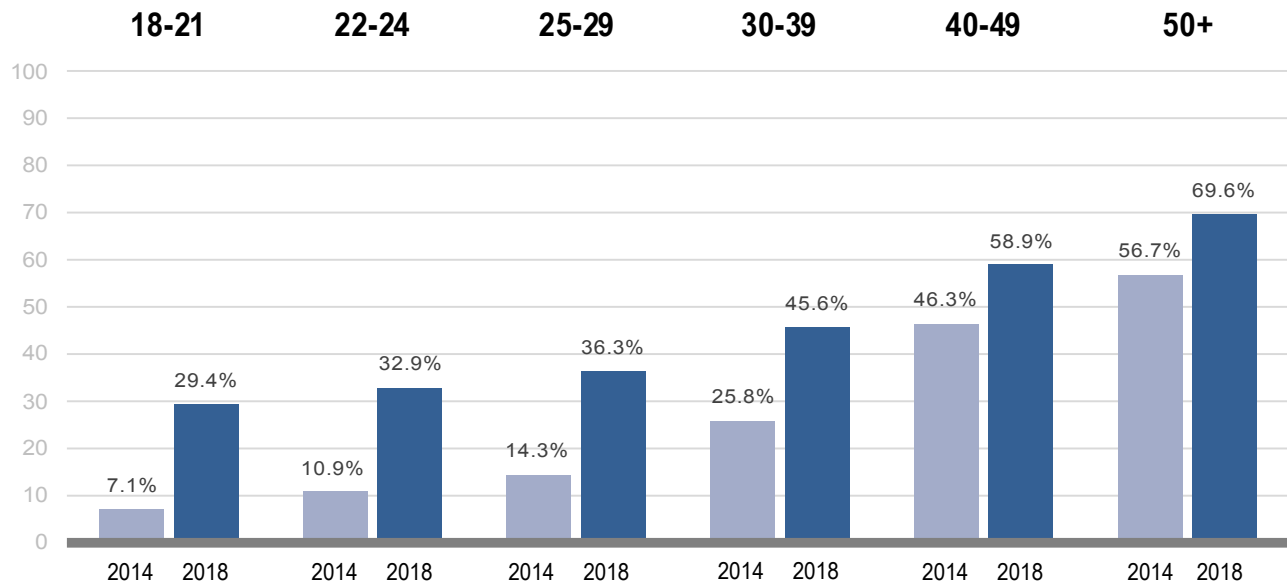
	2014			**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
18-21	1,372	98	**7.1%**	1,516	446	**29.4%**	⬆	**22.3**
22-24	688	75	**10.9%**	709	233	**32.9%**	⬆	**22.0**
25-29	587	84	**14.3%**	631	229	**36.3%**	⬆	**22.0**
30-39	473	122	**25.8%**	423	193	**45.6%**	⬆	**19.8**
40-49	287	133	**46.3%**	263	155	**58.9%**	⬆	**12.6**
50+	134	76	**56.7%**	115	80	**69.6%**	⬆	**12.9**
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.

