

**2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Rutgers University-New  
Brunswick

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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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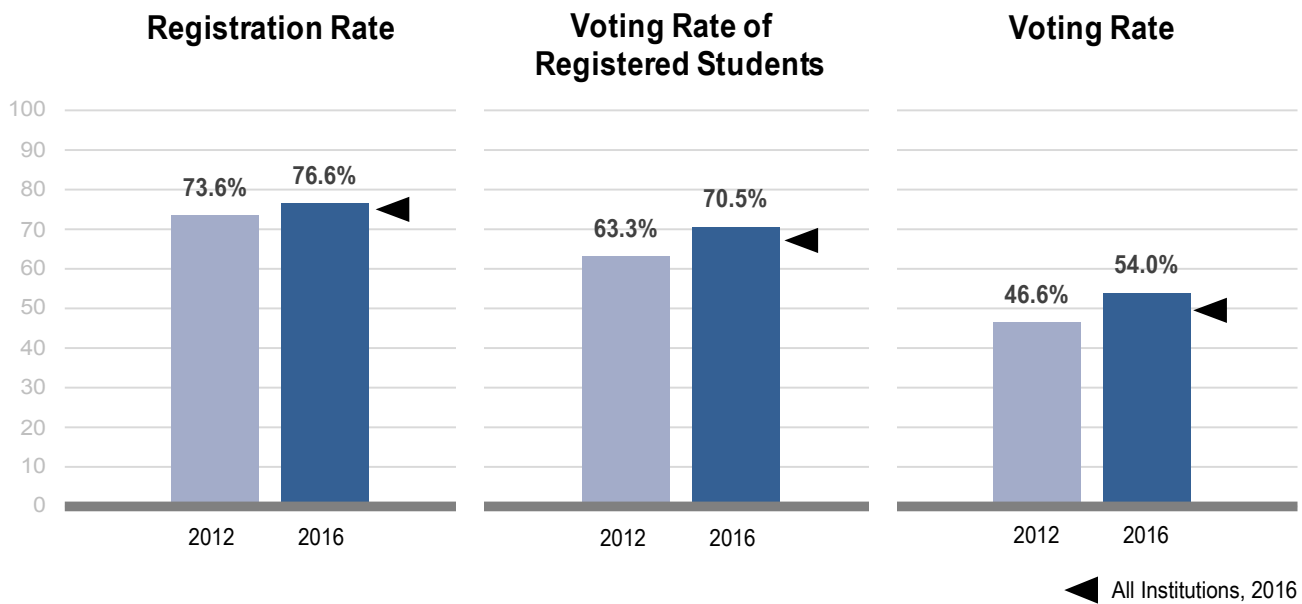
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2016 Voting Rate**  
**54.0%**

CHANGE FROM 2012  
**7.4**

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



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	40,194	48,070	↑ 7,876
Age under 18/Unknown	(322)	(310)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(3,173)	(5,237)	
FERPA records blocked	(33)	(21)	
Total eligible voters	36,666	42,502	↑ 5,836
Number of students who registered	26,982	32,542	↑ 5,560
Number of students who voted	17,079	22,949	↑ 5,870
Registration rate	73.6%	76.6%	↑ 3.0
Voting rate of registered students	63.3%	70.5%	↑ 7.2
Voting rate	46.6%	54.0%	↑ 7.4
Difference from all institutions	-0.3	+3.6	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

