

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Washington State
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 1,000 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 Catalyst.

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

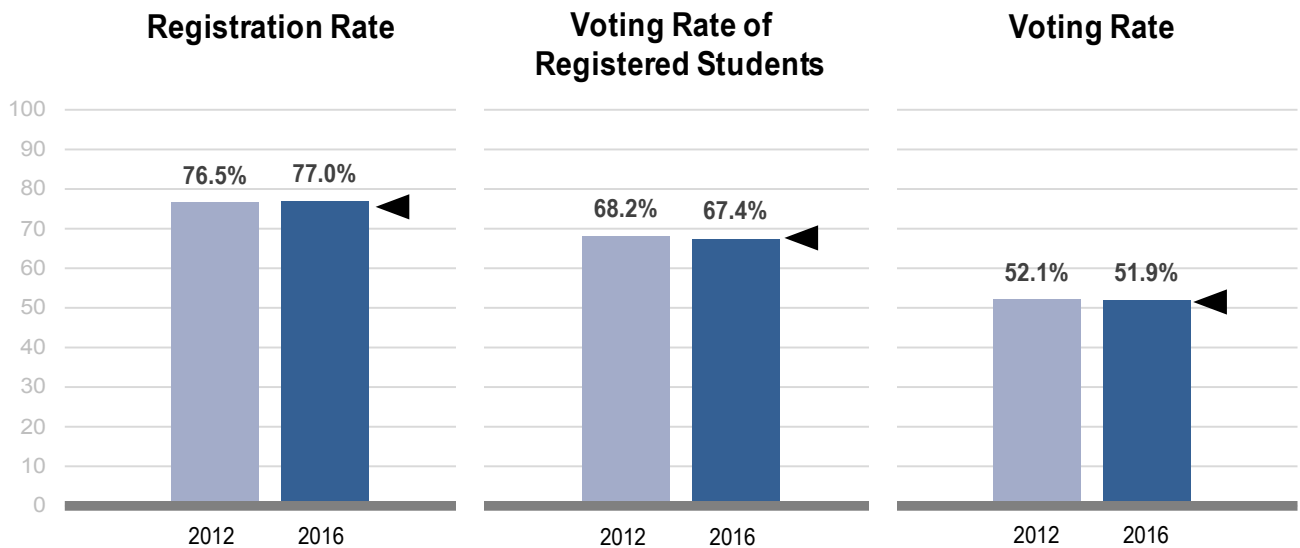
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
51.9%

CHANGE FROM 2012
-0.2

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



◀ All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	27,383	29,907	↑ 2,524
Age under 18/Unknown	(93)	(351)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,797)	(2,160)	
FERPA records blocked	(337)	(139)	
Total eligible voters	25,156	27,257	↑ 2,101
Number of students who registered	19,247	20,981	↑ 1,734
Number of students who voted	13,116	14,145	↑ 1,029
Registration rate	76.5%	77.0%	↑ 0.5
Voting rate of registered students	68.2%	67.4%	↓ -0.7
Voting rate	52.1%	51.9%	↓ -0.2
Difference from all institutions	+5.2	+1.5	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

