

**2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Wayne State 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](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

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Warm regards,  
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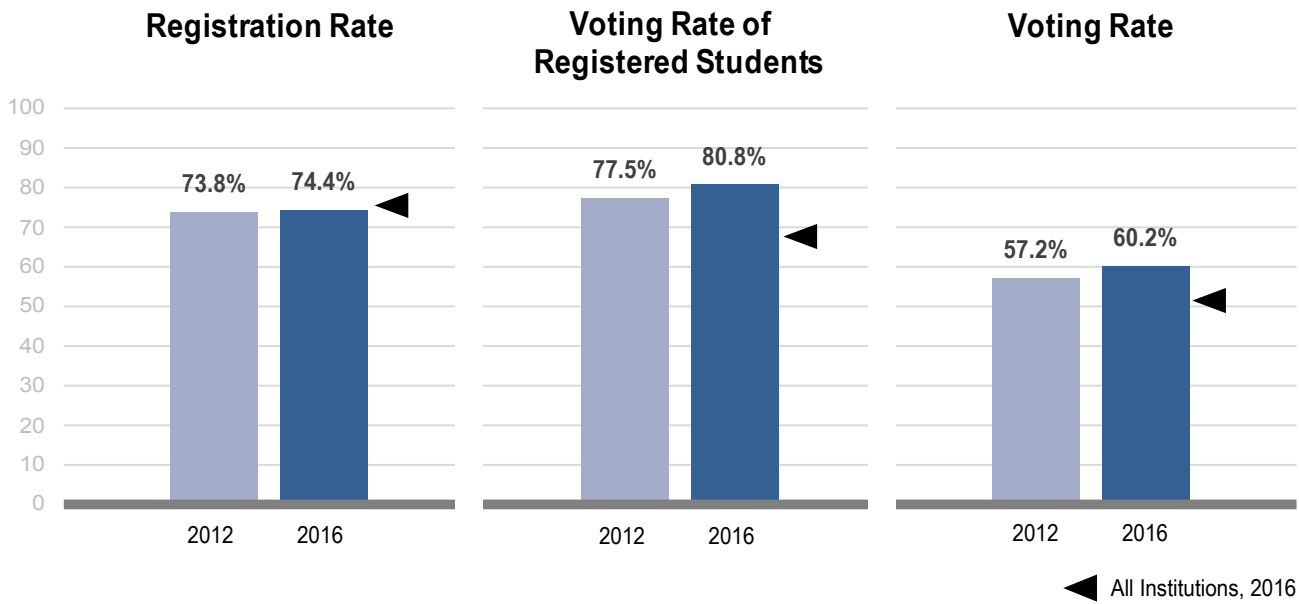
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2016 Voting Rate**  
**60.2%**

CHANGE FROM 2012  
**3.0**

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**50.4%**



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	26,066	23,809	↓ -2,257
Age under 18/Unknown	(193)	(236)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,442)	(2,101)	
FERPA records blocked	(482)	(212)	
Total eligible voters	23,949	21,260	↓ -2,689
Number of students who registered	17,677	15,819	↓ -1,858
Number of students who voted	13,691	12,788	↓ -903
Registration rate	73.8%	74.4%	↑ 0.6
Voting rate of registered students	77.5%	80.8%	↑ 3.4
Voting rate	57.2%	60.2%	↑ 3.0
Difference from all institutions	+10.3	+9.8	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