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

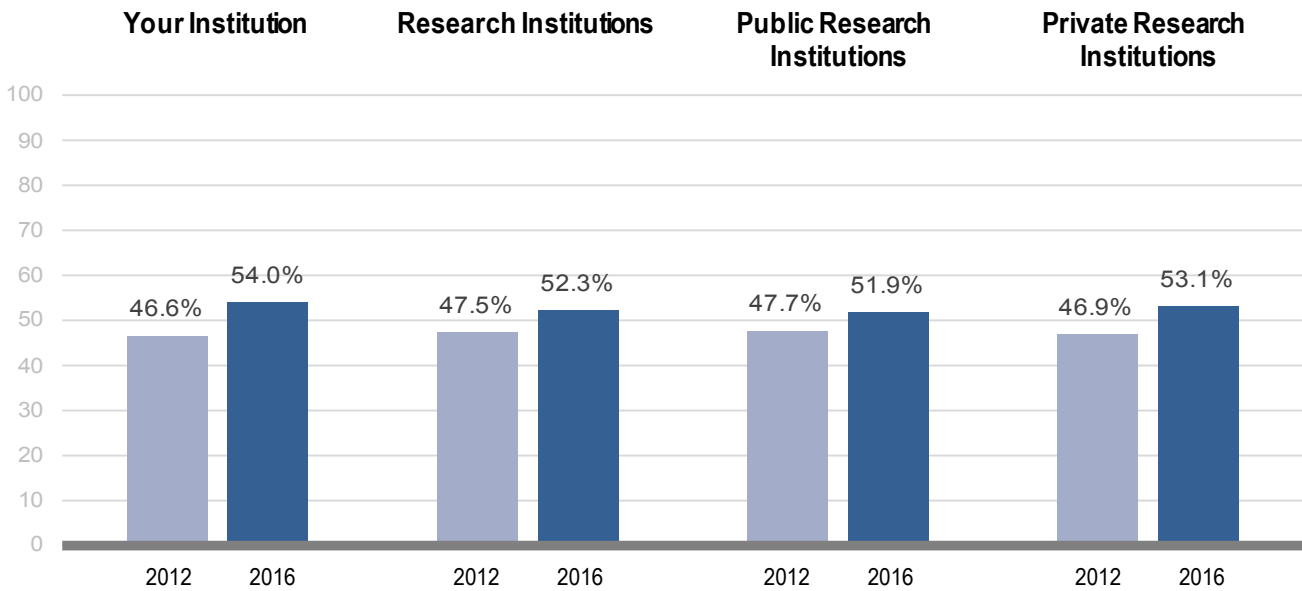
HIGH 72.9%  
 LOW 19.3%

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

HIGH 81.4%  
 LOW 13.1%

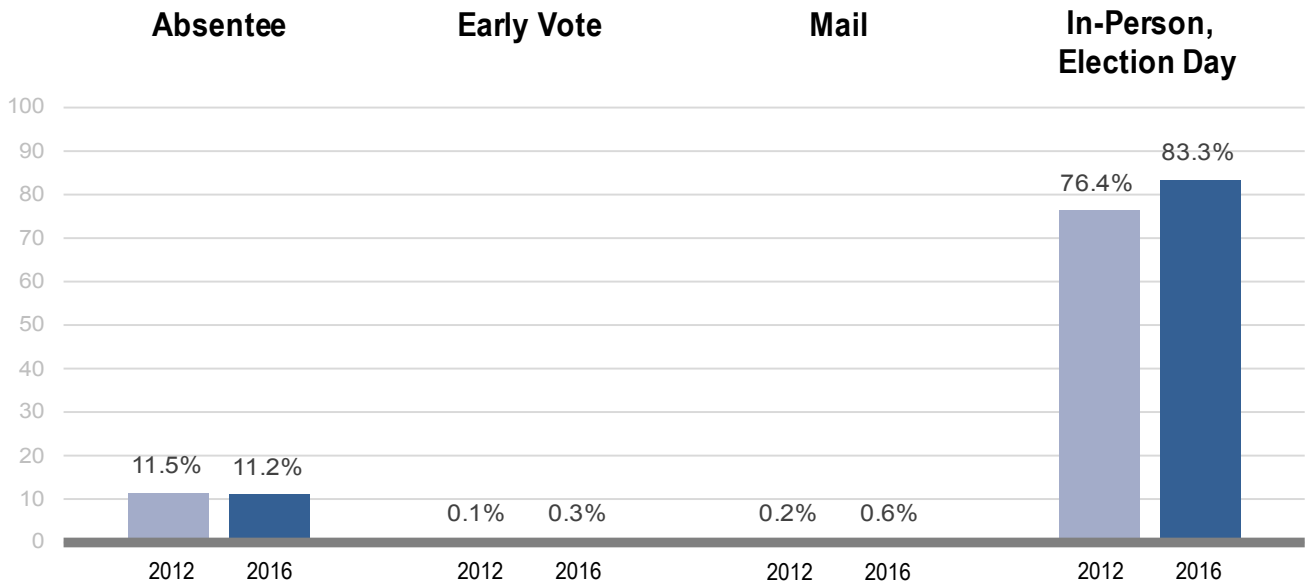
Difference from All Institutions **-0.3**

