

2012 & 2016 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 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



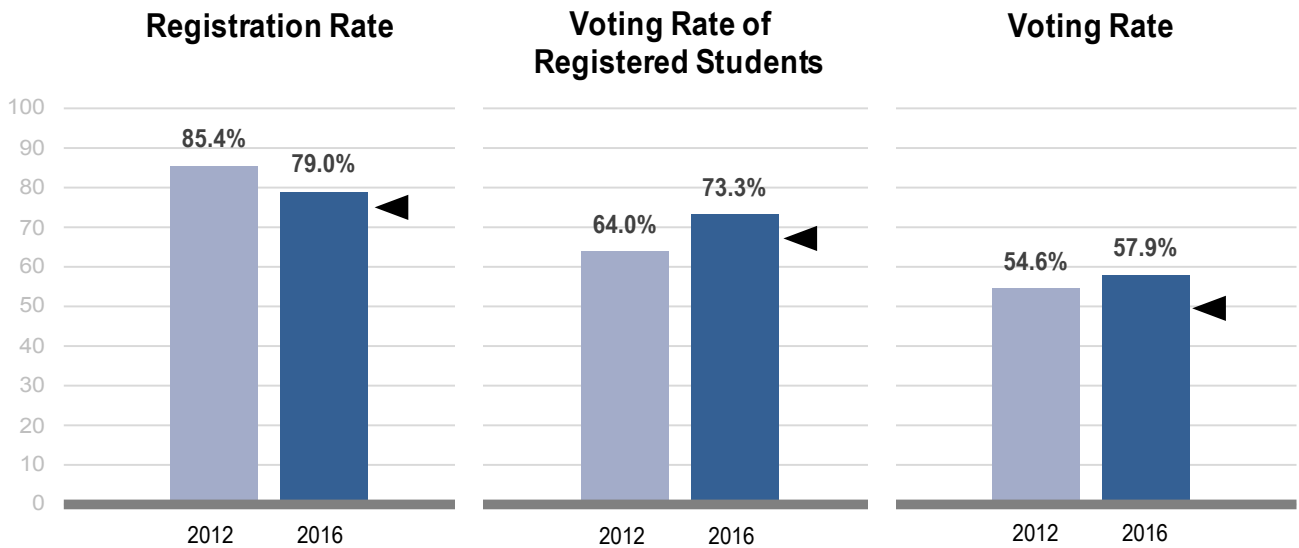
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
57.9%

CHANGE FROM 2012
3.3

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



◀ All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	23,279	27,201	↑ 3,922
Age under 18/Unknown	(96)	(128)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(2,842)	(4,007)	
FERPA records blocked	(15)	(10)	
Total eligible voters	20,326	23,056	↑ 2,730
Number of students who registered	17,359	18,215	↑ 856
Number of students who voted	11,101	13,344	↑ 2,243
Registration rate	85.4%	79.0%	↓ -6.4
Voting rate of registered students	64.0%	73.3%	↑ 9.3
Voting rate	54.6%	57.9%	↑ 3.3
Difference from all institutions	+7.7	+7.5	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

