

Student Voting Rates  
2016-2012 Comparison Report for Institutions  
in  
NASPA LEAD

National Study of Learning,  
Voting, and Engagement  
includes data from:

**87**

NASPA LEAD  
Institutions

**821**

4-year Institutions

**1115**

NSLVE Institutions

**20 million**

Students

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7-31-2018

+ 5.2

Percentage Point  
Change in  
Voting Rate

+ 2.7

Percentage Point  
Change in  
Registration Rate

+ 4.5

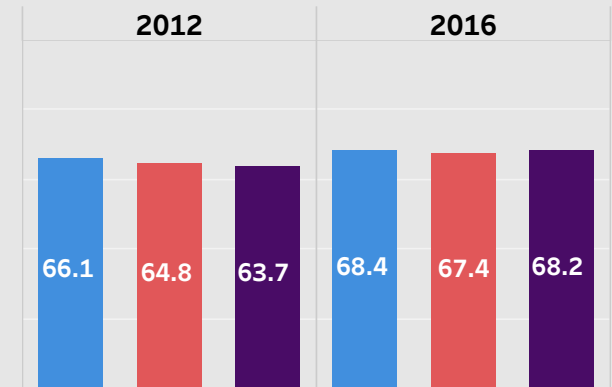
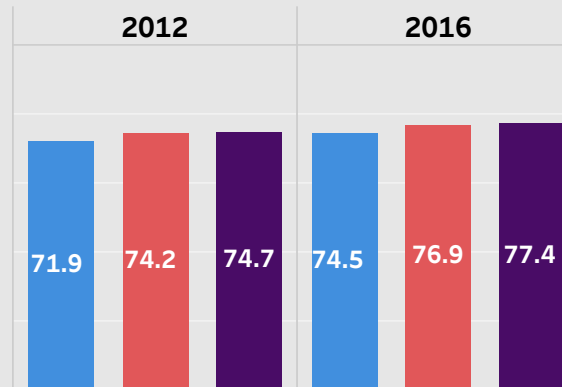
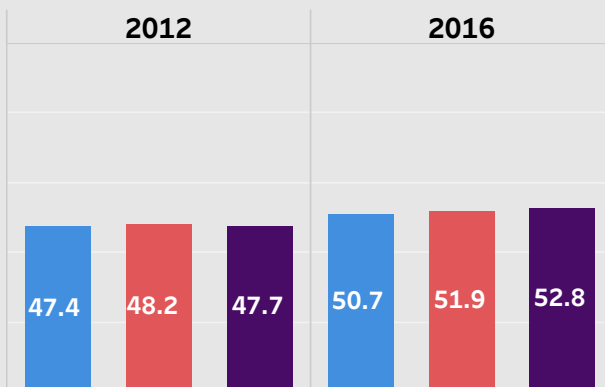
Percentage Point  
Change in  
Registered and Voted

- All NSLVE Institutions
- 4-year Institutions
- NASPA LEAD

Voting Rate

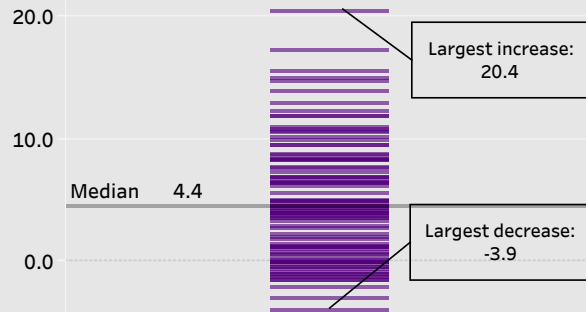
Registration Rate

Registered and Voted

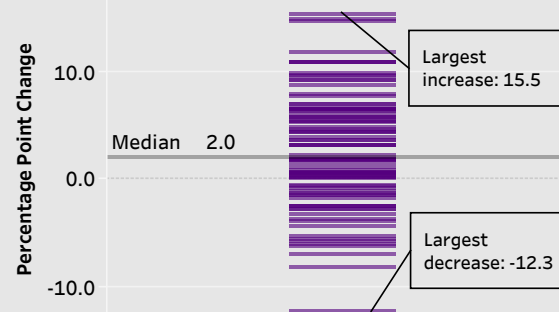


The change below shows individual institution level change for voting rates, registration rates and registered and voted rates

