

2014 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Boston College

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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

This report provides estimated registration and voting rates based on your institution's students who were age-eligible to vote at the time of the election, using the best available data. We use enrollment records submitted by your institution to the National Student Clearinghouse (FERPA-blocked records excluded) merged with publicly available voting files collected by Catalist. As with nearly all voting rate calculations, some ineligible voters are difficult to parse out, such as international or undocumented students. We do, however, adjust institutional voting rates by deducting an estimated number of students who are nonresident aliens based on your institution's report to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). For more information, including reports on maintaining the NSLVE database, how ineligible voters might affect turnout rates, and tips for improving the data in your campus report visit our FAQ page: <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?

In 2014 less than 20% of eligible college students in NSLVE voted. Use your campus NSLVE data to foster greater political learning and engagement on your campus.

☐ Review the data. This report provides a baseline measure of your students' engagement in democracy in 2014 and compares your institution's voting rate to similar institutions. Our website also contains an interactive tool on the 2014 data, which you can find here: <https://idhe.tufts.edu/2014-student-voter-turnout>.

☐ Focus on low propensity voters – only 13% of 18-24-year-olds voted in 2014.

☐ Put your data into practice. Use our *Using Your NSLVE Reports* guide for ideas, including sharing the report widely and talking about the NSLVE data with your campus. (Find the guide and other NSLVE resources at <https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve>).

☐ Partner with IDHE. We are available to work with you to evaluate and improve your campus climate for student political learning, discourse, and participation. Contact us for in-person trainings and campus climate assessment at IDHE@tufts.edu.

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

Follow us on Twitter [@TuftsIDHE](https://twitter.com/TuftsIDHE) or email us at NSLVE@tufts.edu.

