

**2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
University of Maine

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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](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

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Warm regards,  
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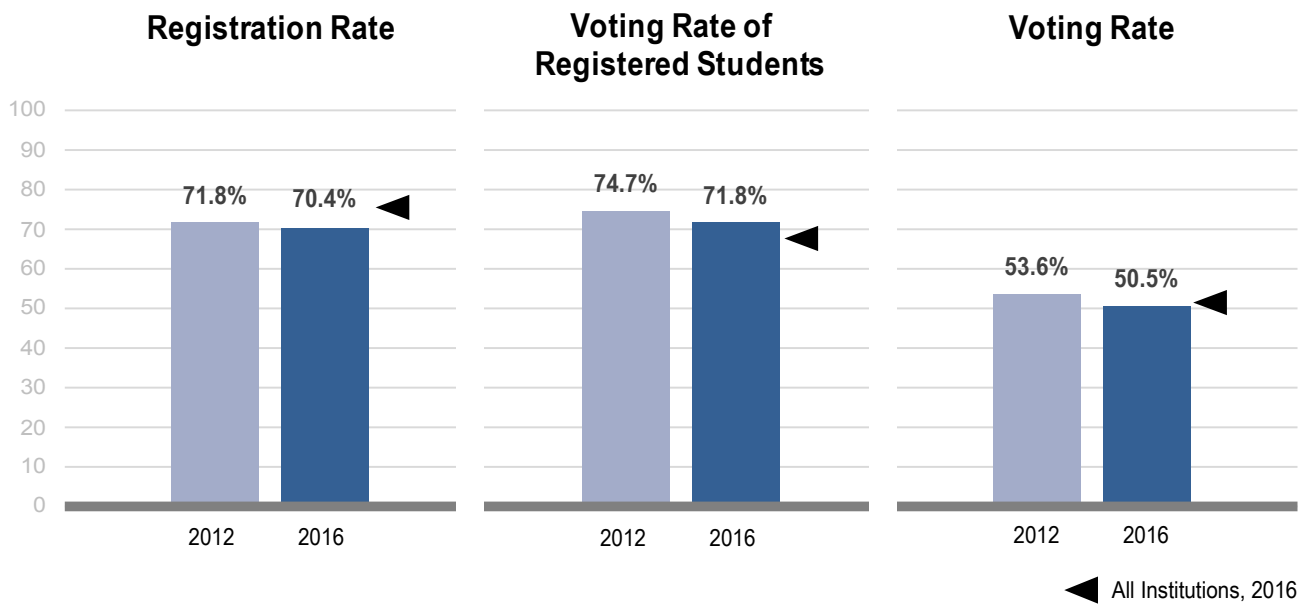
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2016 Voting Rate**  
**50.5%**

CHANGE FROM 2012  
**-3.1**

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**50.4%**



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	10,867	11,123	↑ 256
Age under 18/Unknown	(150)	(246)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(427)	(558)	
FERPA records blocked	(234)	(129)	
Total eligible voters	10,056	10,190	↑ 134
Number of students who registered	7,220	7,170	↓ -50
Number of students who voted	5,393	5,149	↓ -244
Registration rate	71.8%	70.4%	↓ -1.4
Voting rate of registered students	74.7%	71.8%	↓ -2.9
Voting rate	53.6%	50.5%	↓ -3.1
Difference from all institutions	+6.7	+0.1	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

