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2014 & 2018 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, 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-visualiz ations.

☐ 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

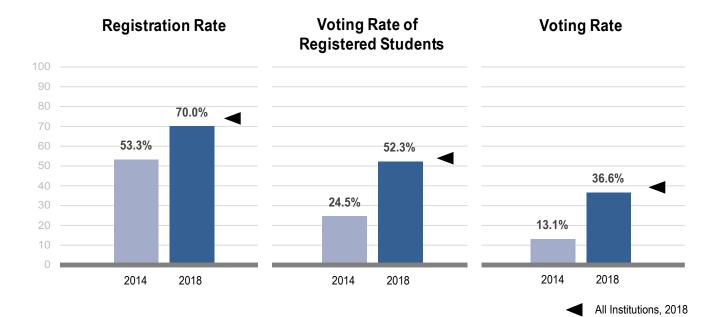
36.6%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+23.5

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%



	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	14,397	12,516	1	-1,881
Age under 18/Unknown IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens FERPA records blocked	(129) (930) 0	(377) (727) 0		
Total eligible voters	13,338	11,412	1	-1,926
Number of students who registered	7,102	7,985	•	883
Number of students who voted	1,742	4,172	1	2,430
Registration rate	53.3%	70.0%	1	16.7
Voting rate of registered students	24.5%	52.3%	•	27.7
Voting rate	13.1%	36.6%	•	23.5
Difference from all institutions	-6.6	-2.5		

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HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH 54.0%

LOW 1.5% 2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH 64.1%

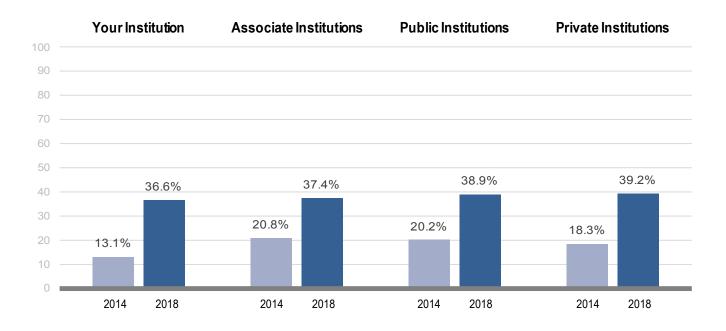
LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions

-6.6

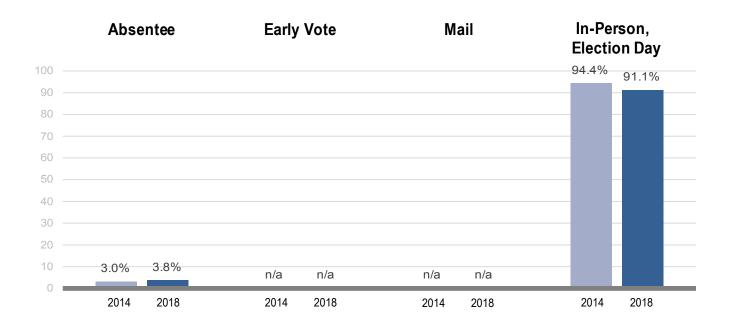
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By Voting Method*

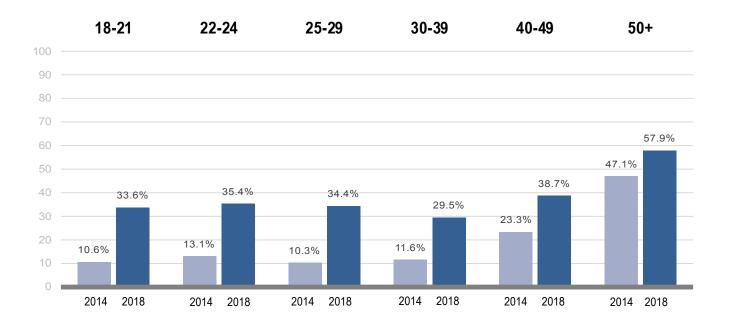


	2014		20	2018		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	53	3.0%	158	3.8%	1	0.8
Early Vote	0	n/a	*	n/a		n/a
Mail	0	n/a	*	n/a		n/a
In-Person, Election Day	1,644	94.4%	3,801	91.1%	1	-3.3
Unknown	45	2.6%	209	5.0%		
Total	1,742		4,172			

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^{*} 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*

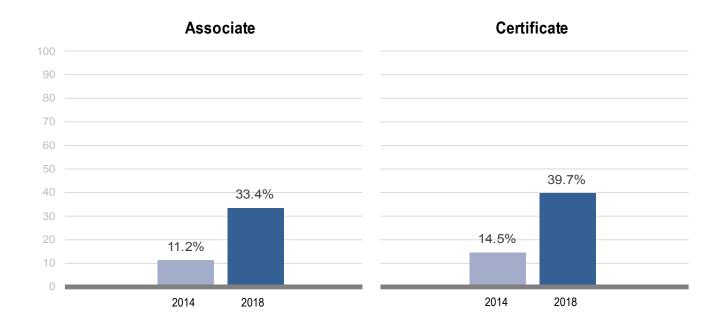


	2014		2018				
	Enrolled	Voted Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
18-21	8,183	865 10.6%	6,736	2,261	33.6%	1	23.0
22-24	2,505	328 13.1%	2,158	764	35.4%	1	22.3
25-29	1,646	169 10.3%	1,494	514	34.4%	1	24.1
30-39	1,160	134 11.6 %	1,029	304	29.5%	1	18.0
40-49	498	116 23.3%	463	179	38.7%	1	15.4
50+	276	130 47.1%	259	150	57.9%	1	10.8
Unknown	0		19				

