

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
University of
Pennsylvania

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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.

Follow us on Twitter [@TuftsIDHE](https://twitter.com/TuftsIDHE) or email us at NSLVE@tufts.edu.

Warm regards,
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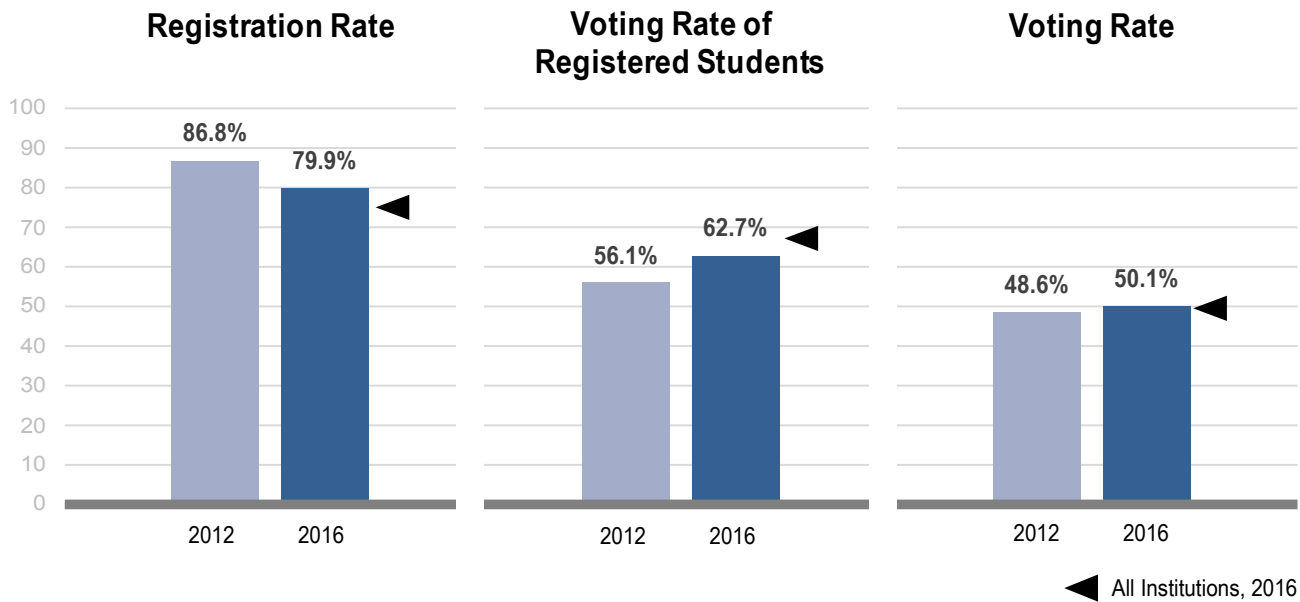
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
50.1%

CHANGE FROM 2012
1.4

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	19,757	24,816	↑ 5,059
Age under 18/Unknown	(123)	(191)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(3,612)	(4,664)	
FERPA records blocked	*	0	
Total eligible voters	16,021	19,961	↑ 3,940
Number of students who registered	13,899	15,944	↑ 2,045
Number of students who voted	7,792	9,996	↑ 2,204
Registration rate	86.8%	79.9%	↓ -6.9
Voting rate of registered students	56.1%	62.7%	↑ 6.6
Voting rate	48.6%	50.1%	↑ 1.4
Difference from all institutions	+1.7	-0.3	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

