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Student Voting Rates for University of Akron

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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to share this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for several recent election cycles. For the first time ever, this report contains *four* years of relevant topline data: the midterm elections of 2014, 2018, and 2022, along with contextual data from the 2020 presidential election year. As we build the NSLVE data over time, the additional years of data may help your institution to begin to understand longer-term trends and considerations for practice.

This month, we are also looking forward to the release of Democracy Counts 2022, our national report on our most recent midterm elections. The results from 2022 were mixed – some encouraging trends and some signs of more work to do. We are excited to dive into the results with you and share what we see as the major takeaways in the coming weeks, so stay tuned.

You've heard this from us before: we urge you to share this report widely and strategically across your campus community. NSLVE data is an important resource for not only understanding your institution but also building a culture of political learning in higher education. We also invite you to invite you to [lean on our team's resources, including our Election Imperatives report series](#), which provides data-backed practical recommendations for centering civic and political learning and participation.

Other resources that you might find helpful in your work include our forthcoming national report ([keep an eye on our homepage!](#)), [our report on how institutions use NSLVE reports](#), and [our discussion guide on how to talk about your NSLVE reports on campus](#).

Finally, we always encourage you to reach out to us for support and with any questions that you may have. Email NSLVE@tufts.edu to get in touch with our team, and as always, watch your inbox (or sign up!) for [our periodic newsletter](#), announcements about upcoming releases, and new resources.

Remember, student political learning is a constant effort, requiring year-round strategic building. Elections may be episodic, but student engagement in democracy should not be.

All the Best,
Adam, Duy, Mari, and Victoria
The NSLVE Team

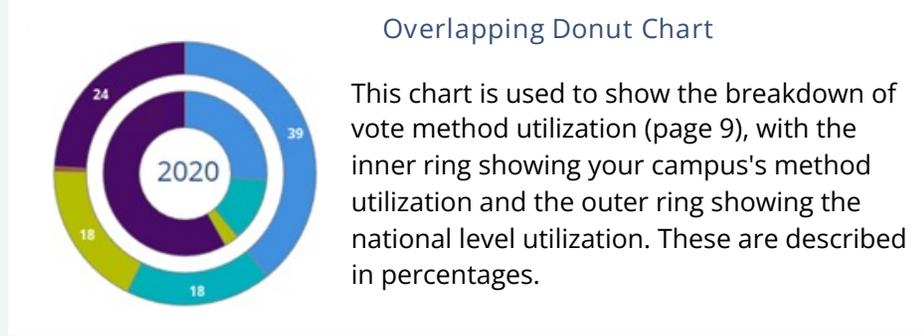
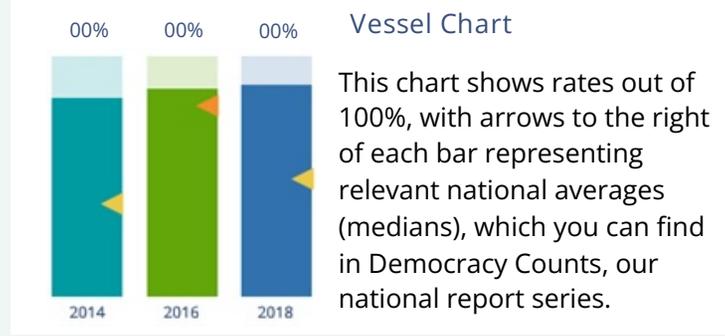
In This Report

This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut charts, and tables.

Tables

	2014			2018			2014-2018 Change (p.p.)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The tables show the numbers of students and the rates from 2014, 2018, 2020, and 2022, when available. The change column represents difference between comparable counts and rates. The change in rates are in terms of percentage points. A red down arrow indicates a decrease, a green up arrow indicates an increase, and a yellow arrow pointing to the right indicates no change. "-" in these tables indicates that the data is unavailable/missing, or is available for 10 or less students.



Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

35.3%

2022 Voting Rate

-6.5

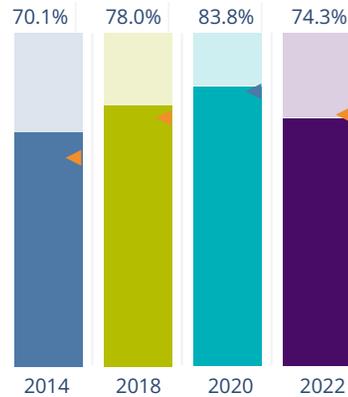
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

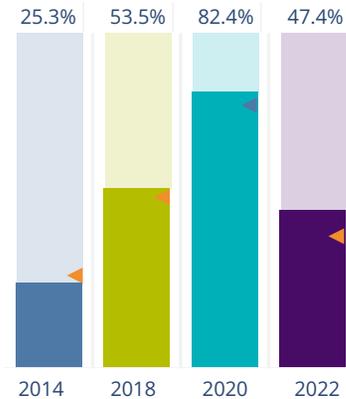
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



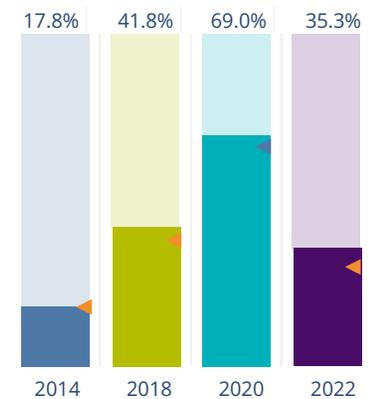
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS



The **Voting Rate of Registered Students** is the percent of registered students who voted on Election Day. We often refer to this as the “yield” rate.

VOTING RATE



The **Voting Rate** is the percentage of eligible students who voted on Election Day. The voting rate is also the product of the registration and yield rates.

Looking Closer

Voting and Registration Rates

	2014	2018	2020	2022	2018-2022 Change
Total Student Enrollment	25,113	19,633	17,246	14,604	↓ -5,028
Age under 18/Unknown	1,393	1,969	2,104	2,089	↑ 120
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,281	811	502	435	↓ -376
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	NSC	
FERPA records blocked	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	-	11	-	-
Total eligible voters	22,429	16,843	14,628	12,080	↓ -4,763
Number of students who registered	15,727	13,140	12,255	8,977	↓ -4,163
Number of students who voted	3,986	7,035	10,093	4,259	↓ -2,776
Registration Rate %	70	78	83	74	↓ -3
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	25	53	82	47	↓ -6
Voting Rate %	17	41	68	35	↓ -6

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates. The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we

make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged, students who are not pursuing degrees.

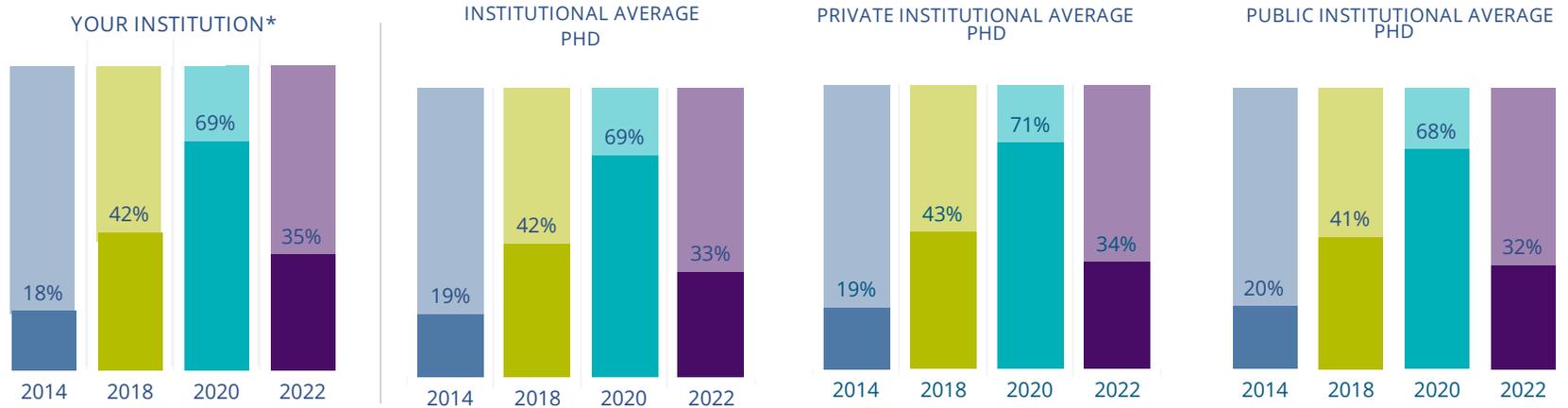
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to NSC, or we cannot verify the accuracy of the reported counts. This is indicated by IPEDS in the data source.

In the following pages with tables, **Enrolled** represents the eligible voters when we have used NSC as the data source. When we have used IPEDS as the data source, **Enrolled** includes non-resident aliens who are ineligible to vote, and for whom we are unable to account due to the lack of data from your institution.

