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NATIONAL STUDY OF LEARNING, VOTING, AND ENGAGEMENT

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Otterbein 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 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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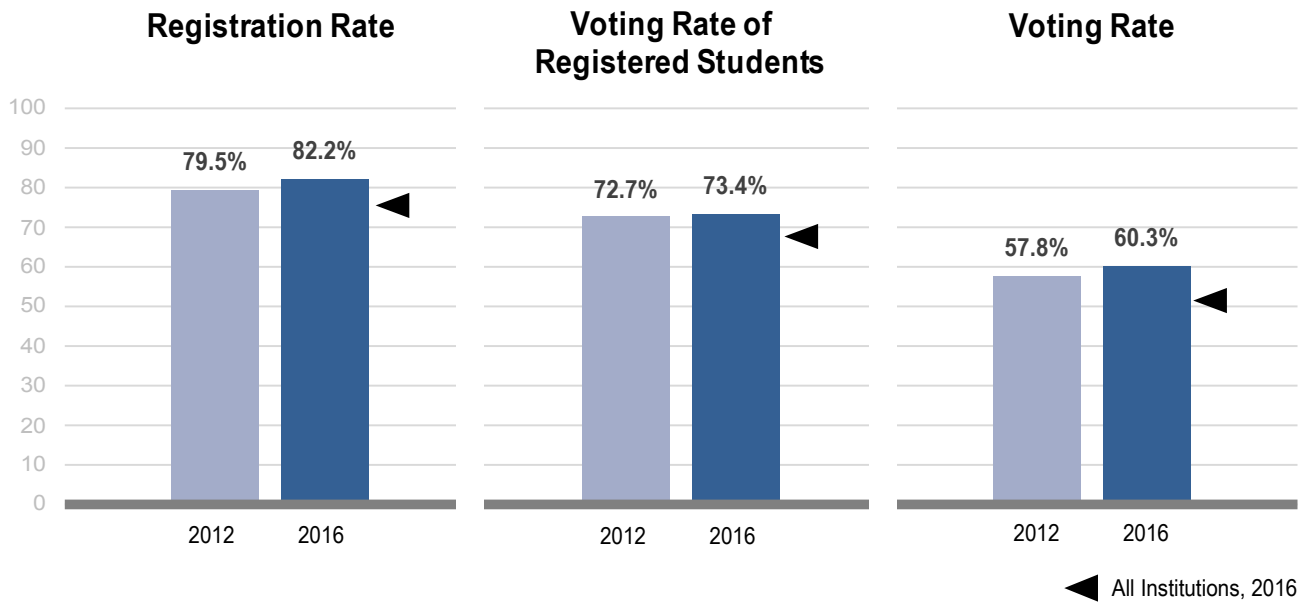
Warm regards,
IDHE Team

