

CAMPUS REPORT
Student Voting
Rates for
Michigan State University

002290.00

WHAT'S INSIDE

About This Report

Your Students' Voting Rates

Rate Breakdown

By Age Group

By Education Level

By Gender

By Race/Ethnicity

By Field of Study

By Voting Method

**How Your Institution's
Numbers Compare**

About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE), housed at the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, Tufts University. Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 800 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012 and 2014 elections. Participating colleges and universities are located in 48 states and represent all Carnegie classifications. With others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 7.5 million college student records that is already serving as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

NSLVE has recently published three new resources for campuses:

- ❑ *Talking Politics*: A tool for conversations on your campus regarding how to use the NSLVE report to spark change.
- ❑ *Democracy Matters- A Guide to Non-Statutory Barriers to Voting*: In this guide, we identify sometimes-hidden barriers students might face when trying to register to vote or vote, and some strategies to overcome them.
- ❑ *Diversity & Democracy*: In partnership with the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU), we published a special Student and Institutional Engagement in Political Life.

Looking Ahead

Over the coming months, NSLVE will be releasing additional tools and resources that you can use to increase political learning and engagement in democracy on your campus. Here is a preview of some of this work.

- ❑ *National Data*: We'll be sharing data about the national landscape for college student voting.
- ❑ *Comparison Data*: We'll be rolling out aggregate comparison data for groups of participating campuses.
- ❑ *Case Studies*: We will be sharing the findings from our studies of campus climates for student political learning and engagement in democracy.

If you or someone else on your campus would like to receive more information about our research and resources, please [join our mailing list](#).

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 2014 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse ("Clearinghouse") and publicly available voting records collected by Catalist.

Using enrollment records submitted on a date closest to the election, we removed students under age 18 on Election Day. We also deducted an estimated number of students identified by your institution as non-resident aliens. This is based on the percentage of non-resident aliens reported by your institution to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), and is more reliable than the demographic data campuses provide to the Clearinghouse at this time. Please note that students who blocked the use of their information under FERPA were also removed from the enrollment lists by the Clearinghouse.

When combining two datasets, matching errors can occur. That said, for each record, we receive a "confidence score." The average confidence score for the student records in our database is 96.6%. Nonetheless, some errors are still possible:

- On page three, we indicate the number of students who blocked their records from being used for any purpose, including research. If those students voted at a much lower or higher rate than your other students, it might affect the voting rate.
- Students not found in the voting database are considered non-voters, but we have no way to remove individual noncitizens (resident aliens and non-resident aliens). We use an estimate based on IPEDS data to account for your international students. We cannot adjust for undocumented students. This may result in your actual voting rate being higher than we report. To recalculate that percentage, see our [FAQ on campus reports](#).

Reviewing the Data

Please use the following key to interpret the charts below:

- * = number of students is less than 10
- = no data was collected for this field

For some colleges and universities, this report will contain some categories for which data is "unknown." These categories likely reflect the amount or quality of the data your institution provides, a problem that can be corrected by more comprehensive reporting to the Clearinghouse.

