

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Northern Michigan  
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 1,100 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 voted in the 2012 and 2016 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse) and publicly available voting files collected by L2. We exclude FERPA-blocked records. (For exceptions for campuses with disproportionately high numbers of FERPA blocked students, see our Campus Reports FAQ (link below).

If this report does not contain race/ethnicity and/or gender data, please ask your registrar to complete the "race/ethnicity" submission for the Clearinghouse. Be sure to flag "non-resident aliens" (the government's technical term for non-citizen international students) so that we can provide a more accurate count for your "eligible voters."

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 (NRAs) 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 (NRAs), resident aliens, undocumented students, and students who have been disenfranchised due to a felony conviction. For this study, these terms are used as defined by IPEDS.

As a result of the adjustment challenges, 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>.

Some NSLVE institutions do report the counts of NRA students to NSC. When this number is comparable to the counts reported in IPEDS, we remove the counts of these students from all our calculations.

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 providing 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](mailto:NSLVE@tufts.edu).

Warm regards,

IDHE Team



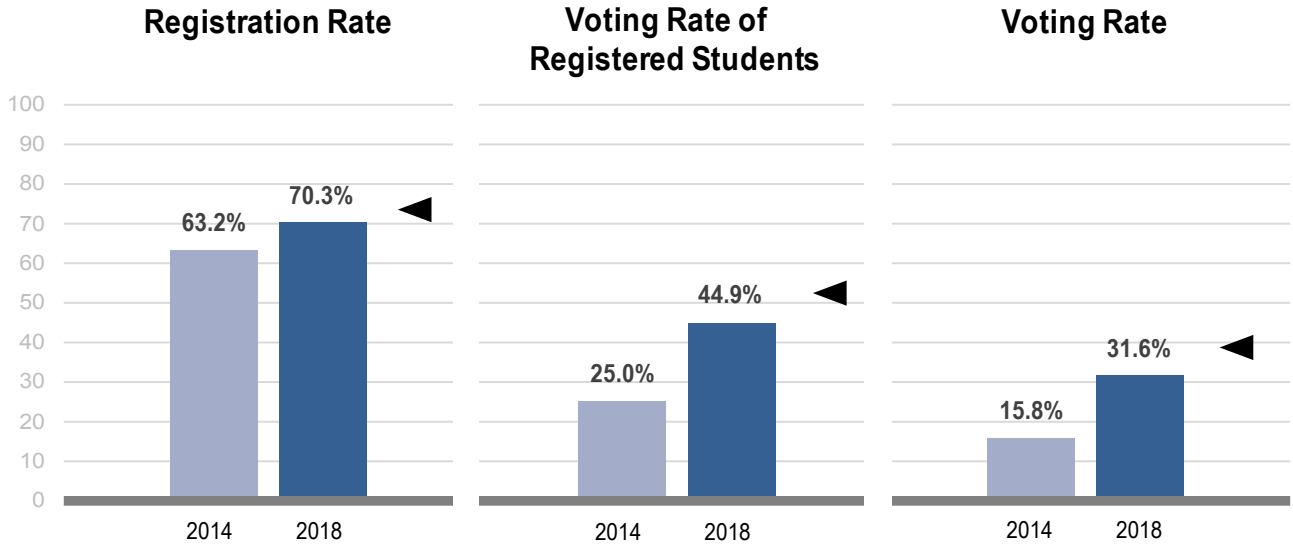
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2018 Voting Rate**  
**31.6%**

CHANGE FROM 2014  
**+15.8**

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**38.5%**



◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	8,618	7,660	↓ -958
Age under 18/Unknown	(57)	(151)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(108)	(95)	
FERPA records blocked	(75)	(35)	
Total eligible voters	8,378	7,379	↓ -999
Number of students who registered	5,298	5,186	↓ -112
Number of students who voted	1,326	2,331	↑ 1,005
Registration rate	63.2%	70.3%	↑ 7.1
Voting rate of registered students	25.0%	44.9%	↑ 19.9
Voting rate	15.8%	31.6%	↑ 15.8
Difference from all institutions	-2.4	-6.9	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate  
for All Institutions