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate

60.3%

CHANGE
FROM 2012
2.5

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	2,846	2,966	⬆	120
Age under 18/Unknown	(30)	(87)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(58)	(54)		
FERPA records blocked	*	*		
Total eligible voters	2,756	2,822	⬆	66
Number of students who registered	2,191	2,320	⬆	129
Number of students who voted	1,593	1,702	⬆	109
Registration rate	79.5%	82.2%	⬆	2.7
Voting rate of registered students	72.7%	73.4%	⬆	0.7
Voting rate	57.8%	60.3%	⬆	2.5
Difference from all institutions	+10.9	+9.9		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification
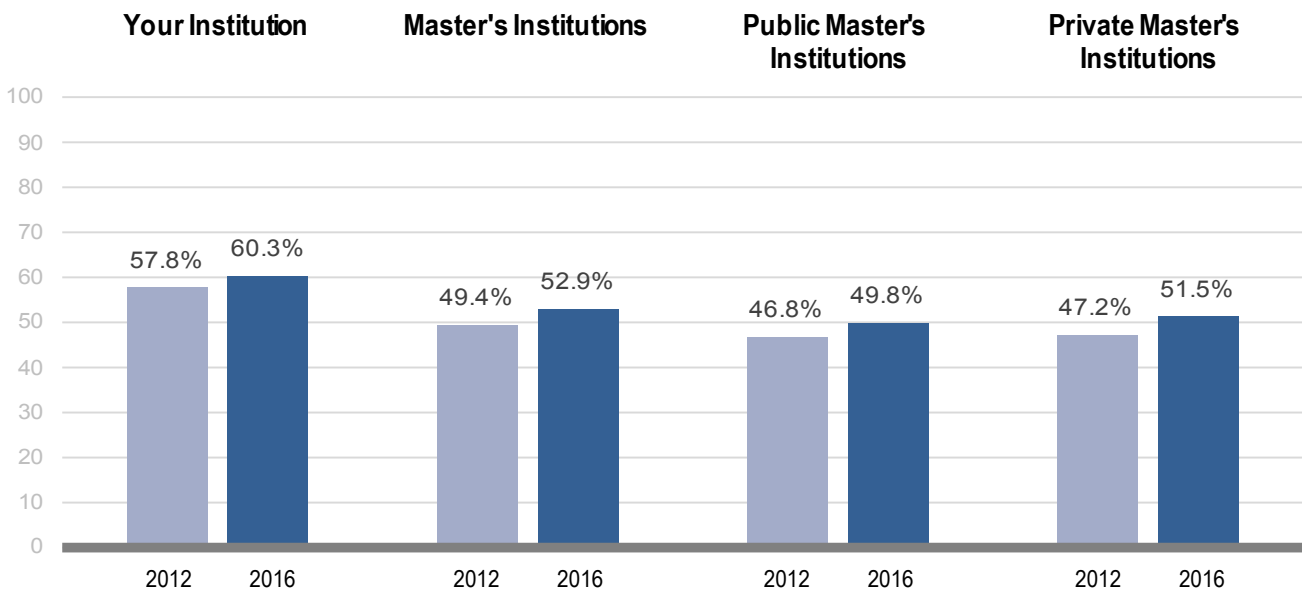
2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions

46.9%

HIGH 72.9%

LOW 19.3%

Difference from All Institutions **+10.9**

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions

50.4%

HIGH 81.4%

LOW 13.1%

Difference from All Institutions **+9.9**

Your Institution	Master's Institutions	Public Master's Institutions	Private Master's Institutions
2012: 57.8% / 2016: 60.3%	2012: 49.4% / 2016: 52.9%	2012: 46.8% / 2016: 49.8%	2012: 47.2% / 2016: 51.5%

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*
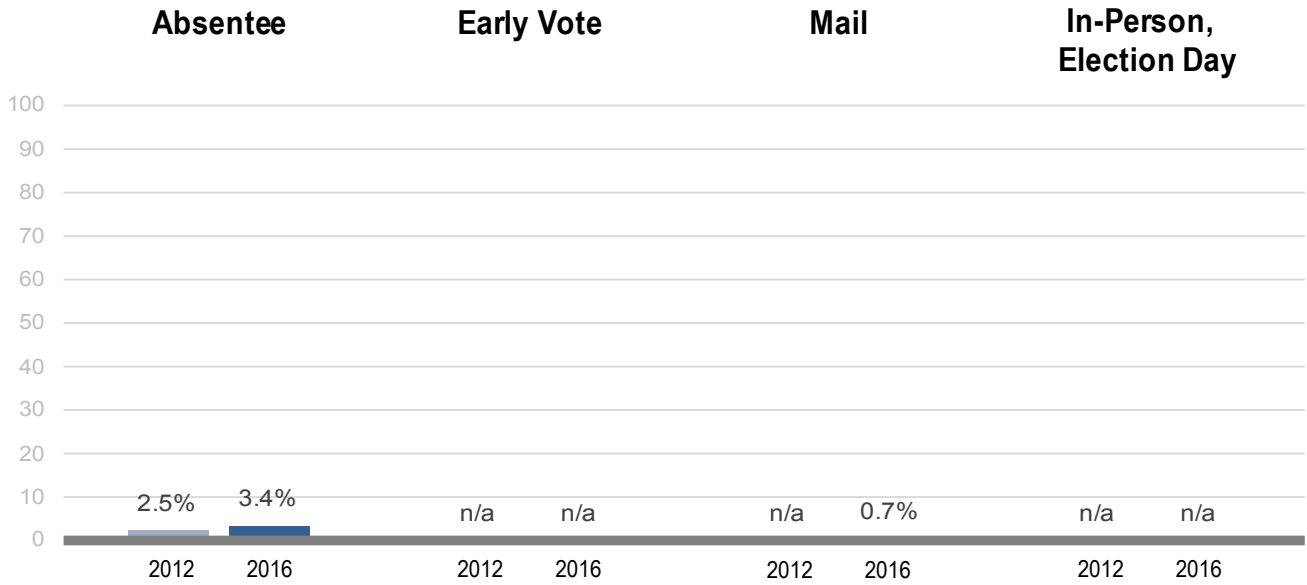
	2012		2016		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change
Absentee	39	**2.5%**	58	**3.4%**	⬆ 1.0
Early Vote	0	**n/a**	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
Mail	*	**n/a**	11	**0.7%**	**n/a**
In-Person, Election Day	*	**n/a**	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
Unknown	1,548	**97.2%**	1,630	**95.8%**	
Total	**1,593**		**1,702**		

