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Student Voting Rates for Montclair State University

NSLVE Campus Report

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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

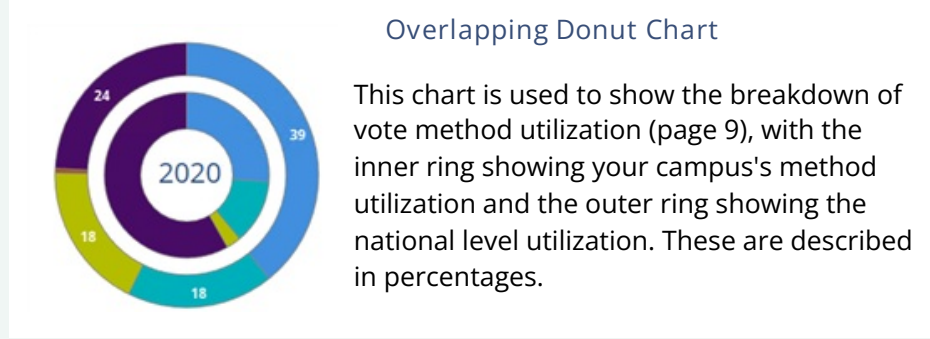
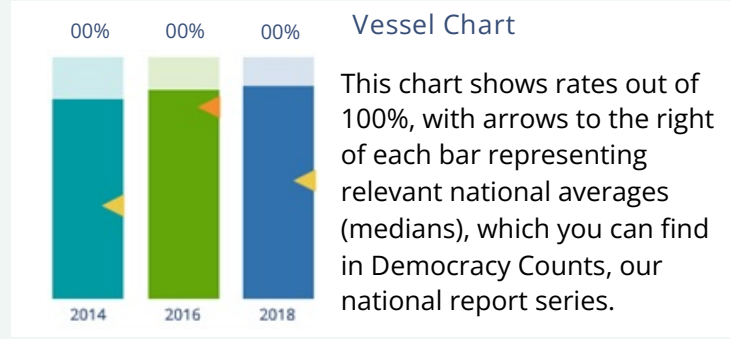
In This Report

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

	2014			2018			2014-2018 Change (p.p.)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.



Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

23.4%

2022 Voting Rate

-15.1

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

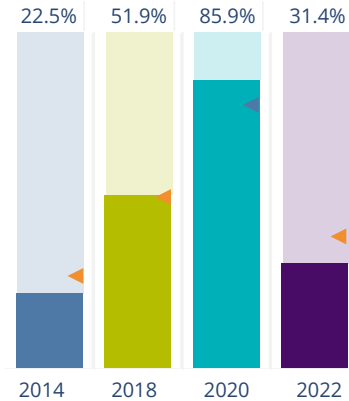
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



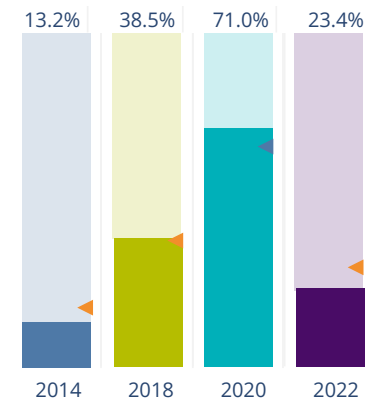
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS



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



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	19,688	21,142	20,809	21,617	↑ 474
Age under 18/Unknown	99	90	143	362	↑ 272
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	500	559	362	524	↓ -34
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	-	11	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	1,394	722	821	-	-
Total eligible voters	17,685	19,759	19,476	20,730	↑ 970
Number of students who registered	10,401	14,632	16,098	15,477	↑ 845
Number of students who voted	2,339	7,600	13,824	4,860	↓ -2,740
Registration Rate %	58	74	82	74	→ 0
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	22	51	85	31	↓ -20
Voting Rate %	13	38	70	23	↓ -15

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.