**2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**46.9%**

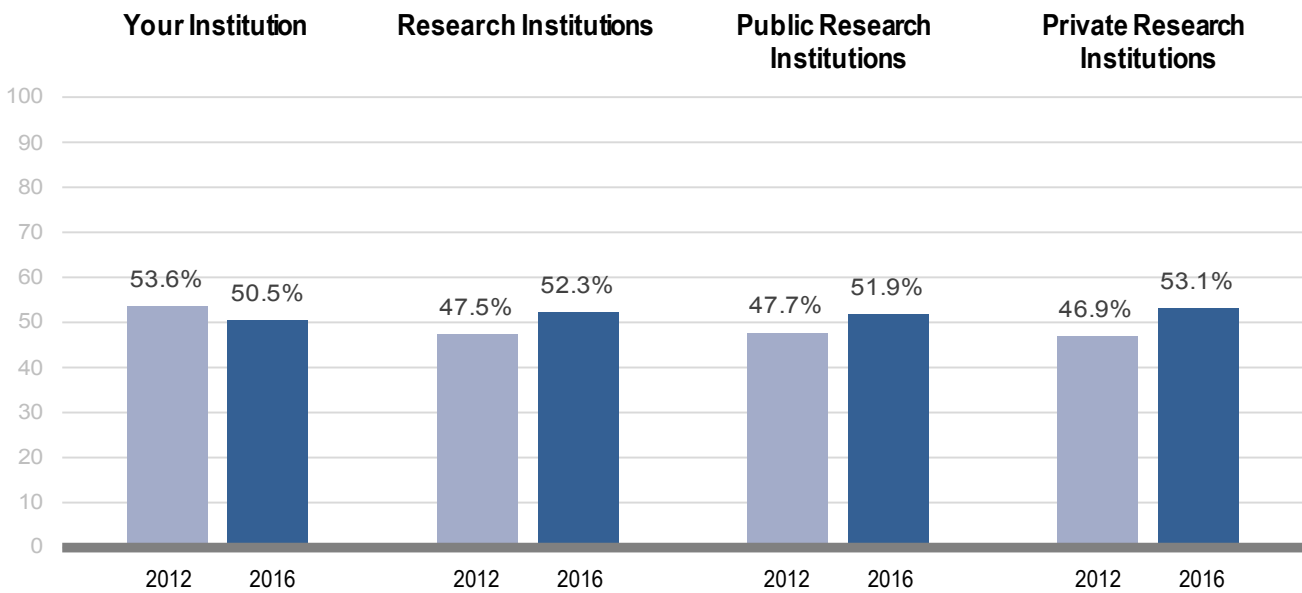
HIGH 72.9%  
 LOW 19.3%

**2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**50.4%**

HIGH 81.4%  
 LOW 13.1%

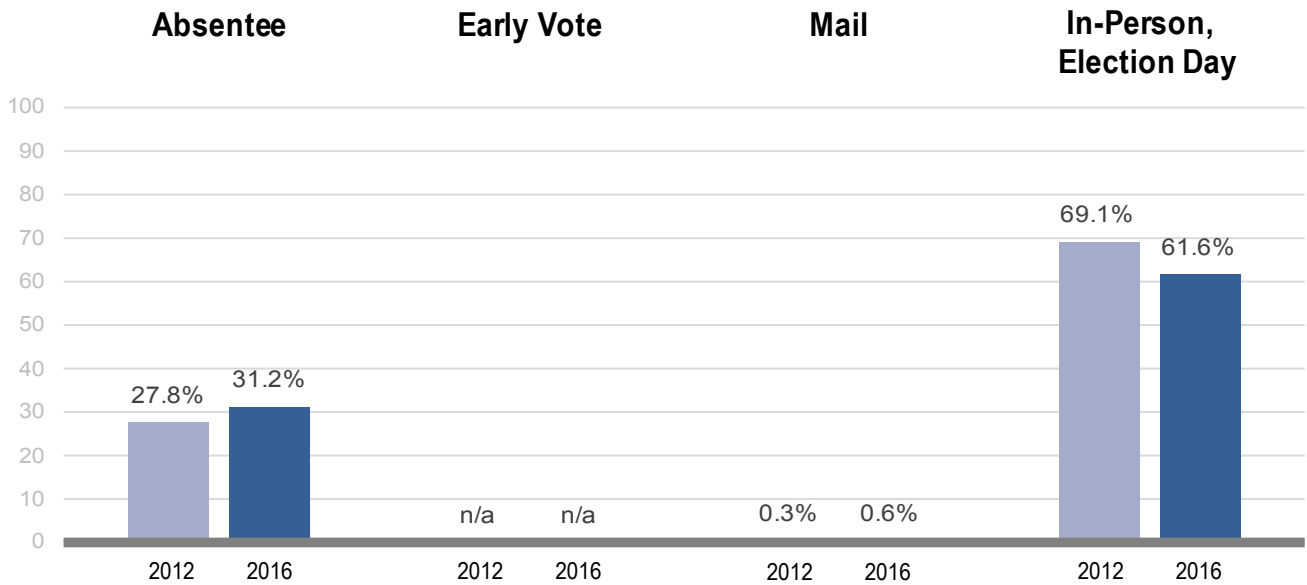
Difference from All Institutions **+6.7**