* 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 offcials where your students voted.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Age Group*
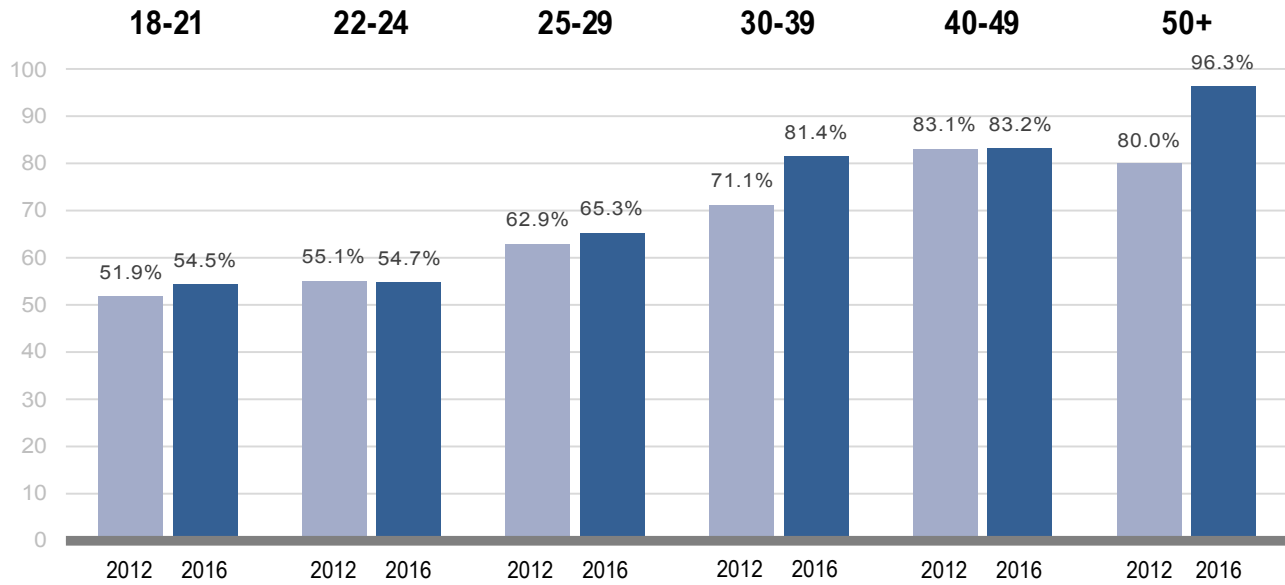
	2012			2016				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	1,858	964	**51.9%**	1,954	1,064	**54.5%**	⬆	**2.6**
22-24	352	194	**55.1%**	329	180	**54.7%**	⬇	**-0.4**
25-29	197	124	**62.9%**	216	141	**65.3%**	⬆	**2.3**
30-39	211	150	**71.1%**	210	171	**81.4%**	⬆	**10.3**
40-49	136	113	**83.1%**	113	94	**83.2%**	⬆	**0.1**
50+	60	48	**80.0%**	54	52	**96.3%**	⬆	**16.3**
Unknown	*			19				

* 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.

