

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
University of Nebraska-
Lincoln

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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,
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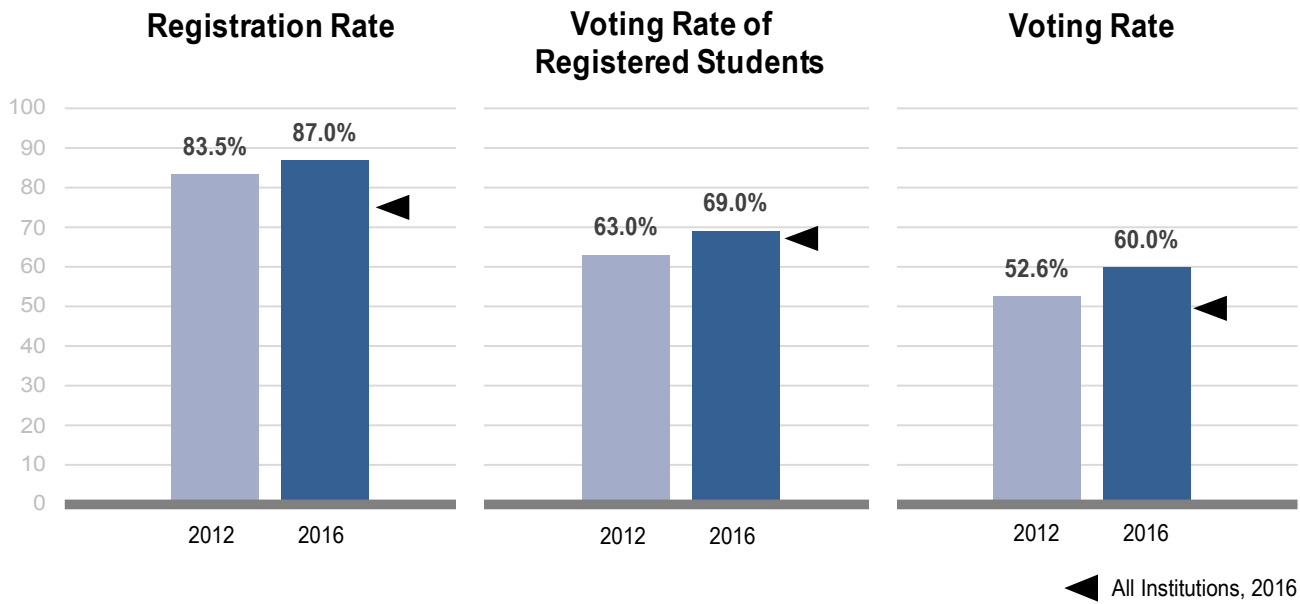
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
60.0%

CHANGE FROM 2012
7.4

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	22,488	23,609	↑ 1,121
Age under 18/Unknown	(112)	(168)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,729)	(2,327)	
FERPA records blocked	(1,013)	(319)	
Total eligible voters	19,634	20,795	↑ 1,161
Number of students who registered	16,387	18,088	↑ 1,701
Number of students who voted	10,325	12,474	↑ 2,149
Registration rate	83.5%	87.0%	↑ 3.5
Voting rate of registered students	63.0%	69.0%	↑ 6.0
Voting rate	52.6%	60.0%	↑ 7.4
Difference from all institutions	+5.7	+9.6	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