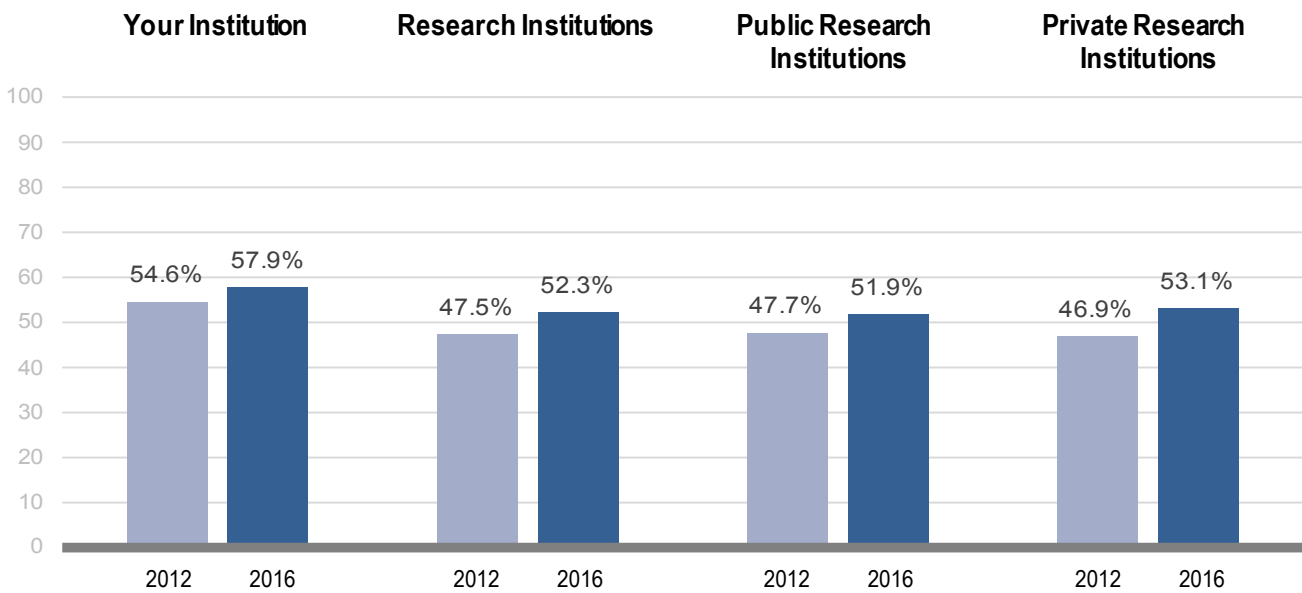
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

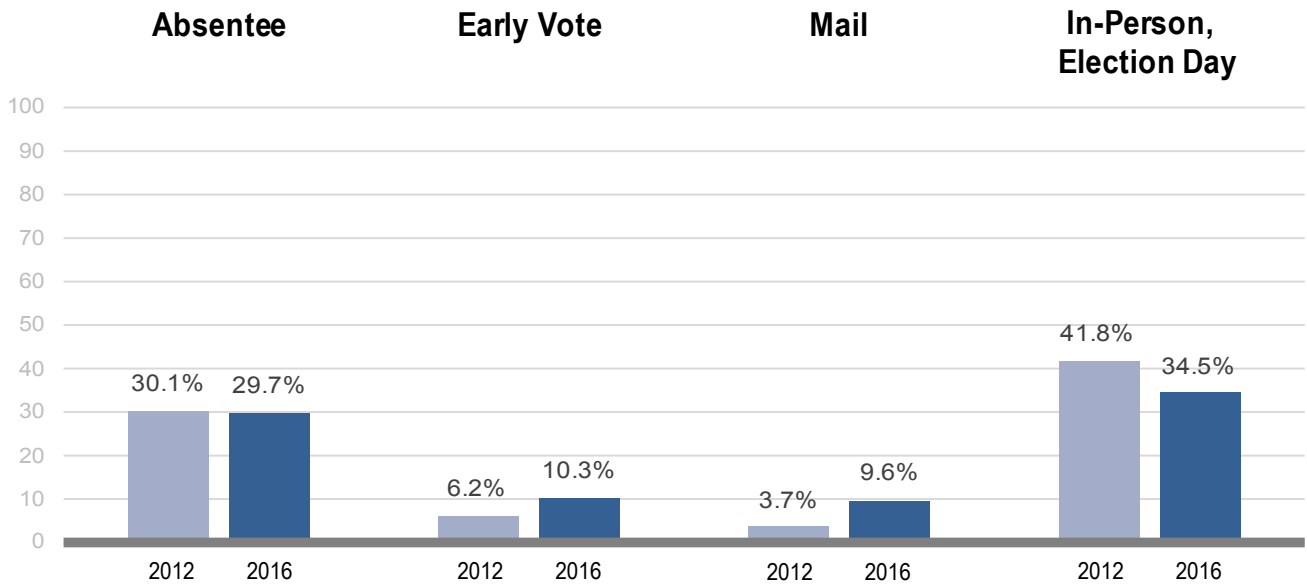
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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

