

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Missouri State University-
Springfield

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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



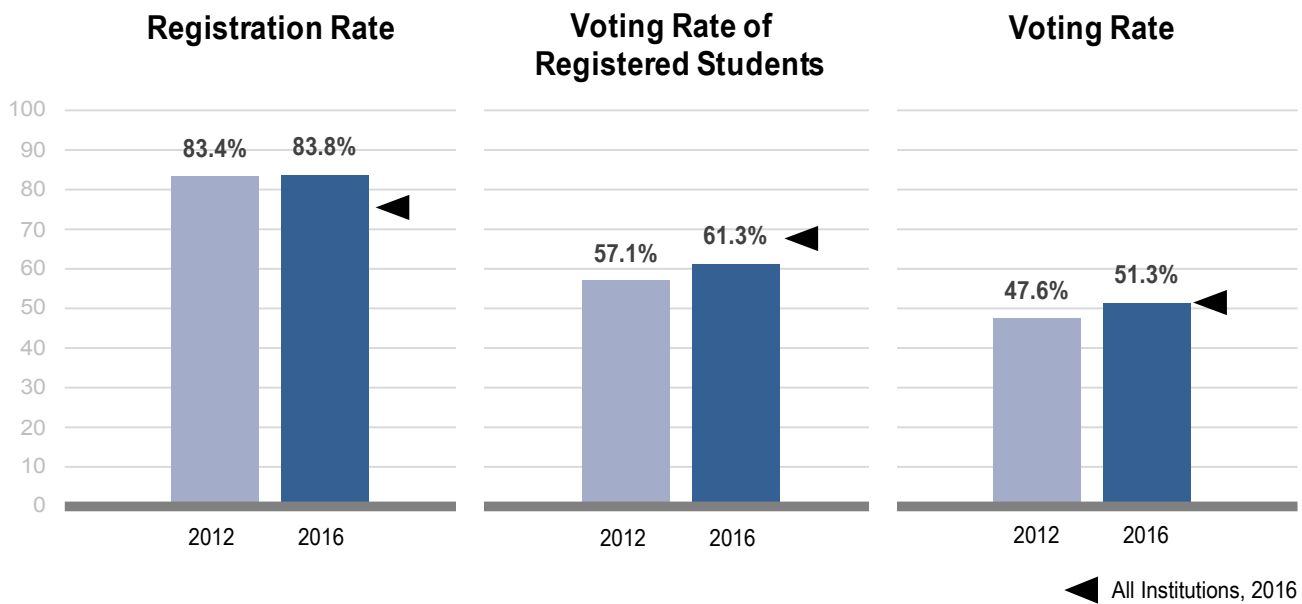
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
51.3%

CHANGE FROM 2012
3.7

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	20,587	23,583	↑ 2,996
Age under 18/Unknown	(1,645)	(2,472)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,272)	(1,517)	
FERPA records blocked	(15)	(19)	
Total eligible voters	17,655	19,575	↑ 1,920
Number of students who registered	14,731	16,401	↑ 1,670
Number of students who voted	8,410	10,049	↑ 1,639
Registration rate	83.4%	83.8%	↑ 0.4
Voting rate of registered students	57.1%	61.3%	↑ 4.2
Voting rate	47.6%	51.3%	↑ 3.7
Difference from all institutions	+0.7	+0.9	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

