

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Sierra College

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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

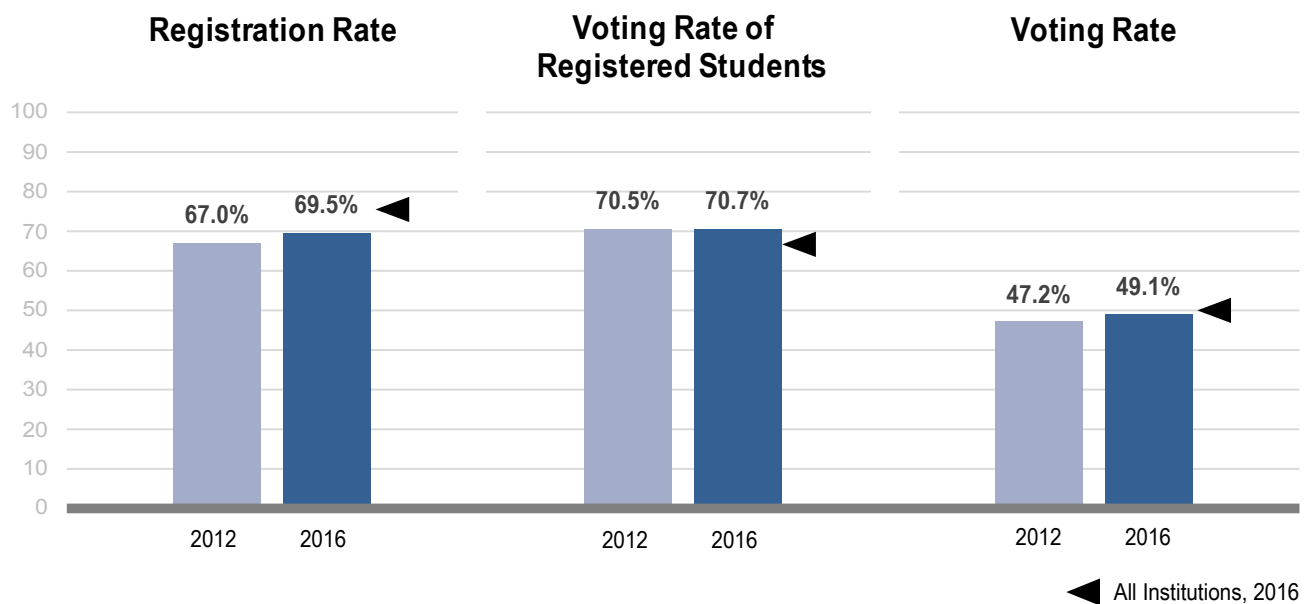
49.1%

CHANGE
FROM 2012

1.9

2016 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	17,705	15,969	↓ -1,736
Age under 18/Unknown	(516)	(198)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(169)	(156)	
FERPA records blocked	(11)	*	
Total eligible voters	17,009	15,612	↓ -1,397
Number of students who registered	11,390	10,852	↓ -538
Number of students who voted	8,032	7,669	↓ -363
Registration rate	67.0%	69.5%	↑ 2.6
Voting rate of registered students	70.5%	70.7%	↑ 0.2
Voting rate	47.2%	49.1%	↑ 1.9
Difference from all institutions	+0.3	-1.3	

