

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
University of Vermont

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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,
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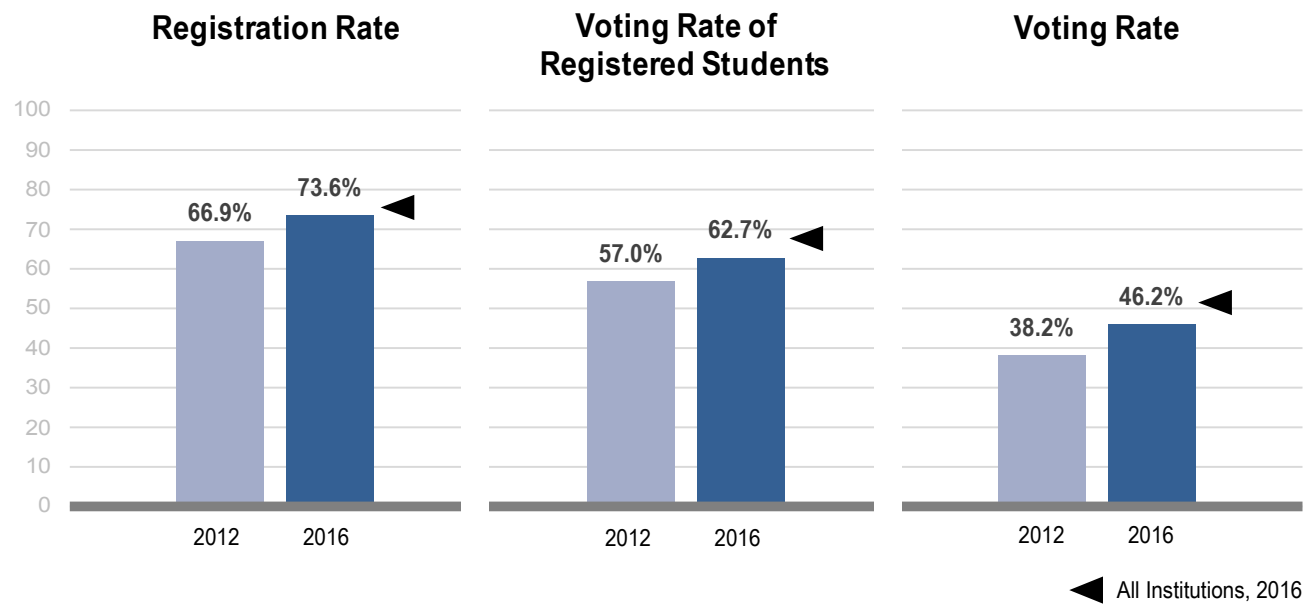
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
46.2%

CHANGE FROM 2012
8.0

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	12,707	12,712	↑ 5
Age under 18/Unknown	(126)	(112)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(377)	(726)	
FERPA records blocked	(144)	(141)	
Total eligible voters	12,060	11,733	↓ -327
Number of students who registered	8,071	8,640	↑ 569
Number of students who voted	4,604	5,416	↑ 812
Registration rate	66.9%	73.6%	↑ 6.7
Voting rate of registered students	57.0%	62.7%	↑ 5.7
Voting rate	38.2%	46.2%	↑ 8.0
Difference from all institutions	-8.7	-4.2	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

