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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Stony Brook 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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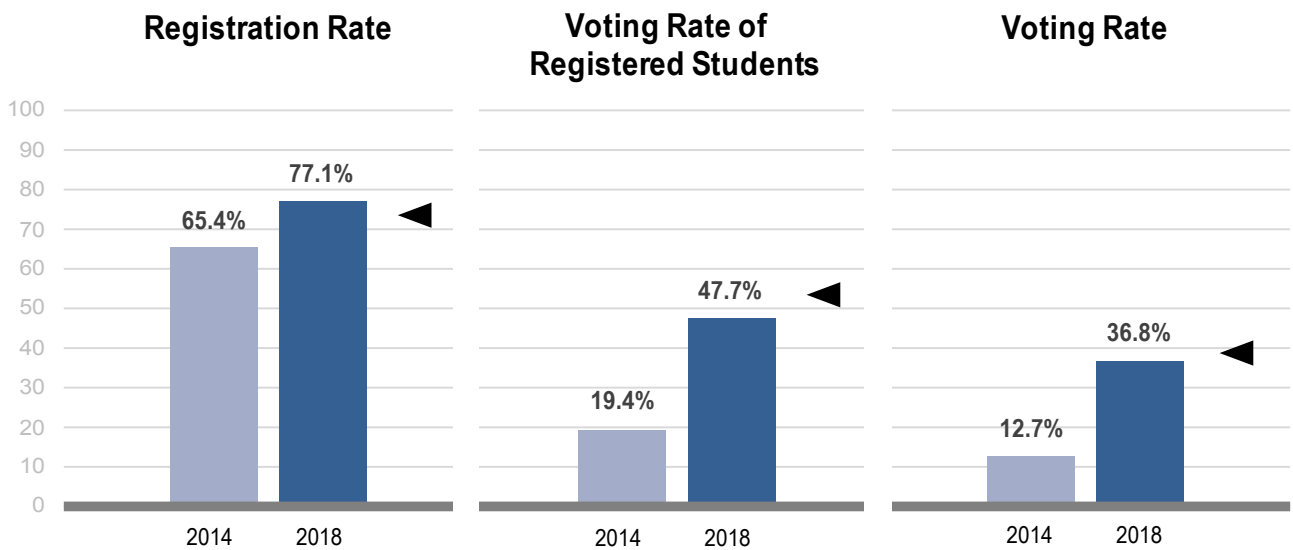
Warm regards,

IDHE Team

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

36.8%

CHANGE
FROM 2014

+24.1

2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate

65.4% 77.1%

2014 2018

Voting Rate of Registered Students

19.4% 47.7%

2014 2018

Voting Rate

12.7% 36.8%

2014 2018

◄ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	26,462	26,541	⬆	79
Age under 18/Unknown	(2,125)	(331)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(4,100)	(4,724)		
FERPA records blocked	(20)	(10)		
Total eligible voters	20,217	21,476	⬆	1,259
Number of students who registered	13,218	16,562	⬆	3,344
Number of students who voted	2,565	7,897	⬆	5,332
Registration rate	65.4%	77.1%	⬆	11.7
Voting rate of registered students	19.4%	47.7%	⬆	28.3
Voting rate	12.7%	36.8%	⬆	24.1
Difference from all institutions	-7.0	-2.3		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH
54.0%

LOW
1.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-7.0**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-2.3**

	Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2014	12.7%	19.5%	19.6%	17.6%
2018	36.8%	41.2%	40.8%	42.5%
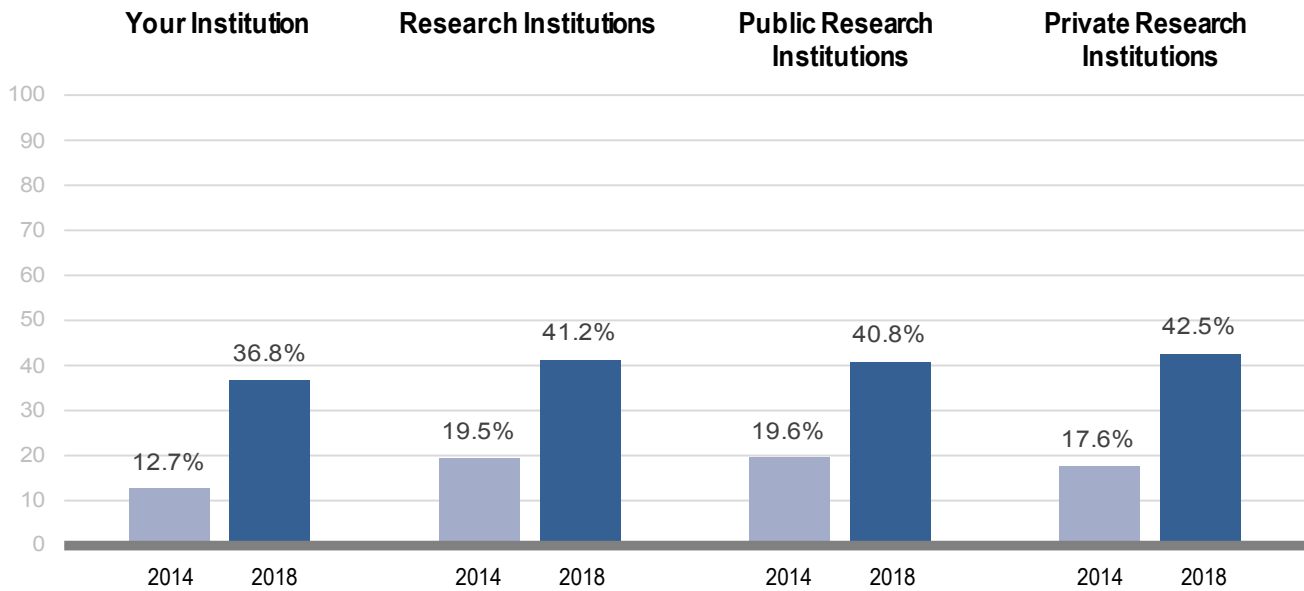
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

Absentee		Early Vote		Mail		In-Person, Election Day	
1.0%	1.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%	1.7%	1.2%
2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018
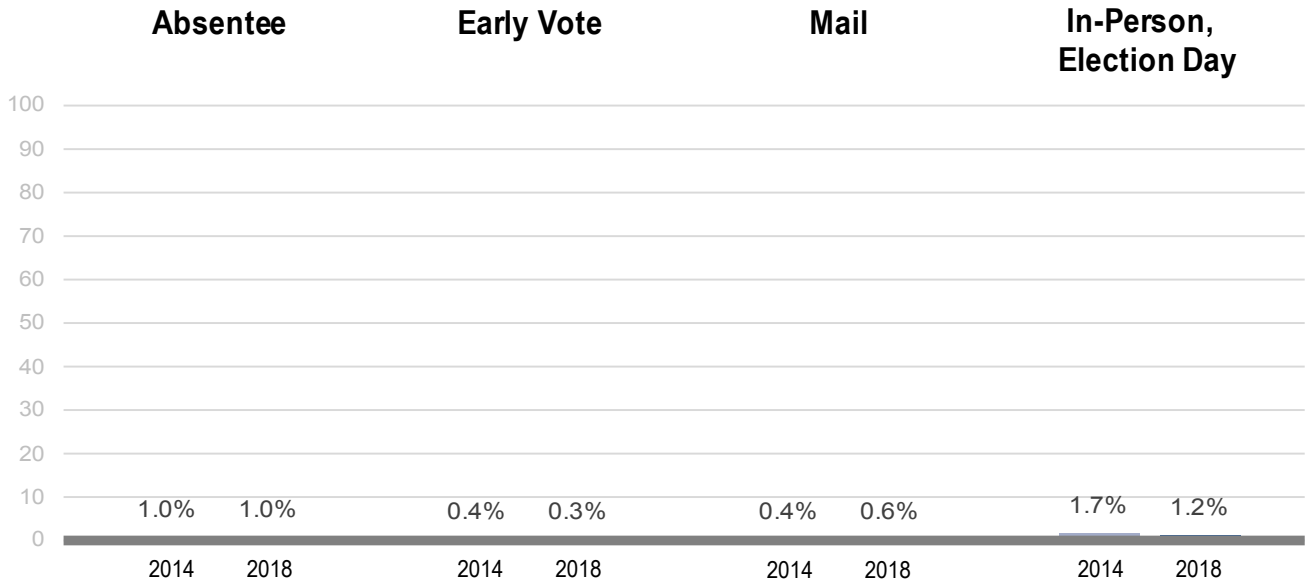
	2014		2018			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	25	**1.0%**	82	**1.0%**	⬆	0.1
Early Vote	11	**0.4%**	22	**0.3%**	⬇	-0.2
Mail	11	**0.4%**	48	**0.6%**	⬆	0.2
In-Person, Election Day	44	**1.7%**	96	**1.2%**	⬇	-0.5
Unknown	2,474	**96.5%**	7,649	**96.9%**		
Total	**2,565**		**7,897**			

* 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 offical where your students voted.