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%

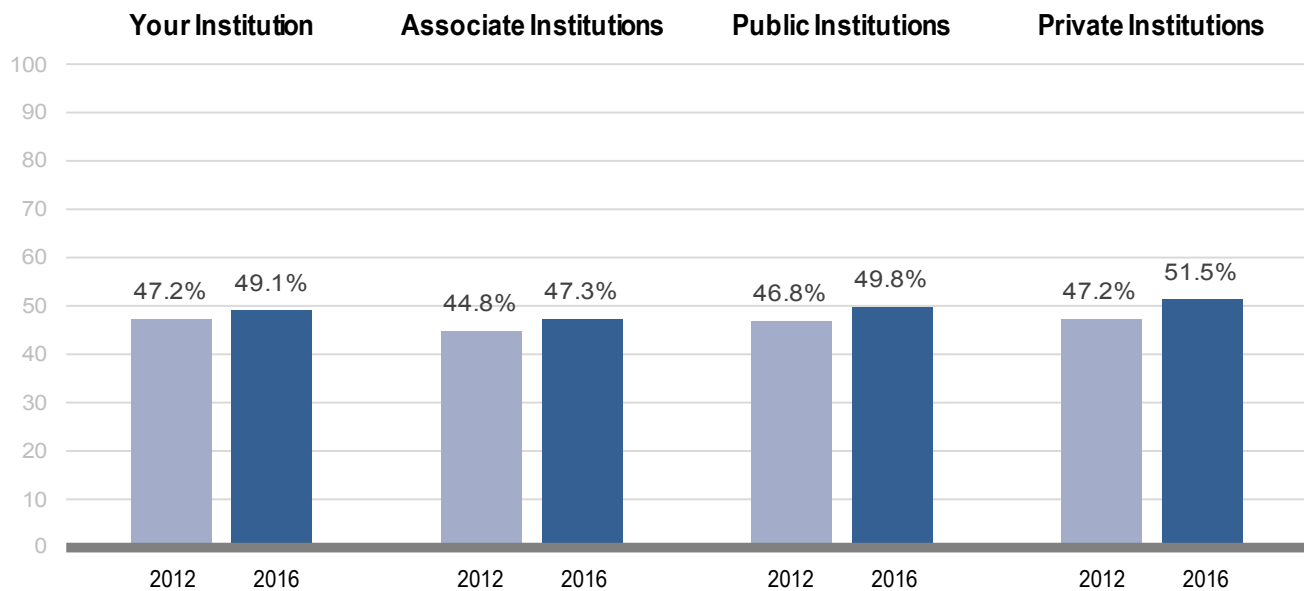
HIGH
81.4%LOW
13.1%

Difference from All Institutions

+0.3

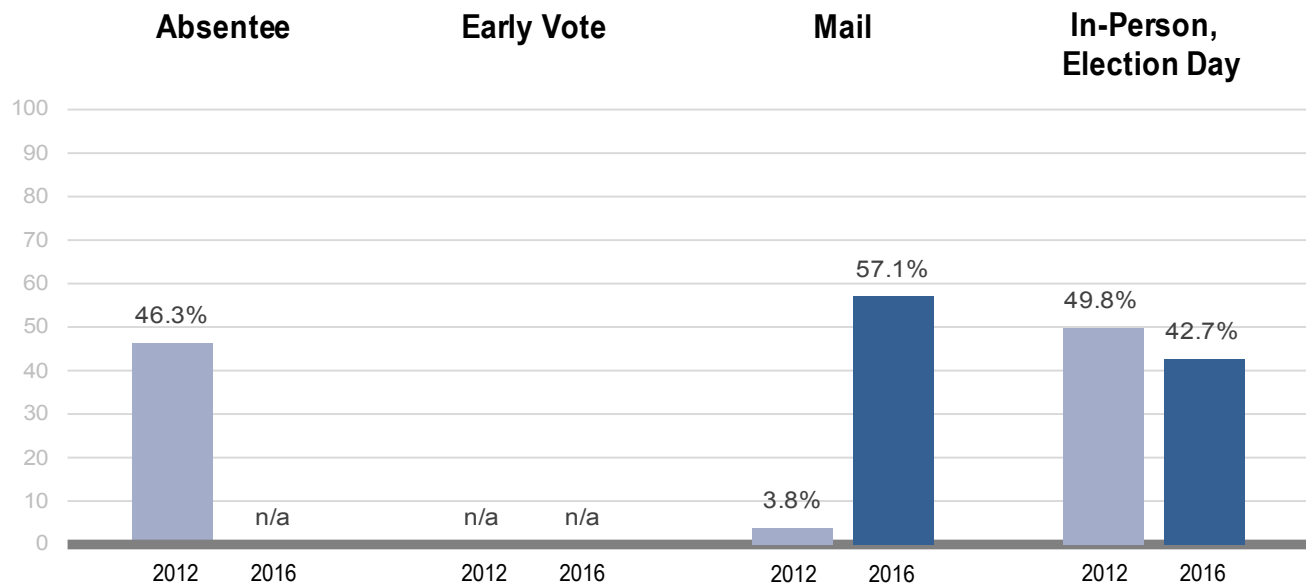
Difference from All Institutions

-1.3



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By Voting Method*

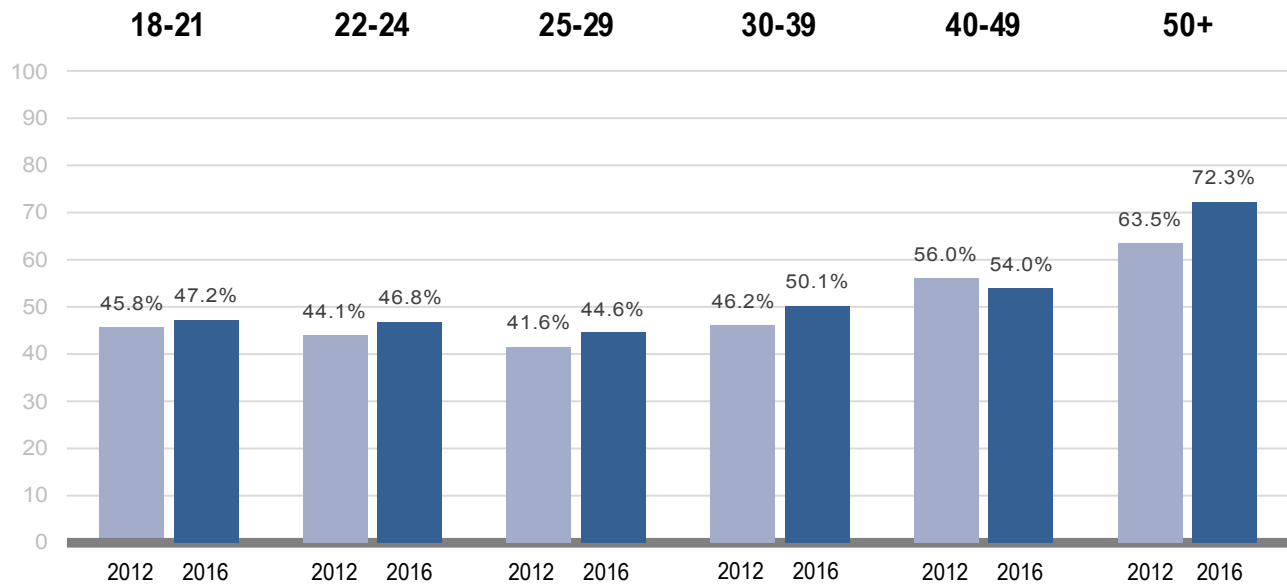


	2012		2016		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	3,719	46.3%	*	n/a		n/a
Early Vote	*	n/a	*	n/a		n/a
Mail	305	3.8%	4,382	57.1%	↑	53.3
In-Person, Election Day	4,002	49.8%	3,276	42.7%	↓	-7.1
Unknown	*	n/a	*	n/a		
Total	8,032		7,669			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Age Group*

