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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Michigan State University

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 improving 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.

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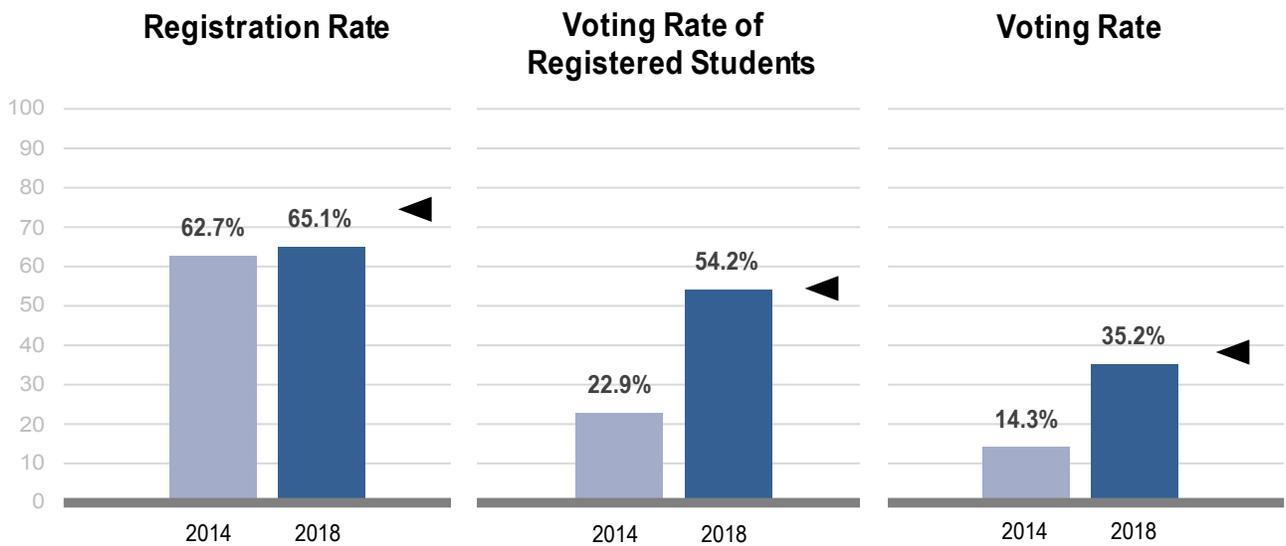
Warm regards,

IDHE Team

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate
35.2%

CHANGE
FROM 2014
+20.9

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	**44,120**	**49,504**	⬆	**5,384**
Age under 18/Unknown	(256)	(345)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(6,262)	(6,522)		
FERPA records blocked	(2,827)	(1,519)		
Total eligible voters	**34,775**	**41,118**	⬆	**6,343**
Number of students who registered	**21,794**	**26,749**	⬆	**4,955**
Number of students who voted	**4,980**	**14,492**	⬆	**9,512**
Registration rate	**62.7%**	**65.1%**	⬆	**2.4**
Voting rate of registered students	**22.9%**	**54.2%**	⬆	**31.3**
Voting rate	**14.3%**	**35.2%**	⬆	**20.9**
Difference from all institutions	**-5.4**	**-3.9**		

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 54.0%
19.7%	LOW 1.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-5.4**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 64.1%
39.1%	LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-3.9**

	Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2014	14.3%	19.5%	19.6%	17.6%
2018	35.2%	41.2%	40.8%	42.5%
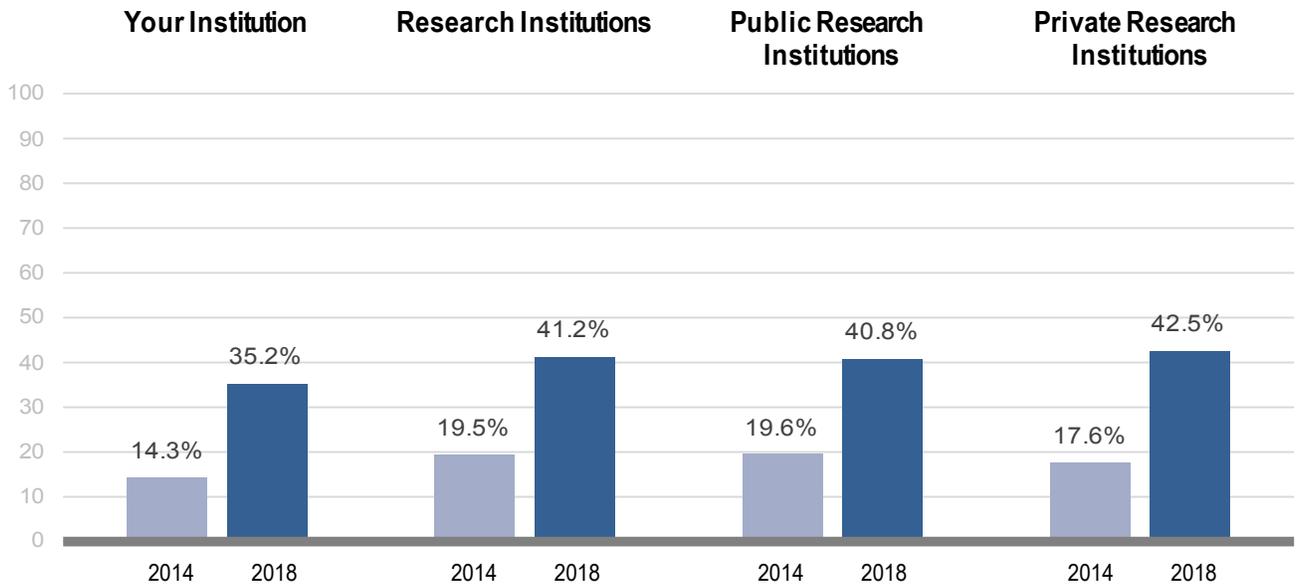
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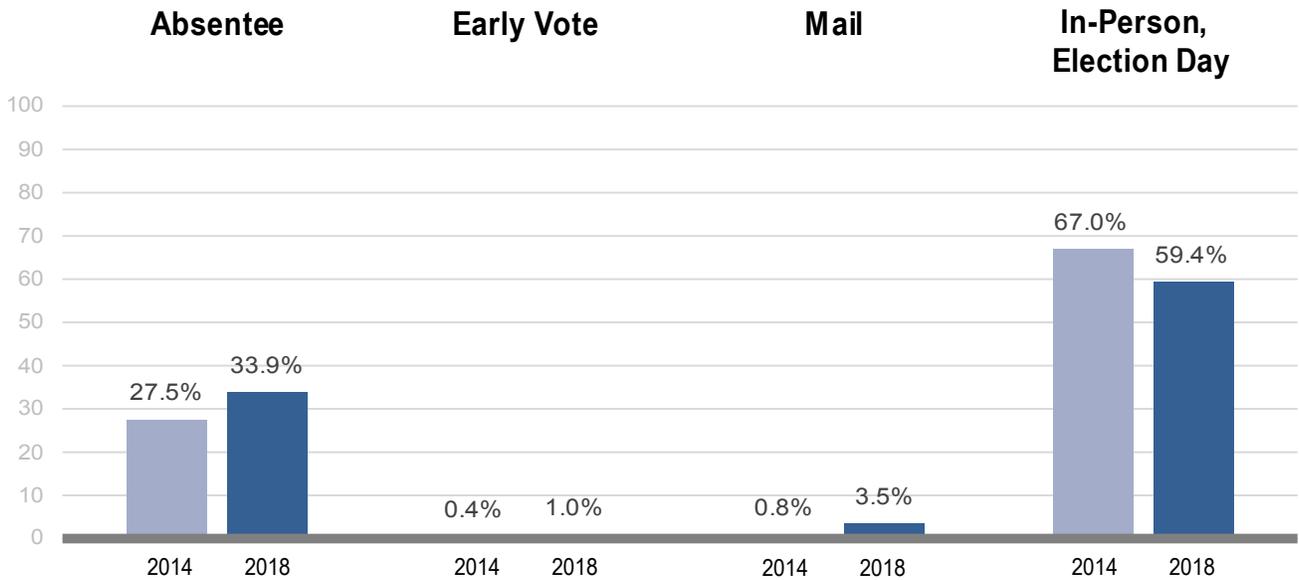
	2014			**2018**			
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	1,369	**27.5%**		4,911	**33.9%**	⬆	**6.4**
Early Vote	22	**0.4%**		139	**1.0%**	⬆	**0.5**
Mail	42	**0.8%**		512	**3.5%**	⬆	**2.7**
In-Person, Election Day	3,338	**67.0%**		8,611	**59.4%**	⬇	**-7.6**
Unknown	209	**4.2%**		319	**2.2%**		
Total	**4,980**			**14,492**			