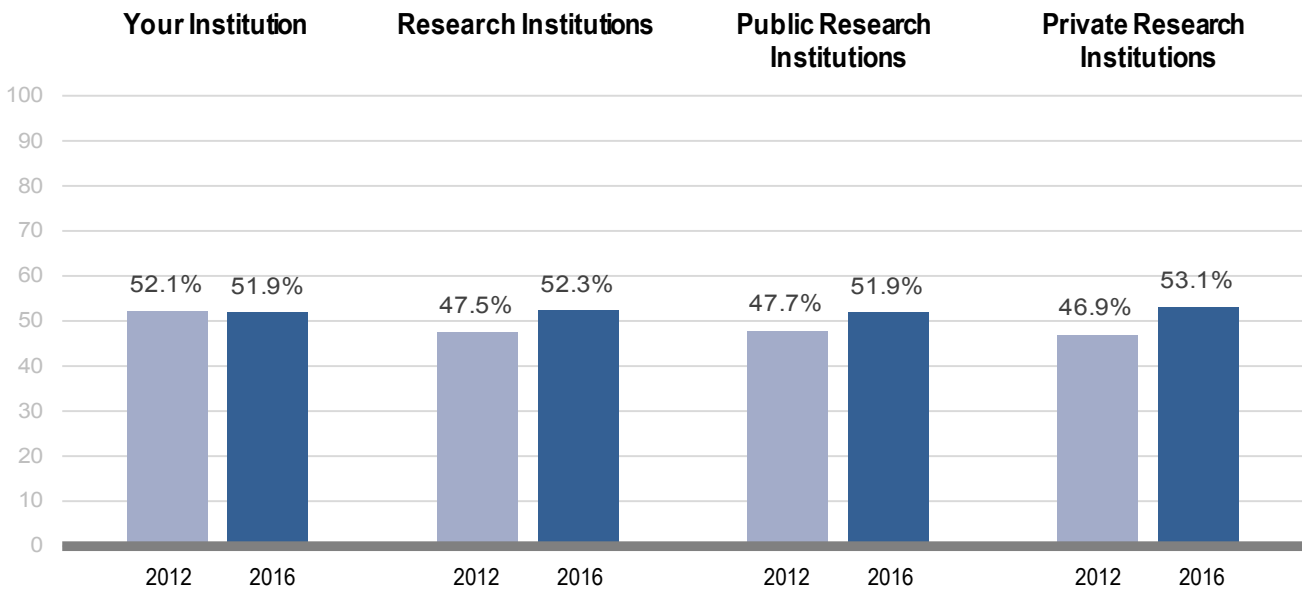
HIGH 72.9%
LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
LOW 13.1%

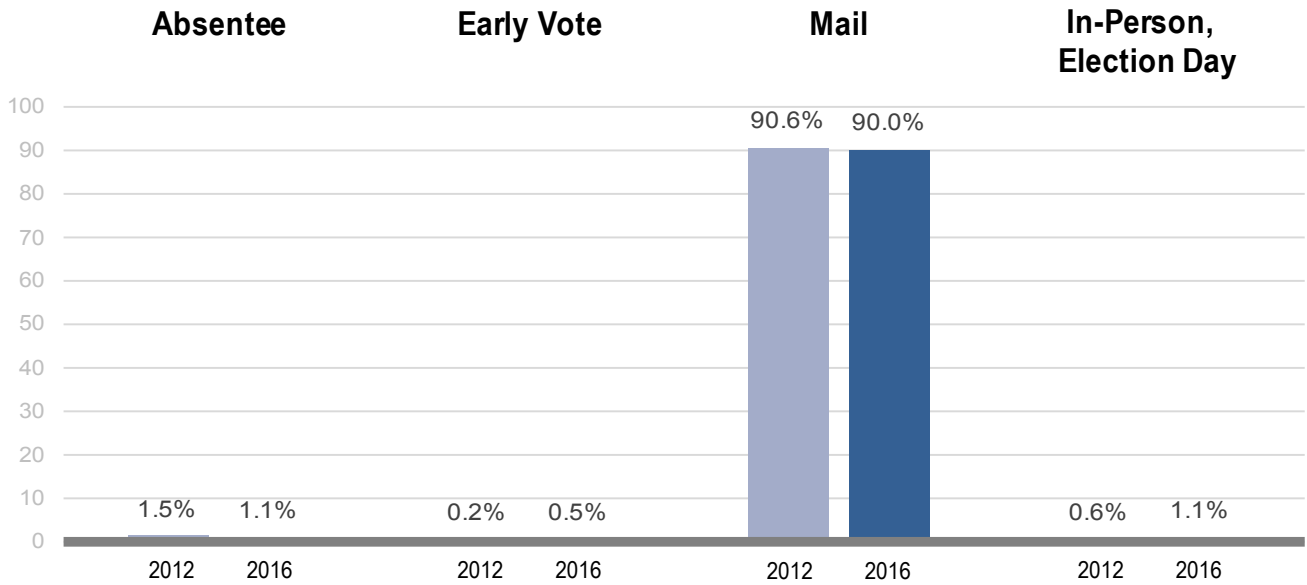
Difference from All Institutions **+5.2**

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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

