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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for University of Mary Washington

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 providing 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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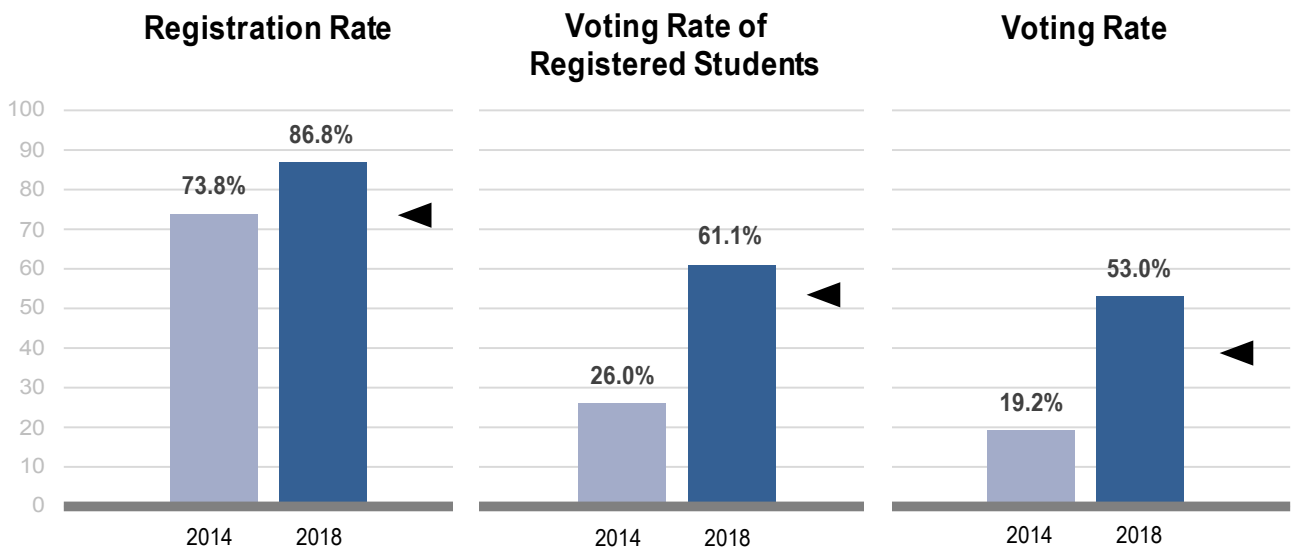
Warm regards,

IDHE Team

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

53.0%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+33.8

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate

Voting Rate of Registered Students

Voting Rate

◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	**2018**		Change
Total student enrollment	4,794	4,975	⬆	181
Age under 18/Unknown	(23)	(21)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(46)	(51)		
FERPA records blocked	(42)	(36)		
Total eligible voters	4,683	4,867	⬆	184
Number of students who registered	3,455	4,226	⬆	771
Number of students who voted	899	2,581	⬆	1,682
Registration rate	73.8%	86.8%	⬆	13.1
Voting rate of registered students	26.0%	61.1%	⬆	35.1
Voting rate	19.2%	53.0%	⬆	33.8
Difference from all institutions	-0.5	+13.9		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%
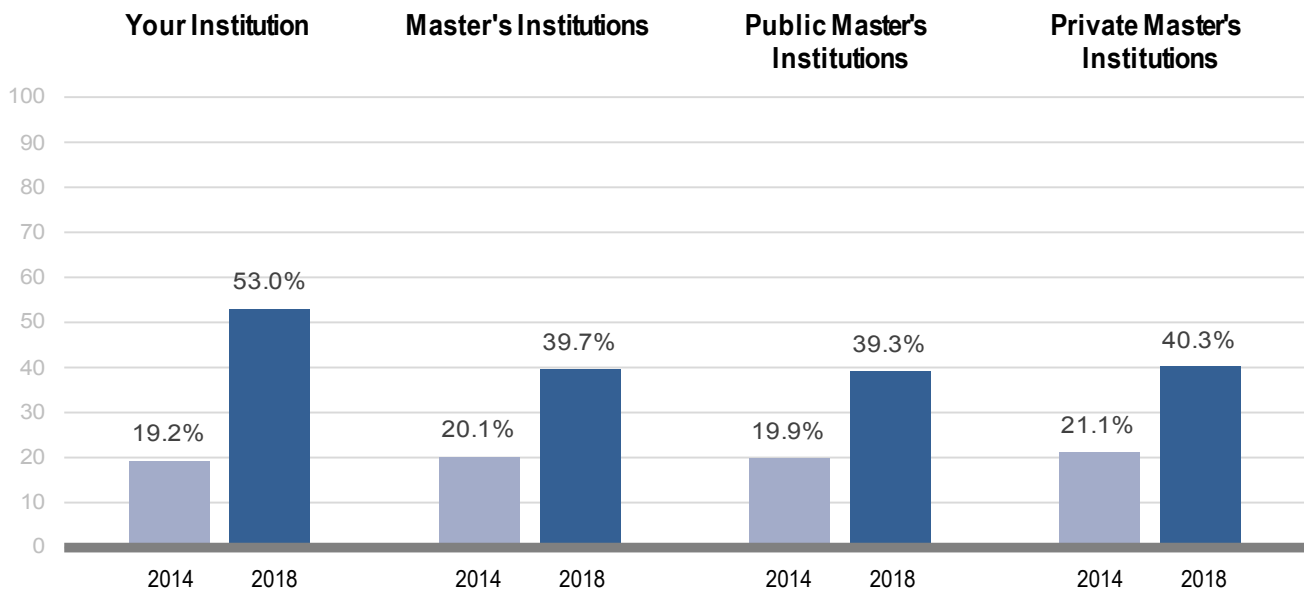
HIGH 54.0%