Difference from All Institutions **+3.6**



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# By Voting Method\*

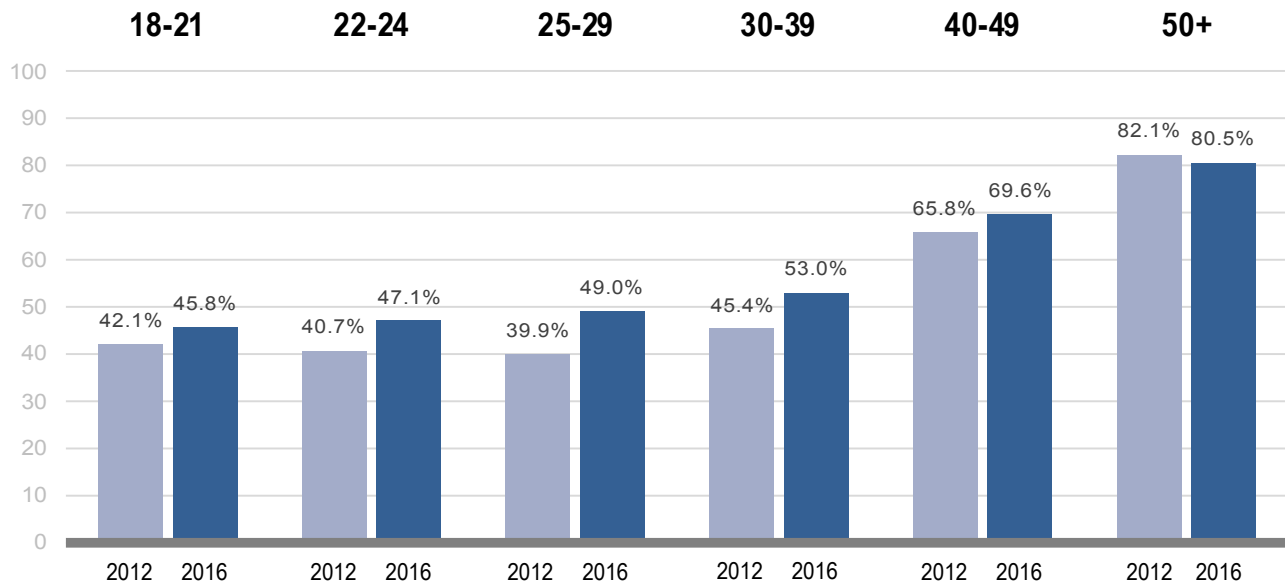


	2012		2016		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	1,960	11.5%	2,568	11.2%	↓	-0.3
Early Vote	19	0.1%	75	0.3%	↑	0.2
Mail	28	0.2%	129	0.6%	↑	0.4
In-Person, Election Day	13,052	76.4%	19,117	83.3%	↑	6.9
Unknown	2,020	11.8%	1,060	4.6%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,079</b>		<b>22,949</b>			