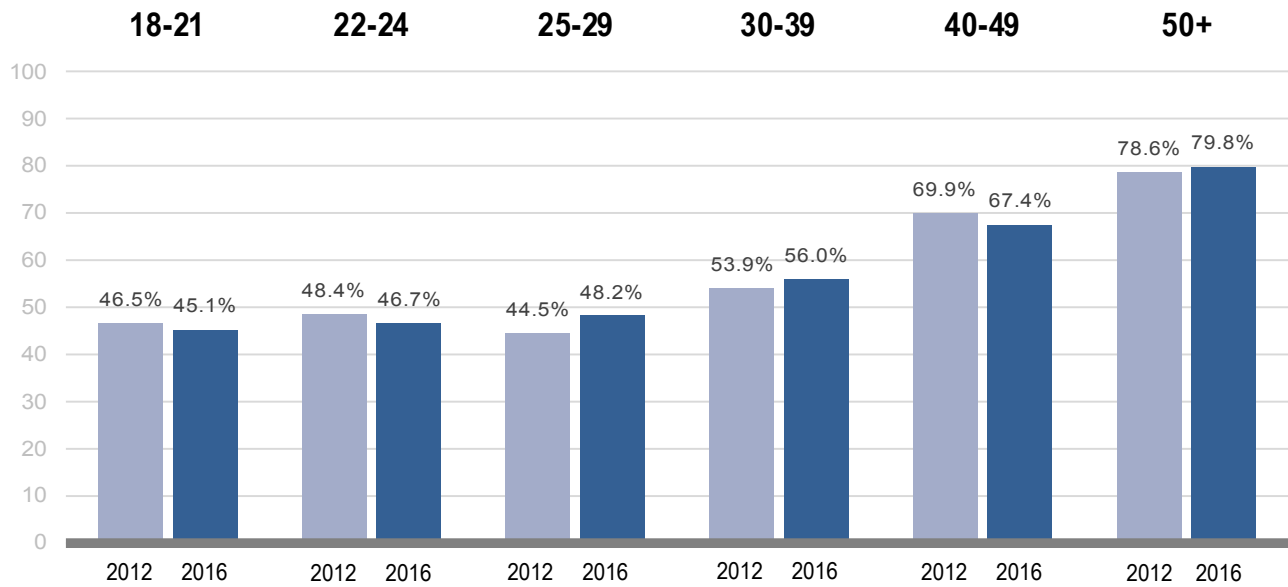


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	190	1.5%	157	1.1%	↓ -0.3
Early Vote	31	0.2%	69	0.5%	↑ 0.3
Mail	11,878	90.6%	12,733	90.0%	↓ -0.5
In-Person, Election Day	84	0.6%	152	1.1%	↑ 0.4
Unknown	933	7.1%	1,034	7.3%	
Total	13,116		14,145		

