

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Saint Louis 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 Catalyst.

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,
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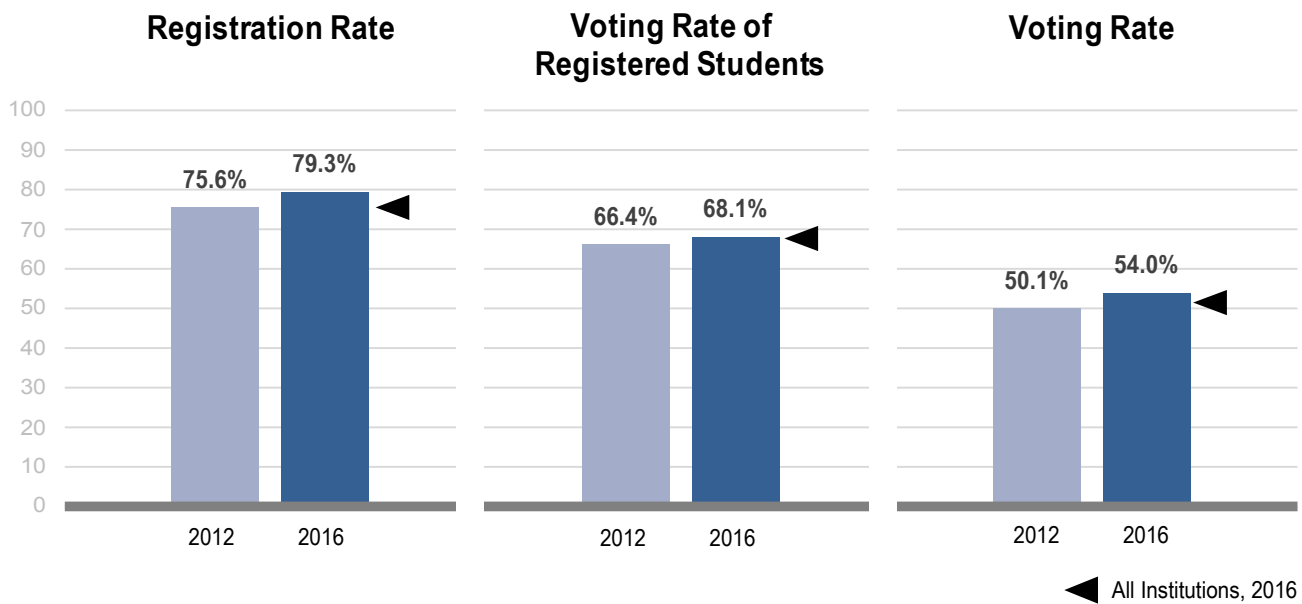
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
54.0%

CHANGE FROM 2012
3.9

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	12,833	12,156	↓ -677
Age under 18/Unknown	(39)	(30)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(738)	(631)	
FERPA records blocked	(40)	(15)	
Total eligible voters	12,016	11,480	↓ -536
Number of students who registered	9,078	9,104	↑ 26
Number of students who voted	6,024	6,199	↑ 175
Registration rate	75.6%	79.3%	↑ 3.8
Voting rate of registered students	66.4%	68.1%	↑ 1.7
Voting rate	50.1%	54.0%	↑ 3.9
Difference from all institutions	+3.2	+3.6	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

