

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Mesa Community 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, 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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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at [NSLVE@tufts.edu](mailto:NSLVE@tufts.edu).

Warm regards,

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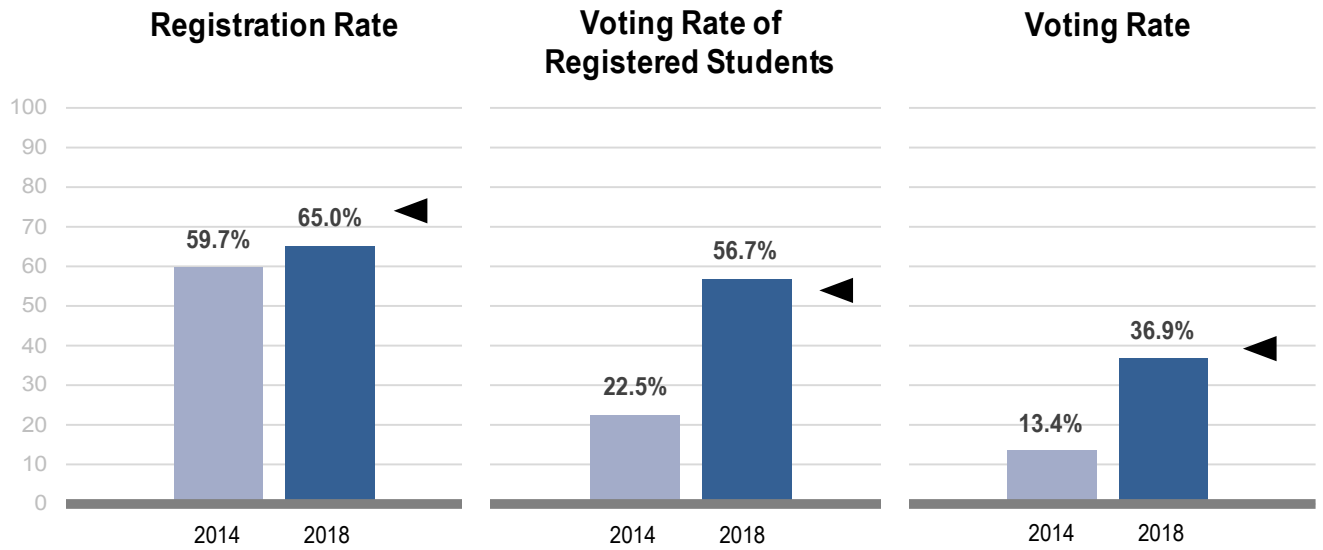
**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

# Voting and Registration Rates

**2018 Voting Rate**  
**36.9%**

CHANGE FROM 2014  
**+23.4**

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**39.1%**



◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	19,588	17,072	↓ -2,516
Age under 18/Unknown	(105)	(189)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(333)	(296)	
FERPA records blocked	(5,133)	(3,655)	
Total eligible voters	14,017	12,932	↓ -1,085
Number of students who registered	8,374	8,400	↑ 26
Number of students who voted	1,882	4,766	↑ 2,884
Registration rate	59.7%	65.0%	↑ 5.2
Voting rate of registered students	22.5%	56.7%	↑ 34.3
Voting rate	13.4%	36.9%	↑ 23.4
Difference from all institutions	-6.3	-2.2	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

