

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Virginia Wesleyan
College

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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



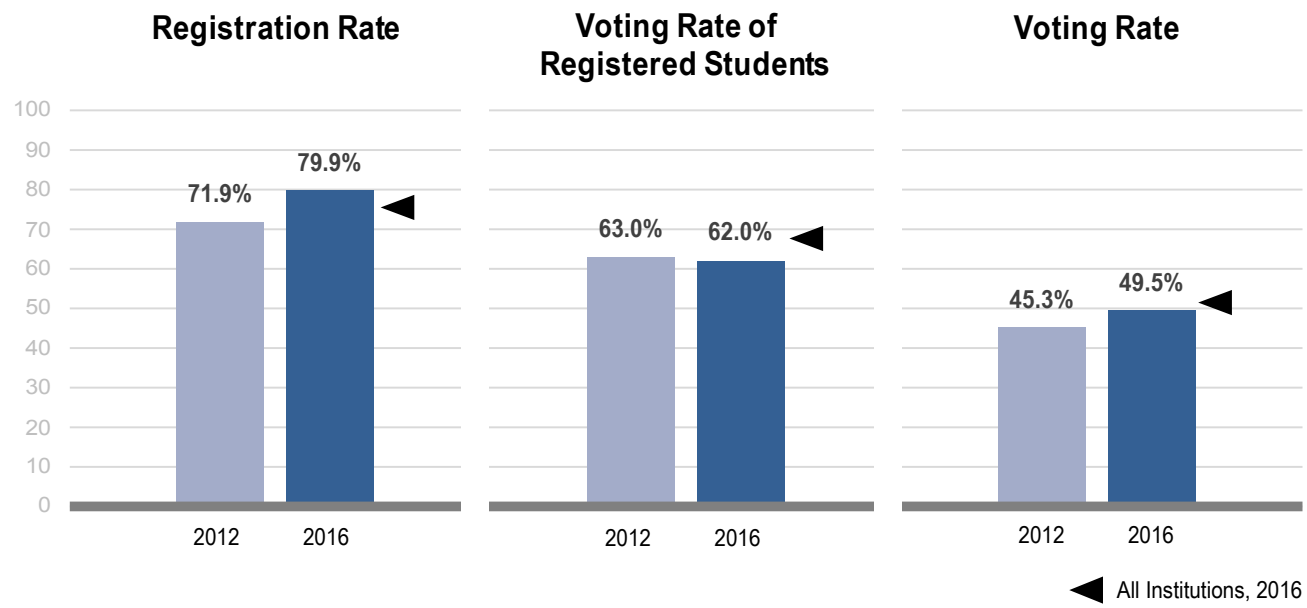
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
49.5%

CHANGE FROM 2012
4.2

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	1,449	1,318	↓ -131
Age under 18/Unknown	(36)	*	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	*	(38)	
FERPA records blocked	0	0	
Total eligible voters	1,404	1,272	↓ -132
Number of students who registered	1,009	1,016	↑ 7
Number of students who voted	636	630	↓ -6
Registration rate	71.9%	79.9%	↑ 8.0
Voting rate of registered students	63.0%	62.0%	↓ -1.0
Voting rate	45.3%	49.5%	↑ 4.2
Difference from all institutions	-1.6	-0.9	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