Difference from All Institutions **+0.1**



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# By Voting Method\*

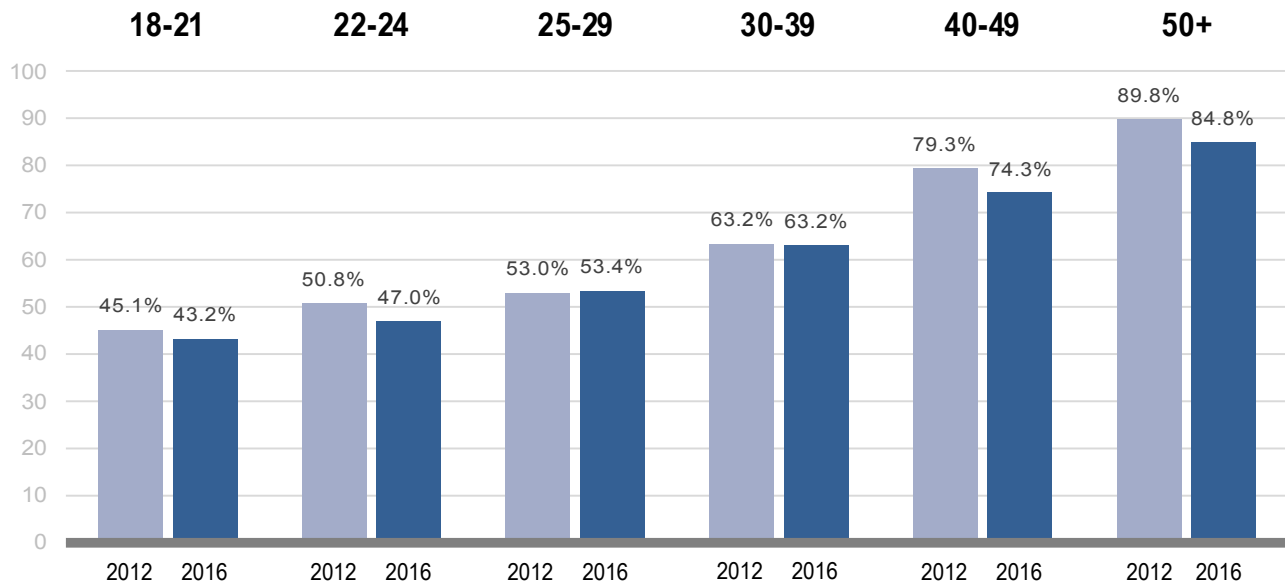


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	1,501	27.8%	1,608	31.2%	↑ 3.4
Early Vote	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
Mail	16	0.3%	32	0.6%	↑ 0.3
In-Person, Election Day	3,724	69.1%	3,174	61.6%	↓ -7.4
Unknown	150	2.8%	330	6.4%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,393</b>		<b>5,149</b>		