Warm regards,
IDHE Team



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

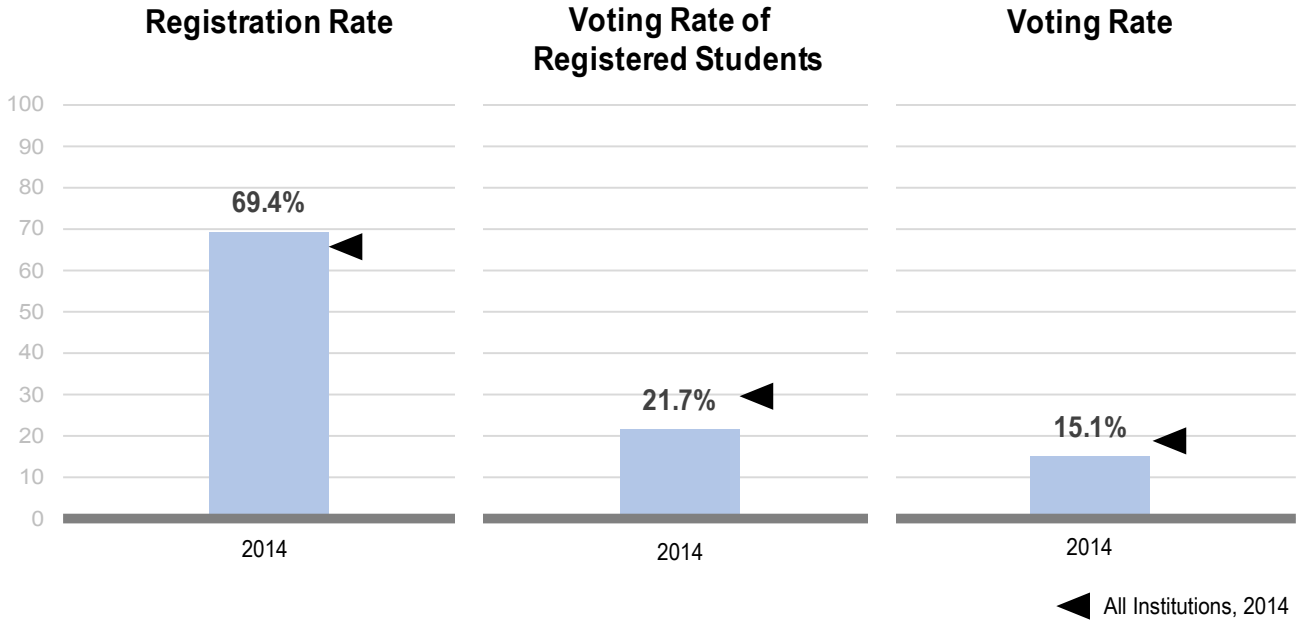
Voting and Registration Rates

2014 Voting Rate

15.1%

2014 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

19.1%



	2014
Total student enrollment	14,004
Age under 18/Unknown	(83)
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,370)
FERPA records blocked	0
Total eligible voters	12,551
Number of students who registered	8,705
Number of students who voted	1,889
Registration rate	69.4%
Voting rate of registered students	21.7%
Voting rate	15.1%
Difference from all institutions	-4.1

