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Student Voting Rates for Bergen Community College

NSLVE Campus Report

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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to share this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for several recent election cycles. For the first time ever, this report contains *four* years of relevant topline data: the midterm elections of 2014, 2018, and 2022, along with contextual data from the 2020 presidential election year. As we build the NSLVE data over time, the additional years of data may help your institution to begin to understand longer-term trends and considerations for practice.

This month, we are also looking forward to the release of Democracy Counts 2022, our national report on our most recent midterm elections. The results from 2022 were mixed – some encouraging trends and some signs of more work to do. We are excited to dive into the results with you and share what we see as the major takeaways in the coming weeks, so stay tuned.

You've heard this from us before: we urge you to share this report widely and strategically across your campus community. NSLVE data is an important resource for not only understanding your institution but also building a culture of political learning in higher education. We also invite you to invite you to lean on our team's resources, including our Election Imperatives report series, which provides data-backed practical recommendations for centering civic and political learning and participation.

Other resources that you might find helpful in your work include our forthcoming national report (keep an eye on our homepage!) , our report on how institutions use NSLVE reports, and our discussion guide on how to talk about your NSLVE reports on campus.

Finally, we always encourage you to reach out to us for support and with any questions that you may have. Email NSLVE@tufts.edu to get in touch with our team, and as always, watch your inbox (or sign up!) for our periodic newsletter, announcements about upcoming releases, and new resources.

Remember, student political learning is a constant effort, requiring year-round strategic building. Elections may be episodic, but student engagement in democracy should not be.

All the Best,
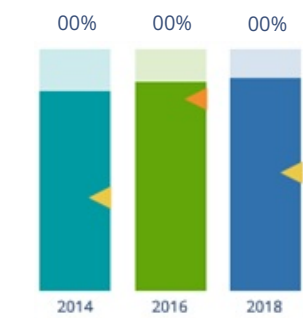Adam, Duy, Mari, and Victoria
The NSLVE Team

In This Report

This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut charts, and tables.
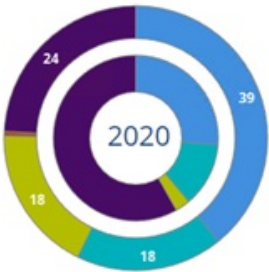
Tables

	2014			2018			2014-2018
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p.)
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The tables show the numbers of students and the rates from 2014, 2018, 2020, and 2022,when available. The change column represents difference between comparable counts and rates. The change in rates are in terms of percentage points. A red down arrow indicates a decrease, a green up arrow indicates an increase, and a yellow arrow pointing to the right indicates no change. "-" in these tables indicates that the data is unavailable/missing, or is available for 10 or less students.

Vessel Chart

This chart shows rates out of 100%, with arrows to the right of each bar representing relevant national averages (medians), which you can find in Democracy Counts, our national report series.

Overlapping Donut Chart

This chart is used to show the breakdown of vote method utilization (page 9), with the inner ring showing your campus's method utilization and the outer ring showing the national level utilization. These are described in percentages.

Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

17.6%
2022 Voting Rate
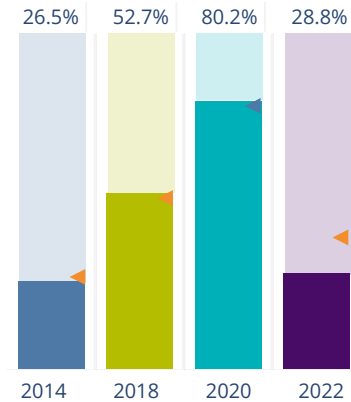
-15.0
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

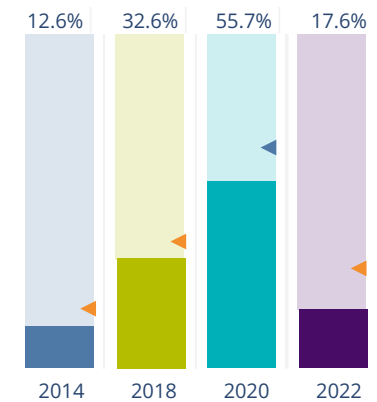| 2014	2018	2020	2022
47.5%	61.9%	69.5%	60.9%

The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

2014	2018	2020	2022
26.5%	52.7%	80.2%	28.8%

The **Voting Rate of Registered Students** is the percent of registered students who voted on Election Day. We often refer to this as the "yield" rate.

