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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Illinois State 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 improving 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.**

Warm regards,

IDHE Team

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

30.8%

CHANGE
FROM 2014

+17.1

2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate

64.2% · 70.1%

2014 · 2018

Voting Rate of Registered Students

21.3% · 43.9%

2014 · 2018

Voting Rate

13.7% · 30.8%

2014 · 2018

◀ All Institutions, 2018
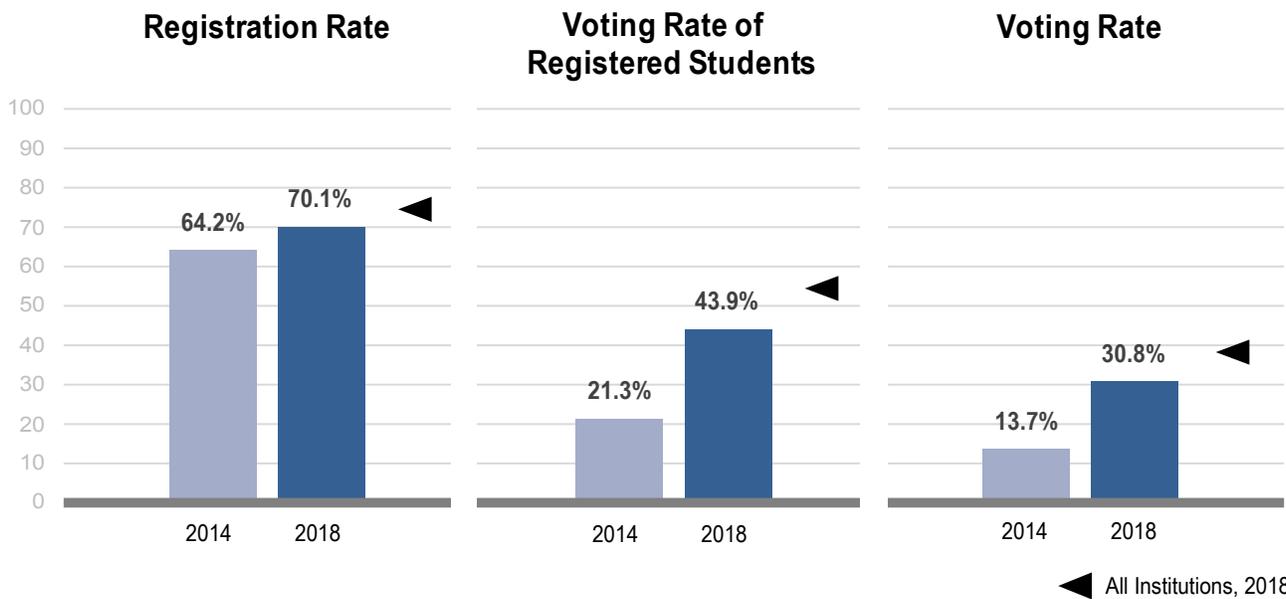
	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	20,458	20,427	⬇	-31
Age under 18/Unknown	(29)	(20)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(421)	(379)		
FERPA records blocked	*	(138)		
Total eligible voters	20,002	19,890	⬇	-112
Number of students who registered	12,847	13,950	⬆	1,103
Number of students who voted	2,741	6,127	⬆	3,386
Registration rate	64.2%	70.1%	⬆	5.9
Voting rate of registered students	21.3%	43.9%	⬆	22.6
Voting rate	13.7%	30.8%	⬆	17.1
Difference from all institutions	-6.0	-8.3		

