

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Vanderbilt University

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# 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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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at [NSLVE@tufts.edu](mailto:NSLVE@tufts.edu).

Warm regards,

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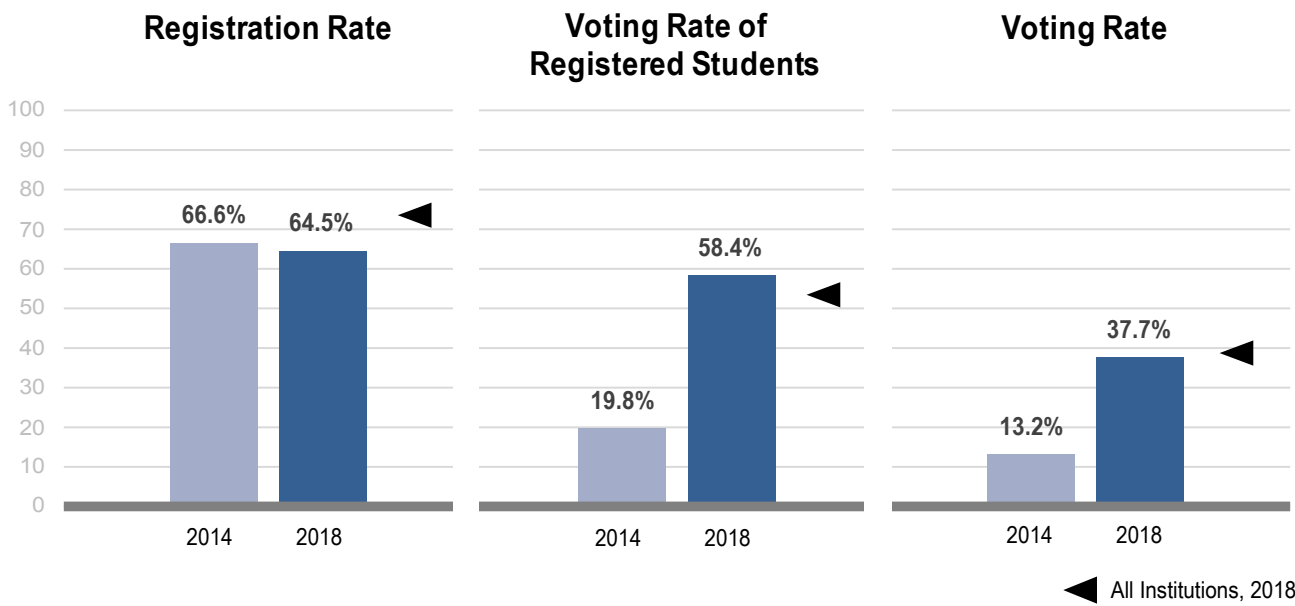
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2018 Voting Rate**  
**37.7%**

CHANGE FROM 2014  
**+24.5**

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**39.1%**



	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	11,845	12,628	↑ 783
Age under 18/Unknown	(57)	(66)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,117)	(1,352)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	10,667	11,209	↑ 542
Number of students who registered	7,106	7,227	↑ 121
Number of students who voted	1,405	4,223	↑ 2,818
Registration rate	66.6%	64.5%	↓ -2.2
Voting rate of registered students	19.8%	58.4%	↑ 38.7
Voting rate	13.2%	37.7%	↑ 24.5
Difference from all institutions	-6.5	-1.4	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate  
for All Institutions

