

CAMPUS REPORT
Student Voting
Rates for
Vassar College

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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 Civic Life, Tufts University. Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 850 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. With others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 7.5 million college student records that is already serving as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

NSLVE has recently published several resources including:

☐ *Talking Politics*: A tool for conversations on your campus regarding how to use the NSLVE report to spark change.

☐ *Democracy Matters: A Guide to Non-Statutory Barriers to Voting*: In this guide, we identify sometimes-hidden barriers students might face when registering to vote or voting, and strategies to overcome them.

☐ *National Data*: We have published data about the national landscape for college student political engagement including breakdowns by field of study and region.

Looking Ahead

Over the coming months, NSLVE will be releasing additional tools and resources that you can use to increase political learning and engagement in democracy on your campus. Here is a preview of some of this work.

☐ *Comparison Data*: We'll continue to aggregate comparison data for groups of campuses.

☐ *Case Studies*: We will be sharing the findings from our studies of campus climates for student political learning and engagement in democracy.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data and resources visit: Activecitizen.tufts.edu/IDHE

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 results 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 age 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). Please note that students who blocked the use of their information under FERPA were also removed from the enrollment lists.

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 non-resident aliens. We cannot adjust for resident aliens. 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
- = no data was collected for this field

For some colleges and universities, this report will contain categories for which data is "unknown." These categories likely reflect either the quantity or quality of the data your institution provides, a problem that can be corrected by more comprehensive reporting to the Clearinghouse.

NSLVE encourages campuses to share their data as broadly as possible, including posting your campus report. When doing so please reference, *Institute for Democracy and Higher Education: National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement* as the data source.

Your Students' Voting and Registration Rates

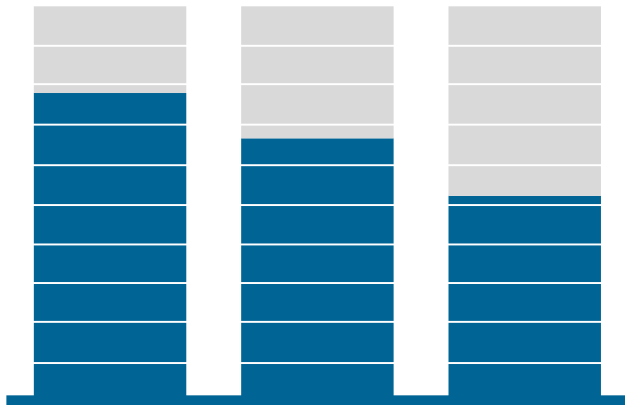
2012 Voting Rate

52%

2014 Voting Rate

14%

2012 Presidential Election



78.0%

Registration Rate

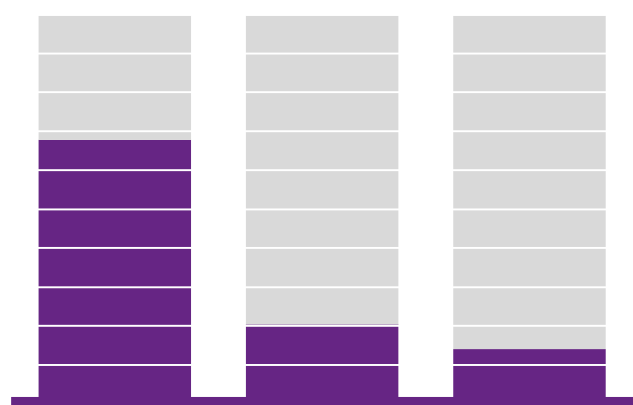
66.5%

Rate of Registered Students who Voted

51.9%

Voting Rate

2014 Midterm Election



67.9%

Registration Rate

20.1%

Rate of Registered Students who Voted

13.7%

Voting Rate

Total student enrollment	2,562
Ineligible to vote because too young	41
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	177
FERPA records blocked	21
Number of students who registered	1,811
Number of students who voted	1,205