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

**2014 Voting Rate
for All Institutions**

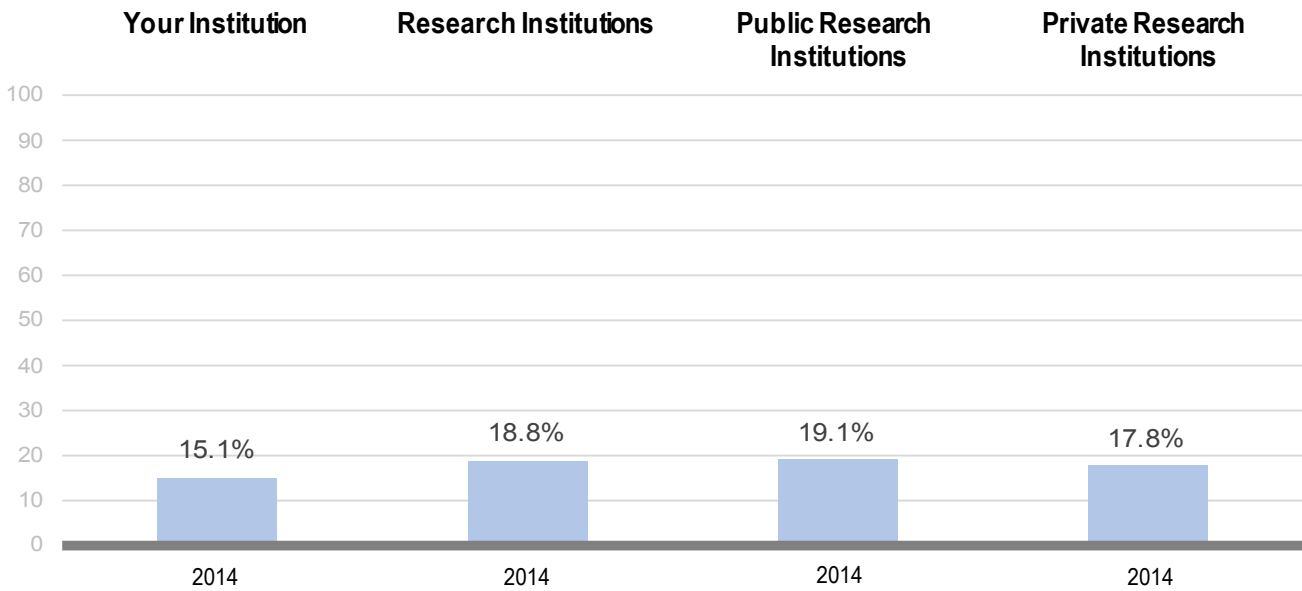
19.1%

HIGH
54.0%

LOW
5.2%

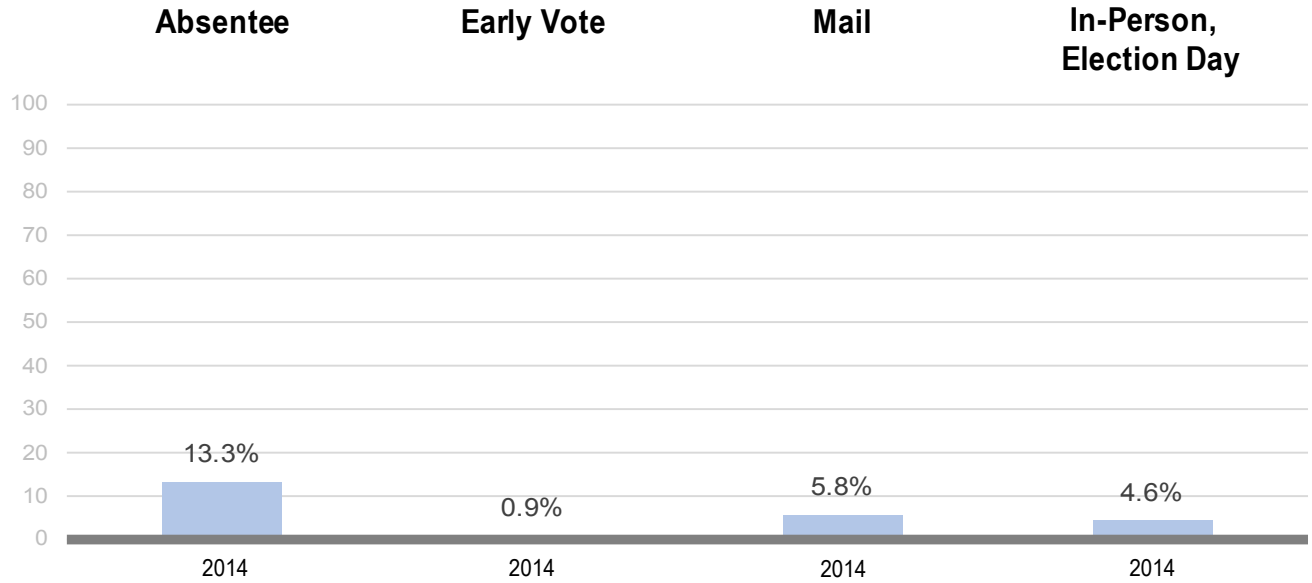
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By Voting Method*

