

**2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Indiana University-Purdue  
University-Indianapolis

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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](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

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Warm regards,  
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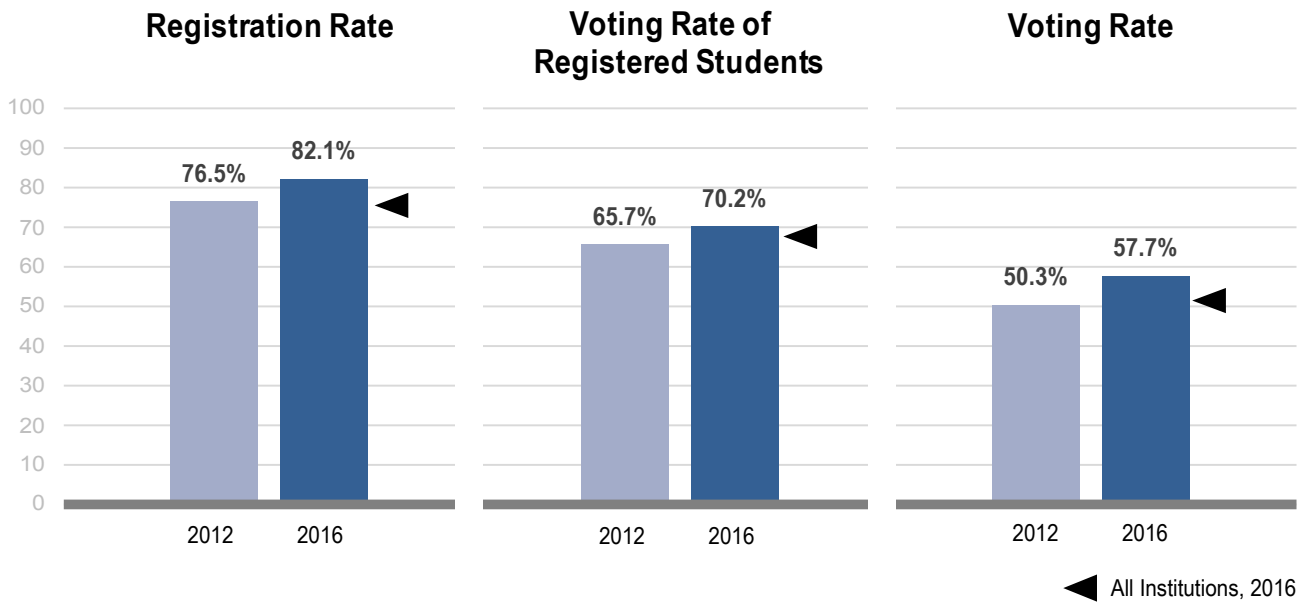
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2016 Voting Rate**  
**57.7%**

CHANGE FROM 2012  
**7.4**

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**50.4%**



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	28,097	27,702	↓ -395
Age under 18/Unknown	(59)	(75)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,477)	(1,857)	
FERPA records blocked	(27)	(12)	
Total eligible voters	26,534	25,758	↓ -776
Number of students who registered	20,307	21,150	↑ 843
Number of students who voted	13,348	14,853	↑ 1,505
Registration rate	76.5%	82.1%	↑ 5.6
Voting rate of registered students	65.7%	70.2%	↑ 4.5
Voting rate	50.3%	57.7%	↑ 7.4
Difference from all institutions	+3.4	+7.3	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