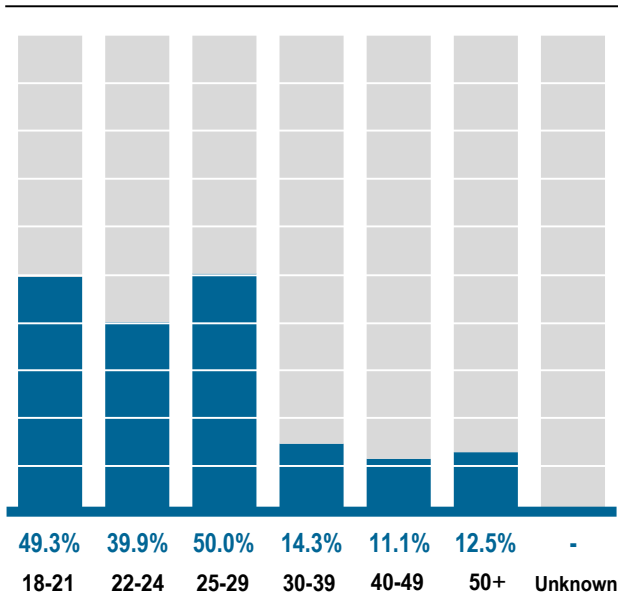
Total student enrollment	2,587
Ineligible to vote because too young	37
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	175
FERPA records blocked	16
Number of students who registered	1,602
Number of students who voted	322

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

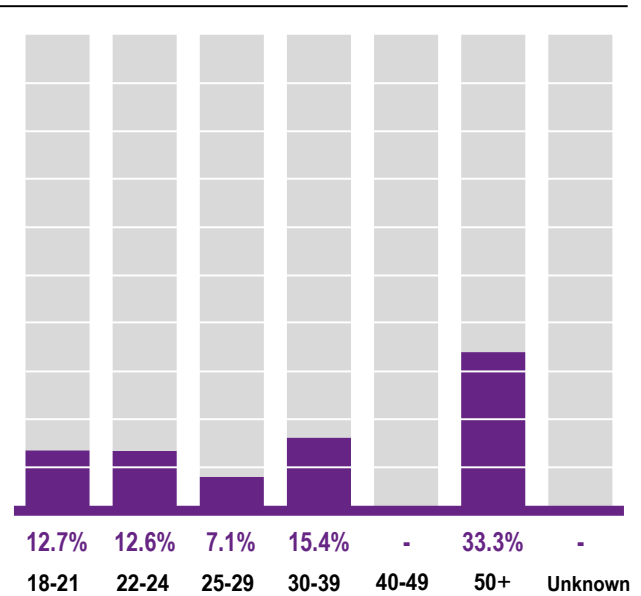
BY AGE GROUP

Your students' data broken down by age at the time of the election. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

**2012
Presidential Election**



**2014
Midterm Election**



AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	2,304	1,137
22-24	148	59
25-29	*	*
30-39	14	*
40-49	18	*
50+	*	*
Unknown	-	-

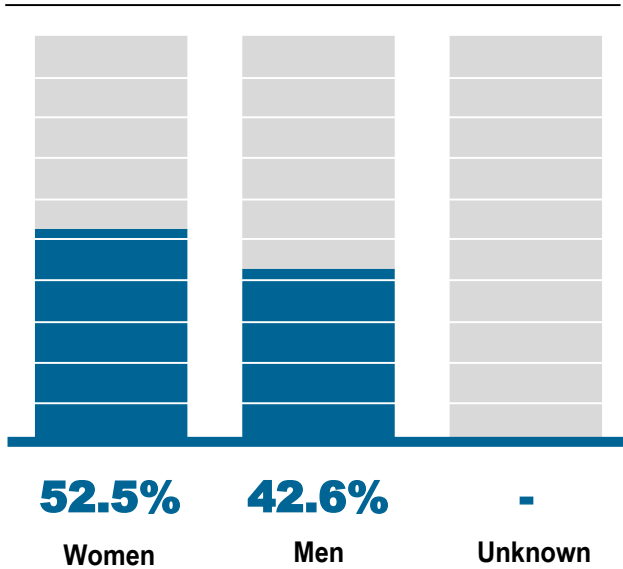
AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	2,361	300
22-24	143	18
25-29	14	*
30-39	13	*
40-49	-	-
50+	*	*
Unknown	-	-

