

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Harvard 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



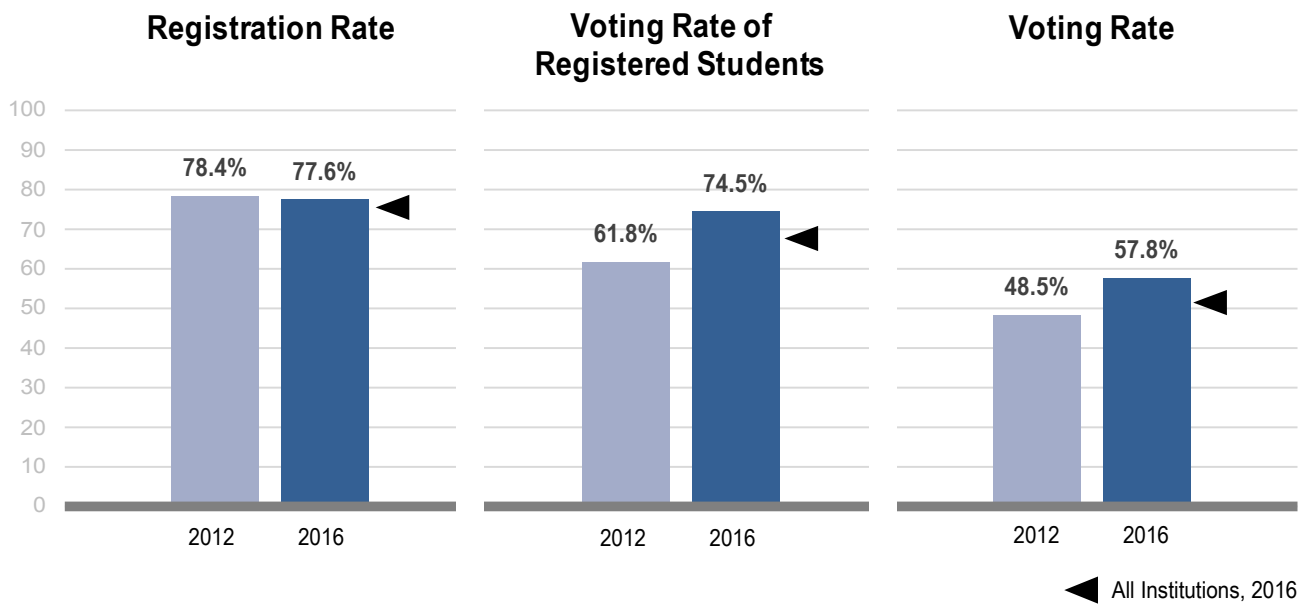
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
57.8%

CHANGE FROM 2012
9.3

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	25,896	29,436	↑ 3,540
Age under 18/Unknown	(272)	(281)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(5,280)	(6,479)	
FERPA records blocked	(33)	(72)	
Total eligible voters	20,311	22,604	↑ 2,293
Number of students who registered	15,929	17,531	↑ 1,602
Number of students who voted	9,843	13,060	↑ 3,217
Registration rate	78.4%	77.6%	↓ -0.9
Voting rate of registered students	61.8%	74.5%	↑ 12.7
Voting rate	48.5%	57.8%	↑ 9.3
Difference from all institutions	+1.6	+7.4	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