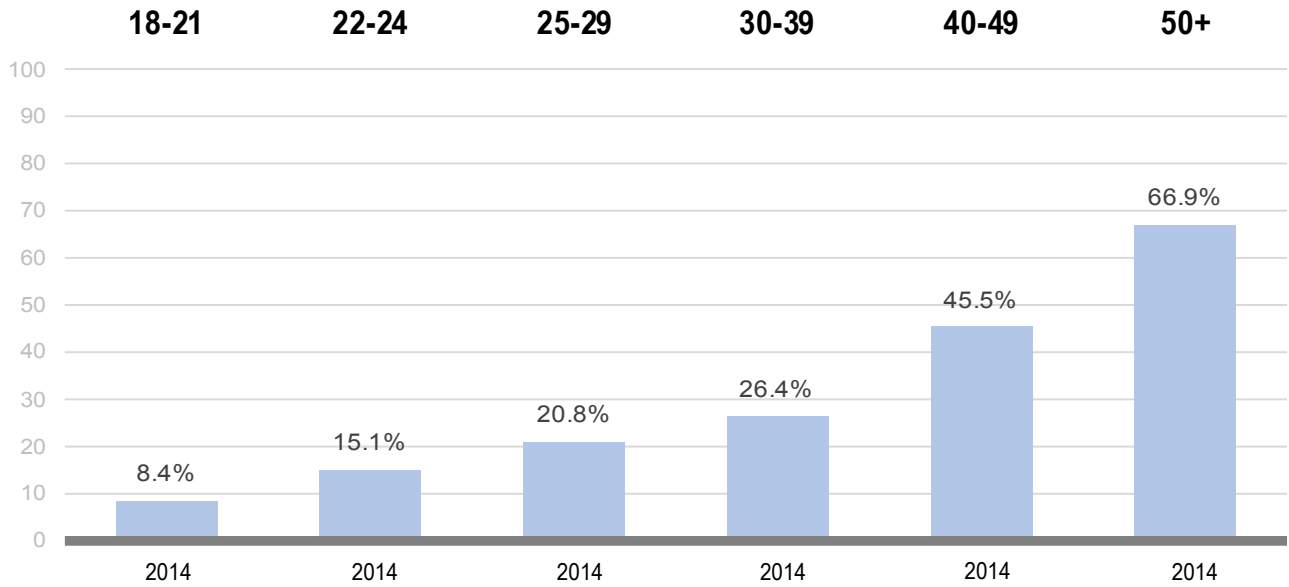


	2014	
	Voted	Rate
Absentee	251	13.3%
Early Vote	17	0.9%
Mail	109	5.8%
In-Person, Election Day	86	4.6%
Unknown	1,426	75.5%
Total	1,889	

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*

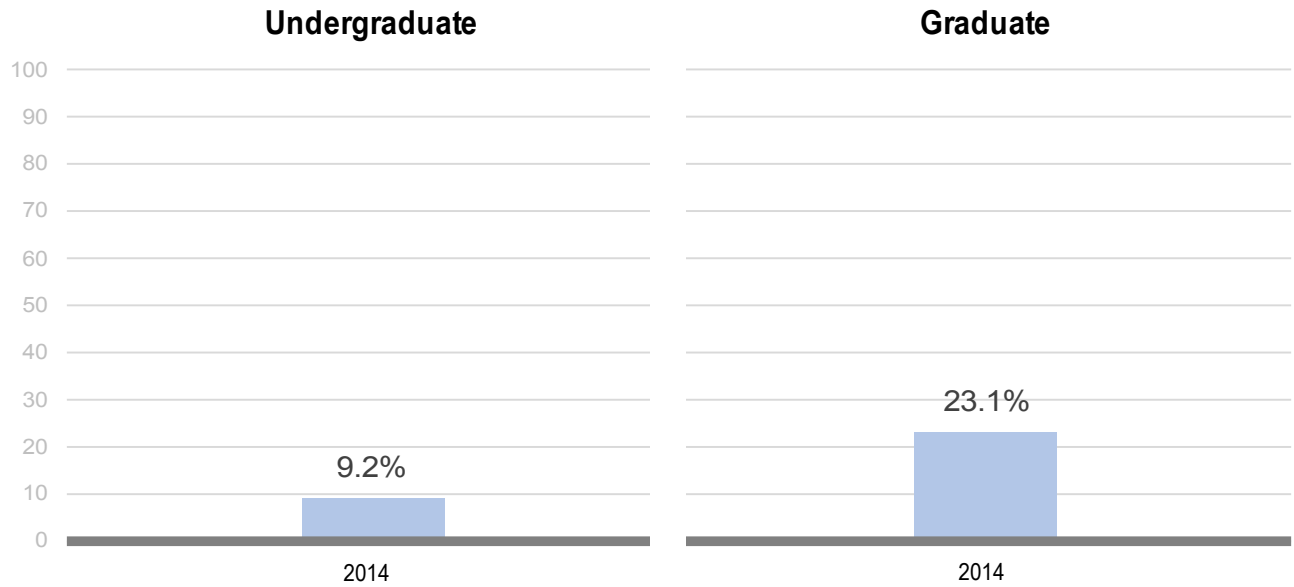


	2014		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate
18-21	8,695	734	8.4%
22-24	2,039	307	15.1%
25-29	1,836	382	20.8%
30-39	952	251	26.4%
40-49	242	110	45.5%
50+	157	105	66.9%
Unknown	0		