By Education Level*

Undergraduate
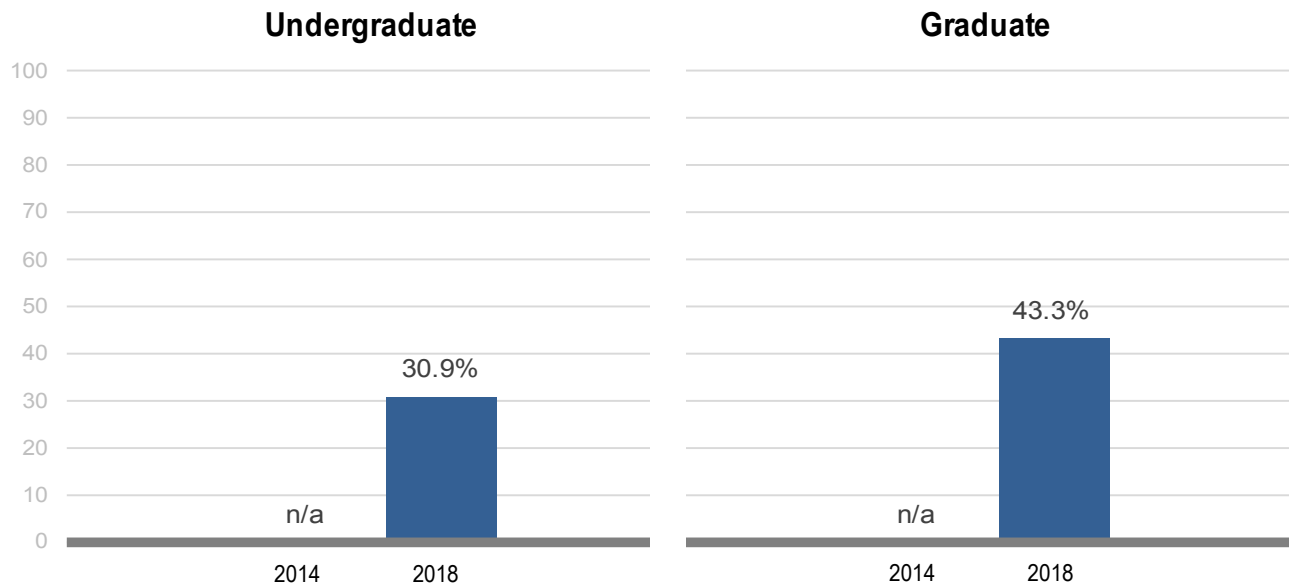
Graduate

	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**		1,992	615	**30.9%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**		1,655	717	**43.3%**	**n/a**
Unknown	3,541				10			

* 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	2014	2018	2014	2018
	5.3%	27.0%	5.4%	28.5%	12.1%	33.4%
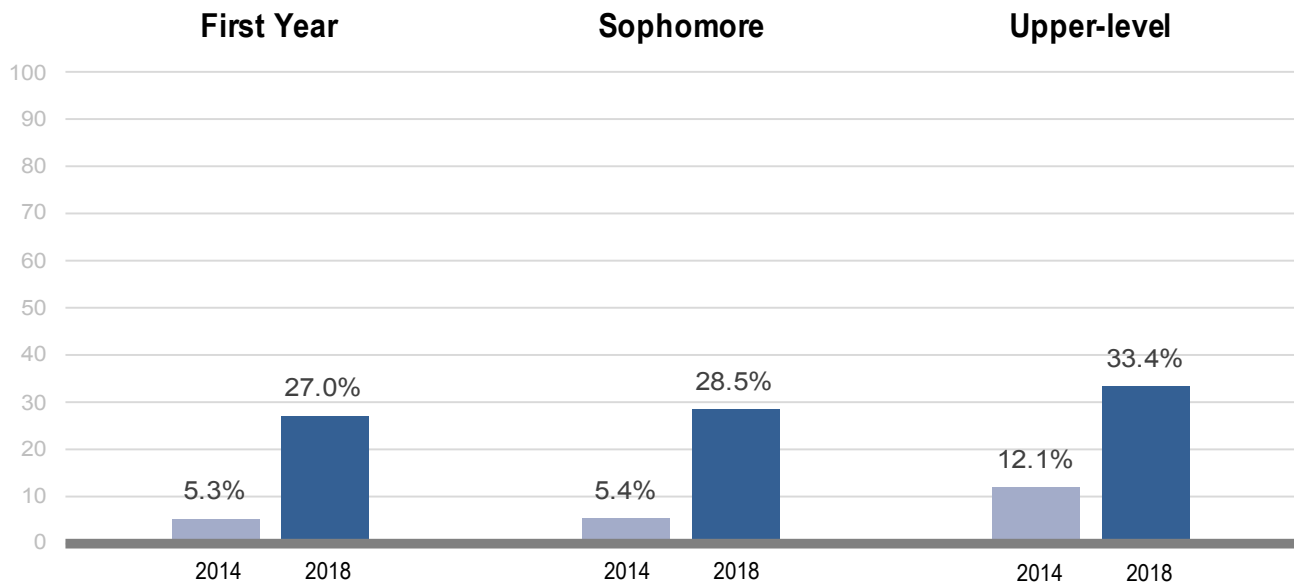
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	361	19	**5.3%**	470	127	**27.0%**	⬆	**21.8**
Sophomore	369	20	**5.4%**	431	123	**28.5%**	⬆	**23.1**
Upper-level	1,118	135	**12.1%**	1,098	367	**33.4%**	⬆	**21.3**