By Age Group*
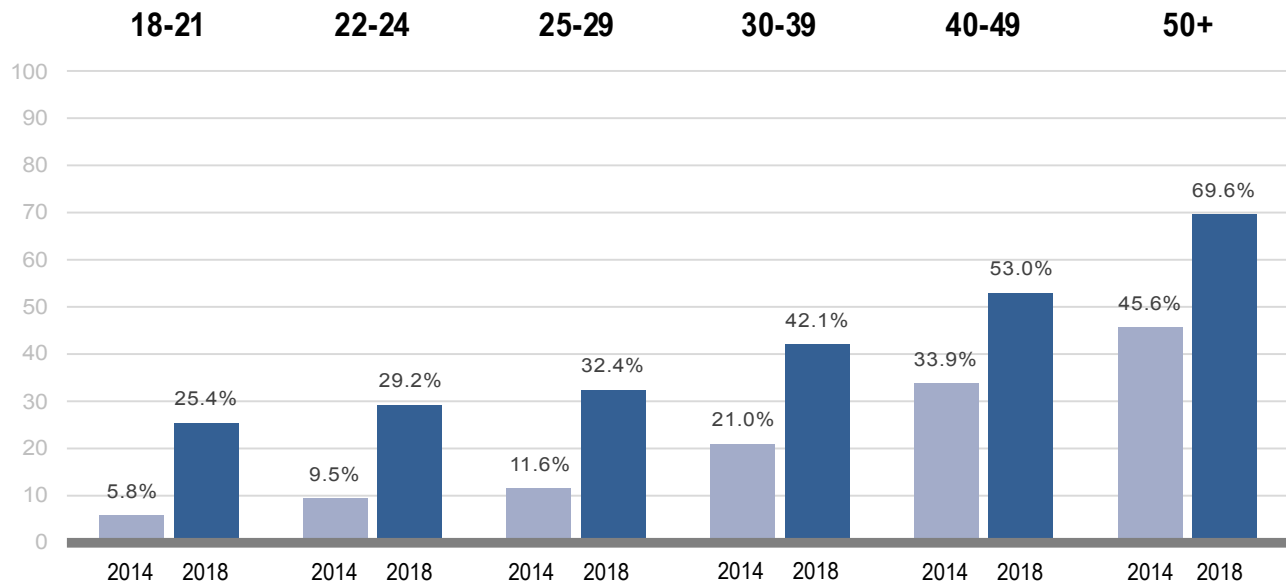
	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	11,530	664	**5.8%**	13,345	3,393	**25.4%**	⬆	**19.7**
22-24	5,632	536	**9.5%**	5,499	1,603	**29.2%**	⬆	**19.6**
25-29	3,766	435	**11.6%**	3,953	1,282	**32.4%**	⬆	**20.9**
30-39	2,118	444	**21.0%**	2,254	948	**42.1%**	⬆	**21.1**
40-49	802	272	**33.9%**	774	410	**53.0%**	⬆	**19.1**
50+	469	214	**45.6%**	375	261	**69.6%**	⬆	**24.0**
Unknown	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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Education Level*