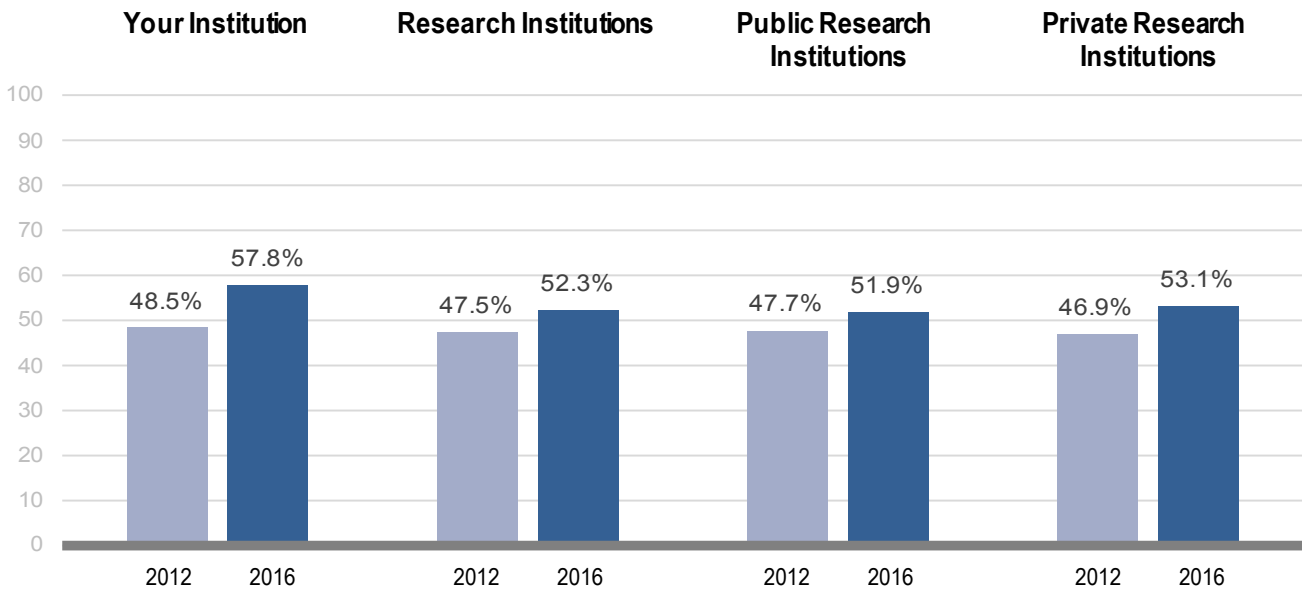
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

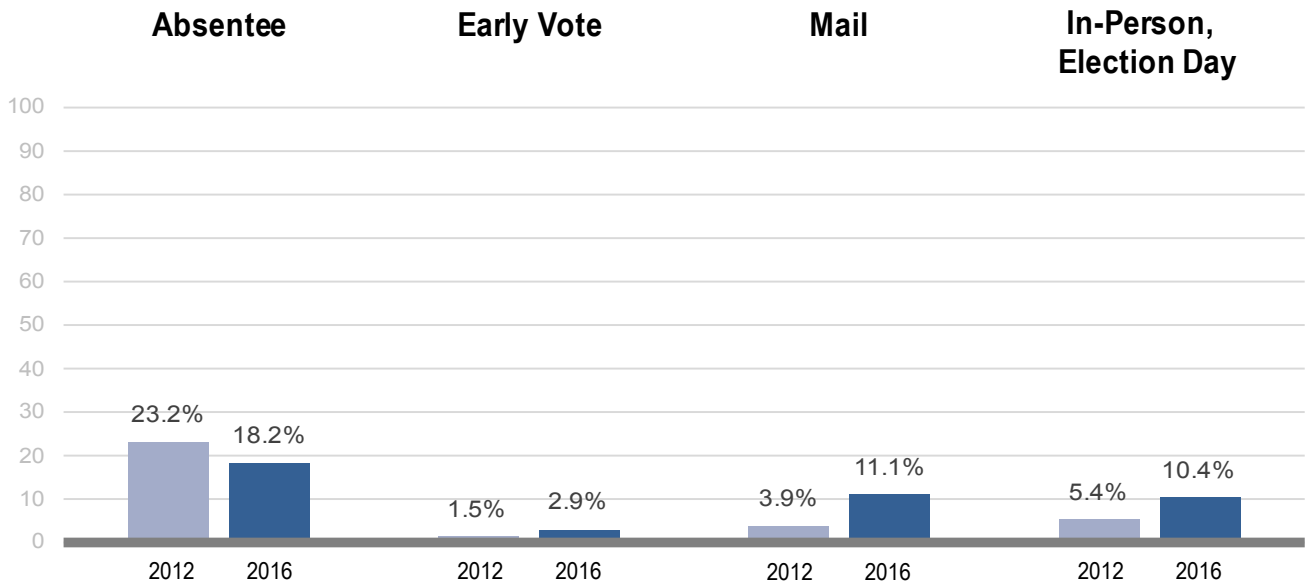
Difference from All Institutions **+1.6**

