

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), housed at the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, Tufts University. Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 750 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012 and 2014 elections. Participating colleges and universities are located in 48 states and represent all Carnegie classifications as well as socially and economically diverse students. With others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 6.7 million college student records that is already serving as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

Looking Ahead

In response to our survey, many of you requested resources as well as stories about what other campuses are doing. Over the coming months, NSLVE will be releasing tools and resources that you and others can use to enhance political learning and engagement in democracy on your campus. Here is a sneak peek into some of this work.

- ❑ *Campus Discussion Guide*: A tool for conversations on your campus regarding how to use the NSLVE report to spark change.
- ❑ *National Data*: We'll be sharing data about the national landscape for college student voting.
- ❑ *Comparison Data*: We know campuses are interested in learning more about how their voting compares to other similar institutions. We'll be rolling out aggregate comparison data for groups of participating campuses.
- ❑ *Case Studies*: We've been on the road, visiting campuses with unpredicted, high voting rates. We will be sharing the findings from our studies of campus climates for student political learning and engagement in democracy.
- ❑ *Diversity & Democracy*: In November, in partnership with the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU) we will publish a special issue on college student political learning

If you or someone else on your campus would like to receive more information about our research and resources, please [join our mailing list](#).

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 2014 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse ("Clearinghouse") and publicly available voting records collected by Catalyst.

Using enrollment records submitted on a date closest to the election, we removed students under 18 on Election Day. We also deducted an estimated number of students identified by your institution as non-resident aliens. This is based on the percentage of non-resident aliens reported by your institution to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), and is more reliable than the demographic data campuses provide to the Clearinghouse at this time. Please note that students who blocked the use of their information under FERPA were also removed from the enrollment lists by the Clearinghouse.

When combining two datasets, matching errors can occur. That said, for each record, we receive a "confidence score." The average confidence score for the student records in our database is 96.6%. Nonetheless, some errors are still possible:

- On page three, we indicate the number of students who blocked their records from being used for any purpose, including research. If those students voted at a much lower or higher rate than your other students, it might affect the voting rate.
- Students not found in the voting database are considered non-voters, but we have no way to remove individual noncitizens (resident aliens and non-resident aliens). We use an estimate based on IPEDS data to account for your international students. We cannot adjust for undocumented students. This may result in your actual voting rate being higher than we report. To recalculate that percentage, see our [FAQ on campus reports](#).

Reviewing the Data

Please use the following key to interpret the charts below:

- * = number of students is less than 10
- = zero results in this field

For some colleges and universities, this report will contain some categories for which data is "unknown." These likely reflect the amount or quality of the data the institution provides, a problem that can be corrected by more comprehensive reporting to the Clearinghouse.

Your Students' Voting and Registration Rates

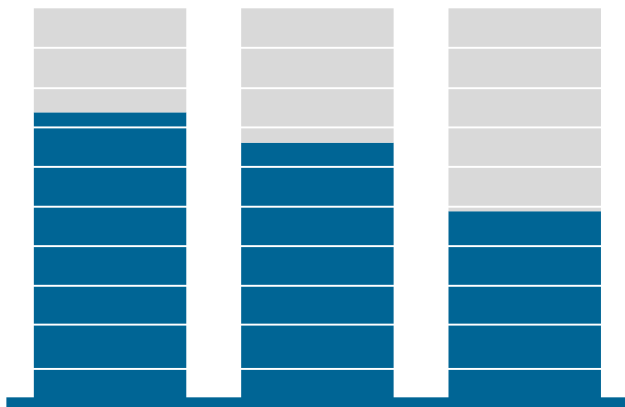
2012 Voting Rate

49%

2014 Voting Rate

24%

2012 Presidential Election



73.6%

Registration Rate

65.9%

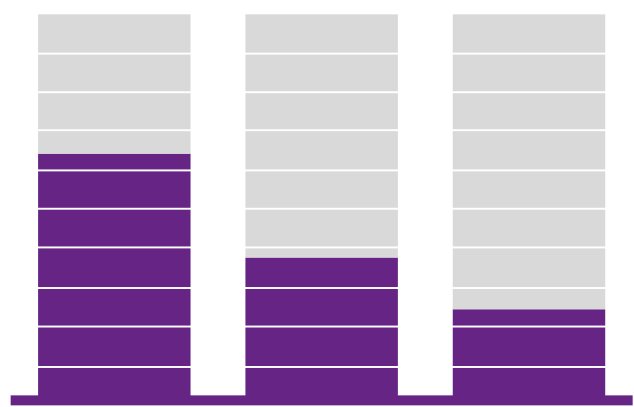
Rate of Registered Students who Voted

48.5%

Voting Rate

Total student enrollment	25,896
Ineligible to vote because too young	272
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	5,294
FERPA records blocked	33
Number of students who registered	14,940
Number of students who voted	9,843