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   **-6.0**

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

Difference from All Institutions   **-8.3**

	Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2014	13.7%	19.5%	19.6%	17.6%
2018	30.8%	41.2%	40.8%	42.5%
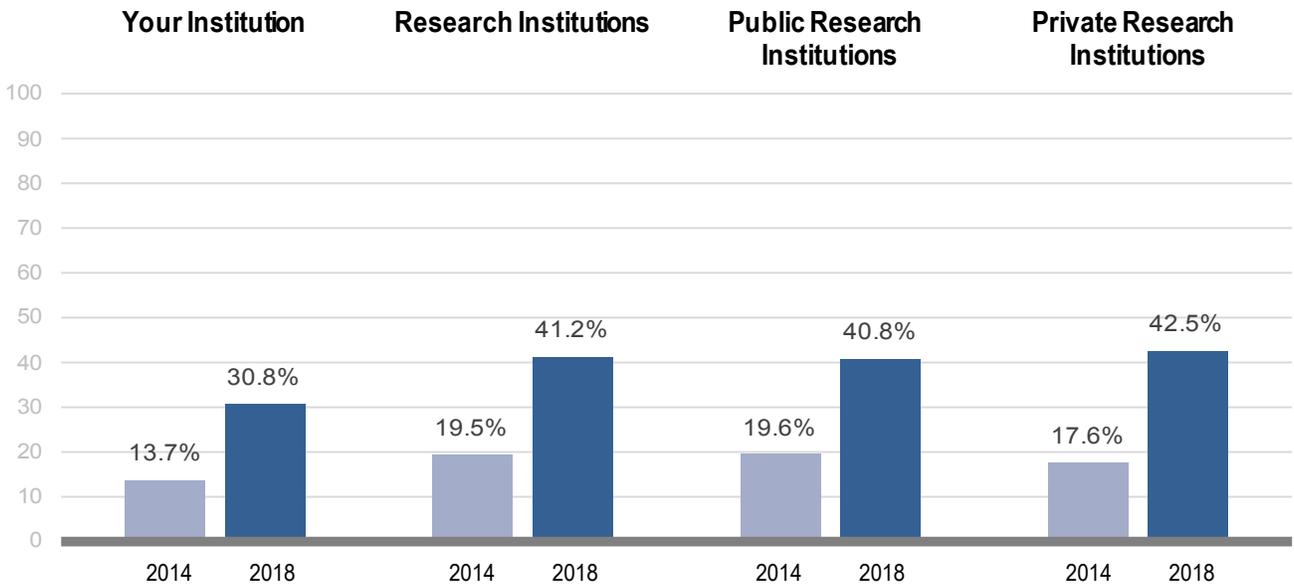
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

Absentee	Early Vote	Mail	In-Person, Election Day
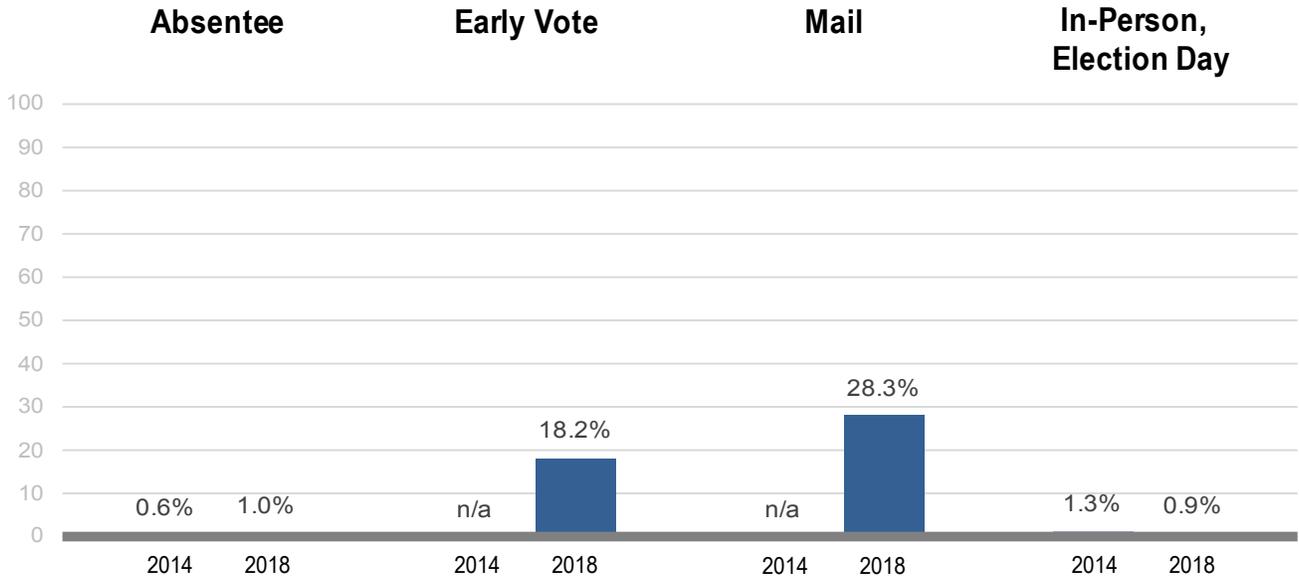
	2014			2018			
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	16	**0.6%**		58	**1.0%**	⬆	0.4
Early Vote	*	**n/a**		1,112	**18.2%**		**n/a**
Mail	*	**n/a**		1,731	**28.3%**		**n/a**
In-Person, Election Day	35	**1.3%**		56	**0.9%**	⬇	-0.4
Unknown	2,680	**97.8%**		3,170	**51.7%**		
Total	**2,741**			**6,127**			

