

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
University of Delaware

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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



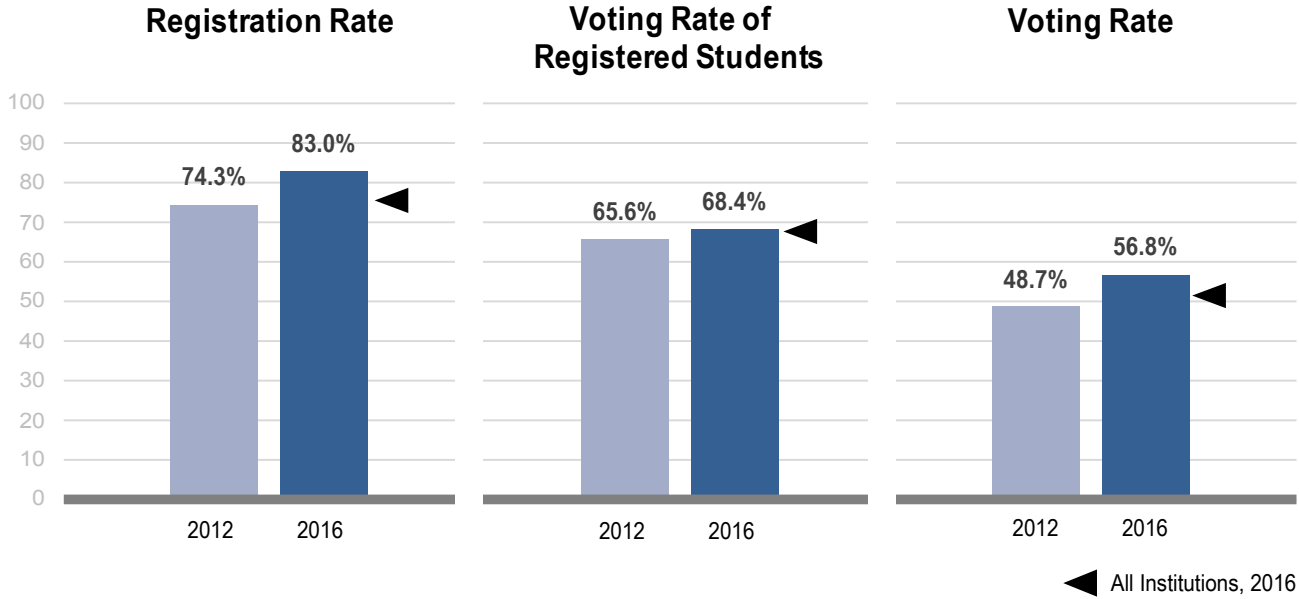
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
56.8%

CHANGE FROM 2012
8.0

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	21,742	23,012	↑ 1,270
Age under 18/Unknown	(198)	(293)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,843)	(2,040)	
FERPA records blocked	(688)	(412)	
Total eligible voters	19,013	20,267	↑ 1,254
Number of students who registered	14,121	16,827	↑ 2,706
Number of students who voted	9,267	11,505	↑ 2,238
Registration rate	74.3%	83.0%	↑ 8.8
Voting rate of registered students	65.6%	68.4%	↑ 2.7
Voting rate	48.7%	56.8%	↑ 8.0
Difference from all institutions	+1.8	+6.4	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