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Education Level*

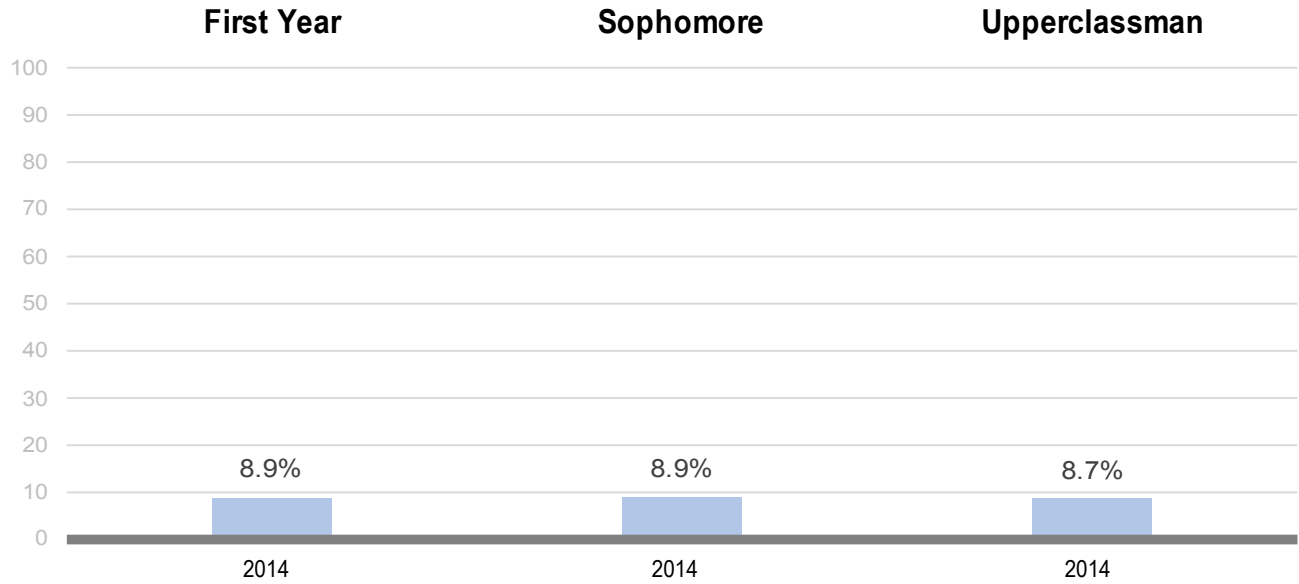


	2014		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate
Undergraduate	9,548	880	9.2%
Graduate	4,373	1,009	23.1%
Unknown	0		