2014 Midterm Election



63.9%

Registration Rate

37.0%

Rate of Registered Students who Voted

23.6%

Voting Rate

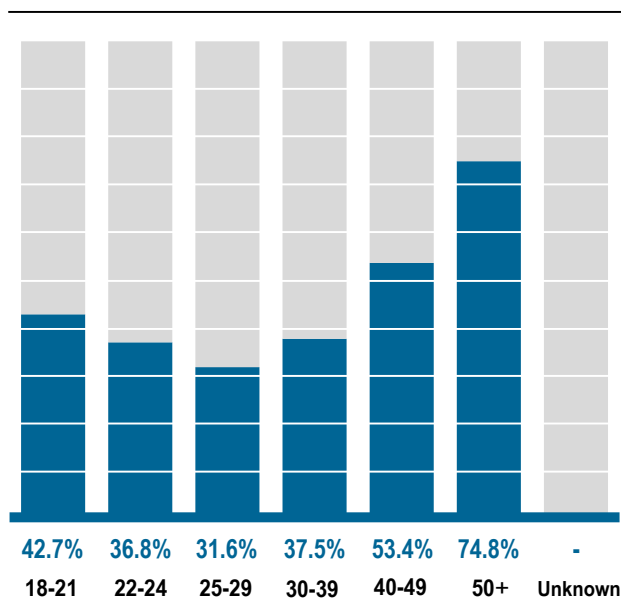
Total student enrollment	26,806
Ineligible to vote because too young	261
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	5,610
FERPA records blocked	55
Number of students who registered	13,338
Number of students who voted	4,936

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY AGE GROUP

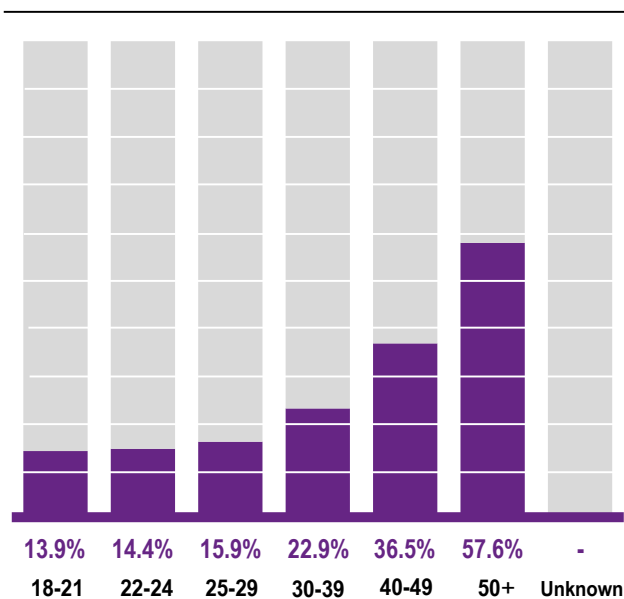
Your students broken down by age at the time of the election. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	6,211	2,649
22-24	4,703	1,729
25-29	8,309	2,622
30-39	4,426	1,660
40-49	1,263	675
50+	679	508
Unknown	-	-

2014 Midterm Election



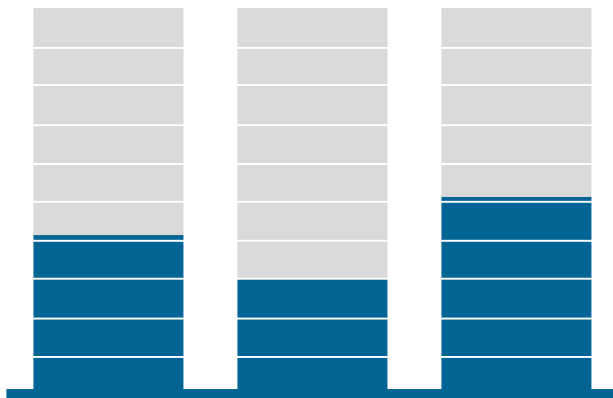
AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	6,395	889
22-24	4,689	674
25-29	8,606	1,365
30-39	4,682	1,070
40-49	1,339	489
50+	779	449
Unknown	-	-

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY EDUCATION LEVEL

Your students broken down by undergraduate and graduate students. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election

