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About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE), housed at the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, Tufts University. Since NSLVE’s launch in 2013, more than 750 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012 and 2014 elections. Participating colleges and universities are located in 48 states and represent all Carnegie classifications as well as socially and economically diverse students. With others, your institution’s participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 6.7 million college student records that is already serving as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

Looking Ahead
In response to our survey, many of you requested resources as well as stories about what other campuses are doing. Over the coming months, NSLVE will be releasing tools and resources that you and others can use to enhance political learning and engagement in democracy on your campus. Here is a sneak peek into some of this work.

- **Campus Discussion Guide**: A tool for conversations on your campus regarding how to use the NSLVE report to spark change.
- **National Data**: We’ll be sharing data about the national landscape for college student voting.
- **Comparison Data**: We know campuses are interested in learning more about how their voting compares to other similar institutions. We’ll be rolling out aggregate comparison data for groups of participating campuses.
- **Case Studies**: We’ve been on the road, visiting campuses with unpredicted, high voting rates. We will be sharing the findings from our studies of campus climates for student political learning and engagement in democracy.
- **Diversity & Democracy**: In December, in partnership with the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU), we will publish a special issue on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

If you or someone else on your campus would like to receive more information about our research and resources, please sign up here.

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 2014 elections. These data are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (“Clearinghouse”) and publicly available voting records collected by Catalist.

Using enrollment records submitted on a date closest to the election, we removed students under 18 on Election Day. We also deducted an estimated number of students identified by your institution as non-resident aliens. This is based on the percentage of non-resident aliens reported by your institution to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), and is more reliable than the demographic data campuses provide to the Clearinghouse at this time. Please note that students who blocked the use of their information under FERPA were also removed from the enrollment lists by the Clearinghouse.

When combining two datasets, matching errors can occur. That said, for each record, we receive a “confidence score.” The average confidence score for the student records in our database is 96.6%. Nonetheless, some errors are still possible:

- On page three, we indicate the number of students who blocked their records from being used for any purpose, including research. If those students voted at a much lower or higher rate than your other students, it might affect the voting rate.

- Students not found in the voting database are considered non-voters, but we have no way to remove individual noncitizens (resident aliens and non-resident aliens). We use an estimate based on IPEDS data to account for your international students. We cannot adjust for undocumented students. This may result in your actual voting rate being higher than we report. To recalculate that percentage, see our FAQ on campus reports.

Reviewing the Data
Please use the following key to interpret the charts below:
* = number of students is less than 10
- = zero results in this field

For some colleges and universities, this report will contain some categories for which data is “unknown.” These likely reflect the amount or quality of the data the institution provides, a problem that can be corrected by more comprehensive reporting to the Clearinghouse.
Your Students’ Voting and Registration Rates

2012 Voting Rate

53%

2014 Voting Rate

36%

2012 Presidential Election

- 69.8% Registration Rate
- 76.0% Rate of Registered Students who Voted
- 53.1% Voting Rate

Total student enrollment: 39,753
Ineligible to vote because too young: 160
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens: 4,348
FERPA records blocked: 1,054
Number of students who registered: 23,869
Number of students who voted: 18,151

2014 Midterm Election

- 62.3% Registration Rate
- 57.0% Rate of Registered Students who Voted
- 35.5% Voting Rate

Total student enrollment: 40,522
Ineligible to vote because too young: 170
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens: 4,814
FERPA records blocked: 790
Number of students who registered: 21,654
Number of students who voted: 12,333
Your Students’ Voting Rate Breakdown

BY AGE GROUP

Your students broken down by age at the time of the election. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

### 2012 Presidential Election

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Your Students’ Voting Rate Breakdown

BY EDUCATION LEVEL

Your students broken down by undergraduate and graduate students. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

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<td>Graduate</td>
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## Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

### BY FIELD OF STUDY

Your students broken down by field of study. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