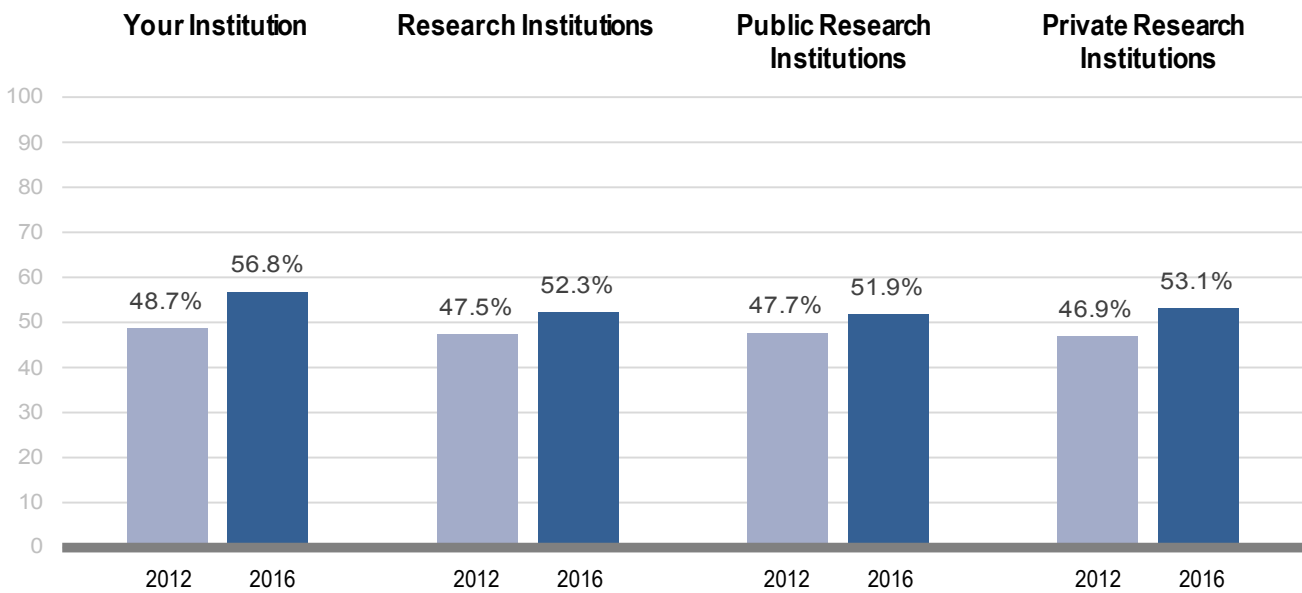
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

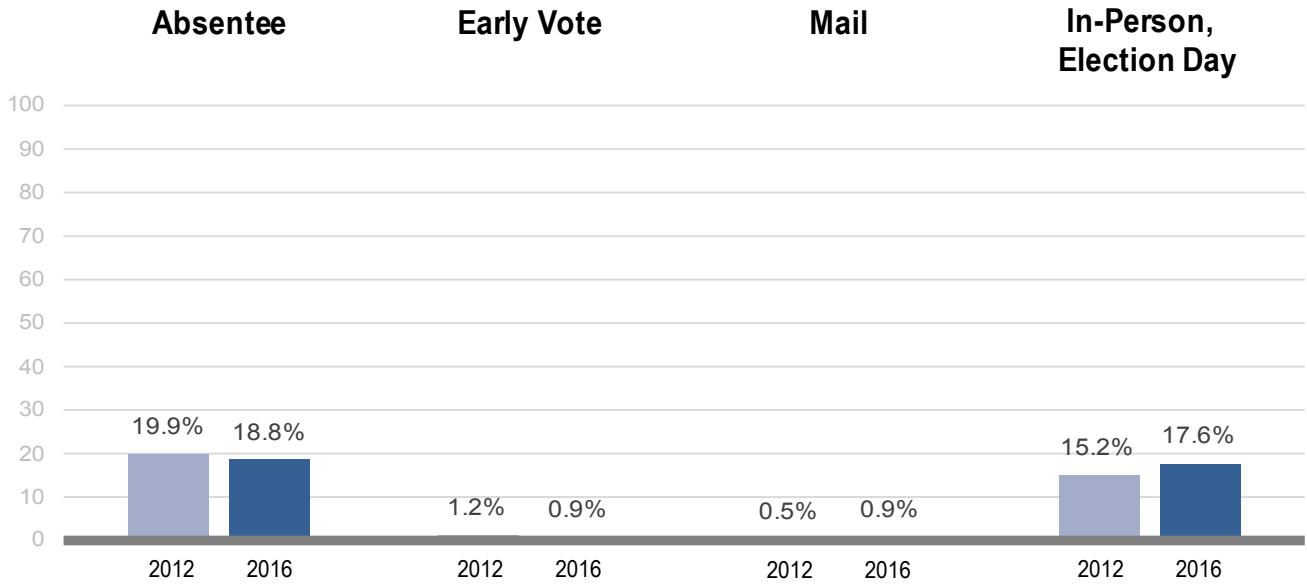
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Difference from All Institutions **+6.4**



