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2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Bergen Community College

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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 Catalist.

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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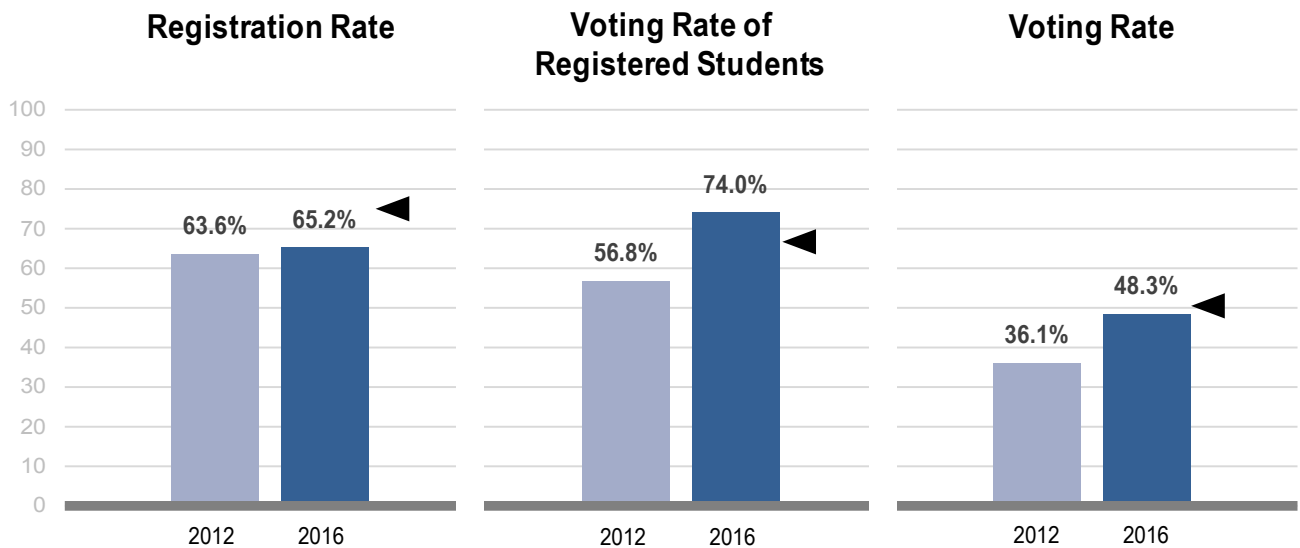
Warm regards,
IDHE Team

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate

48.3%

CHANGE
FROM 2012
12.2

2016 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%

Registration Rate — 2012: 63.6%, 2016: 65.2%

Voting Rate of Registered Students — 2012: 56.8%, 2016: 74.0%

Voting Rate — 2012: 36.1%, 2016: 48.3%

◄ All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016		Change
Total student enrollment	15,549	12,212	⬇	-3,337
Age under 18/Unknown	(138)	(197)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,122)	(786)		
FERPA records blocked	0	0		
Total eligible voters	14,289	11,229	⬇	-3,060
Number of students who registered	9,086	7,324	⬇	-1,762
Number of students who voted	5,157	5,422	⬆	265
Registration rate	63.6%	65.2%	⬆	1.6
Voting rate of registered students	56.8%	74.0%	⬆	17.3
Voting rate	36.1%	48.3%	⬆	12.2
Difference from all institutions	-10.8	-2.1		