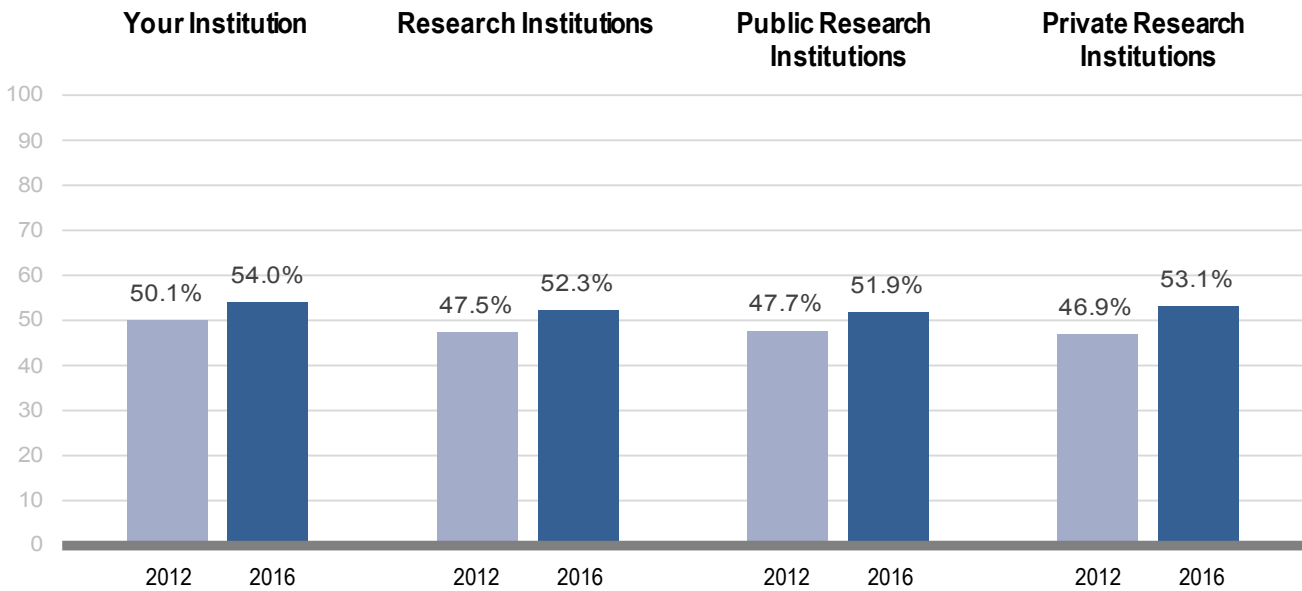
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

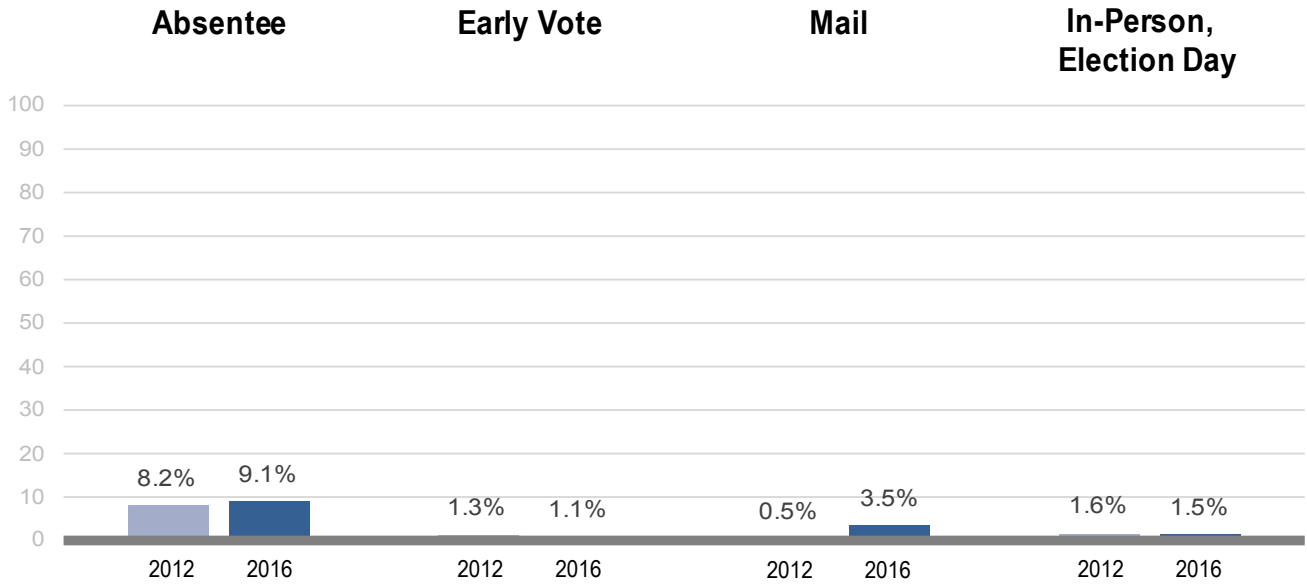
Difference from All Institutions **+3.2**

