

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Sample 2-year Campus

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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 and 2016 federal elections. Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of nearly 30 million college student records, about 10 million for each election year, that serve as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

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. The mission of IDHE is to shift college and university priorities and culture to advance political learning, agency, and equity. We achieve our mission through research, resource development, technical assistance, 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 actually voted in the 2012 and 2016 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (FERPA-blocked records excluded) and publicly available voting files collected by Catalyst.

Institutional voting rates 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, we cannot consistently adjust for students who are non-resident aliens, resident aliens, or undocumented students. This may result in your institution's actual voting rate being higher than we report. To calculate that percentage, and to read more about NSLVE data, see our [FAQ on Campus Reports](#). Please also see [Creating and Maintaining the NSLVE Database](#) paper for a more detailed study methodology.

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. This report provides a baseline measure of your students' engagement in democracy in 2012 and 2016, and compares your institution's voting rates to similar institutions. Visit our website for more comparison data.
- Share the report widely and strategically, including posting it online.
- Put your data into practice. Use our IDHE Resources to guide you.
- Address your campus climate for student political learning, discourse, and participation. Start by bringing the IDHE team to your campus or using the IDHE self-assessment rubric available on our website.
- Partner with IDHE. We are available with virtual office hours, webinars, brown bag discussions and in-person trainings.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: idhe.tufts.edu.

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Warm regards,
IDHE Team



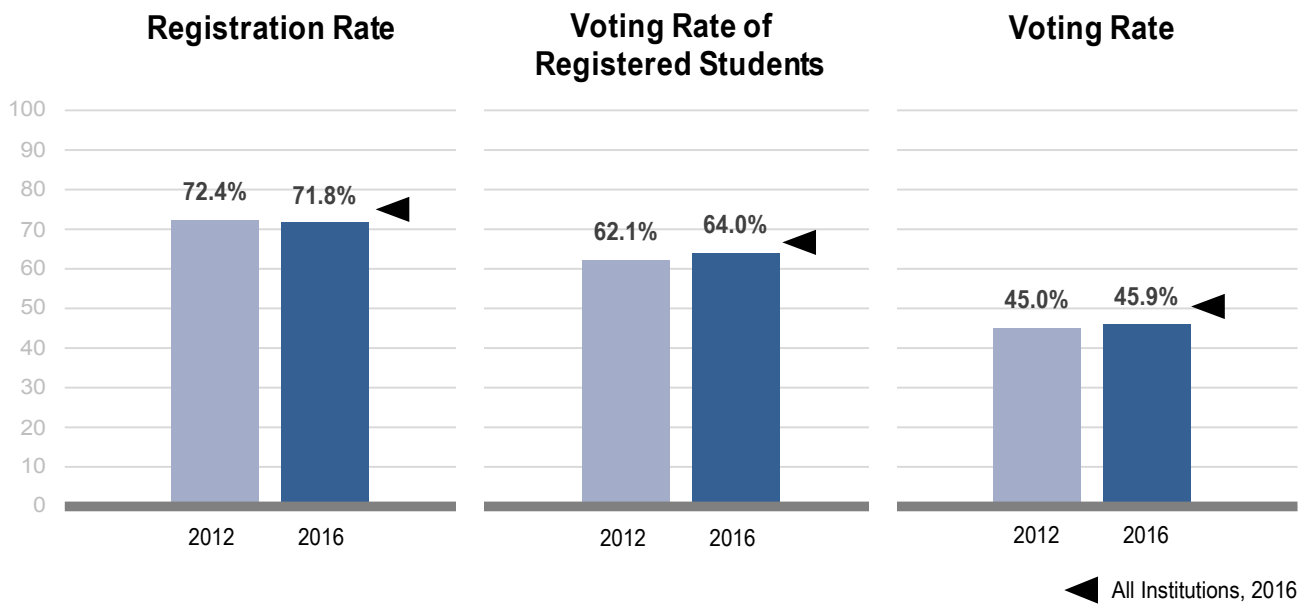
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
45.9%

CHANGE FROM 2012
0.9

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	7,105	5,573	↓ -1,532
Age under 18/Unknown	(649)	(735)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(180)	(178)	
FERPA records blocked	(200)	(200)	
Total eligible voters	6,076	4,460	↓ -1,616
Number of students who registered	4,400	3,200	↓ -1,200
Number of students who voted	2,734	2,049	↓ -685
Registration rate	72.4%	71.8%	↓ -0.7
Voting rate of registered students	62.1%	64.0%	↑ 1.9
Voting rate	45.0%	45.9%	↑ 0.9
Difference from all institutions	-1.9	-4.5	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