**2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**46.9%**

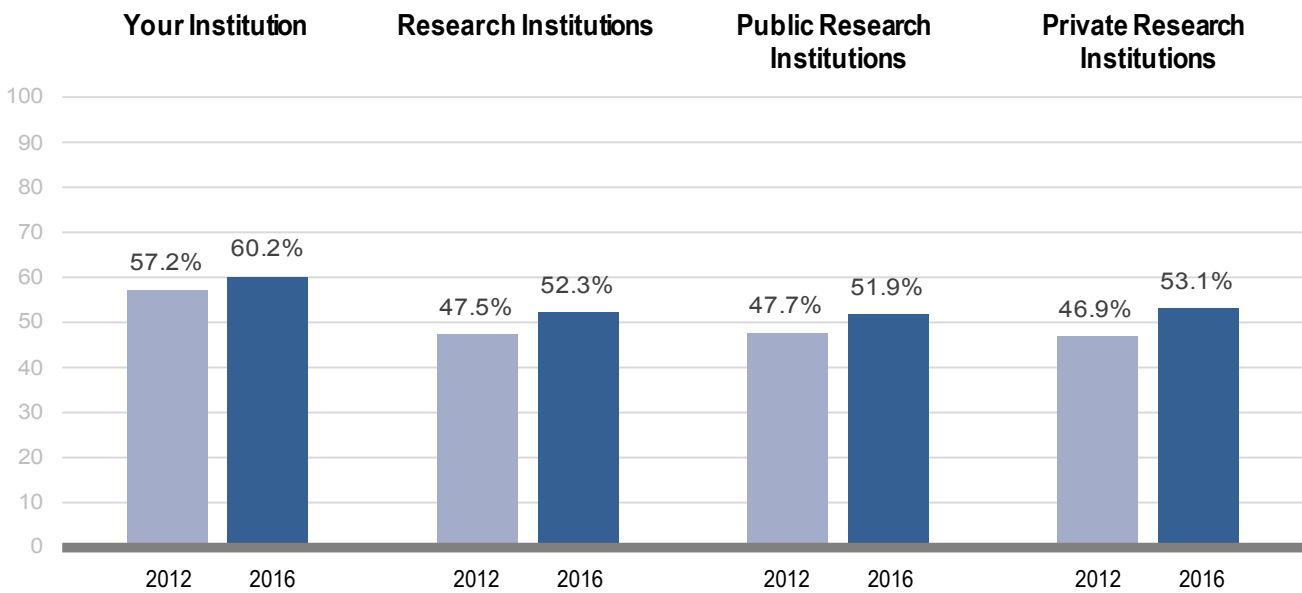
HIGH 72.9%  
 LOW 19.3%

**2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**50.4%**

HIGH 81.4%  
 LOW 13.1%

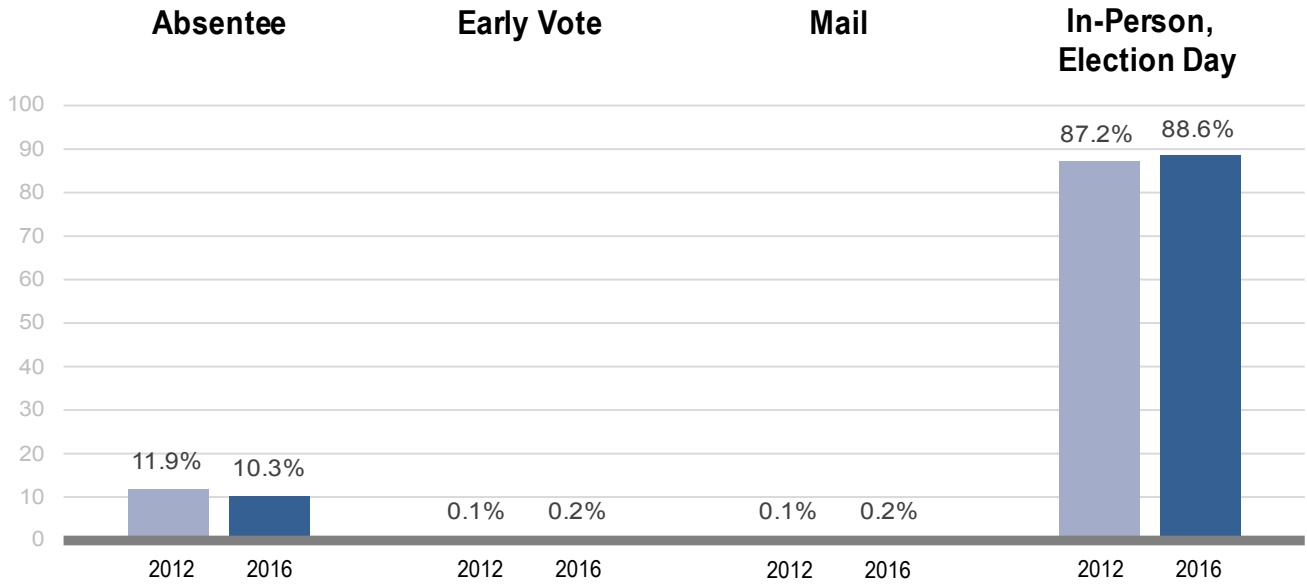
Difference from All Institutions **+10.3**