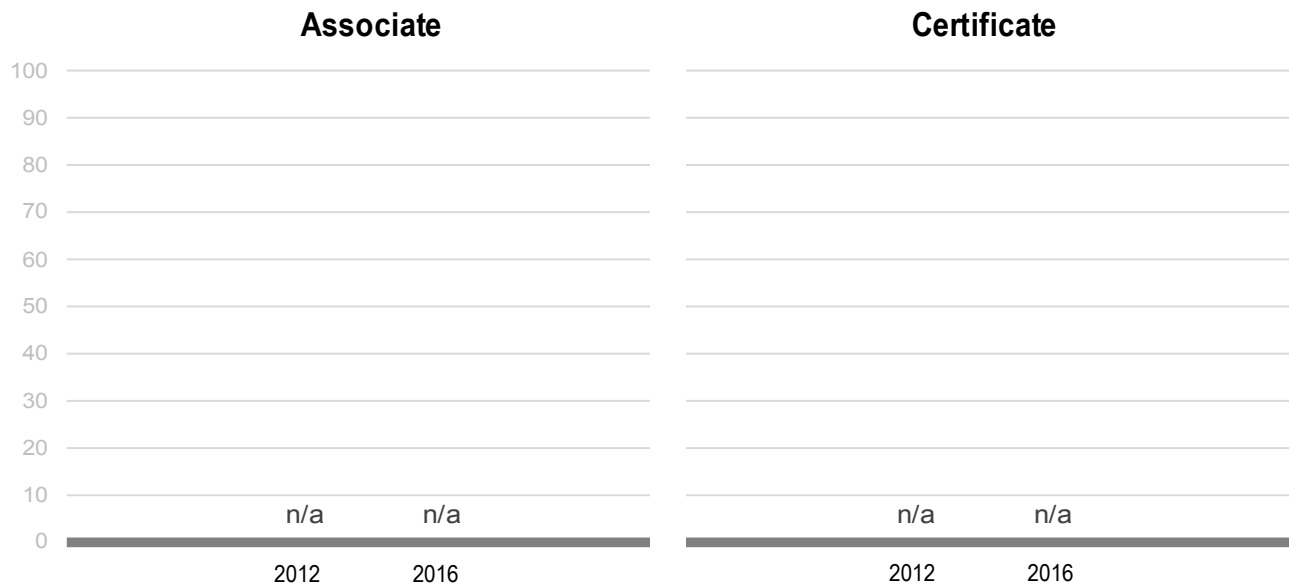


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	8,435	3,859	45.8%	8,051	3,797	47.2%	↑ 1.4
22-24	2,590	1,141	44.1%	2,425	1,134	46.8%	↑ 2.7
25-29	2,072	861	41.6%	2,016	900	44.6%	↑ 3.1
30-39	1,931	892	46.2%	1,736	870	50.1%	↑ 3.9
40-49	1,145	641	56.0%	794	429	54.0%	↓ -2.0
50+	1,005	638	63.5%	746	539	72.3%	↑ 8.8
Unknown	0			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 | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Program of Study*

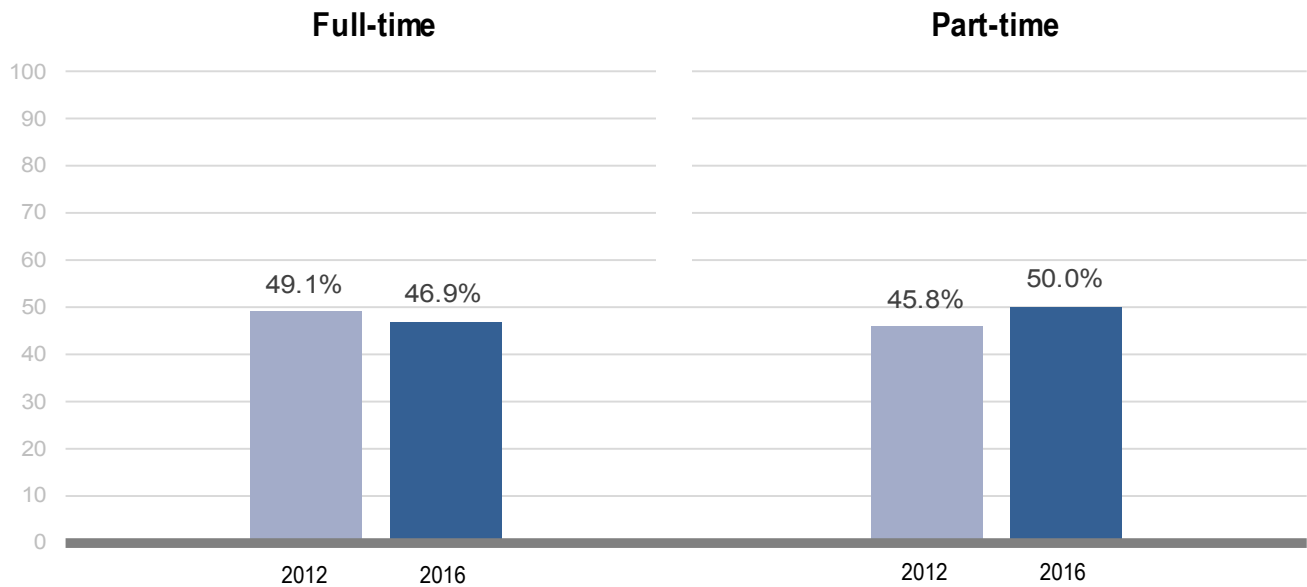


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Associate	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Certificate	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a

