Student Voting Rates for University Of Nebraska At Omaha

NSLVE Campus Report

June 2024
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,
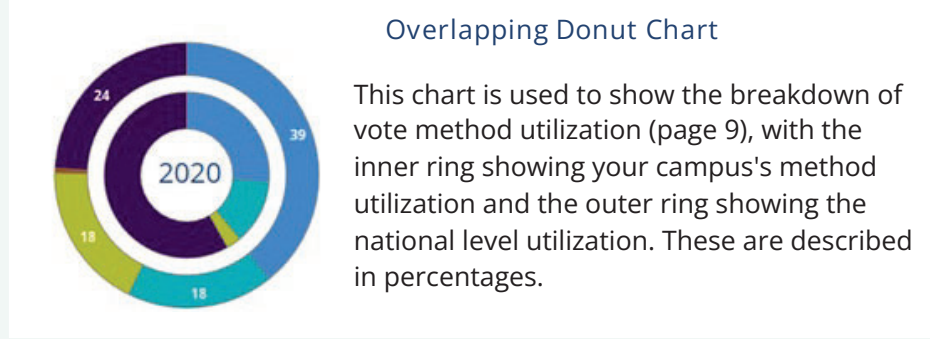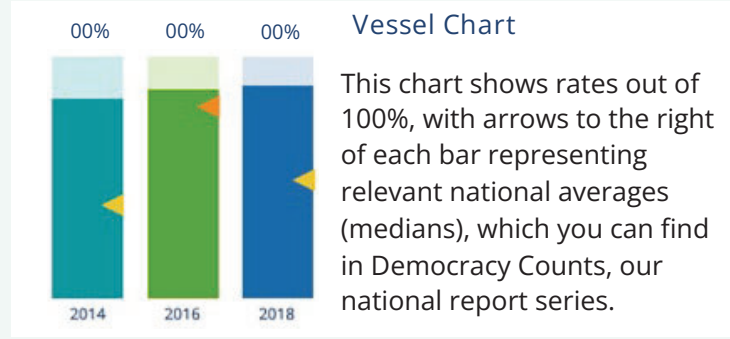Adam, Duy, Mari, and Victoria
The NSLVE Team

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

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.

Vessel Chart

This chart shows rates out of 100%, with arrows to the right of each bar representing relevant national averages (medians), which you can find in Democracy Counts, our national report series.

Overlapping Donut Chart

This chart is used to show the breakdown of vote method utilization (page 9), with the inner ring showing your campus's method utilization and the outer ring showing the national level utilization. These are described in percentages.

Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

37.6%
2022 Voting Rate
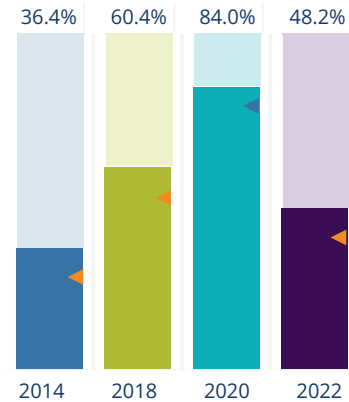
-10.7
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

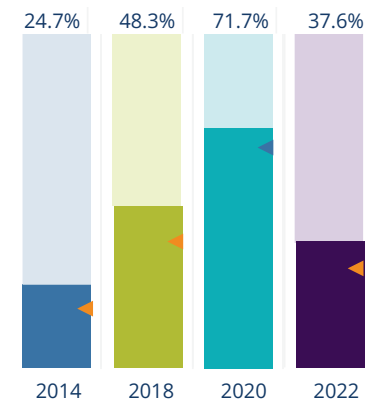| 2014	2018	2020	2022
67.8%	79.8%	85.3%	78.1%

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

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

2014	2018	2020	2022
36.4%	60.4%	84.0%	48.2%

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

2014	2018	2020	2022
24.7%	48.3%	71.7%	37.6%

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	17,004	17,544	18,339	17,729	⬆ 184
Age under 18/Unknown	1,562	1,881	2,237	2,400	⬆ 519
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	849	837	784	797	⬇ -40
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	150	204	223	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	155	157	186	-	-
Total eligible voters	14,287	14,464	14,908	14,531	⬆ 67
Number of students who registered	9,694	11,549	12,721	11,354	⬇ -195
Number of students who voted	3,530	6,981	10,686	5,469	⬇ -1,512
Registration Rate %	67	79	85	78	⬇ -1
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	36	60	84	48	⬇ -12
Voting Rate %	24	48	71	37	⬇ -10