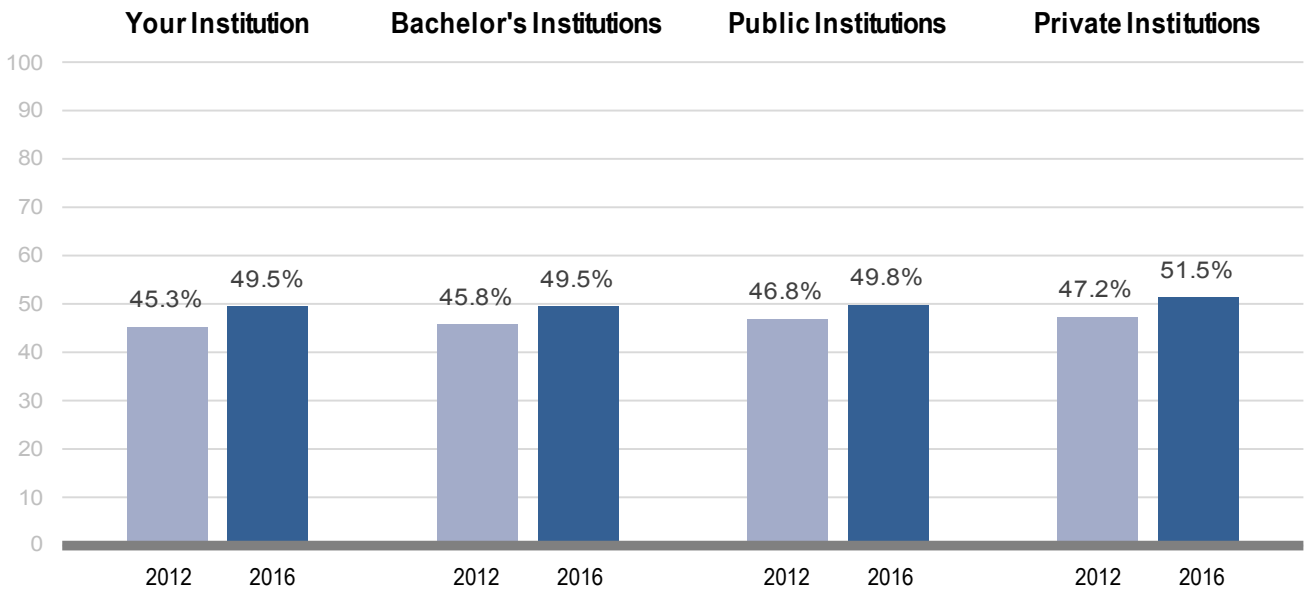
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

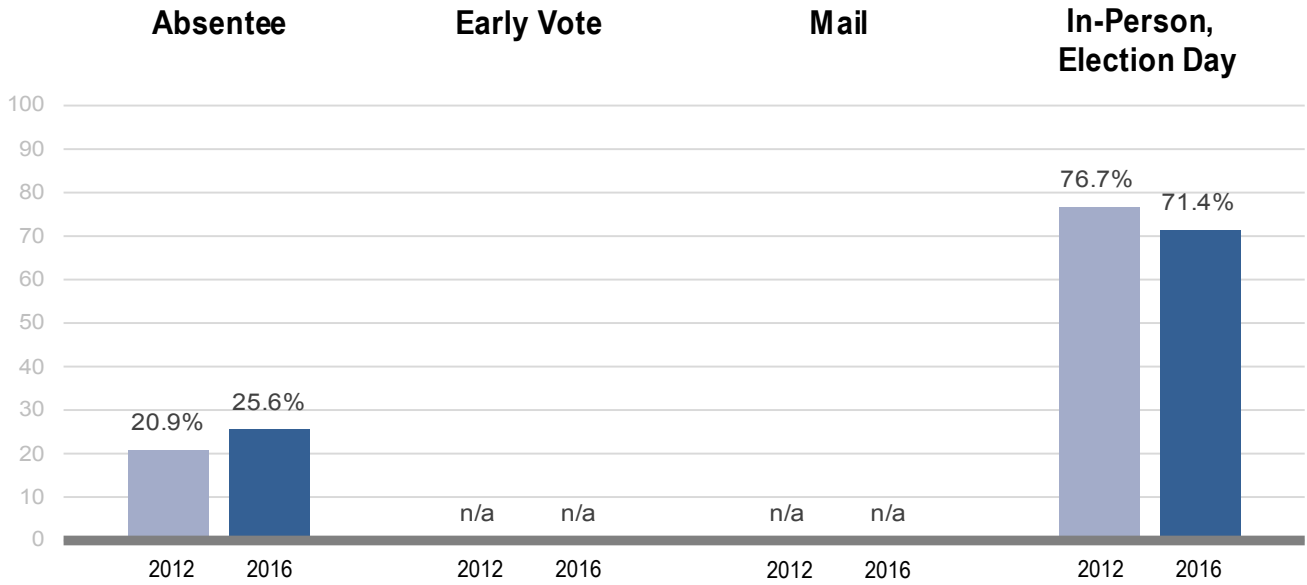
Difference from All Institutions **-1.6**

