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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Yale 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 providing 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.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: **https://idhe.tufts.edu/.**

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Warm regards,

IDHE Team

Voting and Registration Rates
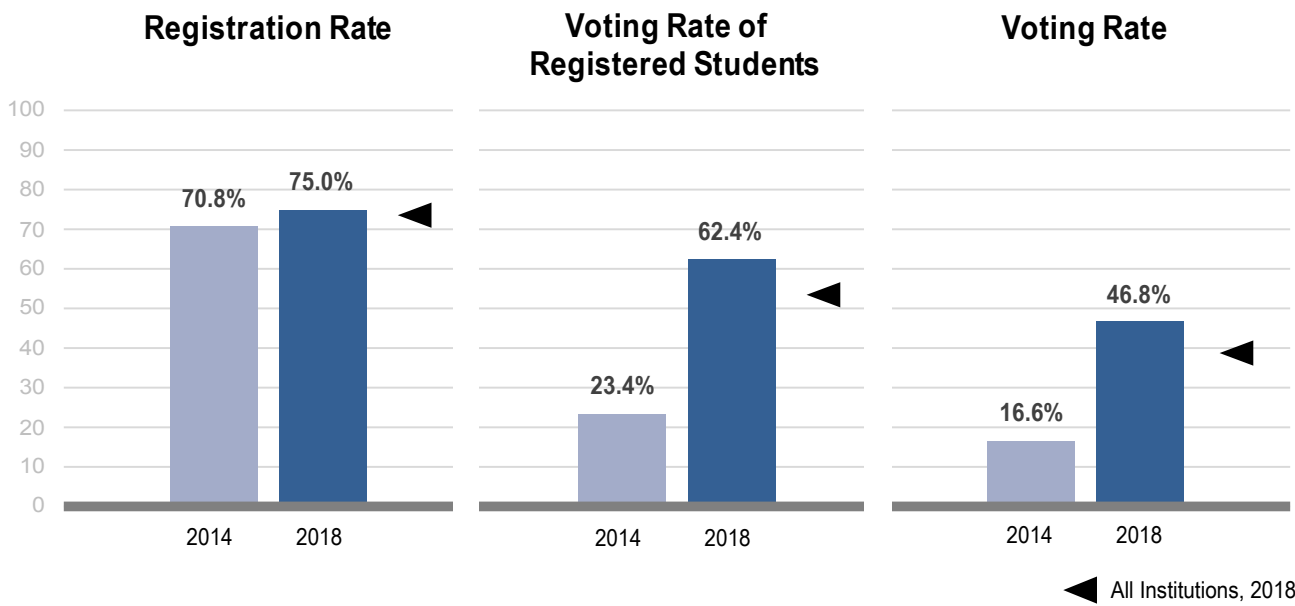
2018 Voting Rate	CHANGE FROM 2014	2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
46.8%	**+30.2**	**39.1%**

Registration Rate

70.8% (2014) 75.0% (2018)

Voting Rate of Registered Students

23.4% (2014) 62.4% (2018)

Voting Rate

16.6% (2014) 46.8% (2018)

◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	**2018**		Change
Total student enrollment	**11,709**	**16,017**	⬆	**4,308**
Age under 18/Unknown	(76)	(58)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(2,256)	(3,246)		
FERPA records blocked	*	*		
Total eligible voters	**9,372**	**12,712**	⬆	**3,340**
Number of students who registered	**6,637**	**9,529**	⬆	**2,892**
Number of students who voted	**1,556**	**5,949**	⬆	**4,393**
Registration rate	**70.8%**	**75.0%**	⬆	**4.1**
Voting rate of registered students	**23.4%**	**62.4%**	⬆	**39.0**
Voting rate	**16.6%**	**46.8%**	⬆	**30.2**
Difference from all institutions	**-3.1**	**+7.7**		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