**2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**46.9%**

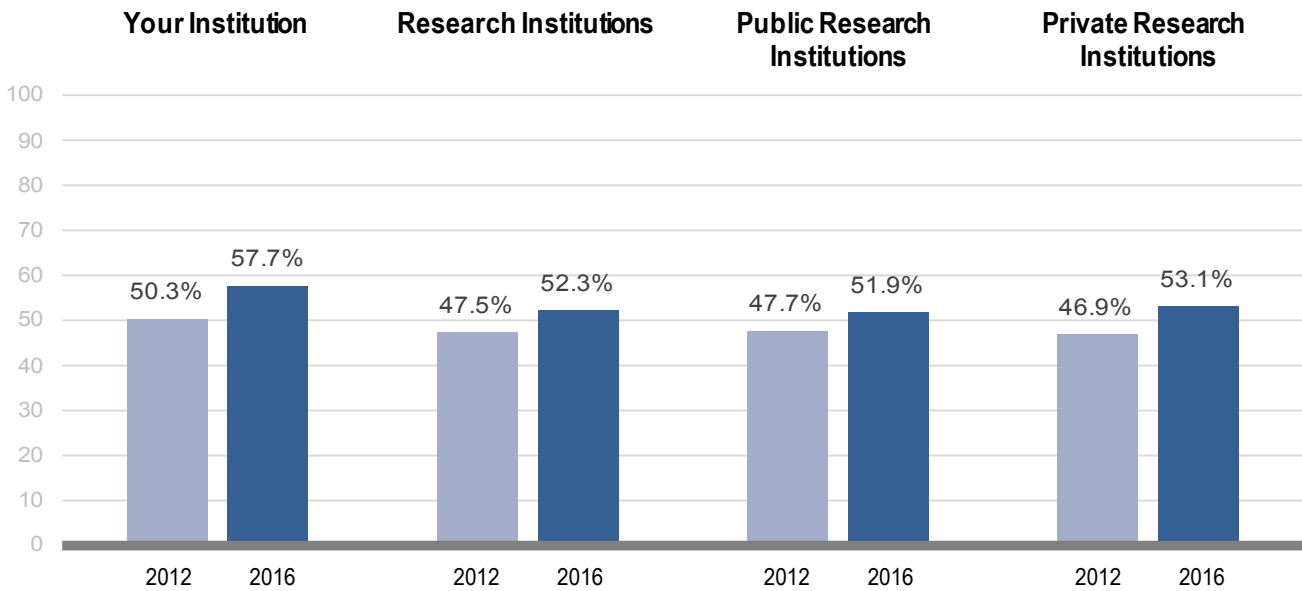
HIGH 72.9%  
 LOW 19.3%

**2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**50.4%**

HIGH 81.4%  
 LOW 13.1%

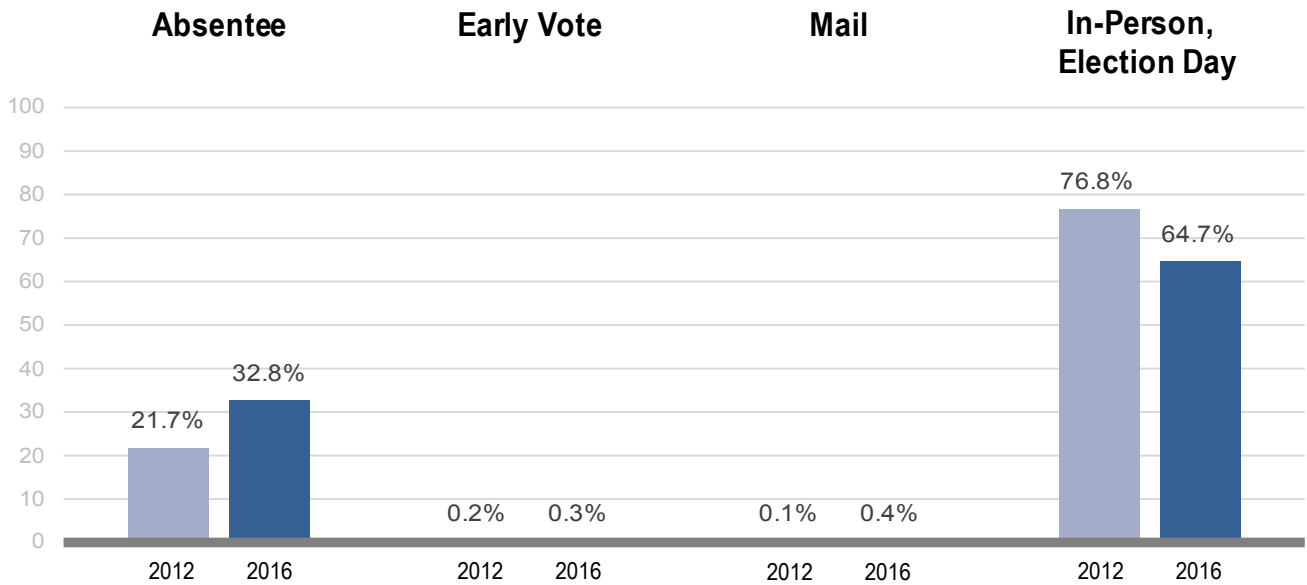
Difference from All Institutions **+3.4**