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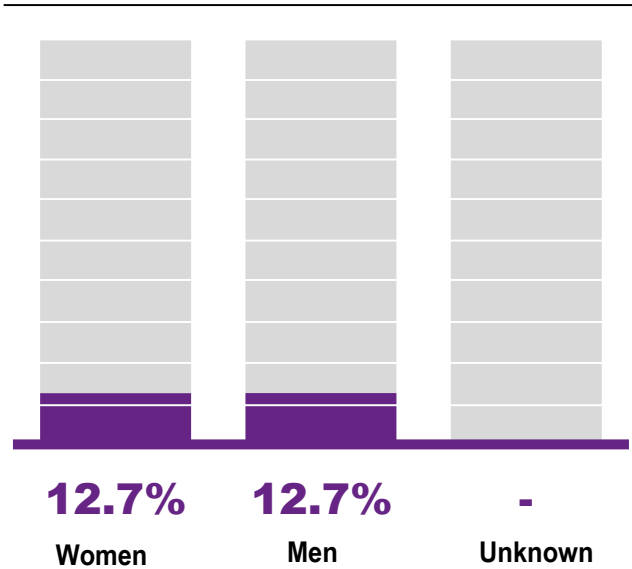
BY GENDER

Your students' data broken down by gender. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election



GENDER	ENROLLED	VOTED
Women	1,412	741
Men	1,088	464
Unknown	-	-

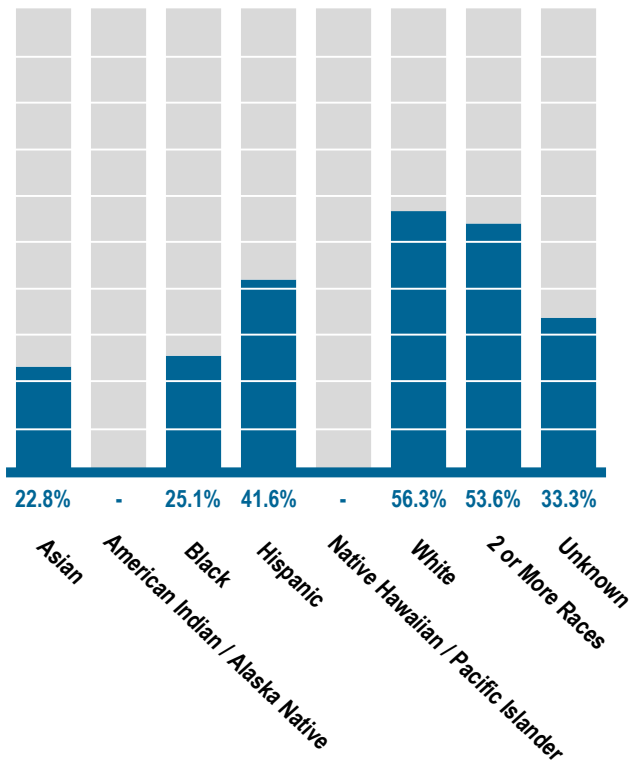
GENDER	ENROLLED	VOTED
Women	1,433	182
Men	1,101	140
Unknown	-	-