* 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 offcials where your students voted.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*
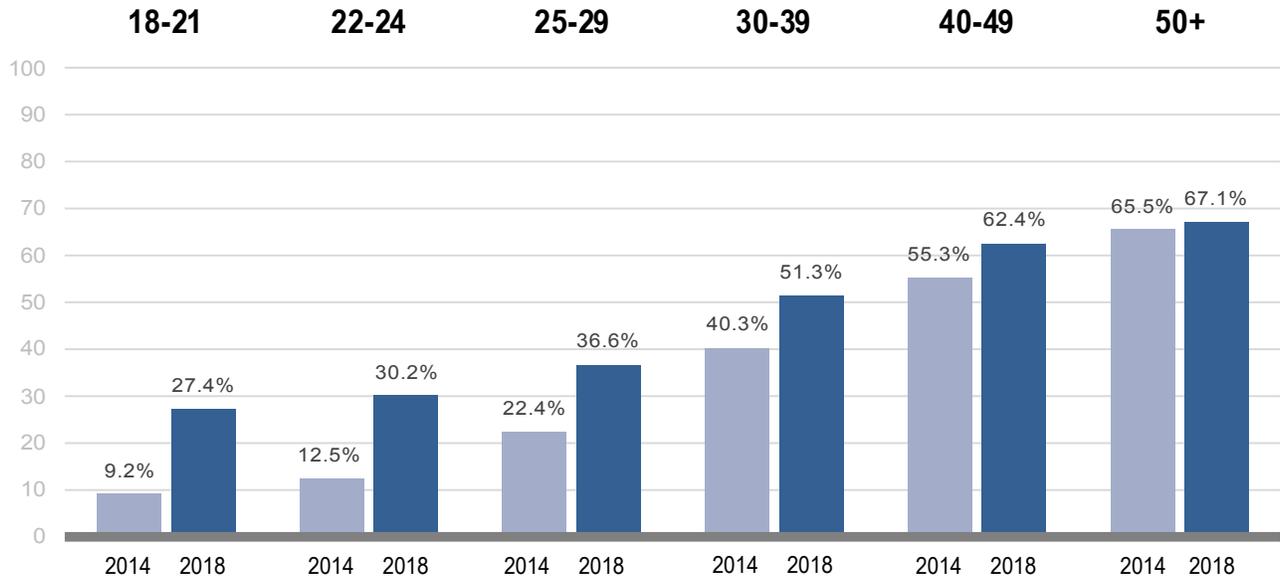
	2014				**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	13,345	1,227	**9.2%**		13,654	3,735	**27.4%**	⬆	**18.2**
22-24	4,298	538	**12.5%**		4,150	1,252	**30.2%**	⬆	**17.7**
25-29	1,369	306	**22.4%**		1,247	456	**36.6%**	⬆	**14.2**
30-39	852	343	**40.3%**		750	385	**51.3%**	⬆	**11.1**
40-49	385	213	**55.3%**		322	201	**62.4%**	⬆	**7.1**
50+	174	114	**65.5%**		146	98	**67.1%**	⬆	**1.6**
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
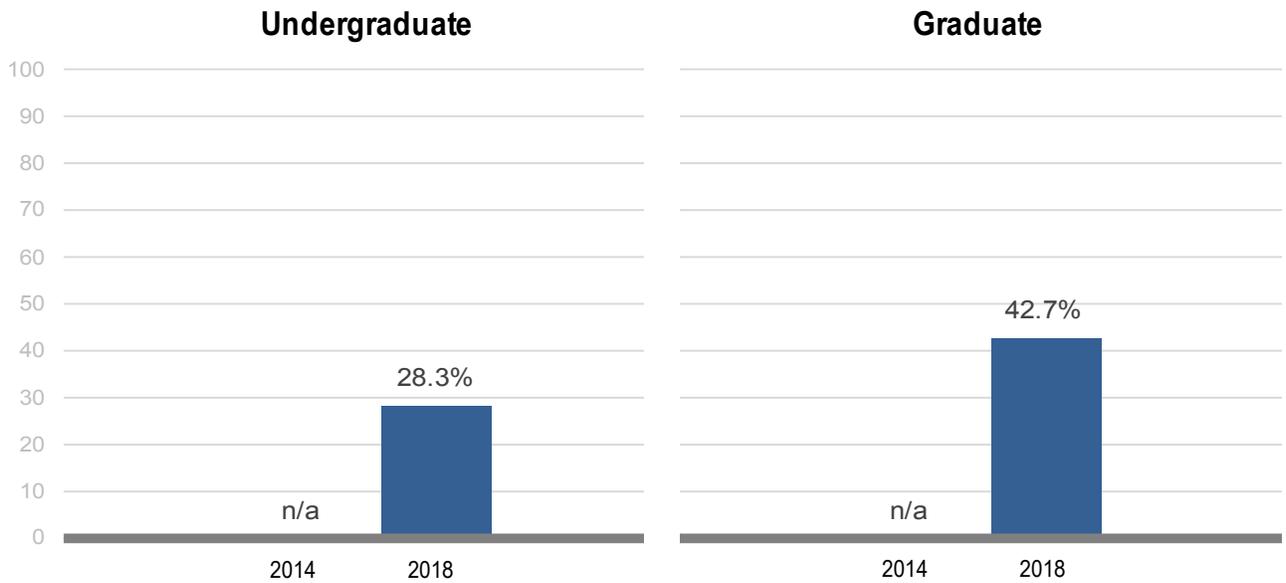
Graduate