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By Education Level*

Undergraduate
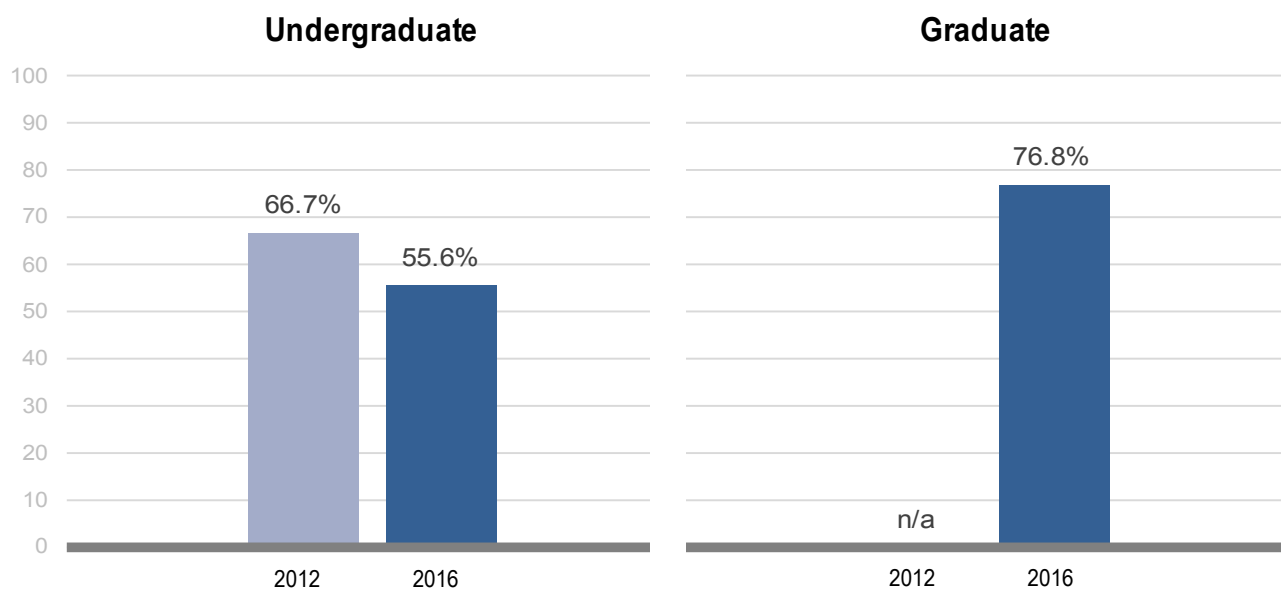
Graduate

	2012			2016				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Undergraduate	39	26	**66.7%**	2,388	1,327	**55.6%**	⬇	-11.1
Graduate	10	*	**n/a**	488	375	**76.8%**		**n/a**
Unknown	2,765			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.