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By Voting Method*

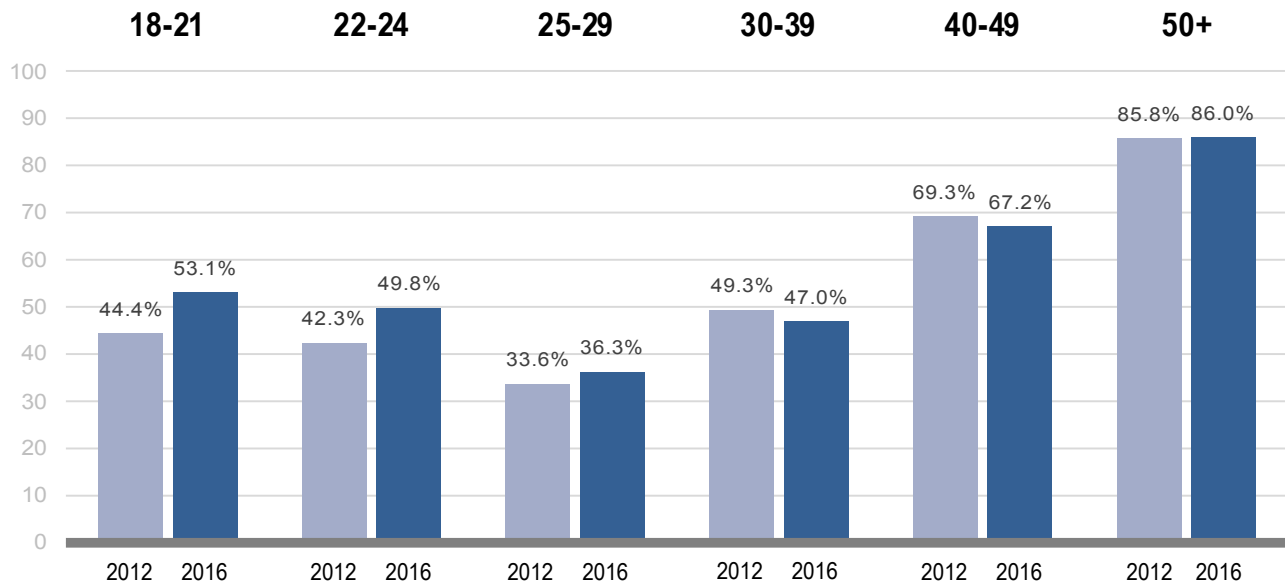


	2012		2016		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	1,843	19.9%	2,164	18.8%	↓	-1.1
Early Vote	111	1.2%	102	0.9%	↓	-0.3
Mail	48	0.5%	103	0.9%	↑	0.4
In-Person, Election Day	1,404	15.2%	2,029	17.6%	↑	2.5
Unknown	5,861	63.3%	7,107	61.8%		
Total	9,267		11,505			