Your Students' Voting and Registration Rates

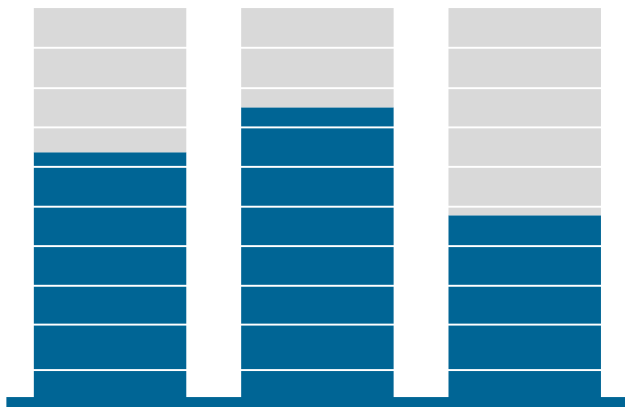
2012 Voting Rate

47%

2014 Voting Rate

14%

2012 Presidential Election



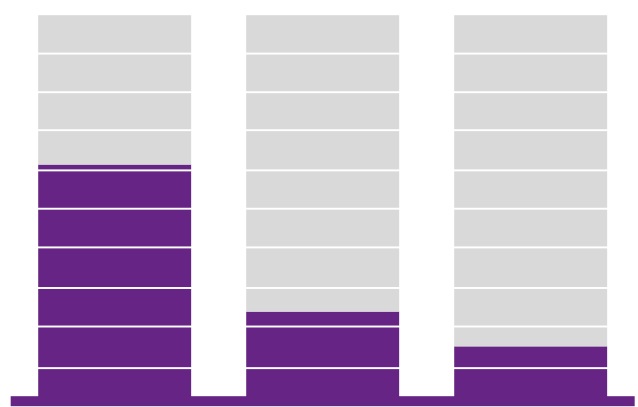
63.4%
Registration
Rate

74.8%
Rate of
Registered
Students
who Voted

47.4%
Voting
Rate

Total student enrollment	44,503
Ineligible to vote because too young	251
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	5,393
FERPA records blocked	3,894
Number of students who registered	22,153
Number of students who voted	16,571

2014 Midterm Election



61.3%
Registration
Rate

23.2%
Rate of
Registered
Students
who Voted

14.2%
Voting
Rate

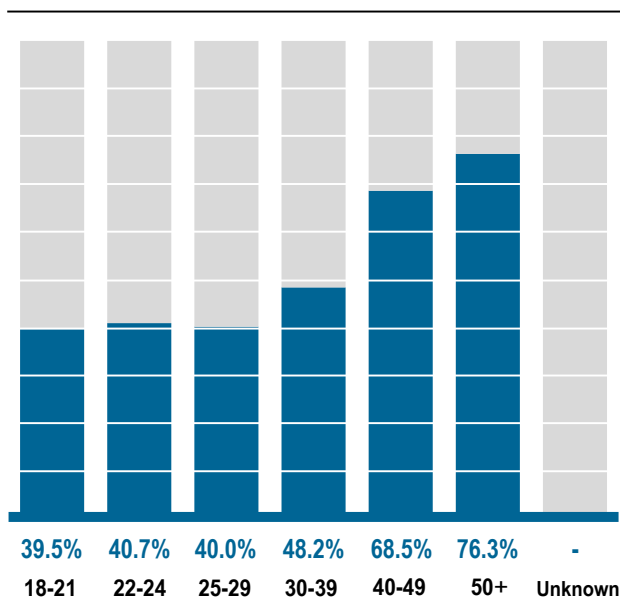
Total student enrollment	44,120
Ineligible to vote because too young	256
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	5,978
FERPA records blocked	2,827
Number of students who registered	21,506
Number of students who voted	4,980

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

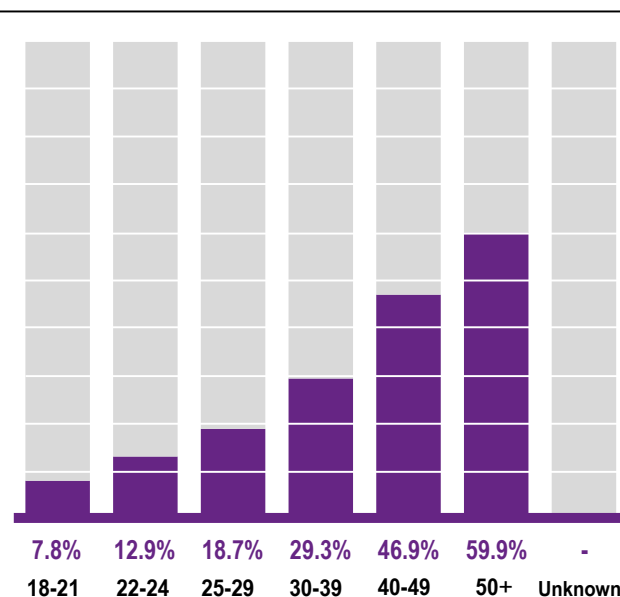
BY AGE GROUP

Your students data broken down by age at the time of the election. The enrolled category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young and records that were FERPA blocked. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election



AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	25,355	10,006
22-24	7,389	3,009
25-29	4,219	1,686
30-39	2,368	1,142
40-49	715	490
50+	312	238
Unknown	-	-

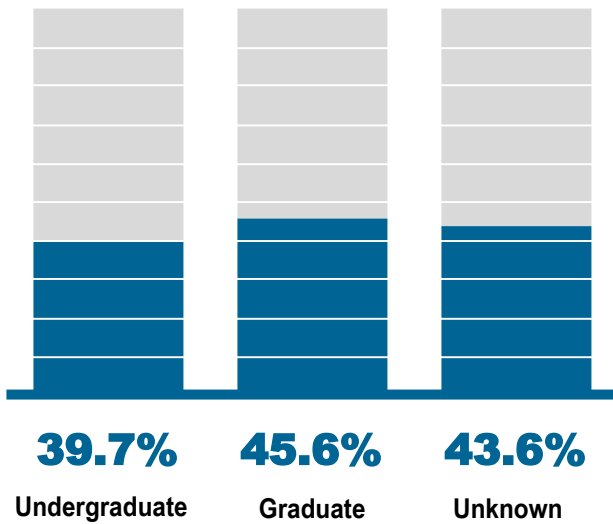
AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	26,122	2,042
22-24	7,392	954
25-29	4,133	773
30-39	2,376	696
40-49	712	334
50+	302	181
Unknown	-	-

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

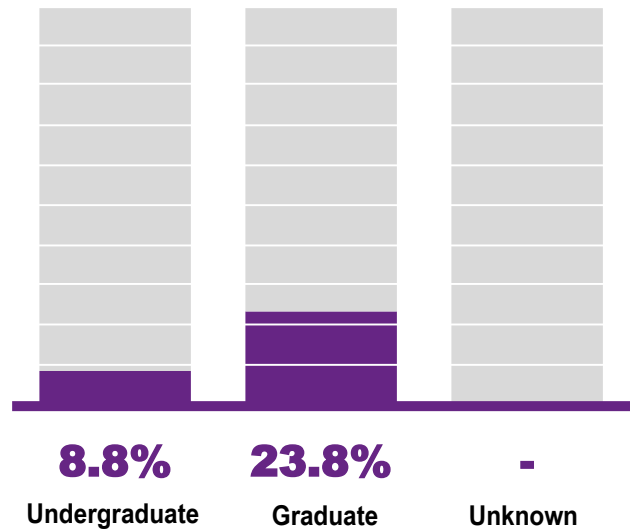
BY EDUCATION LEVEL

Your students data broken down by undergraduate and graduate students. The enrolled category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young and records that were FERPA blocked. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election



EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	31,046	12,326
Graduate	9,021	4,118
Unknown	291	127

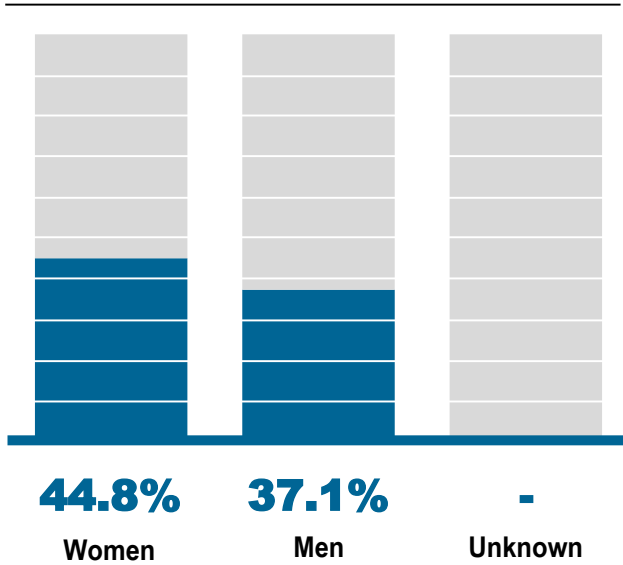
EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	31,981	2,825
Graduate	9,056	2,155
Unknown	-	-