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions

46.9%

HIGH 72.9%

LOW 19.3%

Difference from All Institutions **-10.8**

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions

50.4%

HIGH 81.4%

LOW 13.1%

Difference from All Institutions **-2.1**

	Your Institution		Associate Institutions		Public Institutions		Private Institutions	
	2012	2016	2012	2016	2012	2016	2012	2016
	36.1%	48.3%	44.8%	47.3%	46.8%	49.8%	47.2%	51.5%
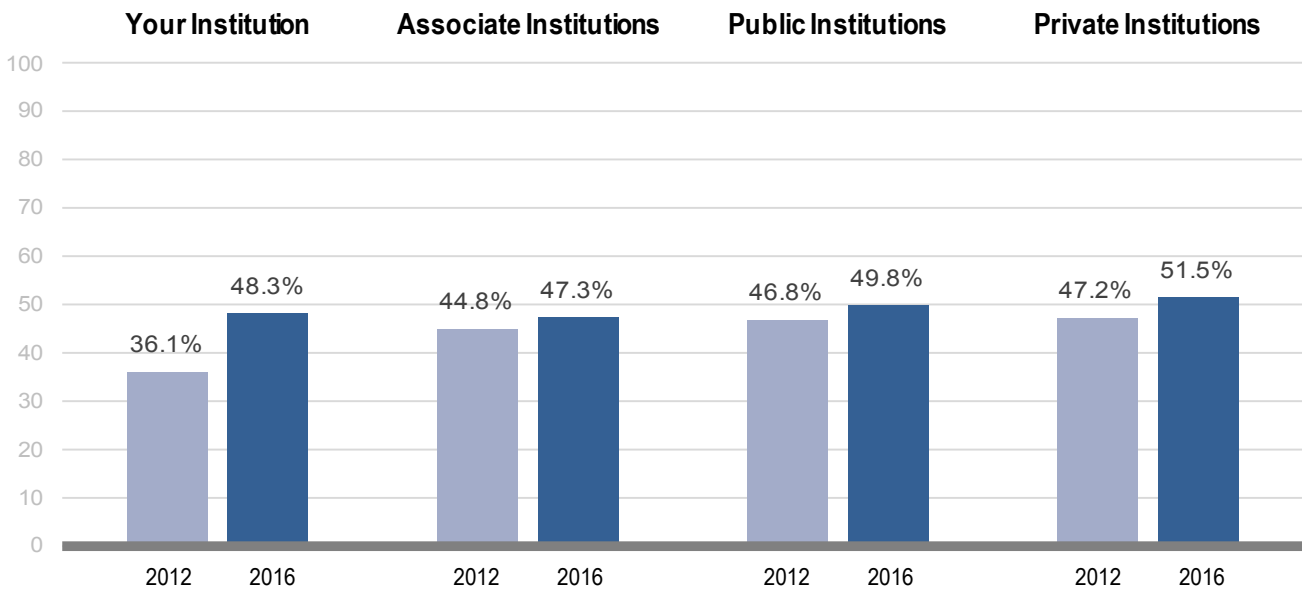
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By Voting Method*
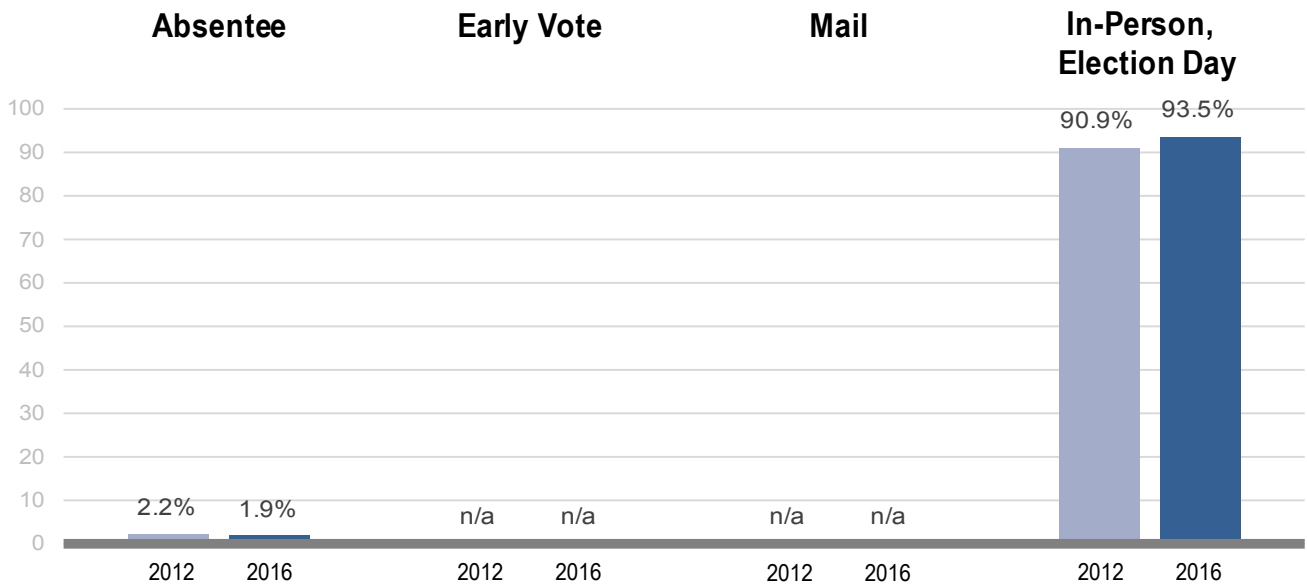
	2012		2016			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	112	**2.2%**	102	**1.9%**	⬇	**-0.3**
Early Vote	0	**n/a**	0	**n/a**		**n/a**
Mail	0	**n/a**	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
In-Person, Election Day	4,690	**90.9%**	5,071	**93.5%**	⬆	**2.6**
Unknown	355	**6.9%**	248	**4.6%**		
Total	**5,157**		**5,422**			

* 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 officals where your students voted.