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

Difference from All Institutions   **-3.1**

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

Difference from All Institutions   **+7.7**

Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2014: 16.6% / 2018: 46.8%	2014: 19.5% / 2018: 41.2%	2014: 19.6% / 2018: 40.8%	2014: 17.6% / 2018: 42.5%
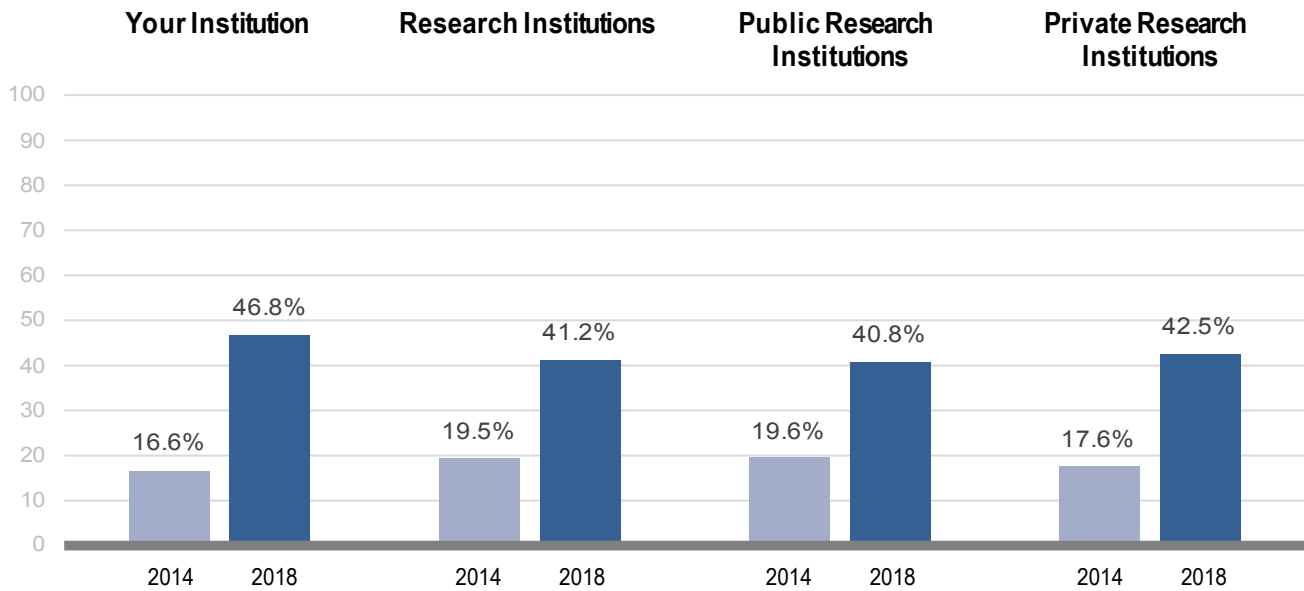
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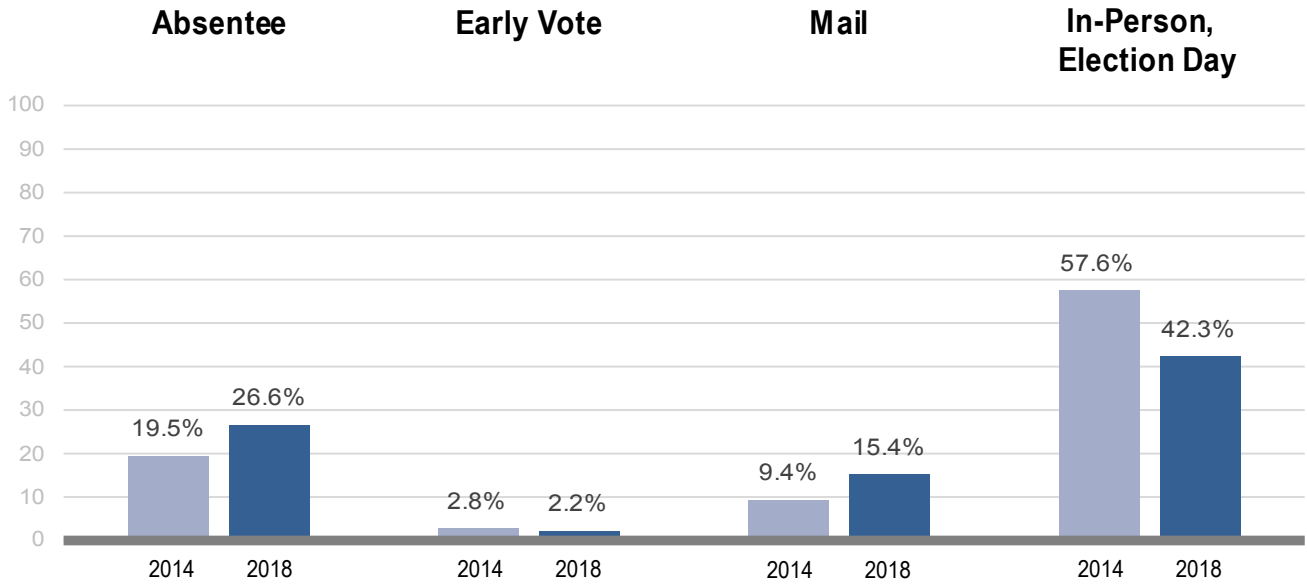
	2014			**2018**			
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	304	**19.5%**		1,582	**26.6%**	⬆	**7.1**
Early Vote	44	**2.8%**		133	**2.2%**	⬇	**-0.6**
Mail	146	**9.4%**		916	**15.4%**	⬆	**6.0**
In-Person, Election Day	896	**57.6%**		2,519	**42.3%**	⬇	**-15.2**
Unknown	166	**10.7%**		799	**13.4%**		
Total	**1,556**			**5,949**			

* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*
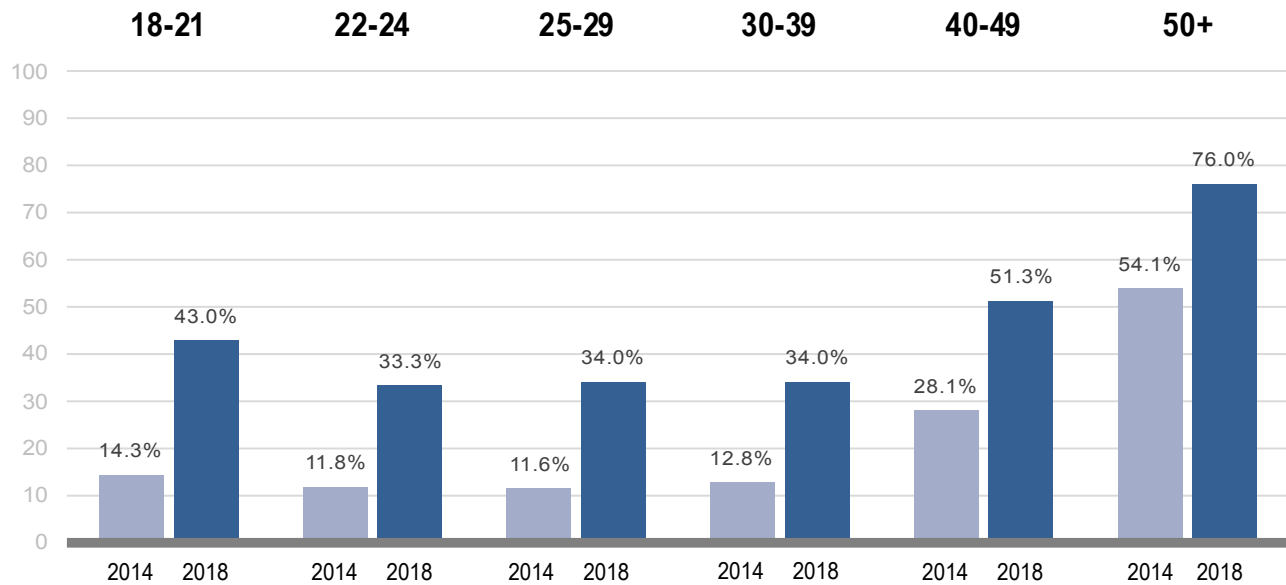
	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	4,833	692	**14.3%**	5,358	2,302	**43.0%**	⬆	**28.6**
22-24	2,115	250	**11.8%**	3,145	1,047	**33.3%**	⬆	**21.5**
25-29	3,154	367	**11.6%**	5,229	1,777	**34.0%**	⬆	**22.3**
30-39	1,313	168	**12.8%**	1,956	665	**34.0%**	⬆	**21.2**
40-49	139	39	**28.1%**	191	98	**51.3%**	⬆	**23.3**
50+	74	40	**54.1%**	79	60	**76.0%**	⬆	**21.9**
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*