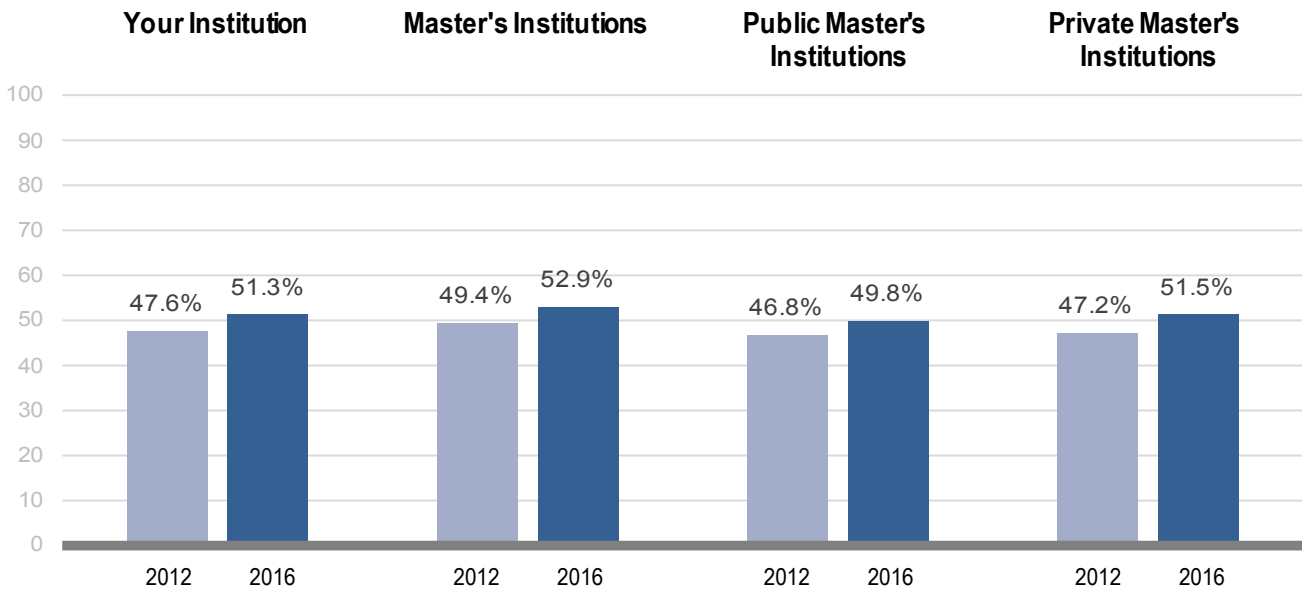
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

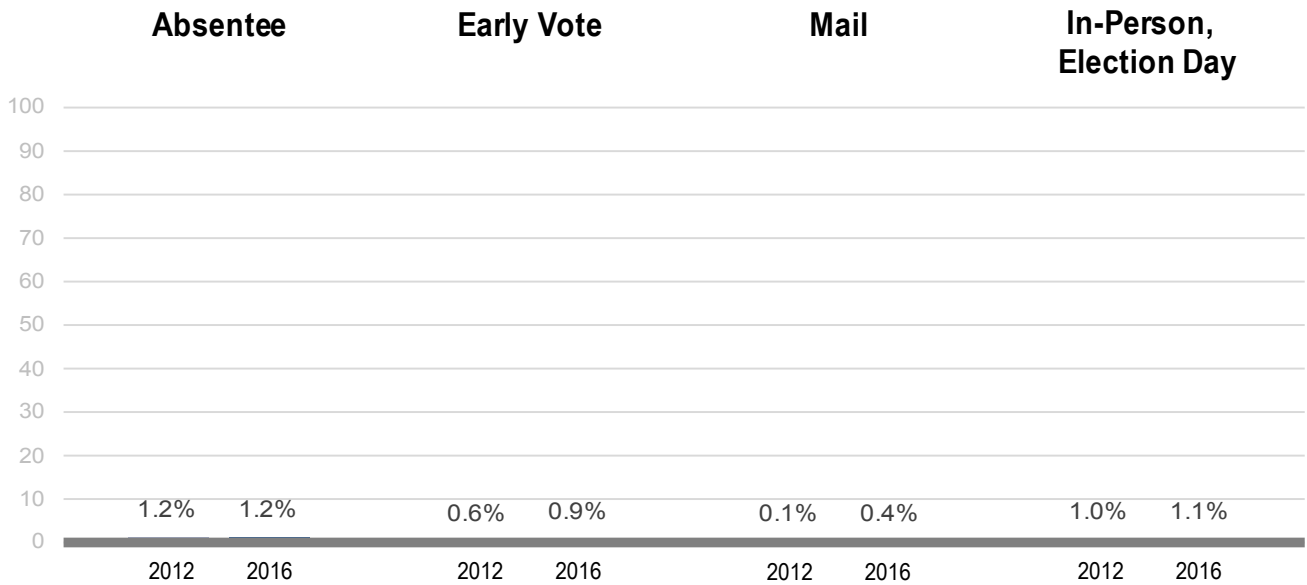
Difference from All Institutions **+0.7**