By Age Group*
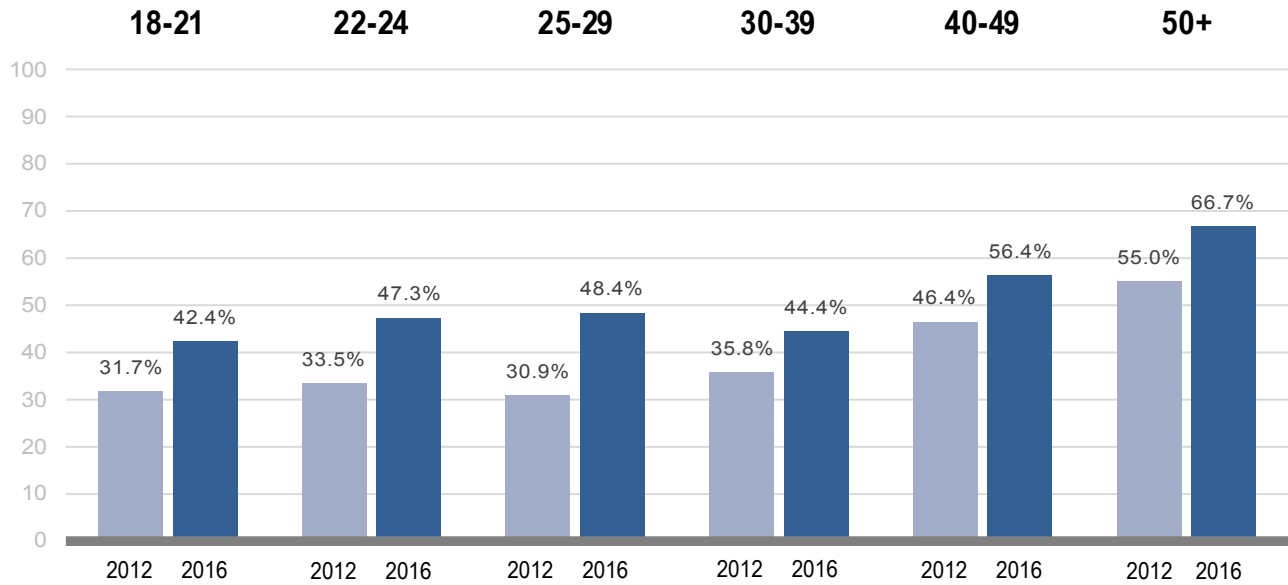
	2012				2016				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	8,520	2,702	**31.7%**		6,782	2,872	**42.4%**	⬆	**10.6**
22-24	2,750	921	**33.5%**		2,150	1,017	**47.3%**	⬆	**13.8**
25-29	1,768	547	**30.9%**		1,400	677	**48.4%**	⬆	**17.4**
30-39	1,336	478	**35.8%**		987	438	**44.4%**	⬆	**8.6**
40-49	717	333	**46.4%**		450	254	**56.4%**	⬆	**10.0**
50+	320	176	**55.0%**		246	164	**66.7%**	⬆	**11.7**
Unknown	*				*				