Difference from All Institutions **+3.6**



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By Voting Method*

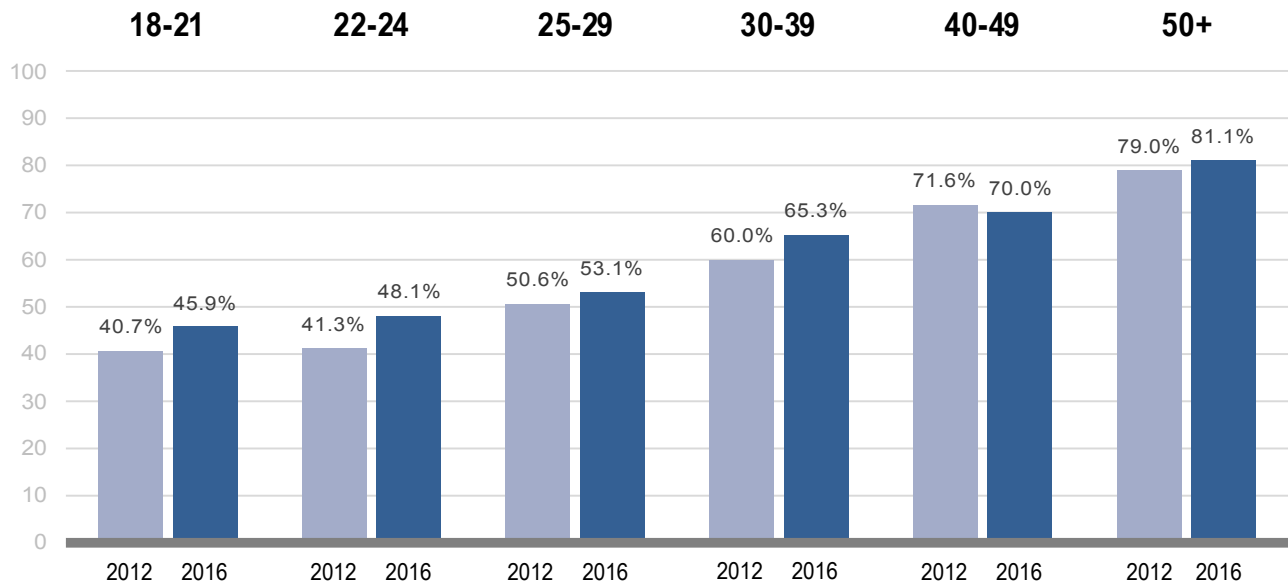


	2012		2016		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	496	8.2%	565	9.1%	↑	0.9
Early Vote	76	1.3%	68	1.1%	↓	-0.2
Mail	29	0.5%	216	3.5%	↑	3.0
In-Person, Election Day	96	1.6%	90	1.5%	↓	-0.1
Unknown	5,327	88.4%	5,260	84.9%		
Total	6,024		6,199			

* 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.