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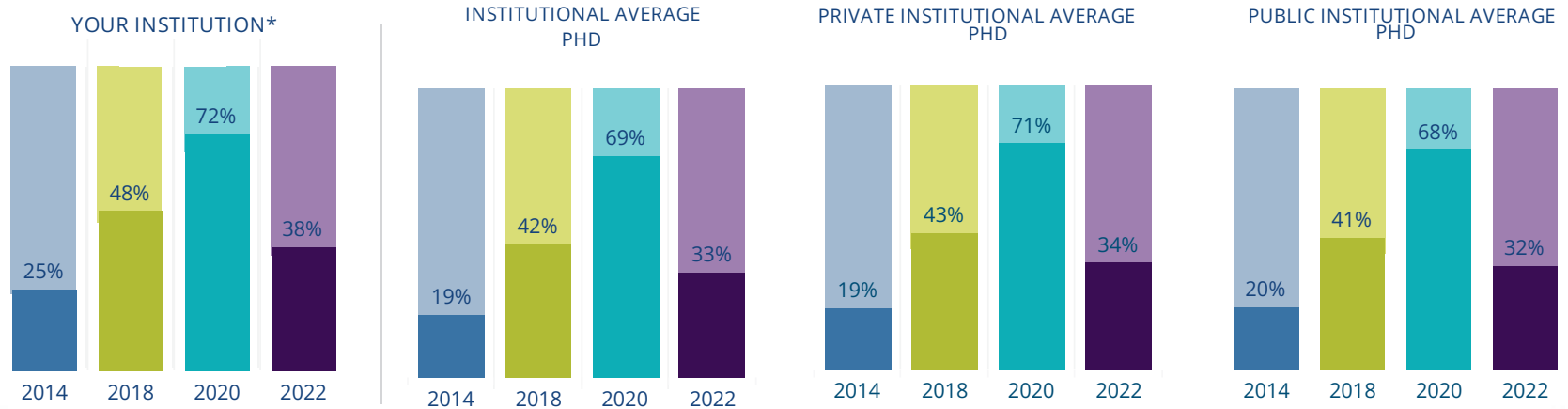
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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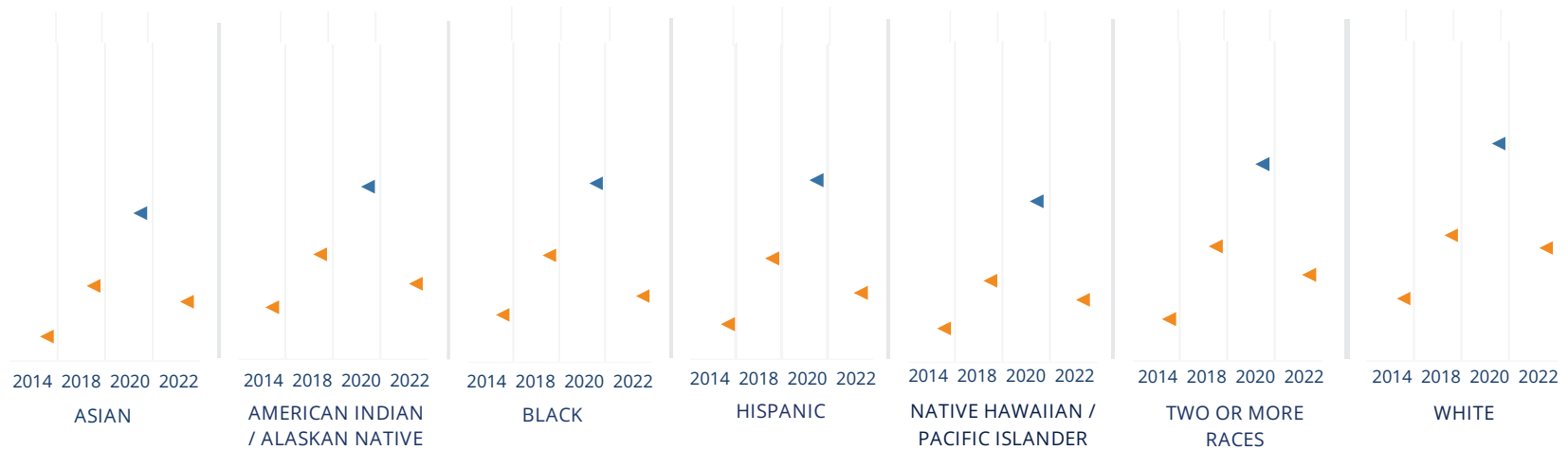
By Institution Types