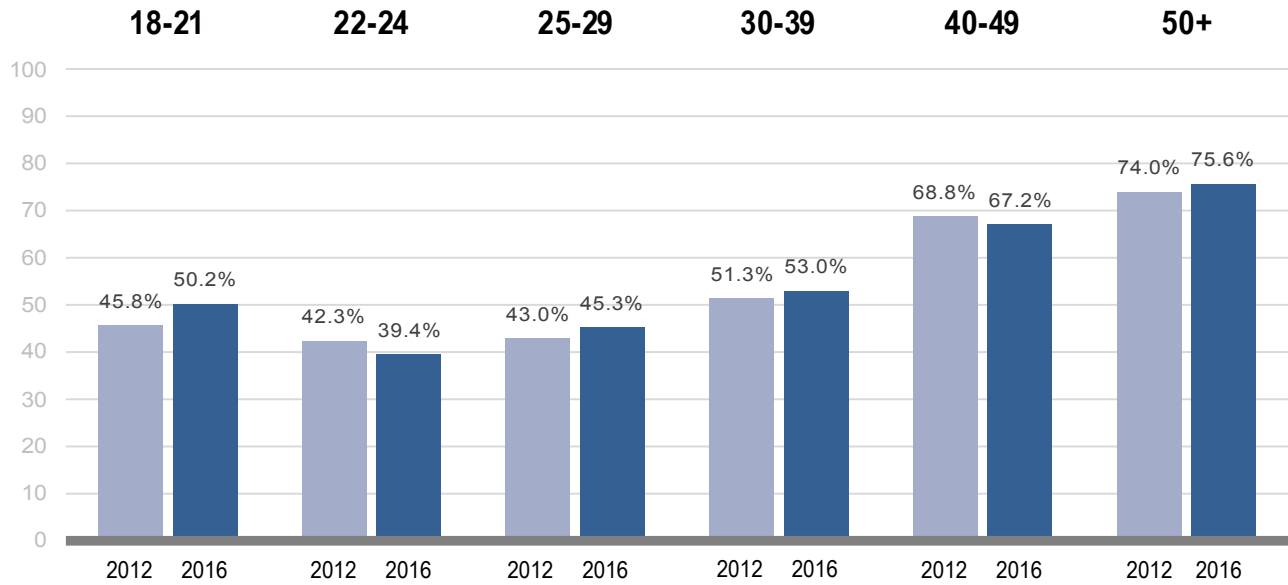


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	3,346	30.1%	3,966	29.7%	↓ -0.4
Early Vote	689	6.2%	1,369	10.3%	↑ 4.1
Mail	414	3.7%	1,284	9.6%	↑ 5.9
In-Person, Election Day	4,636	41.8%	4,606	34.5%	↓ -7.2
Unknown	2,016	18.2%	2,119	15.9%	
Total	11,101		13,344		