\* 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\*

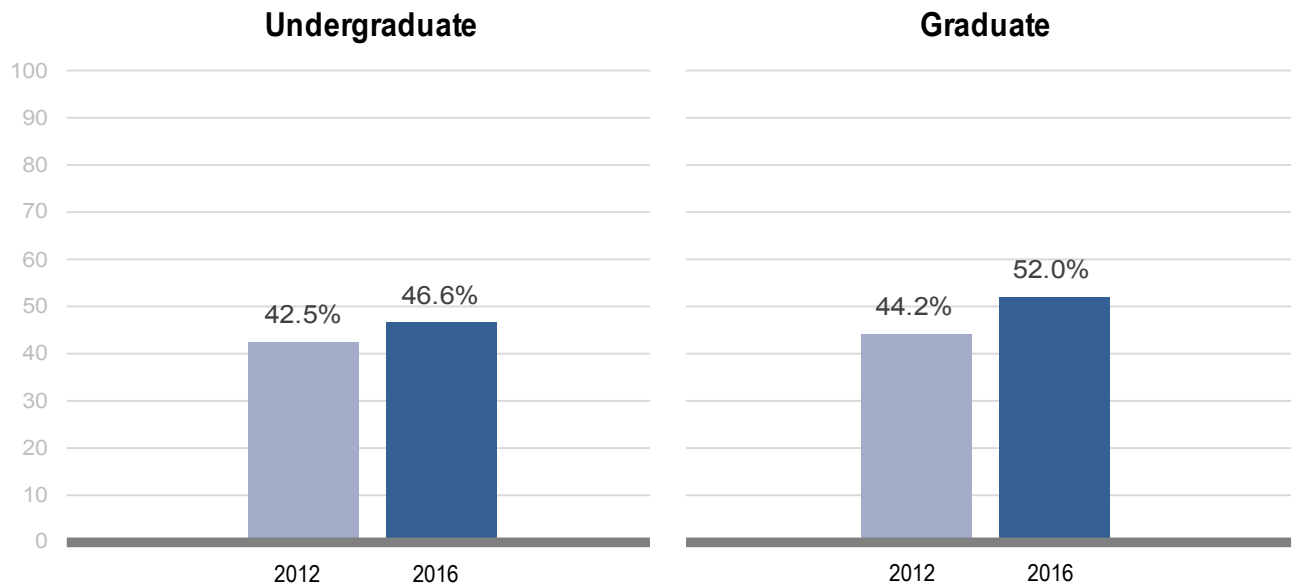


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	24,309	10,237	42.1%	26,773	12,254	45.8%	↑ 3.7
22-24	7,620	3,102	40.7%	9,771	4,603	47.1%	↑ 6.4
25-29	3,962	1,581	39.9%	5,748	2,816	49.0%	↑ 9.1
30-39	2,566	1,165	45.4%	3,531	1,870	53.0%	↑ 7.6
40-49	862	567	65.8%	1,250	870	69.6%	↑ 3.8
50+	520	427	82.1%	666	536	80.5%	↓ -1.6
Unknown	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\*

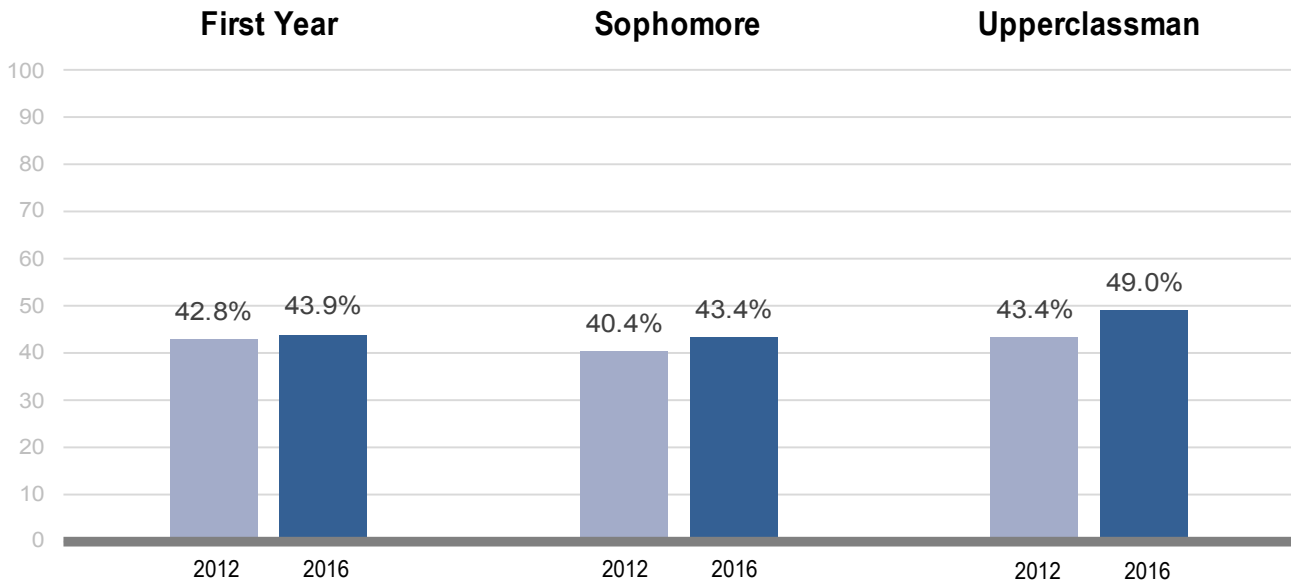


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	31,062	13,196	<b>42.5%</b>	34,832	16,237	<b>46.6%</b>	↑ 4.1
Graduate	8,773	3,879	<b>44.2%</b>	12,907	6,712	<b>52.0%</b>	↑ 7.8
Unknown	*			0			