* 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*
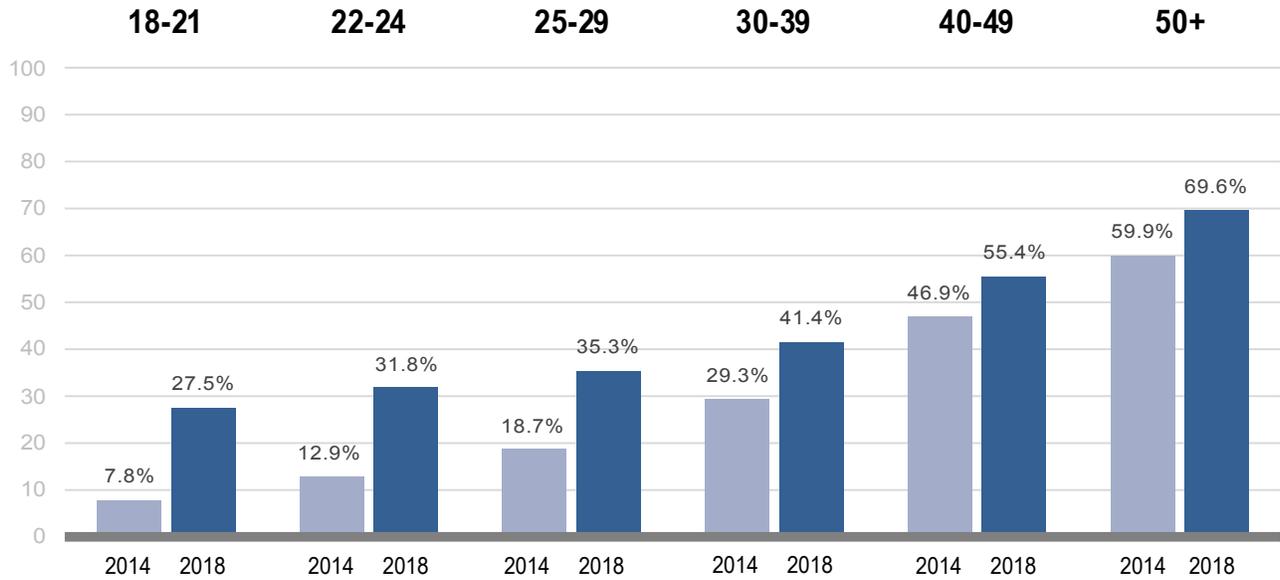
	2014				2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	26,122	2,042	**7.8%**		31,522	8,665	**27.5%**	⬆	**19.7**
22-24	7,392	954	**12.9%**		7,956	2,533	**31.8%**	⬆	**18.9**
25-29	4,133	773	**18.7%**		4,577	1,617	**35.3%**	⬆	**16.6**
30-39	2,376	696	**29.3%**		2,485	1,028	**41.4%**	⬆	**12.1**
40-49	712	334	**46.9%**		820	454	**55.4%**	⬆	**8.5**
50+	302	181	**59.9%**		280	195	**69.6%**	⬆	**9.7**
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.