Difference from All Institutions **+7.4**



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By Voting Method*

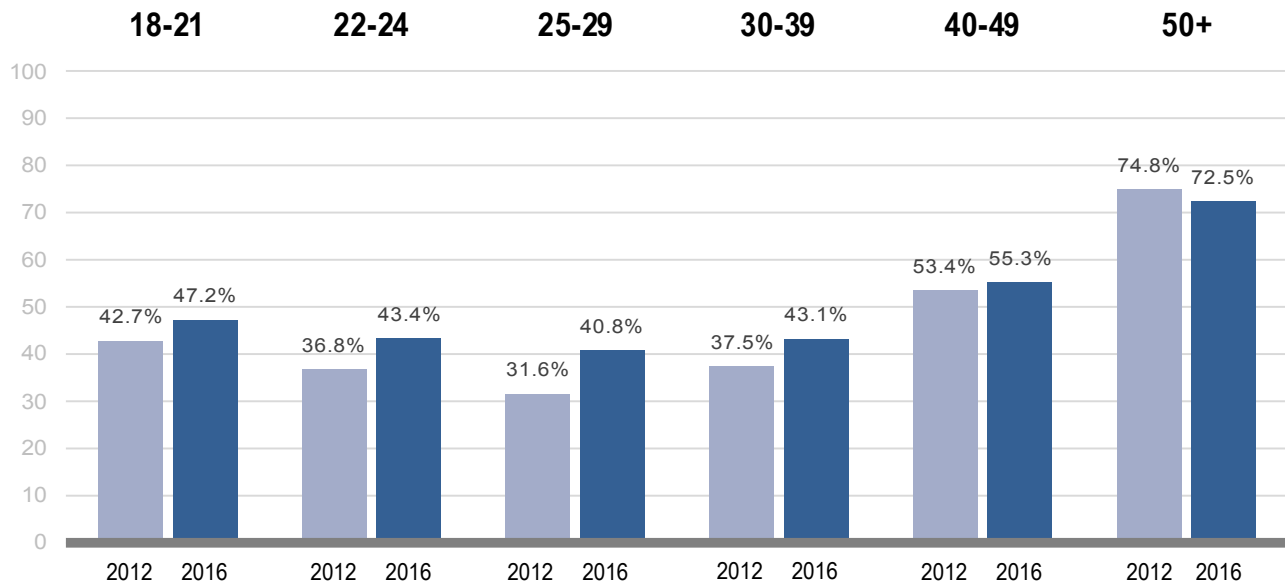


	2012		2016		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	2,282	23.2%	2,375	18.2%	↓	-5.0
Early Vote	146	1.5%	380	2.9%	↑	1.4
Mail	381	3.9%	1,448	11.1%	↑	7.2
In-Person, Election Day	533	5.4%	1,354	10.4%	↑	5.0
Unknown	6,501	66.1%	7,503	57.5%		
Total	9,843		13,060			