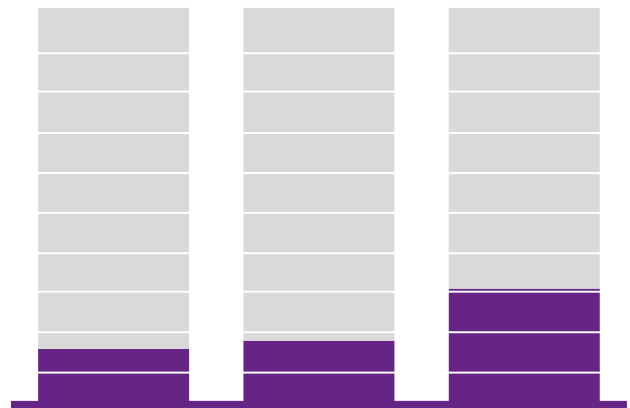


41.2% **29.9%** **51.1%**

Undergraduate Graduate Unknown

EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	6,552	2,699
Graduate	12,173	3,635
Unknown	6,866	3,509

2014 Midterm Election



14.3% **16.4%** **29.5%**

Undergraduate Graduate Unknown

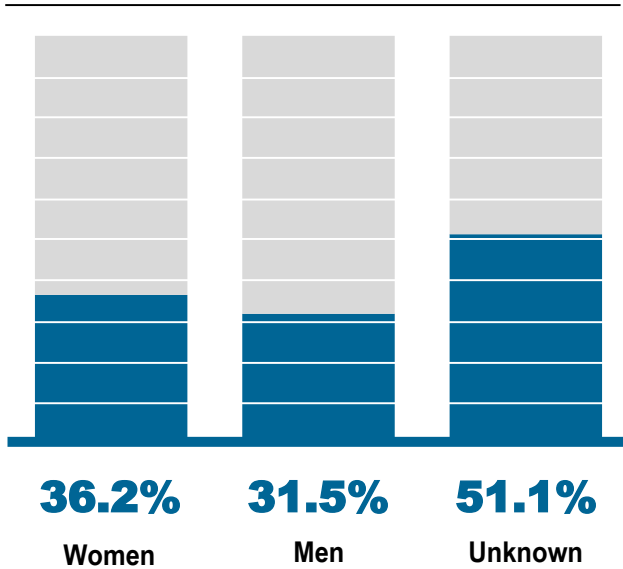
EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	7,279	1,043
Graduate	13,484	2,206
Unknown	5,727	1,687

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

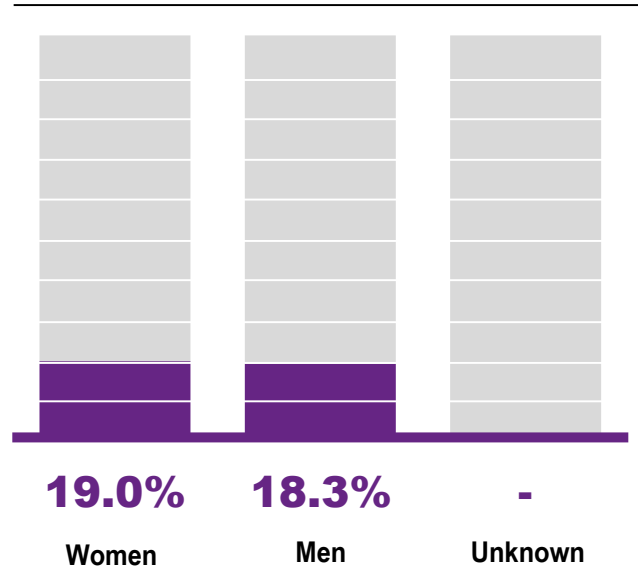
BY GENDER

Your students broken down by gender. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election