**2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**19.7%**

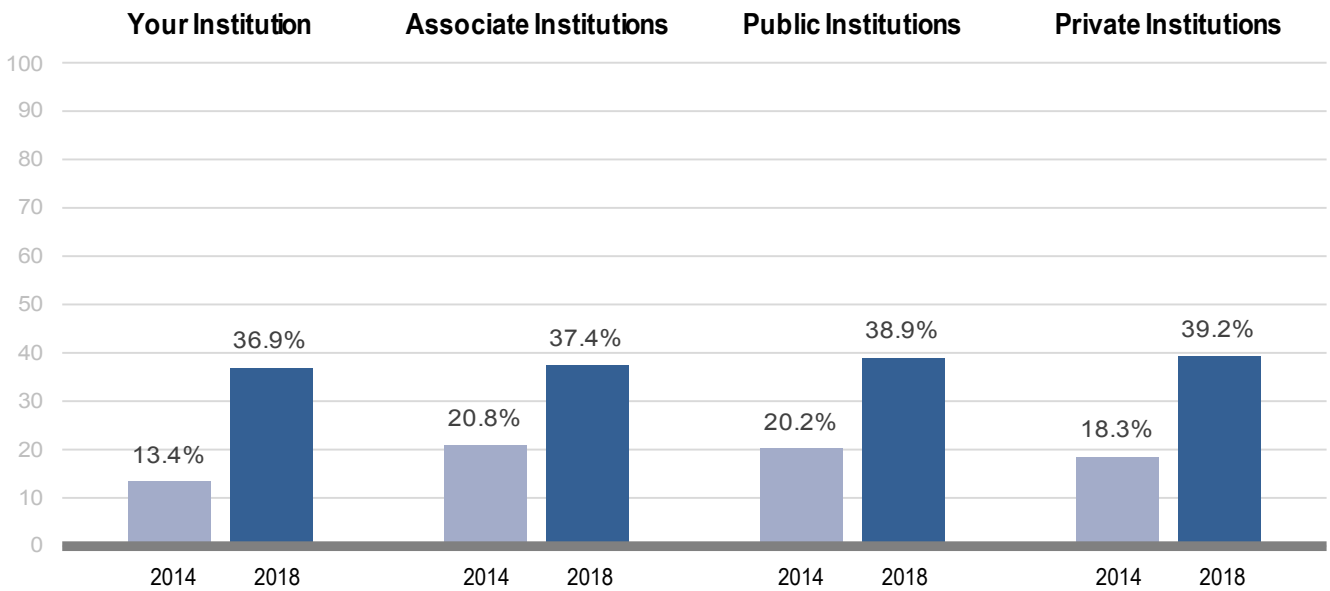
HIGH 54.0%  
 LOW 1.5%

**2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**39.1%**

HIGH 64.1%  
 LOW 11.5%

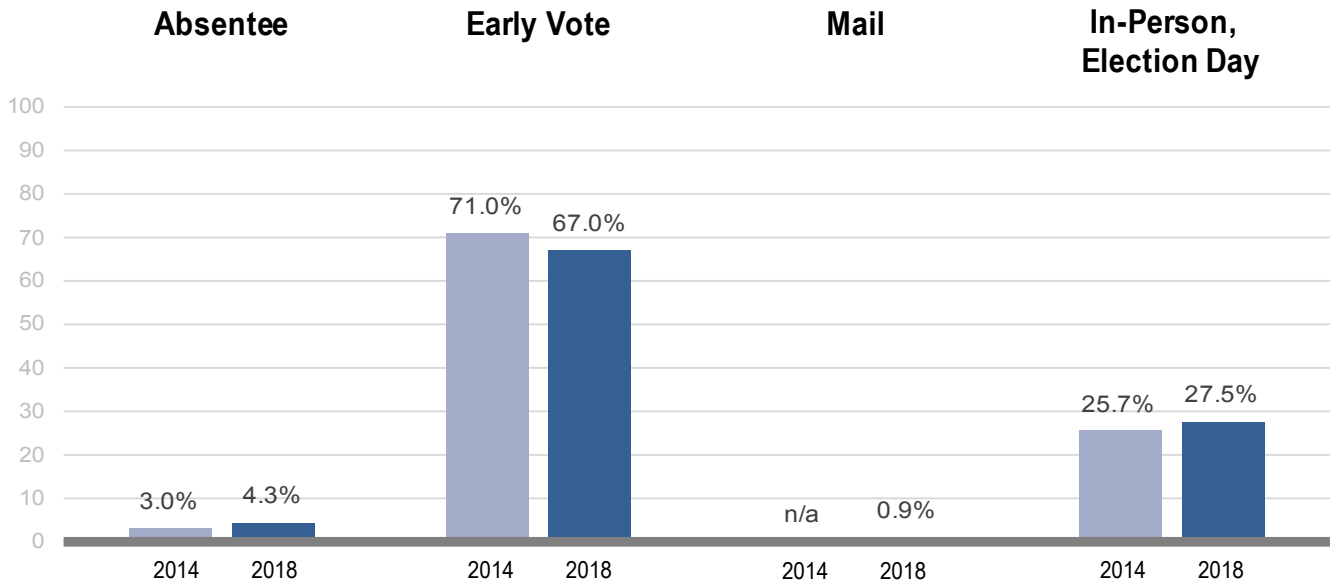
Difference from All Institutions **-6.3**

