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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Cornell University

Tufts UNIVERSITY | Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life

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-questions.**

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 improving 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,

IDHE Team

Voting and Registration Rates
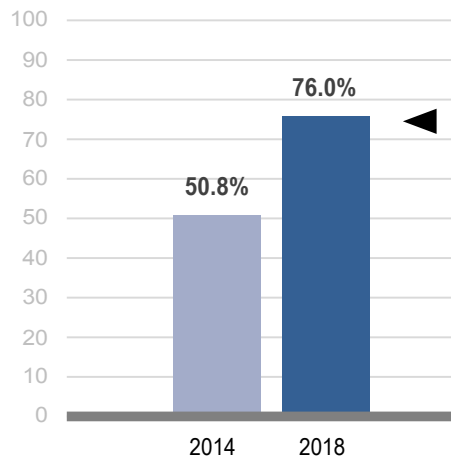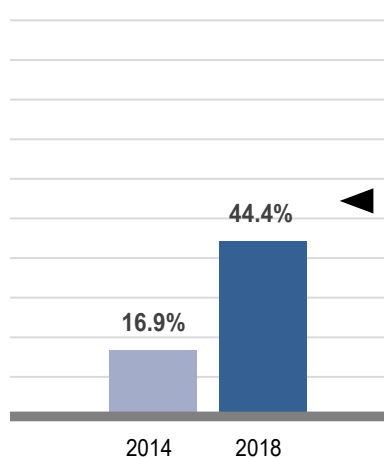
2018 Voting Rate

33.7%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+25.1

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate	**Voting Rate of Registered Students**	**Voting Rate**

Registration Rate: 2014 = 50.8%, 2018 = 76.0%
Voting Rate of Registered Students: 2014 = 16.9%, 2018 = 44.4%
Voting Rate: 2014 = 8.6%, 2018 = 33.7%
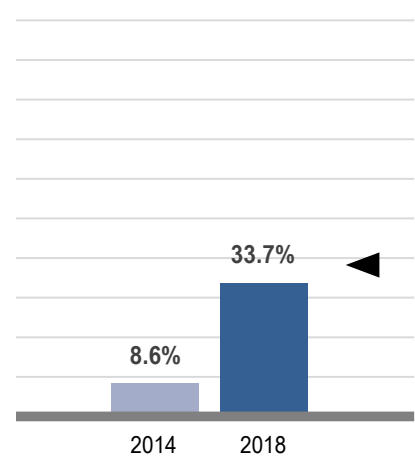
◄ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	22,471	24,156	⬆	1,685
Age under 18/Unknown	(243)	(232)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(4,454)	(5,164)		
FERPA records blocked	(134)	(83)		
Total eligible voters	17,640	18,677	⬆	1,037
Number of students who registered	8,963	14,187	⬆	5,224
Number of students who voted	1,511	6,293	⬆	4,782
Registration rate	50.8%	76.0%	⬆	25.2
Voting rate of registered students	16.9%	44.4%	⬆	27.5
Voting rate	8.6%	33.7%	⬆	25.1
Difference from all institutions	-11.1	-5.4		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH
54.0%

LOW
1.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-11.1**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-5.4**

	Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2014	8.6%	19.5%	19.6%	17.6%
2018	33.7%	41.2%	40.8%	42.5%
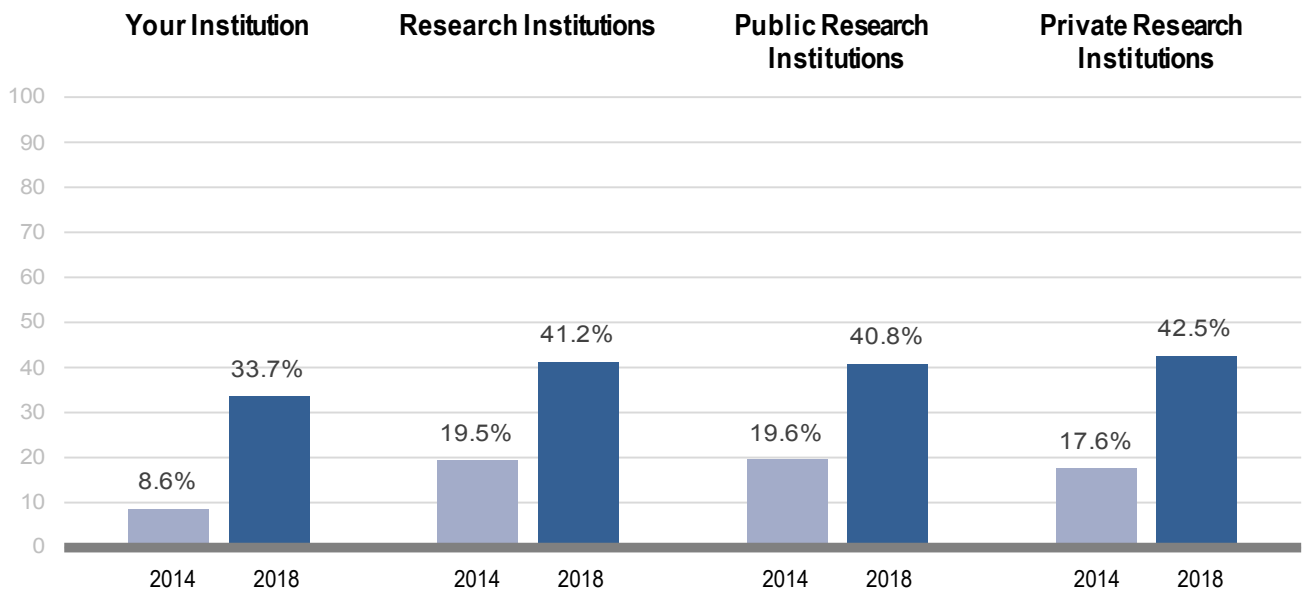
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*
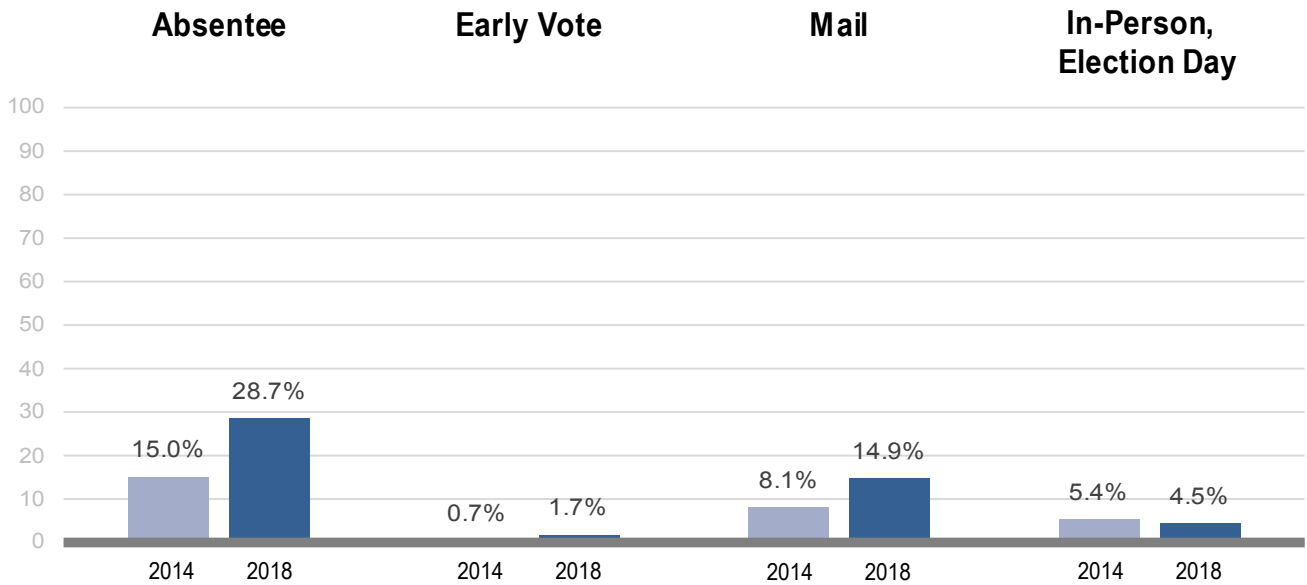
	2014			2018			
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	227	**15.0%**		1,806	**28.7%**	⬆	**13.7**
Early Vote	10	**0.7%**		108	**1.7%**	⬆	**1.1**
Mail	122	**8.1%**		937	**14.9%**	⬆	**6.8**
In-Person, Election Day	82	**5.4%**		286	**4.5%**	⬇	**-0.9**
Unknown	1,070	**70.8%**		3,156	**50.2%**		
Total	**1,511**			**6,293**			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*