Undergraduate
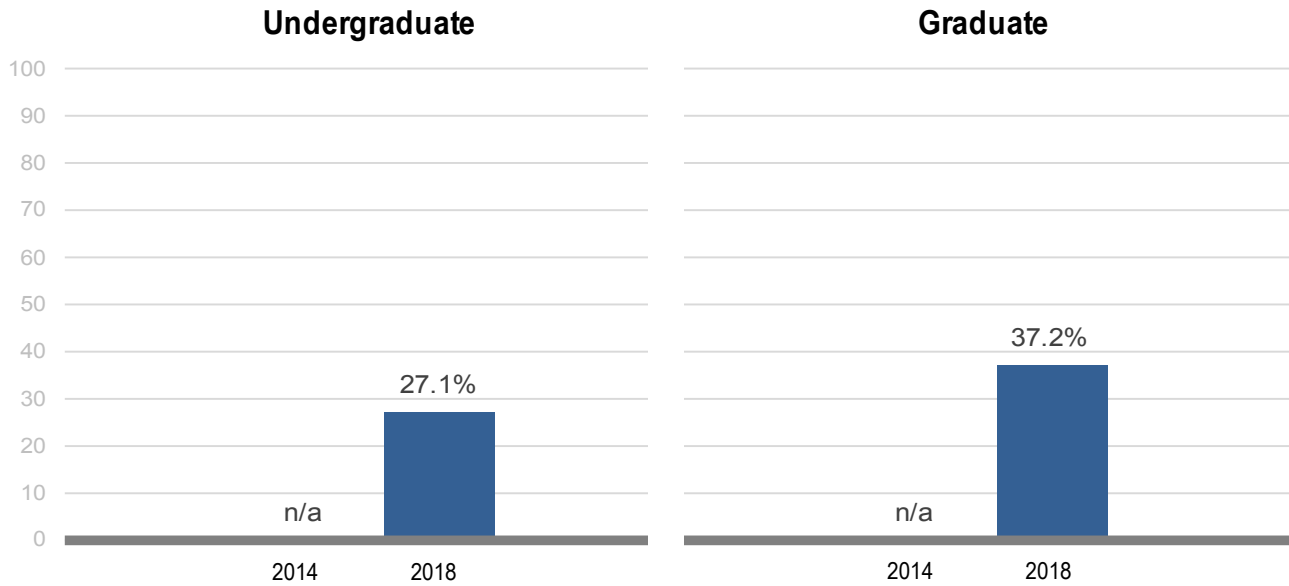
Graduate

	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**		16,966	4,599	**27.1%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**		8,329	3,095	**37.2%**	**n/a**
Unknown	24,317				905			

* 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.

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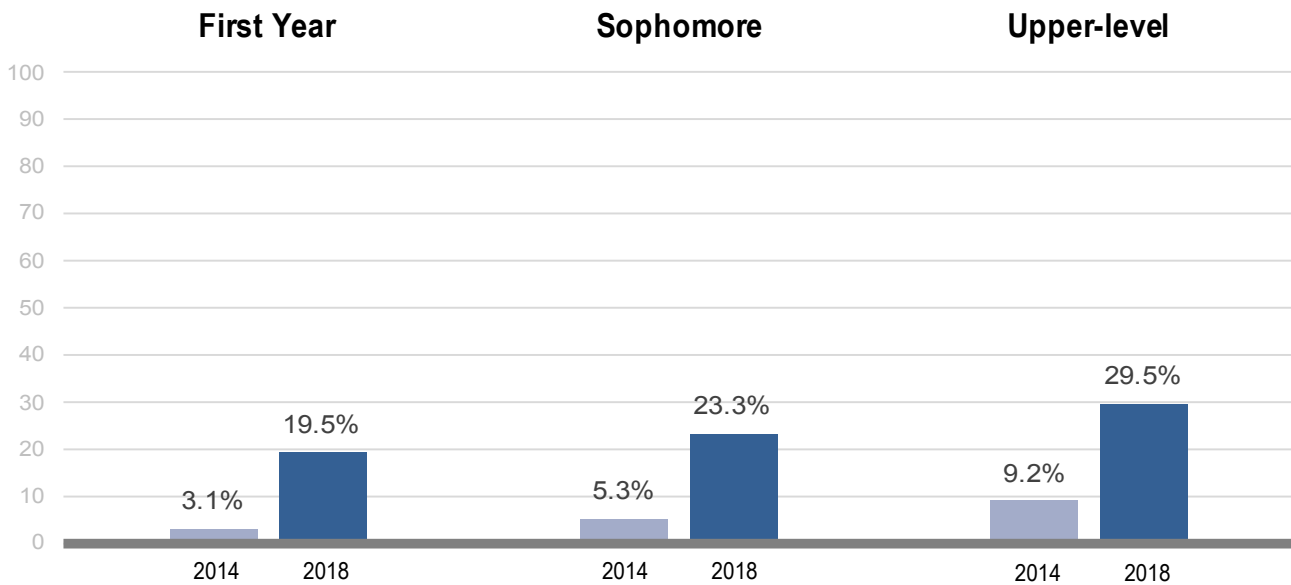# By Undergraduate Class Year*

	2014				**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	2,355	74	**3.1%**		2,700	527	**19.5%**	⬆	**16.4**
Sophomore	3,421	180	**5.3%**		4,019	936	**23.3%**	⬆	**18.0**
Upper-level	10,001	922	**9.2%**		10,619	3,130	**29.5%**	⬆	**20.3**

* 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.