Difference from All Institutions **-2.2**



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# By Voting Method\*

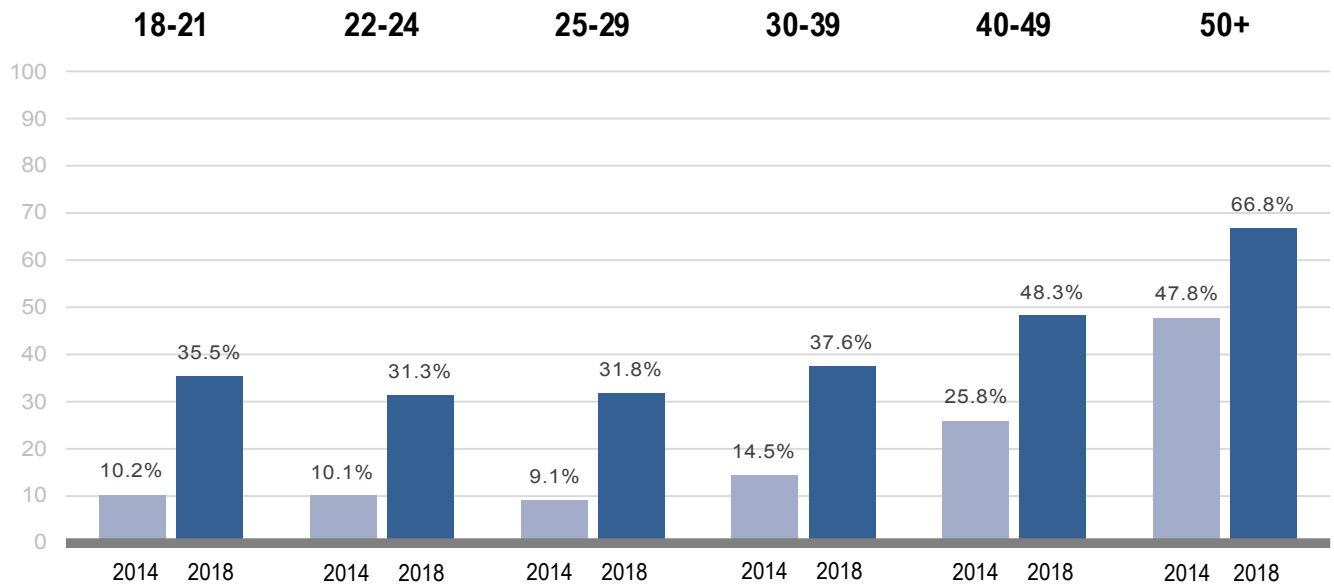


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	57	3.0%	207	4.3%	↑ 1.3
Early Vote	1,337	71.0%	3,194	67.0%	↓ -4.0
Mail	0	n/a	44	0.9%	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	483	25.7%	1,311	27.5%	↑ 1.9
Unknown	*	n/a	10	0.2%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,882</b>		<b>4,766</b>		