	18-21	22-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50+
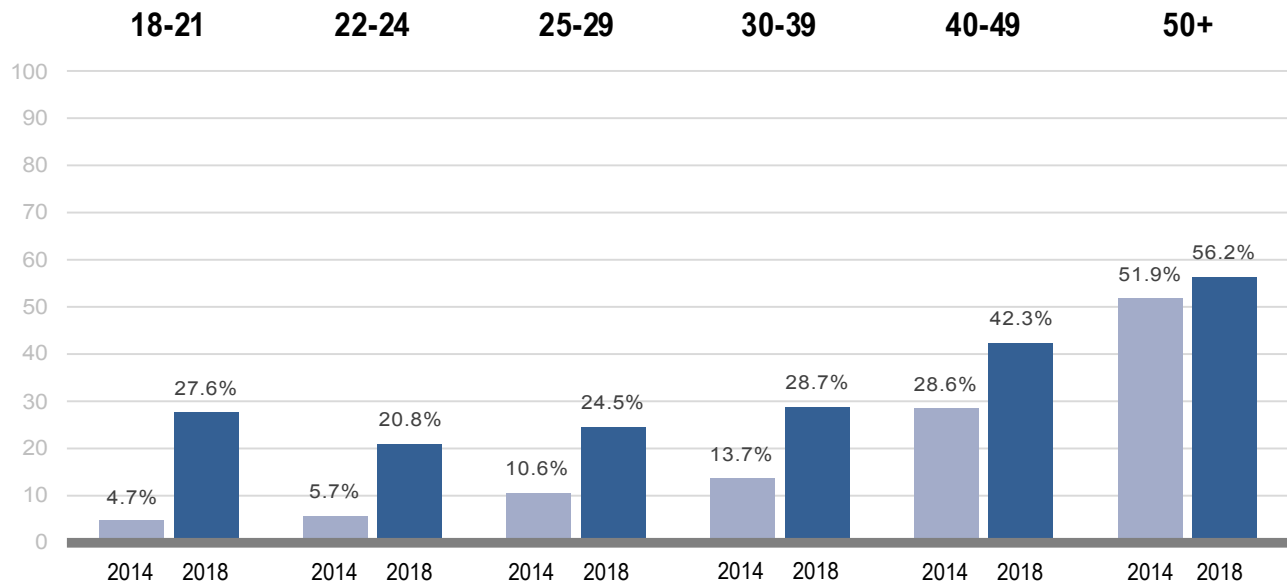
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	13,185	618	**4.7%**	13,978	3,858	**27.6%**	⬆	**22.9**
22-24	3,666	207	**5.7%**	4,040	842	**20.8%**	⬆	**15.2**
25-29	3,227	342	**10.6%**	3,544	869	**24.5%**	⬆	**13.9**
30-39	1,683	230	**13.7%**	1,864	534	**28.7%**	⬆	**15.0**
40-49	252	72	**28.6%**	310	131	**42.3%**	⬆	**13.7**
50+	81	42	**51.9%**	105	59	**56.2%**	⬆	**4.3**
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.