\* 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\*

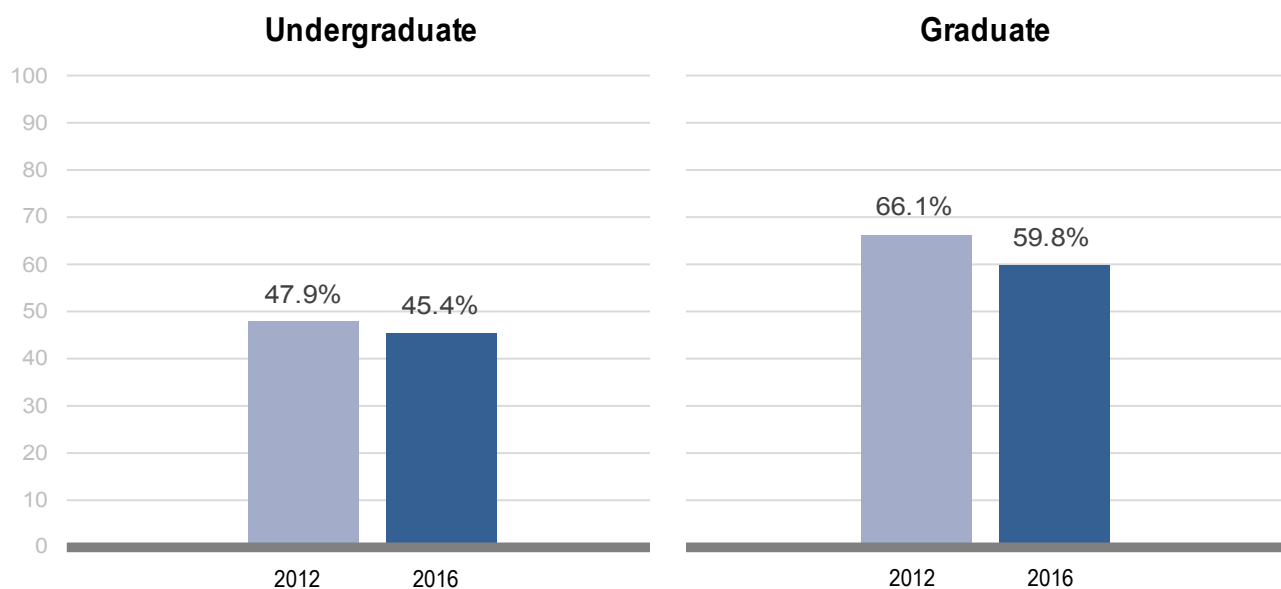


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	6,042	2,724	45.1%	6,844	2,953	43.2%	↓ -1.9
22-24	1,842	936	50.8%	1,735	816	47.0%	↓ -3.8
25-29	900	477	53.0%	873	466	53.4%	↑ 0.4
30-39	834	527	63.2%	692	437	63.2%	→ 0.0
40-49	455	361	79.3%	334	248	74.3%	↓ -5.1
50+	410	368	89.8%	270	229	84.8%	↓ -5.0
Unknown	12			*			