* 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*

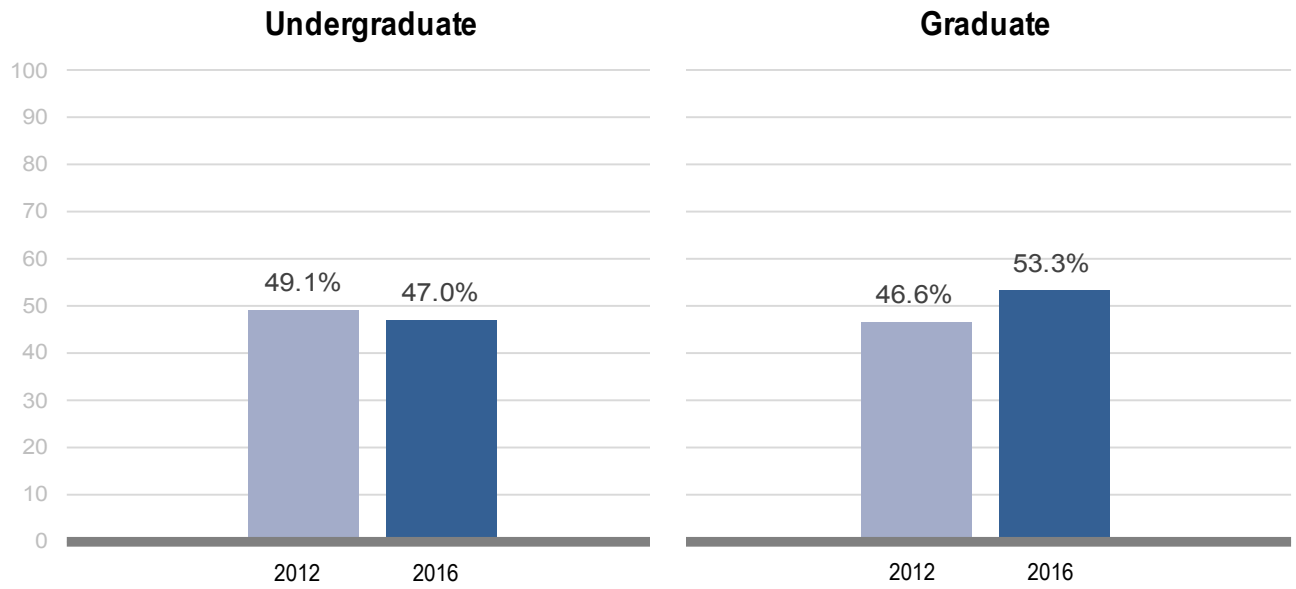


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	14,053	6,536	46.5%	15,358	6,931	45.1%	↓ -1.4
22-24	5,505	2,666	48.4%	5,982	2,791	46.7%	↓ -1.8
25-29	3,427	1,526	44.5%	3,816	1,841	48.2%	↑ 3.7
30-39	2,623	1,414	53.9%	2,915	1,631	56.0%	↑ 2.0
40-49	957	669	69.9%	995	671	67.4%	↓ -2.5
50+	388	305	78.6%	351	280	79.8%	↑ 1.2
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 Education Level*

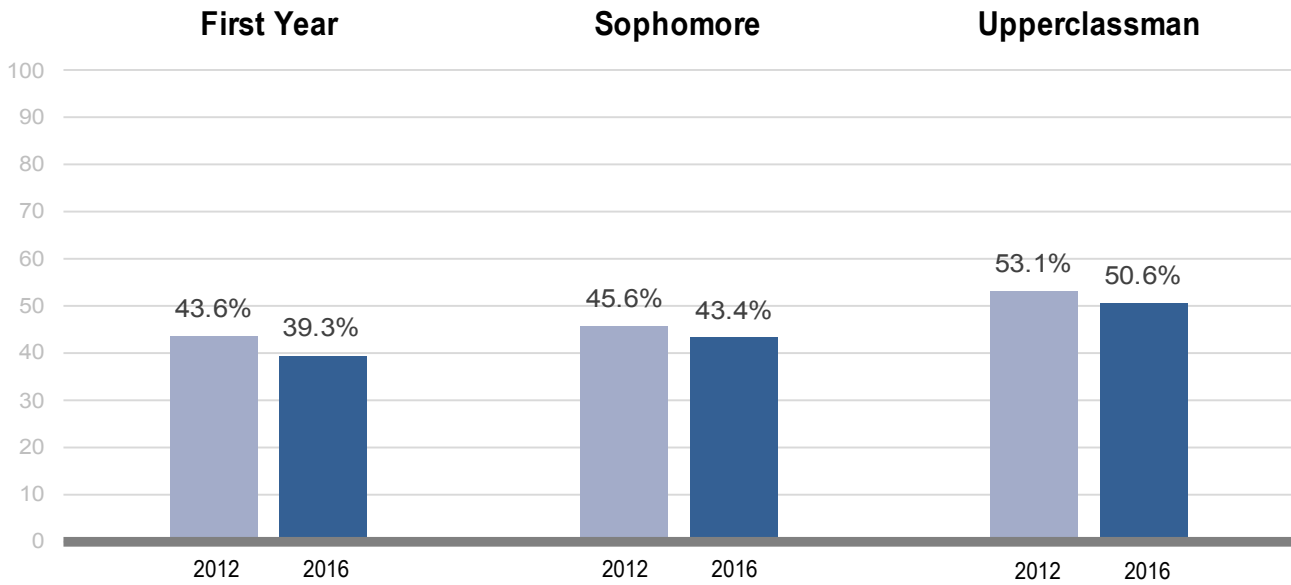


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	22,581	11,079	49.1%	24,191	11,360	47.0%	↓ -2.1
Graduate	4,354	2,027	46.6%	5,226	2,785	53.3%	↑ 6.7
Unknown	18			0			

* Your students' data broken down by undergraduate and graduate 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.

