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Student Voting Rates for University of Washington-Seattle Campus

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
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p.)
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.

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
41.9% 2022 Voting Rate
-11.2 Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS
30.6% 2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

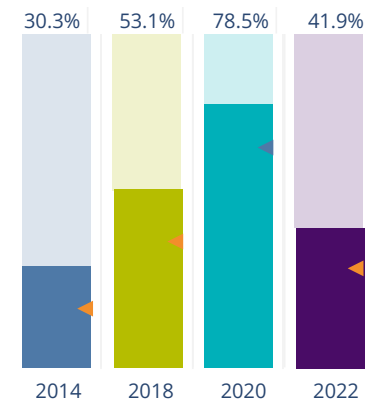| 78.2%	77.6%	87.1%	79.1%
2014	2018	2020	2022

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

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

38.8%	68.5%	90.2%	52.9%
2014	2018	2020	2022

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

30.3%	53.1%	78.5%	41.9%
2014	2018	2020	2022

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	50,137	61,986	63,225	63,617	⬆ 1,631
Age under 18/Unknown	1,952	3,647	3,498	4,480	⬆ 833
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	5,112	7,278	8,197	8,246	⬆ 968
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	10,204	9,036	8,984	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	-	-	-	-
Total eligible voters	32,868	42,024	42,545	50,890	⬆ 8,865
Number of students who registered	25,691	32,601	37,047	40,256	⬆ 7,655
Number of students who voted	9,963	22,318	33,401	21,311	⬇ -1,007
Registration Rate %	78	77	87	79	⬆ 1
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	38	68	90	52	⬇ -15
Voting Rate %	30	53	78	41	⬇ -11

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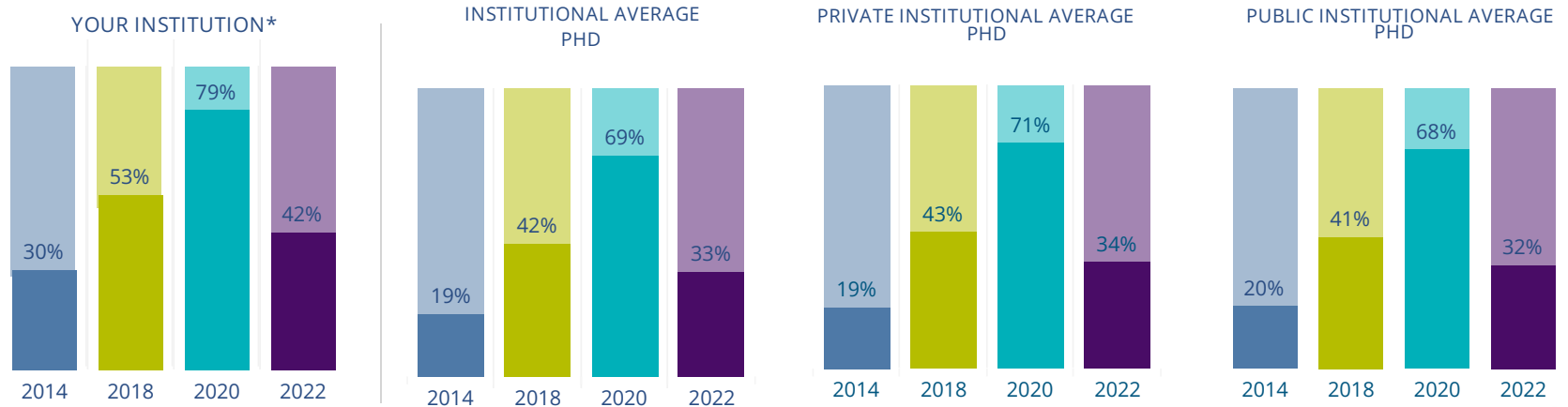
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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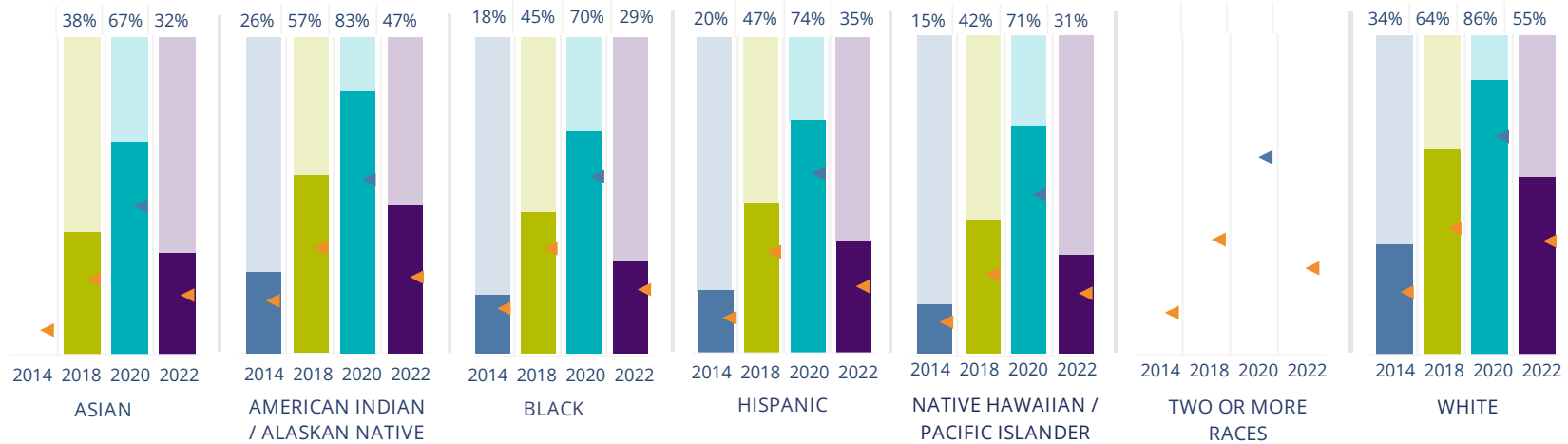
By Institution Types