* 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*

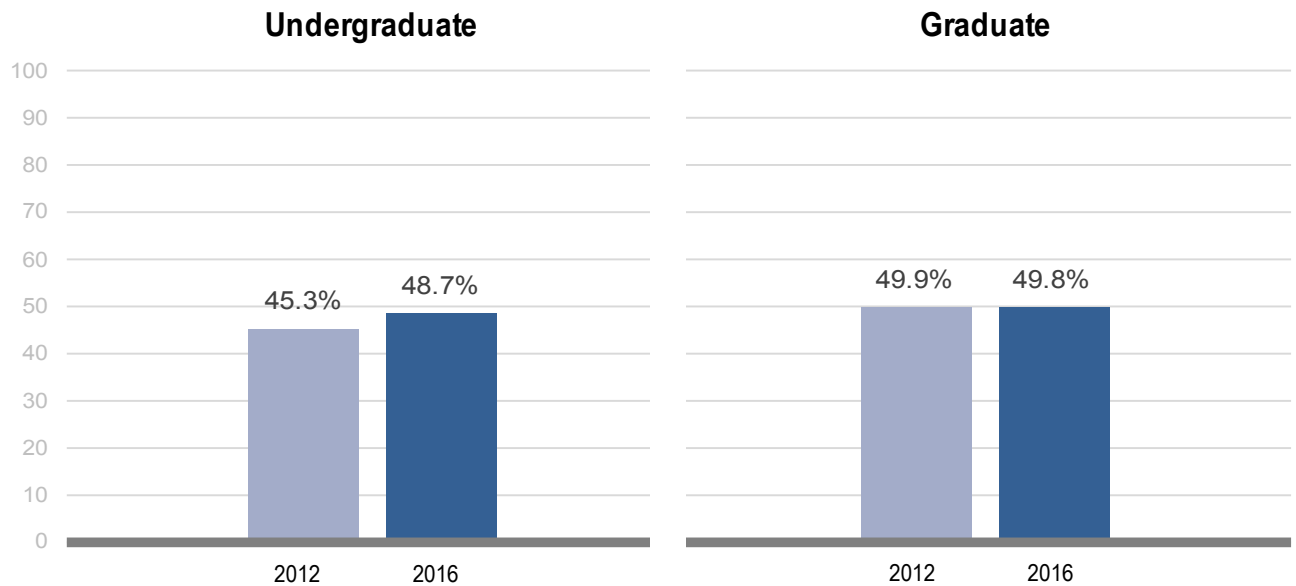


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	7,974	3,648	45.8%	9,224	4,626	50.2%	↑ 4.4
22-24	3,852	1,628	42.3%	5,405	2,131	39.4%	↓ -2.8
25-29	5,287	2,272	43.0%	5,650	2,557	45.3%	↑ 2.3
30-39	3,761	1,930	51.3%	4,287	2,272	53.0%	↑ 1.7
40-49	1,441	992	68.8%	1,545	1,038	67.2%	↓ -1.7
50+	853	631	74.0%	952	720	75.6%	↑ 1.7
Unknown	10			*			

* 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*

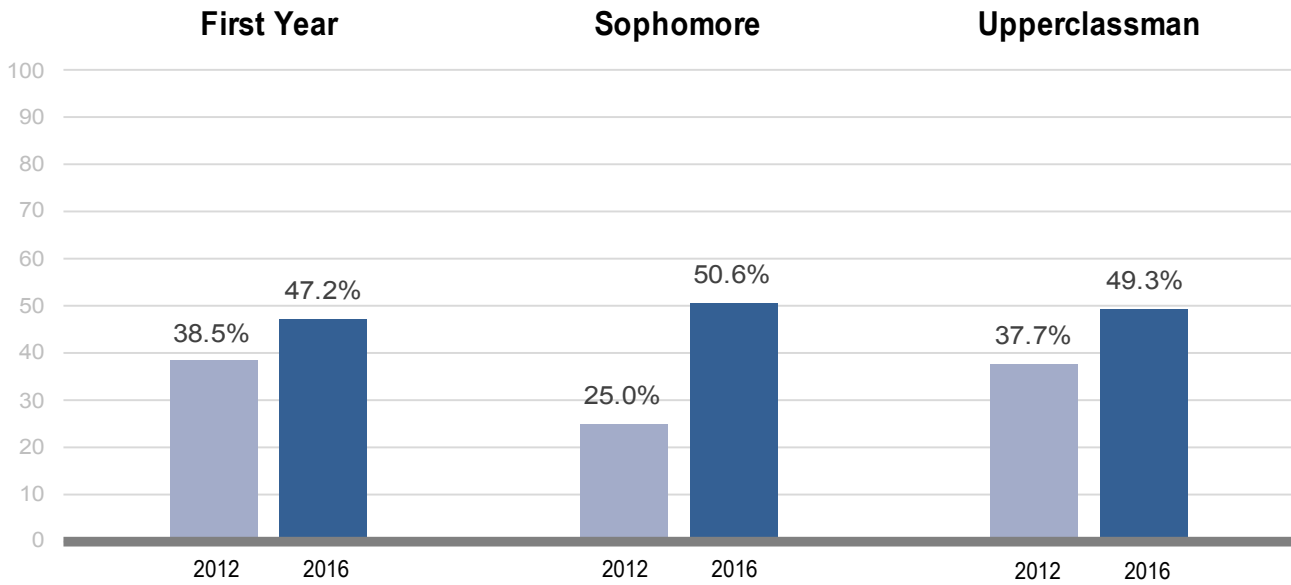


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	8,877	4,022	45.3%	11,981	5,835	48.7%	↑ 3.4
Graduate	13,212	6,589	49.9%	15,080	7,508	49.8%	↓ -0.1
Unknown	1,079			*			