Difference from All Institutions **+7.3**



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# By Voting Method\*

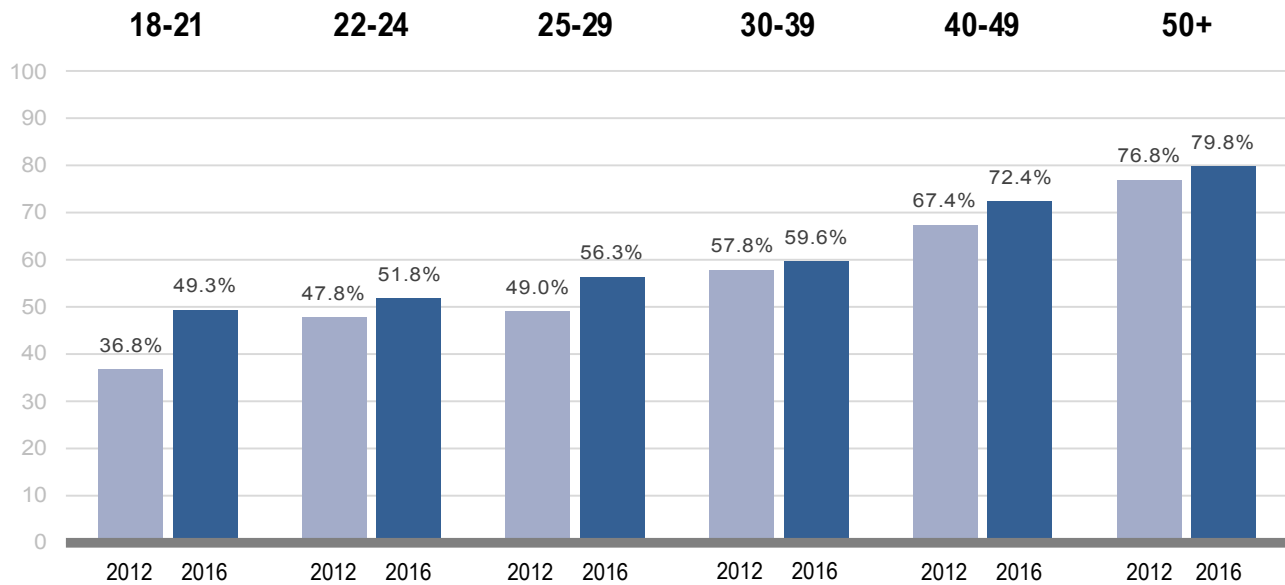


	2012		2016		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	2,895	21.7%	4,874	32.8%	↑	11.1
Early Vote	21	0.2%	44	0.3%	↑	0.1
Mail	14	0.1%	53	0.4%	↑	0.3
In-Person, Election Day	10,245	76.8%	9,607	64.7%	↓	-12.1
Unknown	173	1.3%	275	1.9%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,348</b>		<b>14,853</b>			