* 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*

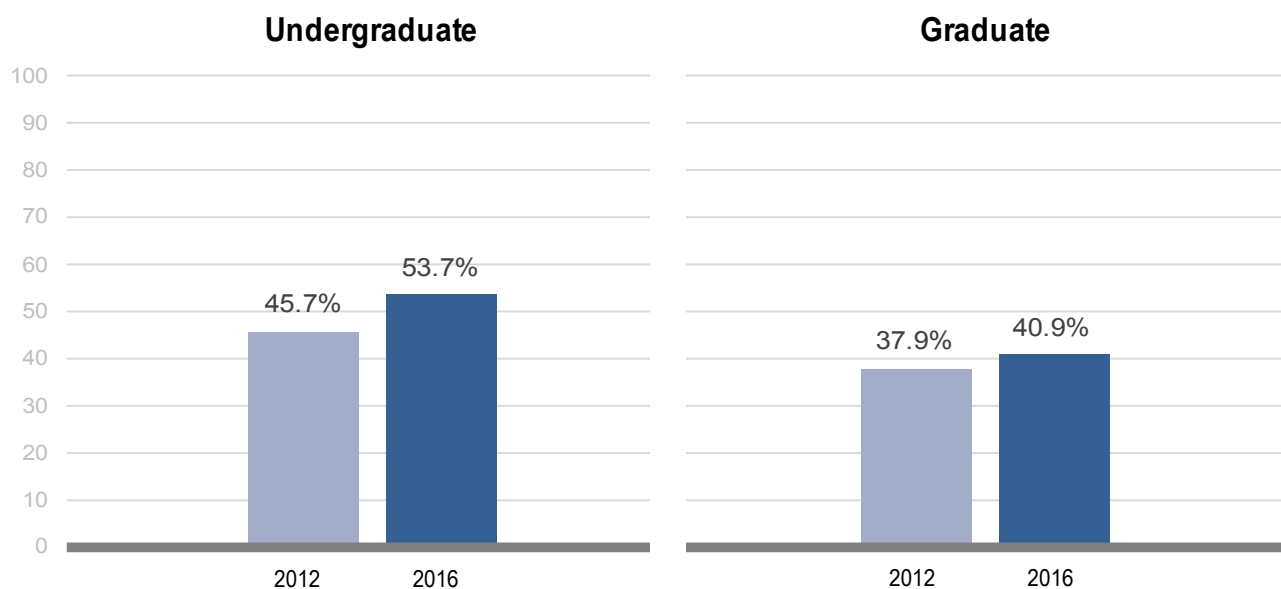


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	14,719	6,536	44.4%	15,901	8,437	53.1%	↑ 8.7
22-24	2,941	1,244	42.3%	3,101	1,544	49.8%	↑ 7.5
25-29	1,623	546	33.6%	1,727	626	36.3%	↑ 2.6
30-39	976	481	49.3%	1,022	480	47.0%	↓ -2.3
40-49	316	219	69.3%	320	215	67.2%	↓ -2.1
50+	281	241	85.8%	236	203	86.0%	↑ 0.3
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.