LOW 1.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-0.5**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH 64.1%

LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **+13.9**

Your Institution		Master's Institutions		Public Master's Institutions		Private Master's Institutions	
19.2%	53.0%	20.1%	39.7%	19.9%	39.3%	21.1%	40.3%
2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*
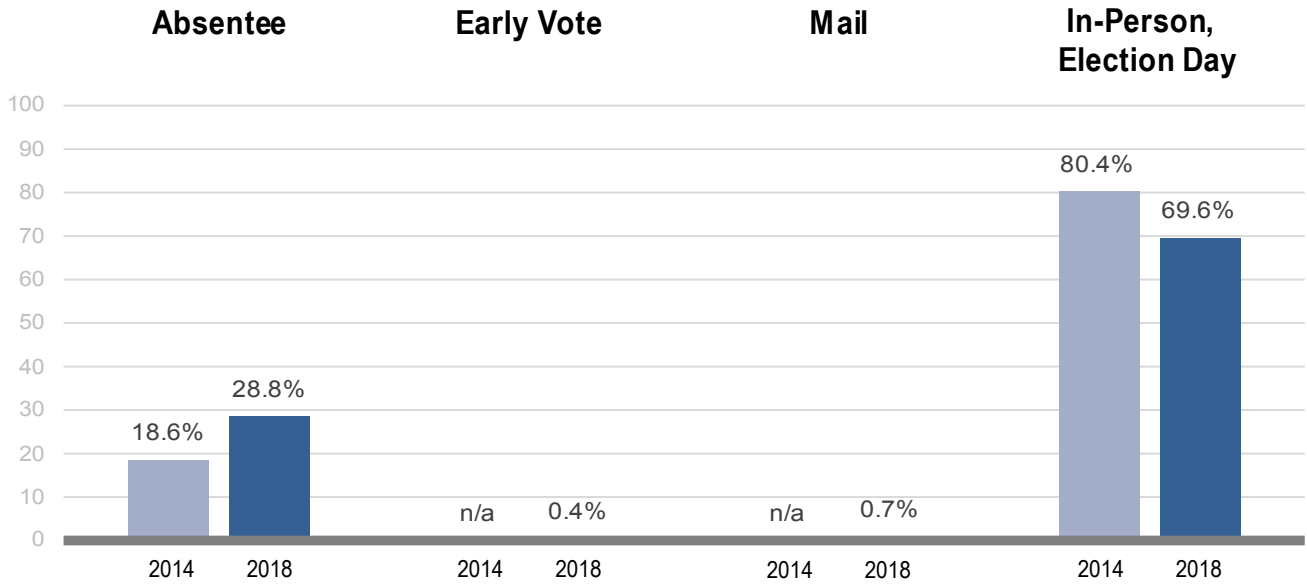
	2014		2018		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change
Absentee	167	**18.6%**	742	**28.8%**	⬆ **10.2**
Early Vote	*	**n/a**	10	**0.4%**	**n/a**
Mail	*	**n/a**	19	**0.7%**	**n/a**
In-Person, Election Day	723	**80.4%**	1,796	**69.6%**	⬇ **-10.8**
Unknown	*	**n/a**	14	**0.5%**	
Total	**899**		**2,581**		