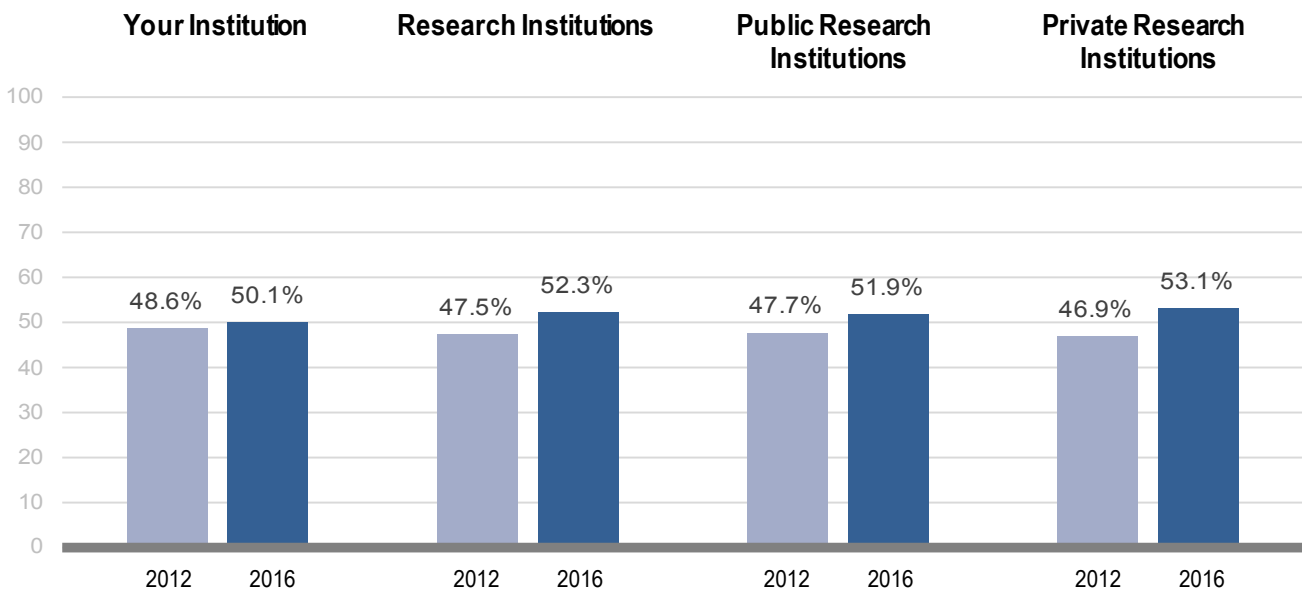
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

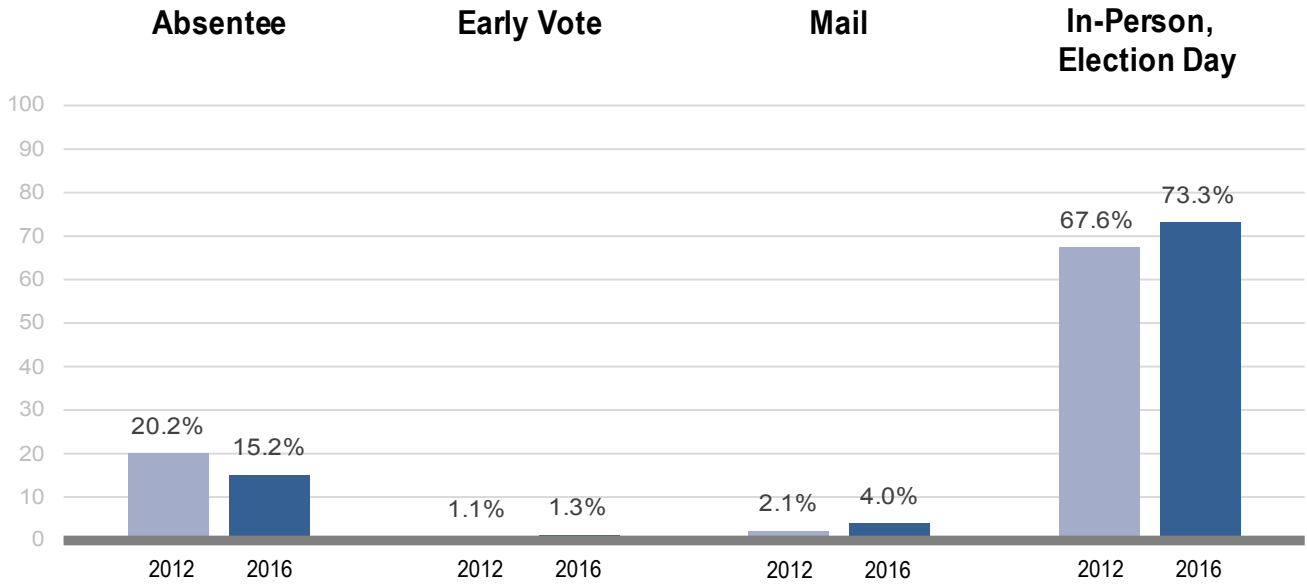
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By Voting Method*