* 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*
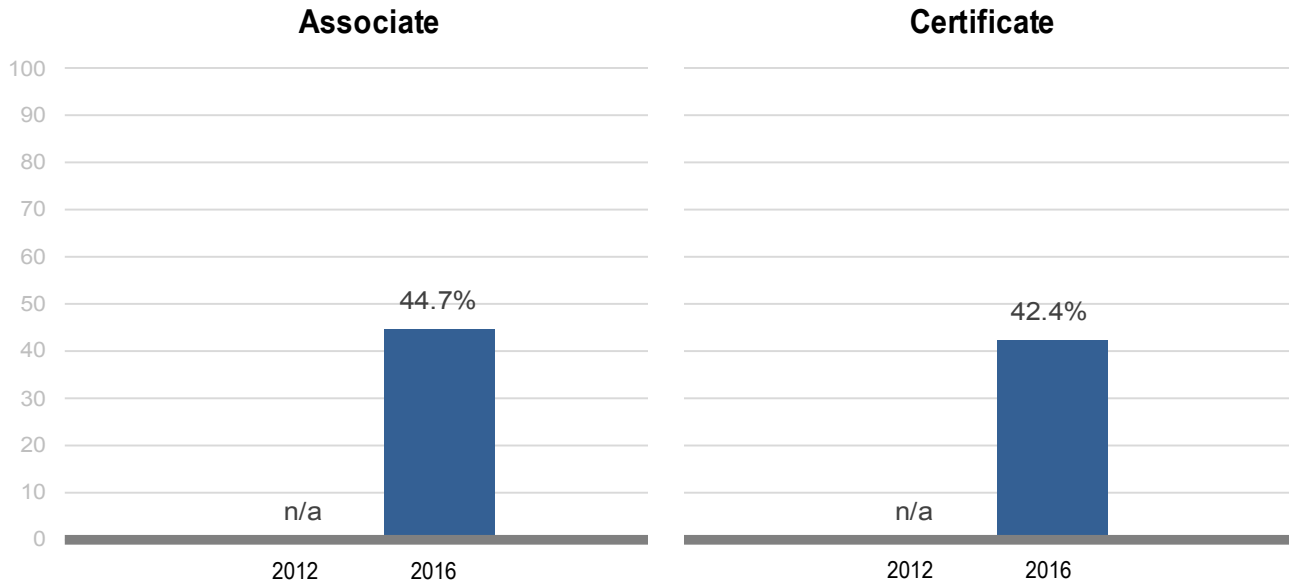
	2012			2016			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Associate	0	0	n/a	9,545	4,269	44.7%	**n/a**
Certificate	0	0	n/a	92	39	42.4%	**n/a**

* Your students' data broken down by program 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.

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By Enrollment Status*
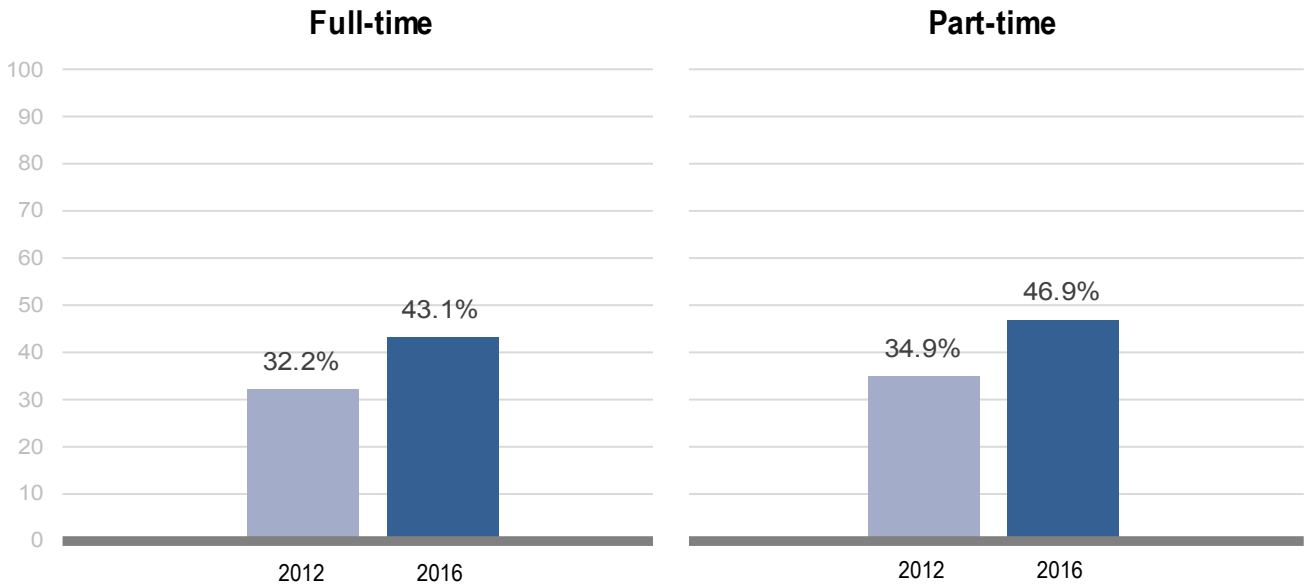
Full-time

Part-time

	2012				**2016**					Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate			
Full-time	8,158	2,626	**32.2%**		5,571	2,403	**43.1%**	⬆		**10.9**
Part-time	7,253	2,531	**34.9%**		6,444	3,019	**46.9%**	⬆		**12.0**
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.