	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**		17,602	4,983	**28.3%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**		2,194	936	**42.7%**	**n/a**
Unknown	20,423				473			

* 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*
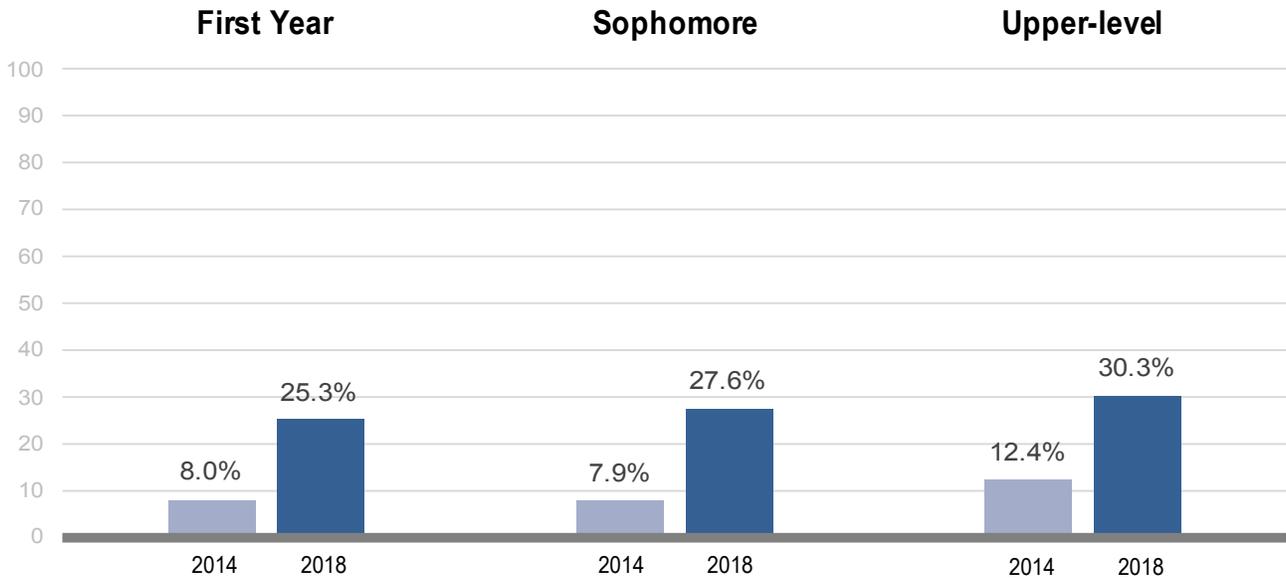
	2014				2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	3,435	276	**8.0%**		4,683	1,185	**25.3%**	⬆	**17.3**
Sophomore	3,235	257	**7.9%**		3,382	932	**27.6%**	⬆	**19.6**
Upper-level	11,040	1,371	**12.4%**		9,709	2,938	**30.3%**	⬆	**17.8**