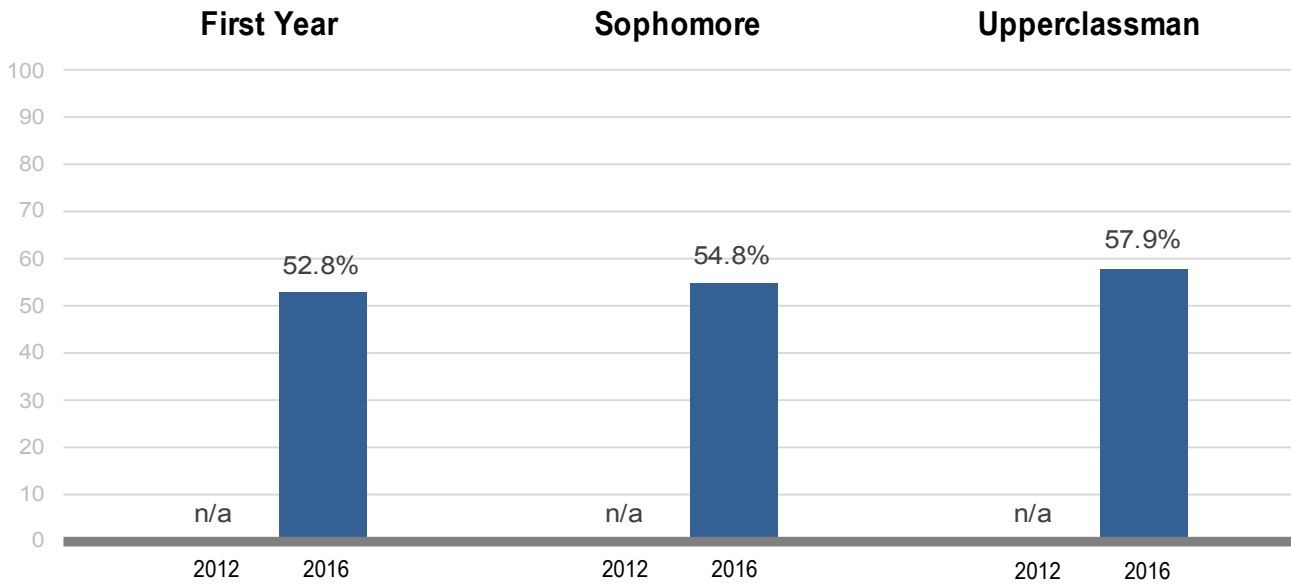**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS**

By Undergraduate Class Year*

	2012				2016			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
First Year	0	0	**n/a**		822	434	**52.8%**	**n/a**
Sophomore	0	0	**n/a**		588	322	**54.8%**	**n/a**
Upperclassman	0	0	**n/a**		961	556	**57.9%**	**n/a**

* 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*
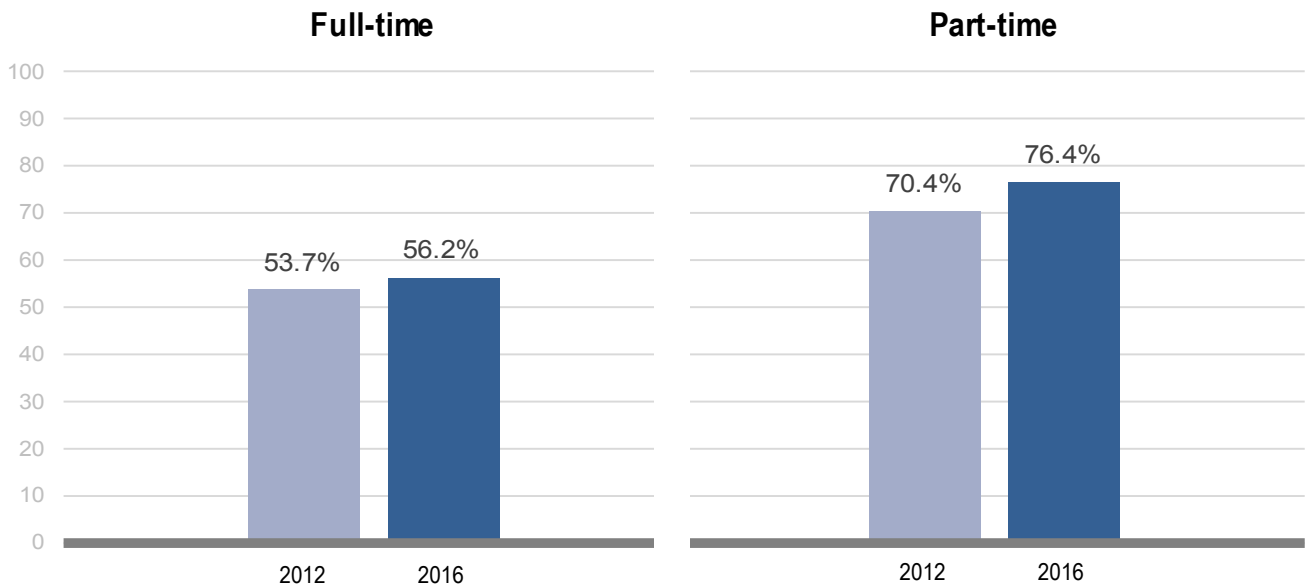
Full-time

Part-time

	2012				**2016**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	2,324	1,248	**53.7%**		2,452	1,378	**56.2%**	⬆	2.5
Part-time	490	345	**70.4%**		424	324	**76.4%**	⬆	6.0
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.