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Undergraduate Class Year*

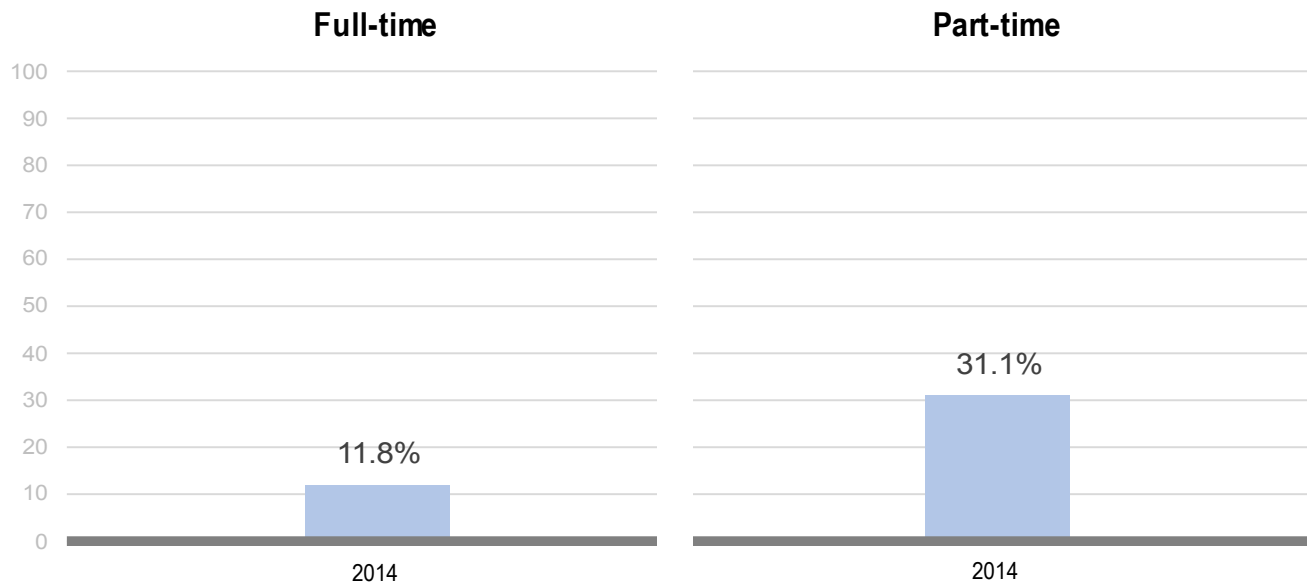


	2014		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate
First Year	2,333	208	8.9%
Sophomore	2,338	209	8.9%
Upperclassman	4,626	403	8.7%

* 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*

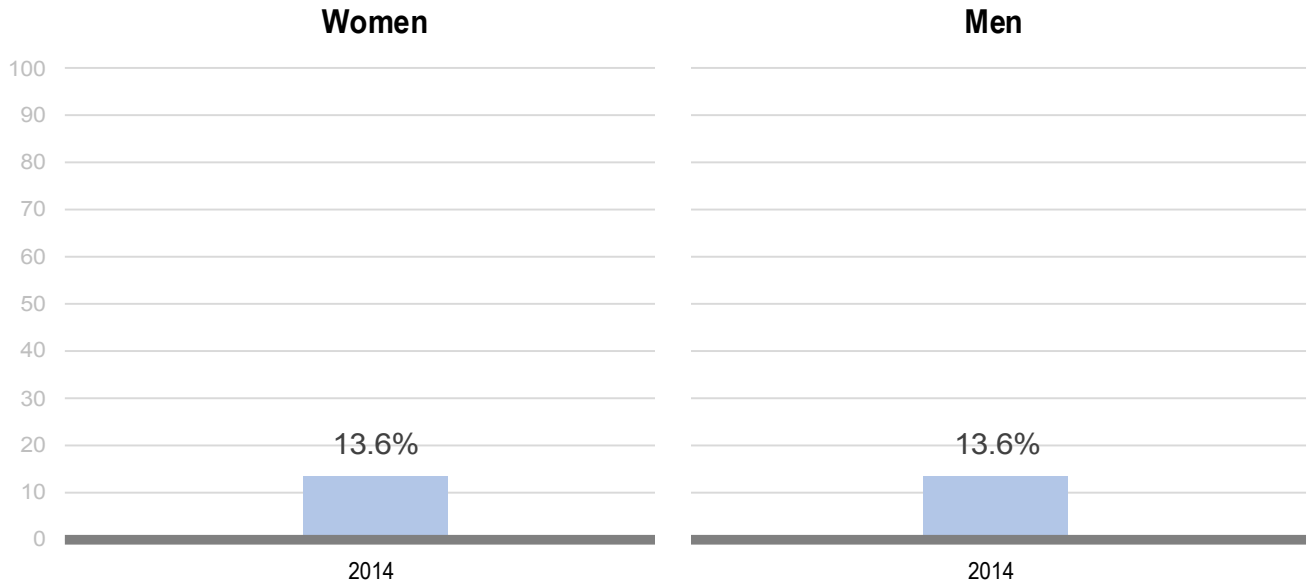


	2014		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate
Full-time	12,672	1,500	11.8%
Part-time	1,249	389	31.1%
Unknown	0	0	n/a