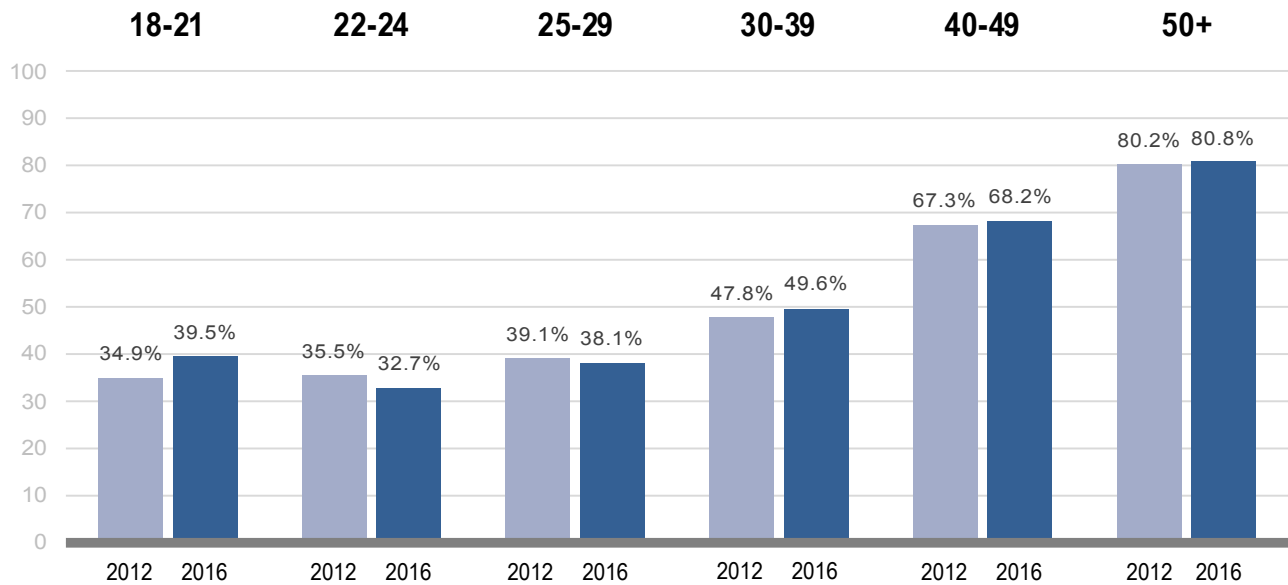


	2012		2016		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	1,571	20.2%	1,515	15.2%	↓	-5.0
Early Vote	82	1.1%	125	1.3%	↑	0.2
Mail	164	2.1%	403	4.0%	↑	1.9
In-Person, Election Day	5,265	67.6%	7,331	73.3%	↑	5.8
Unknown	710	9.1%	622	6.2%		
Total	7,792		9,996			