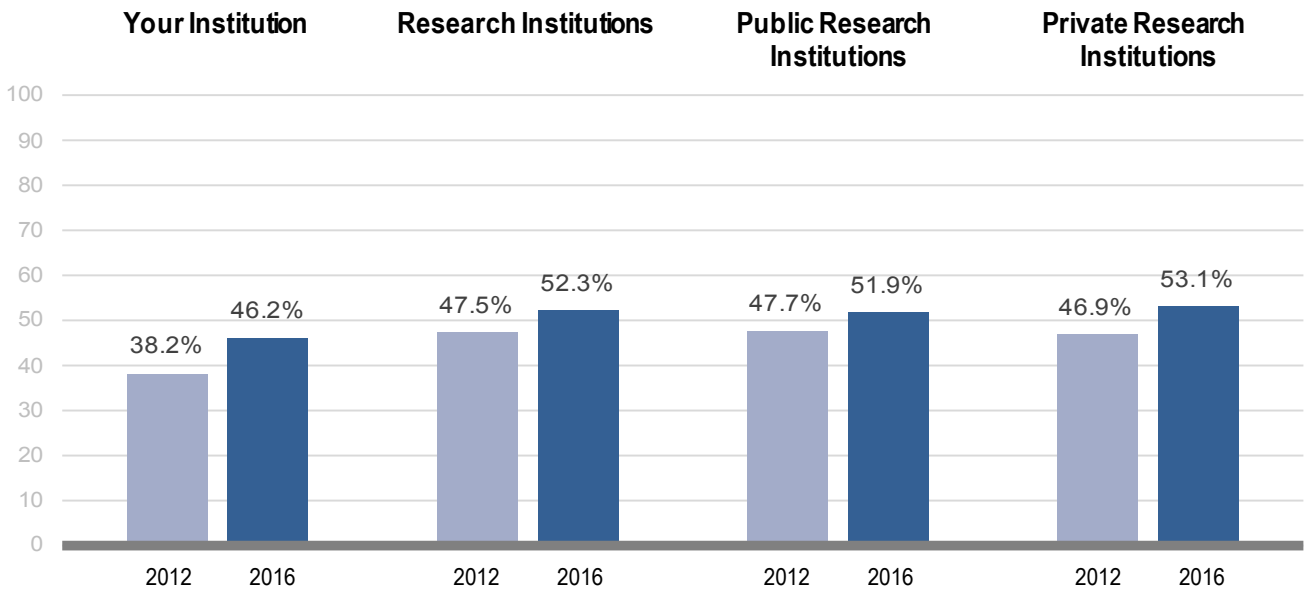
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

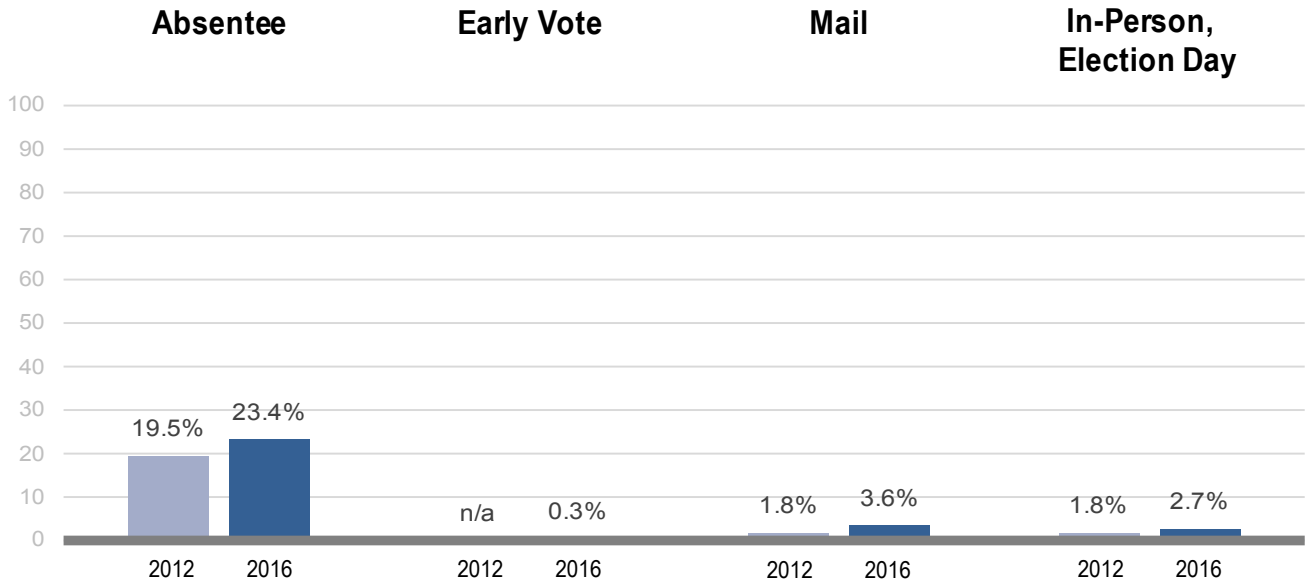
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Difference from All Institutions **-4.2**