Undergraduate
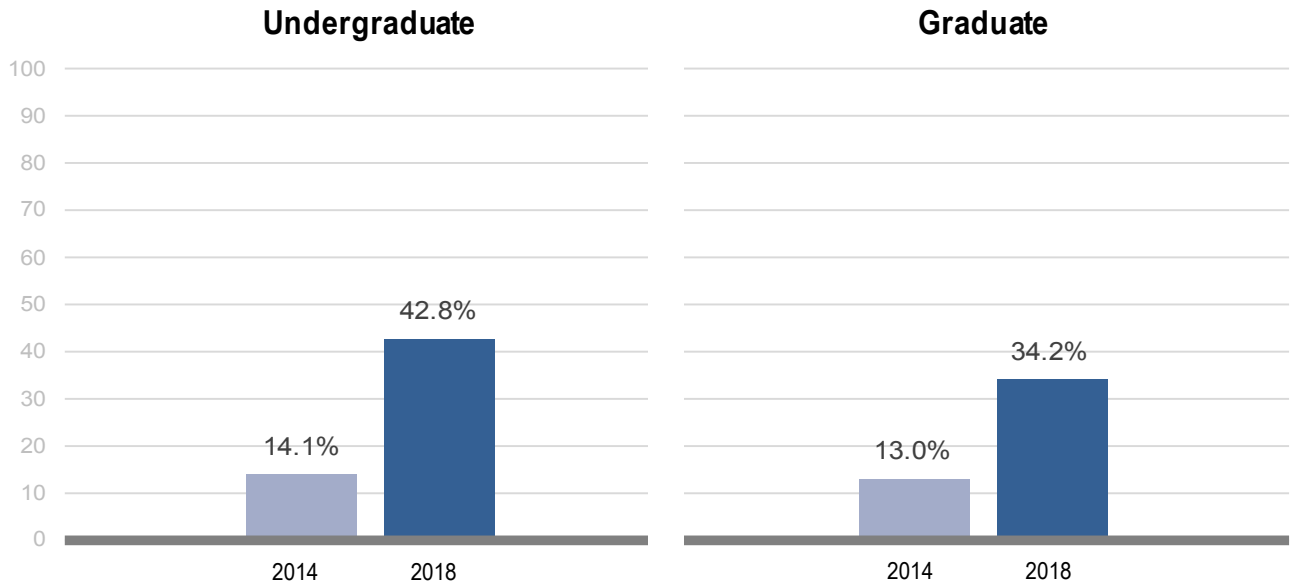
Graduate

	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Undergraduate	5,184	731	**14.1%**	5,745	2,457	**42.8%**	⬆	**28.7**
Graduate	6,239	811	**13.0%**	10,147	3,474	**34.2%**	⬆	**21.2**
Unknown	205			66				

* 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*
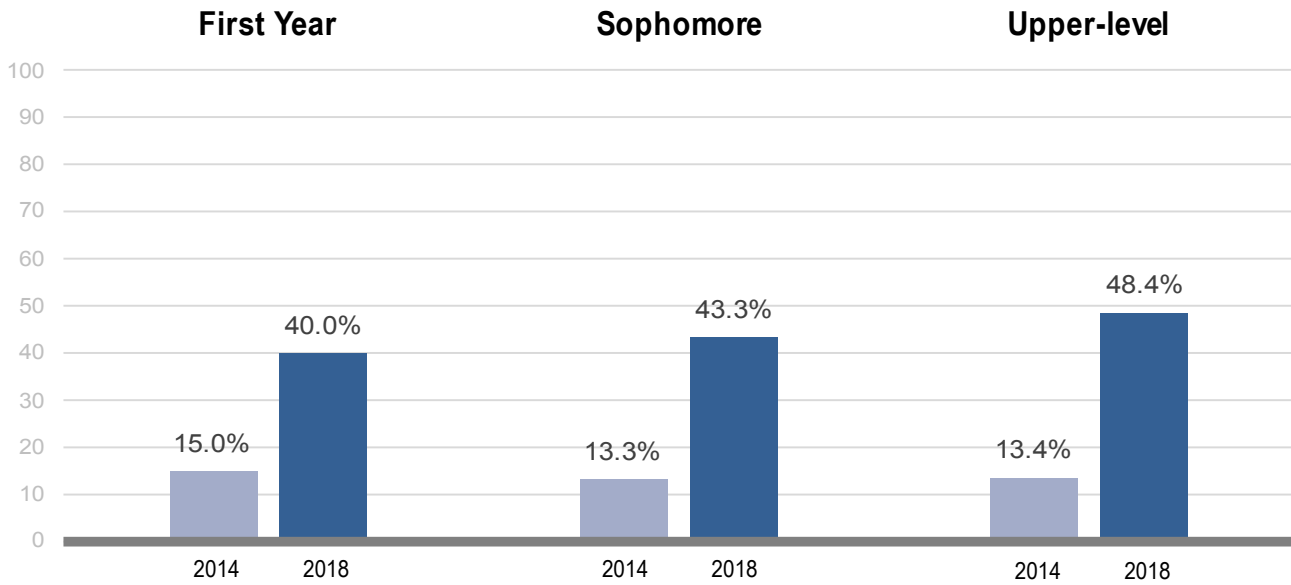
	2014				2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	2,504	375	**15.0%**		2,987	1,196	**40.0%**	⬆	**25.1**
Sophomore	1,362	181	**13.3%**		1,389	601	**43.3%**	⬆	**30.0**
Upper-level	1,322	177	**13.4%**		1,342	650	**48.4%**	⬆	**35.1**