**19.7%**

HIGH  
54.0%

LOW  
1.5%

2018 Voting Rate  
for All Institutions

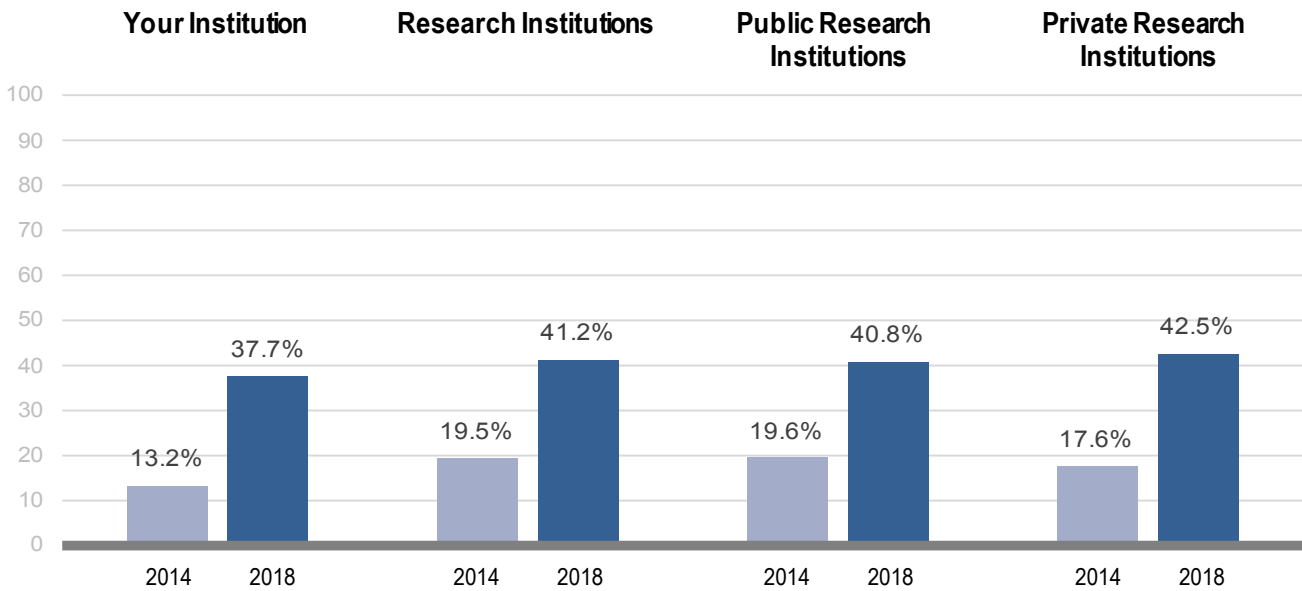
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LOW  
11.5%

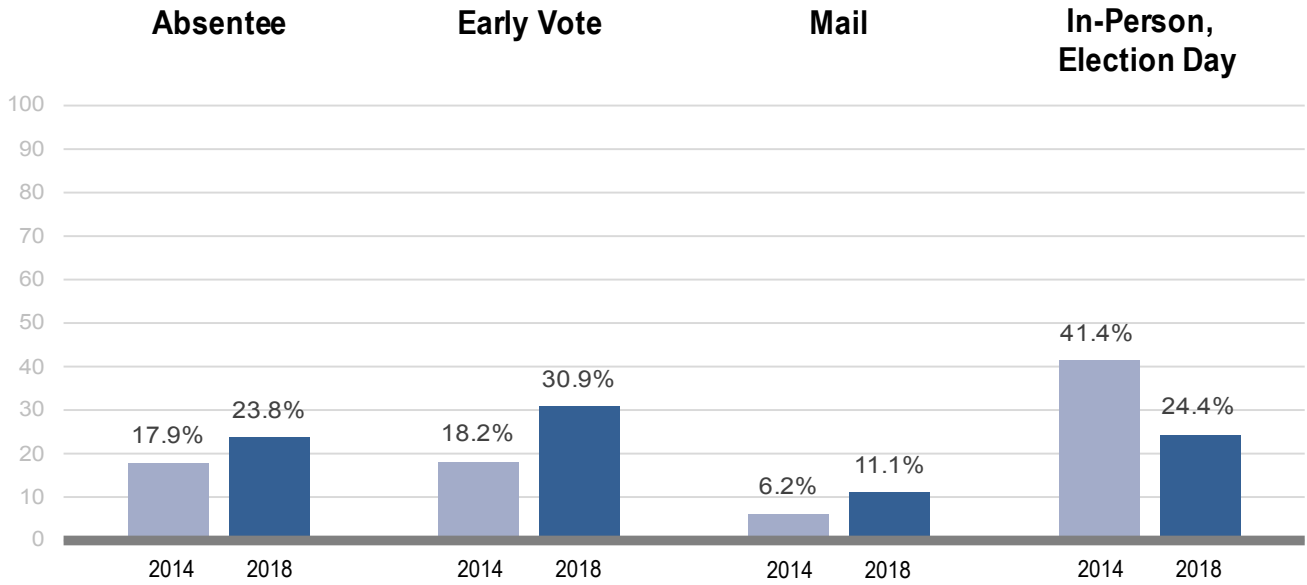
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# By Voting Method\*