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^{*} 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 Program of Study*

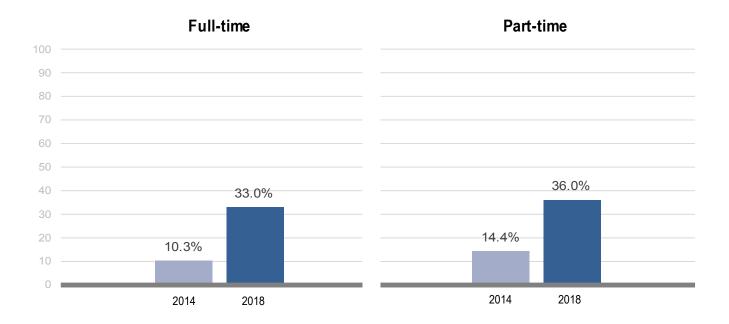


		2014					
	Enrolled	Voted Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Associate	11,298	1,270 11.2%	9,238	3,081	33.4%	1	22.1
Certificate	186	27 14.5%	121	48	39.7%	1	25.2

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By Enrollment Status*

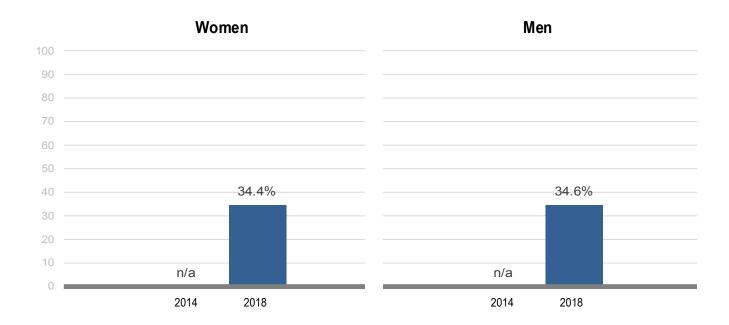


	2014				2018					
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change		
Full-time	7,579	780	10.3%	6,572	2,166	33.0%	1	22.7		
Part-time	6,689	962	14.4%	5,567	2,006	36.0%	1	21.7		
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a				

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^{*} 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 Gender*

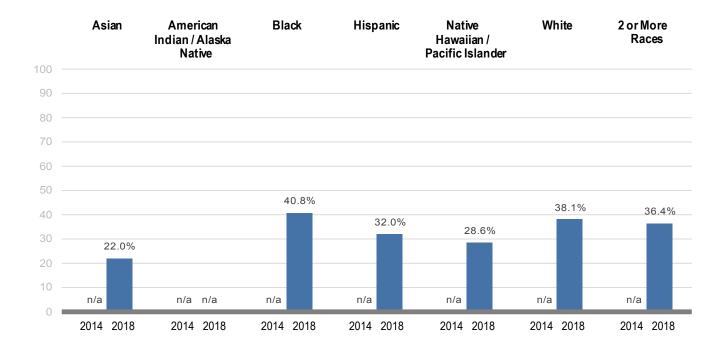


	2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Women	0	0	n/a	6,123	2,109	34.4%	n/a
Men	0	0	n/a	5,758	1,990	34.6%	n/a
Unknown	14,268			258			

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^{*} 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.

By Race/Ethnicity*



	2014				2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change		
Asian	0	0	n/a	1,038	228	22.0%	n/a		
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	35	*	n/a	n/a		
Black	0	0	n/a	785	320	40.8%	n/a		
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	3,675	1,174	32.0%	n/a		
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	63	18	28.6%	n/a		
White	0	0	n/a	4,070	1,552	38.1%	n/a		
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	110	40	36.4%	n/a		
Unknown	14,268			2,363					

^{*} 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.

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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.

	2014				2018		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	0	0	n/a	38	21	55.3%	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	0	0	n/a	268	74	27.6%	n/a
Communications Technologies/Technicians	0	0	n/a	78	30	38.5%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	0	0	n/a	136	45	33.1%	n/a
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	0	0	n/a	123	41	33.3%	n/a
Health Professions	0	0	n/a	691	241	34.9%	n/a
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	0	0	n/a	60	18	30.0%	n/a
Legal Professions and Studies	0	0	n/a	67	25	37.3%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	9,672	3,262	33.7%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Personal and Culinary Services	0	0	n/a	27	11	40.7%	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	0	0	n/a	220	69	31.4%	n/a
Unknown	14,268	1,742	12.2%	754	333	44.2% 1	32.0

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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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