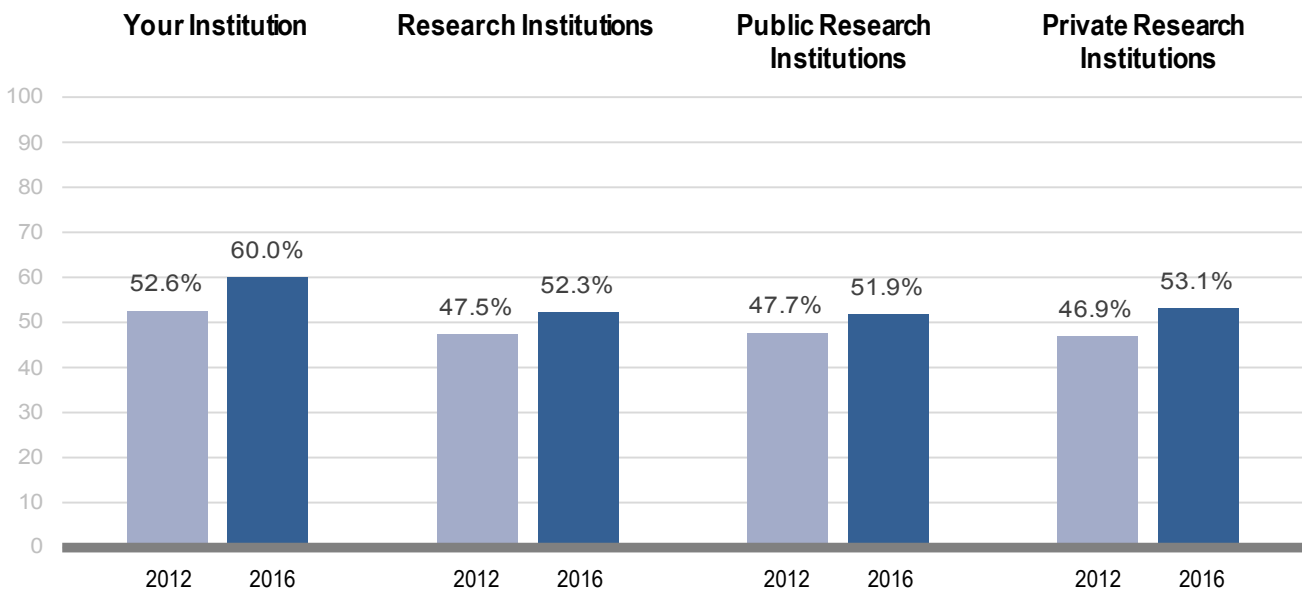
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

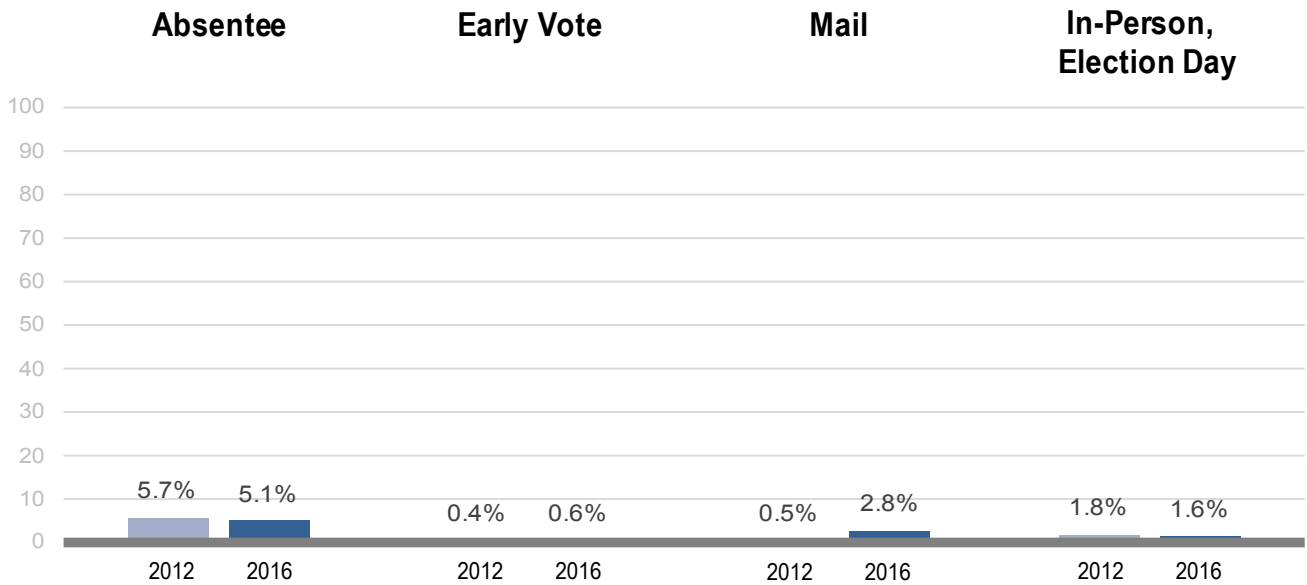
Difference from All Institutions **+5.7**