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By Age Group*

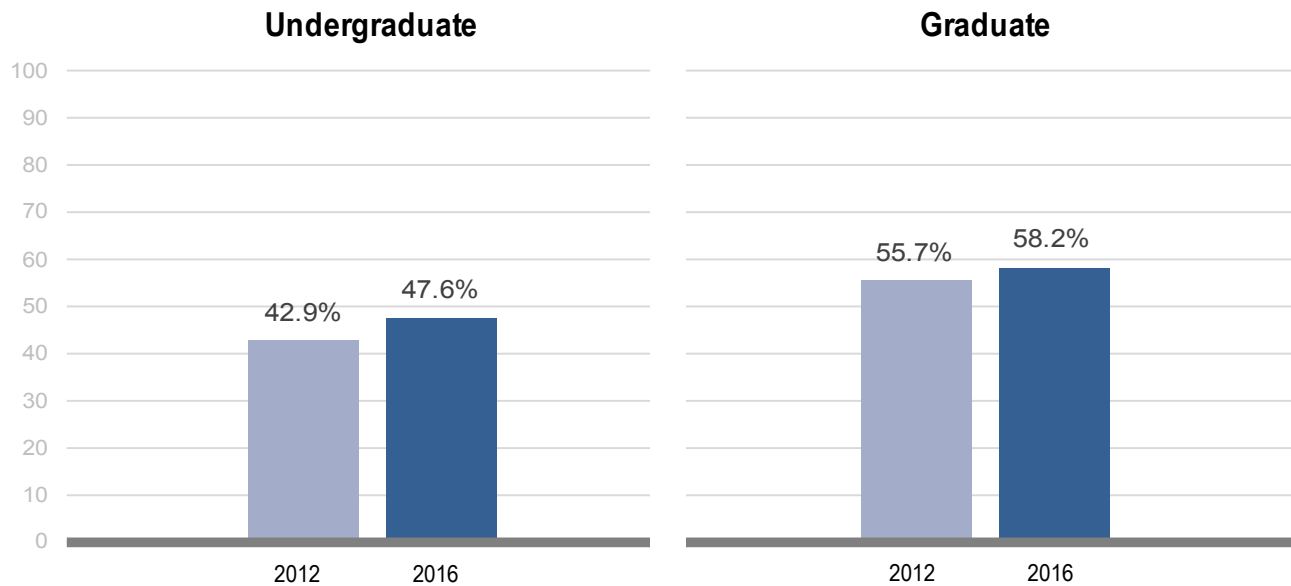


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	6,127	2,494	40.7%	6,037	2,769	45.9%	↑ 5.2
22-24	2,348	969	41.3%	2,498	1,201	48.1%	↑ 6.8
25-29	1,738	879	50.6%	1,461	776	53.1%	↑ 2.5
30-39	1,427	856	60.0%	1,252	817	65.3%	↑ 5.3
40-49	729	522	71.6%	577	404	70.0%	↓ -1.6
50+	385	304	79.0%	286	232	81.1%	↑ 2.2
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.