VOTING RATE

2014	2018	2020	2022
12.6%	32.6%	55.7%	17.6%

The **Voting Rate** is the percentage of eligible students who voted on Election Day. The voting rate is also the product of the registration and yield rates.

Looking Closer

Voting and Registration Rates

	2014	2018	2020	2022	2018-2022 Change
Total Student Enrollment	14,397	12,516	10,898	10,491	⬇ -2,024
Age under 18/Unknown	129	377	307	656	⬆ 279
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	929	650	458	435	⬇ -214
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	-	122	-	-
Total eligible voters	13,338	11,488	10,010	9,399	⬇ -2,089
Number of students who registered	6,332	7,111	6,954	5,726	⬇ -1,385
Number of students who voted	1,676	3,744	5,575	1,651	⬇ -2,093
Registration Rate %	47	61	69	60	⇨ 0
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	26	52	80	28	⬇ -23
Voting Rate %	12	32	55	17	⬇ -15

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates. The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged, students who are not pursuing degrees.

When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to NSC, or we cannot verify the accuracy of the reported counts. This is indicated by IPEDS in the data source.

In the following pages with tables, **Enrolled** represents the eligible voters when we have used NSC as the data source. When we have used IPEDS as the data source, **Enrolled** includes non-resident aliens who are ineligible to vote, and for whom we are unable to account due to the lack of data from your institution.

By Institution Types

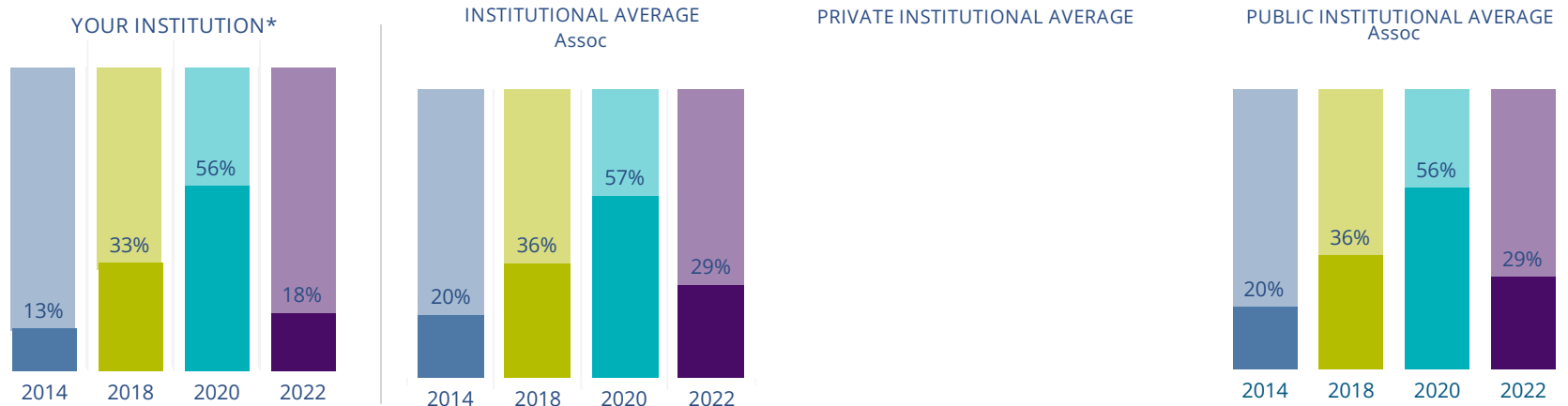| 2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 79%
39.1%	LOW 7%