\* 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\*

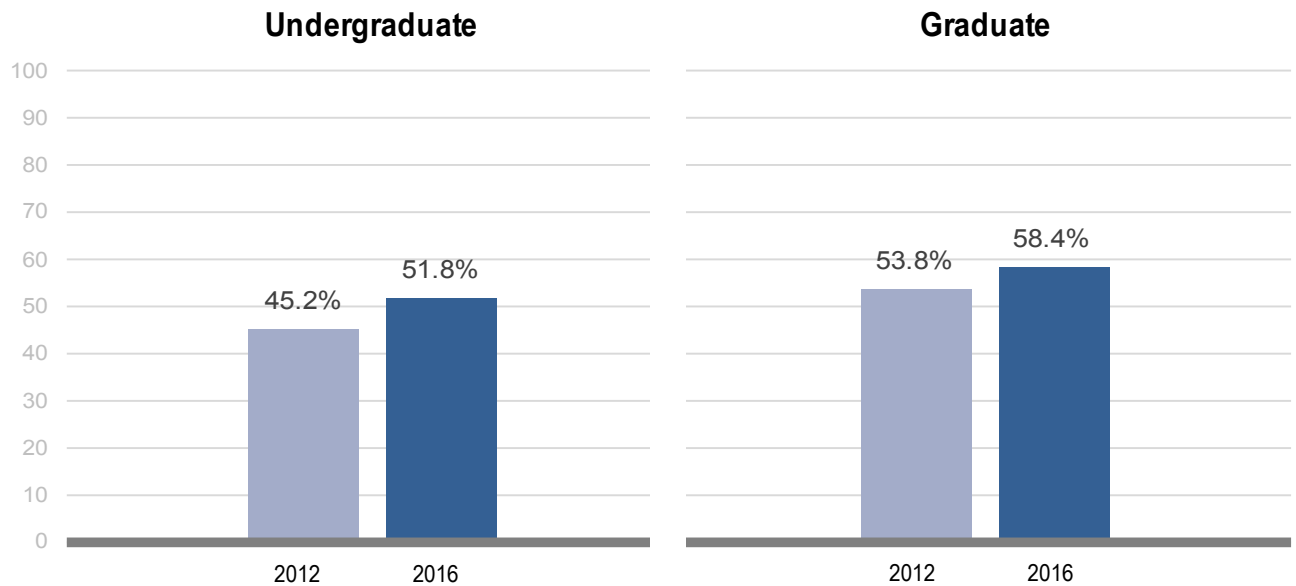


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	8,956	3,292	36.8%	11,075	5,462	49.3%	↑ 12.6
22-24	7,138	3,414	47.8%	6,984	3,614	51.8%	↑ 3.9
25-29	5,870	2,877	49.0%	4,959	2,792	56.3%	↑ 7.3
30-39	3,909	2,260	57.8%	2,973	1,771	59.6%	↑ 1.8
40-49	1,457	982	67.4%	1,110	804	72.4%	↑ 5.0
50+	681	523	76.8%	514	410	79.8%	↑ 3.0
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\*