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By Education Level*

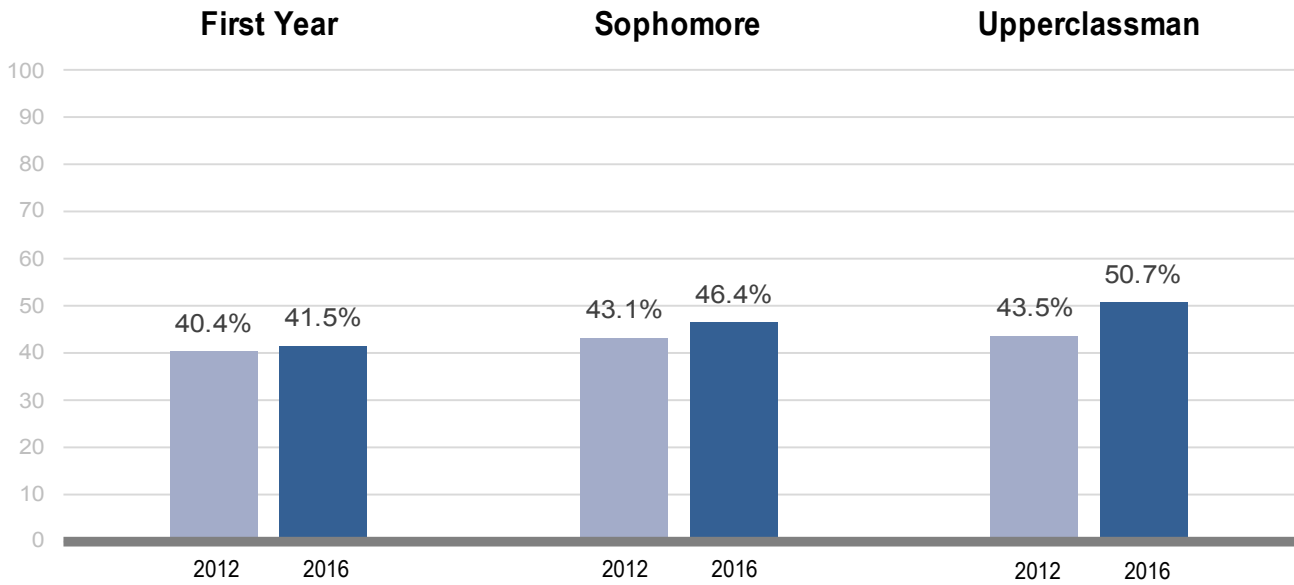


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	8,573	3,675	42.9%	8,173	3,891	47.6%	↑ 4.7
Graduate	3,698	2,059	55.7%	3,673	2,139	58.2%	↑ 2.6
Unknown	483			265			

* 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.

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By Undergraduate Class Year*

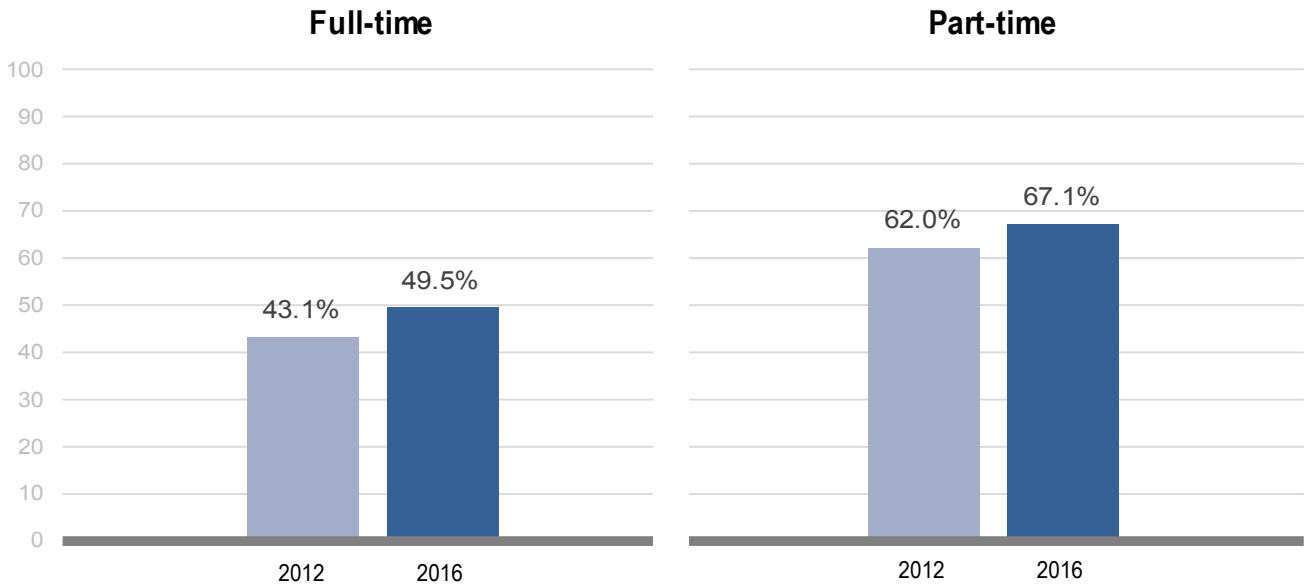


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	2,354	950	40.4%	2,275	944	41.5%	↑ 1.1
Sophomore	2,016	869	43.1%	1,777	825	46.4%	↑ 3.3
Upperclassman	3,911	1,703	43.5%	3,859	1,958	50.7%	↑ 7.2