Difference from All Institutions **+9.8**



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# By Voting Method\*

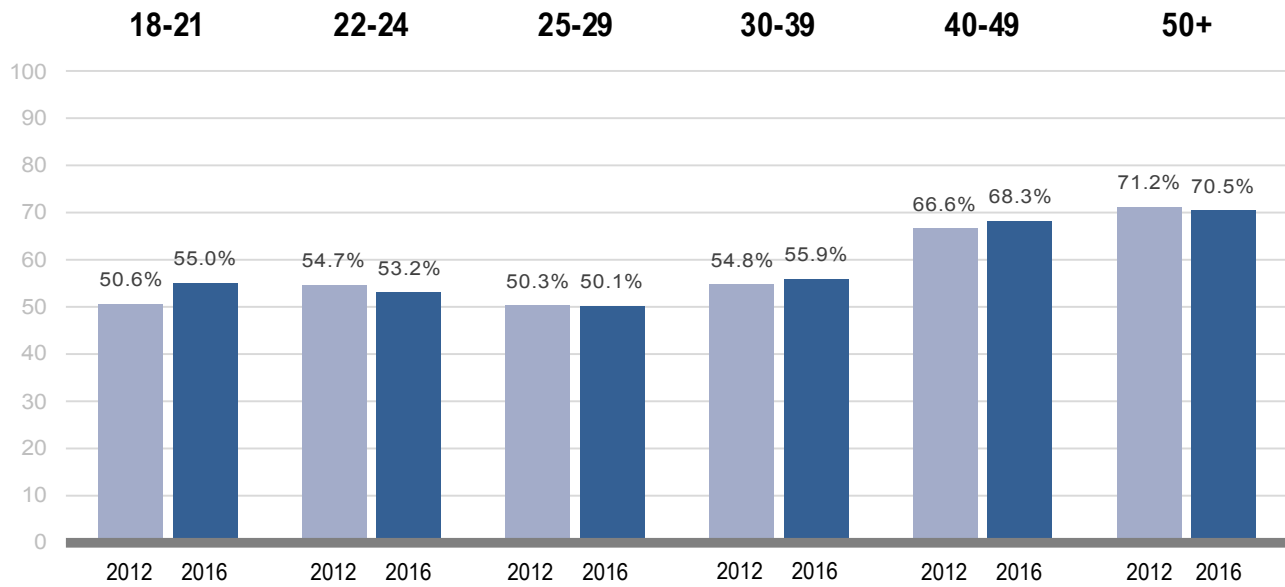


	2012		2016		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	1,632	11.9%	1,314	10.3%	↓	-1.6
Early Vote	14	0.1%	20	0.2%	↑	0.1
Mail	14	0.1%	22	0.2%	↑	0.1
In-Person, Election Day	11,944	87.2%	11,324	88.6%	↑	1.3
Unknown	87	0.6%	108	0.8%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,691</b>		<b>12,788</b>			