Difference from All Institutions **-0.9**



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By Voting Method*

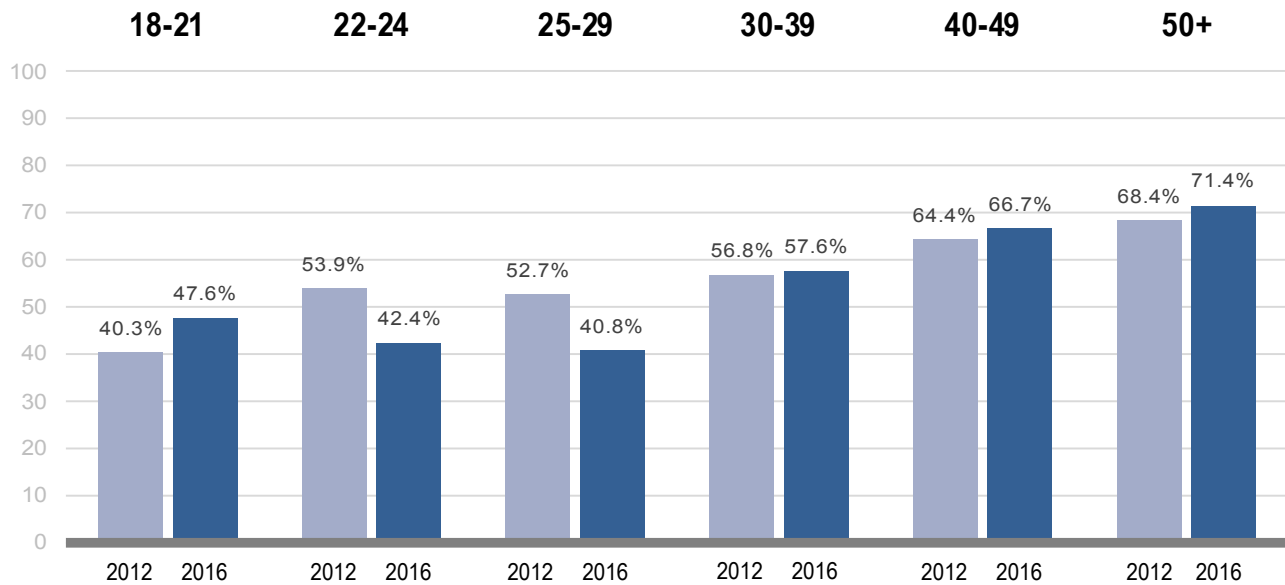


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	133	20.9%	161	25.6%	↑ 4.7
Early Vote	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
Mail	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	488	76.7%	450	71.4%	↓ -5.3
Unknown	*	n/a	13	2.1%	
Total	636		630		