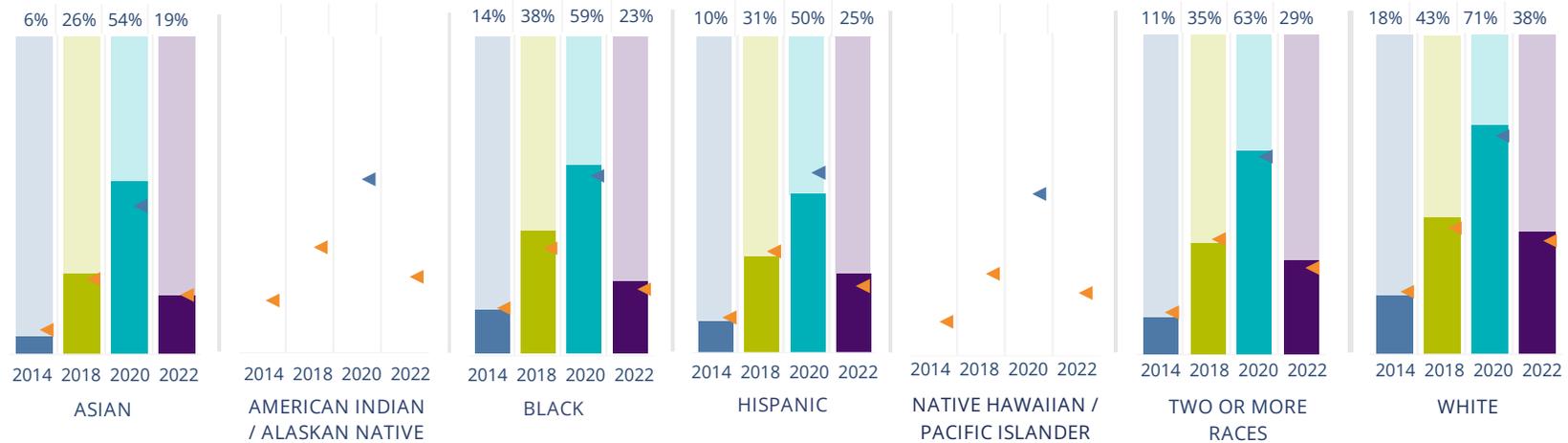
By Institution Types



These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. For Associate institutions, we only share public associate institutional averages due to sample size. *"Your Institution" chart is presented at a different scale.



By Race / Ethnicity



These are estimated voting rates for race / ethnicity groups. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following race reporting procedures* defined by the National Center for Education Statistics of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Please see our FAQ for more detail : <https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nsive-report-faq>

If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data or reports this data as unknown; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

*<https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/report-your-data/race-ethnicity-collecting-data-for-reporting-purposes>

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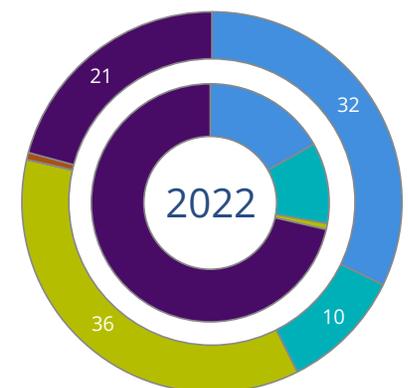
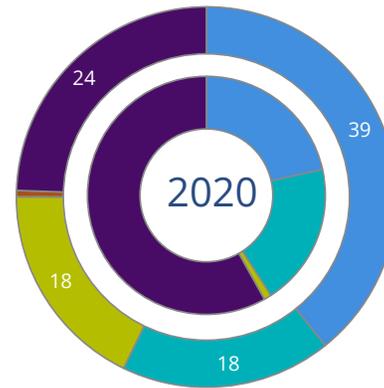
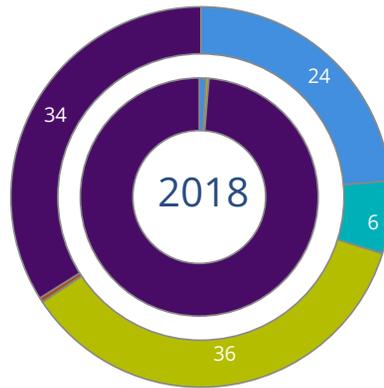
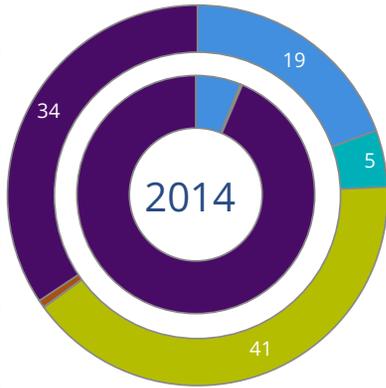
By Race/Ethnicity