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By Education Level*

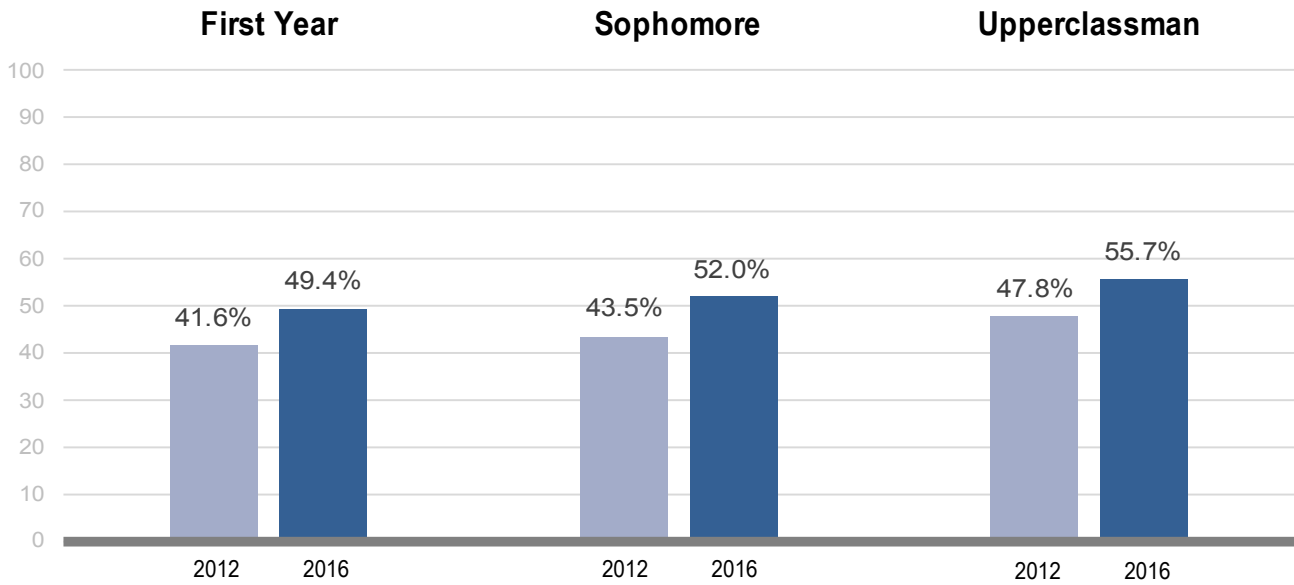


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	17,485	7,990	45.7%	18,623	9,999	53.7%	↑ 8.0
Graduate	3,371	1,277	37.9%	3,683	1,506	40.9%	↑ 3.0
Unknown	0			*			

* 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*

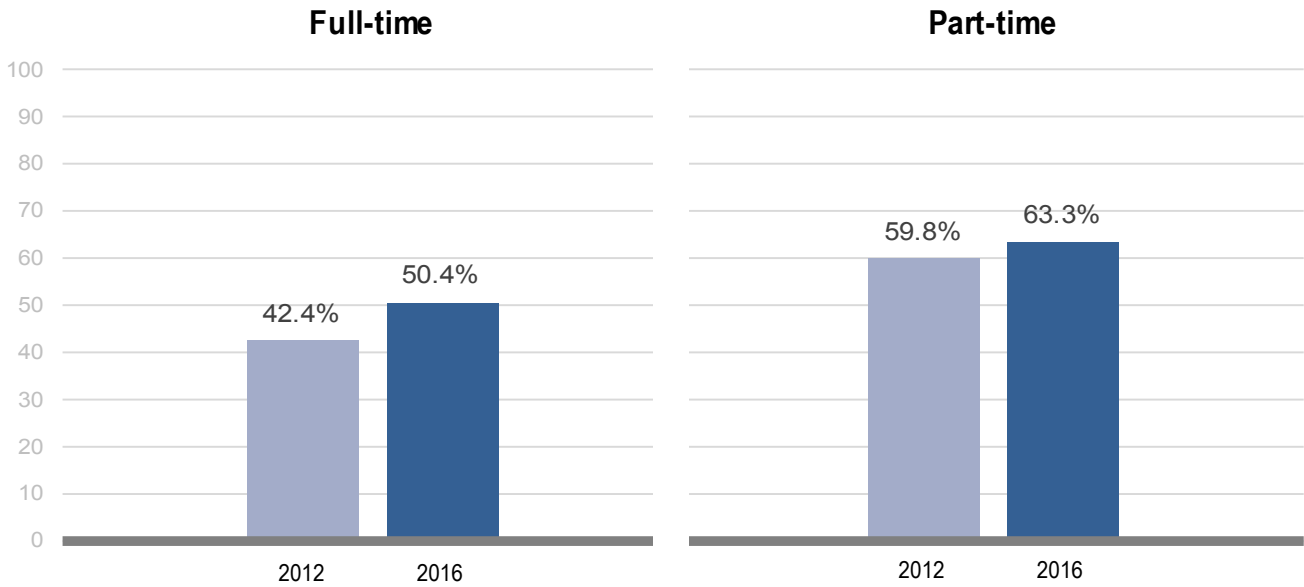


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	4,441	1,847	41.6%	3,783	1,867	49.4%	↑ 7.8
Sophomore	4,377	1,902	43.5%	4,423	2,301	52.0%	↑ 8.6
Upperclassman	7,661	3,661	47.8%	9,816	5,463	55.7%	↑ 7.9