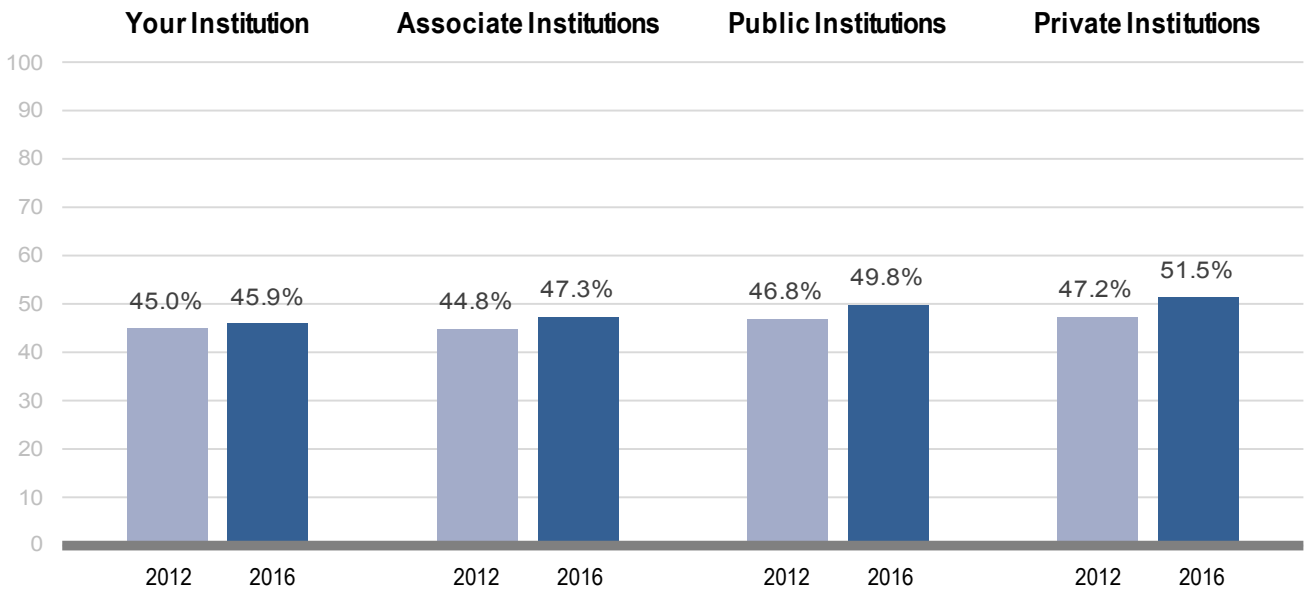
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

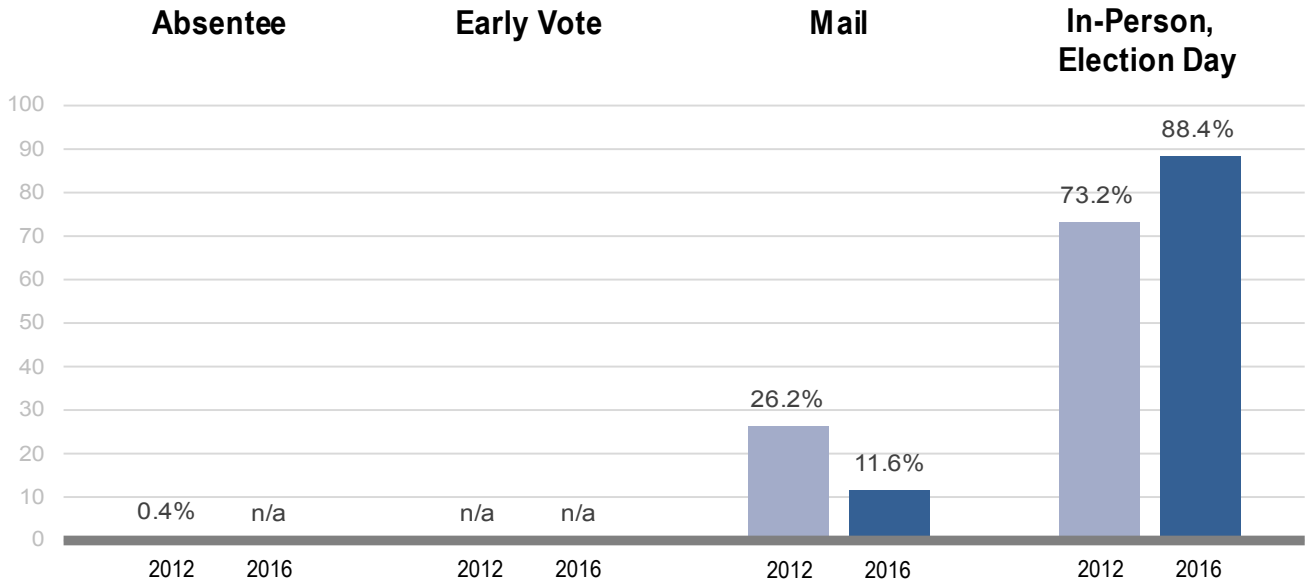
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By Voting Method*