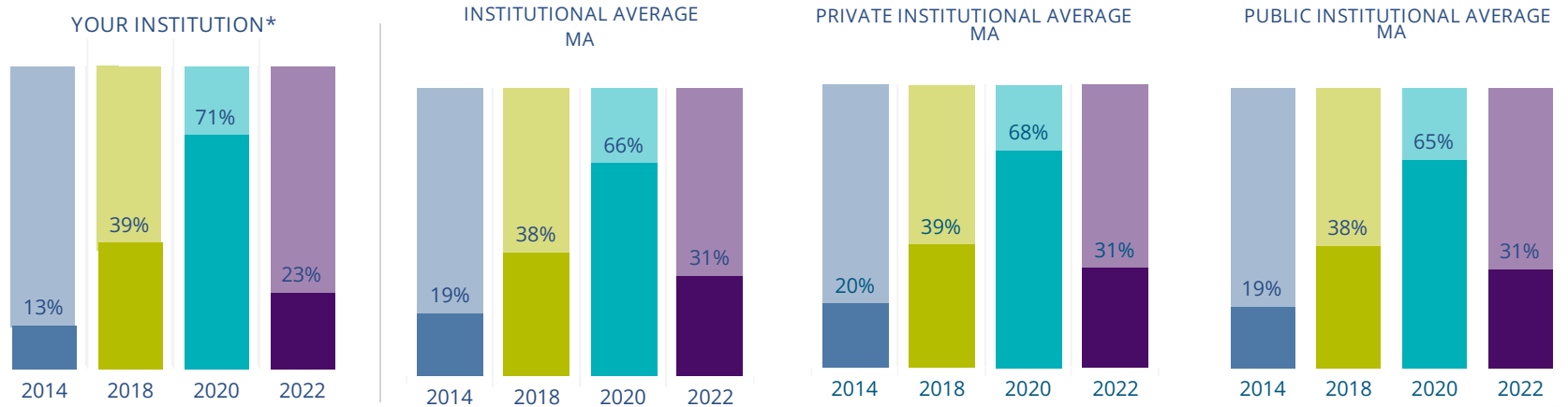
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

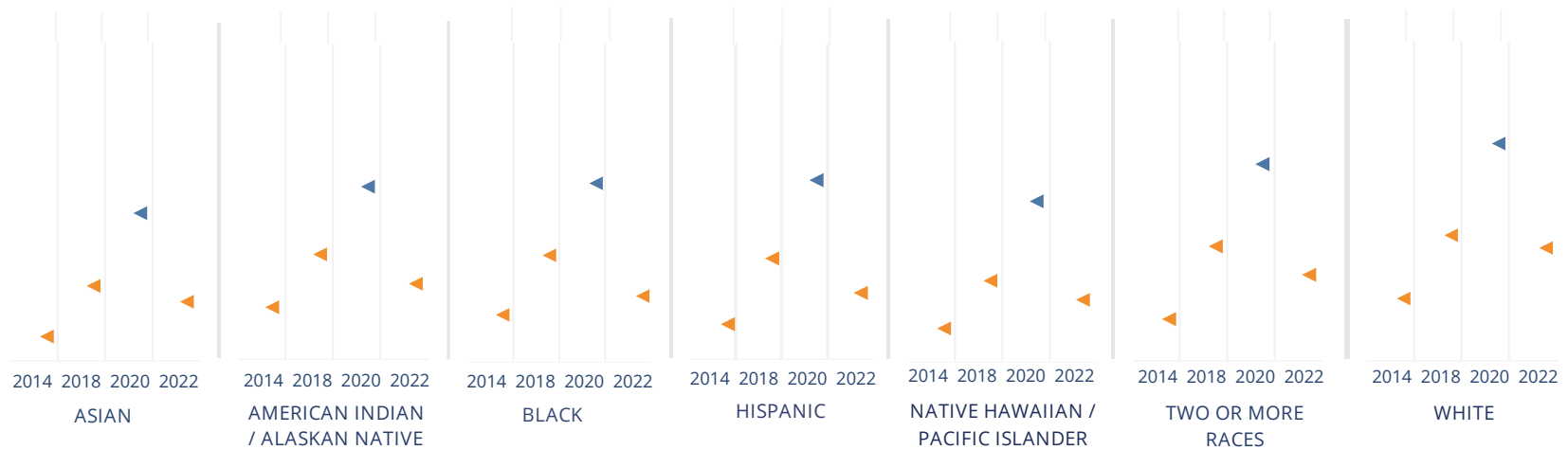
By Institution Types



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.



By Race / Ethnicity



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-nsive-report-faq>

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.