* 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*

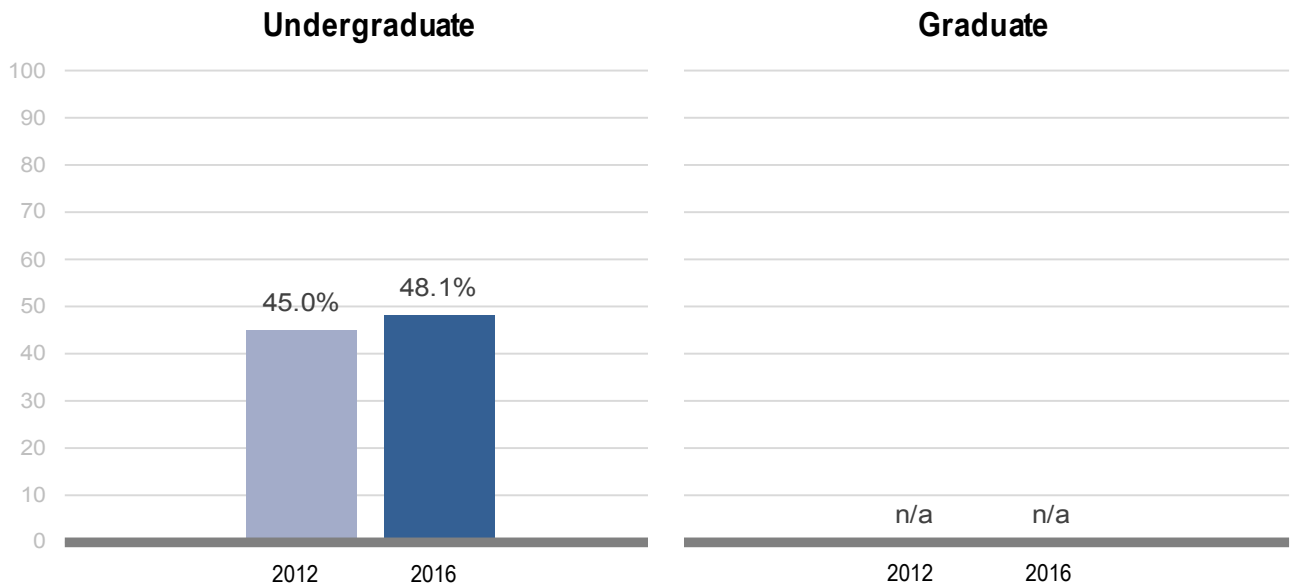


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	1,032	416	40.3%	1,026	488	47.6%	↑ 7.3
22-24	115	62	53.9%	125	53	42.4%	↓ -11.5
25-29	74	39	52.7%	49	20	40.8%	↓ -11.9
30-39	81	46	56.8%	59	34	57.6%	↑ 0.8
40-49	73	47	64.4%	30	20	66.7%	↑ 2.3
50+	38	26	68.4%	21	15	71.4%	↑ 3.0
Unknown	0			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*

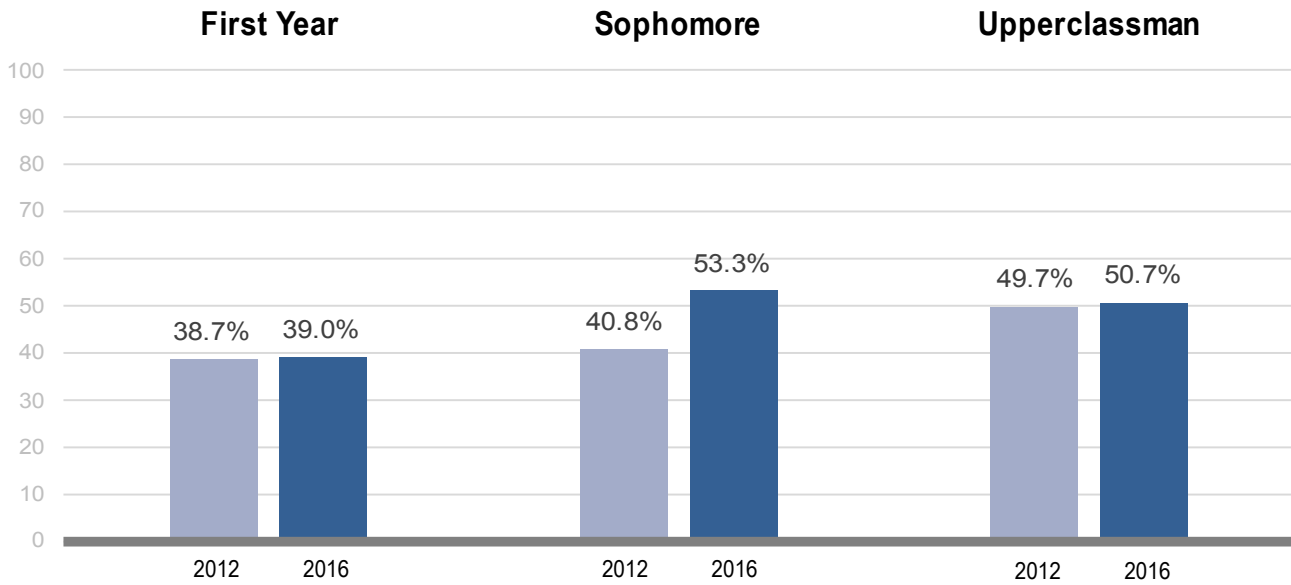


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	1,411	635	45.0%	1,310	630	48.1%	↑ 3.1
Graduate	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	*			0			