* 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*

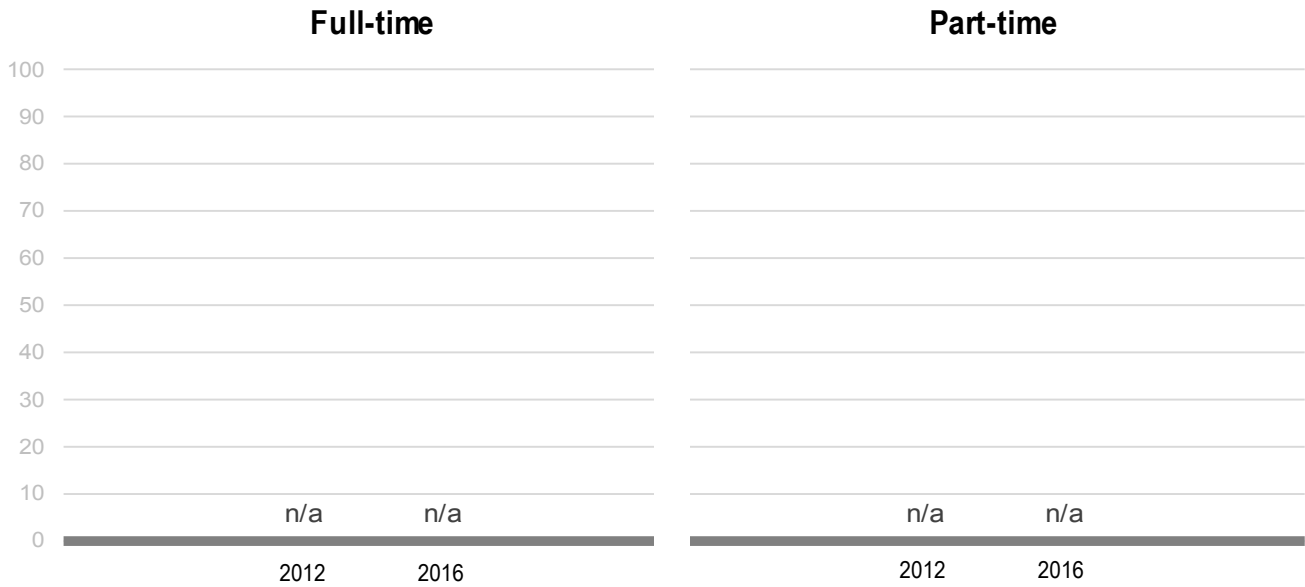


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	26	10	38.5%	2,762	1,303	47.2%	↑ 8.7
Sophomore	52	13	25.0%	2,611	1,320	50.6%	↑ 25.6
Upperclassman	114	43	37.7%	5,700	2,807	49.3%	↑ 11.5