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By Voting Method*

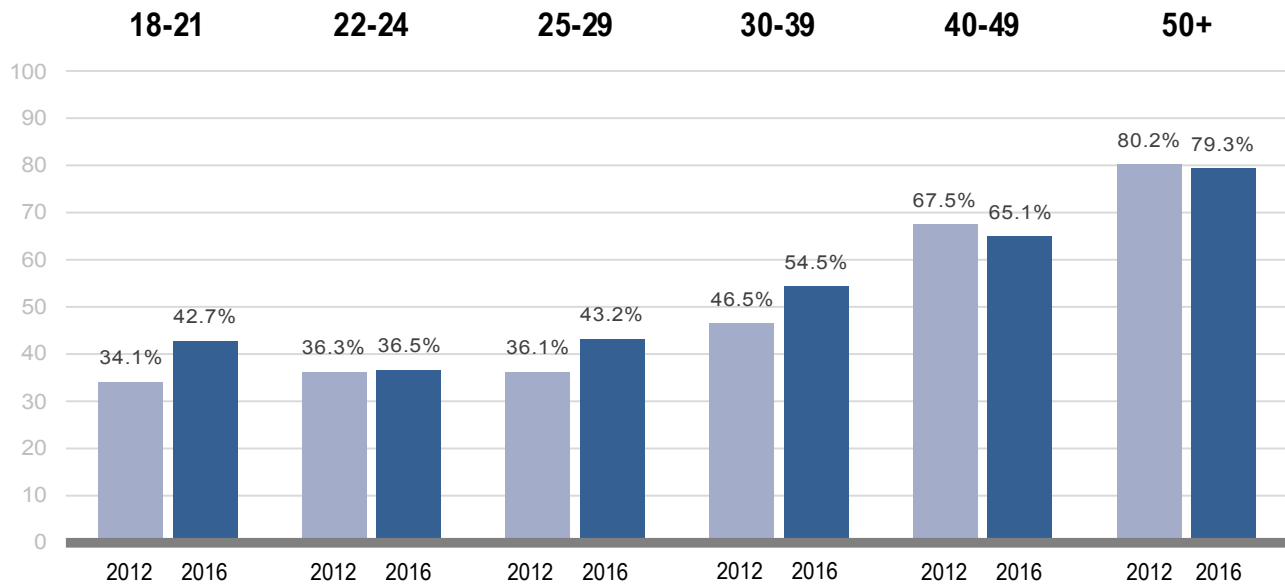


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	898	19.5%	1,265	23.4%	↑ 3.9
Early Vote	*	n/a	17	0.3%	n/a
Mail	82	1.8%	193	3.6%	↑ 1.8
In-Person, Election Day	83	1.8%	147	2.7%	↑ 0.9
Unknown	3,534	76.8%	3,794	70.1%	
Total	4,604		5,416		