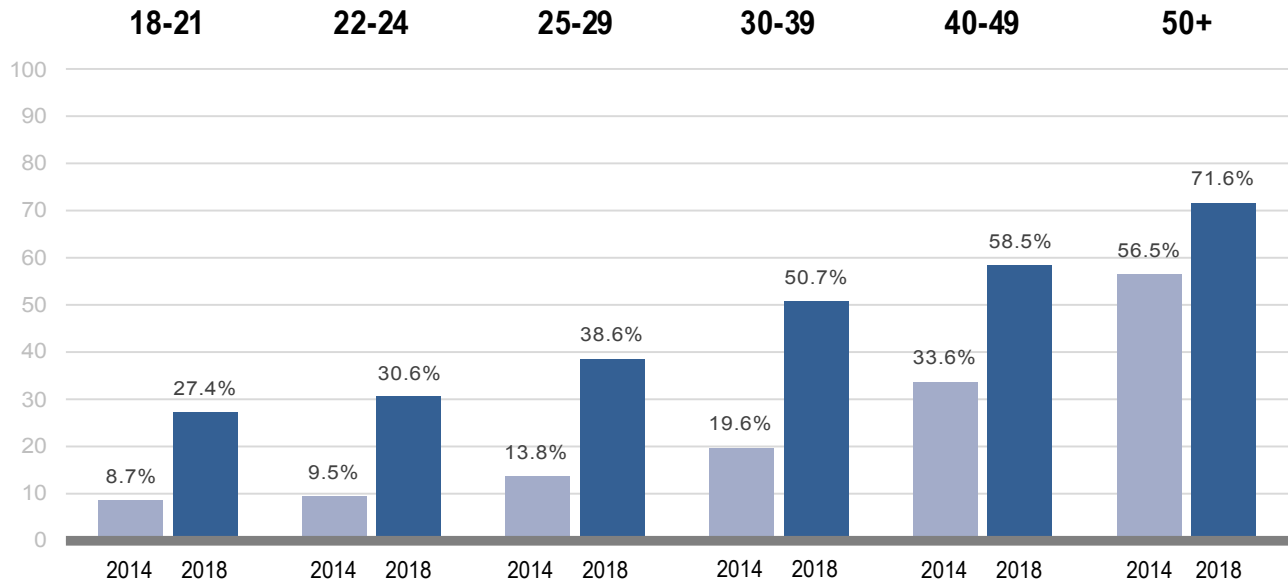


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	251	17.9%	1,004	23.8%	↑ 5.9
Early Vote	255	18.2%	1,303	30.9%	↑ 12.7
Mail	87	6.2%	468	11.1%	↑ 4.9
In-Person, Election Day	582	41.4%	1,029	24.4%	↓ -17.1
Unknown	230	16.4%	419	9.9%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,405</b>		<b>4,223</b>		

\* 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 officials where your students voted.