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

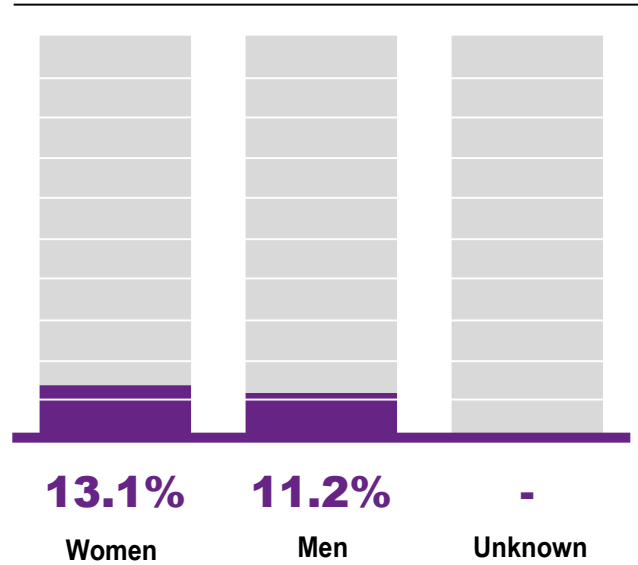
BY GENDER

Your students data broken down by gender. The enrolled category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young and records that were FERPA blocked. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election



GENDER	ENROLLED	VOTED
Women	20,629	9,252
Men	19,729	7,319
Unknown	-	-

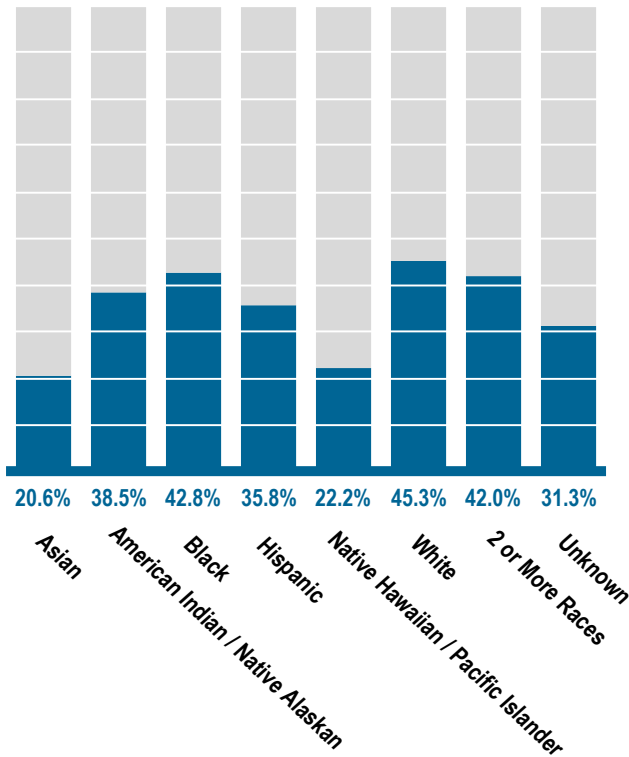
GENDER	ENROLLED	VOTED
Women	21,149	2,762
Men	19,888	2,218
Unknown	-	-