* 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*

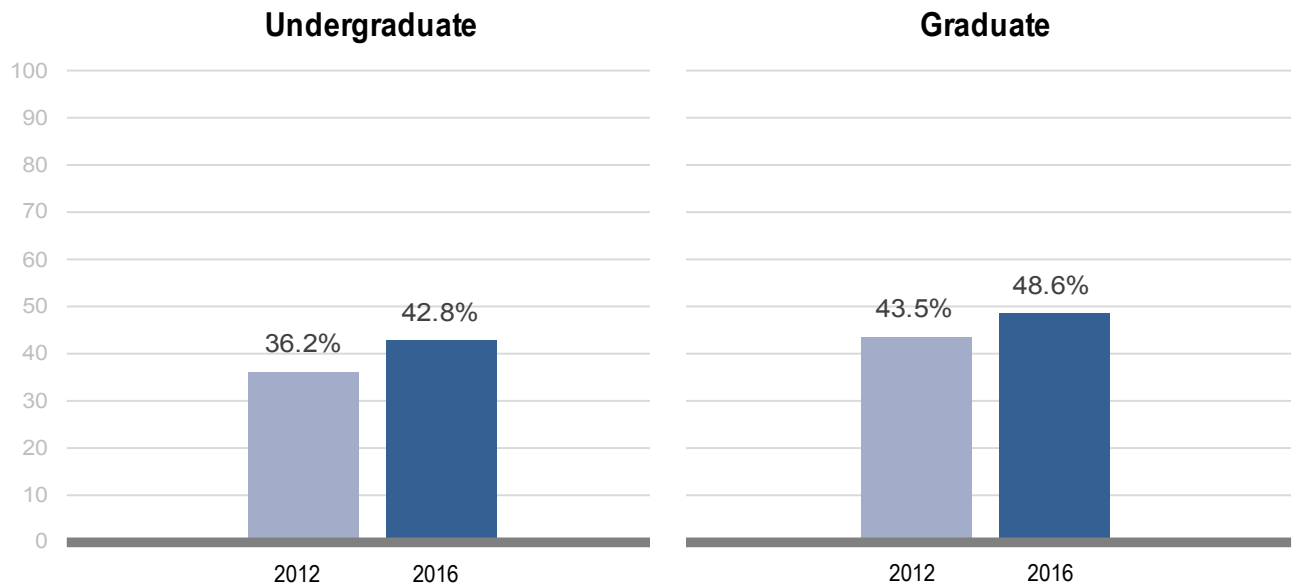


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	8,820	3,008	34.1%	9,045	3,862	42.7%	↑ 8.6
22-24	1,542	559	36.3%	1,606	586	36.5%	↑ 0.2
25-29	854	308	36.1%	815	352	43.2%	↑ 7.1
30-39	639	297	46.5%	571	311	54.5%	↑ 8.0
40-49	274	185	67.5%	209	136	65.1%	↓ -2.5
50+	308	247	80.2%	213	169	79.3%	↓ -0.8
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*

