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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for George Washington 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, 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-question

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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Warm regards,

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Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

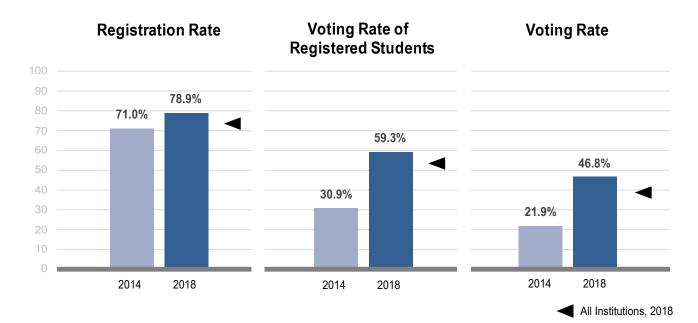
46.8%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+24.8

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%



	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	22,662	28,024 1	5,362
Age under 18/Unknown IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens FERPA records blocked	(144) (3,226) *	(263) (4,198) (13)	
Total eligible voters	19,283	23,550 1	4,267
Number of students who registered	13,688	18,572 1	4,884
Number of students who voted	4,227	11,012 1	6,785
Registration rate	71.0%	78.9% 1	7.9
Voting rate of registered students	30.9%	59.3% 1	28.4
Voting rate	21.9%	46.8% 1	24.8
Difference from all institutions	+2.2	+7.7	

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HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

stitutions 54.0%

19.7%

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH 64.1%

LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions

+2.2

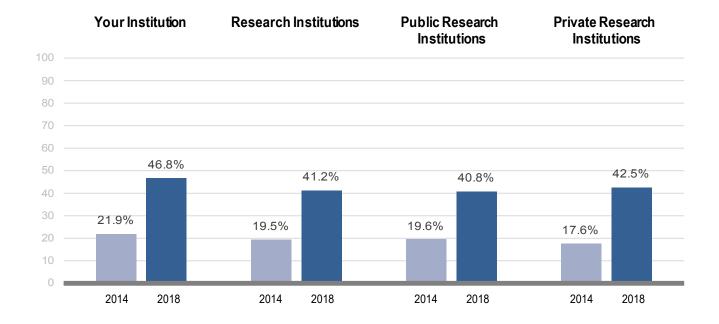
HIGH

LOW

1.5%

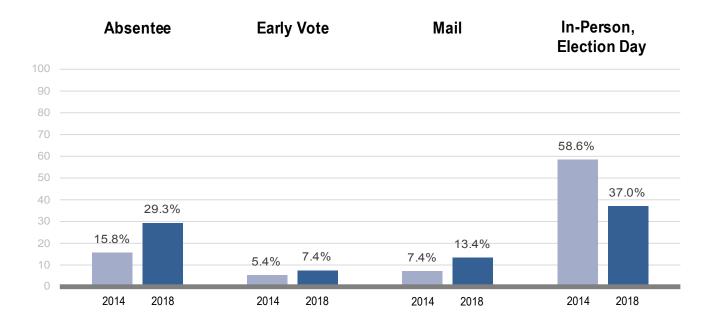
Difference from All Institutions

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By Voting Method*

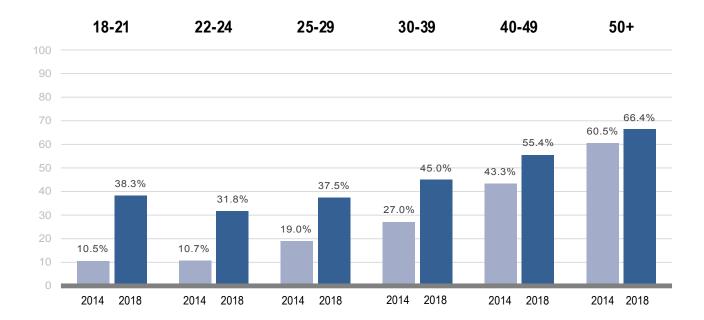


	2014		20	2018		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	669	15.8%	3,225	29.3%	1	13.5
Early Vote	230	5.4%	815	7.4%	1	2.0
Mail	311	7.4%	1,472	13.4%	1	6.0
In-Person, Election Day	2,478	58.6%	4,078	37.0%	1	-21.6
Unknown	539	12.8%	1,422	12.9%		
Total	4,227		11,012			

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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*