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
30%	53%	79%	42%

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
ASIAN	38%	67%	32%	
AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE	26%	57%	83%	47%
BLACK	18%	45%	70%	29%
HISPANIC	20%	47%	74%	35%
NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER	15%	42%	71%	31%
TWO OR MORE RACES				
WHITE	34%	64%	86%	55%

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
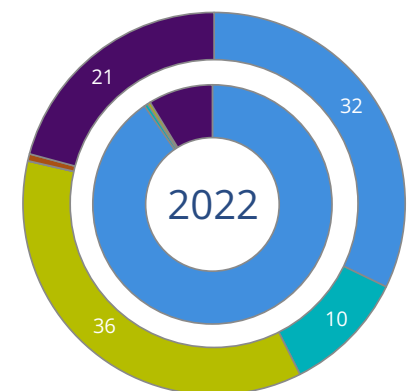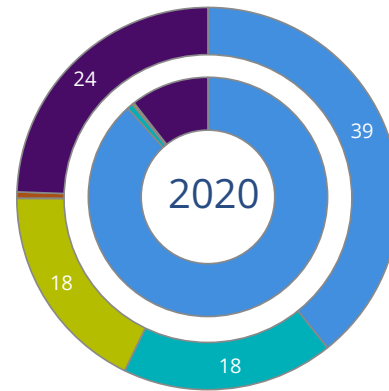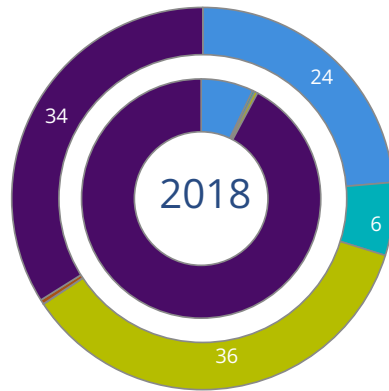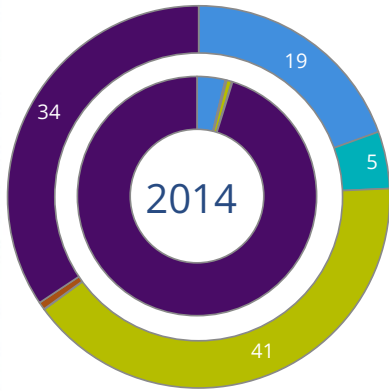
Looking Closer

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	-	-	-	12,503	4,790	38	13,611	9,102	66	16,548	5,225	31	⬇ -6
American Indian/ Alaska Native	604	155	25	623	352	56	592	491	82	638	299	46	⬇ -9
Black	1,630	300	18	2,425	1,079	44	2,670	1,875	70	3,513	1,019	29	⬇ -15
Hispanic	2,878	571	19	4,068	1,905	46	4,630	3,402	73	5,565	1,957	35	⬇ -11
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	9,717	1,494	15	528	221	41	566	402	71	596	185	31	⬇ -10
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	20,246	6,884	34	20,646	13,160	63	19,920	17,031	85	21,189	11,706	55	⬇ -8
Race Unknown	2,906	559	19	8,510	811	9	8,754	1,098	12	11,088	920	8	⬇ -1

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	18	0	62	0	270	0	101	0	➡ 0
In-Person	67	0	99	0	94	0	85	0	➡ 0
Not-In-Person	374	3	1,589	7	29,490	88	19,270	90	⬆ 83
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	9,497	95	20,567	92	3,544	10	1,854	8	⬇ -83