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By Enrollment Status*
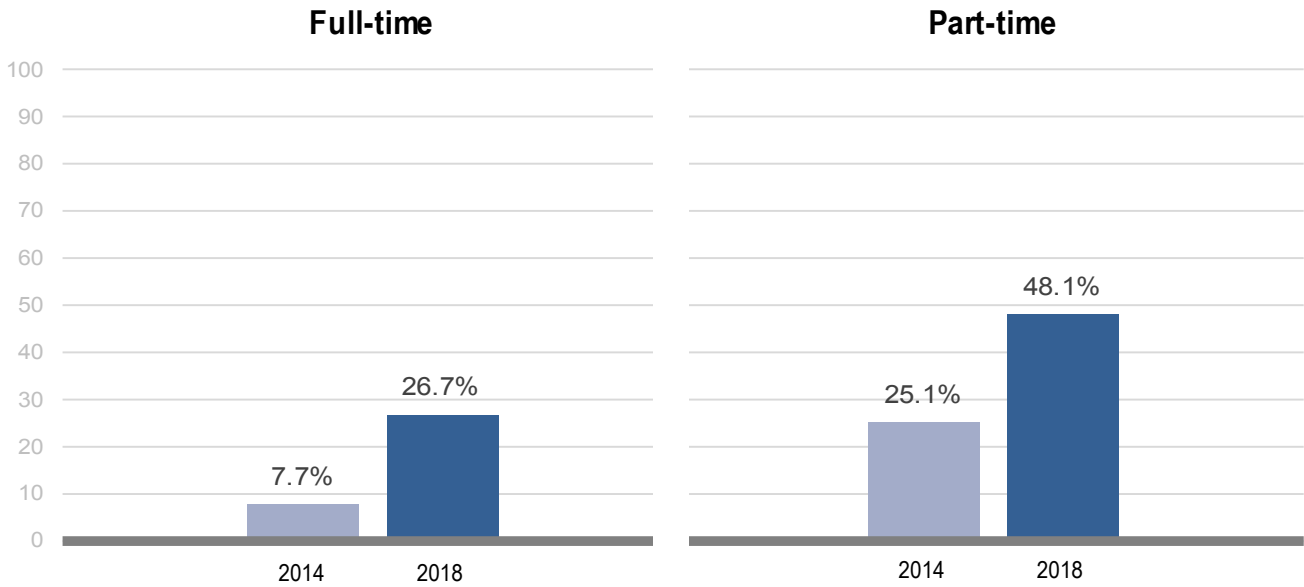
Full-time

Part-time

	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	20,321	1,562	**7.7%**	21,991	5,874	**26.7%**	⬆	**19.0**
Part-time	3,996	1,003	**25.1%**	4,209	2,023	**48.1%**	⬆	**23.0**
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.
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 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	0	0	n/a	61	17	27.9%	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	0	0	n/a	94	30	31.9%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,740	132	4.8%	3,515	1,025	29.2% ⬆	24.3
Business, Management, and Marketing	310	47	15.2%	1,861	555	29.8% ⬆	14.7
Communication and Journalism	0	0	n/a	212	96	45.3%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	988	51	5.2%	1,777	263	14.8% ⬆	9.6
Education	42	18	42.9%	930	599	64.4% ⬆	21.6
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	426	26	6.1%	2,224	491	22.1% ⬆	16.0
English Language and Literature	311	48	15.4%	410	205	50.0% ⬆	34.6
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	14	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	48	*	n/a	315	111	35.2%	n/a
Health Professions	1,676	94	5.6%	4,381	1,508	34.4% ⬆	28.8
History	241	58	24.1%	278	132	47.5% ⬆	23.4
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	232	54	23.3%	1,826	342	18.7% ⬇	-4.6
Mathematics and Statistics	461	21	4.6%	1,372	241	17.6% ⬆	13.0
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	21	*	n/a	479	141	29.4%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	0	0	n/a	138	58	42.0%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	34	*	n/a	96	34	35.4%	n/a
Physical Sciences	811	70	8.6%	1,212	297	24.5% ⬆	15.9
Psychology	1,450	120	8.3%	1,511	503	33.3% ⬆	25.0
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	138	42	30.4%	668	426	63.8% ⬆	33.3
Social Sciences	1,196	128	10.7%	1,433	426	29.7% ⬆	19.0
Visual and Performing Arts	284	29	10.2%	480	183	38.1% ⬆	27.9

Unknown	12,894	1,607	**12.5%**		927	214	**23.1%** ⬆	**10.6**

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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