* 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*

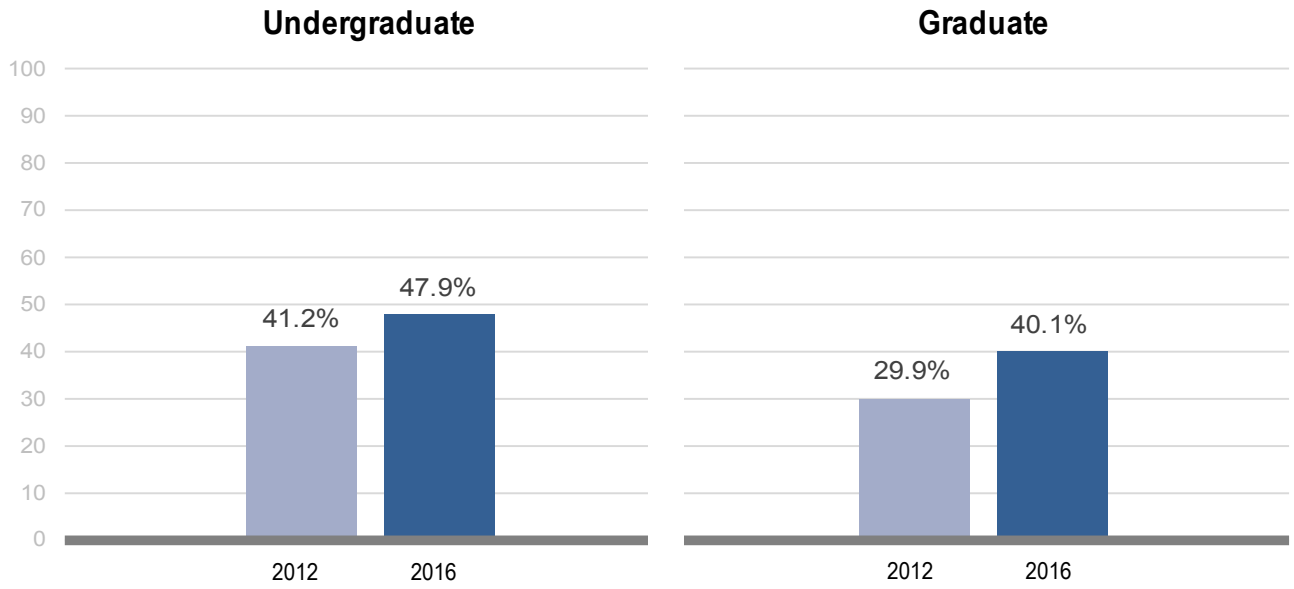


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	6,211	2,649	42.7%	6,386	3,012	47.2%	↑ 4.5
22-24	4,703	1,729	36.8%	4,636	2,010	43.4%	↑ 6.6
25-29	8,309	2,622	31.6%	9,702	3,958	40.8%	↑ 9.2
30-39	4,426	1,660	37.5%	5,723	2,465	43.1%	↑ 5.6
40-49	1,263	675	53.4%	1,714	947	55.3%	↑ 1.8
50+	679	508	74.8%	922	668	72.5%	↓ -2.4
Unknown	0			*			

