

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), housed at the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life, Tufts University. Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 850 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. With others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 7.5 million college student records that is already serving as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

NSLVE has recently published several resources including:

- ❑ *Talking Politics*: A tool for conversations on your campus regarding how to use the NSLVE report to spark change.
- ❑ *Democracy Matters: A Guide to Non-Statutory Barriers to Voting*: In this guide, we identify sometimes-hidden barriers students might face when registering to vote or voting, and strategies to overcome them.
- ❑ *National Data*: We have published data about the national landscape for college student political engagement including breakdowns by field of study and region.

Looking Ahead

Over the coming months, NSLVE will be releasing additional tools and resources that you can use to increase political learning and engagement in democracy on your campus. Here is a preview of some of this work.

- ❑ *Comparison Data*: We'll continue to aggregate comparison data for groups of participating campuses.
- ❑ *Case Studies*: We will be sharing the findings from our studies of campus climates for student political learning and engagement in democracy.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data and resources, visit: ActiveCitizen.tufts.edu/IDHE

NSLVE encourages campuses to share their data as broadly as possible, including posting your campus report. When doing so please reference, *Institute for Democracy and Higher Education National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement* as the data source.

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 Catalist.

Using enrollment records submitted on a date closest to the election, we removed students under age 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). Please note that students who blocked the use of their information under FERPA were also removed from the enrollment lists.

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 non-resident aliens. We cannot adjust for resident aliens. 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
- = no data was collected for this field

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

Your Students' Voting and Registration Rates

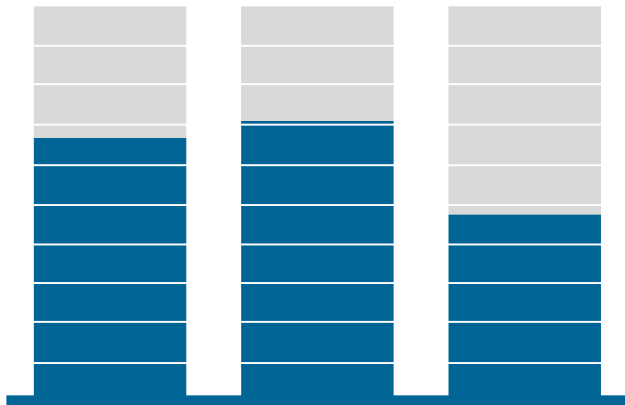
2012 Voting Rate

47%

2014 Voting Rate

19%

2012 Presidential Election

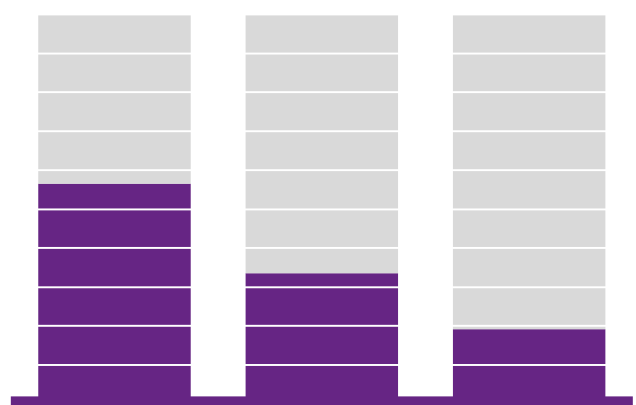


66.6%
Registration Rate

70.9%
Rate of Registered Students who Voted

47.2%
Voting Rate

2014 Midterm Election



56.4%
Registration Rate

33.2%
Rate of Registered Students who Voted

18.7%
Voting Rate

Total student enrollment	17,705
Ineligible to vote because too young	516
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	169
FERPA records blocked	11
Number of students who registered	11,331
Number of students who voted	8,032