* 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**	

		28.5%			45.4%
	10.8%			31.2%	
	2014	2018		2014	2018
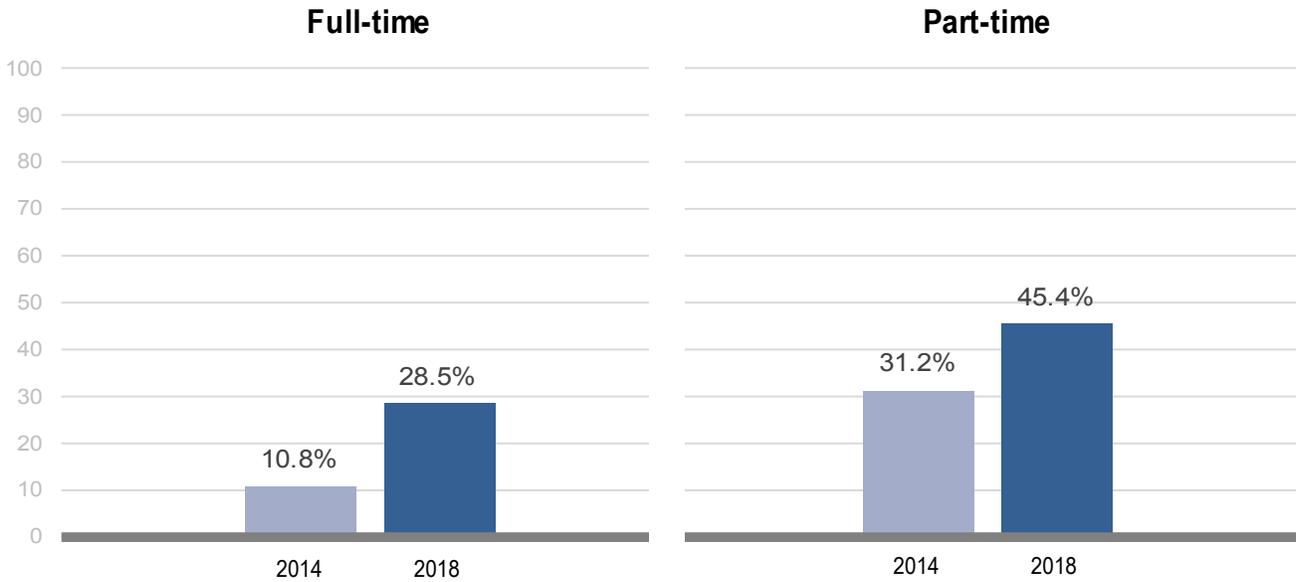
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	17,785	1,919	**10.8%**	18,155	5,167	**28.5%**	⬆	17.7
Part-time	2,638	822	**31.2%**	2,114	960	**45.4%**	⬆	14.3
Unknown	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**		