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 79%
39.1%	LOW 7%

2022 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 68%
30.6%	LOW 4%

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.

YOUR INSTITUTION*

2014	2018	2020	2022
25%	48%	72%	38%

INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

2014	2018	2020	2022
19%	42%	69%	33%

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

2014	2018	2020	2022
19%	43%	71%	34%

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

2014	2018	2020	2022
20%	41%	68%	32%

By Race / Ethnicity

2014 2018 2020 2022	2014 2018 2020 2022	2014 2018 2020 2022	2014 2018 2020 2022	2014 2018 2020 2022	2014 2018 2020 2022	2014 2018 2020 2022
ASIAN	AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE	BLACK	HISPANIC	NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER	TWO OR MORE RACES	WHITE

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-nslve-report-faq

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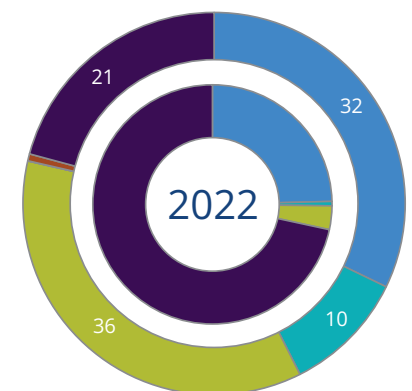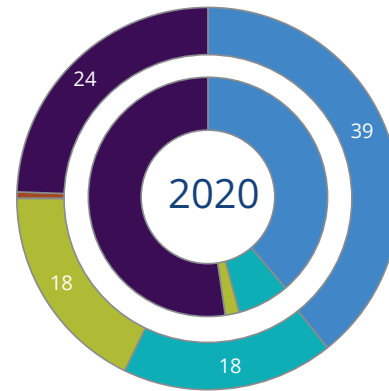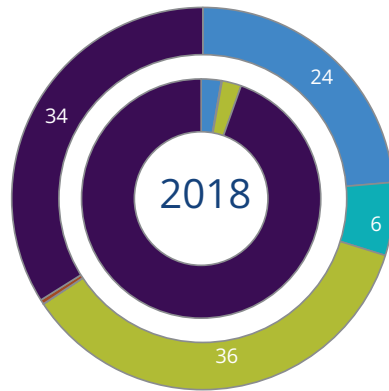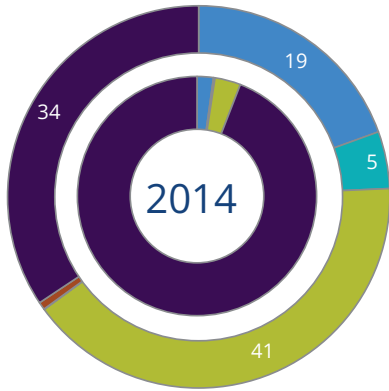
Looking Closer

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 (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Race Unknown	15,128	3,530	23	15,293	6,981	45	15,684	10,686	68	15,329	5,469	35	⬇ -9

By Voting Method

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

	2014		2018		2020		2022		2018-2022
	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Early Vote	-	-	-	-	750	7	33	0	-
In-Person	122	3	183	2	205	1	174	3	➡ 0
Not-In-Person	79	2	190	2	4,148	38	1,345	24	⬆ 21
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	3,322	94	6,602	94	5,583	52	3,916	71	⬇ -23

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	17%	43%	68%	31%
22-24	21%	43%	66%	33%
25-29	22%	45%	64%	35%
30-39	34%	52%	67%	46%
40-49	49%	63%	75%	57%
50+	65%	78%	83%	73%