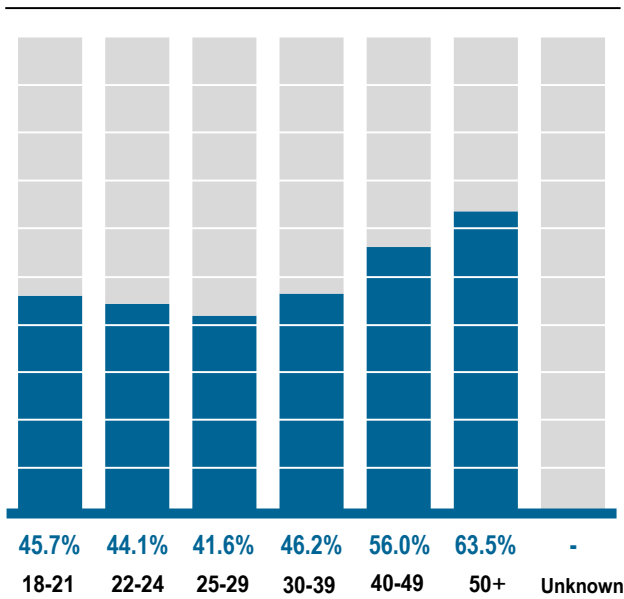
Total student enrollment	17,321
Ineligible to vote because too young	526
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	153
FERPA records blocked	12
Number of students who registered	9,375
Number of students who voted	3,116

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

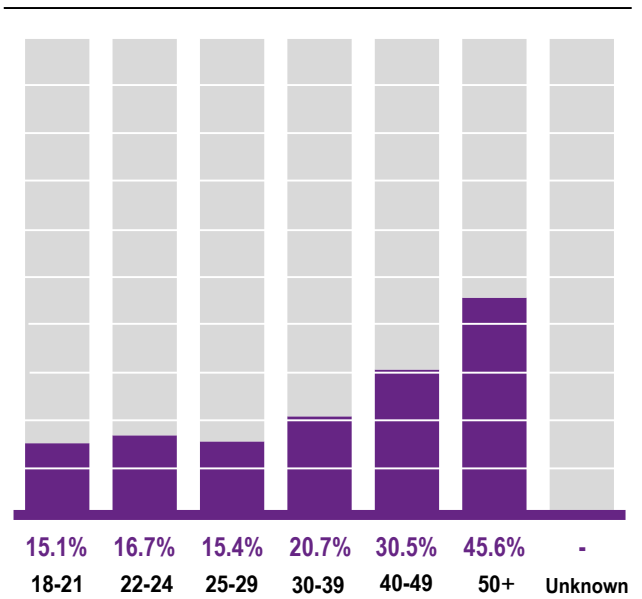
BY AGE GROUP

Your students' data broken down by age at the time of the election. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election



AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	8,435	3,859
22-24	2,590	1,141
25-29	2,072	861
30-39	1,931	892
40-49	1,145	641
50+	1,005	638
Unknown	-	-

AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	8,298	1,251
22-24	2,660	445
25-29	2,052	317
30-39	1,897	393
40-49	969	296
50+	907	414
Unknown	-	-

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY FIELD OF STUDY

Your students' data broken down by field of study. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

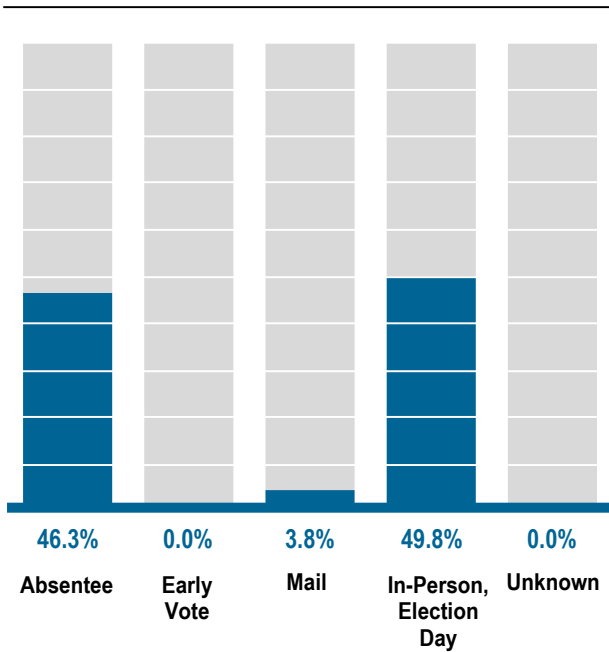
	2012 Presidential Election			2014 Midterm Election		
	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout
Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences	135	64	47.4%	193	36	18.7%
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	641	304	47.4%	1,005	178	17.7%
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support	1,825	789	43.2%	2,792	465	16.7%
Communications, Journalism, and Related Programs	203	110	54.2%	296	56	18.9%
Computer and Information and Library Sciences	436	222	50.9%	778	152	19.5%
Education	-	-	-	-	-	-
Engineering	291	146	50.2%	502	89	17.7%
Health Professions and Related Sciences, Knowledge, and Skills	994	436	43.9%	1,538	195	12.7%
Humanities	523	266	50.9%	726	122	16.8%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and General Studies	320	164	51.3%	367	73	19.9%
Mathematics and Statistics	88	47	53.4%	119	30	25.2%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	237	112	47.3%	327	61	18.7%
Parks and Recreation	286	124	43.4%	476	60	12.6%
Physical Sciences	147	84	57.1%	345	83	24.1%
Professions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Psychology, Personal Awareness, and Self-Improvement	605	295	48.8%	870	127	14.6%
Social Sciences	491	256	52.1%	2,647	617	23.3%
Technologies/Technicians	610	297	48.7%	950	214	22.5%
Trades	1,288	592	46.0%	1,955	350	17.9%
Visual and Performing Arts	604	329	54.5%	871	203	23.3%
Unknown	7,454	3,395	45.5%	26	*	19.2%