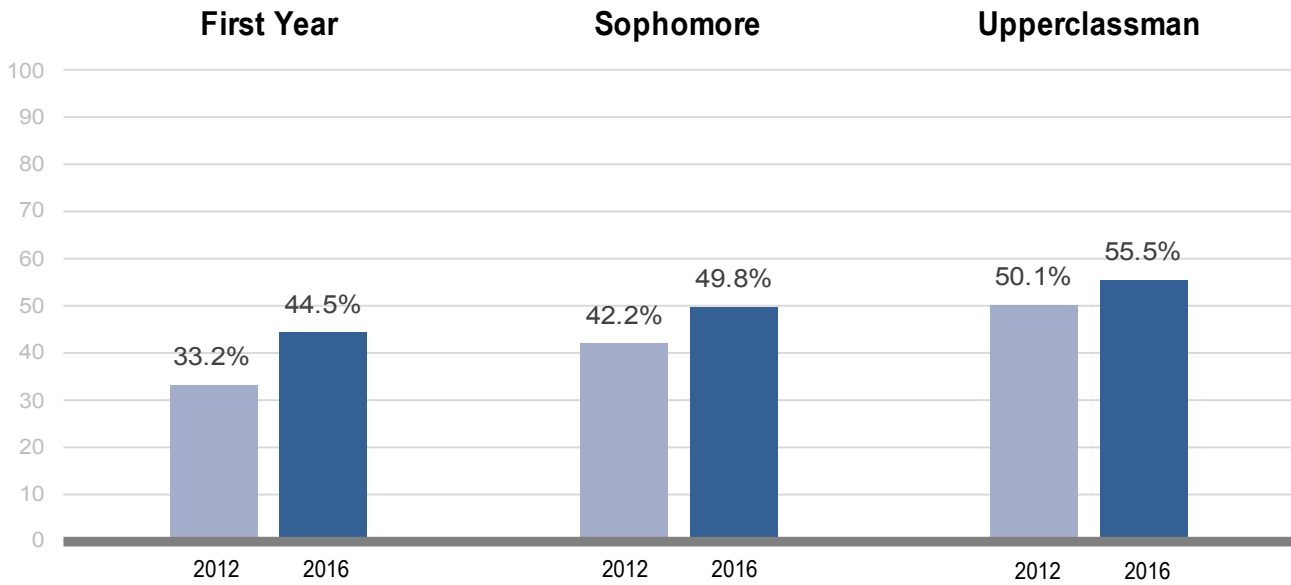


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	20,040	9,062	<b>45.2%</b>	19,594	10,154	<b>51.8%</b>	↑ 6.6
Graduate	7,968	4,286	<b>53.8%</b>	7,898	4,614	<b>58.4%</b>	↑ 4.6
Unknown	*			123			

\* 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\*



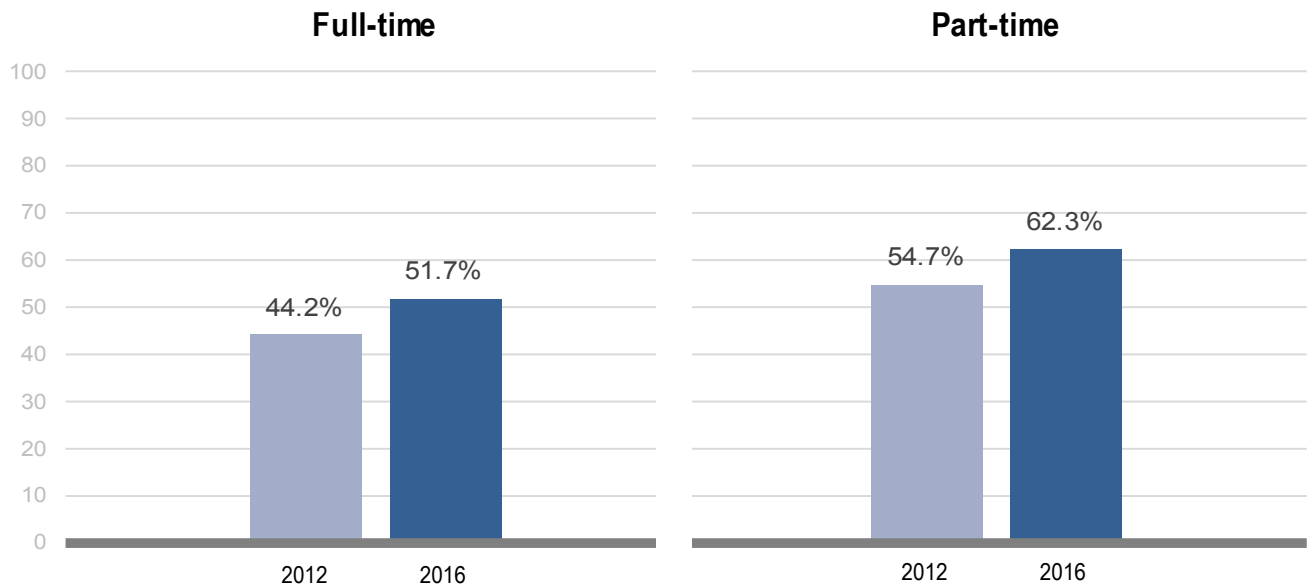
	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	4,147	1,375	<b>33.2%</b>	4,627	2,057	<b>44.5%</b>	↑ 11.3
Sophomore	4,144	1,747	<b>42.2%</b>	4,160	2,071	<b>49.8%</b>	↑ 7.6
Upperclassman	10,853	5,432	<b>50.1%</b>	10,287	5,704	<b>55.5%</b>	↑ 5.4