GENDER	ENROLLED	VOTED
Women	9,540	3,325
Men	9,540	3,009
Unknown	6,862	3,509

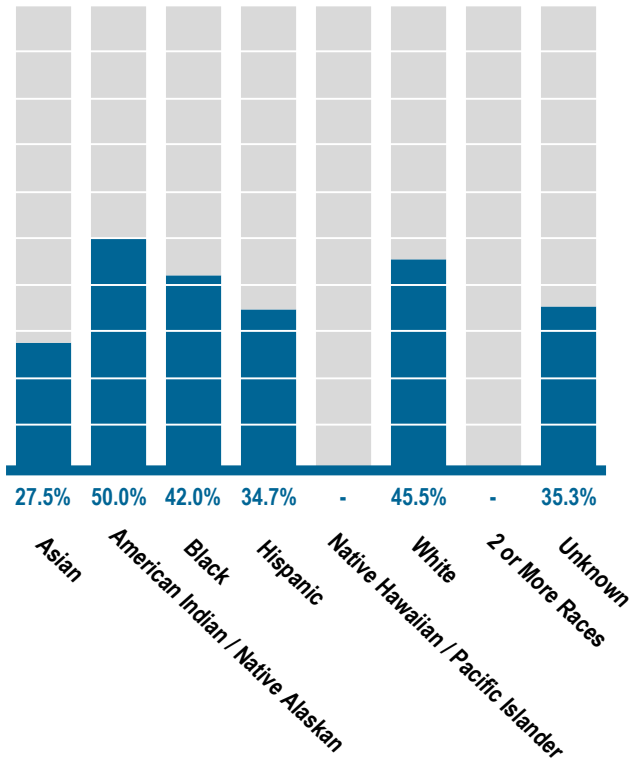
GENDER	ENROLLED	VOTED
Women	12,885	2,445
Men	13,605	2,491
Unknown	-	-

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

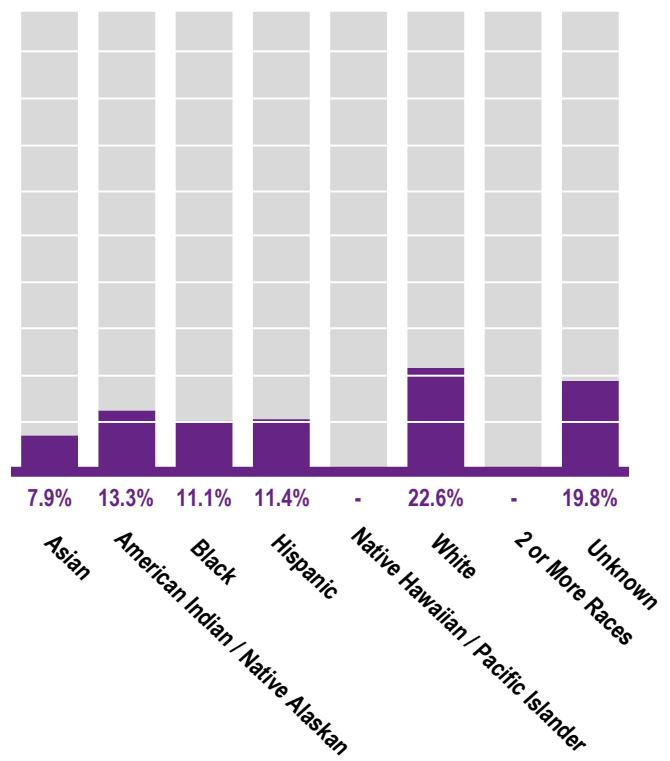
BY RACE/ETHNICITY

Your students broken down by race/ethnicity. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

**2012
Presidential Election**



**2014
Midterm Election**



RACE/ETHNICITY	ENROLLED	VOTED
Asian	2,894	796
American Indian/ Native Alaskan	28	14
Black	1,042	438
Hispanic	565	196
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-
White	8,439	3,839
2 or More Races	-	-
Unknown	11,203	3,957

RACE/ETHNICITY	ENROLLED	VOTED
Asian	2,844	225
American Indian/ Native Alaskan	30	*
Black	1,027	114
Hispanic	402	46
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-
White	8,198	1,850
2 or More Races	-	-
Unknown	12,220	2,414

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY FIELD OF STUDY

Your students broken down by field of study. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

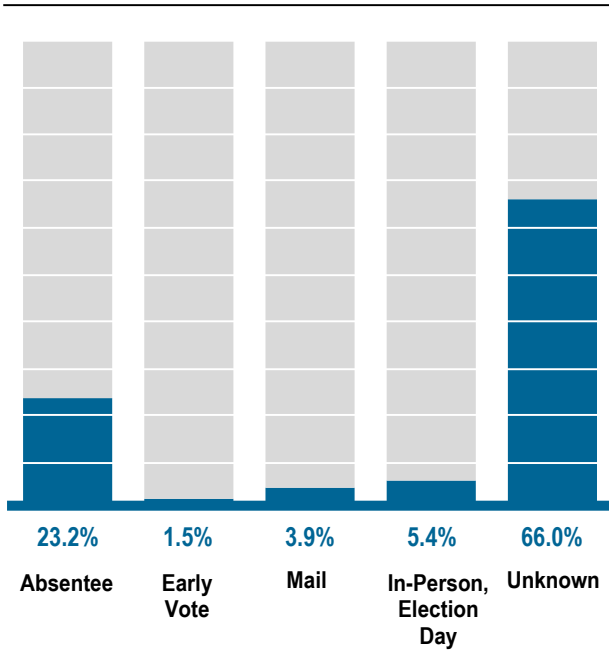
	2012 Presidential Election			2014 Midterm Election		
	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout
Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	-	-	-	2,075	308	14.8%
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support	-	-	-	2,294	228	9.9%
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	-	-	-	33	12	36.4%
Computer and Information and Library Sciences	-	-	-	646	127	19.7%
Education	-	-	-	884	197	22.3%
Engineering	-	-	-	579	71	12.3%
Health Professions and Related Sciences, Knowledge, and Skills	-	-	-	1,059	148	14.0%
Humanities	-	-	-	1,386	243	17.5%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities	-	-	-	1,952	286	14.7%
Mathematics and Statistics	-	-	-	678	58	8.6%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	-	602	114	18.9%
Parks and Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Physical Sciences	-	-	-	1,007	179	17.8%
Professions	-	-	-	4,407	749	17.0%
Psychology, Personal Awareness, and Self-Improvement	-	-	-	475	77	16.2%
Social Sciences	-	-	-	2,277	406	17.8%
Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trades	-	-	-	32	*	6.3%
Visual and Performing Arts	-	-	-	329	28	8.5%