\* 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\*



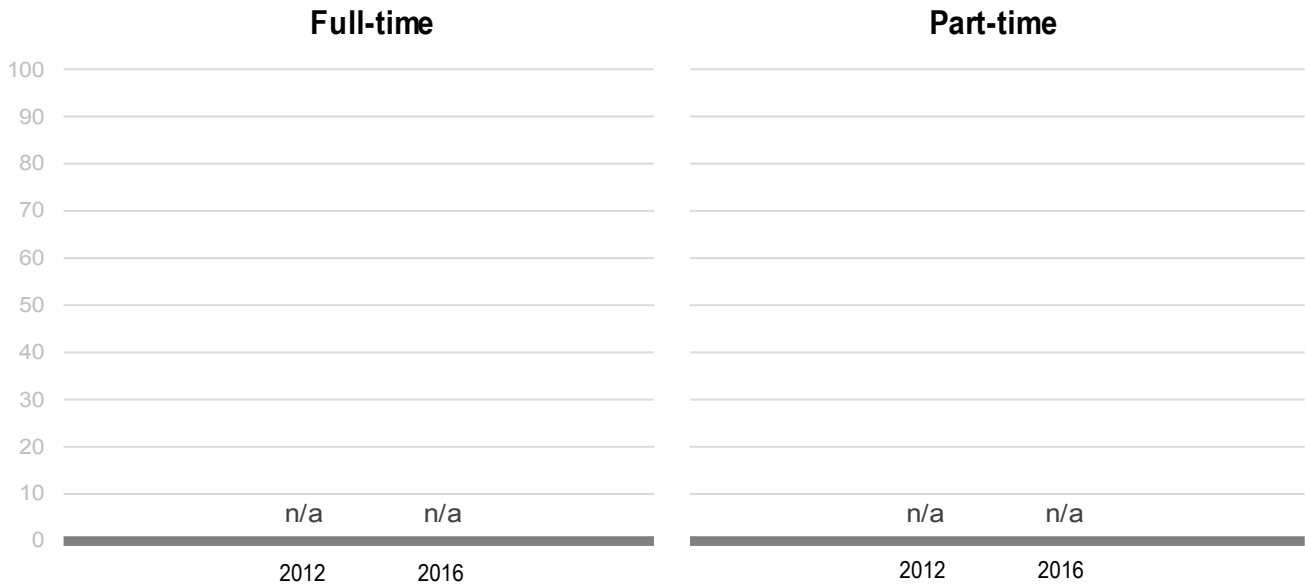
	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	6,083	2,606	<b>42.8%</b>	6,441	2,825	<b>43.9%</b>	↑ 1.0
Sophomore	7,168	2,897	<b>40.4%</b>	7,625	3,307	<b>43.4%</b>	↑ 3.0
Upperclassman	15,866	6,884	<b>43.4%</b>	19,968	9,782	<b>49.0%</b>	↑ 5.6