* 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*
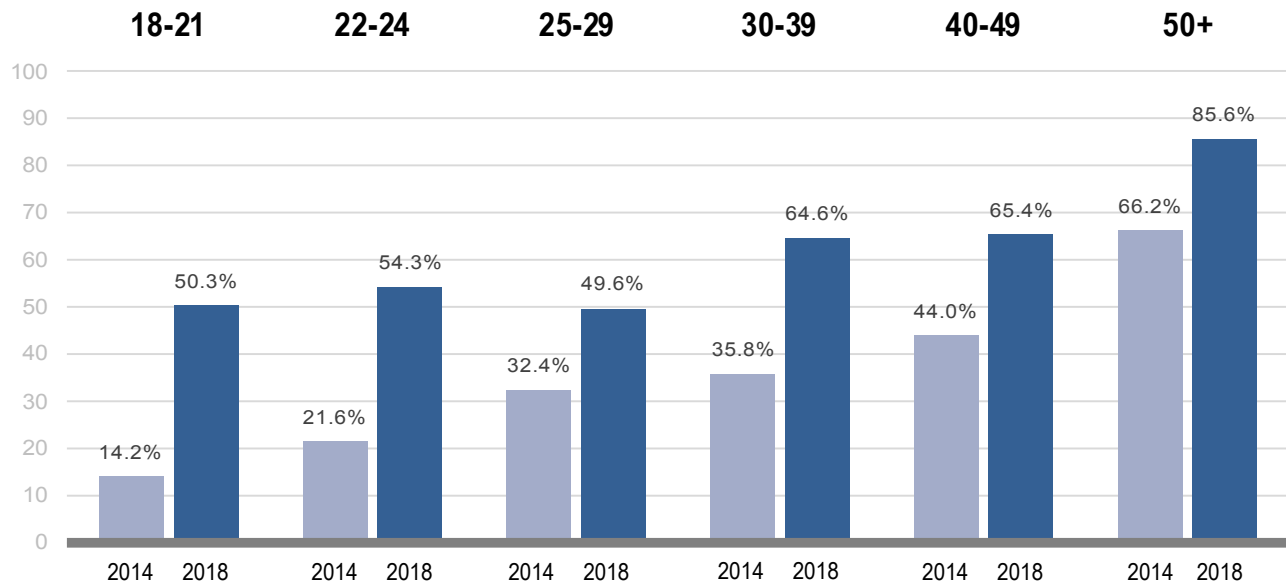
	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	3,342	474	**14.2%**	3,494	1,759	**50.3%**	⬆	**36.2**
22-24	676	146	**21.6%**	763	414	**54.3%**	⬆	**32.7**
25-29	278	90	**32.4%**	258	128	**49.6%**	⬆	**17.2**
30-39	218	78	**35.8%**	206	133	**64.6%**	⬆	**28.8**
40-49	141	62	**44.0%**	107	70	**65.4%**	⬆	**21.5**
50+	74	49	**66.2%**	90	77	**85.6%**	⬆	**19.3**
Unknown	0			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*