\* 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\*

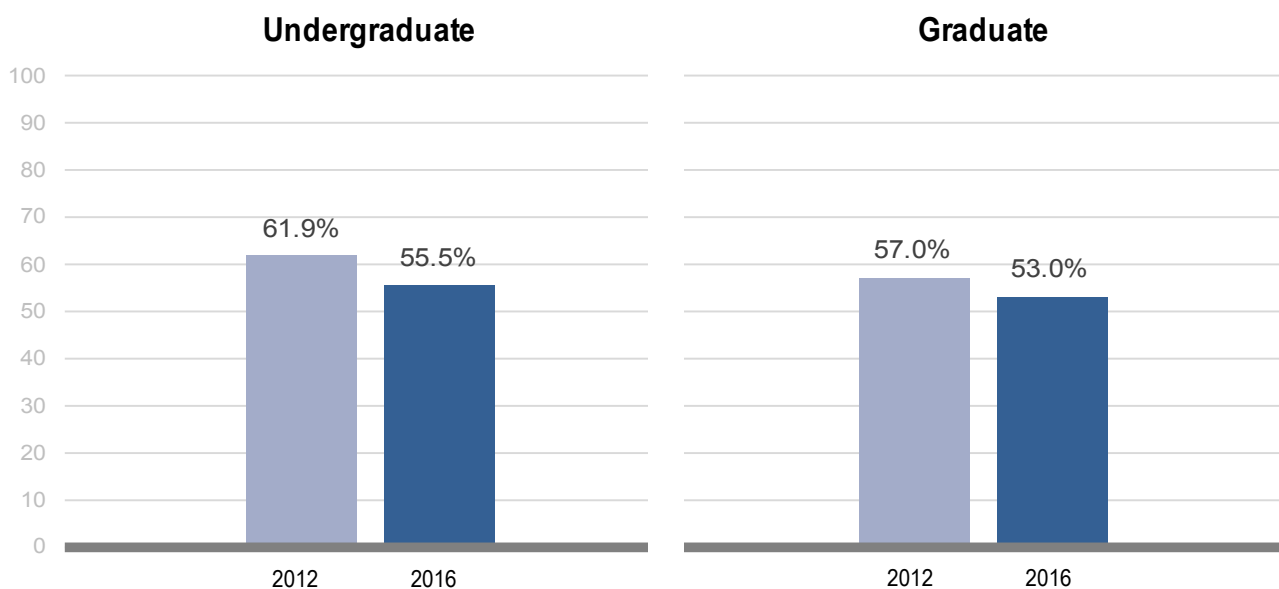


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	8,151	4,122	50.6%	7,915	4,349	55.0%	↑ 4.4
22-24	5,892	3,223	54.7%	5,622	2,989	53.2%	↓ -1.5
25-29	5,049	2,539	50.3%	4,951	2,479	50.1%	↓ -0.2
30-39	3,658	2,004	54.8%	3,001	1,677	55.9%	↑ 1.1
40-49	1,669	1,111	66.6%	1,150	785	68.3%	↑ 1.7
50+	972	692	71.2%	722	509	70.5%	↓ -0.7
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\*