**18.2%**

HIGH  
52.9%

LOW  
2.2%

2018 Voting Rate  
for All Institutions

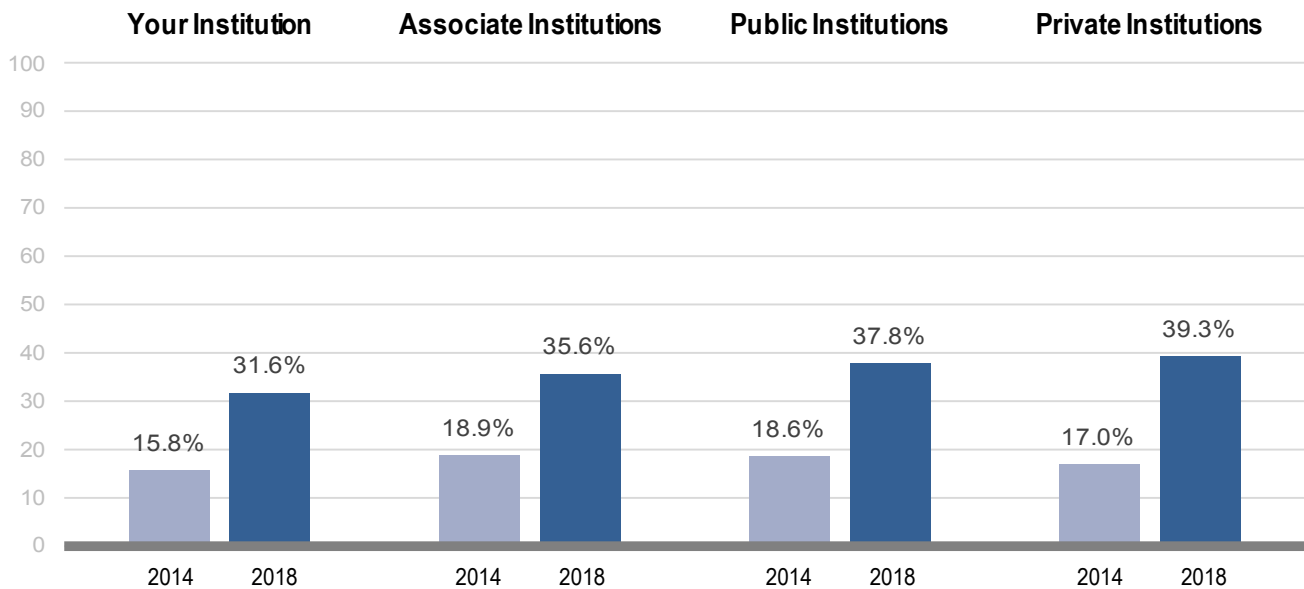
**38.5%**

HIGH  
72.8%

LOW  
7.1%

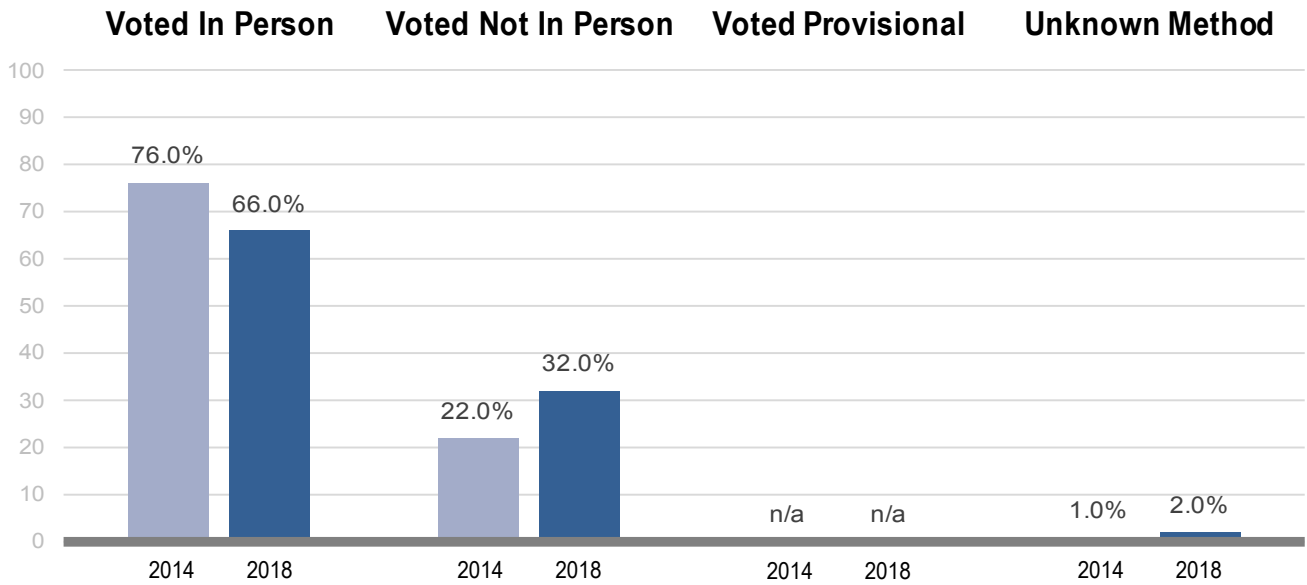
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# By Voting Method\*

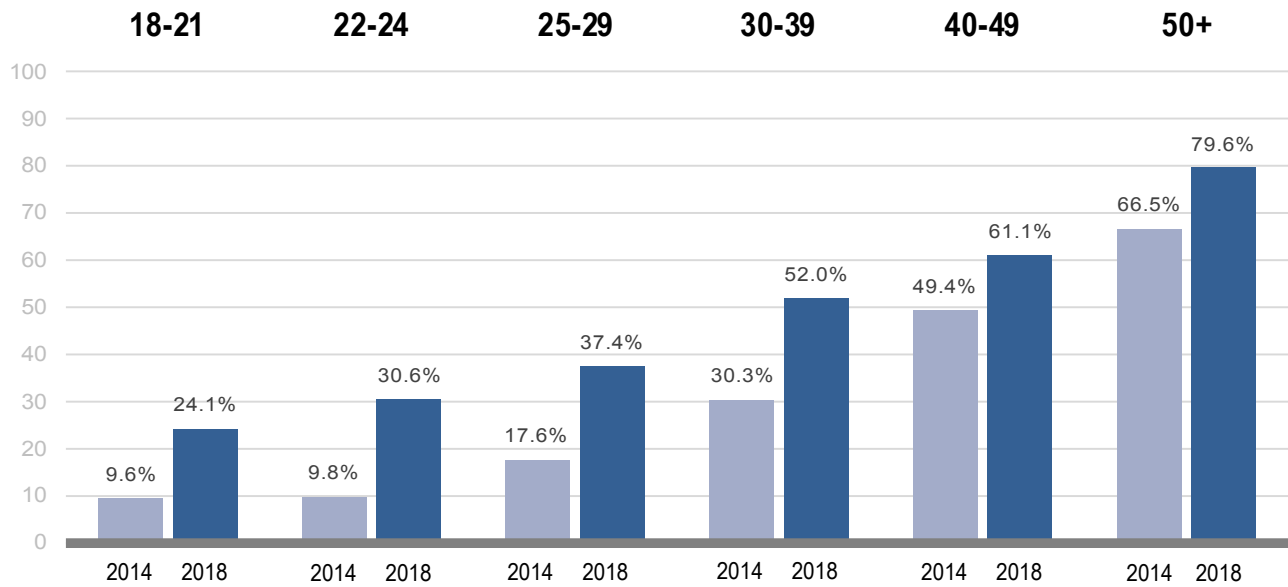


	2014		2018		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Voted In Person	1,012	76.0%	1,529	66.0%	↓	-10.0
Voted Not In Person	295	22.0%	745	32.0%	↑	10.0
Voted Provisional	0	n/a	0	n/a		n/a
Unknown Method	19	1.0%	57	2.0%	↑	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,326</b>		<b>2,331</b>			