* 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*

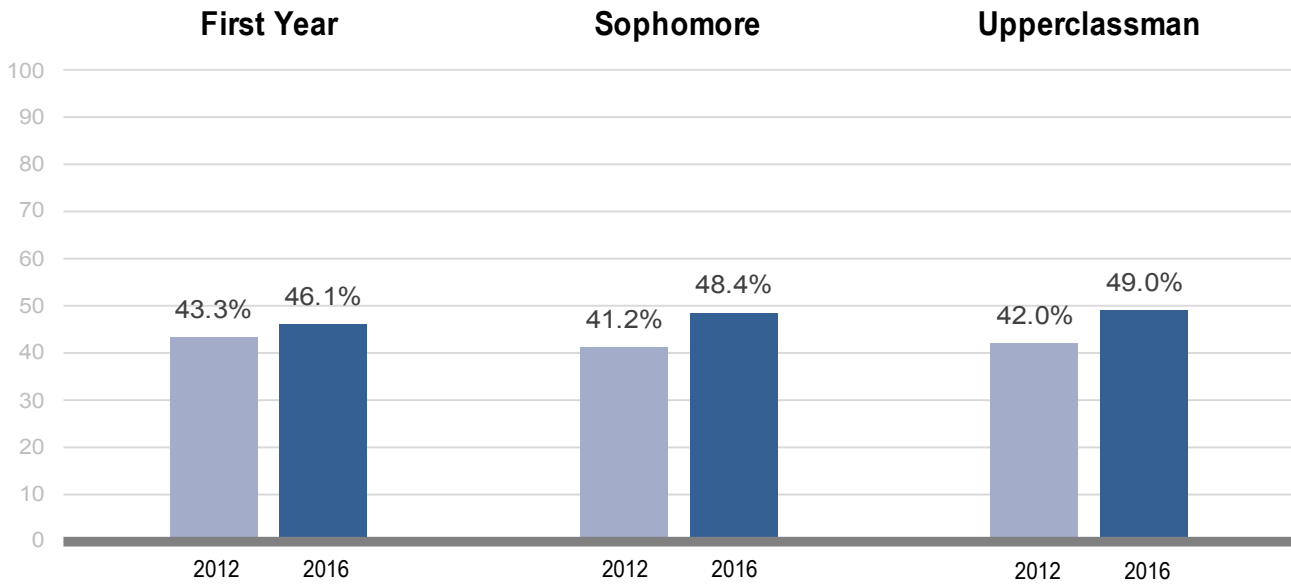


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	6,552	2,699	41.2%	7,344	3,520	47.9%	↑ 6.7
Graduate	12,173	3,635	29.9%	15,220	6,104	40.1%	↑ 10.3
Unknown	6,866			6,519			

* 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*

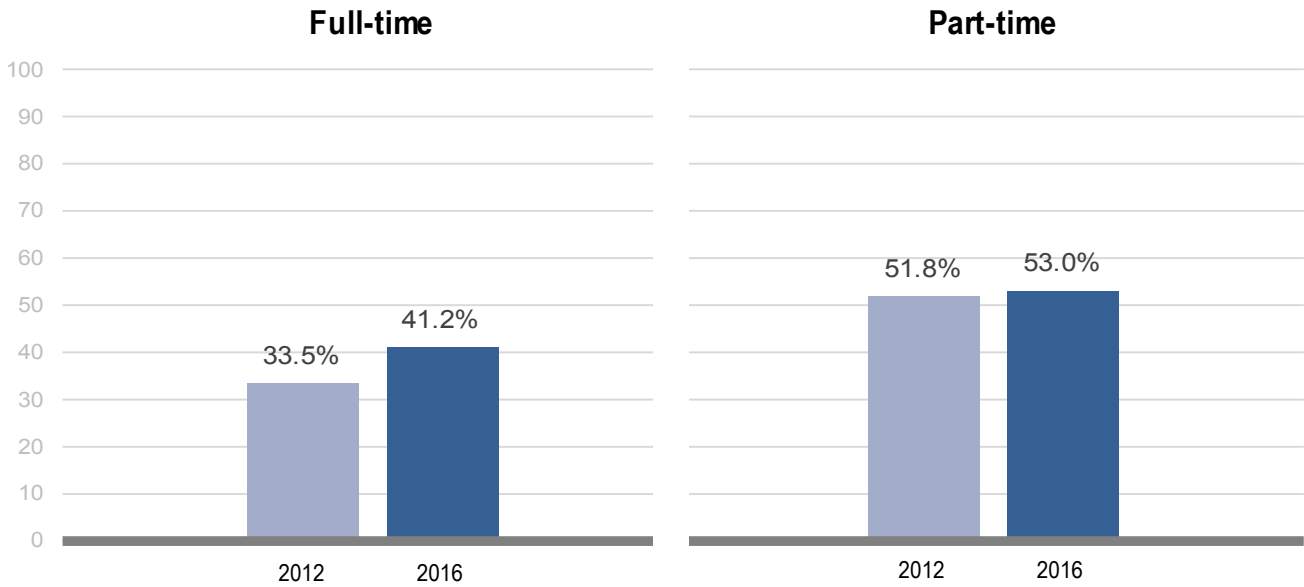


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	1,489	645	43.3%	1,559	718	46.1%	↑ 2.7
Sophomore	1,612	664	41.2%	1,743	843	48.4%	↑ 7.2
Upperclassman	3,251	1,366	42.0%	3,829	1,876	49.0%	↑ 7.0