* Your students' data broken down by undergraduate students' class level. 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Enrollment Status*
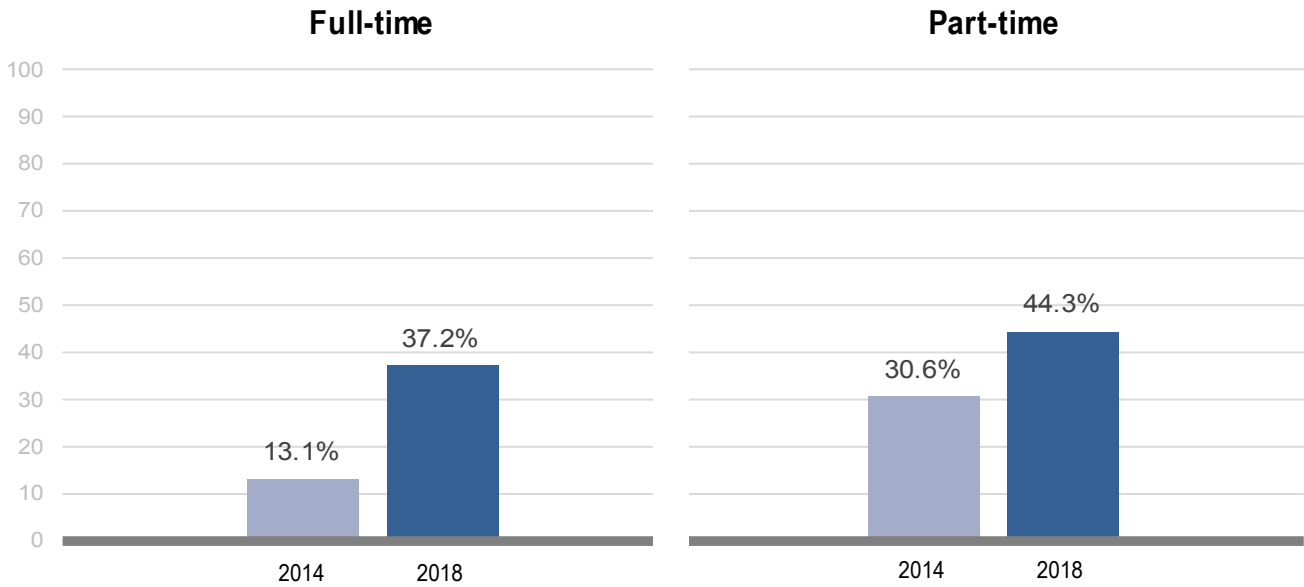
Full-time

Part-time

13.1% 37.2% 30.6% 44.3%

	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	11,445	1,500	**13.1%**	15,809	5,883	**37.2%**	⬆	**24.1**
Part-time	183	56	**30.6%**	149	66	**44.3%**	⬆	**13.7**
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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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

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	
Architecture	232	11	4.7%	259	77	29.7% ⬆	25.0
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	264	44	16.7%	341	178	52.2% ⬆	35.5
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	991	103	10.4%	1,747	629	36.0% ⬆	25.6
Business, Management, and Marketing	681	40	5.9%	951	253	26.6% ⬆	20.7
Computer and Information Sciences	166	16	9.6%	409	130	31.8% ⬆	22.1
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	468	60	12.8%	770	226	29.4% ⬆	16.5
English Language and Literature	213	39	18.3%	235	121	51.5% ⬆	33.2
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	242	42	17.4%	426	131	30.8% ⬆	13.4
Health Professions	962	146	15.2%	1,815	716	39.5% ⬆	24.3
History	412	93	22.6%	564	279	49.5% ⬆	26.9
Legal Professions and Studies	676	139	20.6%	699	326	46.6% ⬆	26.1
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,078	298	14.3%	2,319	914	39.4% ⬆	25.1
Mathematics and Statistics	171	21	12.3%	347	107	30.8% ⬆	18.6
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	261	31	11.9%	265	119	44.9% ⬆	33.0
Natural Resources and Conservation	399	64	16.0%	487	215	44.2% ⬆	28.1
Philosophy and Religious Studies	159	30	18.9%	236	71	30.1% ⬆	11.2
Physical Sciences	515	61	11.8%	911	301	33.0% ⬆	21.2
Psychology	246	35	14.2%	285	128	44.9% ⬆	30.7
Social Sciences	1,280	143	11.2%	1,576	519	32.9% ⬆	21.8
Theology and Religious Vocations	331	61	18.4%	321	138	43.0% ⬆	24.6
Visual and Performing Arts	785	70	8.9%	906	343	37.9% ⬆	28.9
Unknown	96	*	n/a	89	28	31.5%	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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