\* 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\*

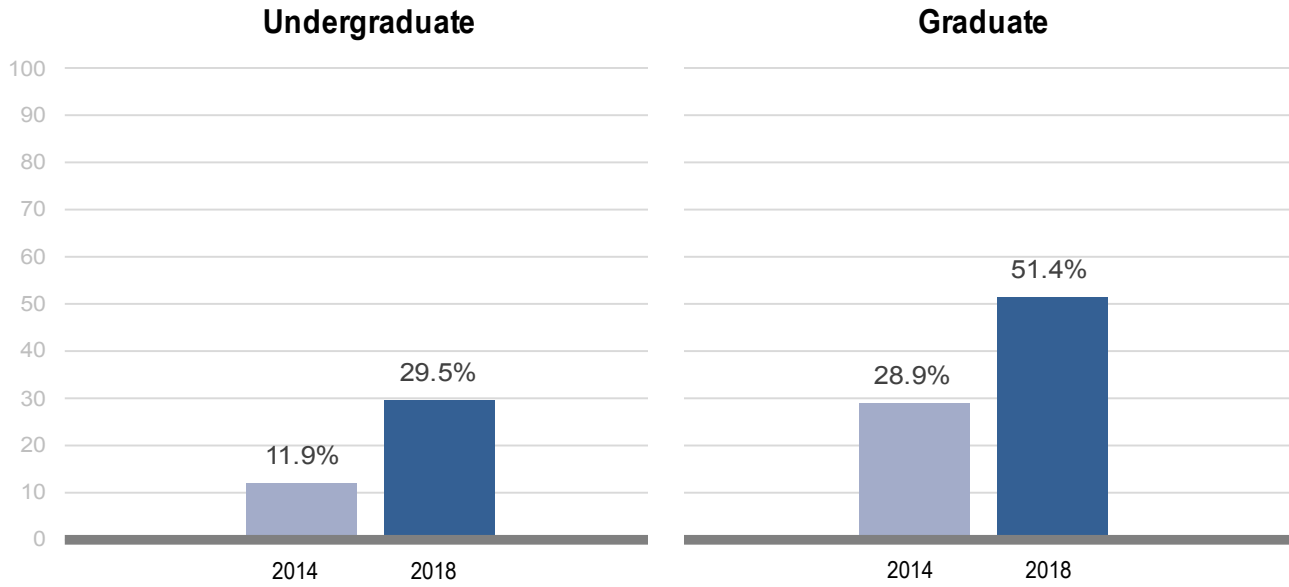


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	4,826	461	9.6%	4,566	1,099	24.1%	↑ 14.5
22-24	1,726	170	9.8%	1,432	438	30.6%	↑ 20.8
25-29	731	129	17.6%	553	207	37.4%	↑ 19.8
30-39	524	159	30.3%	423	220	52.0%	↑ 21.7
40-49	261	129	49.4%	167	102	61.1%	↑ 11.7
50+	418	278	66.5%	333	265	79.6%	↑ 13.1
Unknown	*			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, undocumented students and felony disenfranchised students.