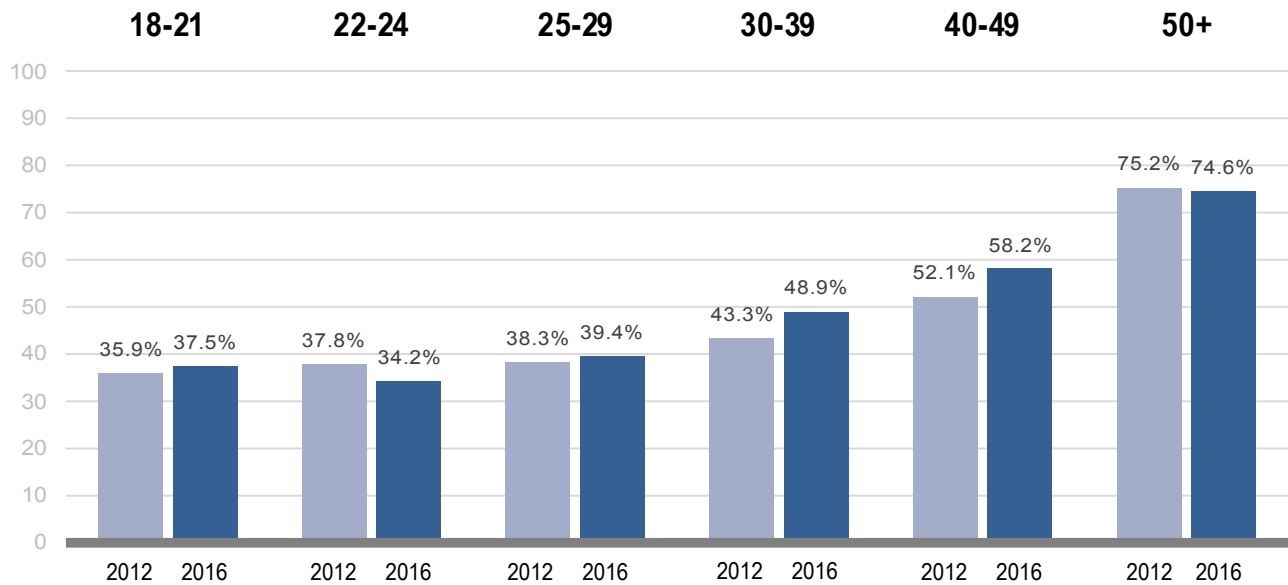


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	12	0.4%	*	n/a	n/a
Early Vote	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
Mail	717	26.2%	238	11.6%	↓ -14.6
In-Person, Election Day	2,000	73.2%	1,800	88.4%	↑ 15.3
Unknown	*	n/a	*	n/a	
Total	2,734		2,049		