\* 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\*

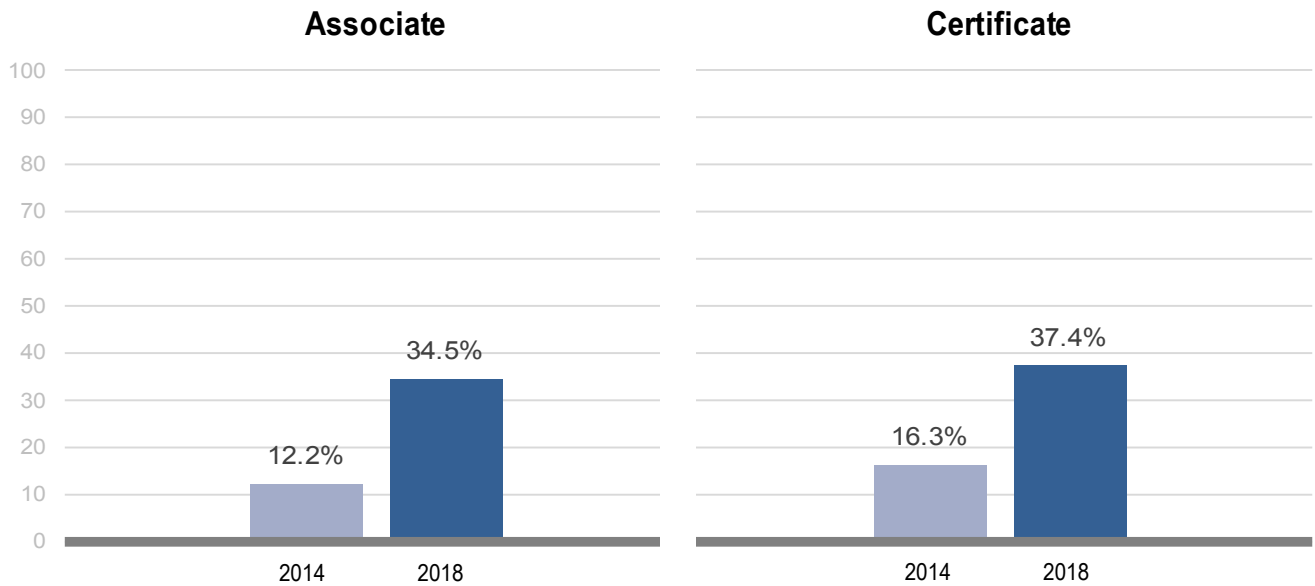


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	5,777	587	10.2%	6,030	2,138	35.5%	↑ 25.3
22-24	2,677	269	10.1%	2,428	760	31.3%	↑ 21.3
25-29	2,447	222	9.1%	2,150	683	31.8%	↑ 22.7
30-39	1,958	283	14.5%	1,585	596	37.6%	↑ 23.2
40-49	869	224	25.8%	553	267	48.3%	↑ 22.5
50+	622	297	47.8%	482	322	66.8%	↑ 19.1
Unknown	*			*			

\* 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 Program of Study\*

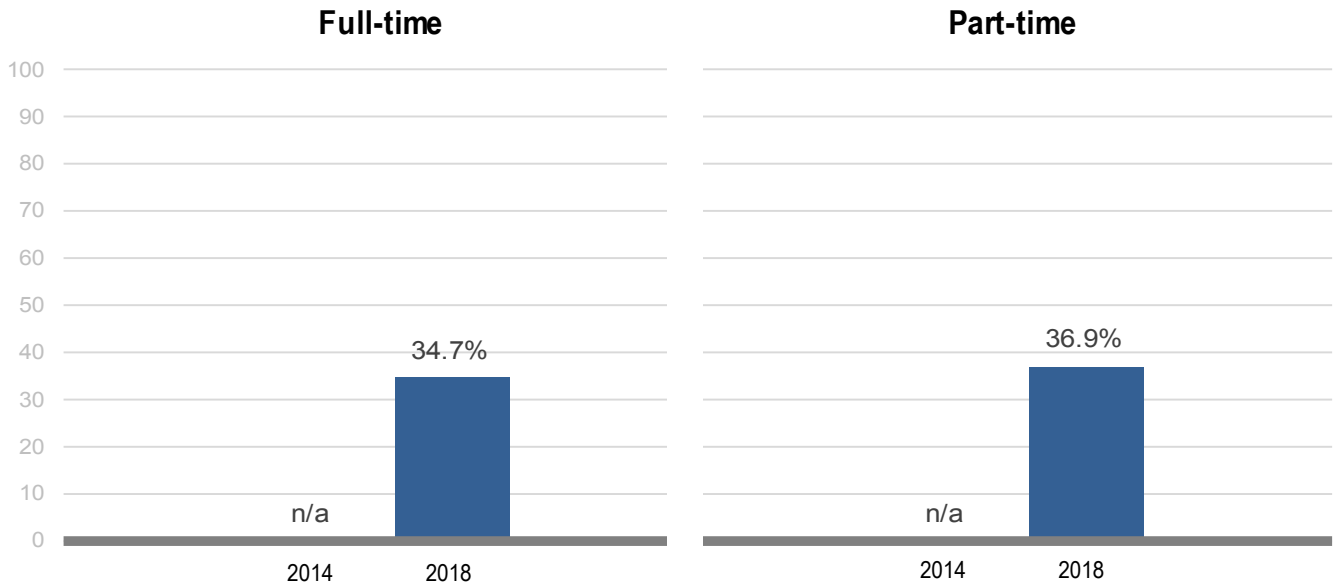


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Associate	11,740	1,427	12.2%	10,451	3,601	34.5%	↑ 22.3
Certificate	472	77	16.3%	597	223	37.4%	↑ 21.0