* 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*

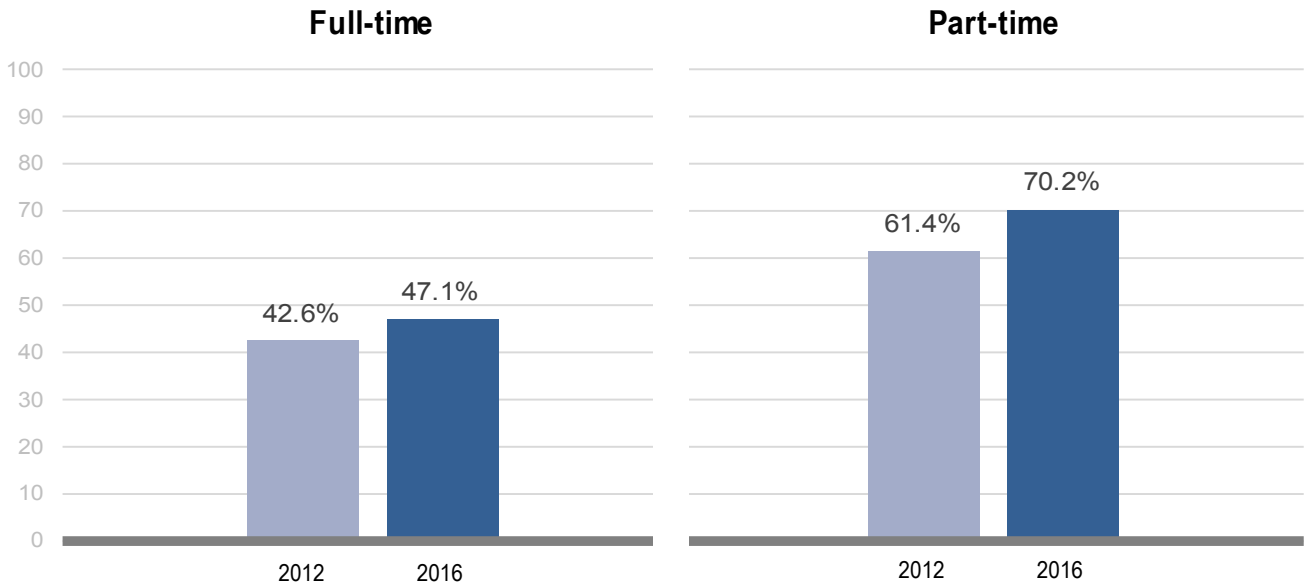


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	439	170	38.7%	356	139	39.0%	↑ 0.3
Sophomore	343	140	40.8%	259	138	53.3%	↑ 12.5
Upperclassman	568	282	49.7%	683	346	50.7%	↑ 1.0

* 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*

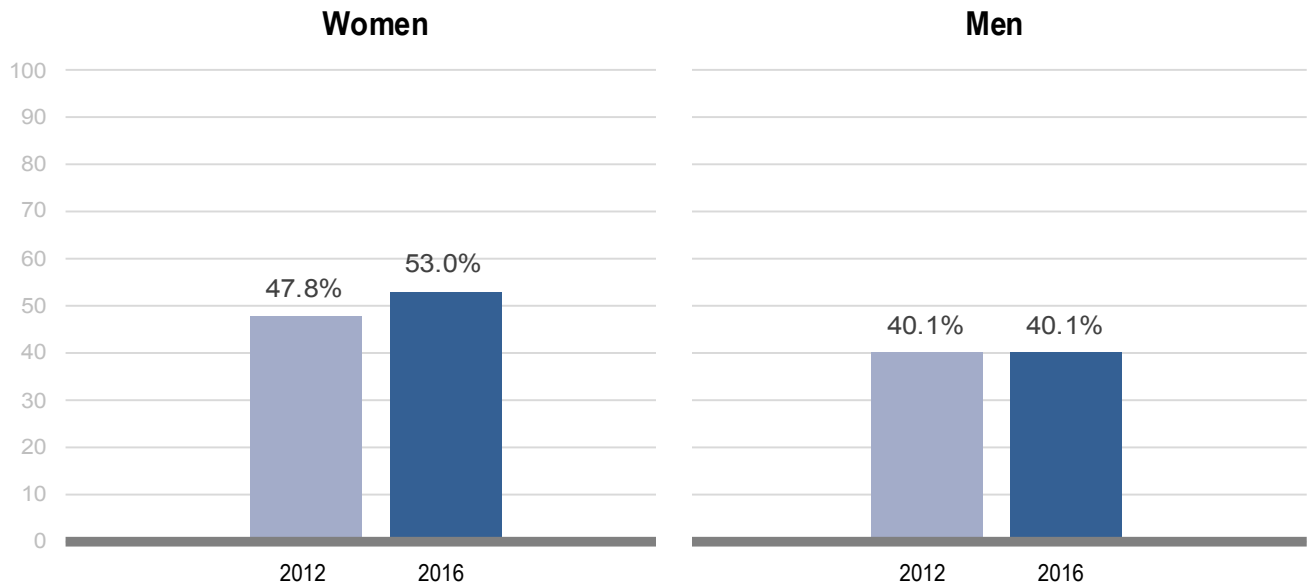


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	1,229	523	42.6%	1,253	590	47.1%	↑ 4.5
Part-time	184	113	61.4%	57	40	70.2%	↑ 8.8
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