* 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*

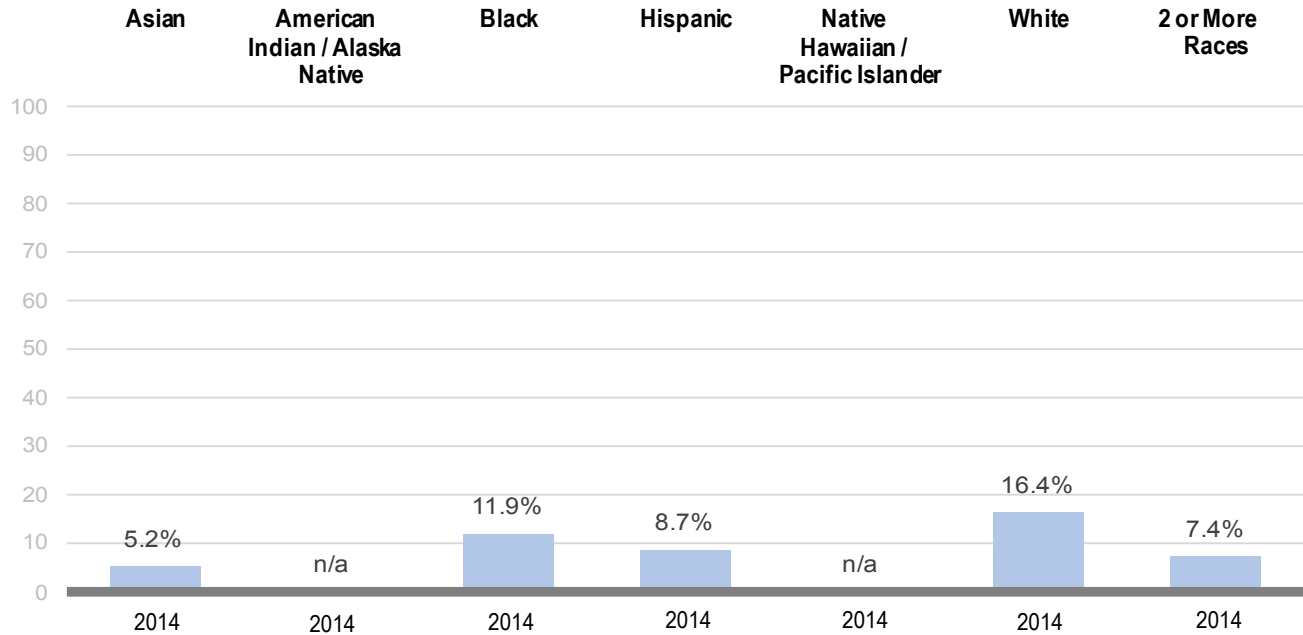


	2014		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate
Women	7,614	1,033	13.6%
Men	6,307	856	13.6%
Unknown	0		

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Race/Ethnicity*



	2014		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate
Asian	1,126	59	5.2%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	15	*	n/a
Black	565	67	11.9%
Hispanic	1,226	106	8.7%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a
White	8,321	1,366	16.4%
2 or More Races	365	27	7.4%
Unknown	1,229		

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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

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		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,080	70	6.5%
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,653	321	12.1%
Communication and Journalism	661	51	7.7%
Computer and Information Sciences	198	11	5.6%
Education	870	208	23.9%
English Language and Literature	457	48	10.5%
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	108	21	19.4%
Health Professions	728	120	16.5%
History	303	48	15.8%
Legal Professions and Studies	710	186	26.2%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	937	109	11.6%
Mathematics and Statistics	239	17	7.1%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	212	32	15.1%
Natural Resources and Conservation	91	*	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	201	23	11.4%
Physical Sciences	394	28	7.1%
Psychology	938	68	7.3%
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	587	166	28.3%
Social Sciences	1,932	236	12.2%
Theology and Religious Vocations	468	104	22.2%
Visual and Performing Arts	129	*	n/a
Unknown	25	*	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>.

References:

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