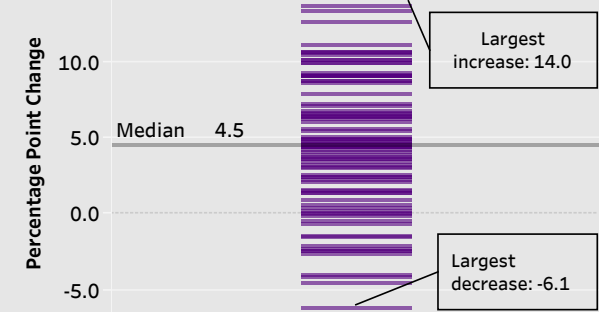
Change in Voting Rate among institutions  
(2016-2012)



Change in Registration Rate among institutions  
(2016-2012)



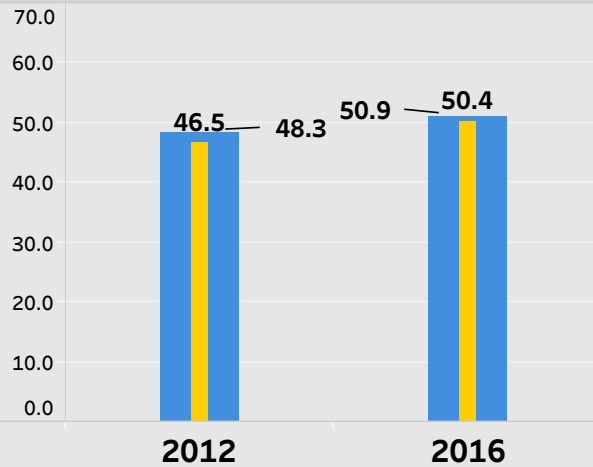
Change in Registered and Voted among institutions  
(2016-2012)



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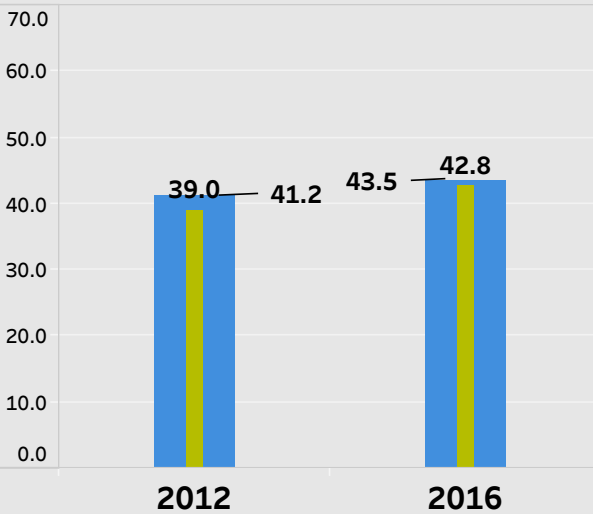
Voting Rate of Women