By Race/Ethnicity*
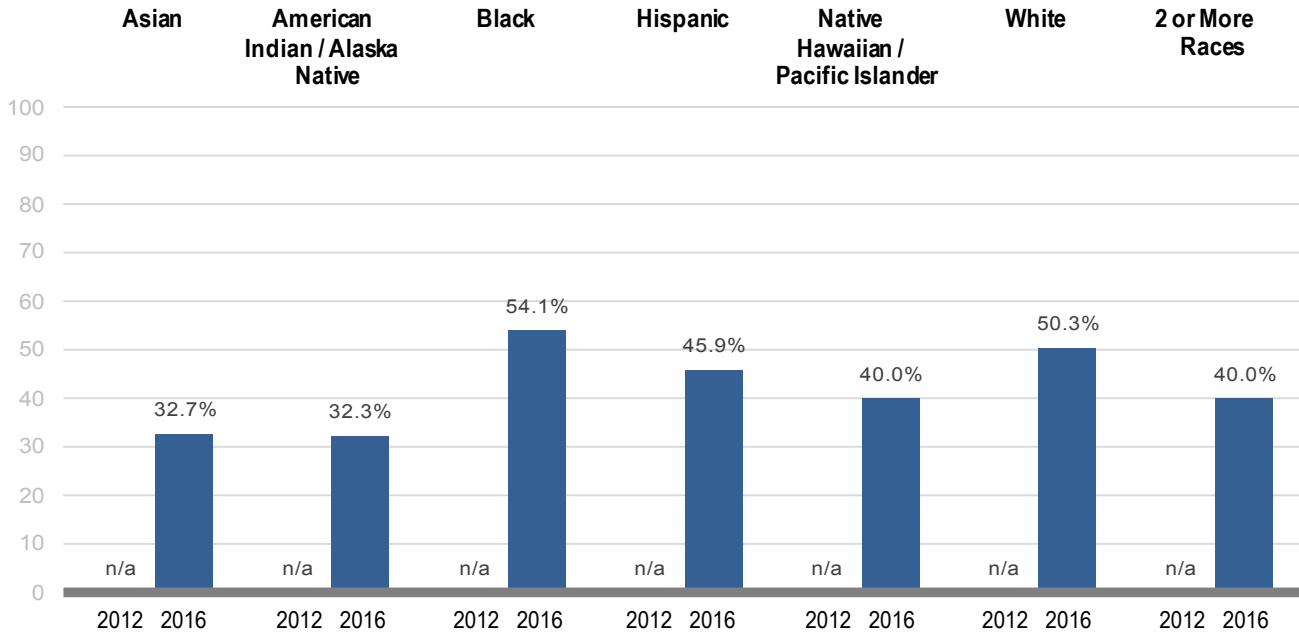
	2012				**2016**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Asian	0	0	**n/a**		758	248	**32.7%**	**n/a**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	**n/a**		31	10	**32.3%**	**n/a**
Black	0	0	**n/a**		662	358	**54.1%**	**n/a**
Hispanic	0	0	**n/a**		3,022	1,386	**45.9%**	**n/a**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	**n/a**		50	20	**40.0%**	**n/a**
White	0	0	**n/a**		3,609	1,815	**50.3%**	**n/a**
2 or More Races	0	0	**n/a**		215	86	**40.0%**	**n/a**
Unknown	15,411				3,668			

* 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.

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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	0	0	n/a	36	23	63.9%	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	0	0	n/a	362	147	40.6%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	0	0	n/a	153	58	37.9%	n/a
Education	0	0	n/a	15	*	n/a	n/a
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	0	0	n/a	134	58	43.3%	n/a
Health Professions	0	0	n/a	573	283	49.4%	n/a
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	0	0	n/a	75	30	40.0%	n/a
Legal Professions and Studies	0	0	n/a	53	27	50.9%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	9,569	4,240	44.3%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	62	31	50.0%	n/a
Personal and Culinary Services	0	0	n/a	18	*	n/a	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	0	0	n/a	203	90	44.3%	n/a
Unknown	15,411	5,157	33.5%	762	417	54.7% ⬆	21.3

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:
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