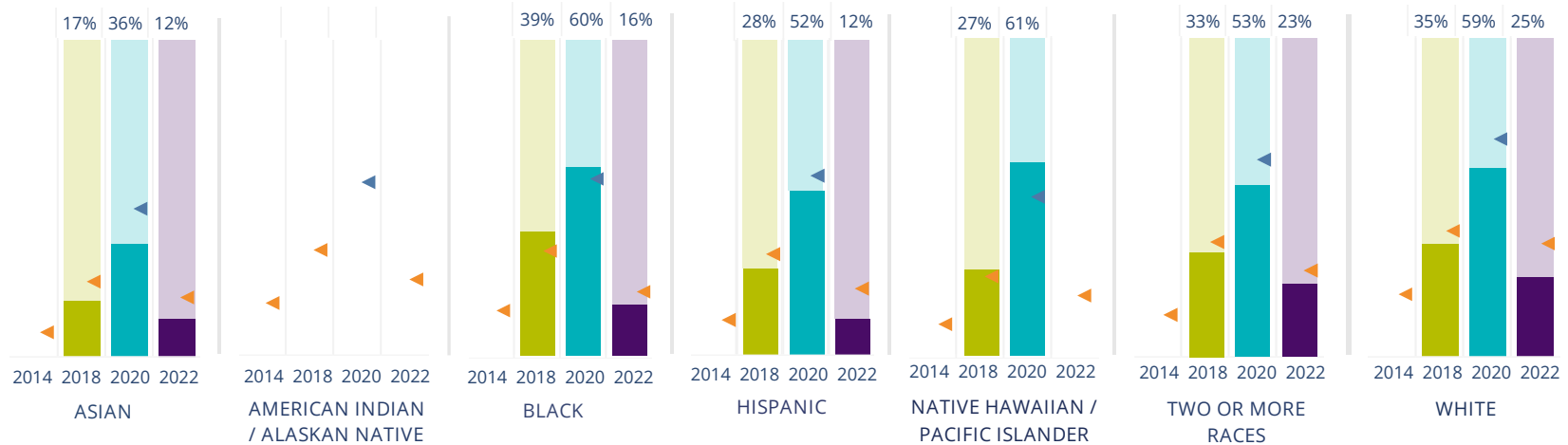| 2022 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 68%
30.6%	LOW 4%

These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. For Associate institutions, we only share public associate institutional averages due to sample size. *"Your Institution" chart is presented at a different scale.

YOUR INSTITUTION*

2014	2018	2020	2022
13%	33%	56%	18%

INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE
Assoc

2014	2018	2020	2022
20%	36%	57%	29%

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE
Assoc

2014	2018	2020	2022
20%	36%	56%	29%

By Race / Ethnicity

ASIAN: 2014, 2018 17%, 2020 36%, 2022 12%

AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE: 2014, 2018, 2020, 2022

BLACK: 2014, 2018 39%, 2020 60%, 2022 16%

HISPANIC: 2014, 2018 28%, 2020 52%, 2022 12%

NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER: 2014, 2018 27%, 2020 61%, 2022

TWO OR MORE RACES: 2014, 2018 33%, 2020 53%, 2022 23%

WHITE: 2014, 2018 35%, 2020 59%, 2022 25%

These are estimated voting rates for race / ethnicity groups. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following race reporting procedures* defined by the National Center for Education Statistics of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Please see our FAQ for more detail : https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq

If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data or reports this data as unknown; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