By Education Level*
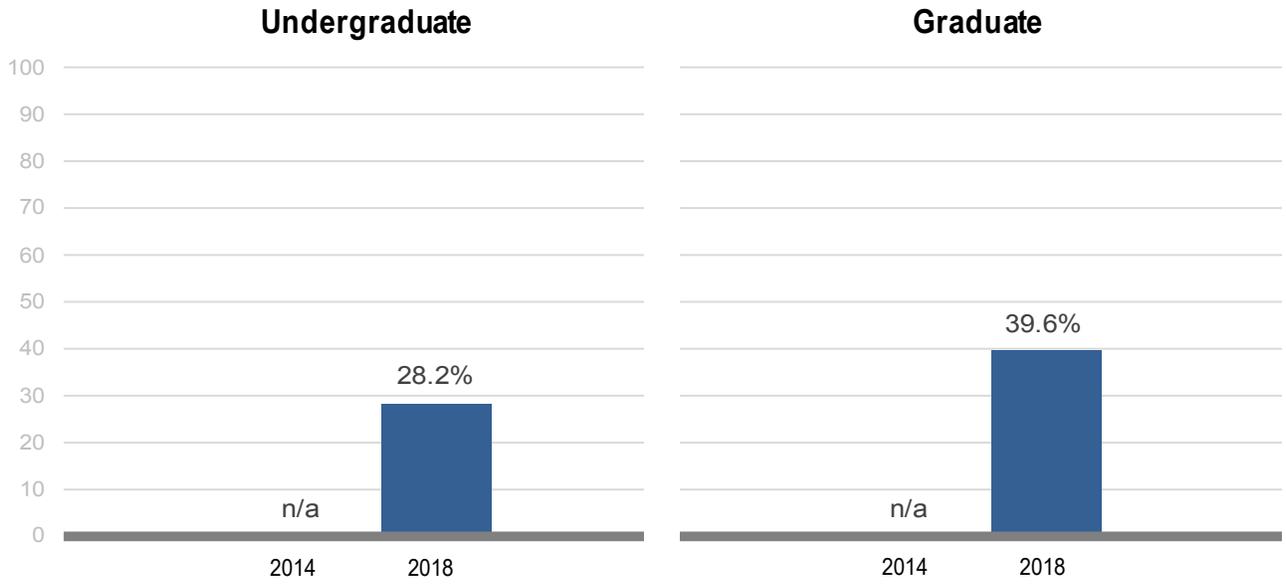
	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**		37,421	10,555	**28.2%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**		9,665	3,828	**39.6%**	**n/a**
Unknown	41,037				554			

* 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.

By Undergraduate Class Year*

	First Year	**Sophomore**	**Upper-level**
2014	5.8%	7.6%	10.5%
2018	22.7%	25.7%	31.7%
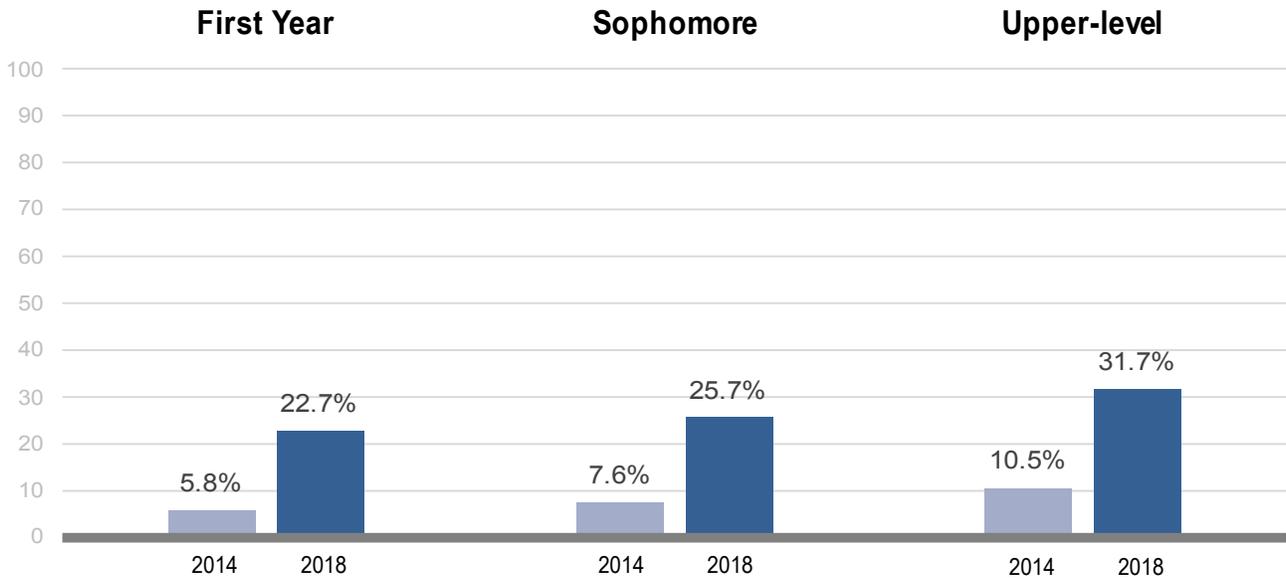
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	7,277	420	**5.8%**	9,012	2,048	**22.7%**	⬆	**17.0**
Sophomore	7,142	539	**7.6%**	8,688	2,233	**25.7%**	⬆	**18.2**
Upper-level	17,211	1,808	**10.5%**	19,296	6,120	**31.7%**	⬆	**21.2**