* 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 Gender*

	Women	
	2014	2018
	14.0%	38.6%

	Men	
	2014	2018
	12.7%	34.6%
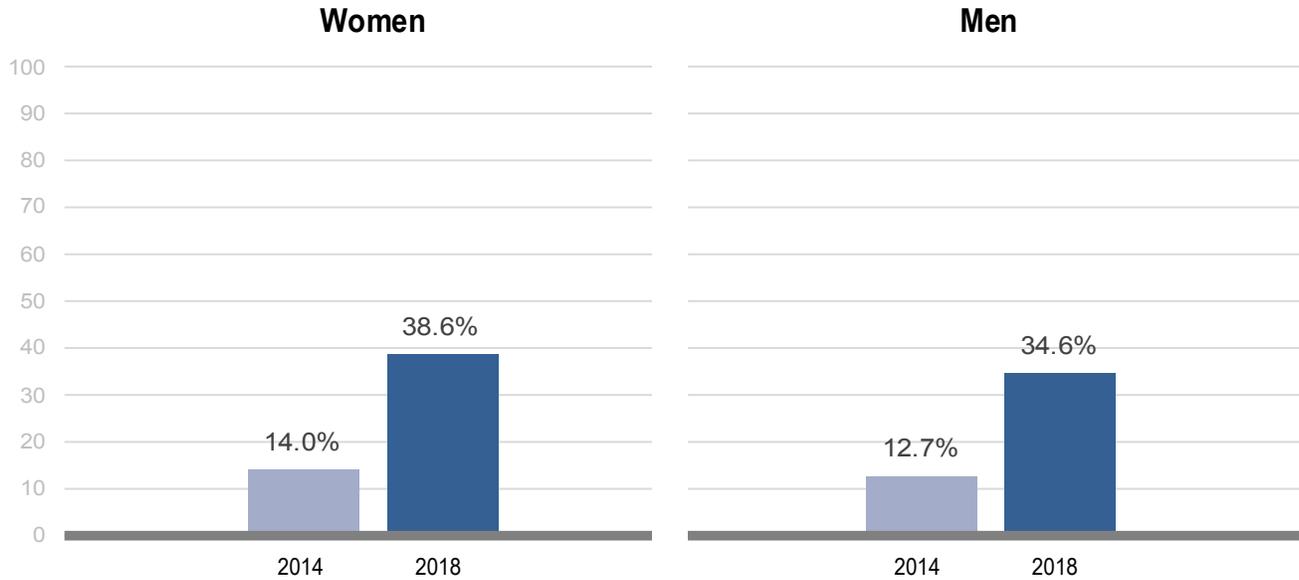
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	11,444	1,605	**14.0%**	972	375	**38.6%**	⬆	**24.6**
Men	8,979	1,136	**12.7%**	716	248	**34.6%**	⬆	**22.0**
Unknown	0			18,581				

* Your students' data broken down by gender. To provide more accurate voting rrates, 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 Race/Ethnicity*
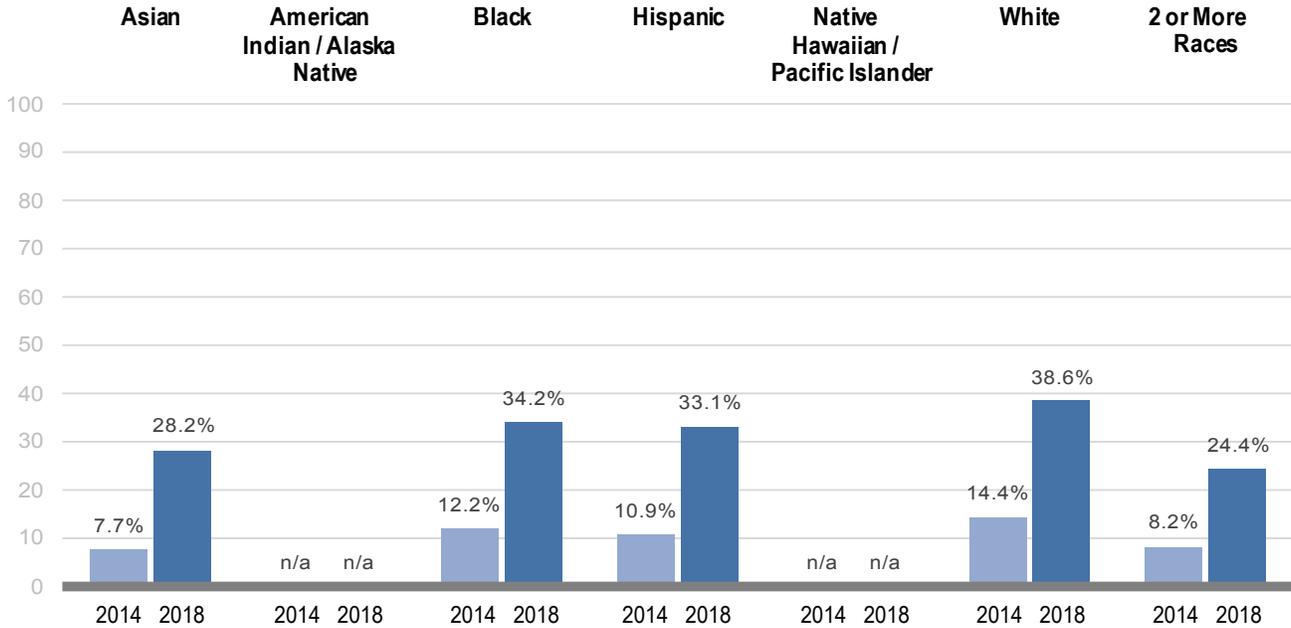
	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Asian	428	33	**7.7%**	39	11	**28.2%**	⬆	**20.5**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	24	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**		**n/a**
Black	1,439	175	**12.2%**	199	68	**34.2%**	⬆	**22.0**
Hispanic	1,691	184	**10.9%**	154	51	**33.1%**	⬆	**22.2**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	18	*	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**		**n/a**
White	15,832	2,279	**14.4%**	1,226	473	**38.6%**	⬆	**24.2**
2 or More Races	474	39	**8.2%**	41	10	**24.4%**	⬆	**16.2**
Unknown	517			18,610				