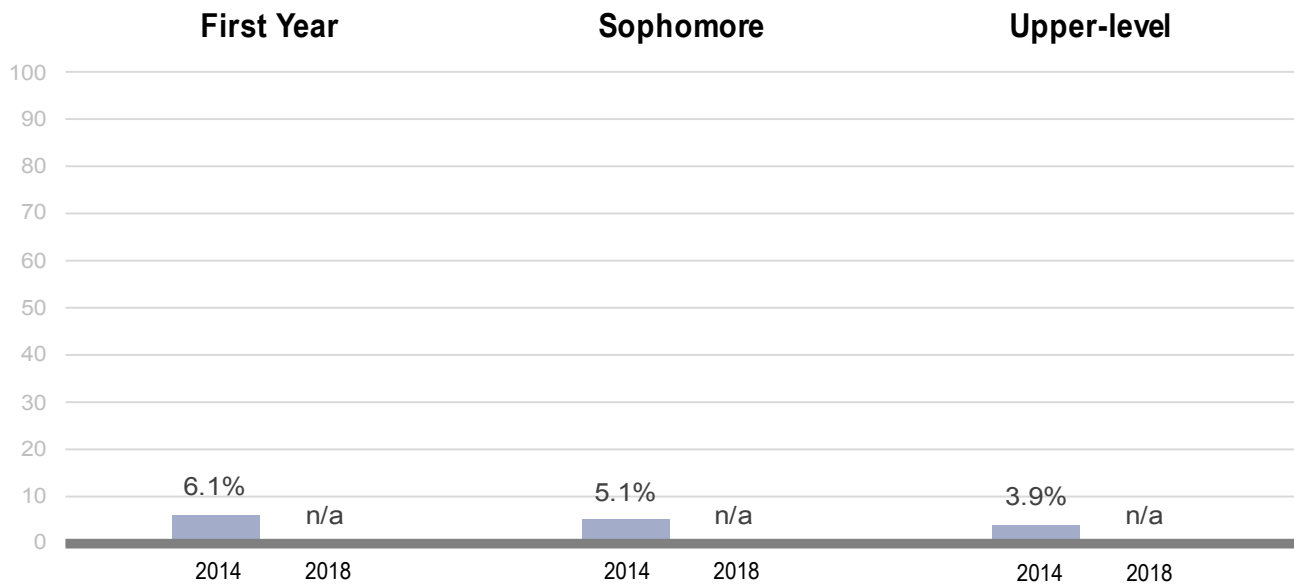**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Education Level*

| | **Undergraduate** | | **Graduate** |
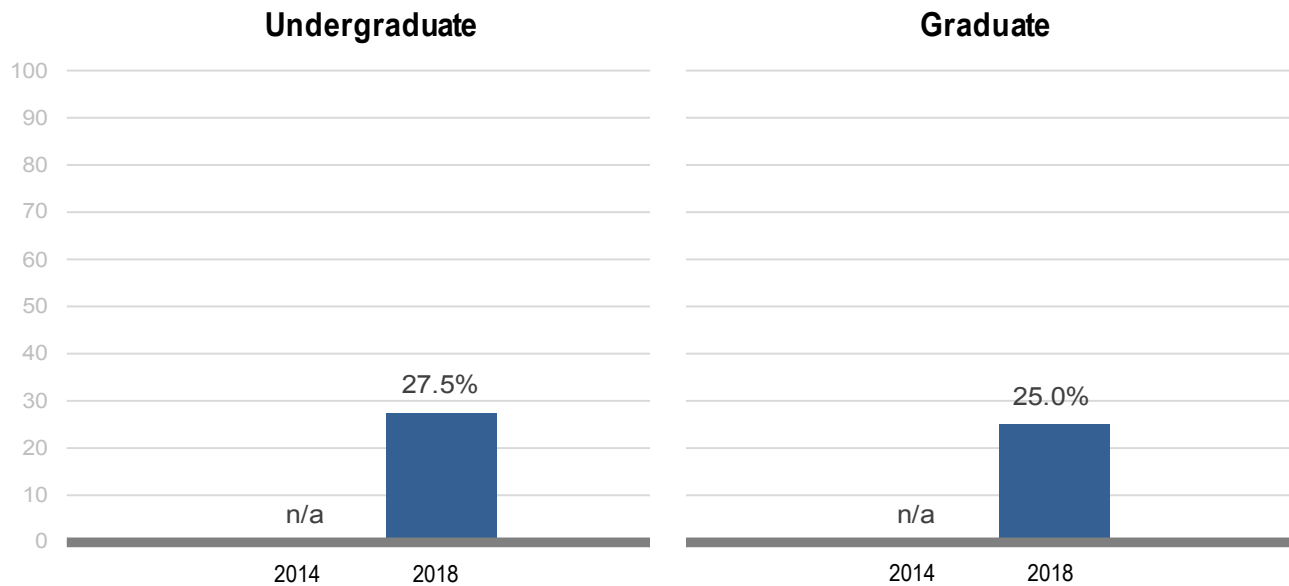
	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**		14,782	4,057	**27.5%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**		8,661	2,167	**25.0%**	**n/a**
Unknown	22,094				398			