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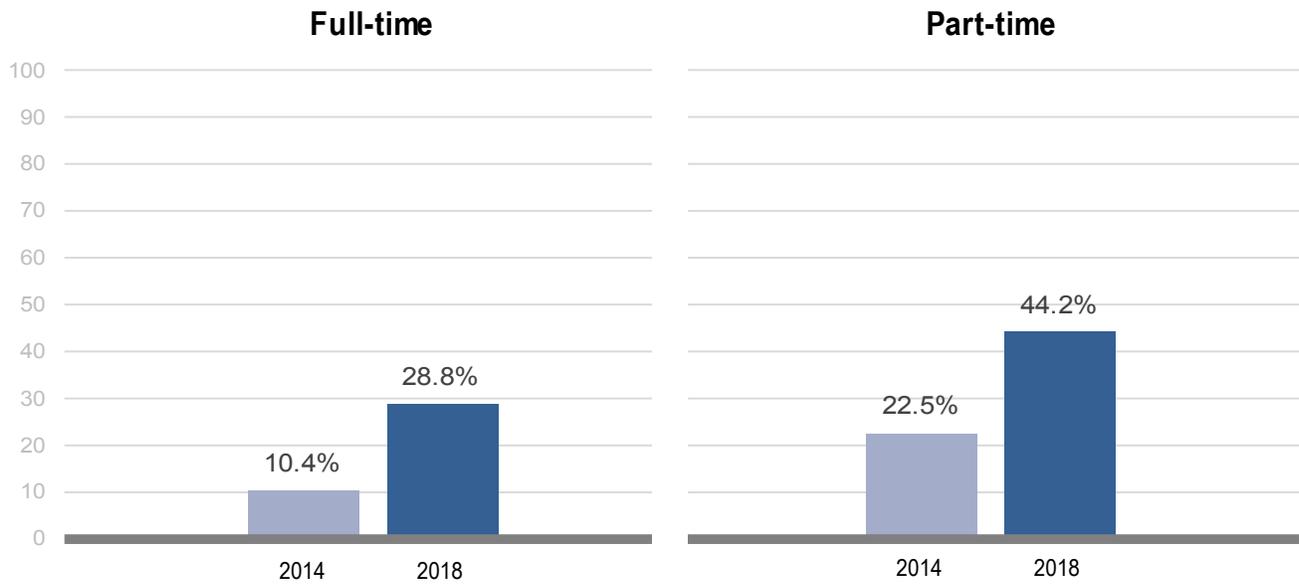## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Enrollment Status*

Full-time

Part-time

	2014				2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	35,228	3,676	**10.4%**		42,514	12,225	**28.8%**	⬆	**18.3**
Part-time	5,809	1,304	**22.5%**		5,126	2,267	**44.2%**	⬆	**21.8**
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.
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By Gender*