* 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*

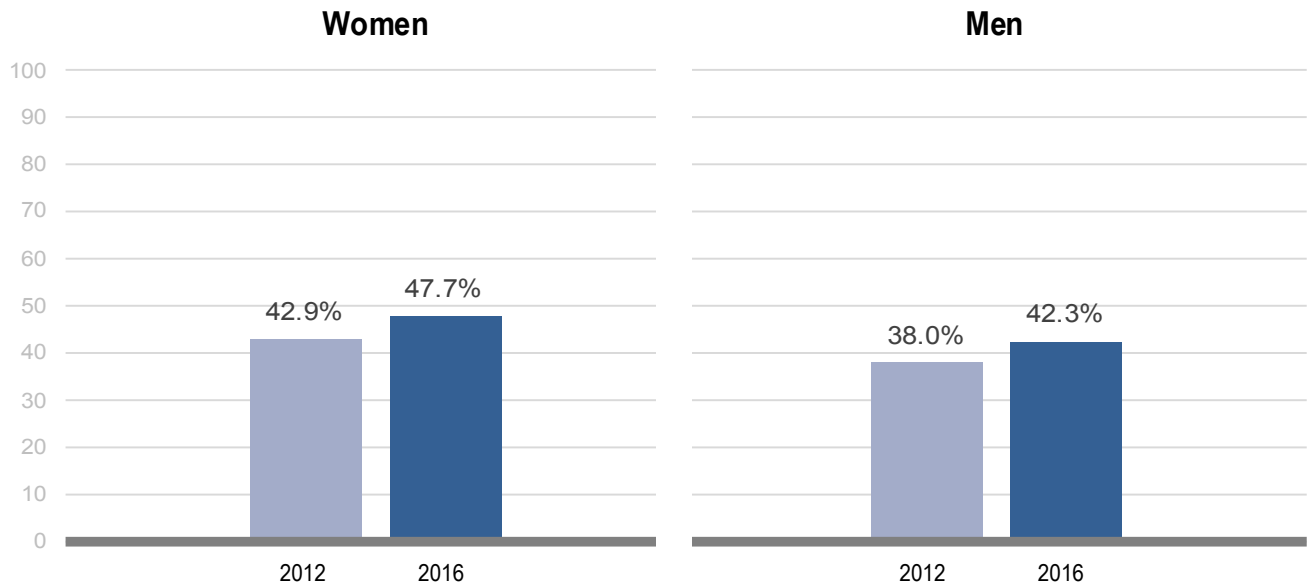


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	18,641	6,241	33.5%	19,860	8,175	41.2%	↑ 7.7
Part-time	6,948	3,602	51.8%	9,223	4,885	53.0%	↑ 1.1
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