\* 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\*

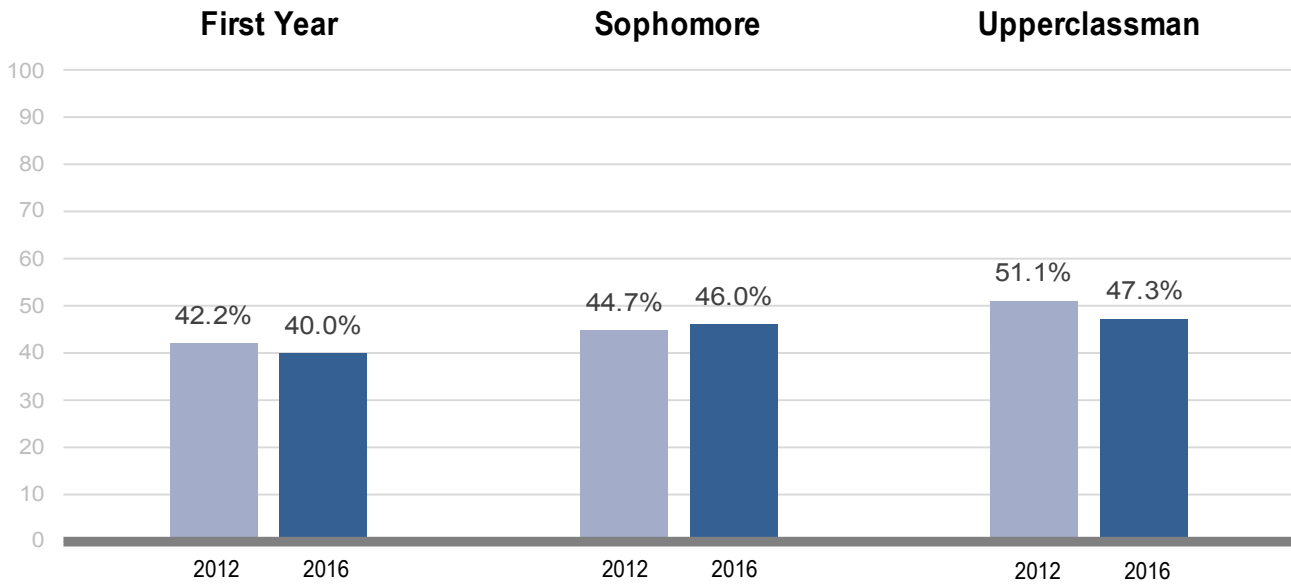


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	8,455	4,051	<b>47.9%</b>	8,903	4,045	<b>45.4%</b>	↓ -2.5
Graduate	2,020	1,336	<b>66.1%</b>	1,845	1,104	<b>59.8%</b>	↓ -6.3
Unknown	*			0			

\* 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.

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# By Undergraduate Class Year\*



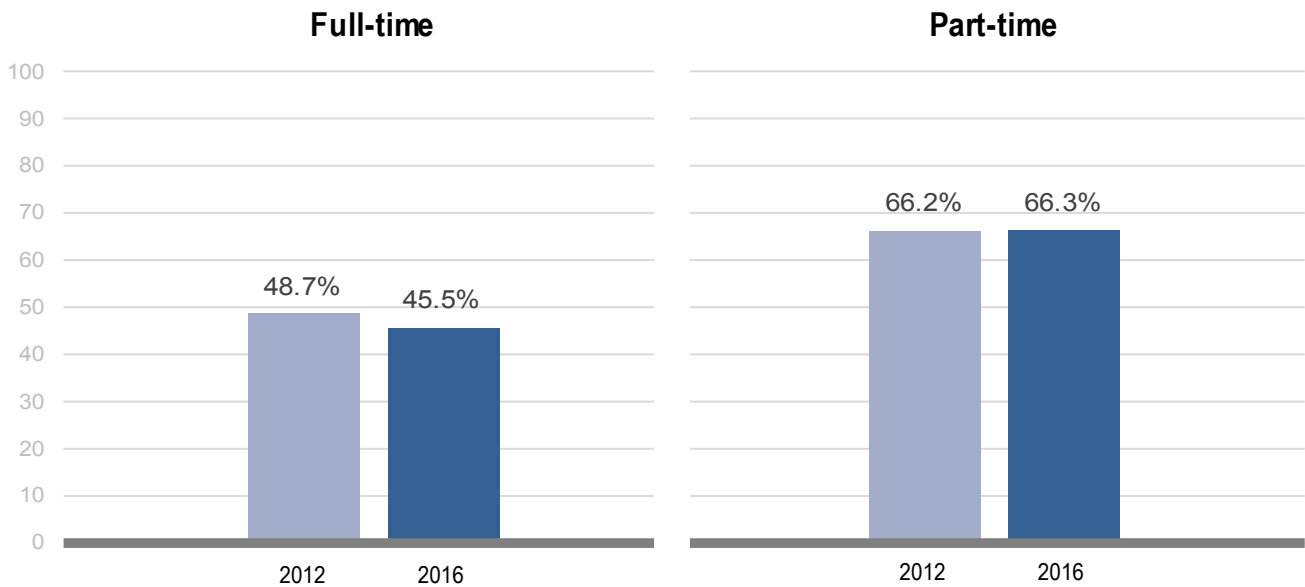
	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	2,194	925	42.2%	2,334	934	40.0%	↓ -2.1
Sophomore	1,927	862	44.7%	2,048	943	46.0%	↑ 1.3
Upperclassman	3,706	1,892	51.1%	4,206	1,988	47.3%	↓ -3.8