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

Looking Closer

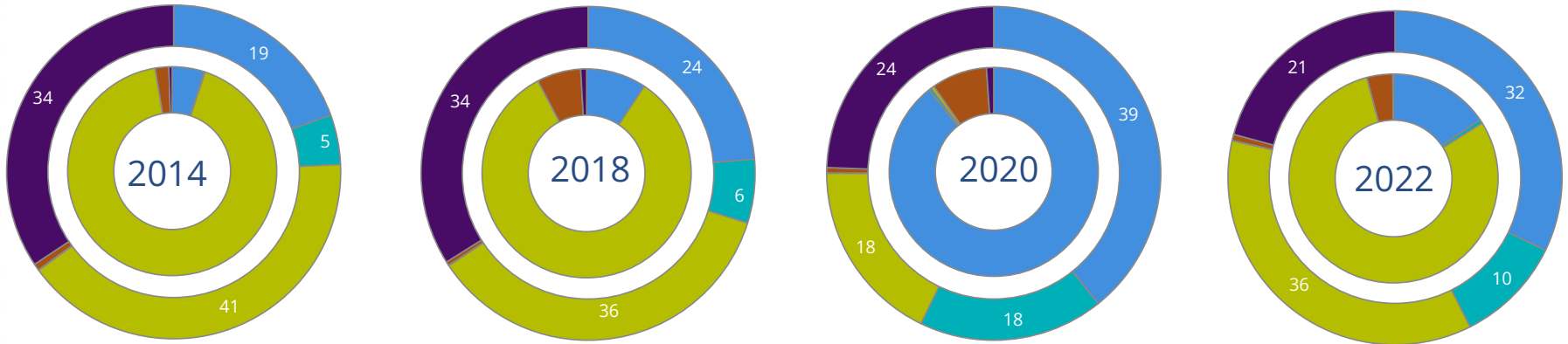
By Race/Ethnicity

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	18,147	2,339	12	20,299	7,600	37	19,824	13,824	69	21,255	4,860	22	↓14

By Voting Method

■ 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	-	-	-	-	56	0	27	0	-	-
In-Person	2,158	92	6,307	83	70	0	3,876	79	↓	-3
Not-In-Person	118	5	707	9	12,362	89	755	15	↑	6
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	48	2	517	6	1,190	8	196	4	↓	-2
Voting Method Unknown	13	0	65	0	146	1	-	-	-	-

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	8%	32%	68%	17%
22-24	14%	40%	71%	25%
25-29	16%	42%	68%	28%
30-39	21%	49%	68%	33%
40-49	33%	54%	74%	47%
50+	52%	72%	84%	61%

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 Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
18-21	10,101	858	8	11,526	3,714	32	11,409	7,858	68	12,397	2,151	17	↓-14
22-24	3,912	562	14	4,521	1,841	40	4,154	2,988	71	4,293	1,111	25	↓-14
25-29	2,159	361	16	2,269	975	42	2,266	1,547	68	2,232	636	28	↓-14
30-39	1,258	270	21	1,219	602	49	1,269	863	68	1,409	475	33	↓-15
40-49	470	159	33	469	255	54	466	348	74	578	275	47	↓-6
50+	247	129	52	295	213	72	260	220	84	346	212	61	↓-10

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	11,288	1,425	12	3,514	1,575	44	871	665	76	445	159	35	 -9
Male	6,859	914	13	2,015	757	37	450	315	70	197	76	38	 1

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	15,011	1,593	10	16,878	5,809	34	16,044	10,981	68	16,816	3,215	19	↓-15
Graduate	3,133	744	23	3,420	1,791	52	3,779	2,842	75	3,620	1,314	36	↓-16
Class Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	819	234	28	-

CLASS YEAR

Freshman	3,803	236	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sophomore	3,098	263	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Upperclassman	8,112	1,095	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-




ENROLLMENT STATUS

Full-time	14,028	1,467	10	16,483	5,778	35	17,305	12,062	69	18,710	4,001	21	↓-13
Part-time	4,119	872	21	3,816	1,822	47	2,519	1,762	69	2,545	859	33	↓-13

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (undergraduate/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	25	-	-	25	-	-	20	19	95	24	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,365	120	8	1,229	378	30	1,080	674	62	1,105	134	12	 -18
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,369	217	9	3,290	1,095	33	3,180	2,074	65	3,683	740	20	 -13
Communication and Journalism	560	76	13	732	312	42	987	785	79	1,196	303	25	 -17

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	502	41	8	786	213	27	768	422	54	1,076	132	12	 -14
Education	1,850	450	24	1,744	927	53	1,896	1,524	80	2,490	899	36	 -17
English Language and Literature	646	95	14	556	256	46	478	358	74	427	122	28	 -17
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	1,448	181	12	1,456	559	38	1,147	858	74	493	132	26	 -11
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	342	47	13	358	139	38	358	238	66	313	82	26	 -12
Health Professions	521	78	14	848	338	39	951	672	70	1,079	277	25	 -14
History	375	86	22	264	137	51	214	168	78	196	67	34	 -17
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	315	25	7	373	107	28	594	386	64	626	104	16	 -12

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	86	24	27	133	50	37	134	86	64	201	53	26	↓-11
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,967	147	7	2,290	647	28	1,771	1,135	64	1,451	273	18	↓-9
Mathematics and Statistics	396	63	15	251	99	39	250	166	66	178	52	29	↓-10
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	652	96	14	848	302	35	810	568	70	1,045	214	20	↓-15
Personal and Culinary Services	-	-	-	40	15	37	19	16	84	-	-	-	-
Philosophy and Religious Studies	58	-	-	58	26	44	44	33	75	26	-	-	-
Social Sciences	688	118	17	794	341	42	769	545	70	706	198	28	↓-14
Visual and Performing Arts	1,897	192	10	1,879	737	39	1,892	1,375	72	2,083	453	21	↓-17
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	14	46	-

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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