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

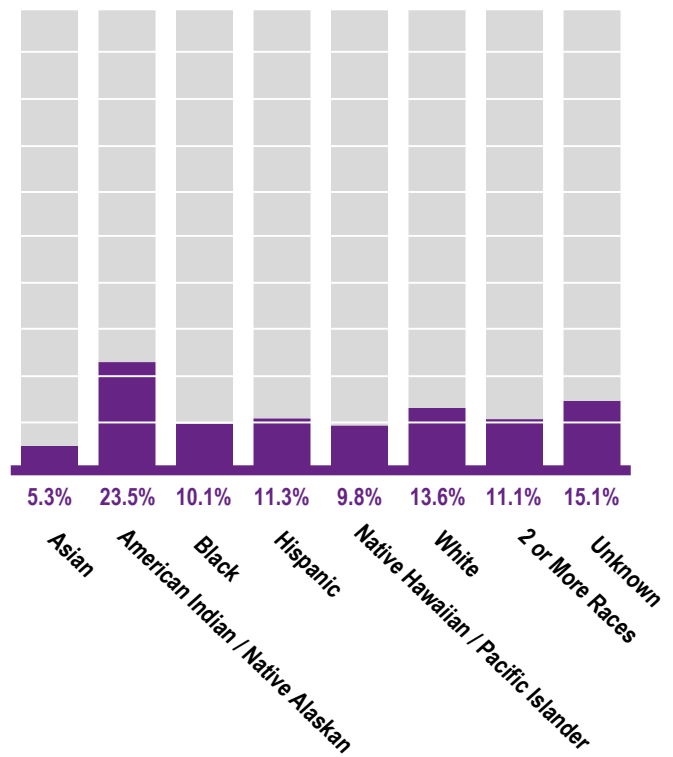
BY RACE/ETHNICITY

Your students data broken down by race/ethnicity. The enrolled category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young and records that were FERPA blocked. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

**2012
Presidential Election**



**2014
Midterm Election**



RACE/ETHNICITY	ENROLLED	VOTED
Asian	2,180	448
American Indian / Native Alaskan	122	47
Black	2,490	1,065
Hispanic	1,513	541
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	27	*
White	30,591	13,866
2 or More Races	766	322
Unknown	882	276

RACE/ETHNICITY	ENROLLED	VOTED
Asian	1,889	100
American Indian / Native Alaskan	119	28
Black	2,746	278
Hispanic	1,716	194
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	41	*
White	30,788	4,176
2 or More Races	1,087	121
Unknown	523	79

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY FIELD OF STUDY

Your students data broken down by field of study. The enrolled category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young and records that were FERPA blocked. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

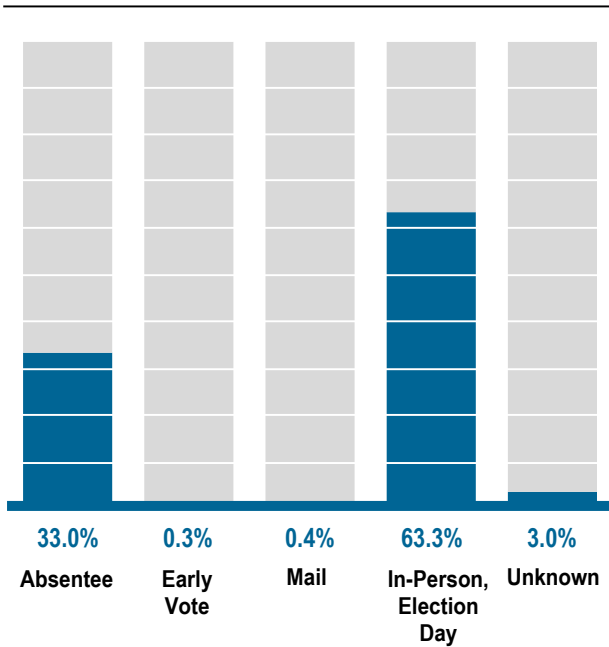
	2012 Presidential Election			2014 Midterm Election		
	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout
Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences	1,423	582	40.9%	1,487	223	15.0%
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	3,492	1,355	38.8%	3,718	388	10.4%
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support	6,022	2,180	36.2%	6,310	568	9.0%
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	2,757	1,113	40.4%	2,986	244	8.2%
Computer and Information and Library Sciences	519	154	29.7%	702	62	8.8%
Education	2,462	1,313	53.3%	2,292	588	25.7%
Engineering	2,941	1,024	34.8%	3,536	275	7.8%
Health Professions and Related Sciences, Knowledge, and Skills	5,303	2,389	45.0%	5,258	770	14.6%
Humanities	1,391	649	46.7%	1,201	187	15.6%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies, and Humanities	1,301	575	44.2%	1,029	148	14.4%
Mathematics and Statistics	472	151	32.0%	426	31	7.3%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,373	642	46.8%	1,425	168	11.8%
Parks and Recreation	1,043	388	37.2%	1,116	85	7.6%
Physical Sciences	1,500	579	38.6%	1,524	218	14.3%
Professions	785	377	48.0%	730	137	18.8%
Psychology, Personal Awareness, and Self-Improvement	1,484	553	37.3%	1,317	128	9.7%
Social Sciences	2,927	1,268	43.3%	2,803	430	15.3%
Technologies/Technicians	804	278	34.6%	956	64	6.7%
Trades	1,295	588	45.4%	1,260	170	13.5%
Visual and Performing Arts	1,006	381	37.9%	933	89	9.5%