\* 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\*

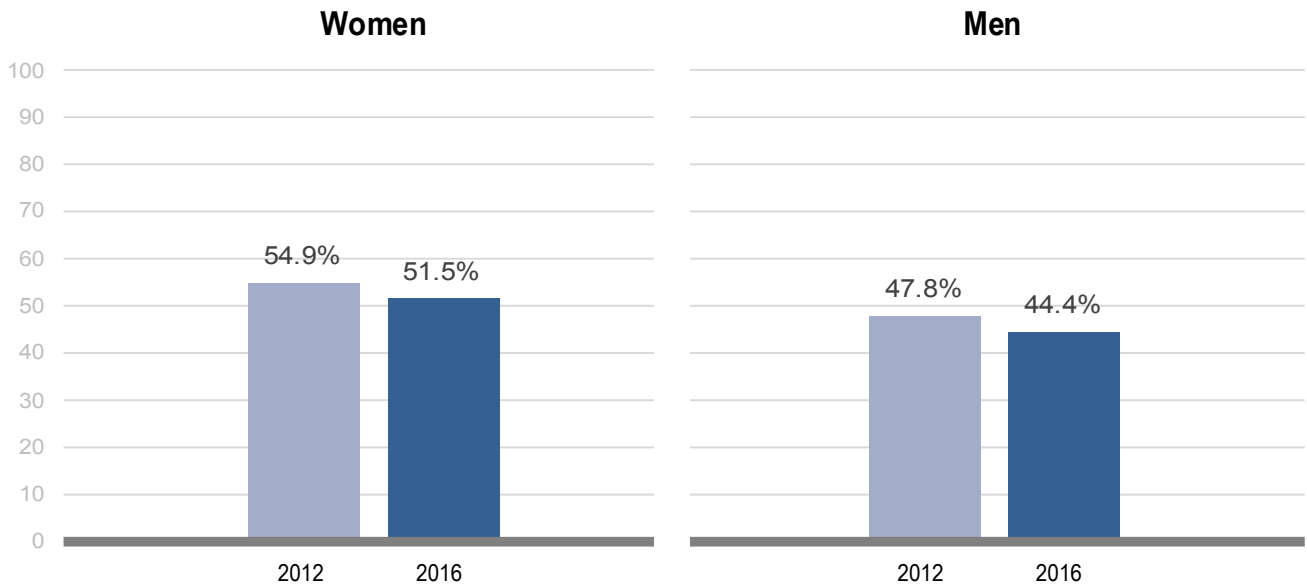


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	8,817	4,291	<b>48.7%</b>	9,512	4,329	<b>45.5%</b>	↓ <b>-3.2</b>
Part-time	1,666	1,102	<b>66.2%</b>	1,236	820	<b>66.3%</b>	↑ <b>0.2</b>
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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\*