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	19%	41%	66%	32%
22-24	23%	40%	59%	30%
25-29	30%	50%	65%	39%
30-39	36%	54%	66%	46%
40-49	47%	64%	74%	56%
50+	70%	82%	91%	79%

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	19,206	3,788	19	27,400	11,460	41	28,363	18,852	66	31,849	10,421	32	⬇ -9
22-24	6,302	1,483	23	8,044	3,265	40	8,136	4,822	59	9,936	3,057	30	⬇ -9
25-29	6,005	1,851	30	7,373	3,712	50	7,426	4,888	65	9,248	3,650	39	⬇ -10
30-39	4,223	1,551	36	4,550	2,479	54	4,778	3,181	66	5,798	2,679	46	⬇ -8
40-49	1,311	627	47	1,085	704	64	1,182	876	74	1,438	810	56	⬇ -8
50+	934	663	70	851	698	82	858	782	91	868	694	79	⬇ -2

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	19,051	5,146	27	25,555	12,389	48	27,029	18,615	68	32,312	12,315	38	⬇ -10
Male	18,916	4,813	25	23,668	9,873	41	23,512	14,639	62	26,136	8,662	33	⬇ -8

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	16,130	3,791	23	19,882	9,196	46	21,278	14,410	67	25,444	8,990	35	⬇ -10
Graduate	8,355	3,116	37	10,678	5,586	52	11,155	7,340	65	14,371	5,966	41	⬇ -10
Class Unknown	13,496	13	0	18,743	20	0	18,310	31	0	19,322	28	0	➡ 0
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	5,212	890	17	8,004	3,065	38	7,864	5,097	64	8,971	2,713	30	⬇ -8
Sophomore	4,807	882	18	6,280	2,432	38	5,554	3,474	62	6,243	1,916	30	⬇ -8
Upperclassman	16,103	3,665	22	20,403	9,086	44	22,002	14,649	66	24,716	8,402	33	⬇ -10
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	31,512	7,607	24	42,591	18,525	43	43,631	28,371	65	50,997	17,444	34	⬇ -9
Part-time	6,469	2,356	36	6,712	3,793	56	7,112	5,030	70	8,140	3,867	47	⬇ -9

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
Architecture	473	136	28	736	305	41	734	487	66	991	343	34	⬇ -6
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	535	122	22	539	286	53	426	285	66	543	202	37	⬇ -15
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,244	562	25	2,422	1,252	51	2,818	2,037	72	3,742	1,540	41	⬇ -10
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,313	799	24	4,112	1,780	43	4,234	2,808	66	4,862	1,547	31	⬇ -11
Communication and Journalism	774	176	22	1,002	451	45	945	605	64	965	320	33	⬇ -11

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	1,832	459	25	3,657	1,436	39	4,613	2,580	55	6,255	1,812	28	⬇ -10
Education	1,147	477	41	1,300	755	58	1,368	993	72	1,444	680	47	⬇ -10
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	4,363	1,001	22	5,498	2,224	40	5,090	3,146	61	6,133	2,181	35	⬇ -4
English Language and Literature	514	157	30	356	194	54	366	288	78	424	199	46	⬇ -7
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	12	-	-	14	-	-	12	-	-	24	-	-	-
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	444	114	25	333	181	54	313	208	66	417	166	39	⬇ -14
Health Professions	4,633	1,307	28	5,644	2,867	50	5,888	4,358	74	6,646	2,635	39	⬇ -11
History	307	103	33	226	150	66	232	184	79	346	164	47	⬇ -18
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	120	21	17	139	48	34	182	132	72	122	35	28	⬇ -5
Library Science	274	117	42	278	209	75	278	233	83	346	220	63	⬇ -11

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	539	209	38	704	414	58	715	541	75	876	444	50	⬇ -8
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,229	274	22	1,697	703	41	1,919	1,214	63	2,420	751	31	⬇ -10
Mathematics and Statistics	610	134	21	867	264	30	912	345	37	1,279	273	21	⬇ -9
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	7,958	1,767	22	12,321	4,791	38	12,447	7,866	63	12,262	3,896	31	⬇ -7
Philosophy and Religious Studies	219	55	25	178	89	50	208	144	69	226	81	35	⬇ -14
Science Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	12	54	44	-	-	-
Social Sciences	1,744	501	28	2,126	1,035	48	2,029	1,294	63	2,353	920	39	⬇ -9
Visual and Performing Arts	807	154	19	875	430	49	856	597	69	1,192	425	35	⬇ -13
Unknown	85	28	32	79	46	58	66	52	78	52	24	46	⬇ -12

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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