Women

Men
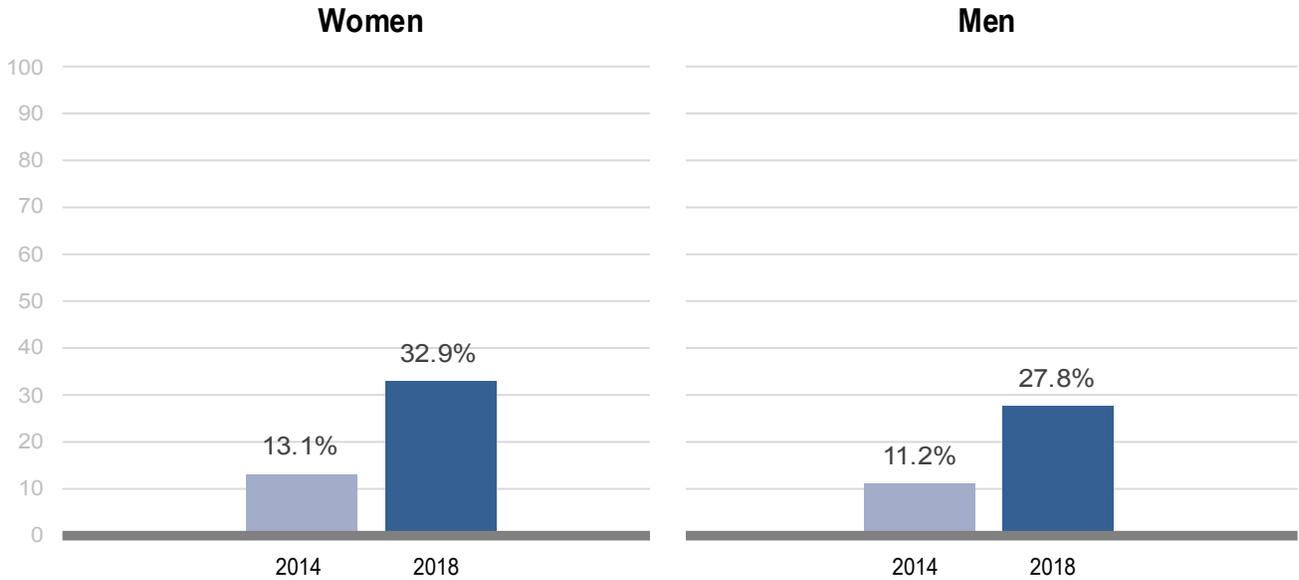
	2014				**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	21,149	2,762	**13.1%**		24,534	8,077	**32.9%**	⬆	**19.9**
Men	19,888	2,218	**11.2%**		23,106	6,415	**27.8%**	⬆	**16.6**
Unknown	0				0				

* 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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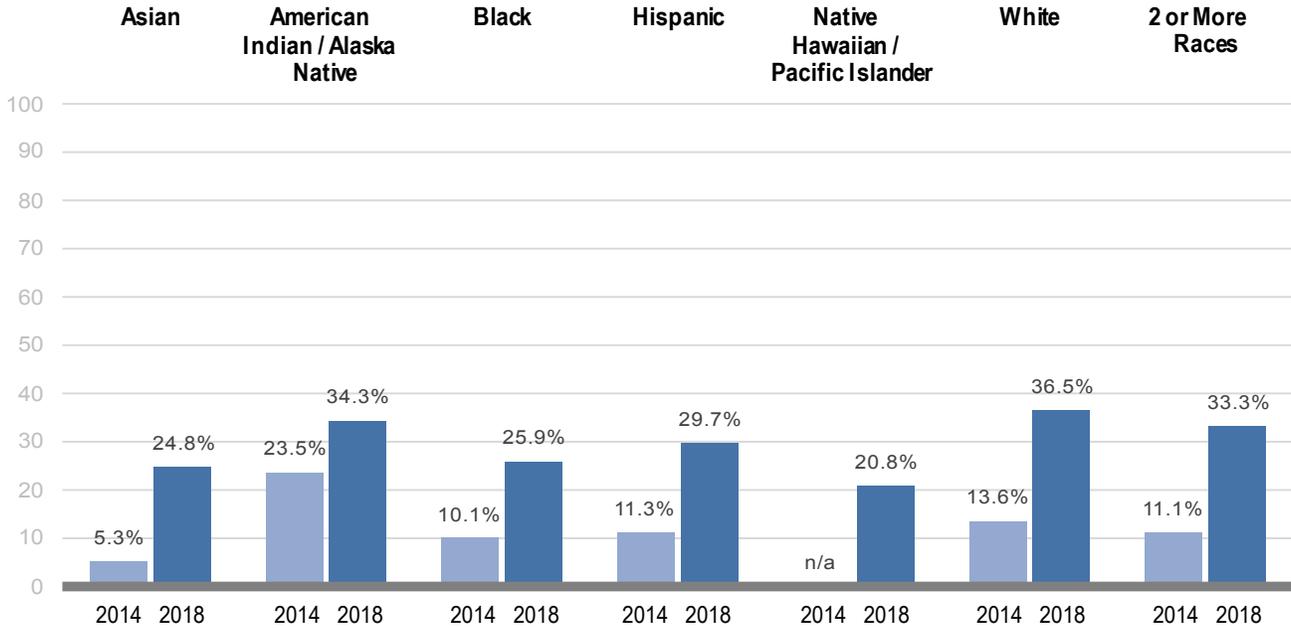
By Race/Ethnicity*