* 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*

	First Year		**Sophomore**		**Upper-level**	
6.1%	n/a	5.1%	n/a	3.9%	n/a
	2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018

	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
First Year	3,060	187	**6.1%**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Sophomore	3,530	181	**5.1%**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Upper-level	7,571	296	**3.9%**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**

* 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*
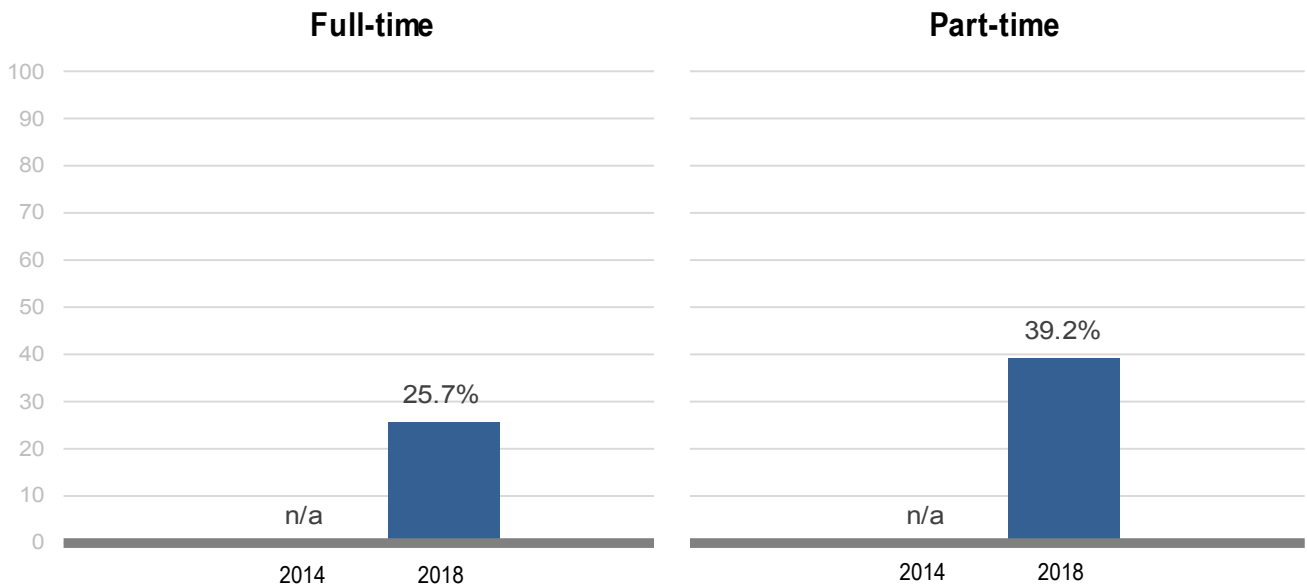
Full-time

Part-time

	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Full-time	0	0	**n/a**		22,563	5,792	**25.7%**	**n/a**
Part-time	0	0	**n/a**		1,278	501	**39.2%**	**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.