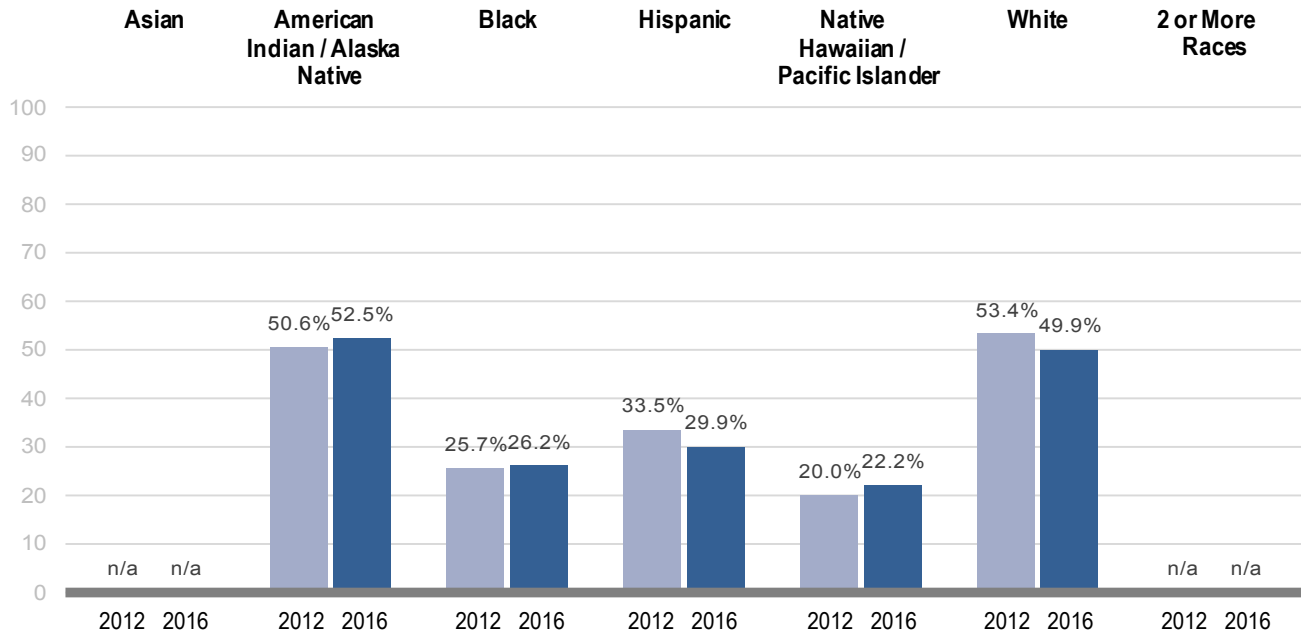


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	5,375	2,951	<b>54.9%</b>	5,336	2,749	<b>51.5%</b>	↓ -3.4
Men	5,107	2,442	<b>47.8%</b>	5,408	2,400	<b>44.4%</b>	↓ -3.4
Unknown	*	0	n/a	*	0	n/a	

\* 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	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	182	92	<b>50.6%</b>	139	73	<b>52.5%</b>	↑ 2.0
Black	183	47	<b>25.7%</b>	229	60	<b>26.2%</b>	↑ 0.5
Hispanic	182	61	<b>33.5%</b>	311	93	<b>29.9%</b>	↓ -3.6
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	260	52	<b>20.0%</b>	334	74	<b>22.2%</b>	↑ 2.2
White	8,528	4,554	<b>53.4%</b>	9,000	4,494	<b>49.9%</b>	↓ -3.5
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	1,148			735			

\* 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	494	229	46.4%	393	173	44.0% ↓	-2.3
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	109	58	53.2%	260	97	37.3% ↓	-15.9
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	604	273	45.2%	512	215	42.0% ↓	-3.2
Business, Management, and Marketing	913	411	45.0%	1,183	480	40.6% ↓	-4.5
Communication and Journalism	298	125	42.0%	335	141	42.1% ↑	0.1
Communications Technologies/Technicians	132	65	49.2%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	149	70	47.0%	174	81	46.6% ↓	-0.4
Education	1,407	850	60.4%	1,047	603	57.6% ↓	-2.8
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,689	804	47.6%	1,807	838	46.4% ↓	-1.2
English Language and Literature	186	104	55.9%	132	76	57.6% ↑	1.7
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	158	77	48.7%	167	69	41.3% ↓	-7.4
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	37	15	40.5%	17	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	667	352	52.8%	592	306	51.7% ↓	-1.1
History	158	101	63.9%	88	50	56.8% ↓	-7.1
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	133	95	71.4%	254	111	43.7% ↓	-27.7
Mathematics and Statistics	66	35	53.0%	36	10	27.8% ↓	-25.3
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	282	129	45.7%	305	114	37.4% ↓	-8.4
Natural Resources and Conservation	361	165	45.7%	444	181	40.8% ↓	-4.9
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	56	24	42.9%	53	22	41.5% ↓	-1.4
Philosophy and Religious Studies	26	17	65.4%	21	12	57.1% ↓	-8.2
Physical Sciences	263	101	38.4%	228	94	41.2% ↑	2.8
Psychology	504	243	48.2%	432	188	43.5% ↓	-4.7

Public Administration and Social Service Professions	263	157	59.7%	233	136	58.4% ↓	-1.3
Social Sciences	526	279	53.0%	1,212	642	53.0% ↓	-0.1
Visual and Performing Arts	184	103	56.0%	140	77	55.0% ↓	-1.0
Unknown	818	511	62.5%	676	421	62.3% ↓	-0.2

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](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

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