Difference from All Institutions **+0.9**



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By Voting Method*

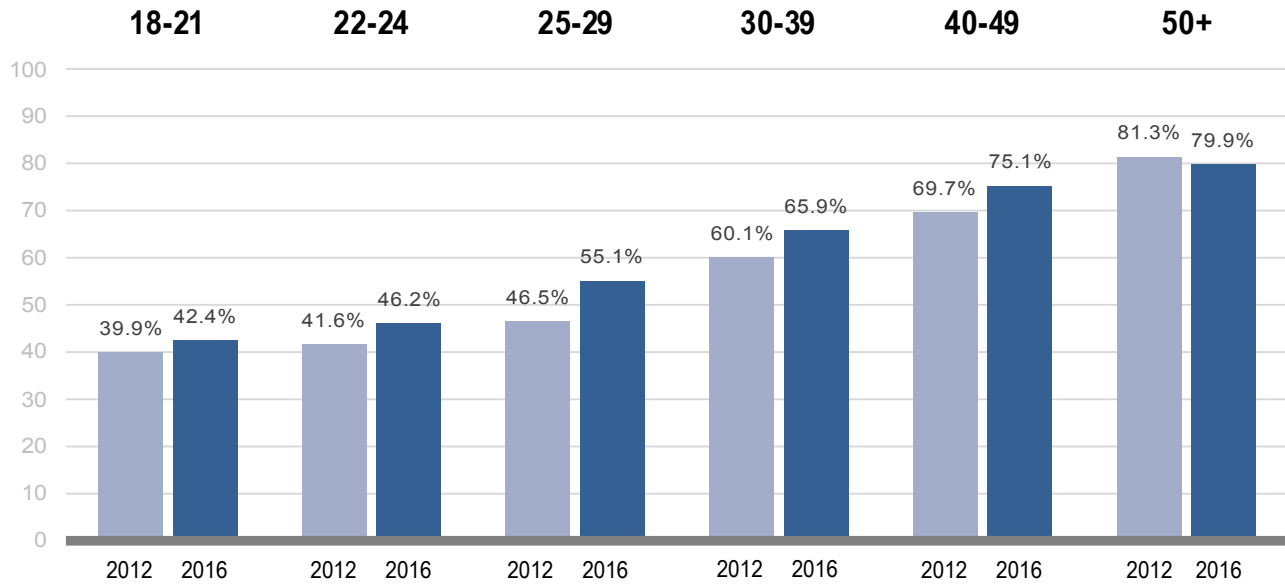


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	100	1.2%	120	1.2%	↔ 0.0
Early Vote	52	0.6%	88	0.9%	↑ 0.3
Mail	12	0.1%	44	0.4%	↑ 0.3
In-Person, Election Day	82	1.0%	108	1.1%	↑ 0.1
Unknown	8,164	97.1%	9,689	96.4%	
Total	8,410		10,049		