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY VOTING METHOD

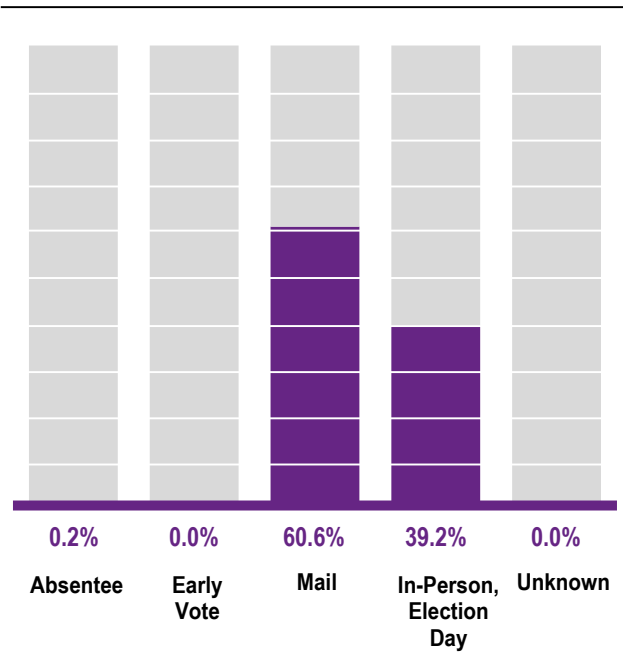
Your students' data broken down by voting method. If your campus has a high percentage of "unknown" voting methods, it means that this information is not reported by local officials.

2012 Presidential Election



VOTING METHOD	VOTED
Absentee	3,719
Early Vote	*
Mail	305
In-Person, Election Day	4,002
Unknown	*
Total	8,032

2014 Midterm Election



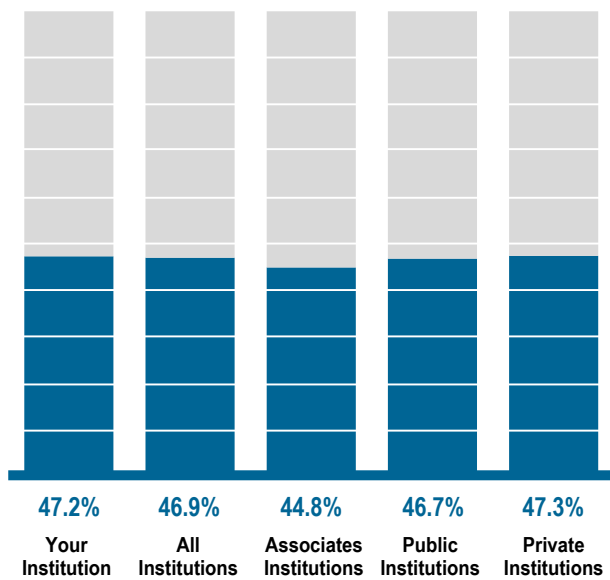
VOTING METHOD	VOTED
Absentee	*
Early Vote	*
Mail	1,889
In-Person, Election Day	1,220
Unknown	*
Total	3,116

How Your Institutions' Numbers Compare

BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

See how your campus voting rate compares to others in your institution's Carnegie classification. This comparison data allows your campus to understand your voting rate in the context of similar institutions.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election