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates. We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data or reports this data as unknown; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change									
Asian	480	27	5	474	121	25	444	241	54	399	74	18	↓ -6
American Indian/ Alaska Native	54	-	-	28	-	-	19	-	-	13	-	-	-
Black	2,420	332	13	1,702	652	38	1,369	810	59	1,261	285	22	↓ -15
Hispanic	218	22	10	127	39	30	106	53	50	100	25	25	↓ -5
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	1,037	118	11	1,106	385	34	1,002	633	63	871	255	29	↓ -5
White	16,540	3,002	18	13,048	5,574	42	11,370	8,088	71	9,136	3,475	38	↓ -4
Race Unknown	2,948	475	16	1,167	254	21	817	258	31	293	142	48	↑ 26

By Voting Method

■ Not-In-Person
 ■ Early Vote
 ■ In-Person
 ■ Other
 ■ Provisional
 ■ Unknown



	2014		2018		2020		2022		2018-2022	
	Voted	Rate (%)	Change							
Early Vote	-	-	-	-	1,958	19	469	11	-	-
In-Person	11	0	29	0	99	1	36	0	→	0
Not-In-Person	244	6	64	0	2,173	21	715	16	↑	15
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	3,730	93	6,941	98	5,860	58	3,038	71	↓	-27

These are estimated rates for vote method utilization, the number of students utilizing each method, and the percent of students utilizing each method. Not all U.S. states provide information on vote method; voting method for voter files from these states are classified "Voting Method Unknown." For a list of these states, see our FAQ. <https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-faq#CampusReports>. The inner ring in these charts show your campus's method utilization and the outer ring show the national level utilization.

By Age Group

	2014	2018	2020	2022
18-21	12%	34%	66%	29%
22-24	14%	42%	67%	38%
25-29	17%	42%	61%	39%
30-39	24%	49%	64%	46%
40-49	36%	61%	79%	63%
50+	52%	76%	83%	76%

Voting is habit-forming and young voters will often continue as voters in subsequent elections. Also, elected officials and public opinion polls solicit opinions from people they can locate - people in the voter files. Our 2020 data showed a surge among the youngest voters on college campuses, yet 2022 saw a return to past trends, with older students voting at higher rates than their younger counterparts. This change underscores the importance of continued need for institutionalized learning -- working with students to help them understand their political voice and power as they arrive on campus.

Looking Closer

By Age Group

Here, we provide the numbers of students in each age category and the voting rates for each group. These

are based on the student's age on the day of the election, as calculated by the National Student Clearinghouse using data from student enrollment records.

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022 Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)										
18-21	11,417	1,414	12	9,613	3,310	34	8,655	5,754	66	7,019	2,077	29	↓ -4
22-24	5,201	770	14	3,808	1,625	42	3,210	2,176	67	2,620	1,013	38	↓ -4
25-29	3,230	561	17	2,053	867	42	1,592	983	61	1,105	436	39	↓ -2
30-39	2,183	535	24	1,284	633	49	1,064	686	64	827	387	46	↓ -2
40-49	1,084	394	36	568	347	61	392	311	79	331	209	63	↑ 2
50+	596	312	52	329	253	76	218	183	83	178	137	76	→ 0

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change									
Female	11,758	2,005	17	8,513	3,581	42	7,376	5,070	68	6,001	2,210	36	↓ -5
Male	11,953	1,981	16	9,142	3,454	37	7,752	5,021	64	6,079	2,049	33	↓ -4

These are estimated voting rates for sex groups and the numbers we used to calculate their voting rates. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following the reporting procedures defined by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Presently, NCES requires institutions to report students as “Male” or “Female” only.*

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*<https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/public/survey-materials/faq?faqid=11>