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By Voting Method*

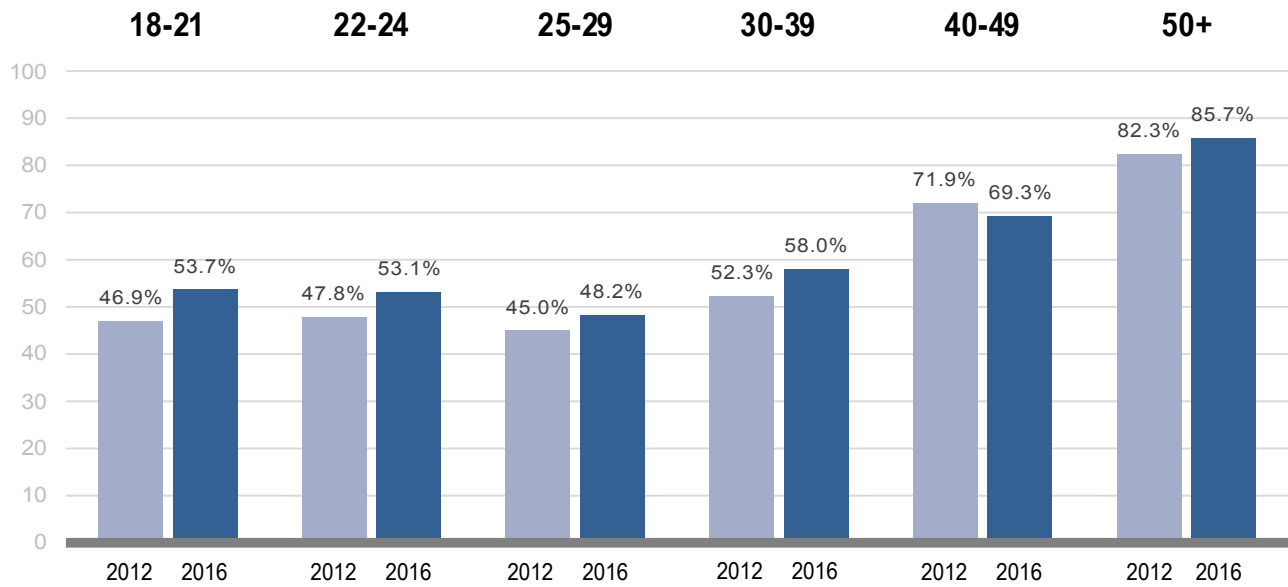


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	589	5.7%	640	5.1%	↓ -0.6
Early Vote	39	0.4%	74	0.6%	↑ 0.2
Mail	53	0.5%	344	2.8%	↑ 2.3
In-Person, Election Day	188	1.8%	194	1.6%	↓ -0.3
Unknown	9,456	91.6%	11,222	90.0%	
Total	10,325		12,474		