*https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/report-your-data/race-ethnicity-collecting-data-for-reporting-purposes
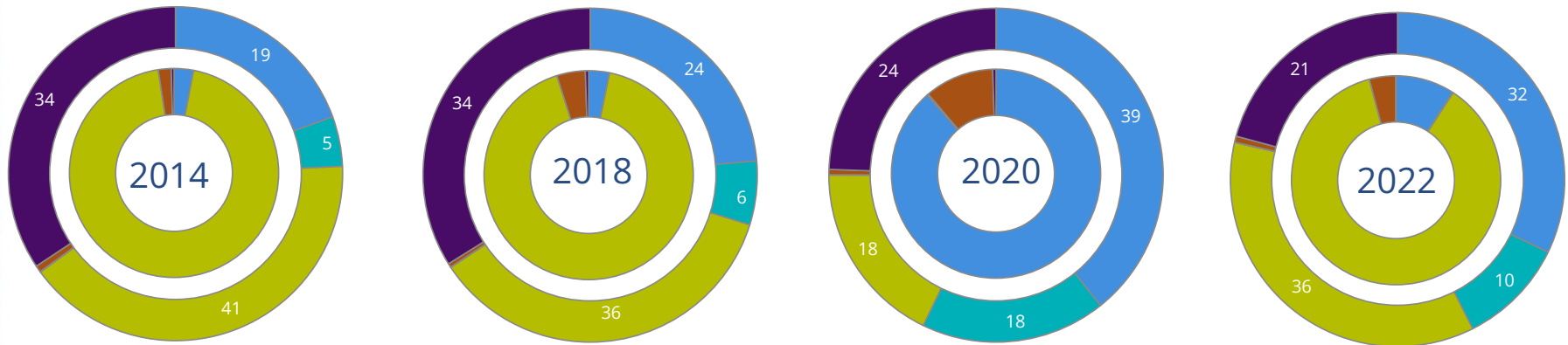
Looking Closer

By Race/Ethnicity

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates. We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data or reports this data as unknown; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Asian	-	-	-	1,038	180	17	862	306	35	979	117	11	⬇ -5
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	35	-	-	16	-	-	15	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	785	306	38	458	273	59	727	118	16	⬇ 22
Hispanic	-	-	-	3,675	1,014	27	2,441	1,271	52	4,147	484	11	⬇ 15
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	63	17	26	23	14	60	24	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	110	36	32	58	31	53	164	37	22	⬇ 10
White	-	-	-	4,070	1,430	35	2,582	1,522	58	3,059	762	24	⬇ 10
Race Unknown	14,268	1,676	11	2,363	751	31	4,024	2,150	53	720	130	18	⬇ 13

By Voting Method

■ Not-In-Person ■ Early Vote ■ In-Person ■ Other ■ Provisional ■ Unknown

	2014		2018		2020		2022		2018-2022
	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Early Vote	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In-Person	1,586	94	3,442	91	11	0	1,432	86	⬇ -5
Not-In-Person	50	3	120	3	4,937	88	150	9	⬆ 5
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	34	2	166	4	595	10	67	4	➡ 0
Voting Method Unknown	-	-	16	0	31	0	-	-	-

These are estimated rates for vote method utilization, the number of students utilizing each method, and the percent of students utilizing each method. Not all U.S. states provide information on vote method; voting method for voter files from these states are classified "Voting Method Unknown." For a list of these states, see our FAQ. https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-faq#CampusReports. The inner ring in these charts show your campus's method utilization and the outer ring show the national level utilization.

By Age Group

	2014	2018	2020	2022
18-21	10%	29%	54%	15%
22-24	12%	30%	53%	18%
25-29	9%	31%	48%	13%
30-39	11%	29%	47%	17%
40-49	22%	39%	53%	25%
50+	47%	57%	71%	42%

Voting is habit-forming and young voters will often continue as voters in subsequent elections. Also, elected officials and public opinion polls solicit opinions from people they can locate - people in the voter files. Our 2020 data showed a surge among the youngest voters on college campuses, yet 2022 saw a return to past trends, with older students voting at higher rates than their younger counterparts. This change underscores the importance of continued need for institutionalized learning -- working with students to help them understand their political voice and power as they arrive on campus.

Looking Closer

By Age Group

Here, we provide the numbers of students in each age category and the voting rates for each group. These are based on the student's age on the day of the election, as calculated by the National Student Clearinghouse using data from student enrollment records.