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# By Age Group\*

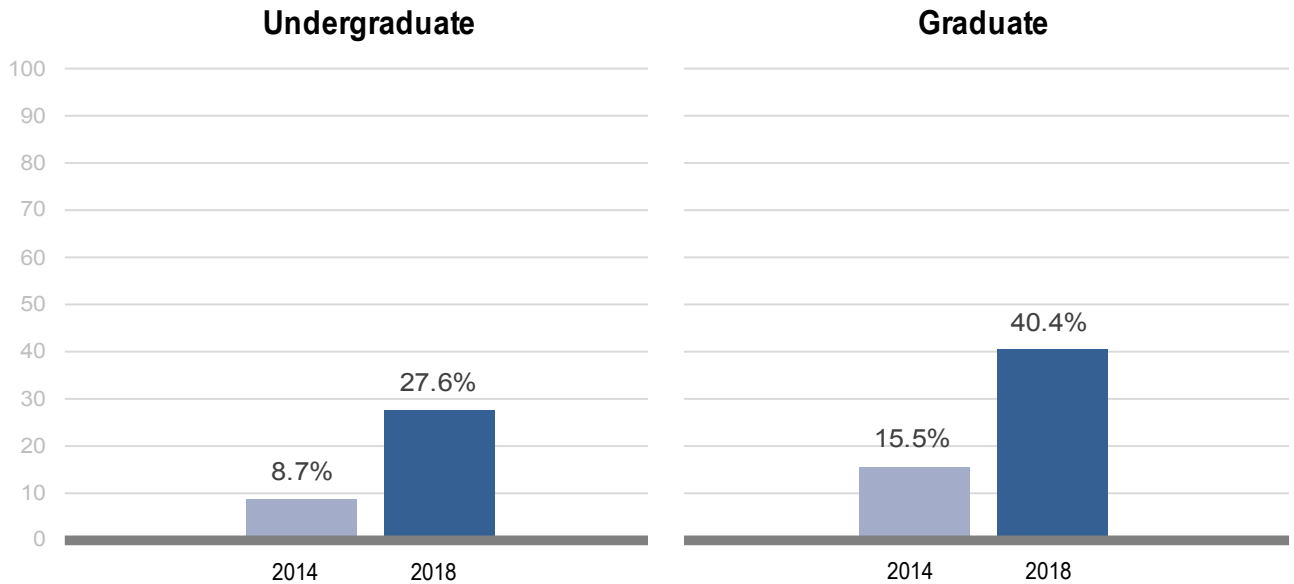


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	6,023	523	8.7%	6,206	1,698	27.4%	↑ 18.7
22-24	2,049	194	9.5%	2,262	692	30.6%	↑ 21.1
25-29	2,177	300	13.8%	2,383	919	38.6%	↑ 24.8
30-39	1,124	220	19.6%	1,285	652	50.7%	↑ 31.2
40-49	280	94	33.6%	323	189	58.5%	↑ 24.9
50+	131	74	56.5%	102	73	71.6%	↑ 15.1
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.

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# By Education Level\*

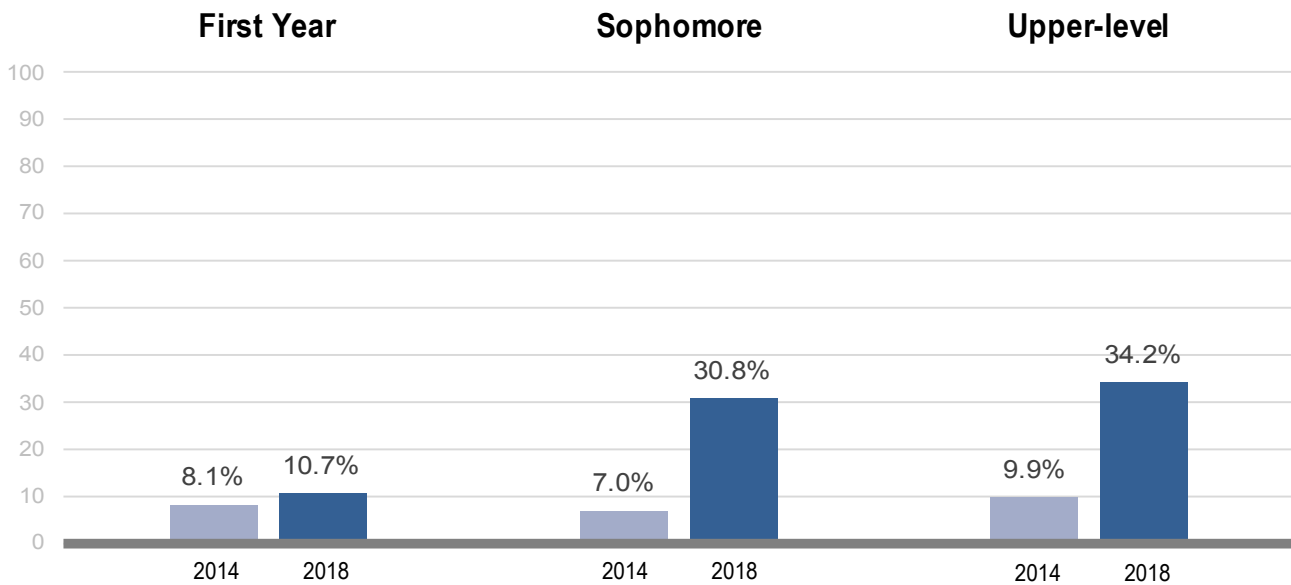


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	6,454	563	8.7%	6,634	1,828	27.6%	↑ 18.8
Graduate	5,239	814	15.5%	5,858	2,369	40.4%	↑ 24.9
Unknown	91			69			