Undergraduate
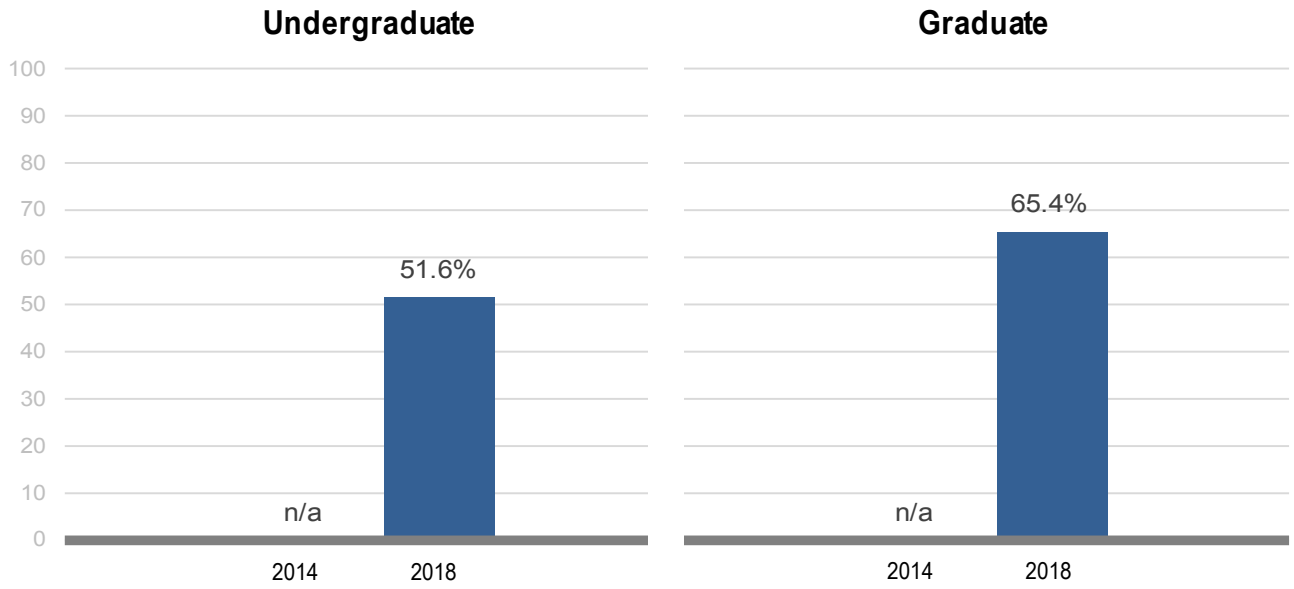
Graduate

	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**		4,547	2,344	**51.6%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**		298	195	**65.4%**	**n/a**
Unknown	4,729				73			

* 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*

	First Year		**Sophomore**		**Upper-level**	
	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018
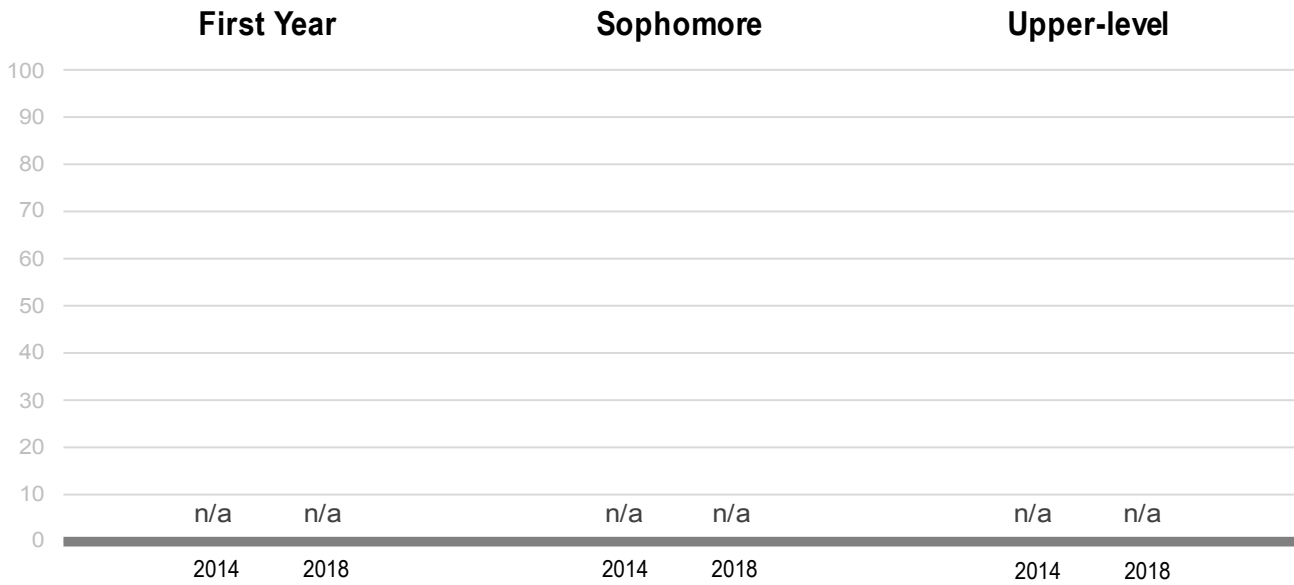
	2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
First Year	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Sophomore	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Upper-level	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**

* 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.