By Gender*

Women

Men
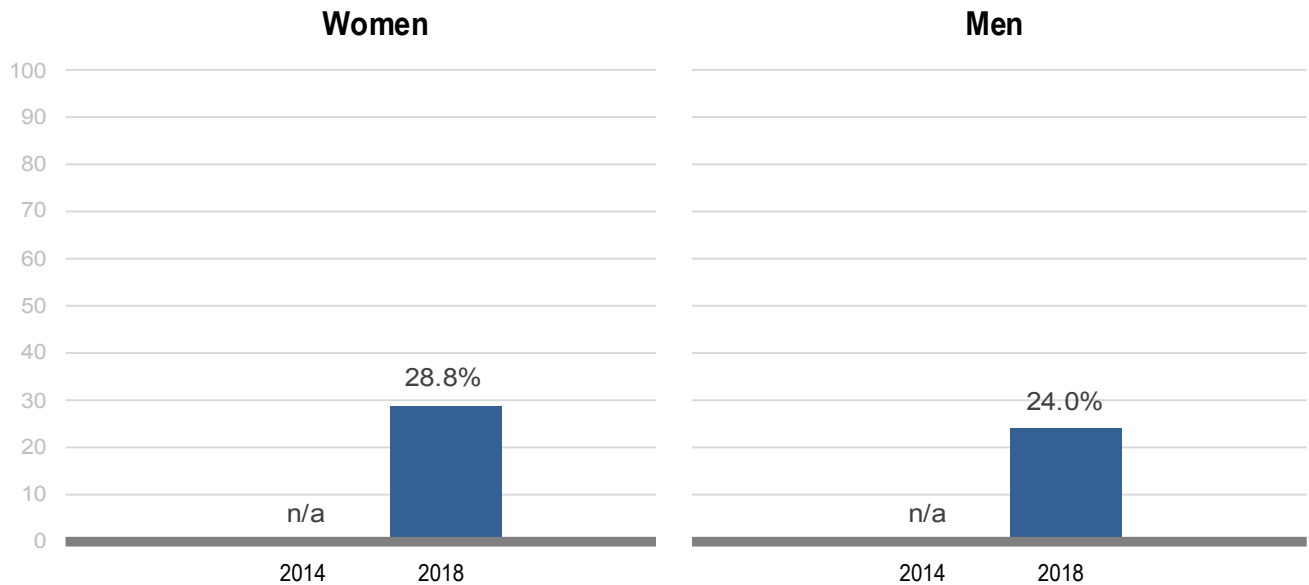
	2014				2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Women	0	0	**n/a**		11,973	3,444	**28.8%**	**n/a**
Men	0	0	**n/a**		11,766	2,827	**24.0%**	**n/a**
Unknown	22,094				102			

* 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.

By Race/Ethnicity*
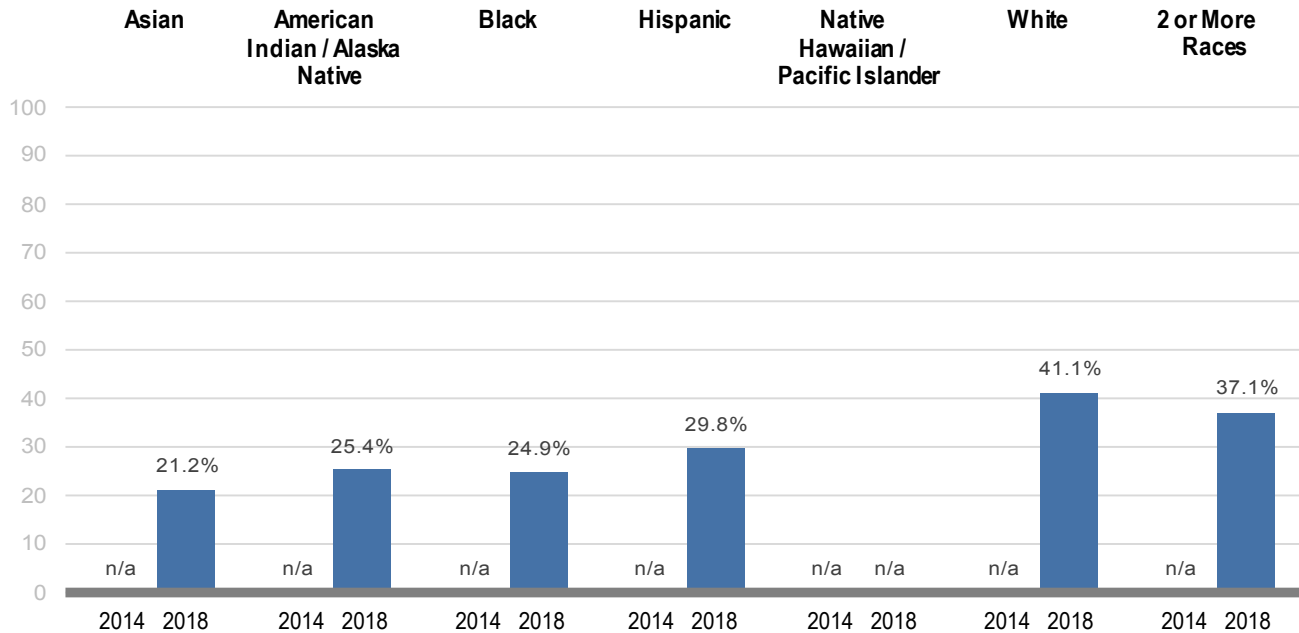
	2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Asian	0	0	**n/a**	3,470	734	**21.2%**	**n/a**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	**n/a**	67	17	**25.4%**	**n/a**
Black	0	0	**n/a**	1,236	308	**24.9%**	**n/a**
Hispanic	0	0	**n/a**	2,487	740	**29.8%**	**n/a**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	**n/a**	21	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
White	0	0	**n/a**	8,166	3,355	**41.1%**	**n/a**
2 or More Races	0	0	**n/a**	850	315	**37.1%**	**n/a**
Unknown	22,094			7,544			