Looking Closer

By Education Level / Undergraduate Class Year

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022 Rate Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)										
EDUCATION LEVEL													
Undergraduate	19,153	2,808	14	14,077	5,337	37	12,265	8,156	66	9,847	3,168	32	↓ -5
Graduate	3,752	887	23	2,960	1,399	47	2,307	1,509	65	1,708	894	52	↑ 5
Class Unknown	806	291	36	618	299	48	559	428	76	525	197	37	↓ -10
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	2,343	290	12	2,680	769	28	2,351	1,400	59	1,467	279	19	↓ -9
Sophomore	2,386	391	16	2,363	846	35	2,171	1,444	66	1,509	414	27	↓ -8
Upperclassman	8,092	1,432	17	7,163	3,142	43	6,606	4,632	70	5,931	2,247	37	↓ -5
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	17,459	2,498	14	14,112	5,324	37	12,297	8,066	65	9,752	3,260	33	↓ -4
Part-time	6,252	1,488	23	3,543	1,711	48	2,834	2,027	71	2,328	999	42	↓ -5

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (undergraduate/graduate), Class Year, and Enrollment Status (full-time/part-time), and the numbers we used to calculate these rates.

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By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change									
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	563	73	12	757	255	33	757	502	66	606	197	32	 -1
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,068	502	16	2,330	936	40	2,011	1,281	63	1,643	513	31	 -8
Communication and Journalism	562	86	15	343	145	42	297	216	72	238	111	46	 4

These are estimated voting rates by field of study, and the numbers we used to calculate the field of study rates. For an explanation of CIP codes, please see our FAQ.* There are roughly 8,000 fields of study among U.S. colleges and universities, so we provide rates for condensed categories.

*<https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq>

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change									
Computer and Information Sciences	697	92	13	714	276	38	692	441	63	544	169	31	↓ -7
Education	1,859	382	20	1,303	599	45	1,189	895	75	943	373	39	↓ -6
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	3,672	554	15	3,904	1,375	35	3,306	2,173	65	2,444	846	34	→ 0
English Language and Literature	173	35	20	108	58	53	102	77	75	69	31	44	↓ -8
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	318	48	15	235	87	37	102	65	63	50	14	28	↓ -9
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	67	15	22	18	11	61	13	12	92	-	-	-	-
Health Professions	2,628	388	14	2,625	964	36	2,187	1,431	65	1,791	562	31	↓ -5
History	124	42	33	85	59	69	66	53	80	53	30	56	↓ -12
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	597	103	17	455	179	39	529	328	62	471	162	34	↓ -4
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	327	38	11	257	71	27	221	119	53	163	26	15	↓ -11

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change									
Legal Professions and Studies	456	173	37	422	266	63	403	341	84	428	263	61	 -1
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	391	45	11	614	197	32	375	214	57	285	94	32	 0
Mathematics and Statistics	158	28	17	128	65	50	110	79	71	74	29	39	 -11
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	325	47	14	257	105	40	222	134	60	183	52	28	 -12
Philosophy and Religious Studies	27	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social Sciences	569	141	24	466	241	51	347	242	69	311	143	45	 -5
Visual and Performing Arts	614	107	17	467	188	40	374	253	67	281	110	39	 -1
Unknown	4,901	826	16	646	315	48	611	460	75	550	214	38	 -9

About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement.

Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, nearly 1,200 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2022 federal elections.

Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database representing an average of well over 10 million students for each election year, that serves as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

The National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement (NSLVE, "en-solve") is a service offered to colleges and universities that provides a tailored report on their students' voting rates and other metrics. Launched in 2013 at Tufts University's Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life, NSLVE represents more than 1,200 campuses in all 50 states + D.C. and now serves as a widely impactful resource for the work of understanding and fostering student political learning.

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 2014, 2018, 2020, and 2022 elections.

These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) and publicly available voting files collected by L2 Political.

Enrollment lists are adjusted by deducting students under age 18 (at the time of the election), people identified as non-degree seeking and those identified by campuses as "nonresident aliens" (NRAs) (the federal government's category for mostly international students). Unfortunately, not all campuses report NRAs to NSC. For those campuses, we use IPEDS to calculate the number of NRA students on each campus and adjust NSC enrollment numbers to estimate the number of students to remove. We also quality check NRA removals by verifying that there is little to no discrepancy between the number of international students reported by the campus to IPEDS and to NSC. We cannot adjust subgroup analyses absent identification of NRAs verified by the process above. We welcome closer partnerships with individual colleges and universities to provide more accurate rates. For more on the data and the matching process, see our FAQ on Campus Reports.

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://nslve.tufts.edu>.

References: NSLVE encourages report recipients to share this report as broadly as possible, including posting it on the college or university's website. When doing so, please use the following citation: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2024). 2022 report for _____ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.

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