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# By Enrollment Status\*



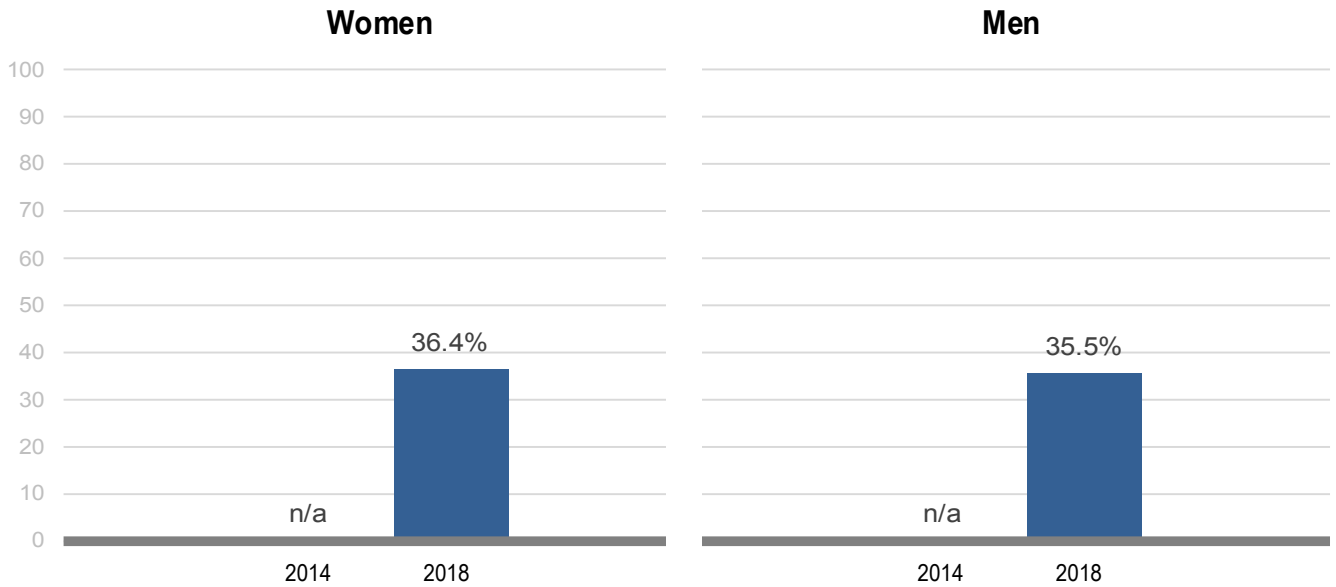
	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	0	0	n/a	5,090	1,766	34.7%	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	8,138	3,000	36.9%	n/a
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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.



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# By Gender\*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	0	0	n/a	6,840	2,489	36.4%	n/a
Men	0	0	n/a	6,309	2,241	35.5%	n/a
Unknown	14,350			79			

\* 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 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	0	0	n/a	44	23	52.3%	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	153	15	9.8%	1,571	519	33.0% ↑	23.2
Communication and Journalism	0	0	n/a	55	23	41.8%	n/a
Communications Technologies/Technicians	0	0	n/a	63	22	34.9%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	0	0	n/a	382	142	37.2%	n/a
Construction Trades	0	0	n/a	69	20	29.0%	n/a
Education	0	0	n/a	232	76	32.8%	n/a
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	47	*	n/a	328	103	31.4%	n/a
English Language and Literature	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	0	0	n/a	14	*	n/a	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	1,225	148	12.1%	1,703	541	31.8% ↑	19.7
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	83	*	n/a	257	81	31.5%	n/a
Leisure and Recreational Activities	319	97	30.4%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	7,399	969	13.1%	4,748	1,775	37.4% ↑	24.3
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	0	0	n/a	105	38	36.2%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	18	*	n/a	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	0	0	n/a	92	24	26.1%	n/a
Personal and Culinary Services	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	0	0	n/a	1,624	533	32.8%	n/a
Precision Production	98	10	10.2%	122	42	34.4% ↑	24.2
Science Technologies/Technicians	0	0	n/a	36	14	38.9%	n/a

Social Sciences	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	0	0	n/a	592	231	39.0%	n/a
Unknown	5,026	626	12.5%	1,150	540	47.0% ↑	34.5

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: <https://idhe.tufts.edu>.

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