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# By Education Level\*

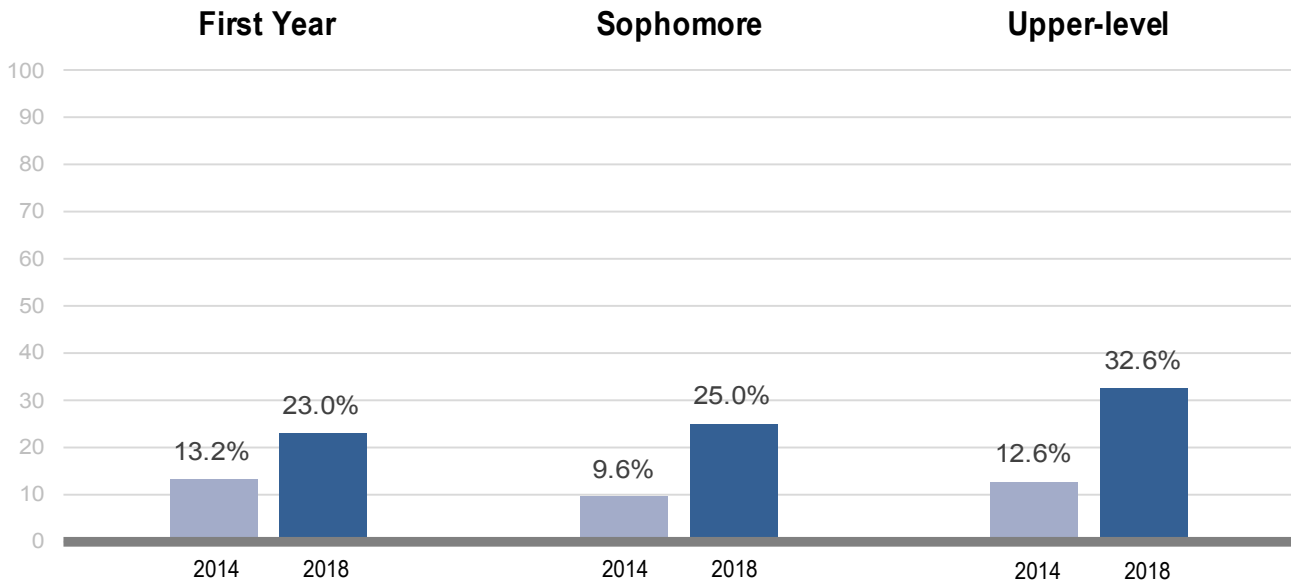


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	7,504	891	11.9%	6,919	2,039	29.5%	↑ 17.6
Graduate	481	139	28.9%	471	242	51.4%	↑ 22.5
Unknown	501			84			

\* Your students' data broken down by undergraduate and graduate students. Undergraduates and graduates are defined based on information submitted to the Clearinghouse. 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, undocumented students and felony disenfranchised students.

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# By Undergraduate Class Year\*



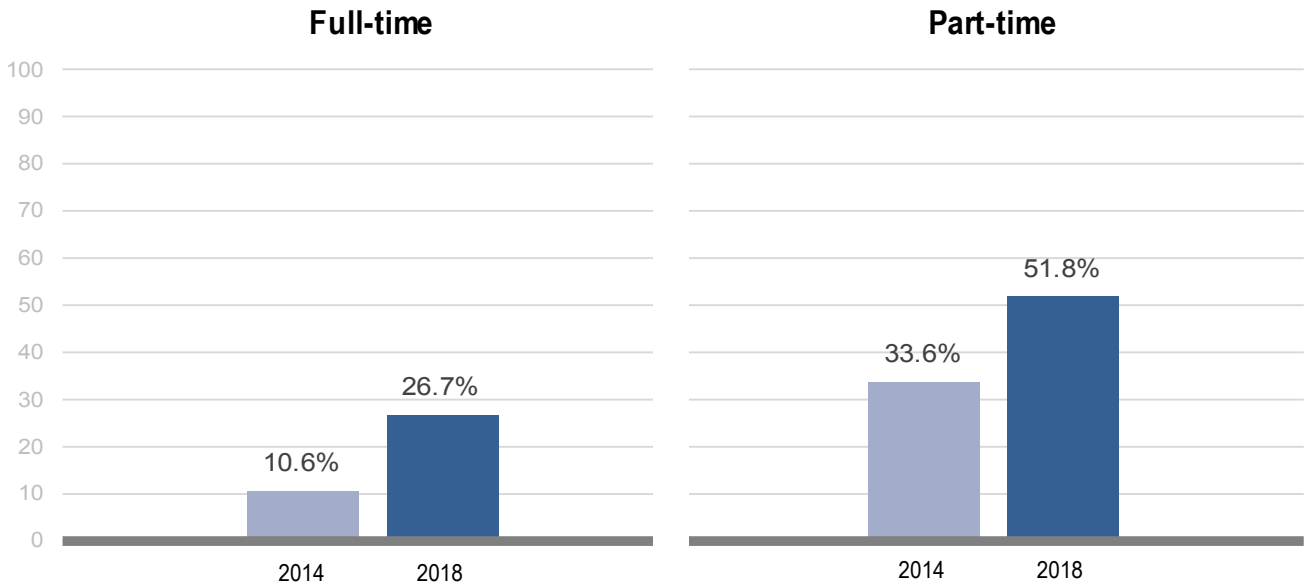
	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	2,344	309	13.2%	2,083	479	23.0%	↑ 9.8
Sophomore	1,438	138	9.6%	1,321	330	25.0%	↑ 15.4
Upper-level	3,609	456	12.6%	3,119	1,018	32.6%	↑ 20.0