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By Undergraduate Class Year*

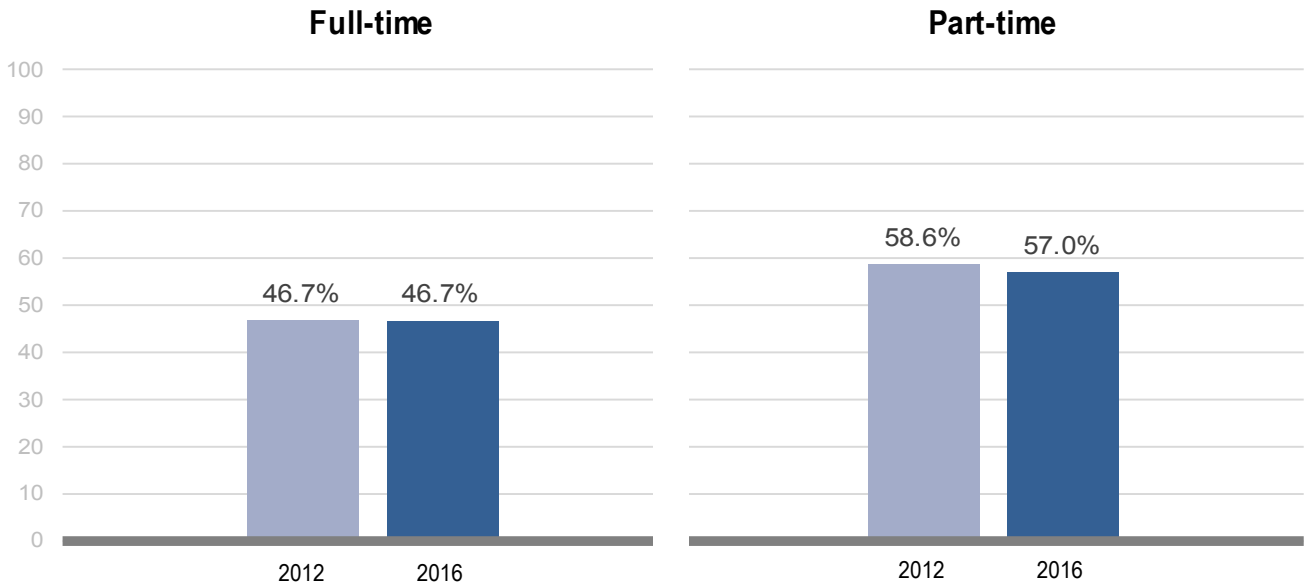


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	8,126	3,545	43.6%	5,474	2,152	39.3%	↓ -4.3
Sophomore	3,181	1,450	45.6%	4,550	1,974	43.4%	↓ -2.2
Upperclassman	9,439	5,015	53.1%	13,457	6,802	50.6%	↓ -2.6

* Your students' data broken down by undergraduate students' class level. 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*