**+3.8**  
Percentage Point  
Change in  
Voting Rate of Women

■ All NSLVE Institutions  
■ Cluster Women Voting Rate

Voting Rate of Men



**+3.8**  
Percentage Point  
Change in  
Voting Rate of Men

■ All NSLVE Institutions  
■ Cluster Men Voting Rate

**+4.7**  
Percentage Point  
Change in  
Voting Rate of Age 18-21

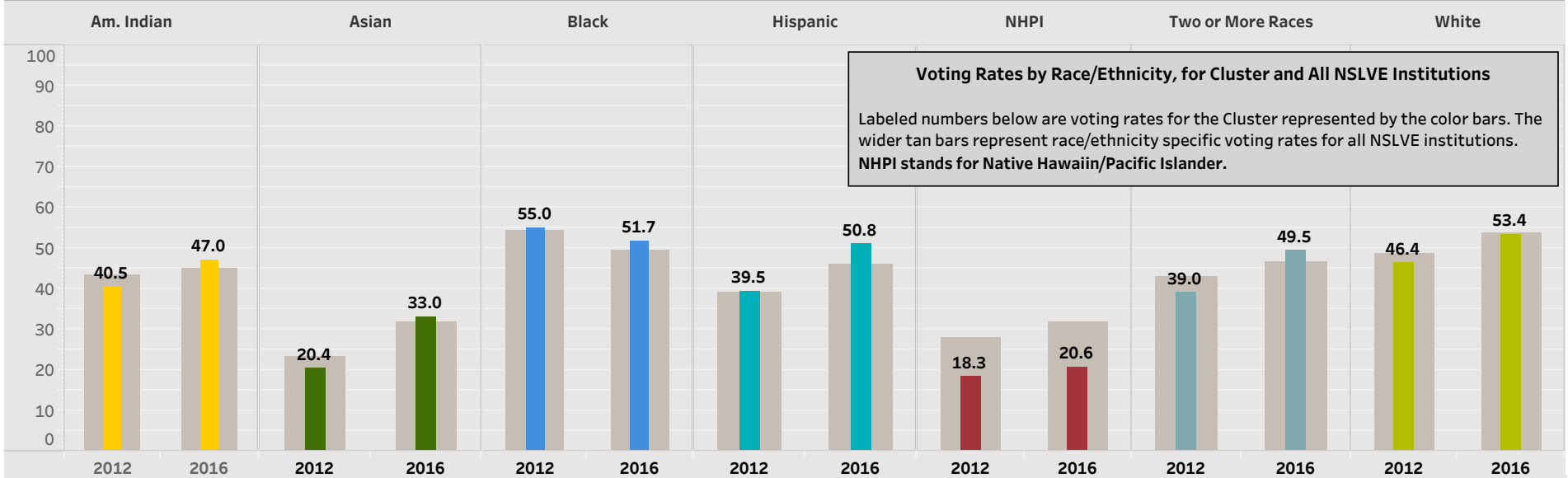
Voting Rate of Age 18-21



■ All NSLVE Institutions  
■ Cluster Age 18-21 Voting Rate