* 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*

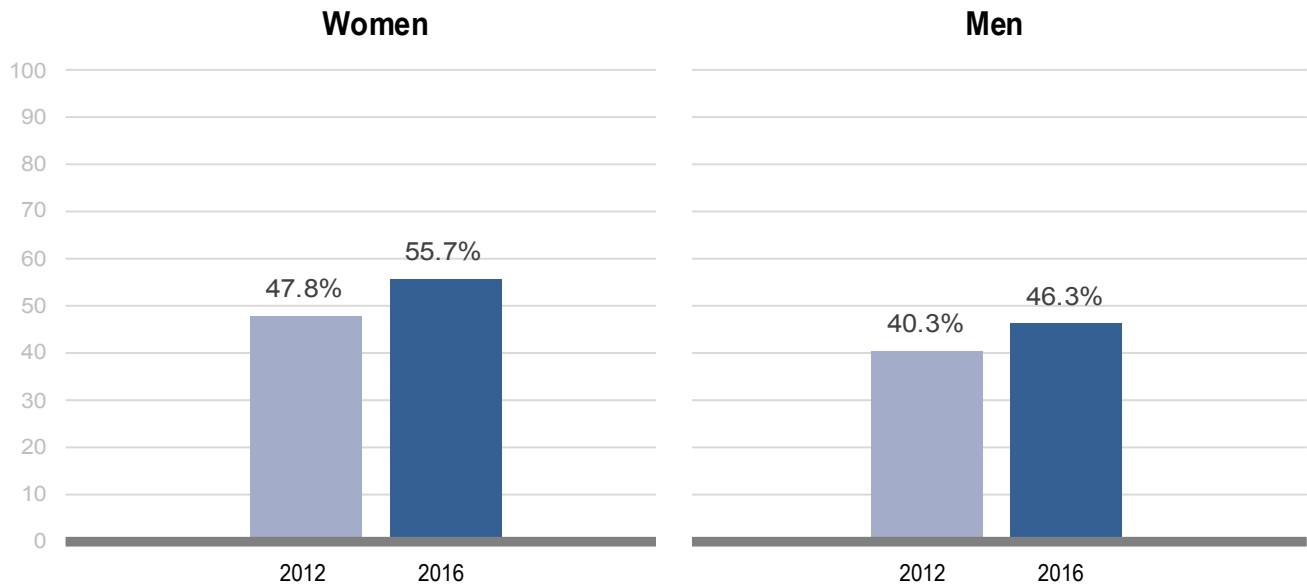


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	18,471	7,840	42.4%	20,309	10,241	50.4%	↑ 8.0
Part-time	2,385	1,427	59.8%	1,998	1,264	63.3%	↑ 3.4
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