\* 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\*

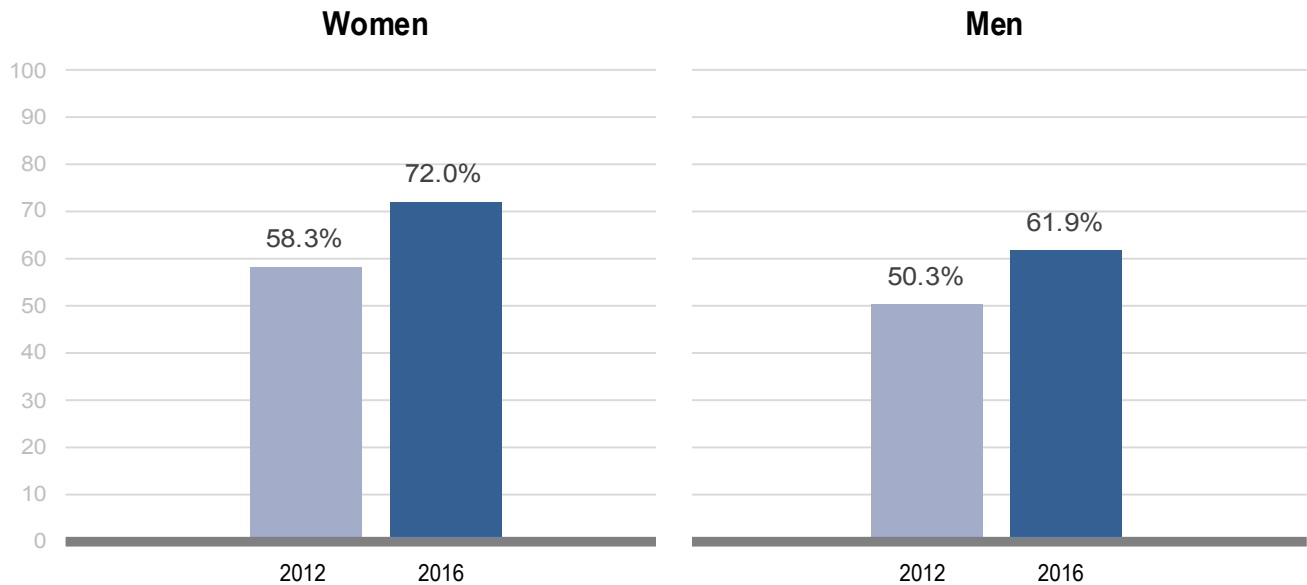


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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	15,952	9,300	<b>58.3%</b>	18,063	13,001	<b>72.0%</b>	↑	<b>13.7</b>
Men	14,480	7,288	<b>50.3%</b>	14,802	9,157	<b>61.9%</b>	↑	<b>11.5</b>
Unknown	9,407	491	<b>5.2%</b>	14,874	791	<b>5.3%</b>		

\* 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	645	237	36.7%	681	333	48.9% ↑	12.2
Architecture	148	68	46.0%	291	156	53.6% ↑	7.7
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	196	102	52.0%	202	130	64.4% ↑	12.3
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,834	700	38.2%	2,778	1,323	47.6% ↑	9.4
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,899	727	38.3%	6,383	2,594	40.6% ↑	2.4
Communication and Journalism	1,318	653	49.5%	1,165	699	60.0% ↑	10.5
Computer and Information Sciences	384	83	21.6%	1,685	640	38.0% ↑	16.4
Education	626	403	64.4%	793	562	70.9% ↑	6.5
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,437	463	32.2%	4,006	1,431	35.7% ↑	3.5
English Language and Literature	691	350	50.7%	512	322	62.9% ↑	12.2
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	356	158	44.4%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	528	215	40.7%	448	221	49.3% ↑	8.6
Health Professions	1,706	582	34.1%	5,746	3,126	54.4% ↑	20.3
History	650	361	55.5%	386	238	61.7% ↑	6.1
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	693	333	48.1%	701	359	51.2% ↑	3.2
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	*	*	n/a	11,447	5,084	44.4%	n/a
Library Science	340	230	67.7%	376	270	71.8% ↑	4.2
Mathematics and Statistics	637	144	22.6%	831	219	26.4% ↑	3.7
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	132	62	47.0%	618	309	50.0% ↑	3.0
Natural Resources and Conservation	179	68	38.0%	410	246	60.0% ↑	22.0
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	732	318	43.4%	879	416	47.3% ↑	3.9
Philosophy and Religious Studies	258	98	38.0%	187	89	47.6% ↑	9.6
Physical Sciences	794	258	32.5%	789	339	43.0% ↑	10.5

Psychology	1,300	645	49.6%	888	496	55.9% ↑	6.2
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	1,689	1,138	67.4%	2,085	1,528	73.3% ↑	5.9
Social Sciences	1,809	859	47.5%	2,016	1,039	51.5% ↑	4.1
Visual and Performing Arts	1,352	571	42.2%	1,324	711	53.7% ↑	11.5
Unknown	17,500	7,249	41.4%	112	69	61.6% ↑	20.2

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).

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