* 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*

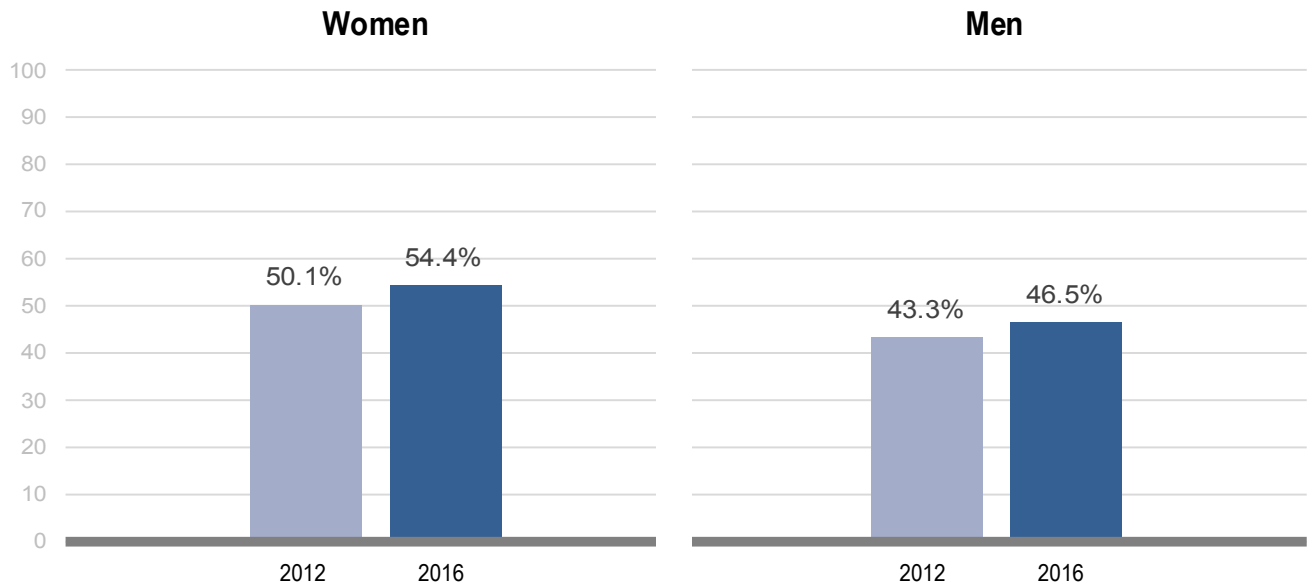


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	9,963	4,294	43.1%	10,926	5,404	49.5%	↑ 6.4
Part-time	2,791	1,730	62.0%	1,185	795	67.1%	↑ 5.1
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