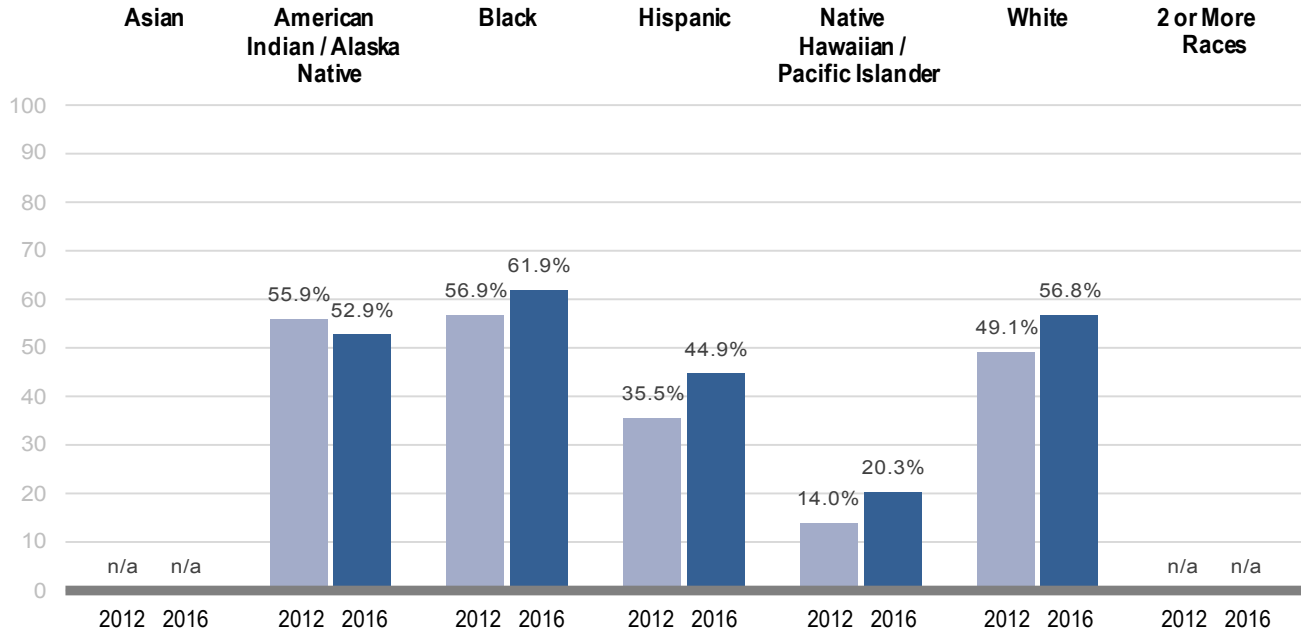


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	11,556	5,520	47.8%	12,514	6,974	55.7%	↑ 8.0
Men	9,298	3,747	40.3%	9,792	4,531	46.3%	↑ 6.0
Unknown	*	0	n/a	*	0	n/a	

* 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	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	34	19	55.9%	34	18	52.9%	↓ -2.9
Black	1,099	625	56.9%	1,251	774	61.9%	↑ 5.0
Hispanic	836	297	35.5%	639	287	44.9%	↑ 9.4
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	2,363	331	14.0%	2,573	523	20.3%	↑ 6.3
White	15,185	7,448	49.1%	14,145	8,036	56.8%	↑ 7.8
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	1,339			3,665			

* 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	314	127	40.5%	320	168	52.5% ↑	12.1
Architecture	27	14	51.9%	26	12	46.2% ↓	-5.7
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	60	32	53.3%	54	40	74.1% ↑	20.7
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,212	531	43.8%	1,391	761	54.7% ↑	10.9
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,865	1,014	35.4%	3,461	1,484	42.9% ↑	7.5
Communication and Journalism	548	232	42.3%	570	313	54.9% ↑	12.6
Computer and Information Sciences	347	122	35.2%	443	203	45.8% ↑	10.7
Education	1,593	834	52.4%	1,420	864	60.9% ↑	8.5
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,391	898	37.6%	2,585	1,173	45.4% ↑	7.8
English Language and Literature	420	212	50.5%	317	191	60.3% ↑	9.8
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	325	136	41.9%	438	224	51.1% ↑	9.3
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	242	120	49.6%	220	105	47.7% ↓	-1.9
Health Professions	1,650	842	51.0%	2,402	1,376	57.3% ↑	6.3
History	339	183	54.0%	200	133	66.5% ↑	12.5
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	0	0	n/a	25	12	48.0%	n/a
Legal Professions and Studies	92	32	34.8%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,740	793	45.6%	1,985	1,077	54.3% ↑	8.7
Mathematics and Statistics	266	75	28.2%	278	93	33.5% ↑	5.3
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	343	155	45.2%	345	202	58.6% ↑	13.4
Natural Resources and Conservation	366	199	54.4%	410	232	56.6% ↑	2.2
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,088	475	43.7%	747	393	52.6% ↑	9.0
Philosophy and Religious Studies	34	15	44.1%	25	10	40.0% ↓	-4.1
Physical Sciences	567	171	30.2%	648	227	35.0% ↑	4.9

Psychology	710	333	46.9%	645	331	51.3% ↑	4.4
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	383	203	53.0%	408	268	65.7% ↑	12.7
Social Sciences	1,753	877	50.0%	1,707	888	52.0% ↑	2.0
Transportation and Materials Moving	54	24	44.4%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	503	252	50.1%	450	259	57.6% ↑	7.5
Unknown	624	366	58.7%	787	466	59.2% ↑	0.6

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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