	2014			**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Asian	1,889	100	**5.3%**	2,614	649	**24.8%**	⬆	**19.5**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	119	28	**23.5%**	102	35	**34.3%**	⬆	**10.8**
Black	2,746	278	**10.1%**	3,183	823	**25.9%**	⬆	**15.7**
Hispanic	1,716	194	**11.3%**	2,246	667	**29.7%**	⬆	**18.4**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	41	*	**n/a**	48	10	**20.8%**		**n/a**
White	30,788	4,176	**13.6%**	31,779	11,607	**36.5%**	⬆	**23.0**
2 or More Races	1,087	121	**11.1%**	1,399	466	**33.3%**	⬆	**22.2**
Unknown	2,651			6,269				

* 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. For this page, we consider international students of unknown race/ethnicity.

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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.

	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	1,487	223	15.0%	1,759	611	34.7% ⬆	19.7
Architecture	109	10	9.2%	101	37	36.6% ⬆	27.5
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	65	13	20.0%	43	18	41.9% ⬆	21.9
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	0	0	n/a	73	0	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	3,718	388	10.4%	4,691	1,489	31.7% ⬆	21.3
Business, Management, and Marketing	6,310	568	9.0%	8,124	2,064	25.4% ⬆	16.4
Communication and Journalism	2,986	244	8.2%	3,576	990	27.7% ⬆	19.5
Computer and Information Sciences	702	62	8.8%	1,581	366	23.2% ⬆	14.3
Construction Trades	30	*	n/a	36	*	n/a	n/a
Education	2,292	588	25.7%	1,935	831	43.0% ⬆	17.3
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	4,492	339	7.6%	5,535	1,397	25.2% ⬆	17.7
English Language and Literature	637	92	14.4%	470	210	44.7% ⬆	30.2
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	479	67	14.0%	445	144	32.4% ⬆	18.4
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	327	43	13.2%	294	86	29.3% ⬆	16.1
Health Professions	5,258	770	14.6%	5,215	1,947	37.3% ⬆	22.7
History	159	38	23.9%	201	99	49.3% ⬆	25.4
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	751	96	12.8%	706	218	30.9% ⬆	18.1
Legal Professions and Studies	267	28	10.5%	368	129	35.1% ⬆	24.6
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,029	148	14.4%	739	164	22.2% ⬆	7.8
Mathematics and Statistics	426	31	7.3%	827	165	20.0% ⬆	12.7
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,360	155	11.4%	1,380	471	34.1% ⬆	22.7
Natural Resources and Conservation	563	121	21.5%	778	297	38.2% ⬆	16.7
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,116	85	7.6%	1,422	371	26.1% ⬆	18.5

Philosophy and Religious Studies	78	14	**18.0%**	58	23	**39.7%** ⬆	**21.7**
Physical Sciences	961	97	**10.1%**	1,086	308	**28.4%** ⬆	**18.3**
Psychology	1,317	128	**9.7%**	1,401	407	**29.1%** ⬆	**19.3**
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	354	99	**28.0%**	328	149	**45.4%** ⬆	**17.5**
Social Sciences	2,803	430	**15.3%**	2,858	1,019	**35.7%** ⬆	**20.3**
Visual and Performing Arts	933	89	**9.5%**	1,120	364	**32.5%** ⬆	**23.0**
Unknown	28	*	**n/a**	490	110	**22.5%**	**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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