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY VOTING METHOD

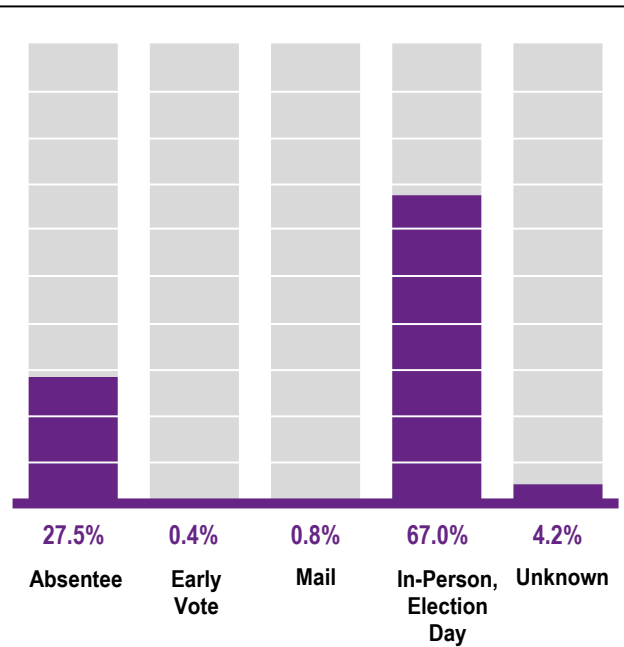
Your students data broken down by voting method. If your campus has a high percentage of "unknown" voting methods, it means that this information is not reported by local officials.

2012 Presidential Election



VOTING METHOD	VOTED
Absentee	5,471
Early Vote	47
Mail	59
In-person, Election Day	10,491
Unknown	503
Total	16,571

2014 Midterm Election



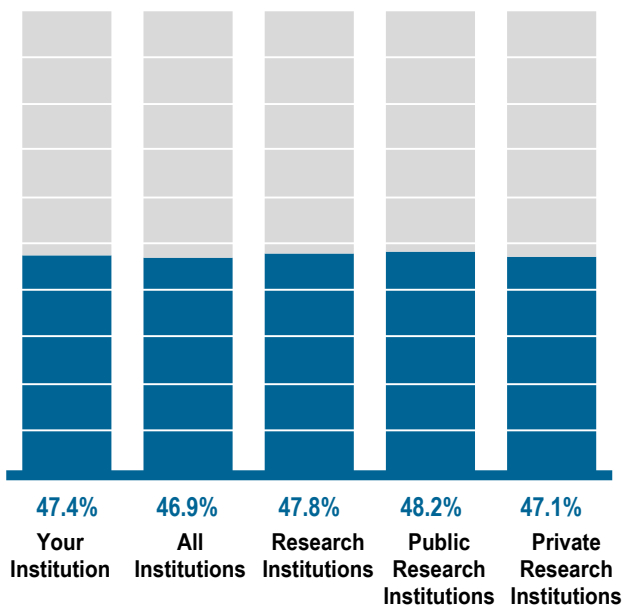
VOTING METHOD	VOTED
Absentee	1,369
Early Vote	22
Mail	42
In-person, Election Day	3,338
Unknown	209
Total	4,980

How Your Numbers Compare

BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

See how your campus voting rate compares to others in your institutions Carnegie classification. This comparison data allows your campus to understand your individual voting rates in the context of similar institutions.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election