* 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*

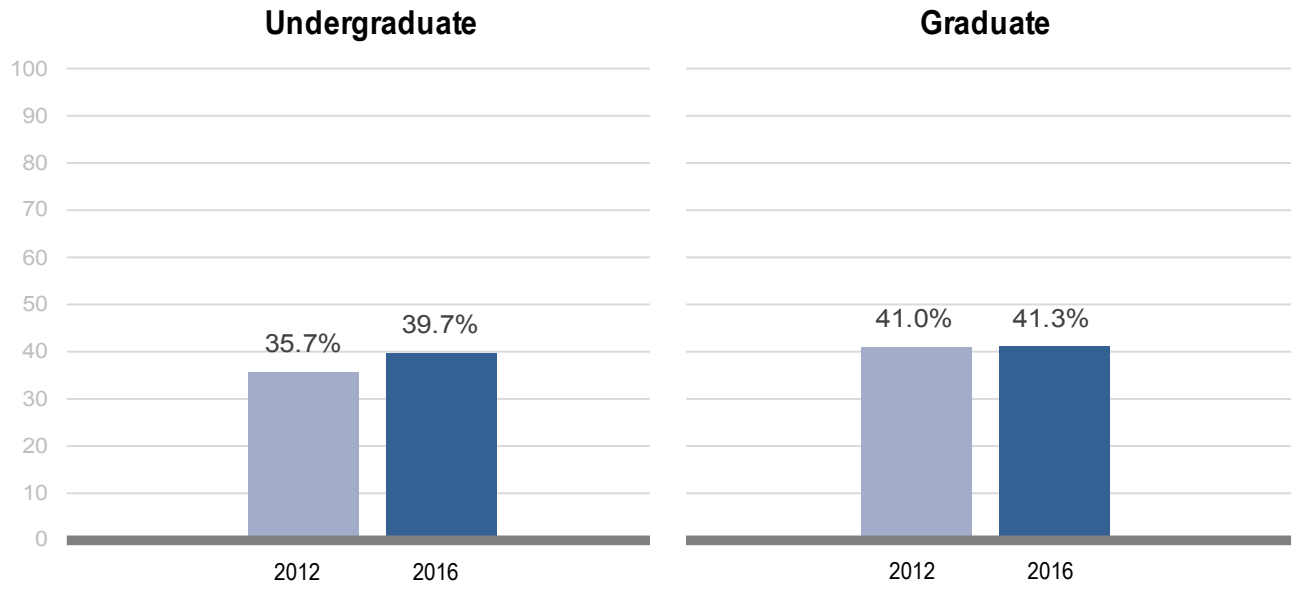


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	8,079	2,823	34.9%	9,438	3,732	39.5%	↑ 4.6
22-24	3,801	1,349	35.5%	4,854	1,588	32.7%	↓ -2.8
25-29	4,255	1,663	39.1%	6,268	2,388	38.1%	↓ -1.0
30-39	2,367	1,132	47.8%	2,918	1,447	49.6%	↑ 1.8
40-49	636	428	67.3%	679	463	68.2%	↑ 0.9
50+	495	397	80.2%	468	378	80.8%	↑ 0.6
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*

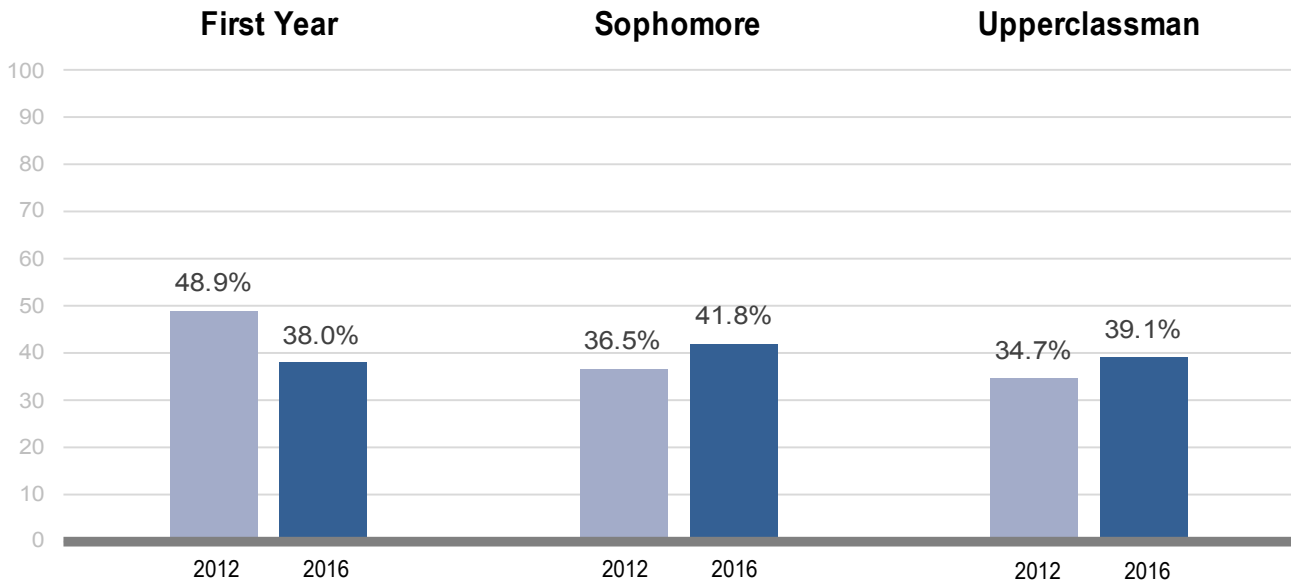


	2012			2016			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Undergraduate	8,779	3,137	35.7%	10,713	4,256	39.7%	↑	4.0
Graduate	9,242	3,793	41.0%	13,912	5,740	41.3%	↑	0.2
Unknown	1,612			0				