* 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*

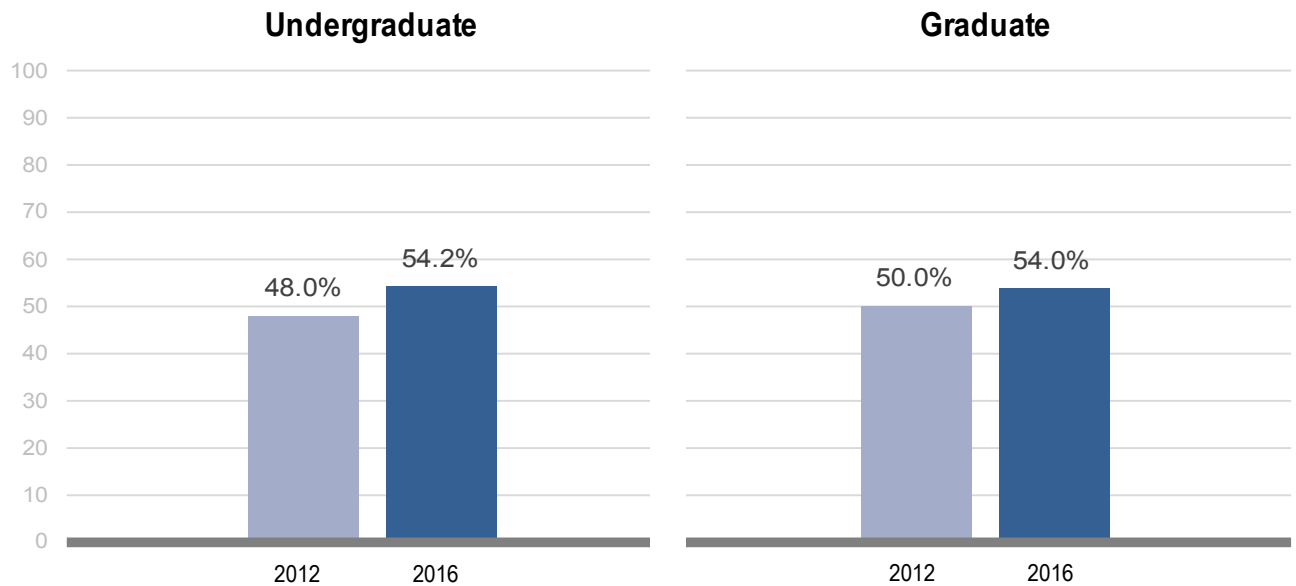


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	12,669	5,946	46.9%	14,432	7,745	53.7%	↑ 6.7
22-24	4,484	2,143	47.8%	4,381	2,326	53.1%	↑ 5.3
25-29	2,053	923	45.0%	2,121	1,023	48.2%	↑ 3.3
30-39	1,365	714	52.3%	1,510	875	58.0%	↑ 5.6
40-49	509	366	71.9%	462	320	69.3%	↓ -2.6
50+	283	233	82.3%	216	185	85.7%	↑ 3.3
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*