* 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*

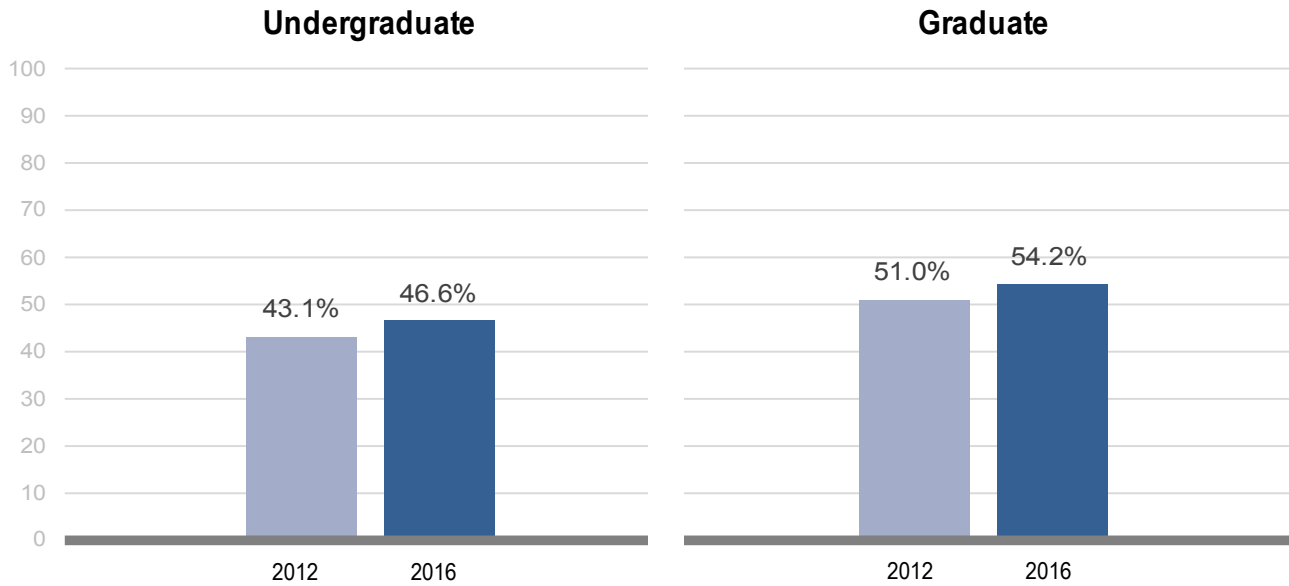


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	9,708	3,877	39.9%	11,783	5,000	42.4%	↑ 2.5
22-24	4,597	1,913	41.6%	4,800	2,218	46.2%	↑ 4.6
25-29	2,083	969	46.5%	2,149	1,183	55.1%	↑ 8.5
30-39	1,562	938	60.1%	1,501	989	65.9%	↑ 5.8
40-49	704	491	69.7%	571	429	75.1%	↑ 5.4
50+	273	222	81.3%	288	230	79.9%	↓ -1.5
Unknown	40			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*