* 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*

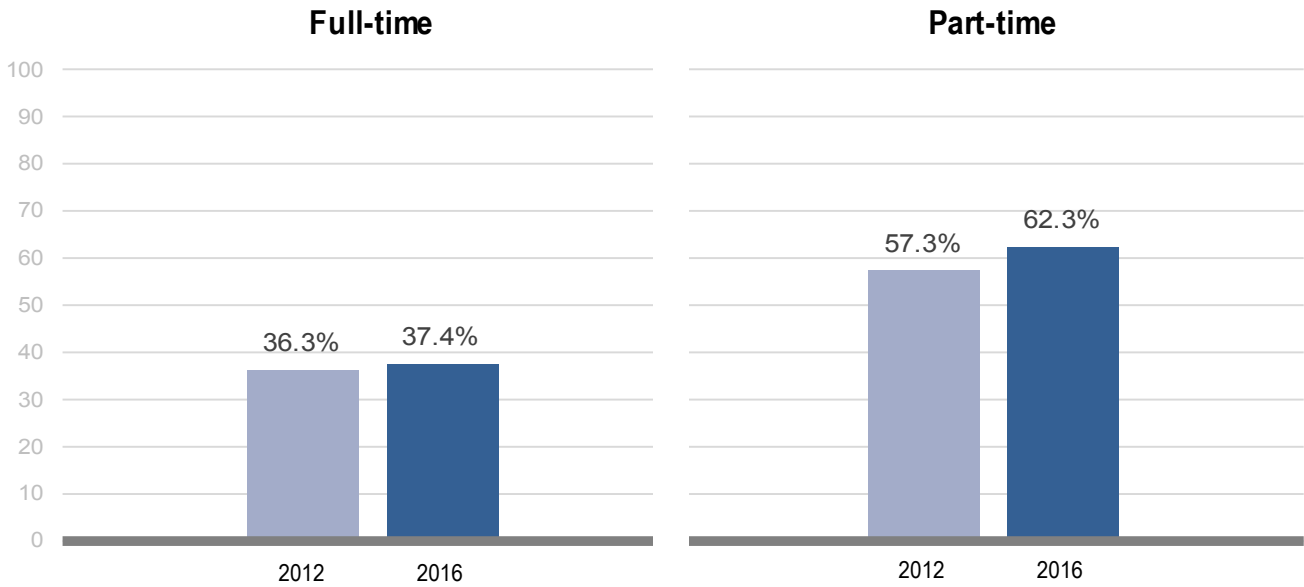


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	90	44	48.9%	2,201	837	38.0%	↓ -10.9
Sophomore	1,789	653	36.5%	2,097	876	41.8%	↑ 5.3
Upperclassman	5,198	1,804	34.7%	6,335	2,475	39.1%	↑ 4.4

* 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	16,447	5,967	36.3%	21,457	8,024	37.4%	↑ 1.1
Part-time	3,186	1,825	57.3%	3,168	1,972	62.3%	↑ 5.0
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 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	
Architecture	394	130	33.0%	678	150	22.1% ↓	-10.9
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	85	29	34.1%	72	25	34.7% ↑	0.6
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,362	486	35.7%	1,561	681	43.6% ↑	8.0
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,029	719	35.4%	3,901	1,375	35.3% ↓	-0.2
Communication and Journalism	236	93	39.4%	222	82	36.9% ↓	-2.5
Computer and Information Sciences	486	122	25.1%	1,001	276	27.6% ↑	2.5
Education	1,024	536	52.3%	1,531	887	57.9% ↑	5.6
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,291	419	32.5%	2,032	650	32.0% ↓	-0.5
English Language and Literature	257	109	42.4%	239	107	44.8% ↑	2.4
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	358	132	36.9%	366	107	29.2% ↓	-7.6
Health Professions	2,975	1,128	37.9%	3,718	1,768	47.6% ↑	9.6
History	348	150	43.1%	273	104	38.1% ↓	-5.0
Legal Professions and Studies	766	274	35.8%	891	368	41.3% ↑	5.5
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	99	59	59.6%	3,114	1,328	42.7% ↓	-17.0
Mathematics and Statistics	157	32	20.4%	231	58	25.1% ↑	4.7
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	256	95	37.1%	384	118	30.7% ↓	-6.4
Natural Resources and Conservation	73	39	53.4%	75	38	50.7% ↓	-2.8
Philosophy and Religious Studies	298	108	36.2%	372	123	33.1% ↓	-3.2
Physical Sciences	533	178	33.4%	462	161	34.9% ↑	1.5
Psychology	386	178	46.1%	424	189	44.6% ↓	-1.5
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	449	250	55.7%	609	338	55.5% ↓	-0.2
Social Sciences	1,243	463	37.3%	1,282	485	37.8% ↑	0.6
Visual and Performing Arts	266	116	43.6%	308	125	40.6% ↓	-3.0

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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