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
18-21	8,183	829	10	6,736	1,988	29	5,651	3,106	54	5,671	873	15	⬇-14
22-24	2,505	309	12	2,158	661	30	1,809	964	53	1,587	286	18	⬇-12
25-29	1,646	163	9	1,494	465	31	1,429	690	48	1,155	160	13	⬇-17
30-39	1,160	134	11	1,029	301	29	1,012	483	47	862	155	17	⬇-11
40-49	498	111	22	463	181	39	380	202	53	357	90	25	⬇-13
50+	276	130	47	259	148	57	183	130	71	203	87	42	⬇-14

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	-	-	-	6,123	1,960	32	3,939	2,083	52	4,911	788	16	⬇ -15
Male	-	-	-	5,758	1,716	29	3,277	1,734	52	4,514	786	17	⬇ -12

These are estimated voting rates for sex groups and the numbers we used to calculate their voting rates. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following the reporting procedures defined by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Presently, NCES requires institutions to report students as "Male" or "Female" only.*

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*https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/public/survey-materials/faq?faqid=11

Looking Closer

By Education Level / Undergraduate Class Year

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022 Rate Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
EDUCATION LEVEL													
Undergraduate	-	-	-	11,328	3,416	30	9,812	5,134	52	9,201	1,471	15	⬇-14
Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Class Unknown	14,268	1,676	11	811	328	40	652	441	67	634	180	28	⬇-12
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sophomore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Upperclassman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	7,579	752	9	6,572	1,911	29	5,638	2,872	50	5,178	734	14	⬇-14
Part-time	6,689	924	13	5,567	1,833	32	4,826	2,703	56	4,657	917	19	⬇-13

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (under-graduate/graduate), Class Year, and Enrollment Status (full-time/part-time), and the numbers we used to calculate these rates.

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By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Agriculture	-	-	-	38	21	55	24	14	58	58	13	22	⬇ -32
Business, Management, and Marketing	-	-	-	268	64	23	202	93	46	213	33	15	⬇ -8
Communications Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	78	26	33	56	34	60	100	16	16	⬇ -17

These are estimated voting rates by field of study, and the numbers we used to calculate the field of study rates. For an explanation of CIP codes, please see our FAQ.* There are roughly 8,000 fields of study among U.S. colleges and universities, so we provide rates for condensed categories.

*https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Communications Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	78	26	33	56	34	60	100	16	16	⬇-17
Computer and Information Sciences	-	-	-	136	43	31	109	52	47	122	20	16	⬇-15
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	-	-	-	123	38	30	75	29	38	110	17	15	⬇-15
Health Professions	-	-	-	691	226	32	742	388	52	660	124	18	⬇-13
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	-	-	-	60	16	26	88	48	54	58	-	-	-
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Legal Professions and Studies	-	-	-	67	29	43	70	40	57	66	18	27	⬇ -16
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	-	-	-	9,672	2,901	29	8,235	4,326	52	7,645	1,205	15	⬇ -14
Visual and Performing Arts	-	-	-	220	64	29	196	99	50	234	26	11	⬇ -17
Unknown	14,268	1,676	11	754	305	40	665	451	67	535	162	30	⬇ -10

About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement.

Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, nearly 1,200 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2022 federal elections.

Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database representing an average of well over 10 million students for each election year, that serves as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

The National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement (NSLVE, "en-solve") is a service offered to colleges and universities that provides a tailored report on their students' voting rates and other metrics. Launched in 2013 at Tufts University's Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life, NSLVE represents more than 1,200 campuses in all 50 states + D.C. and now serves as a widely impactful resource for the work of understanding and fostering student political learning.

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 2014, 2018, 2020, and 2022 elections.

These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) and publicly available voting files collected by L2 Political.

Enrollment lists are adjusted by deducting students under age 18 (at the time of the election), people identified as non-degree seeking and those identified by campuses as "nonresident aliens" (NRAs) (the federal government's category for mostly international students). Unfortunately, not all campuses report NRAs to NSC. For those campuses, we use IPEDS to calculate the number of NRA students on each campus and adjust NSC enrollment numbers to estimate the number of students to remove. We also quality check NRA removals by verifying that there is little to no discrepancy between the number of international students reported by the campus to IPEDS and to NSC. We cannot adjust subgroup analyses absent identification of NRAs verified by the process above. We welcome closer partnerships with individual colleges and universities to provide more accurate rates. For more on the data and the matching process, see our FAQ on Campus Reports.

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://nslve.tufts.edu.

References: NSLVE 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: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2024). 2022 report for _____ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.

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