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Enrollment Status*
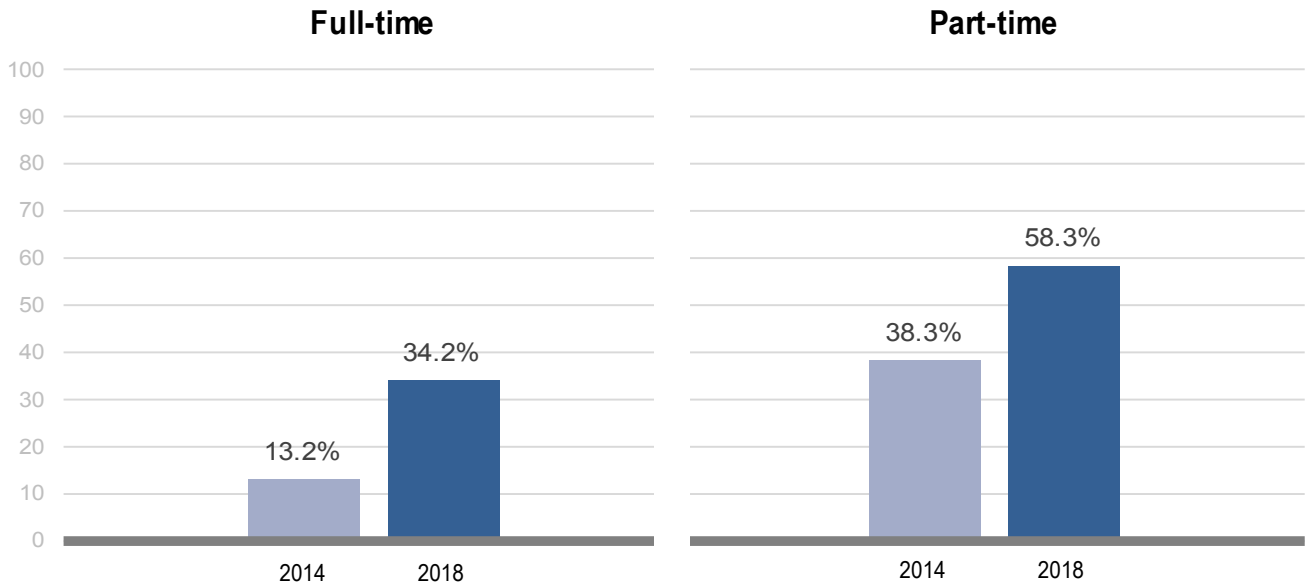
Full-time

Part-time

13.2%

34.2%

38.3%

58.3%

	2014				2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	3,058	403	**13.2%**		3,300	1,128	**34.2%**	⬆	**21.0**
Part-time	483	185	**38.3%**		357	208	**58.3%**	⬆	**20.0**
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 | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Gender*

	Women		Men	

Women

18.3% (2014) 39.8% (2018)

Men

13.7% (2014) 30.3% (2018)
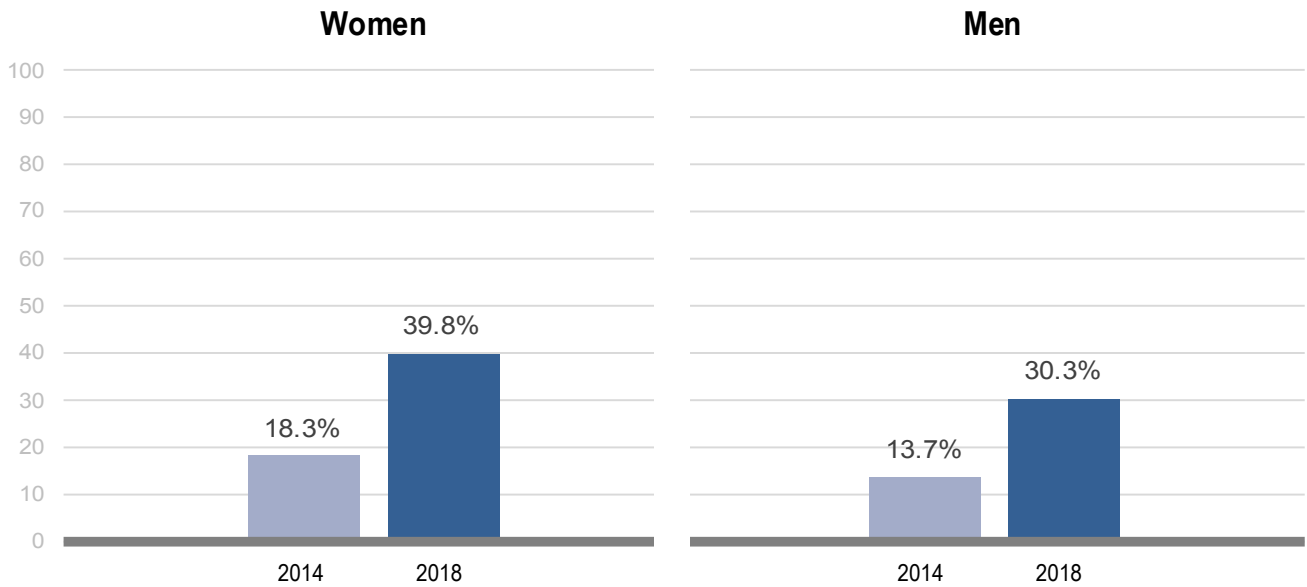
	2014			**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	2,258	412	**18.3%**	2,411	960	**39.8%**	⬆	21.6
Men	1,283	176	**13.7%**	1,235	374	**30.3%**	⬆	16.6
Unknown	0			11				