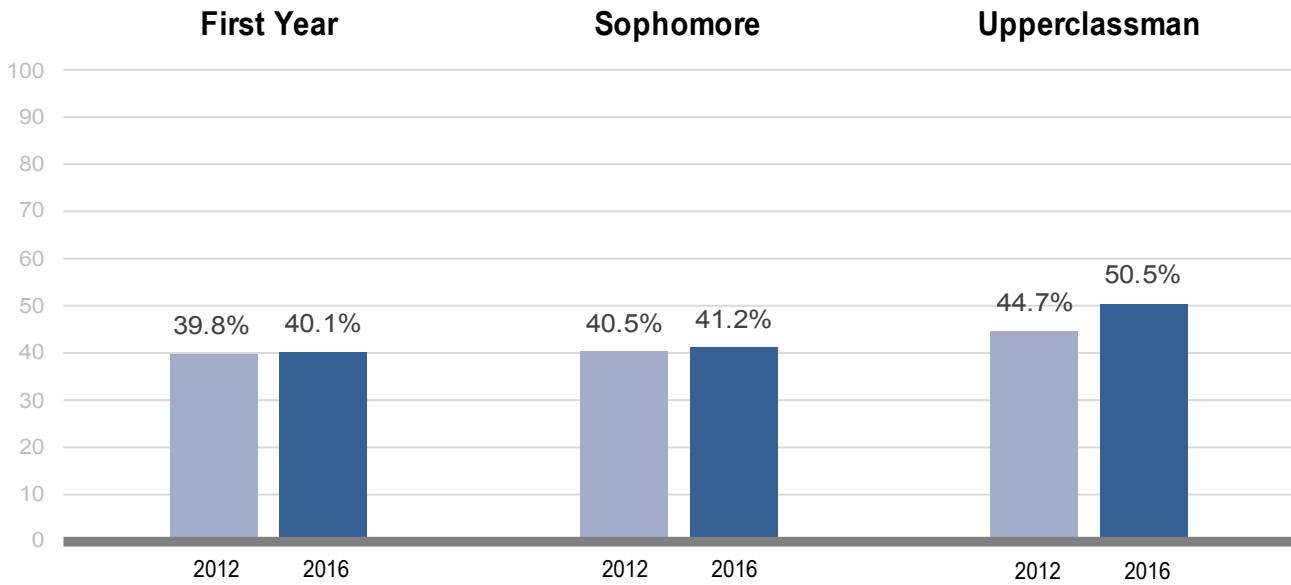


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	15,788	6,808	43.1%	18,227	8,495	46.6%	↑ 3.5
Graduate	3,138	1,601	51.0%	2,865	1,554	54.2%	↑ 3.2
Unknown	*			0			

* 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*

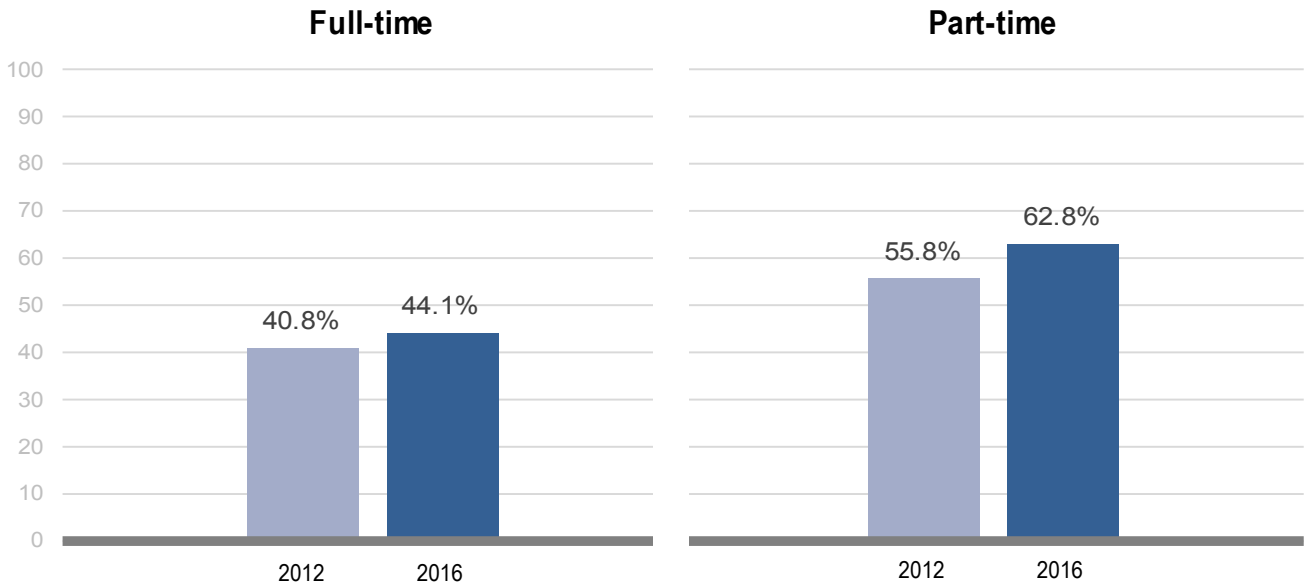


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	3,673	1,462	39.8%	4,316	1,732	40.1%	↑ 0.3
Sophomore	3,059	1,238	40.5%	3,674	1,515	41.2%	↑ 0.8
Upperclassman	8,274	3,698	44.7%	9,938	5,014	50.5%	↑ 5.8