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By Gender*

Women

Men
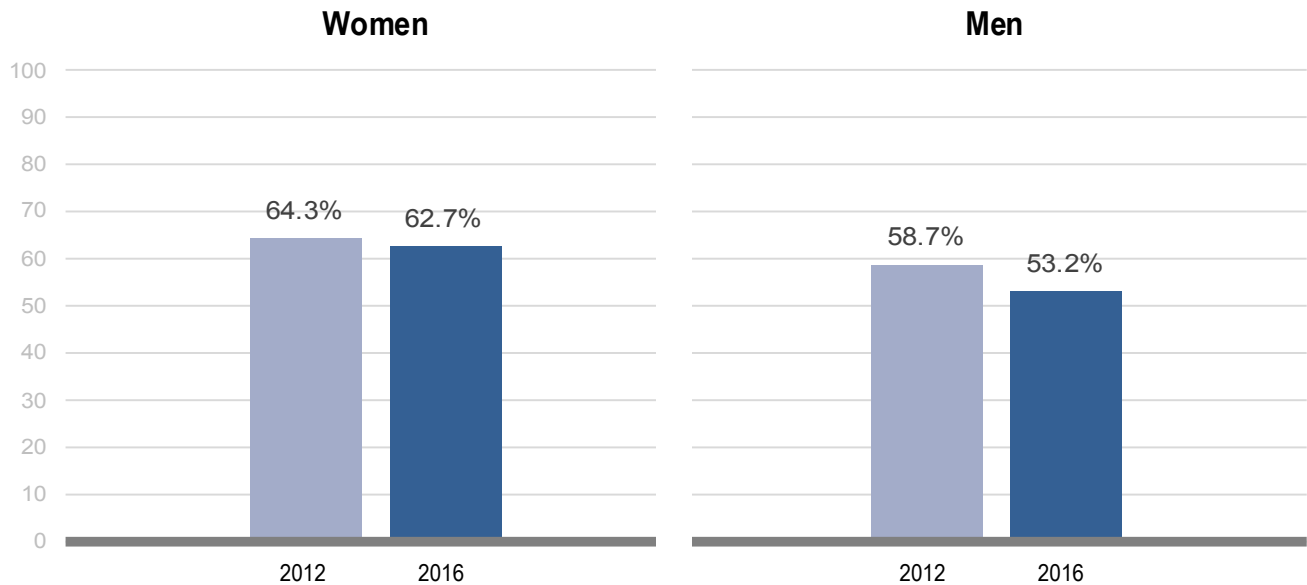
	2012			**2016**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	1,616	1,039	**64.3%**	1,817	1,139	**62.7%**	⬇	-1.6
Men	878	515	**58.7%**	1,059	563	**53.2%**	⬇	-5.5
Unknown	320	39	**12.2%**	0	0	**n/a**		

* 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.