\* 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\*

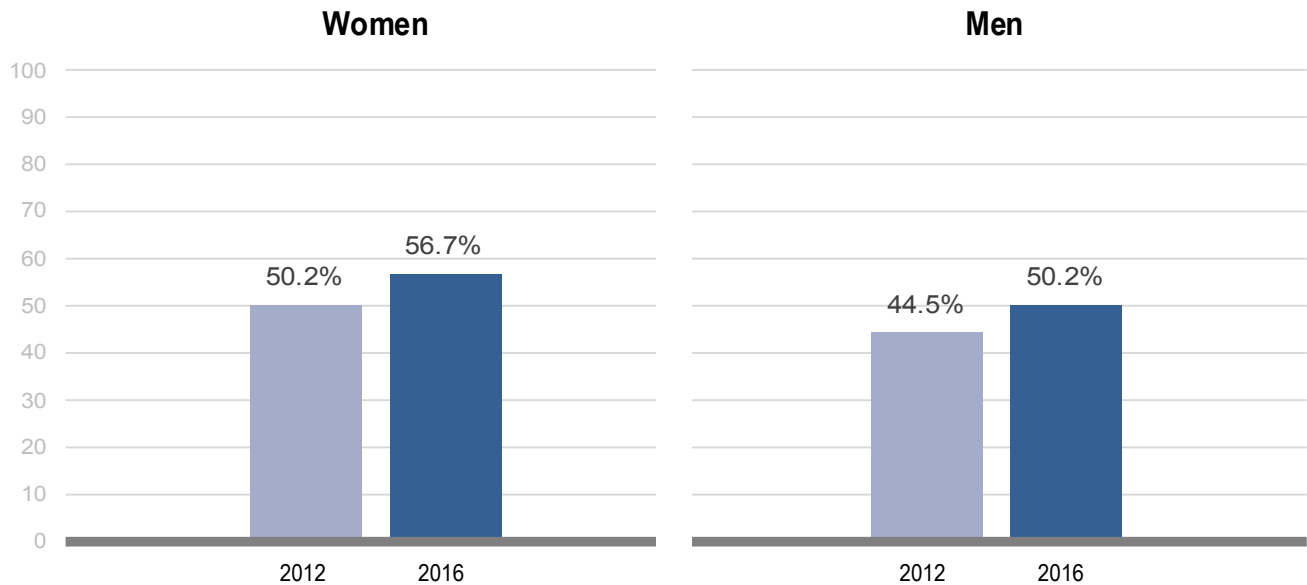


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	18,732	8,276	<b>44.2%</b>	22,138	11,441	<b>51.7%</b>	↑ 7.5
Part-time	9,279	5,072	<b>54.7%</b>	5,473	3,410	<b>62.3%</b>	↑ 7.7
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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\*