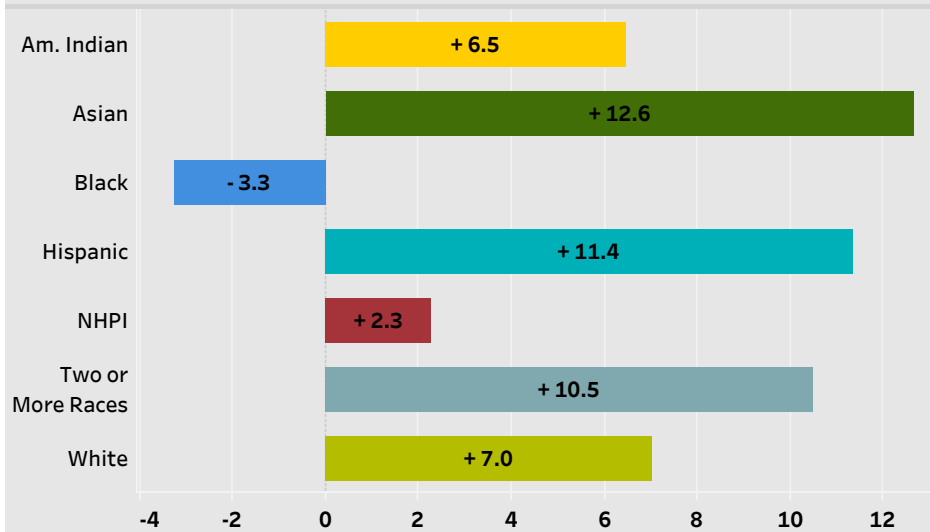
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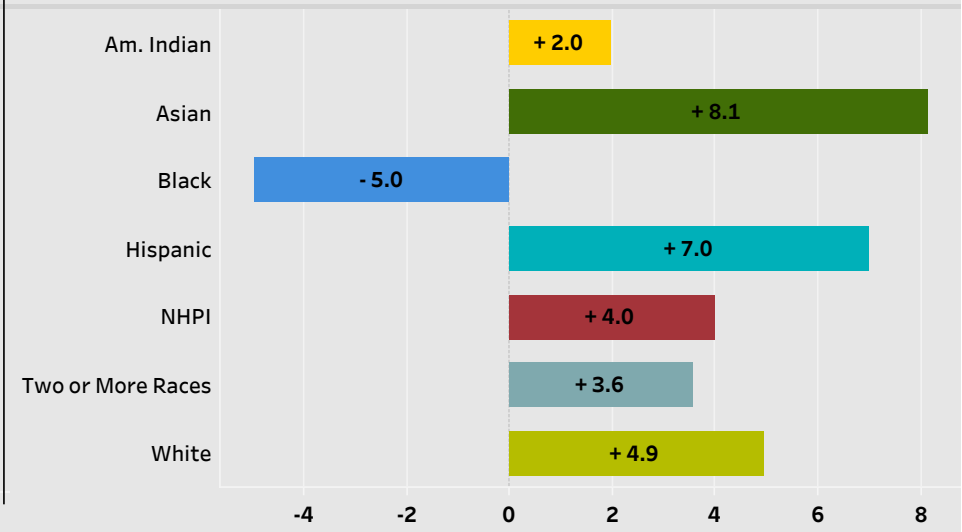


**Voting Rates by Race/Ethnicity, for Cluster and All NSLVE Institutions**  
Labeled numbers below are voting rates for the Cluster represented by the color bars. The wider tan bars represent race/ethnicity specific voting rates for all NSLVE institutions. NHPI stands for Native Hawaii/Pacific Islander.