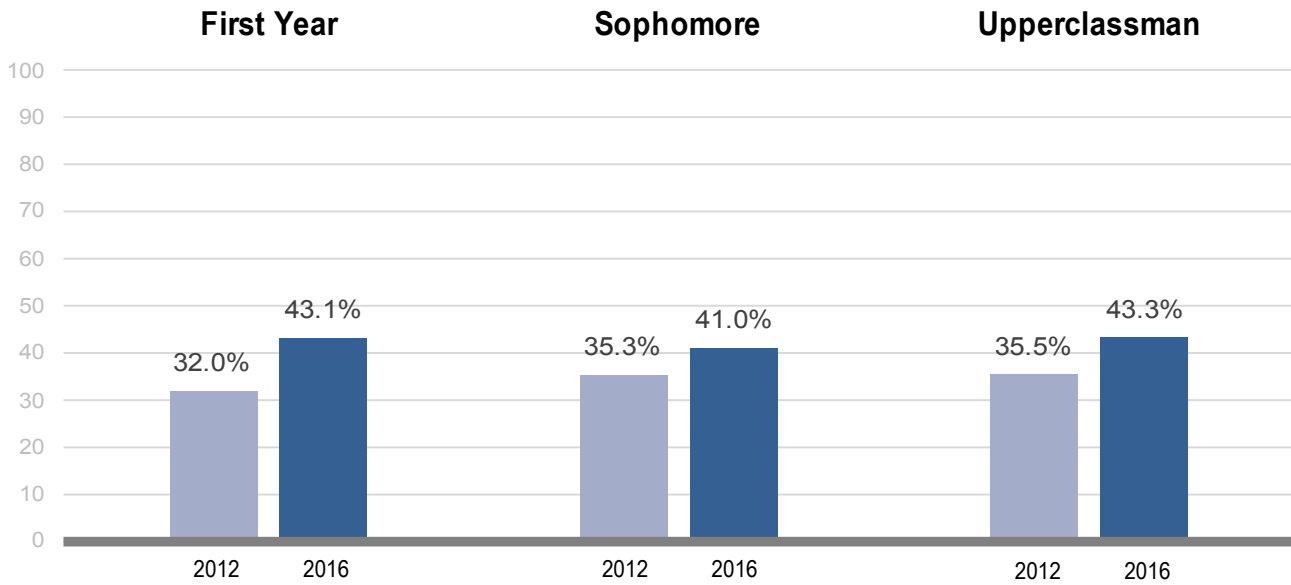


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	10,998	3,978	36.2%	10,985	4,699	42.8%	↑ 6.6
Graduate	1,437	625	43.5%	1,474	717	48.6%	↑ 5.2
Unknown	*			0			

* 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*

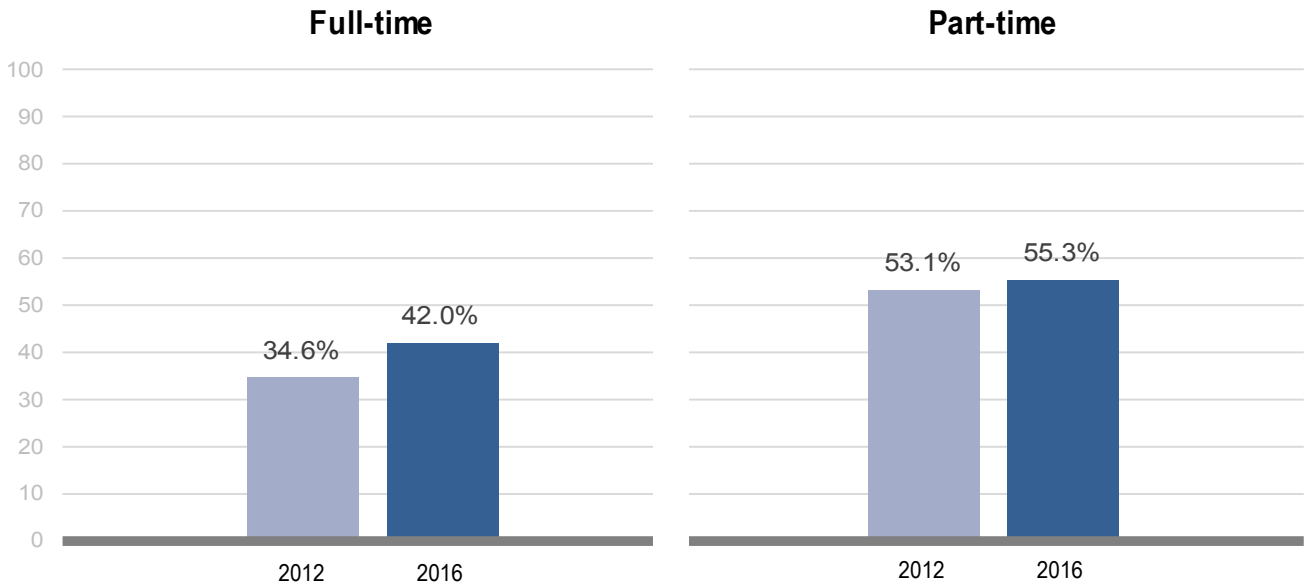


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	2,454	784	32.0%	2,544	1,096	43.1%	↑ 11.1
Sophomore	2,447	863	35.3%	2,629	1,079	41.0%	↑ 5.8
Upperclassman	4,887	1,734	35.5%	4,977	2,157	43.3%	↑ 7.9