* 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*

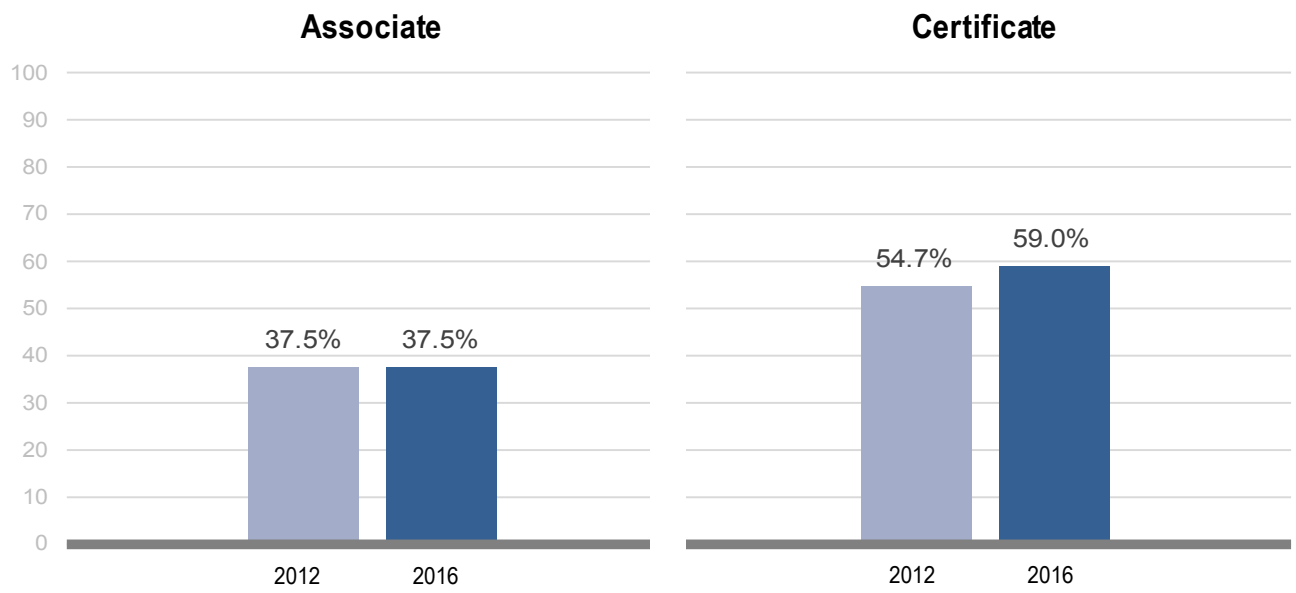


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	1,851	665	35.9%	1,633	612	37.5%	↑ 1.6
22-24	807	305	37.8%	661	226	34.2%	↓ -3.6
25-29	1,013	388	38.3%	720	284	39.4%	↑ 1.1
30-39	1,264	547	43.3%	866	423	48.9%	↑ 5.6
40-49	712	371	52.1%	373	217	58.2%	↑ 6.1
50+	609	458	75.2%	385	287	74.6%	↓ -0.7
Unknown	45			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 Program of Study*