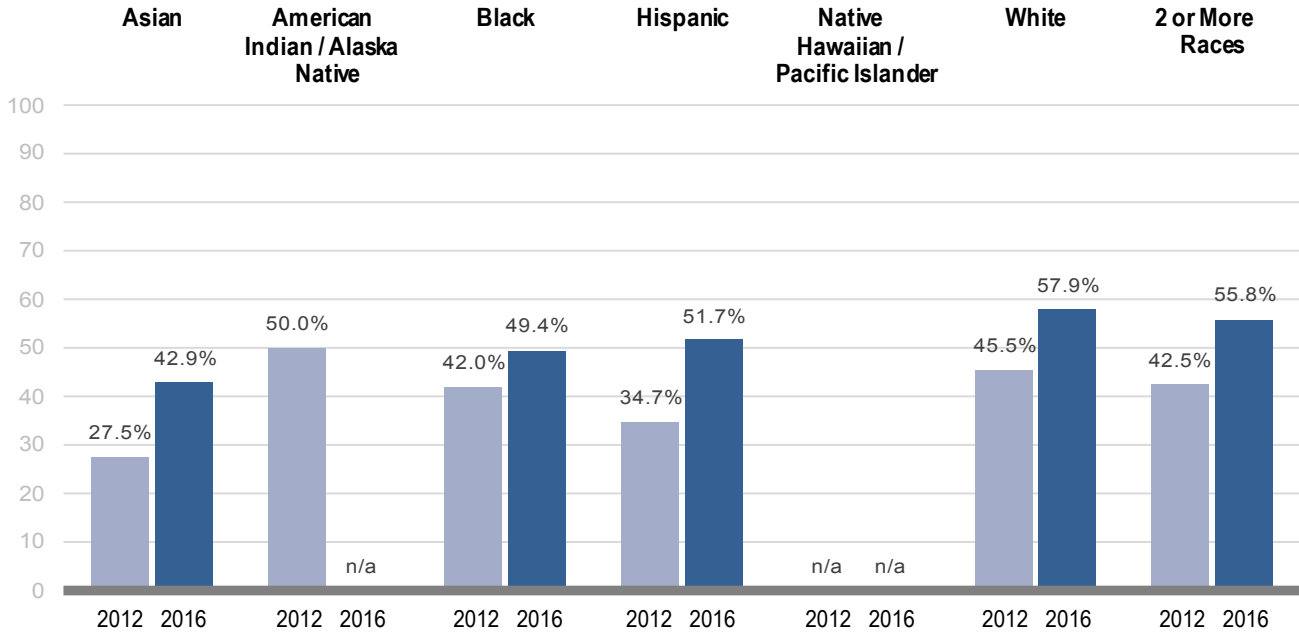


	2012			2016			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	12,025	5,155	42.9%	14,126	6,742	47.7%	↑	4.9
Men	12,302	4,676	38.0%	14,951	6,318	42.3%	↑	4.3
Unknown	1,264	12	1.0%	*	0	n/a		

* 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 Race/Ethnicity*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	2,894	796	27.5%	1,531	657	42.9%	↑ 15.4
American Indian / Alaska Native	28	14	50.0%	*	*	n/a	n/a
Black	1,042	438	42.0%	530	262	49.4%	↑ 7.4
Hispanic	565	196	34.7%	1,564	809	51.7%	↑ 17.0
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
White	8,439	3,839	45.5%	4,338	2,513	57.9%	↑ 12.4
2 or More Races	1,420	603	42.5%	6,573	3,669	55.8%	↑ 13.4
Unknown	11,203			9,465			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

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	0	0	n/a	849	227	26.7%	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	0	0	n/a	436	174	39.9%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	0	0	n/a	2,083	923	44.3%	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	0	0	n/a	2,615	913	34.9%	n/a
Communication and Journalism	0	0	n/a	49	29	59.2%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	0	0	n/a	652	269	41.3%	n/a
Education	0	0	n/a	1,015	578	57.0%	n/a
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	0	0	n/a	708	248	35.0%	n/a
English Language and Literature	0	0	n/a	215	116	54.0%	n/a
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	0	0	n/a	26	*	n/a	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	0	0	n/a	327	132	40.4%	n/a
Health Professions	0	0	n/a	1,647	660	40.1%	n/a
History	0	0	n/a	568	324	57.0%	n/a
Legal Professions and Studies	0	0	n/a	2,097	965	46.0%	n/a
Leisure and Recreational Activities	0	0	n/a	12	10	83.3%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	2,334	1,076	46.1%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	0	0	n/a	772	273	35.4%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	258	129	50.0%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	0	0	n/a	275	153	55.6%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	0	0	n/a	218	97	44.5%	n/a
Physical Sciences	0	0	n/a	806	292	36.2%	n/a
Psychology	0	0	n/a	367	202	55.0%	n/a
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	0	0	n/a	1,200	456	38.0%	n/a

Social Sciences	0	0	n/a	2,236	1,013	45.3%	n/a
Theology and Religious Vocations	0	0	n/a	336	149	44.4%	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	0	0	n/a	432	196	45.4%	n/a
Unknown	25,591	9,843	38.5%	6,550	3,448	52.6% ↑	14.2

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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