* 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*

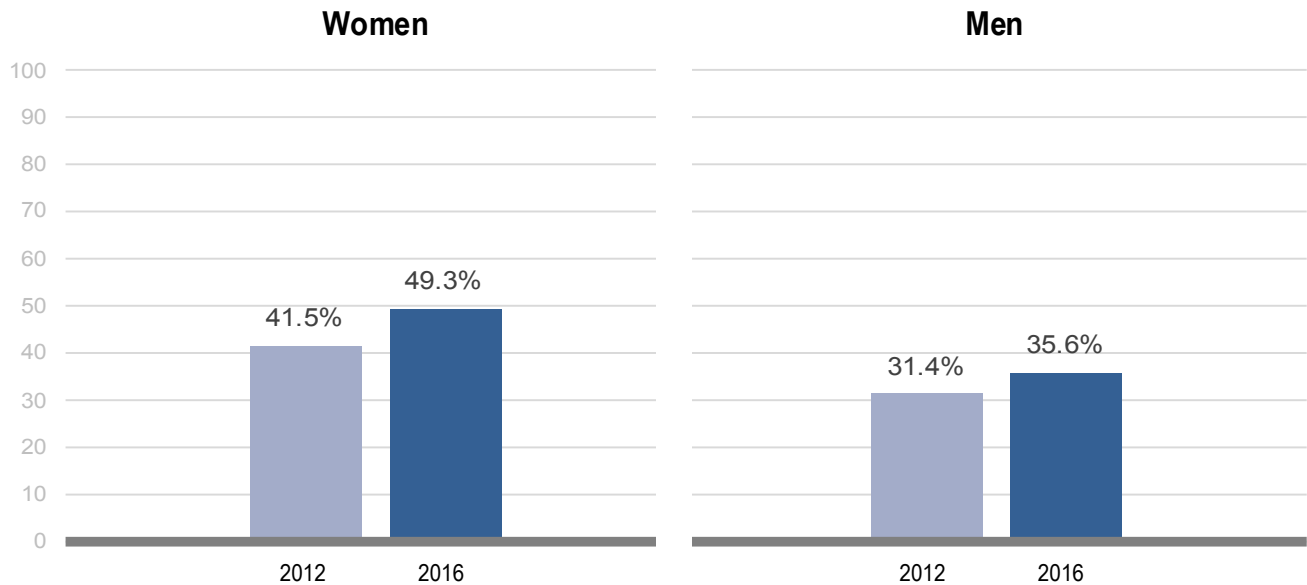


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	10,814	3,743	34.6%	11,093	4,660	42.0%	↑ 7.4
Part-time	1,623	861	53.1%	1,366	756	55.3%	↑ 2.3
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