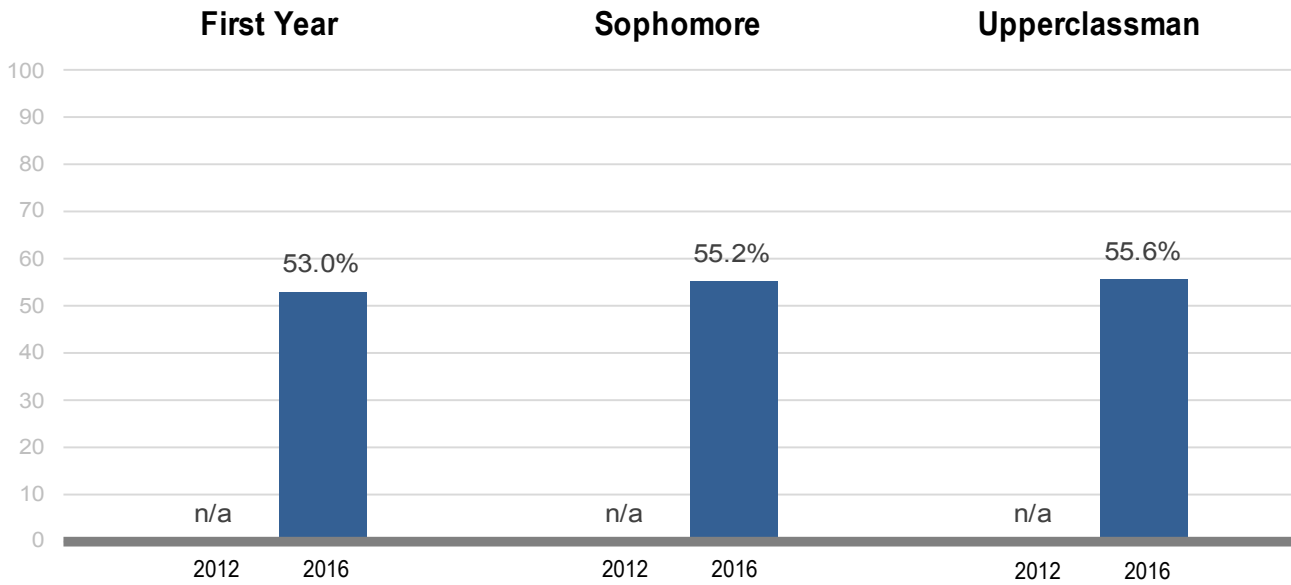


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	533	330	<b>61.9%</b>	16,045	8,908	<b>55.5%</b>	↓ <b>-6.4</b>
Graduate	291	166	<b>57.0%</b>	7,304	3,874	<b>53.0%</b>	↓ <b>-4.0</b>
Unknown	24,567			12			

\* 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\*



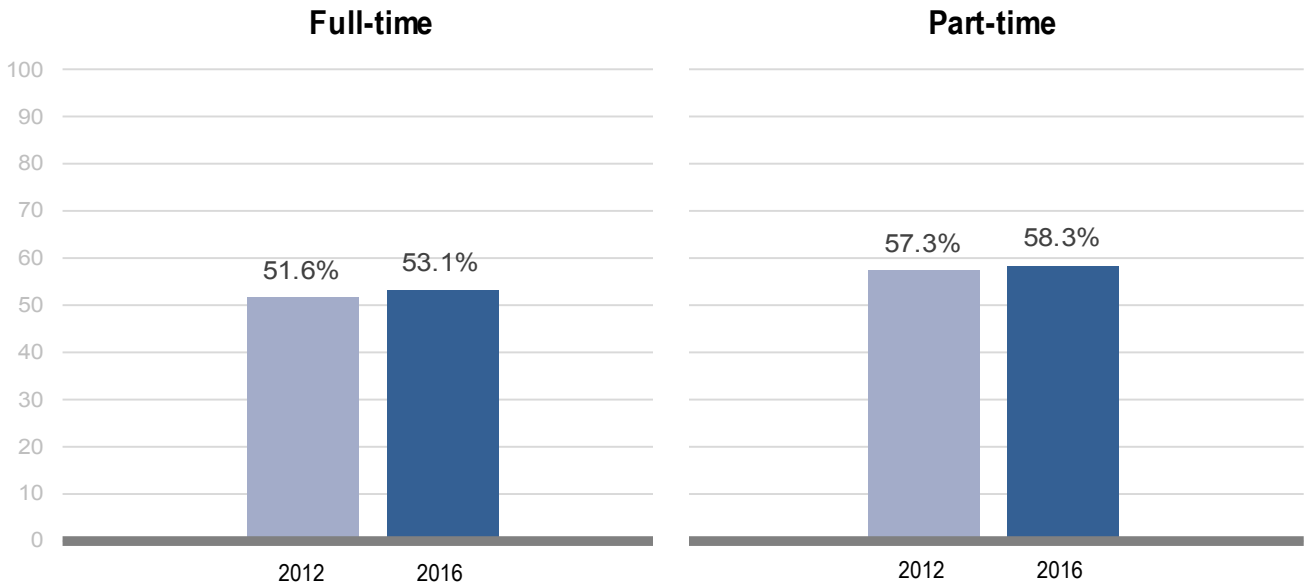
	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	0	0	n/a	3,407	1,805	53.0%	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	2,595	1,433	55.2%	n/a
Upperclassman	0	0	n/a	9,308	5,176	55.6%	n/a