* 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 Enrollment Status*

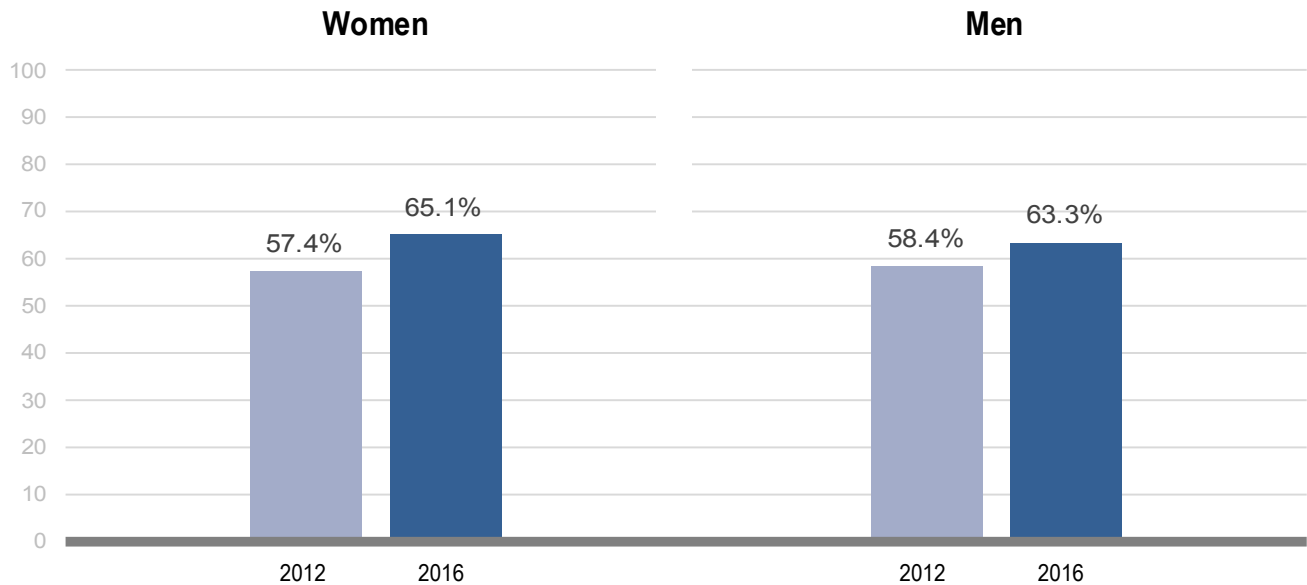


	2012			2016			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	4,838	2,375	49.1%	6,979	3,272	46.9%	↓	-2.2
Part-time	12,340	5,657	45.8%	8,789	4,397	50.0%	↑	4.2
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Gender*



	2012			2016			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	7,406	4,249	57.4%	6,210	4,043	65.1%	↑	7.7
Men	6,302	3,681	58.4%	5,521	3,493	63.3%	↑	4.9
Unknown	3,470	102	2.9%	4,037	133	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.

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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	135	64	47.4%	113	64	56.6% ↑	9.2
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	15	*	n/a	15	10	66.7%	n/a
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	0	0	n/a	40	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	641	304	47.4%	964	478	49.6% ↑	2.2
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,825	789	43.2%	2,561	1,126	44.0% ↑	0.7
Communication and Journalism	203	110	54.2%	391	189	48.3% ↓	-5.8
Communications Technologies/Technicians	229	136	59.4%	246	140	56.9% ↓	-2.5
Computer and Information Sciences	431	218	50.6%	913	452	49.5% ↓	-1.1
Construction Trades	16	*	n/a	77	32	41.6%	n/a
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	581	277	47.7%	803	365	45.5% ↓	-2.2
English Language and Literature	287	126	43.9%	276	145	52.5% ↑	8.6
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	510	216	42.4%	702	333	47.4% ↑	5.1
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	68	38	55.9%	115	55	47.8% ↓	-8.1
Health Professions	994	436	43.9%	1,838	756	41.1% ↓	-2.7
History	137	82	59.9%	205	134	65.4% ↑	5.5
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	748	365	48.8%	1,135	546	48.1% ↓	-0.7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	320	164	51.3%	418	236	56.5% ↑	5.2
Library Science	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	88	47	53.4%	120	60	50.0% ↓	-3.4
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	91	30	33.0%	303	138	45.5% ↑	12.6
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	222	104	46.9%	321	157	48.9% ↑	2.1
Natural Resources and Conservation	64	35	54.7%	137	83	60.6% ↑	5.9
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	286	124	43.4%	497	215	43.3% ↓	-0.1

Philosophy and Religious Studies	31	20	64.5%	60	33	55.0% ↓	-9.5
Physical Sciences	83	49	59.0%	228	109	47.8% ↓	-11.2
Precision Production	14	*	n/a	72	36	50.0%	n/a
Psychology	605	295	48.8%	900	466	51.8% ↑	3.0
Social Sciences	491	256	52.1%	1,570	894	56.9% ↑	4.8
Visual and Performing Arts	604	329	54.5%	734	402	54.8% ↑	0.3
Unknown	7,454	3,395	45.6%	14	*	n/a	n/a

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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