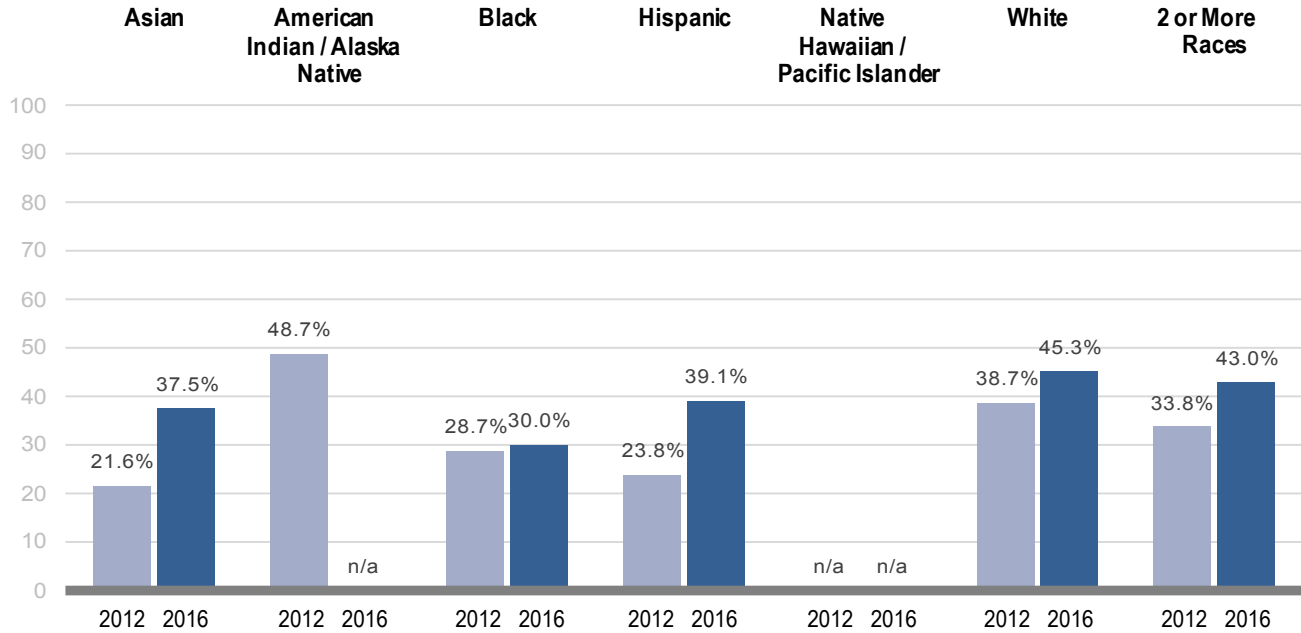


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	7,052	2,923	41.5%	7,164	3,529	49.3%	↑ 7.8
Men	5,353	1,681	31.4%	5,295	1,887	35.6%	↑ 4.2
Unknown	32	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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	402	87	21.6%	400	150	37.5%	↑ 15.9
American Indian/ Alaska Native	37	18	48.7%	14	*	n/a	n/a
Black	188	54	28.7%	170	51	30.0%	↑ 1.3
Hispanic	474	113	23.8%	501	196	39.1%	↑ 15.3
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
White	10,933	4,229	38.7%	10,736	4,863	45.3%	↑ 6.6
2 or More Races	287	97	33.8%	335	144	43.0%	↑ 9.2
Unknown	41			*			

* 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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	405	158	39.0%	387	156	40.3% ↑	1.3
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	37	*	n/a	18	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,193	405	34.0%	1,373	604	44.0% ↑	10.0
Business, Management, and Marketing	965	257	26.6%	1,058	304	28.7% ↑	2.1
Communication and Journalism	222	84	37.8%	261	103	39.5% ↑	1.6
Computer and Information Sciences	169	60	35.5%	367	109	29.7% ↓	-5.8
Education	955	435	45.6%	778	378	48.6% ↑	3.0
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	831	243	29.2%	895	342	38.2% ↑	9.0
English Language and Literature	450	160	35.6%	313	146	46.7% ↑	11.1
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	67	35	52.2%	69	36	52.2% ↓	-0.1
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	231	75	32.5%	167	69	41.3% ↑	8.9
Health Professions	1,065	392	36.8%	1,214	598	49.3% ↑	12.5
History	275	112	40.7%	181	87	48.1% ↑	7.3
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,205	569	47.2%	1,354	571	42.2% ↓	-5.1
Mathematics and Statistics	203	64	31.5%	254	118	46.5% ↑	14.9
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	325	137	42.2%	324	159	49.1% ↑	6.9
Natural Resources and Conservation	1,036	407	39.3%	1,047	532	50.8% ↑	11.5
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	168	53	31.6%	161	73	45.3% ↑	13.8
Philosophy and Religious Studies	77	29	37.7%	63	25	39.7% ↑	2.0
Physical Sciences	214	71	33.2%	210	73	34.8% ↑	1.6
Psychology	650	203	31.2%	558	240	43.0% ↑	11.8
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	207	89	43.0%	190	102	53.7% ↑	10.7
Social Sciences	1,085	425	39.2%	917	442	48.2% ↑	9.0

Visual and Performing Arts	369	125	33.9%	285	130	45.6% ↑	11.7
Unknown	33	10	30.3%	15	10	66.7% ↑	36.4

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.

References:

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