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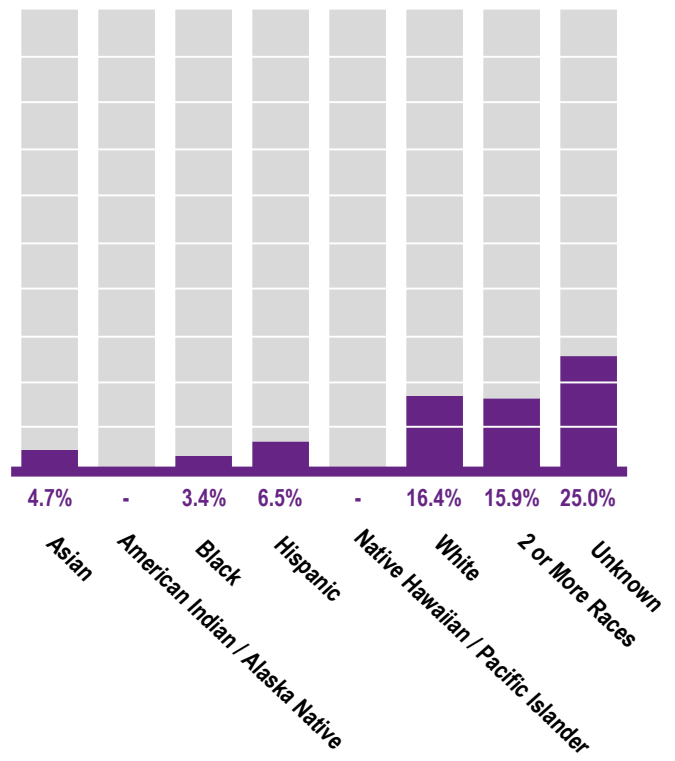
BY RACE/ETHNICITY

Your students' data broken down by race/ethnicity. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

**2012
Presidential Election**



**2014
Midterm Election**



RACE/ETHNICITY	ENROLLED	VOTED
Asian	294	67
American Indian / Alaska Native	-	-
Black	175	44
Hispanic	296	123
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	-	-
White	1,575	887
2 or More Races	151	81
Unknown	*	*

RACE/ETHNICITY	ENROLLED	VOTED
Asian	384	18
American Indian / Alaska Native	-	-
Black	148	*
Hispanic	291	19
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	-	-
White	1,543	253
2 or More Races	164	26
Unknown	*	*

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY FIELD OF STUDY

Your students' data broken down by field of study. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

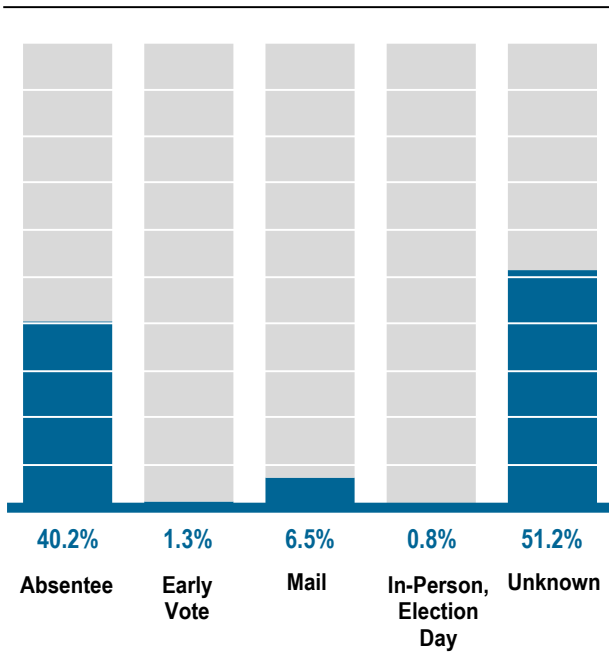
	2012 Presidential Election			2014 Midterm Election		
	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout
Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	216	101	46.8%	251	27	10.8%
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support	-	-	-	-	-	-
Communications, Journalism, and Related Programs	17	10	58.8%	29	*	13.8%
Computer and Information and Library Sciences	37	14	37.8%	56	*	1.8%
Education	-	-	-	21	*	4.8%
Engineering	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health Professions and Related Sciences, Knowledge, and Skills	-	-	-	-	-	-
Humanities	305	155	50.8%	309	36	11.7%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and General Studies	772	366	47.4%	791	98	12.4%
Mathematics and Statistics	36	15	41.7%	48	*	8.3%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	140	72	51.4%	131	13	9.9%
Parks and Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Physical Sciences	93	46	49.5%	103	13	12.6%
Professions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Psychology, Personal Awareness, and Self-Improvement	133	69	51.9%	102	19	18.6%
Social Sciences	488	227	46.5%	451	74	16.4%
Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trades	-	-	-	-	-	-
Visual and Performing Arts	205	119	58.0%	202	26	12.9%
Unknown	58	11	19.0%	40	*	15.0%