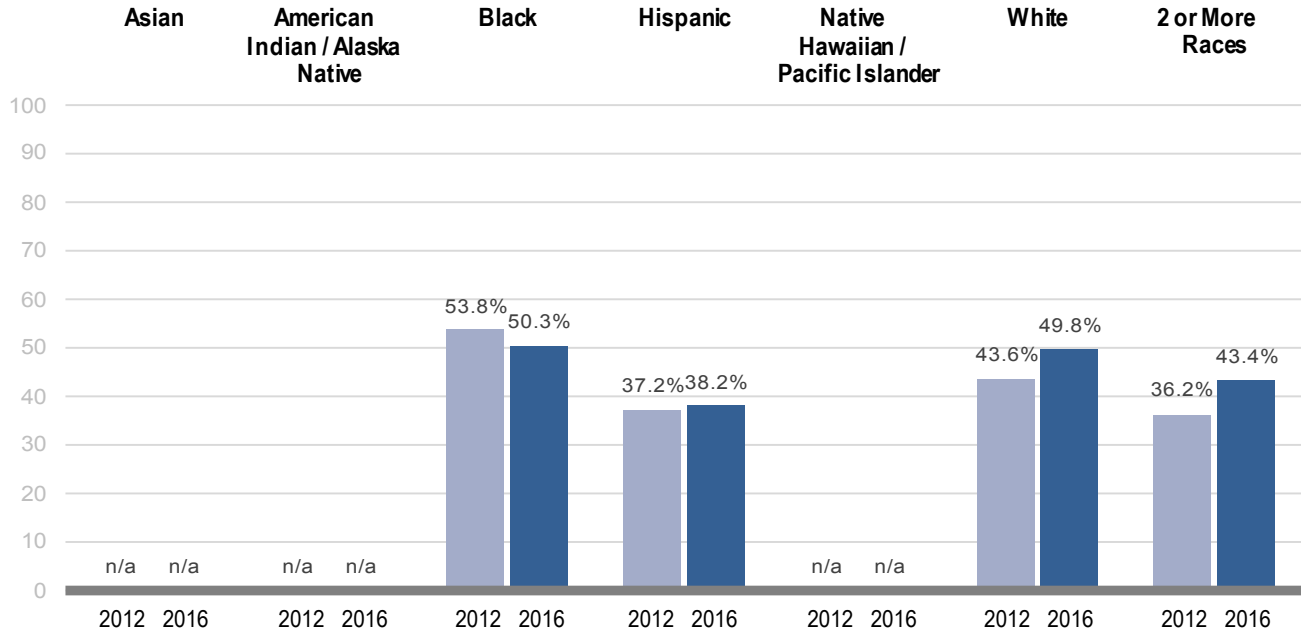


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	904	432	47.8%	814	431	53.0%	↑ 5.2
Men	509	204	40.1%	496	199	40.1%	→ 0.0
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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	15	*	n/a	15	*	n/a	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	*	*	n/a	14	*	n/a	n/a
Black	316	170	53.8%	334	168	50.3%	↓ -3.5
Hispanic	94	35	37.2%	110	42	38.2%	↑ 1.0
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
White	847	369	43.6%	669	333	49.8%	↑ 6.2
2 or More Races	69	25	36.2%	83	36	43.4%	↑ 7.1
Unknown	66			85			

* 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	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	47	15	31.9%	77	36	46.8% ↑	14.8
Business, Management, and Marketing	145	77	53.1%	121	54	44.6% ↓	-8.5
Communication and Journalism	32	16	50.0%	47	29	61.7% ↑	11.7
Education	26	18	69.2%	0	0	n/a	n/a
English Language and Literature	30	13	43.3%	39	20	51.3% ↑	8.0
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	0	0	n/a	17	*	n/a	n/a
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	50	18	36.0%	83	36	43.4% ↑	7.4
Mathematics and Statistics	32	17	53.1%	57	29	50.9% ↓	-2.3
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	780	332	42.6%	508	220	43.3% ↑	0.8
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	54	15	27.8%	65	28	43.1% ↑	15.3
Philosophy and Religious Studies	*	*	n/a	14	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	*	*	n/a	10	*	n/a	n/a
Psychology	47	22	46.8%	75	41	54.7% ↑	7.9
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	14	*	n/a	37	20	54.1%	n/a
Social Sciences	106	61	57.6%	102	61	59.8% ↑	2.3
Visual and Performing Arts	18	*	n/a	47	32	68.1%	n/a
Unknown	18	*	n/a	11	*	n/a	n/a

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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