* 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*

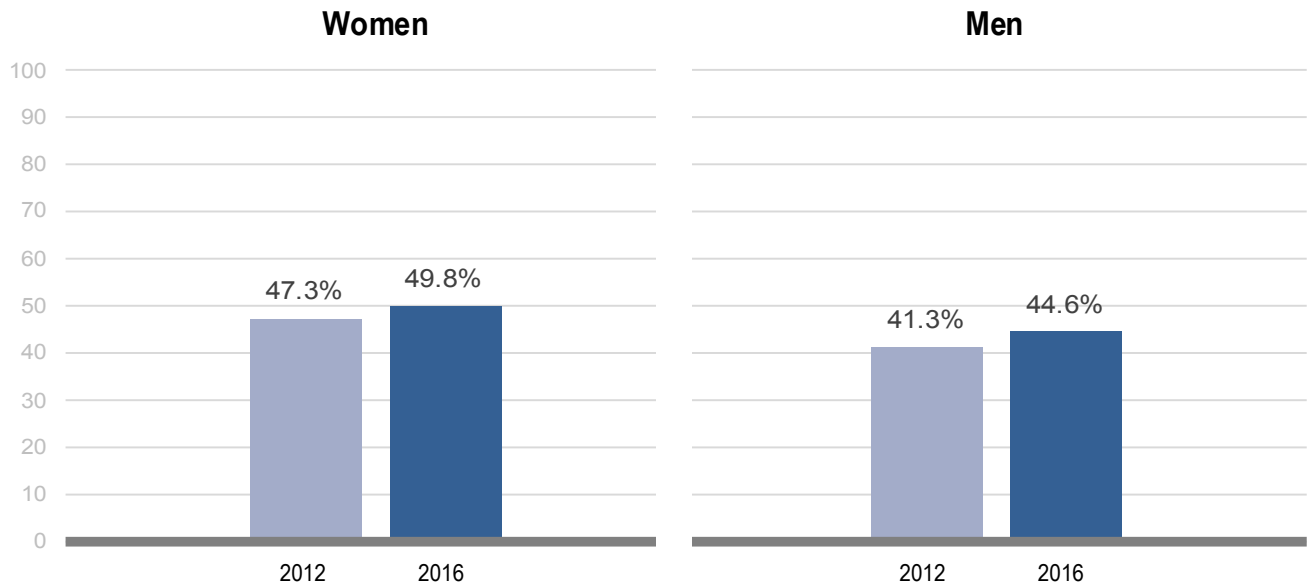


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	14,372	5,870	40.8%	17,069	7,522	44.1%	↑ 3.2
Part-time	4,555	2,540	55.8%	4,023	2,527	62.8%	↑ 7.1
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