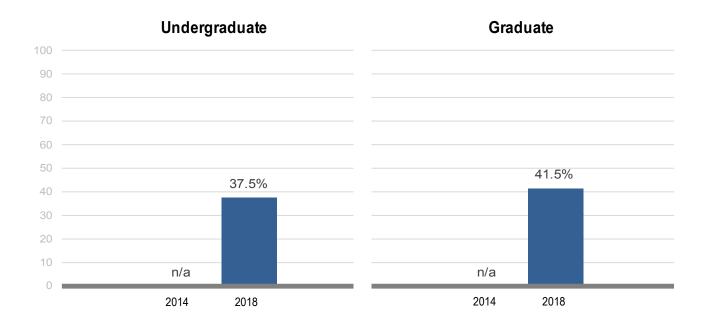


	2014				2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
18-21	8,638	908	10.5%	9,690	3,710	38.3%	•	27.8
22-24	3,739	401	10.7%	5,650	1,794	31.8%	•	21.0
25-29	4,261	809	19.0%	5,646	2,118	37.5%	•	18.5
30-39	3,594	971	27.0%	4,345	1,957	45.0%	•	18.0
40-49	1,389	601	43.3%	1,557	862	55.4%	•	12.1
50+	888	537	60.5%	860	571	66.4%	•	5.9
Unknown	*			0				

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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 Education Level*

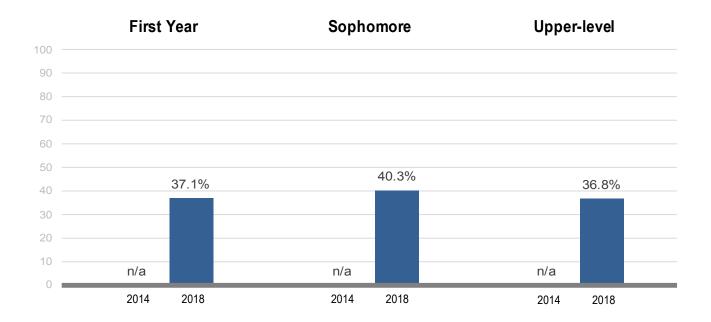


	2014				2018		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	11,635	4,361	37.5%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	15,514	6,437	41.5%	n/a
Unknown	22,509			599			

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^{*} 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.

By Undergraduate Class Year*

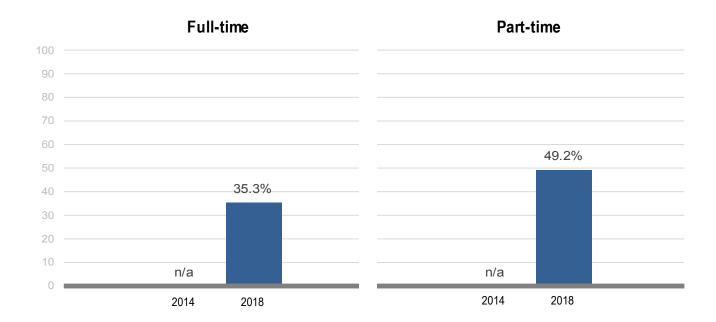


		2014			2018		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
First Year	0	0	n/a	3,040	1,127	37.1%	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	2,573	1,036	40.3%	n/a
Upper-level	0	0	n/a	6,176	2,272	36.8%	n/a

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^{*} 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.

By Enrollment Status*



		2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change	
Full-time	0	0	n/a	19,009	6,714	35.3%	n/a	
Part-time	0	0	n/a	8,739	4,298	49.2%	n/a	
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 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
Architecture	56	28	50.0%	48	29	60.4% 👚	10.4
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	277	48	17.3%	99	52	52.5% 🎓	35.2
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	483	60	12.4%	1,009	347	34.4% 🁚	22.0
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,611	575	15.9%	3,315	1,010	30.5% 🎓	14.6
Communication and Journalism	823	188	22.8%	784	423	54.0% 👚	31.1
Computer and Information Sciences	794	85	10.7%	1,491	428	28.7% 👚	18.0
Education	1,093	425	38.9%	1,071	595	55.6% 👚	16.7
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,834	391	21.3%	1,941	630	32.5% 👚	11.1
English Language and Literature	138	16	11.6%	154	75	48.7% 👚	37.1
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	64	*	n/a	31	11	35.5%	n/a
Health Professions	2,846	702	24.7%	5,515	2,441	44.3% 👚	19.6
History	144	33	22.9%	152	57	37.5% 🎓	14.6
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	410	99	24.2%	430	194	45.1% 👚	21.0
Legal Professions and Studies	421	120	28.5%	1,838	763	41.5% 👚	13.0
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,244	227	10.1%	2,801	1,077	38.5% 👚	28.3
Mathematics and Statistics	402	24	6.0%	484	47	9.7% 🛖	3.7
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	208	47	22.6%	167	76	45.5% 👚	22.9
Natural Resources and Conservation	74	19	25.7%	76	36	47.4% 🁚	21.7
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	138	13	9.4%	17	*	n/a	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	35	*	n/a	65	26	40.0%	n/a
Physical Sciences	142	11	7.8%	150	37	24.7% 👚	16.9
Psychology	427	49	11.5%	539	189	35.1% 🎓	23.6
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	522	165	31.6%	471	239	50.7% 👚	19.1

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Social Sciences	4,001	630	15.8%	4,624	2,040	44.1% 🁚	28.4
Visual and Performing Arts	501	84	16.8%	329	131	39.8% 👚	23.1
Unknown	821	179	21.8%	147	52	35.4% 🁚	13.6

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.

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