* 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*
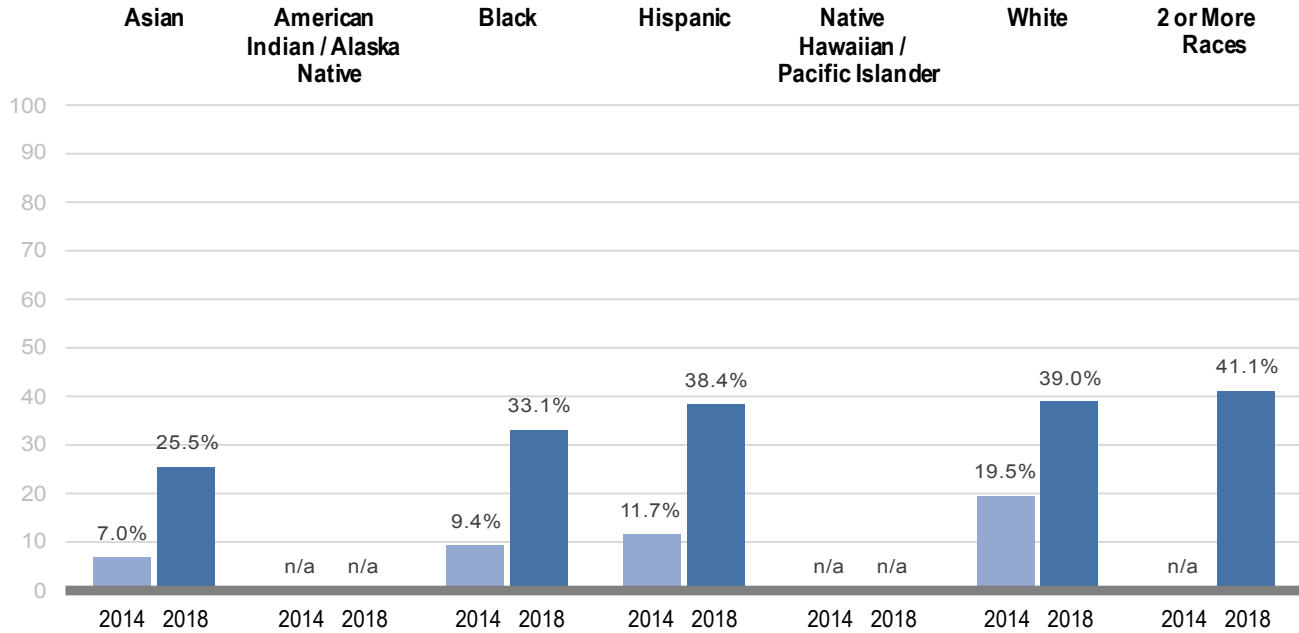
	2014				2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Asian	286	20	**7.0%**		212	54	**25.5%**	⬆	**18.5**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	19	0	**n/a**		21	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
Black	383	36	**9.4%**		353	117	**33.1%**	⬆	**23.7**
Hispanic	179	21	**11.7%**		185	71	**38.4%**	⬆	**26.7**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	*	*	**n/a**		12	0	**n/a**		**n/a**
White	2,304	450	**19.5%**		2,202	858	**39.0%**	⬆	**19.4**
2 or More Races	92	*	**n/a**		56	23	**41.1%**		**n/a**
Unknown	271				616				

* 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. For this page, we consider international students of unknown race/ethnicity.

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			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	266	15	5.6%	350	98	28.0% ⬆	22.4
Business, Management, and Marketing	336	52	15.5%	291	80	27.5% ⬆	12.0
Communication and Journalism	42	*	n/a	39	*	n/a	n/a
Education	442	151	34.2%	285	165	57.9% ⬆	23.7
English Language and Literature	24	*	n/a	14	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	1,488	253	17.0%	1,663	642	38.6% ⬆	21.6
History	23	*	n/a	31	11	35.5%	n/a
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	96	10	10.4%	69	15	21.7% ⬆	11.3
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	75	*	n/a	123	36	29.3%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	14	*	n/a	14	*	n/a	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	16	*	n/a	24	*	n/a	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	63	*	n/a	89	14	15.7%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	42	*	n/a	23	*	n/a	n/a
Psychology	123	12	9.8%	114	34	29.8% ⬆	20.1
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	0	0	n/a	28	17	60.7%	n/a
Social Sciences	14	0	n/a	20	*	n/a	n/a
Theology and Religious Vocations	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	435	44	10.1%	440	171	38.9% ⬆	28.8
Unknown	36	*	n/a	35	11	31.4%	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: **https://idhe.tufts.edu.**

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