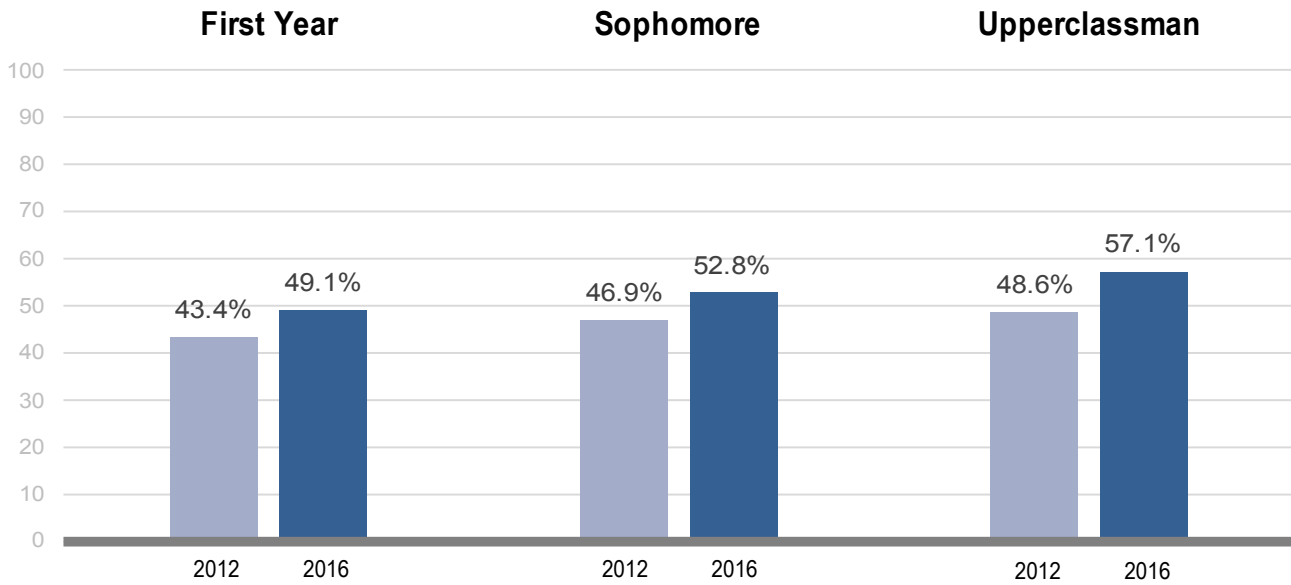


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	14,982	7,185	48.0%	18,256	9,901	54.2%	↑ 6.3
Graduate	3,545	1,773	50.0%	4,613	2,489	54.0%	↑ 4.0
Unknown	2,836			253			

* 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*

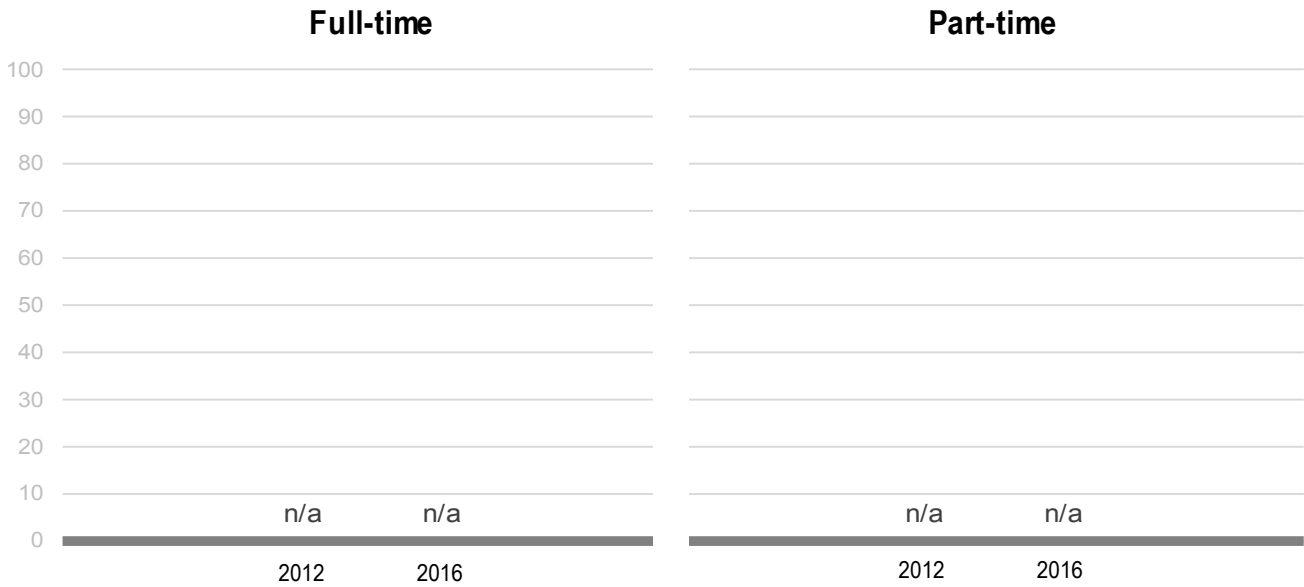


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	2,622	1,138	43.4%	4,717	2,317	49.1%	↑ 5.7
Sophomore	2,990	1,403	46.9%	3,672	1,940	52.8%	↑ 5.9
Upperclassman	7,601	3,694	48.6%	9,777	5,581	57.1%	↑ 8.5