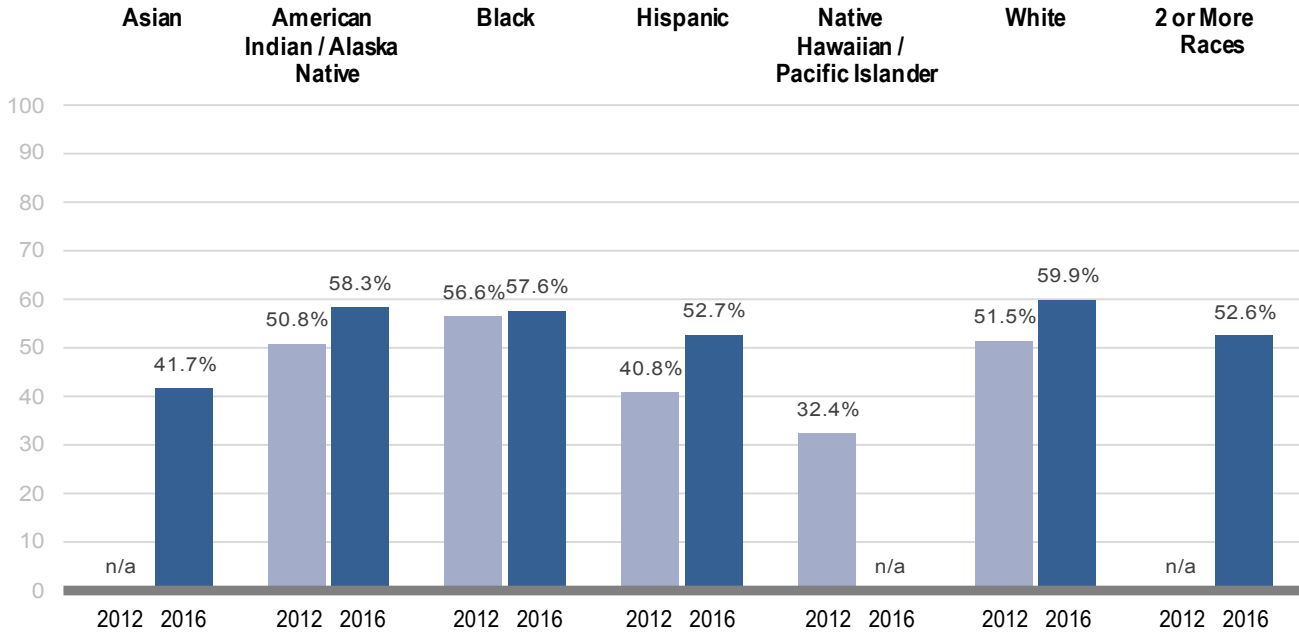


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	15,704	7,878	<b>50.2%</b>	15,290	8,671	<b>56.7%</b>	↑ 6.5
Men	12,305	5,470	<b>44.5%</b>	12,325	6,182	<b>50.2%</b>	↑ 5.7
Unknown	*	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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	0	0	n/a	1,332	555	41.7%	n/a
American Indian / Alaska Native	132	67	50.8%	24	14	58.3%	↑ 7.6
Black	3,123	1,766	56.6%	2,694	1,551	57.6%	↑ 1.0
Hispanic	1,210	494	40.8%	1,750	923	52.7%	↑ 11.9
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	1,357	440	32.4%	20	*	n/a	n/a
White	20,058	10,320	51.5%	18,649	11,173	59.9%	↑ 8.5
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	1,004	528	52.6%	n/a
Unknown	613			200			

\* 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	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,279	478	37.4%	1,532	720	47.0% ↑	9.6
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,236	1,432	44.3%	3,558	1,746	49.1% ↑	4.8
Communication and Journalism	976	474	48.6%	873	528	60.5% ↑	11.9
Computer and Information Sciences	973	383	39.4%	1,322	629	47.6% ↑	8.2
Education	1,431	827	57.8%	1,233	768	62.3% ↑	4.5
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,437	889	36.5%	2,899	1,152	39.7% ↑	3.3
English Language and Literature	267	143	53.6%	222	159	71.6% ↑	18.1
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	172	90	52.3%	179	116	64.8% ↑	12.5
Health Professions	6,249	2,961	47.4%	6,166	3,389	55.0% ↑	7.6
History	218	137	62.8%	126	90	71.4% ↑	8.6
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	767	375	48.9%	806	432	53.6% ↑	4.7
Legal Professions and Studies	1,026	626	61.0%	973	662	68.0% ↑	7.0
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	891	510	57.2%	1,743	1,000	57.4% ↑	0.1
Library Science	164	116	70.7%	227	178	78.4% ↑	7.7
Mathematics and Statistics	210	102	48.6%	252	112	44.4% ↓	-4.1
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	349	198	56.7%	377	207	54.9% ↓	-1.8
Natural Resources and Conservation	60	27	45.0%	87	45	51.7% ↑	6.7
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	838	319	38.1%	713	320	44.9% ↑	6.8
Philosophy and Religious Studies	112	62	55.4%	58	38	65.5% ↑	10.2
Physical Sciences	460	182	39.6%	439	218	49.7% ↑	10.1
Psychology	842	355	42.2%	886	445	50.2% ↑	8.1
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	1,448	903	62.4%	1,442	981	68.0% ↑	5.7

Social Sciences	757	389	51.4%	606	377	62.2% ↑	10.8
Visual and Performing Arts	965	412	42.7%	849	510	60.1% ↑	17.4
Unknown	1,879	953	50.7%	47	31	66.0% ↑	15.2

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](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

**References:**

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