Percentage Points Change in Voting Rate in Cluster

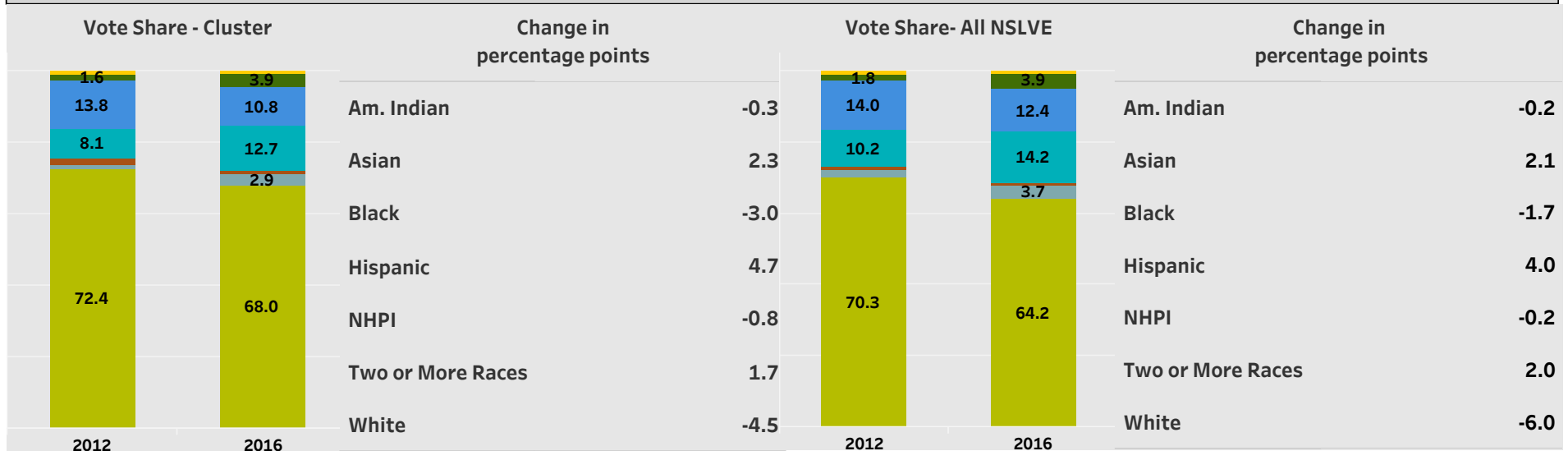
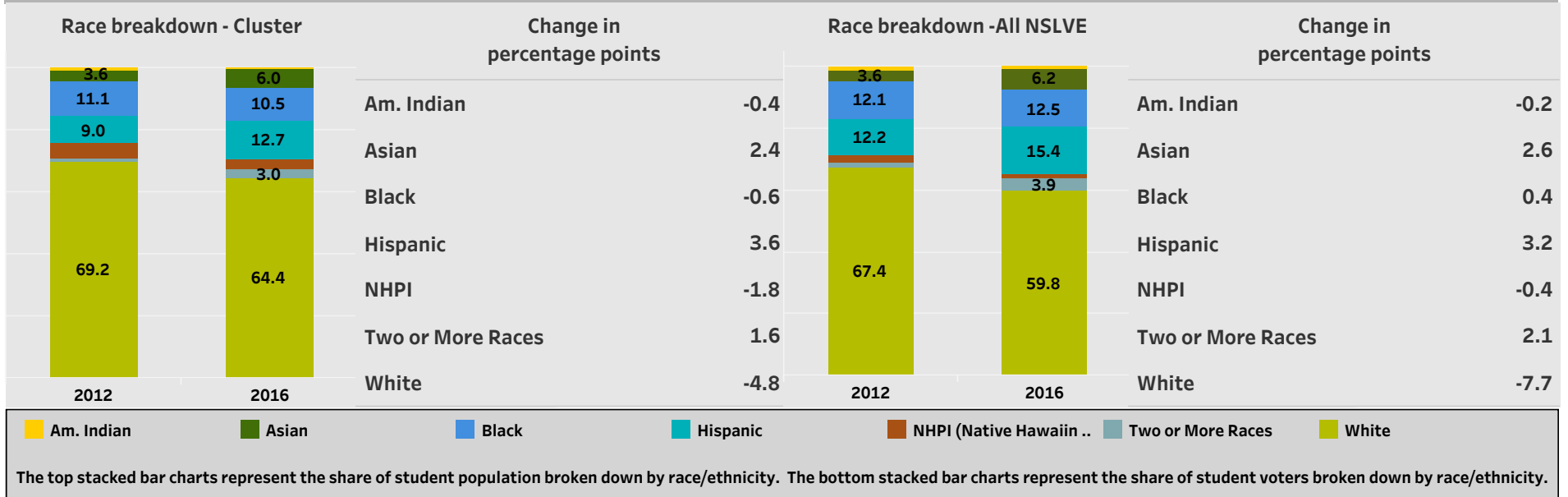