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY VOTING METHOD

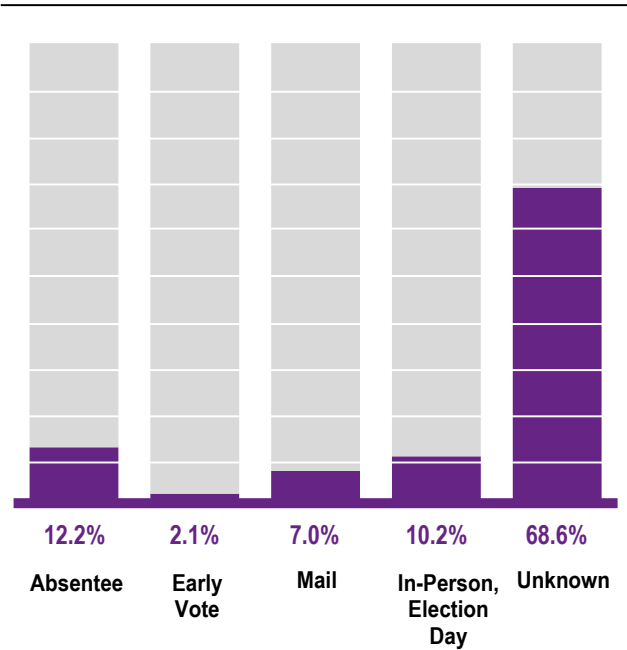
Your students broken down by voting method. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens. If your campus has a high percentage of "unknown" voting methods, it means that this information is not reported by local officials.

2012 Presidential Election



VOTING METHOD	ENROLLED	VOTED
Absentee	25,896	2,282
Early Vote	25,896	146
Mail	25,896	381
In-person, Election Day	25,896	533
Unknown	25,896	6,501

2014 Midterm Election



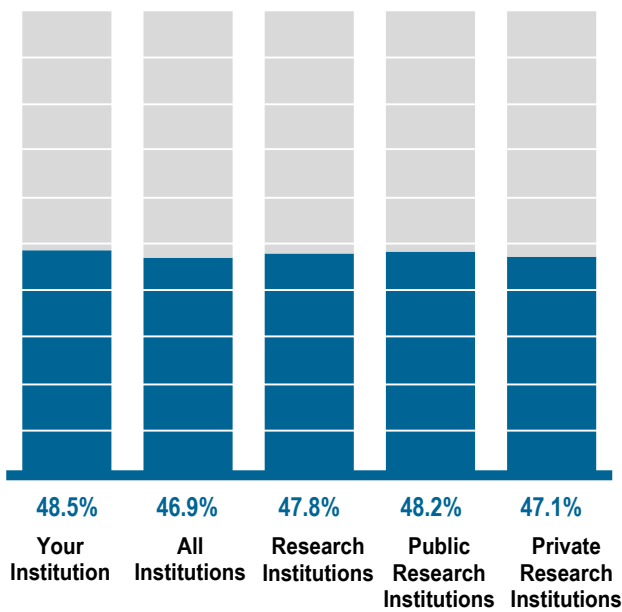
VOTING METHOD	ENROLLED	VOTED
Absentee	26,806	600
Early Vote	26,806	102
Mail	26,806	346
In-person, Election Day	26,806	503
Unknown	26,806	3,385

How Your Numbers Compare

BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

See how your campus voting rate compares to others in your Carnegie classification. This comparison data allows your campus to understand your individual voting rates in the context of similar institutions. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election