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BY VOTING METHOD

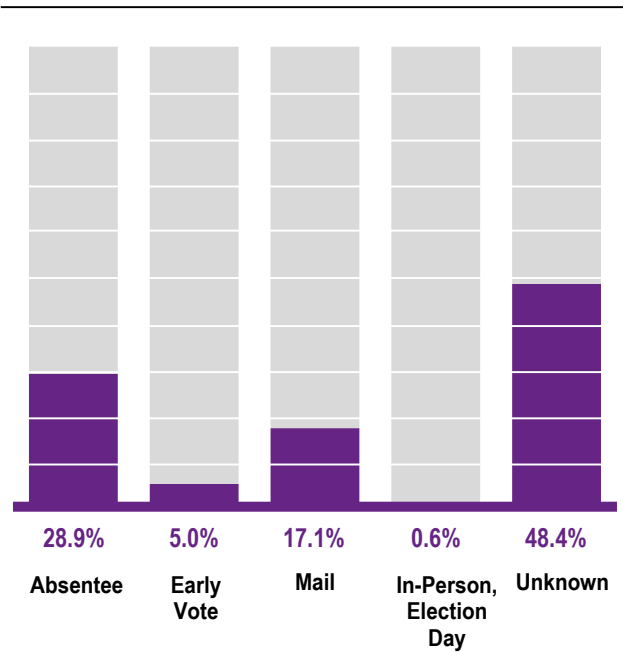
Your students' data broken down by voting method. If your campus has a high percentage of "unknown" voting methods, it means that this information is not reported by local officials.

2012 Presidential Election



VOTING METHOD	VOTED
Absentee	484
Early Vote	16
Mail	78
In-Person, Election Day	10
Unknown	617
Total	1,205

2014 Midterm Election



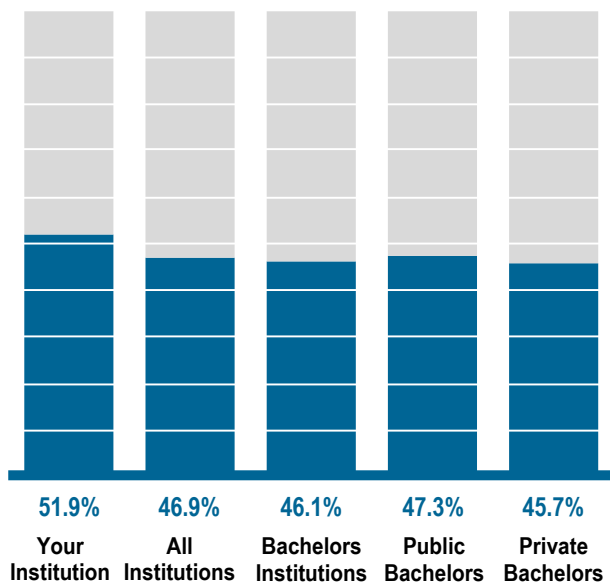
VOTING METHOD	VOTED
Absentee	93
Early Vote	16
Mail	55
In-Person, Election Day	*
Unknown	156
Total	322

How Your Numbers Compare

BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

See how your campus voting rate compares to others in your institution's Carnegie classification. This comparison data allows your campus to understand your voting rate in the context of similar institutions.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election