\* 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\*



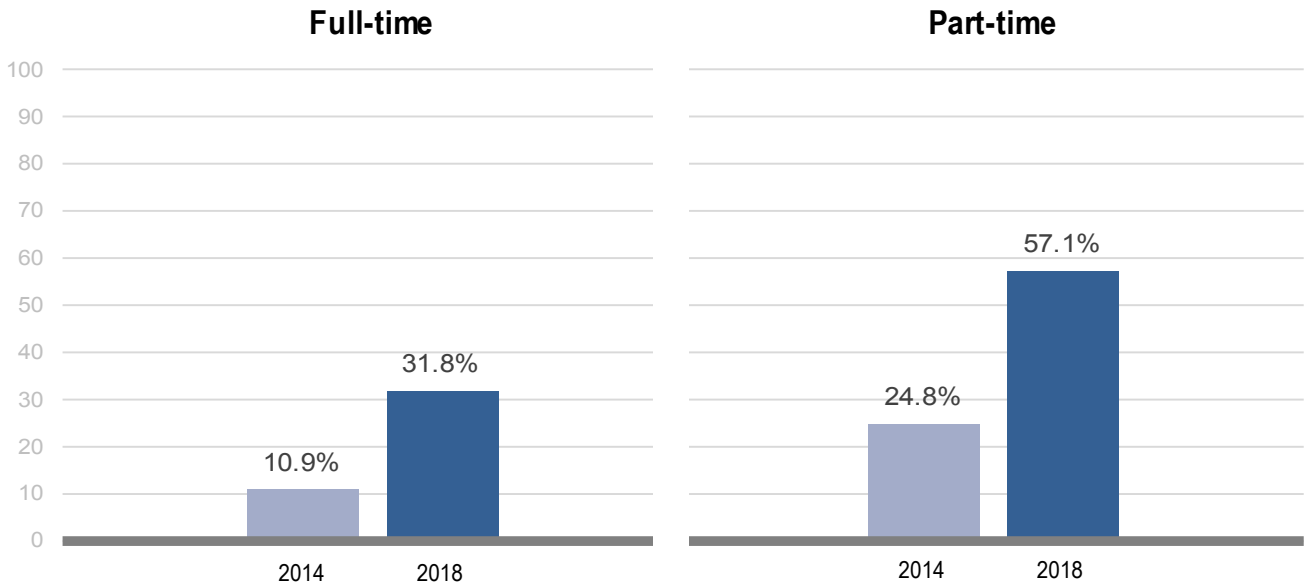
	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	1,468	119	8.1%	1,585	169	10.7%	↑ 2.6
Sophomore	1,688	118	7.0%	1,786	550	30.8%	↑ 23.8
Upper-level	3,315	327	9.9%	3,288	1,125	34.2%	↑ 24.4

\* 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\*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	10,918	1,190	<b>10.9%</b>	11,635	3,694	<b>31.8%</b>	↑ <b>20.9</b>
Part-time	866	215	<b>24.8%</b>	926	529	<b>57.1%</b>	↑ <b>32.3</b>
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.

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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	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	44	*	n/a	54	20	37.0%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	956	120	12.6%	972	366	37.7% ↑	25.1
Business, Management, and Marketing	546	63	11.5%	772	334	43.3% ↑	31.7
Communication and Journalism	81	*	n/a	54	13	24.1%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	241	10	4.2%	524	105	20.0% ↑	15.9
Education	915	138	15.1%	905	397	43.9% ↑	28.8
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,448	129	8.9%	1,311	361	27.5% ↑	18.6
English Language and Literature	176	20	11.4%	145	59	40.7% ↑	29.3
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	67	*	n/a	54	19	35.2%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	136	12	8.8%	99	42	42.4% ↑	33.6
Health Professions	1,121	235	21.0%	1,563	724	46.3% ↑	25.4
History	196	43	21.9%	165	60	36.4% ↑	14.4
Legal Professions and Studies	559	62	11.1%	661	204	30.9% ↑	19.8
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,538	111	7.2%	1,394	201	14.4% ↑	7.2
Mathematics and Statistics	109	*	n/a	189	36	19.1%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	482	41	8.5%	600	232	38.7% ↑	30.2
Philosophy and Religious Studies	179	35	19.6%	119	48	40.3% ↑	20.8
Physical Sciences	319	44	13.8%	314	111	35.4% ↑	21.6
Psychology	350	42	12.0%	291	103	35.4% ↑	23.4
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	117	23	19.7%	123	58	47.2% ↑	27.5
Social Sciences	1,684	167	9.9%	1,730	523	30.2% ↑	20.3
Theology and Religious Vocations	223	60	26.9%	168	93	55.4% ↑	28.5
Visual and Performing Arts	248	17	6.9%	261	79	30.3% ↑	23.4

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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