* Your students' data broken down by race. 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. For this page, we consider international students of unknown race/ethnicity.

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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	584	109	**18.7%**	560	159	**28.4%** ⬆	**9.7**
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	766	80	**10.4%**	788	213	**27.0%** ⬆	**16.6**
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,767	397	**10.5%**	4,068	973	**23.9%** ⬆	**13.4**
Communication and Journalism	1,004	127	**12.7%**	1,005	323	**32.1%** ⬆	**19.5**
Communications Technologies/Technicians	62	*	**n/a**	44	13	**29.6%**	**n/a**
Computer and Information Sciences	667	64	**9.6%**	592	153	**25.8%** ⬆	**16.2**
Education	3,375	600	**17.8%**	3,544	1,144	**32.3%** ⬆	**14.5**
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	328	47	**14.3%**	295	78	**26.4%** ⬆	**12.1**
English Language and Literature	576	92	**16.0%**	508	225	**44.3%** ⬆	**28.3**
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	590	56	**9.5%**	354	101	**28.5%** ⬆	**19.0**
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	147	19	**12.9%**	118	43	**36.4%** ⬆	**23.5**
Health Professions	1,546	181	**11.7%**	1,630	495	**30.4%** ⬆	**18.7**
History	401	97	**24.2%**	477	229	**48.0%** ⬆	**23.8**
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	486	72	**14.8%**	507	125	**24.7%** ⬆	**9.8**
Legal Professions and Studies	14	*	**n/a**	31	14	**45.2%**	**n/a**
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	83	*	**n/a**	948	221	**23.3%**	**n/a**
Library Science	22	16	**72.7%**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Mathematics and Statistics	423	57	**13.5%**	374	105	**28.1%** ⬆	**14.6**
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	603	53	**8.8%**	732	145	**19.8%** ⬆	**11.0**
Philosophy and Religious Studies	51	*	**n/a**	51	17	**33.3%**	**n/a**
Physical Sciences	339	34	**10.0%**	309	86	**27.8%** ⬆	**17.8**
Psychology	628	53	**8.4%**	690	217	**31.5%** ⬆	**23.0**
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	237	49	**20.7%**	257	102	**39.7%** ⬆	**19.0**

Social Sciences	975	183	**18.8%**	834	330	**39.6%** ⬆	**20.8**
Visual and Performing Arts	919	104	**11.3%**	1,085	410	**37.8%** ⬆	**26.5**
Unknown	1,830	234	**12.8%**	468	206	**44.0%** ⬆	**31.2**

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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