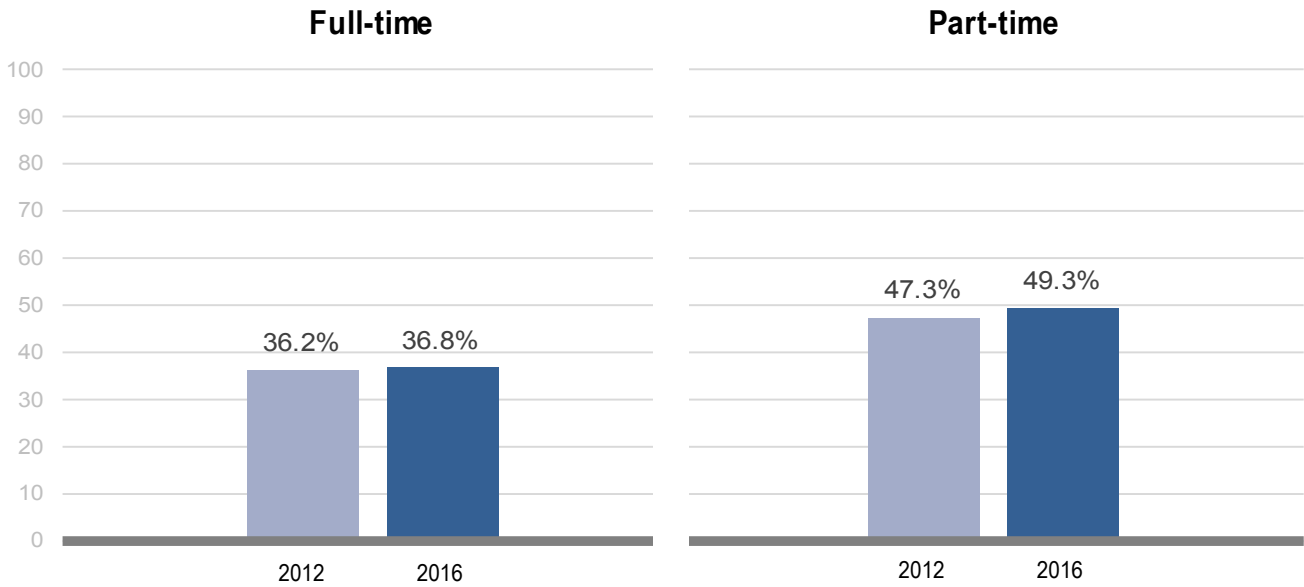


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Associate	4,000	1,500	37.5%	3,200	1,200	37.5%	→ 0.0
Certificate	2,256	1,234	54.7%	1,438	849	59.0%	↑ 4.3

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By Enrollment Status*

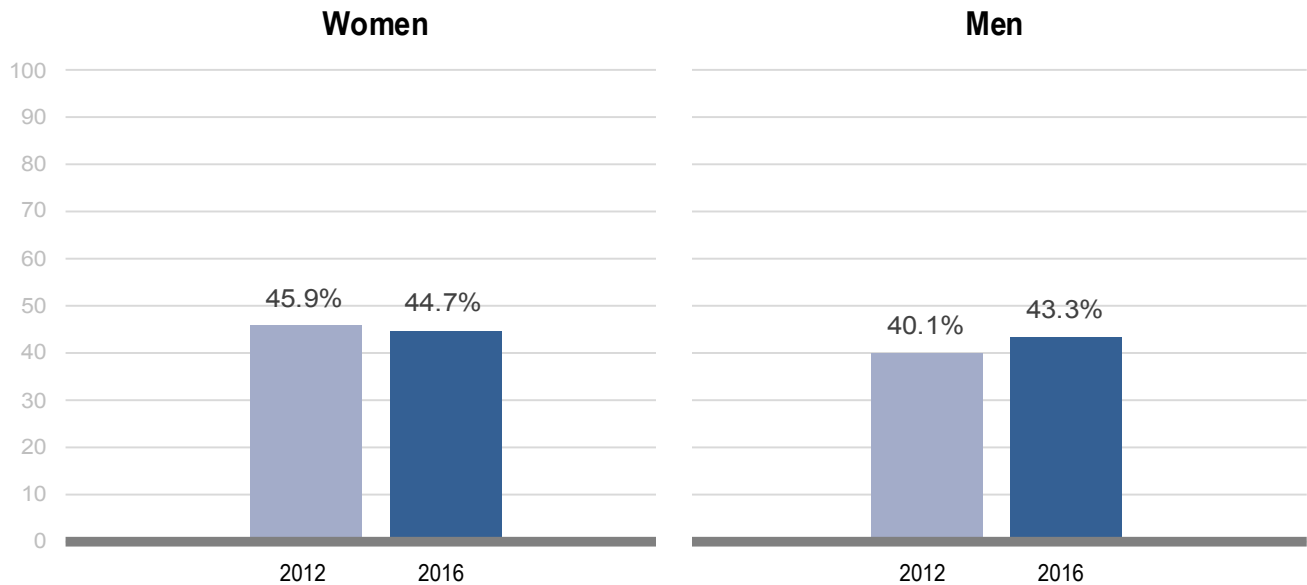


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	2,019	730	36.2%	1,902	700	36.8%	↑ 0.6
Part-time	4,237	2,004	47.3%	2,736	1,349	49.3%	↑ 2.0
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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.