* 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*

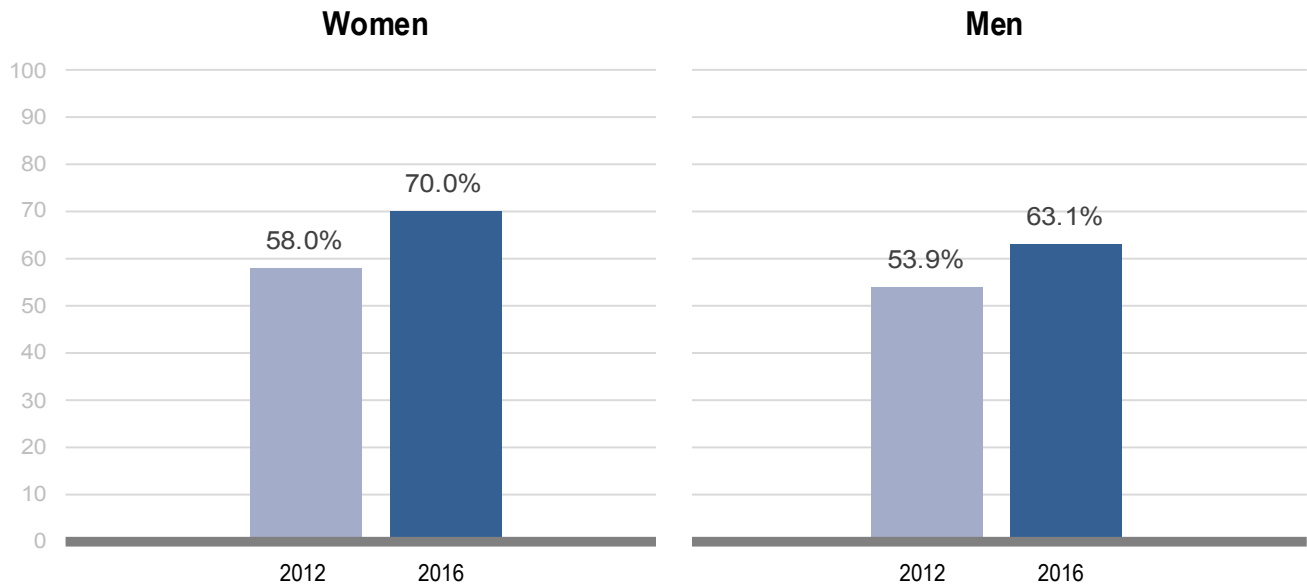


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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 Gender*



	2012			2016			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	11,170	6,476	58.0%	11,735	8,212	70.0%	↑	12.0
Men	8,326	4,487	53.9%	7,735	4,882	63.1%	↑	9.2
Unknown	3,672	138	3.8%	7,593	250	3.3%		

* 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.

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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	
Architecture	55	37	67.3%	79	49	62.0% ↓	-5.2
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	354	176	49.7%	239	144	60.3% ↑	10.5
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	558	235	42.1%	814	382	46.9% ↑	4.8
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,918	1,270	43.5%	3,486	1,443	41.4% ↓	-2.1
Communication and Journalism	773	463	59.9%	908	568	62.6% ↑	2.7
Computer and Information Sciences	553	229	41.4%	1,072	300	28.0% ↓	-13.4
Education	1,135	711	62.6%	1,147	750	65.4% ↑	2.8
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,428	741	51.9%	2,028	931	45.9% ↓	-6.0
English Language and Literature	220	109	49.6%	125	74	59.2% ↑	9.7
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	87	33	37.9%	36	21	58.3% ↑	20.4
Health Professions	2,880	1,417	49.2%	4,845	2,722	56.2% ↑	7.0
History	222	102	46.0%	160	71	44.4% ↓	-1.6
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	427	214	50.1%	393	220	56.0% ↑	5.9
Legal Professions and Studies	1,958	890	45.5%	2,039	947	46.4% ↑	1.0
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	396	149	37.6%	2,781	1,304	46.9% ↑	9.3
Mathematics and Statistics	183	50	27.3%	562	62	11.0% ↓	-16.3
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	147	72	49.0%	212	113	53.3% ↑	4.3
Natural Resources and Conservation	84	40	47.6%	74	37	50.0% ↑	2.4
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	132	48	36.4%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	82	37	45.1%	61	32	52.5% ↑	7.3
Physical Sciences	154	46	29.9%	162	59	36.4% ↑	6.6
Psychology	659	261	39.6%	595	305	51.3% ↑	11.7
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	503	282	56.1%	497	296	59.6% ↑	3.5

Social Sciences	3,931	1,905	48.5%	4,351	2,305	53.0% ↑	4.5
Visual and Performing Arts	270	126	46.7%	349	181	51.9% ↑	5.2
Unknown	3,059	1,458	47.7%	48	28	58.3% ↑	10.7

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: idhe.tufts.edu.

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