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
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
18-21	6,772	1,204	17	7,479	3,218	43	7,611	5,243	68	7,804	2,429	31	⬇ -11
22-24	3,510	766	21	3,387	1,466	43	3,353	2,223	66	3,142	1,063	33	⬇ -9
25-29	2,361	526	22	2,155	982	45	2,217	1,434	64	1,857	655	35	⬇ -10
30-39	1,631	566	34	1,476	776	52	1,624	1,102	67	1,584	738	46	⬇ -5
40-49	561	275	49	559	354	63	624	470	75	673	387	57	⬇ -5
50+	293	193	65	237	185	78	255	214	83	269	197	73	⬇ -4

Looking Closer

By Sex

| | 2014 | | | 2018 | | | 2020 | | | 2022 | | | 2018-2022 |
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
EDUCATION LEVEL													
Undergraduate	11,991	2,442	20	12,134	5,246	43	12,333	8,302	67	11,813	3,863	32	↓-10
Graduate	2,448	894	36	2,479	1,403	56	2,658	1,905	71	2,603	1,209	46	↓-10
Class Unknown	689	194	28	680	332	48	693	479	69	913	311	34	↓-14
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	3,086	454	14	3,110	1,180	37	3,224	2,040	63	3,314	814	24	↓-13
Sophomore	2,633	451	17	2,688	1,142	42	2,690	1,846	68	2,534	791	31	↓-11
Upperclassman	6,373	1,527	23	6,453	2,991	46	6,629	4,560	68	6,290	2,366	37	↓-8
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	9,698	1,930	19	10,969	4,740	43	11,375	7,675	67	11,174	3,566	31	↓-11
Part-time	5,430	1,600	29	4,324	2,241	51	4,309	3,011	69	4,155	1,903	45	↓-6

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (under-graduate/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 (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	26	-	-	25	15	60	27	21	77	26	13	50	⬇ -10
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	943	170	18	932	399	42	928	639	68	993	297	29	⬇ -12
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,367	466	19	2,176	886	40	2,311	1,483	64	2,440	816	33	⬇ -7
Communication and Journalism	389	105	26	390	218	55	349	276	79	258	104	40	⬇ -15
Transportation	121	27	22	198	81	40	234	153	65	256	69	26	⬇ -13

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 (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Computer and Information Sciences	985	189	19	1,141	463	40	1,154	686	59	1,309	408	31	⬇ -9
Education	1,840	581	31	1,775	945	53	1,745	1,369	78	1,598	685	42	⬇ -10
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	684	129	18	667	270	40	618	419	67	609	199	32	⬇ -7
English Language and Literature	267	90	33	233	148	63	240	198	82	232	121	52	⬇ -11
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	97	27	27	75	32	42	46	30	65	55	22	40	⬇ -2
Health Professions	137	21	15	444	152	34	699	433	61	601	135	22	⬇ -11
History	170	73	42	115	73	63	106	80	75	103	55	53	⬇ -10
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	556	114	20	702	274	39	778	490	62	706	228	32	⬇ -6
Library Science	26	12	46	41	26	63	77	63	81	75	37	49	⬇ -14
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	363	47	12	354	114	32	351	240	68	306	72	23	⬇ -8
Transportation	121	27	22	198	81	40	234	153	65	256	69	26	⬇ -13

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Legal Professions and Studies	-	-	-	14	-	-	17	11	64	14	-	-	-
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,392	361	25	1,019	457	44	1,114	725	65	1,018	393	38	🔻 -6
Mathematics and Statistics	141	30	21	144	60	41	160	120	75	151	65	43	🔺 1
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,821	314	17	1,606	600	37	1,261	772	61	1,050	286	27	🔻 -10
Philosophy and Religious Studies	32	-	-	29	13	44	28	20	71	38	16	42	🔻 -2
Social Sciences	593	208	35	483	300	62	427	308	72	370	195	52	🔻 -9
Visual and Performing Arts	474	114	24	449	253	56	534	395	73	511	216	42	🔻 -14
Unknown	236	58	24	680	332	48	702	484	68	799	325	40	🔻 -8

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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