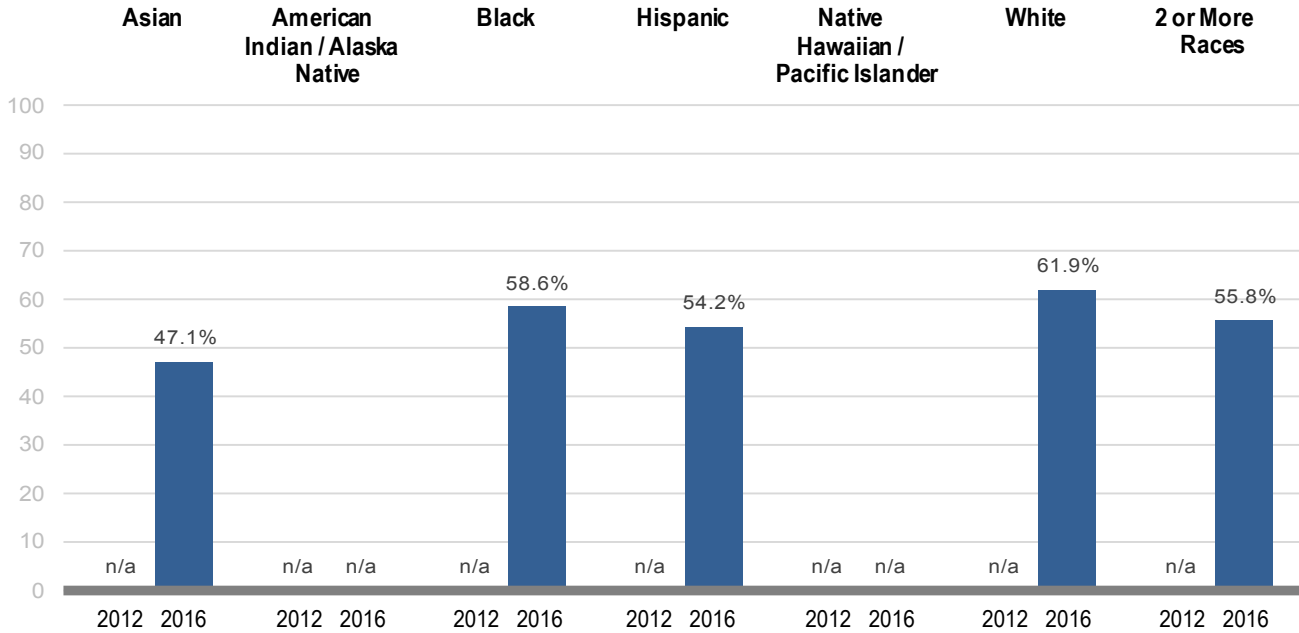## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Race/Ethnicity*

	2012			**2016**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Asian	0	0	**n/a**	70	33	**47.1%**	**n/a**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	**n/a**	*	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
Black	0	0	**n/a**	152	89	**58.6%**	**n/a**
Hispanic	0	0	**n/a**	83	45	**54.2%**	**n/a**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
White	0	0	**n/a**	2,220	1,375	**61.9%**	**n/a**
2 or More Races	0	0	**n/a**	113	63	**55.8%**	**n/a**
Unknown	2,814			232			

* 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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	26	10	38.5%	22	11	50.0% ⬆	11.5
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	105	61	58.1%	125	72	57.6% ⬇	-0.5
Business, Management, and Marketing	322	183	56.8%	371	203	54.7% ⬇	-2.1
Communication and Journalism	160	85	53.1%	134	76	56.7% ⬆	3.6
Computer and Information Sciences	26	15	57.7%	43	16	37.2% ⬇	-20.5
Education	332	200	60.2%	293	201	68.6% ⬆	8.4
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	0	0	n/a	53	31	58.5%	n/a
English Language and Literature	80	44	55.0%	69	46	66.7% ⬆	11.7
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	731	423	57.9%	760	464	61.1% ⬆	3.2
History	49	30	61.2%	33	21	63.6% ⬆	2.4
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	86	47	54.7%	178	113	63.5% ⬆	8.8
Mathematics and Statistics	25	18	72.0%	26	17	65.4% ⬇	-6.6
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	43	21	48.8%	137	76	55.5% ⬆	6.6
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	127	62	48.8%	134	65	48.5% ⬇	-0.3
Philosophy and Religious Studies	14	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	36	21	58.3%	37	21	56.8% ⬇	-1.6
Psychology	130	61	46.9%	115	55	47.8% ⬆	0.9
Social Sciences	90	47	52.2%	89	58	65.2% ⬆	13.0
Visual and Performing Arts	259	127	49.0%	214	124	57.9% ⬆	8.9
Unknown	155	119	76.8%	25	23	92.0% ⬆	15.2

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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