By Enrollment Status*
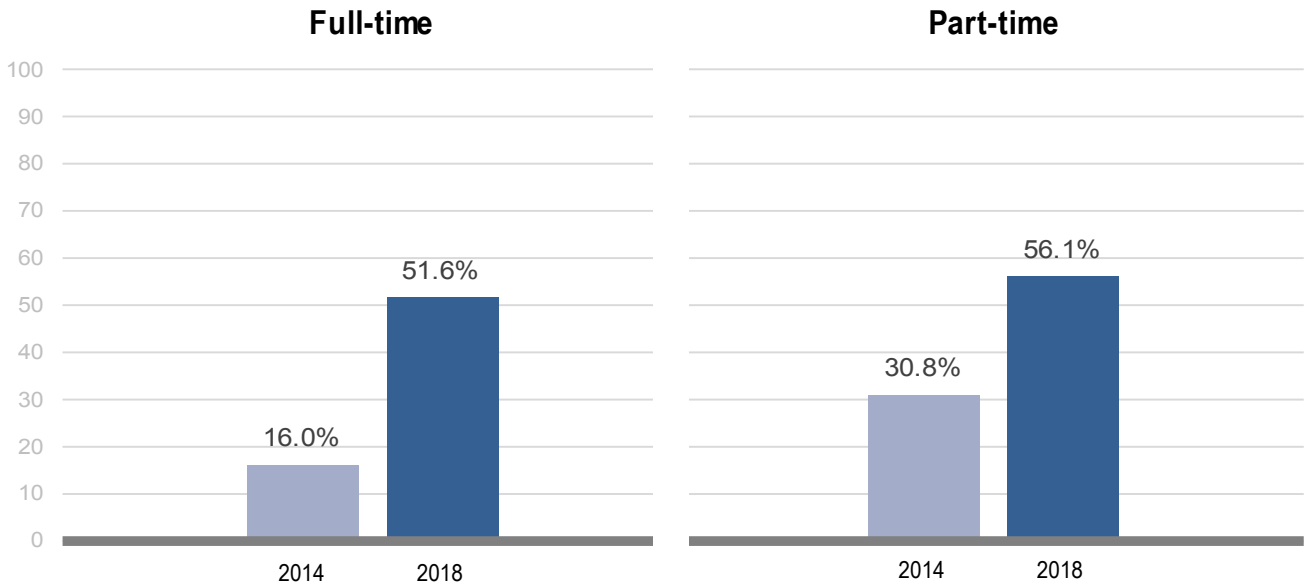
Full-time

Part-time

	2014				**2018**					Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate			
Full-time	3,766	602	**16.0%**		3,943	2,034	**51.6%**	⬆		**35.6**
Part-time	963	297	**30.8%**		975	547	**56.1%**	⬆		**25.3**
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 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	Change
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	15	*	n/a	17	15	88.2%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	252	40	15.9%	251	127	50.6% ⬆	34.7
Business, Management, and Marketing	363	81	22.3%	426	196	46.0% ⬆	23.7
Computer and Information Sciences	140	22	15.7%	176	105	59.7% ⬆	44.0
Education	241	86	35.7%	211	142	67.3% ⬆	31.6
English Language and Literature	264	60	22.7%	195	112	57.4% ⬆	34.7
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	81	15	18.5%	79	35	44.3% ⬆	25.8
Health Professions	12	*	n/a	75	33	44.0%	n/a
History	150	42	28.0%	146	93	63.7% ⬆	35.7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,917	243	12.7%	2,147	1,060	49.4% ⬆	36.7
Mathematics and Statistics	81	19	23.5%	79	43	54.4% ⬆	31.0
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	106	24	22.6%	75	49	65.3% ⬆	42.7
Philosophy and Religious Studies	36	*	n/a	48	27	56.3%	n/a
Physical Sciences	148	35	23.7%	152	90	59.2% ⬆	35.6
Psychology	250	33	13.2%	286	147	51.4% ⬆	38.2
Social Sciences	442	126	28.5%	402	217	54.0% ⬆	25.5
Visual and Performing Arts	157	25	15.9%	152	89	58.6% ⬆	42.6
Unknown	74	29	39.2%	*	*	n/a	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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