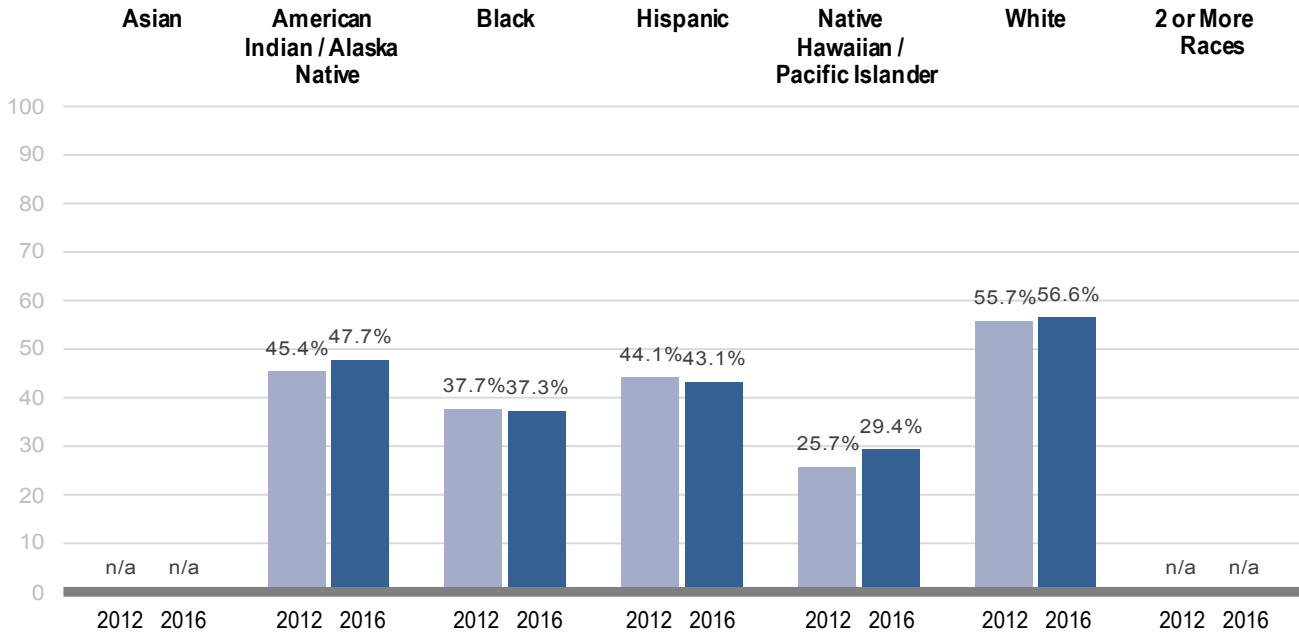


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	22,487	10,499	46.7%	25,359	11,834	46.7%	→ 0.0
Part-time	4,466	2,617	58.6%	4,058	2,311	57.0%	↓ -1.7
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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.

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By Race/Ethnicity*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	174	79	45.4%	220	105	47.7%	↑ 2.3
Black	746	281	37.7%	909	339	37.3%	↓ -0.4
Hispanic	2,295	1,012	44.1%	3,762	1,622	43.1%	↓ -1.0
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	1,523	391	25.7%	1,947	572	29.4%	↑ 3.7
White	18,019	10,039	55.7%	17,199	9,726	56.6%	↑ 0.8
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	4,196			5,380			

* 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.

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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.

	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	595	317	53.3%	1,100	544	49.5% ↓	-3.8
Architecture	195	79	40.5%	280	112	40.0% ↓	-0.5
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	29	14	48.3%	67	38	56.7% ↑	8.4
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,141	579	50.7%	2,174	1,073	49.4% ↓	-1.4
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,575	1,204	46.8%	5,408	2,386	44.1% ↓	-2.6
Communication and Journalism	1,340	727	54.3%	1,611	841	52.2% ↓	-2.1
Computer and Information Sciences	305	141	46.2%	858	369	43.0% ↓	-3.2
Education	672	423	63.0%	1,171	670	57.2% ↓	-5.7
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,886	922	48.9%	3,708	1,553	41.9% ↓	-7.0
English Language and Literature	342	206	60.2%	311	193	62.1% ↑	1.8
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	718	404	56.3%	900	454	50.4% ↓	-5.8
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	93	51	54.8%	78	38	48.7% ↓	-6.1
Health Professions	1,878	1,000	53.3%	3,314	1,681	50.7% ↓	-2.5
History	296	189	63.9%	246	157	63.8% →	0.0
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	483	231	47.8%	791	368	46.5% ↓	-1.3
Legal Professions and Studies	0	0	n/a	11	*	n/a	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	489	267	54.6%	282	154	54.6% →	0.0
Mathematics and Statistics	147	68	46.3%	259	116	44.8% ↓	-1.5
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	6,049	2,404	39.7%	114	64	56.1% ↑	16.4
Natural Resources and Conservation	329	190	57.8%	168	107	63.7% ↑	5.9
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	557	255	45.8%	859	328	38.2% ↓	-7.6
Philosophy and Religious Studies	67	36	53.7%	44	20	45.5% ↓	-8.3
Physical Sciences	410	208	50.7%	695	370	53.2% ↑	2.5

Psychology	358	189	52.8%	1,439	678	47.1% ↓	-5.7
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	51	36	70.6%	68	50	73.5% ↑	2.9
Science Technologies/Technicians	478	239	50.0%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Social Sciences	1,809	928	51.3%	2,458	1,203	48.9% ↓	-2.4
Visual and Performing Arts	223	120	53.8%	325	161	49.5% ↓	-4.3
Unknown	3,438	1,689	49.1%	678	410	60.5% ↑	11.3

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>.

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