* 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*

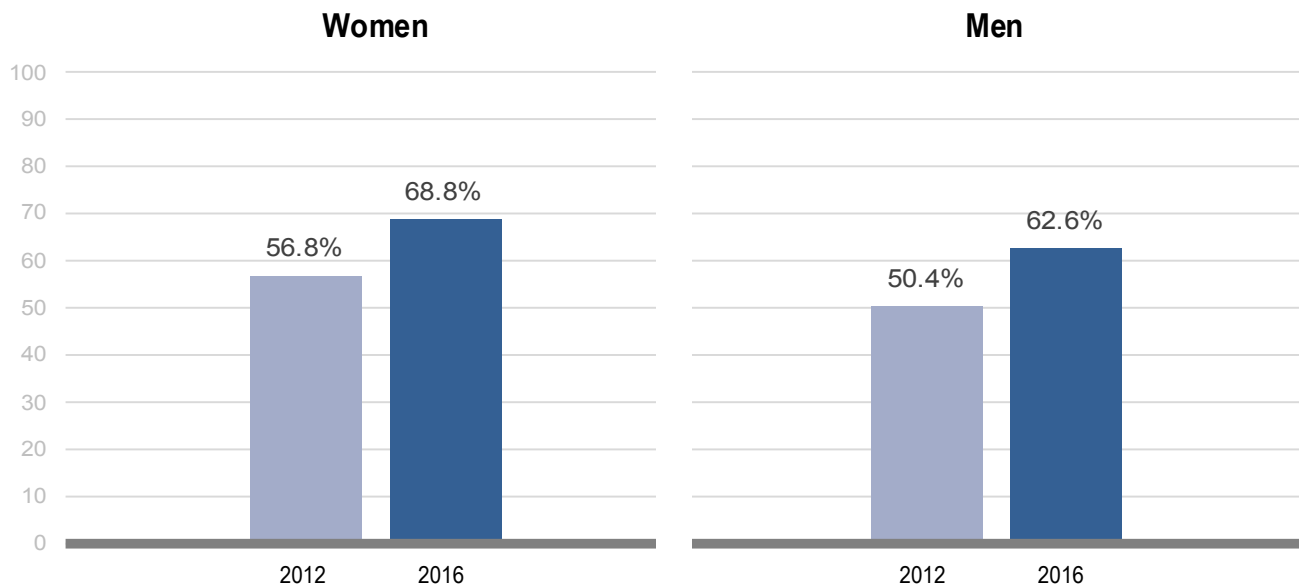


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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	9,192	5,220	56.8%	8,757	6,022	68.8%	↑ 12.0
Men	9,953	5,015	50.4%	9,199	5,761	62.6%	↑ 12.2
Unknown	2,218	90	4.1%	5,166	691	13.4%	

* 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 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	270	138	51.1%	1,771	937	52.9% ↑	1.8
Architecture	72	35	48.6%	450	259	57.6% ↑	9.0
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	*	*	n/a	30	19	63.3%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	158	78	49.4%	1,094	581	53.1% ↑	3.7
Business, Management, and Marketing	608	288	47.4%	3,915	2,078	53.1% ↑	5.7
Communication and Journalism	201	112	55.7%	1,261	707	56.1% ↑	0.3
Computer and Information Sciences	34	13	38.2%	479	218	45.5% ↑	7.3
Education	377	229	60.7%	2,200	1,391	63.2% ↑	2.5
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	290	143	49.3%	2,403	1,178	49.0% ↓	-0.3
English Language and Literature	77	55	71.4%	300	203	67.7% ↓	-3.8
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	264	129	48.9%	1,482	752	50.7% ↑	1.9
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	29	21	72.4%	158	98	62.0% ↓	-10.4
Health Professions	110	41	37.3%	1,166	551	47.3% ↑	10.0
History	51	29	56.9%	187	122	65.2% ↑	8.4
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	43	24	55.8%	457	219	47.9% ↓	-7.9
Legal Professions and Studies	106	66	62.3%	369	240	65.0% ↑	2.8
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	848	399	47.1%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	36	15	41.7%	239	118	49.4% ↑	7.7
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	16	11	68.8%	214	127	59.4% ↓	-9.4
Natural Resources and Conservation	56	33	58.9%	403	238	59.1% ↑	0.1
Philosophy and Religious Studies	*	*	n/a	39	18	46.2%	n/a
Physical Sciences	44	18	40.9%	518	224	43.2% ↑	2.3
Psychology	170	77	45.3%	1,049	594	56.6% ↑	11.3

Social Sciences	137	83	60.6%	627	387	61.7% ↑	1.1
Visual and Performing Arts	147	71	48.3%	1,017	613	60.3% ↑	12.0
Unknown	18,056	8,610	47.7%	446	203	45.5% ↓	-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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