\* 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\*

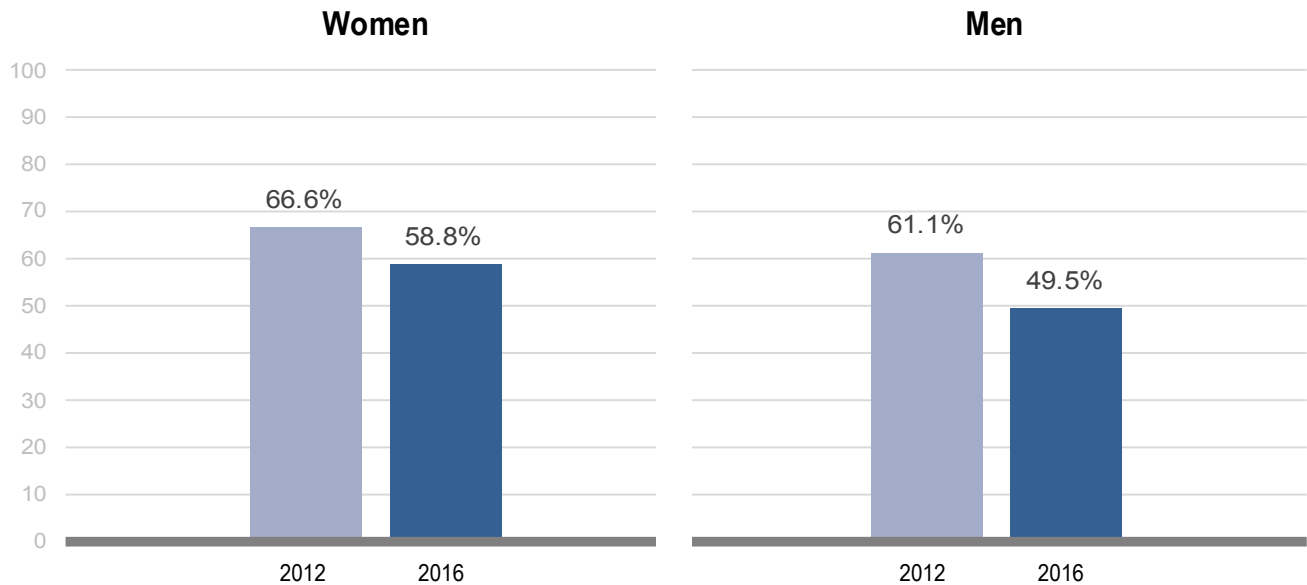


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	15,057	7,770	51.6%	15,920	8,450	53.1%	↑ 1.5
Part-time	10,334	5,921	57.3%	7,441	4,338	58.3%	↑ 1.0
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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\*