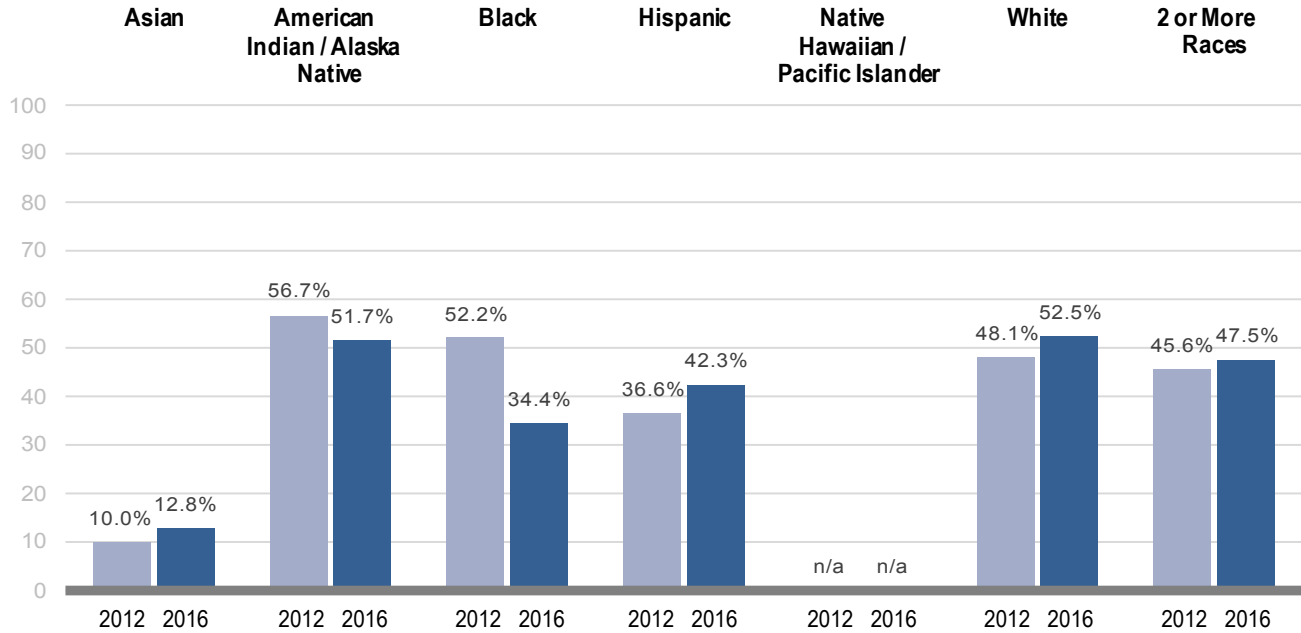


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	10,683	5,050	47.3%	12,375	6,166	49.8%	↑ 2.6
Men	8,137	3,360	41.3%	8,717	3,883	44.6%	↑ 3.3
Unknown	107	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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	568	57	10.0%	803	103	12.8%	↑ 2.8
American Indian/ Alaska Native	90	51	56.7%	91	47	51.7%	↓ -5.0
Black	659	344	52.2%	915	315	34.4%	↓ -17.8
Hispanic	481	176	36.6%	737	312	42.3%	↑ 5.7
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	28	*	n/a	16	*	n/a	n/a
White	13,613	6,552	48.1%	16,673	8,746	52.5%	↑ 4.3
2 or More Races	465	212	45.6%	727	345	47.5%	↑ 1.9
Unknown	2,744			886			

* 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	401	210	52.4%	597	357	59.8% ↑	7.4
Architecture	22	10	45.5%	28	23	82.1% ↑	36.7
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	30	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	986	420	42.6%	1,086	519	47.8% ↑	5.2
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,309	1,495	34.7%	4,973	1,827	36.7% ↑	2.1
Communication and Journalism	687	316	46.0%	835	442	52.9% ↑	6.9
Computer and Information Sciences	292	105	36.0%	481	221	46.0% ↑	10.0
Education	3,044	1,622	53.3%	2,799	1,675	59.8% ↑	6.6
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	301	179	59.5%	348	217	62.4% ↑	2.9
English Language and Literature	371	195	52.6%	353	226	64.0% ↑	11.5
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	503	223	44.3%	562	269	47.9% ↑	3.5
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	64	31	48.4%	106	60	56.6% ↑	8.2
Health Professions	1,766	831	47.1%	2,126	988	46.5% ↓	-0.6
History	139	78	56.1%	114	82	71.9% ↑	15.8
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	588	186	31.6%	1,011	326	32.3% ↑	0.6
Mathematics and Statistics	111	44	39.6%	113	53	46.9% ↑	7.3
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	188	106	56.4%	174	108	62.1% ↑	5.7
Natural Resources and Conservation	85	33	38.8%	99	47	47.5% ↑	8.7
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	563	207	36.8%	603	207	34.3% ↓	-2.4
Philosophy and Religious Studies	104	57	54.8%	87	58	66.7% ↑	11.9
Physical Sciences	386	164	42.5%	381	173	45.4% ↑	2.9
Psychology	796	327	41.1%	924	414	44.8% ↑	3.7

Public Administration and Social Service Professions	352	208	59.1%	361	198	54.9% ↓	-4.2
Science Technologies/Technicians	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Social Sciences	1,067	478	44.8%	948	487	51.4% ↑	6.6
Visual and Performing Arts	861	388	45.1%	869	426	49.0% ↑	4.0
Other	92	41	44.6%	80	45	56.3% ↑	11.7
Unknown	805	450	55.9%	1,034	601	58.1% ↑	2.2

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.

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