Percentage Points Change in Voting Rate- All NSLVE Institutions



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	Business	Education	Health Professions	Humanities	Social Sciences	STEM	Business	Education	Health Professions	Humanities	Social Sciences	STEM
2012	41.8%	53.6%	47.0%	44.8%	47.8%	38.9%	43.1%	55.3%	46.7%	43.7%	47.3%	40.3%
2016	45.8%	60.4%	51.7%	47.0%	52.1%	44.5%	45.5%	59.1%	50.8%	45.0%	50.6%	43.5%
<b>2012 Highest Voting Rates</b>				<b>2012 Lowest Voting Rates</b>			<b>2012 Highest Voting Rates</b>			<b>2012 Lowest Voting Rates</b>		
Library Science	70.4% (990)		Science Technologies/Technicians 21.4% (56)			Library Science	66.9% (6,826)		Military Science & Leadership 11.2% (543)			
Public Administration	58.9% (16,040)		Basic Skills Education 25.0% (40)			Public Administration	57.6% (86,812)		Basic Skills Education 23.2% (1,402)			
Education	53.7% (44,905)		Leisure and Recreational Activities 25.0% (32)			Education	55.5% (291,183)		Mathematics & Statistics 37.2% (43,922)			
<b>2016 Highest Voting Rates</b>				<b>2016 Lowest Voting Rates</b>			<b>2016 Highest Voting Rates</b>			<b>2016 Lowest Voting Rates</b>		
Library Science	74.7% (1,866)		Basic Skills Education 0.2% (663)			Library Science	75.5% (11,084)		Basic Skills Education 19.4% (5,493)			
Public Administration	61.4% (27,874)		Leisure and Recreational Activities 28.6% (35)			Theology & Religious Vocations	60.5% (8,826)		Military Science & Leadership 21.3% (1,429)			
Education	60.5% (82,069)		Mechanic & Repair 32.1% (1,065)			Public Administration	60.4% (173,811)		Mechanic & Repair 38.6% (37,632)			
<b>Largest Increases</b>				<b>Largest Decreases</b>			<b>Largest Increases</b>			<b>Largest Decreases</b>		
Science Technologies/Technicians	23.6%		Construction Trades -3.4%			Military Science & Leadership	10.0%		Health-Related Knowledge & Skills -3.7%			
Theology & Religious Vocations	12.7%		Mechanic & Repair -8.5%			Unknown	9.9%		Basic Skills Education -3.8%			
Natural Resources	12.5%		Basic Skills Education -24.8%			Library Science	8.6%		Mechanic & Repair -6.1%			

**Complete List of Fields of Study in NSLVE**

Agriculture	Culinary Services
Architecture	Leisure, & Fitness Studies
Area, Ethnic, Gender Studies	Library Science
Basic Skills Education	Mathematics & Statistics
Biological & Biomedical Sciences	Mechanic & Repair
Business, Management, & Marketing	Military Science & Leadership
Communication & Journalism	Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies
Communications Technologies	Natural Resources
Computer & Information Sciences	Other
Construction Trades	Philosophy
Education	Physical Sciences
Engineering	Precision Production
English Language & Literature	Psychology
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	Public Administration
Foreign Languages & Literatures	Science Technologies/Technicians
Health Profession	Social Sciences
Health-Related Knowledge & Skills	Theology & Religious Vocations
History	Transportation
Law Enforcement	Unknown
Legal Professions	Visual & Performing Arts
Leisure and Recreational Activities	
Liberal Arts, Sciences, & Humanities	

**Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE).** Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 1,100 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014 and 2016 federal elections. Your association's participation in this study, and your assistance recruiting your institutions to the study, 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 Report**

This report provides estimated registration and voting rates based on your institutions' students who were age-eligible to vote at the time of the election, using the best available data. We use enrollment records submitted by your institutions to the National Student Clearinghouse (FERPA-blocked records excluded) merged with publicly available voting files collected by Catalyst. As with nearly all voting rate calculations, some ineligible voters are difficult to parse out, such as international or undocumented students. We do, however, adjust institutional voting rates by deducting an estimated number of students who are nonresident aliens based on the aggregate of your member institutions' report to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). For more information, including reports on maintaining the NSLVE database, how ineligible voters might affect turnout rates, and tips for improving the data in your institutions' reports visit our [FAQ page](#).

#### **What to do next:**

Use this report to catalyze change on your member campuses. We recommend that you share this report and encourage your campuses to align their own data against it. We offer many tips and tools for using the NSLVE Reports and turning elections into an opportunity to cultivate students as active participants in democracy.

Partner with IDHE. We are available to work with you to evaluate and improve student political learning, discourse, and participation. Contact us for in-person support, webinars, workshops and assessment at [IDHE@tufts.edu](mailto:IDHE@tufts.edu).

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