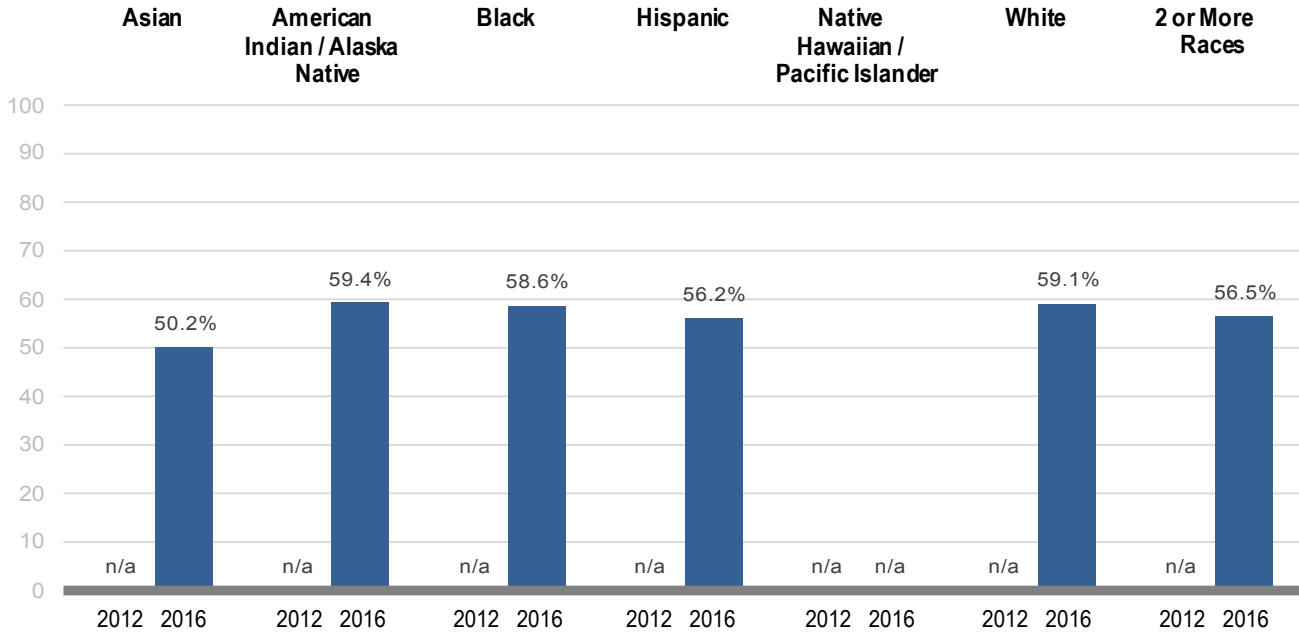


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	12,731	8,476	<b>66.6%</b>	13,171	7,748	<b>58.8%</b>	↓ <b>-7.8</b>
Men	8,521	5,209	<b>61.1%</b>	10,190	5,040	<b>49.5%</b>	↓ <b>-11.7</b>
Unknown	4,139	*	<b>n/a</b>	0	0	<b>n/a</b>	

\* 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	0	0	n/a	1,695	850	50.2%	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	64	38	59.4%	n/a
Black	0	0	n/a	3,869	2,268	58.6%	n/a
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	1,041	585	56.2%	n/a
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	19	*	n/a	n/a
White	0	0	n/a	13,769	8,131	59.1%	n/a
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	790	446	56.5%	n/a
Unknown	25,391			845			

\* 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.

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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	0	0	n/a	54	37	68.5%	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	0	0	n/a	75	39	52.0%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	17	10	58.8%	1,792	944	52.7% ↓	-6.1
Business, Management, and Marketing	149	82	55.0%	3,341	1,805	54.0% ↓	-1.0
Communication and Journalism	31	19	61.3%	672	413	61.5% ↑	0.2
Computer and Information Sciences	18	*	n/a	694	308	44.4%	n/a
Education	76	53	69.7%	2,115	1,324	62.6% ↓	-7.1
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	87	43	49.4%	2,469	990	40.1% ↓	-9.3
English Language and Literature	*	*	n/a	312	194	62.2%	n/a
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	23	12	52.2%	513	272	53.0% ↑	0.8
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	0	0	n/a	173	113	65.3%	n/a
Health Professions	83	53	63.9%	2,636	1,414	53.6% ↓	-10.2
History	10	*	n/a	134	86	64.2%	n/a
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	28	14	50.0%	390	188	48.2% ↓	-1.8
Legal Professions and Studies	16	*	n/a	413	289	70.0%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	1,366	734	53.7%	n/a
Library Science	25	18	72.0%	433	345	79.7% ↑	7.7
Mathematics and Statistics	*	*	n/a	164	83	50.6%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	33	22	66.7%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	*	*	n/a	85	54	63.5%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	0	0	n/a	103	57	55.3%	n/a
Personal and Culinary Services	0	0	n/a	31	17	54.8%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	0	0	n/a	54	29	53.7%	n/a

Physical Sciences	0	0	n/a	837	363	43.4%	n/a
Psychology	56	33	58.9%	1,442	770	53.4% ↓	-5.5
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	30	23	76.7%	1,080	708	65.6% ↓	-11.1
Social Sciences	21	15	71.4%	892	534	59.9% ↓	-11.6
Visual and Performing Arts	31	23	74.2%	1,003	623	62.1% ↓	-12.1
Unknown	24,669	13,252	53.7%	55	33	60.0% ↑	6.3

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](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

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