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<td>Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences</td>
<td>Enrolled: 1,015 Voted: 483 Turnout: 47.6%</td>
<td>Enrolled: 1,094 Voted: 332 Turnout: 30.3%</td>
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<td>Biological and Biomedical Sciences</td>
<td>Enrolled: 3,572 Voted: 1,608 Turnout: 45.0%</td>
<td>Enrolled: 3,417 Voted: 1,018 Turnout: 29.8%</td>
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<td>Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support</td>
<td>Enrolled: 2,489 Voted: 1,051 Turnout: 42.2%</td>
<td>Enrolled: 3,038 Voted: 890 Turnout: 29.3%</td>
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<td>Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs</td>
<td>Enrolled: 954 Voted: 403 Turnout: 42.2%</td>
<td>Enrolled: 892 Voted: 290 Turnout: 32.5%</td>
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<td>Computer and Information and Library Sciences</td>
<td>Enrolled: 632 Voted: 241 Turnout: 38.1%</td>
<td>Enrolled: 751 Voted: 226 Turnout: 30.1%</td>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>Enrolled: 1,341 Voted: 821 Turnout: 61.2%</td>
<td>Enrolled: 1,087 Voted: 467 Turnout: 43.0%</td>
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<td>Engineering</td>
<td>Enrolled: 5,200 Voted: 2,096 Turnout: 40.3%</td>
<td>Enrolled: 6,140 Voted: 1,521 Turnout: 24.8%</td>
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<td>Health Professions and Related Sciences, Knowledge, and Skills</td>
<td>Enrolled: 2,763 Voted: 1,500 Turnout: 54.3%</td>
<td>Enrolled: 2,872 Voted: 1,026 Turnout: 35.7%</td>
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<td>Humanities</td>
<td>Enrolled: 2,201 Voted: 1,047 Turnout: 47.6%</td>
<td>Enrolled: 1,642 Voted: 540 Turnout: 32.9%</td>
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<td>Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies, and Humanities</td>
<td>Enrolled: 7,502 Voted: 3,491 Turnout: 46.5%</td>
<td>Enrolled: 8,029 Voted: 2,162 Turnout: 26.9%</td>
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<td>Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies</td>
<td>Enrolled: 831 Voted: 396 Turnout: 47.7%</td>
<td>Enrolled: 740 Voted: 213 Turnout: 28.8%</td>
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<td>Parks and Recreation</td>
<td>Enrolled: 591 Voted: 299 Turnout: 50.6%</td>
<td>Enrolled: 597 Voted: 176 Turnout: 29.5%</td>
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<td>Physical Sciences</td>
<td>Enrolled: 1,384 Voted: 566 Turnout: 40.9%</td>
<td>Enrolled: 1,340 Voted: 414 Turnout: 30.9%</td>
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<td>Professions</td>
<td>Enrolled: 1,769 Voted: 1,012 Turnout: 57.2%</td>
<td>Enrolled: 1,446 Voted: 672 Turnout: 46.5%</td>
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<td>Psychology, Personal Awareness, and Self-Improvement</td>
<td>Enrolled: 1,010 Voted: 490 Turnout: 48.5%</td>
<td>Enrolled: 729 Voted: 229 Turnout: 31.4%</td>
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<td>Social Sciences</td>
<td>Enrolled: 2,149 Voted: 894 Turnout: 41.6%</td>
<td>Enrolled: 1,768 Voted: 569 Turnout: 32.2%</td>
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<td>Technologies/Technicians</td>
<td>Enrolled: - Voted: - Turnout: -</td>
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<td>Trades</td>
<td>Enrolled: 561 Voted: 292 Turnout: 52.0%</td>
<td>Enrolled: 532 Voted: 176 Turnout: 33.1%</td>
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<td>Visual and Performing Arts</td>
<td>Enrolled: 962 Voted: 472 Turnout: 49.1%</td>
<td>Enrolled: 815 Voted: 291 Turnout: 35.7%</td>
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Your students’ Voting Rate Breakdown

**BY VOTING METHOD**

Your students broken down by voting method. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens. If your campus has a high percentage of "unknown" voting methods, it means that this information is not reported by local officials.

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<td>Early Vote</td>
<td>39,753</td>
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<td>Mail</td>
<td>39,753</td>
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<td>Mail</td>
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<td>In-Person, Election Day</td>
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How Your Numbers Compare

BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

See how your campus voting rate compares to others in your Carnegie classification. This comparison data allows your campus to understand your individual voting rates in the context of similar institutions. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election

- Your Institution: 53.1%
- All Institutions: 46.9%
- Research Institutions: 47.8%
- Public Research Institutions: 48.2%
- Private Research Institutions: 47.1%

2014 Midterm Election

- Your Institution: 35.5%
- All Institutions: 18.8%
- Research Institutions: 18.9%
- Public Research Institutions: 19.2%
- Private Research Institutions: 18.4%