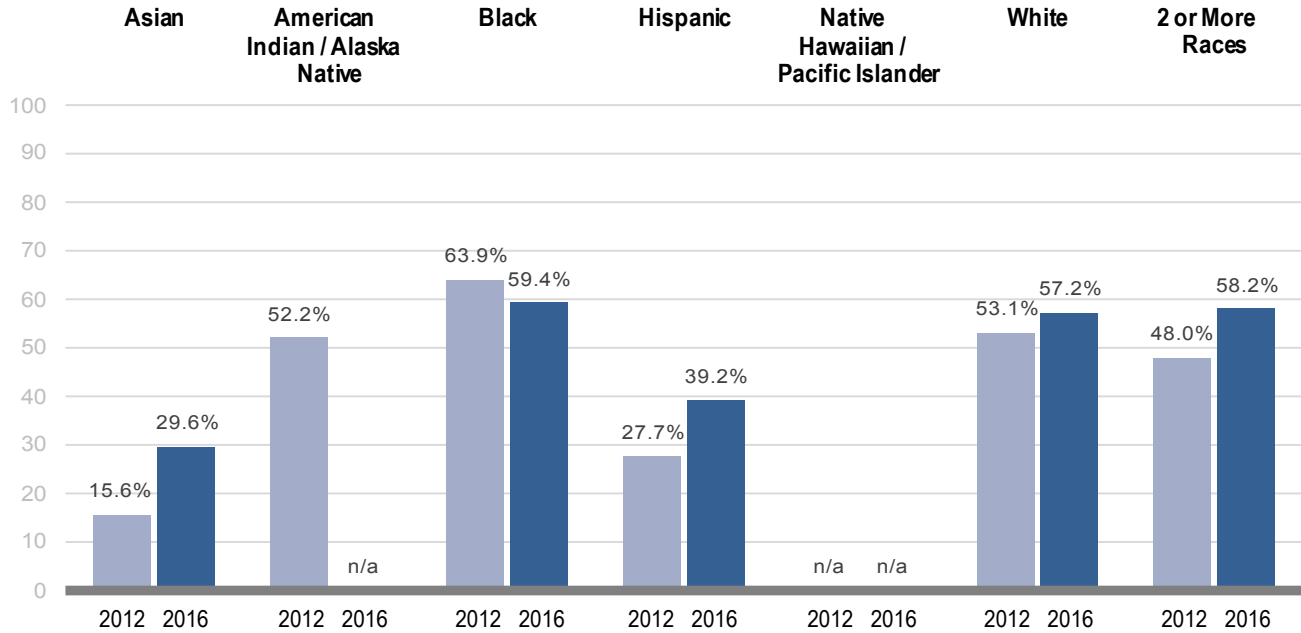


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	7,588	3,802	50.1%	7,233	3,932	54.4%	↑ 4.3
Men	5,129	2,222	43.3%	4,878	2,267	46.5%	↑ 3.2
Unknown	37	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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.

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By Race/Ethnicity*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	1,284	200	15.6%	1,256	372	29.6%	↑ 14.0
American Indian/ Alaska Native	23	12	52.2%	10	*	n/a	n/a
Black	931	595	63.9%	803	477	59.4%	↓ -4.5
Hispanic	506	140	27.7%	702	275	39.2%	↑ 11.5
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
White	8,852	4,697	53.1%	8,246	4,714	57.2%	↑ 4.1
2 or More Races	473	227	48.0%	464	270	58.2%	↑ 10.2
Unknown	441			189			

* 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	
Architecture	19	11	57.9%	11	*	n/a	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	38	25	65.8%	48	38	79.2% ↑	13.4
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	44	0	n/a	49	0	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	844	348	41.2%	856	405	47.3% ↑	6.1
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,126	904	42.5%	1,831	879	48.0% ↑	5.5
Communication and Journalism	297	141	47.5%	240	121	50.4% ↑	3.0
Computer and Information Sciences	201	114	56.7%	248	146	58.9% ↑	2.2
Education	729	465	63.8%	538	354	65.8% ↑	2.0
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	602	248	41.2%	742	323	43.5% ↑	2.3
English Language and Literature	198	96	48.5%	133	88	66.2% ↑	17.7
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	192	91	47.4%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	104	34	32.7%	63	29	46.0% ↑	13.3
Health Professions	2,879	1,402	48.7%	3,549	1,857	52.3% ↑	3.6
History	119	64	53.8%	74	46	62.2% ↑	8.4
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	136	70	51.5%	152	80	52.6% ↑	1.2
Legal Professions and Studies	832	500	60.1%	518	367	70.9% ↑	10.8
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	109	69	63.3%	920	318	34.6% ↓	-28.7
Mathematics and Statistics	70	31	44.3%	61	31	50.8% ↑	6.5
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	30	14	46.7%	31	18	58.1% ↑	11.4
Natural Resources and Conservation	35	17	48.6%	39	19	48.7% ↑	0.1
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	386	143	37.1%	429	193	45.0% ↑	7.9
Philosophy and Religious Studies	105	50	47.6%	83	48	57.8% ↑	10.2
Physical Sciences	211	97	46.0%	190	87	45.8% ↓	-0.2

Psychology	461	195	42.3%	368	185	50.3% ↑	8.0
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	409	247	60.4%	346	215	62.1% ↑	1.8
Social Sciences	329	164	49.9%	265	161	60.8% ↑	10.9
Theology and Religious Vocations	73	41	56.2%	58	37	63.8% ↑	7.6
Transportation and Materials Moving	112	49	43.8%	185	103	55.7% ↑	11.9
Visual and Performing Arts	87	30	34.5%	59	27	45.8% ↑	11.3
Unknown	977	364	37.3%	25	16	64.0% ↑	26.7

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: idhe.tufts.edu.

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