\* Your students' data broken down by undergraduate students' class level. The total count of undergraduates in this page can be different than the count in the previous page since we use a different data element submitted to the Clearinghouse to derive this information. 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, undocumented students and felony disenfranchised students.



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# By Enrollment Status\*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	6,630	703	<b>10.6%</b>	6,134	1,637	<b>26.7%</b>	↑ <b>16.1</b>
Part-time	1,856	623	<b>33.6%</b>	1,340	694	<b>51.8%</b>	↑ <b>18.2</b>
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 resident aliens, undocumented students and felony disenfranchised students.

## 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 resident aliens, undocumented students and felony disenfranchised 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	
Architecture	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	*	0	n/a	13	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	630	69	11.0%	621	174	28.0% ↑	17.0
Business, Management, and Marketing	815	95	11.7%	873	233	26.7% ↑	15.0
Communication and Journalism	179	22	12.3%	128	37	28.9% ↑	16.6
Computer and Information Sciences	147	16	10.9%	119	47	39.5% ↑	28.6
Construction Trades	44	*	n/a	53	11	20.8%	n/a
Education	688	139	20.2%	565	213	37.7% ↑	17.5
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	311	31	10.0%	211	42	19.9% ↑	9.9
English Language and Literature	231	31	13.4%	144	52	36.1% ↑	22.7
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	38	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	14	0	n/a	18	11	61.1%	n/a
Health Professions	1,225	138	11.3%	1,113	277	24.9% ↑	13.6
History	68	12	17.6%	51	21	41.2% ↑	23.6
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	575	119	20.7%	470	151	32.1% ↑	11.4
Legal Professions and Studies	19	*	n/a	17	*	n/a	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	809	128	15.8%	603	164	27.2% ↑	11.4
Mathematics and Statistics	24	*	n/a	37	12	32.4%	n/a
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	88	*	n/a	89	17	19.1%	n/a
Military Science, Leadership and Operational Art	*	*	n/a	36	11	30.6%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	65	*	n/a	84	22	26.2%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	320	39	12.2%	336	93	27.7% ↑	15.5
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	298	30	10.1%	326	63	19.3% ↑	9.2

Personal and Culinary Services	34	*	n/a	26	*	n/a	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	19	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	124	10	8.1%	131	32	24.4% ↑	16.3
Precision Production	60	*	n/a	32	*	n/a	n/a
Psychology	203	13	6.4%	180	64	35.6% ↑	29.2
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	205	48	23.4%	147	65	44.2% ↑	20.8
Social Sciences	188	47	25.0%	212	90	42.5% ↑	17.5
Visual and Performing Arts	613	56	9.1%	473	166	35.1% ↑	26.0
Unknown	428	245	57.2%	357	235	65.8% ↑	8.6

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>.

**References:** IDHE 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: Institute for Democracy & Higher Education: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2021). *2014 and 2018 report for \_\_\_\_\_ [name of institution]*. Medford, MA.

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