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By Gender*

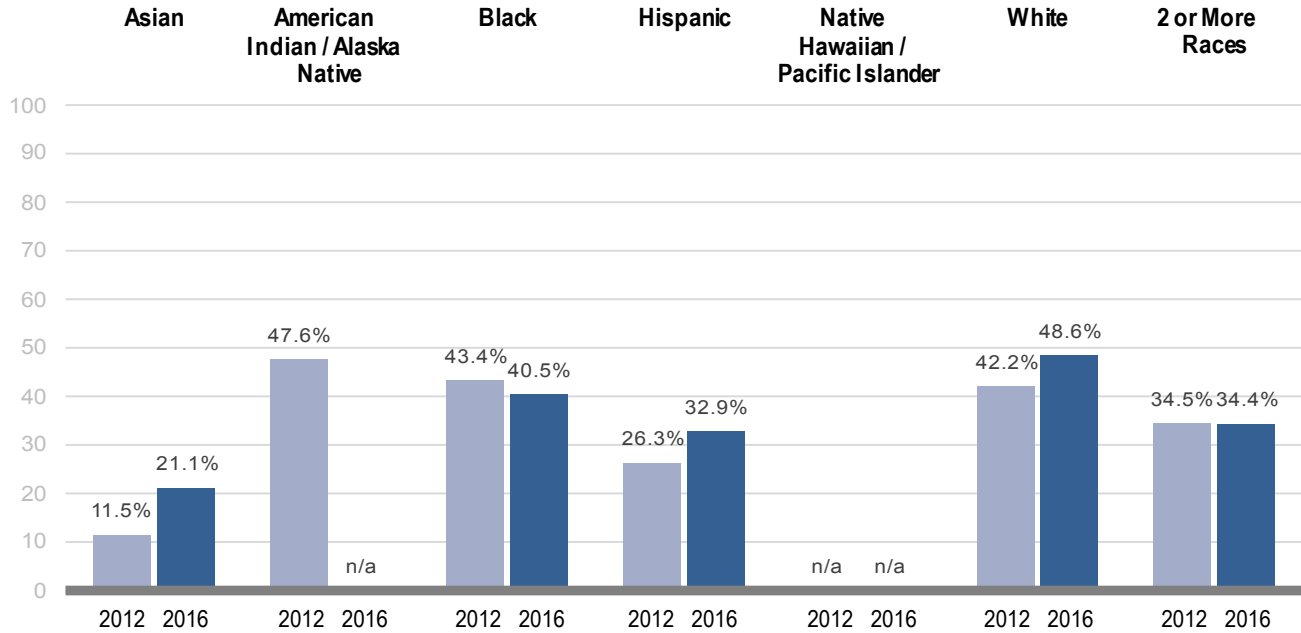


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	3,973	1,822	45.9%	2,929	1,309	44.7%	↓ -1.2
Men	2,277	912	40.1%	1,709	740	43.3%	↑ 3.3
Unknown	*	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* Your students' data broken down by gender. 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 Race/Ethnicity*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	131	15	11.5%	175	37	21.1%	↑ 9.7
American Indian/ Alaska Native	21	10	47.6%	20	*	n/a	n/a
Black	1,284	557	43.4%	1,016	411	40.5%	↓ -2.9
Hispanic	585	154	26.3%	861	283	32.9%	↑ 6.6
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	12	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
White	2,197	927	42.2%	1,845	896	48.6%	↑ 6.4
2 or More Races	174	60	34.5%	189	65	34.4%	↓ -0.1
Unknown	1,852			527			

* 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.

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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.

	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	53	18	34.0%	50	25	50.0% ↑	16.0
Business, Management, and Marketing	549	222	40.4%	417	154	36.9% ↓	-3.5
Communication and Journalism	48	18	37.5%	20	*	n/a	n/a
Communications Technologies/Technicians	138	56	40.6%	138	51	37.0% ↓	-3.6
Computer and Information Sciences	35	12	34.3%	34	11	32.4% ↓	-1.9
Construction Trades	0	0	n/a	69	28	40.6%	n/a
Education	300	144	48.0%	139	46	33.1% ↓	-14.9
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	144	57	39.6%	155	57	36.8% ↓	-2.8
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	*	*	n/a	10	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	1,575	718	45.6%	1,287	615	47.8% ↑	2.2
History	16	*	n/a	14	*	n/a	n/a
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	315	141	44.8%	257	129	50.2% ↑	5.4
Legal Professions and Studies	86	28	32.6%	30	11	36.7% ↑	4.1
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,358	633	46.6%	814	352	43.2% ↓	-3.4
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	66	26	39.4%	147	46	31.3% ↓	-8.1
Natural Resources and Conservation	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	37	13	35.1%	47	14	29.8% ↓	-5.4
Personal and Culinary Services	99	36	36.4%	163	50	30.7% ↓	-5.7
Philosophy and Religious Studies	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	46	15	32.6%	25	14	56.0% ↑	23.4
Precision Production	0	0	n/a	53	17	32.1%	n/a
Psychology	66	28	42.4%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	58	26	44.8%	52	26	50.0% ↑	5.2

Social Sciences	52	22	42.3%	23	10	43.5% ↑	1.2
Visual and Performing Arts	96	41	42.7%	78	36	46.2% ↑	3.4
Unknown	1,105	466	42.2%	603	335	55.6% ↑	13.4

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: idhe.tufts.edu.

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