* 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. For this page, we consider international students of unknown race/ethnicity.

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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.

	2014			**2018**			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	1,851	99	**5.4%**	1,924	476	**24.7%** ⬆	**19.4**
Architecture	781	36	**4.6%**	780	164	**21.0%** ⬆	**16.4**
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	149	16	**10.7%**	175	60	**34.3%** ⬆	**23.6**
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,322	165	**7.1%**	2,336	682	**29.2%** ⬆	**22.1**
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,301	237	**7.2%**	3,589	875	**24.4%** ⬆	**17.2**
Communication and Journalism	306	16	**5.2%**	299	91	**30.4%** ⬆	**25.2**
Computer and Information Sciences	892	29	**3.3%**	1,722	366	**21.3%** ⬆	**18.0**
Education	*	*	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	4,387	236	**5.4%**	4,434	1,073	**24.2%** ⬆	**18.8**
English Language and Literature	196	21	**10.7%**	165	57	**34.6%** ⬆	**23.8**
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	331	12	**3.6%**	404	128	**31.7%** ⬆	**28.1**
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	213	22	**10.3%**	216	71	**32.9%** ⬆	**22.5**
Health Professions	692	55	**8.0%**	799	238	**29.8%** ⬆	**21.8**
History	135	*	**n/a**	131	51	**38.9%**	**n/a**
Legal Professions and Studies	673	56	**8.3%**	750	179	**23.9%** ⬆	**15.6**
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,724	110	**6.4%**	1,965	519	**26.4%** ⬆	**20.0**
Mathematics and Statistics	269	13	**4.8%**	355	72	**20.3%** ⬆	**15.5**
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	715	122	**17.1%**	700	219	**31.3%** ⬆	**14.2**
Natural Resources and Conservation	339	33	**9.7%**	404	142	**35.2%** ⬆	**25.4**
Philosophy and Religious Studies	92	14	**15.2%**	82	21	**25.6%** ⬆	**10.4**
Physical Sciences	630	51	**8.1%**	628	183	**29.1%** ⬆	**21.0**
Psychology	184	10	**5.4%**	208	59	**28.4%** ⬆	**22.9**
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	417	29	**7.0%**	417	116	**27.8%** ⬆	**20.9**

Social Sciences	1,135	84	**7.4%**	1,091	375	**34.4%** ⬆	**27.0**
Visual and Performing Arts	340	27	**7.9%**	258	74	**28.7%** ⬆	**20.7**
Unknown	14	*	**n/a**	*	*	**n/a**	**n/a**

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