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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Middle Tennessee State University

Tufts UNIVERSITY | Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life

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, 2016 and 2018 federal elections. Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has helped us build a robust database for research on more than 10 million de-identified student records for each election year.

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. IDHE is an applied research center focused on college and university student political learning and participation in democracy. IDHE researchers study voting, campus conditions for political learning and discussion, closing equity gaps in participation, and increasing student agency and participation. We accomplish our goals through research, resource development, assisting institutions and the higher education community, 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 voted in the 2014 and 2018 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse and publicly available voting files collected by Catalist. We exclude FERPA-blocked records. (For exceptions for campuses with disproportionately high numbers of FERPA blocked students, see our Campus Reports FAQ.)

The institutional voting rates reported on page 3 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 in subsequent pages of the report, we cannot consistently adjust for students who are ineligible to vote: non-resident aliens (international students), resident aliens (undocumented students), and students who have been disenfranchised due to a felony conviction. As a result, your institution's actual voting rate may be higher than we report. If you have access to more complete data for students who are ineligible to vote, you may recalculate your rates by using the Recalculation Tool - **https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve-recalculation-tool**.

To read more about NSLVE data, see our Campus Reports FAQ - **https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/frequently-asked-questions.**

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 and identify your challenges and opportunities. This report provides comparisons between subgroups of your students and with similar institutions. For more comparisons or to see national voter registration and voting rates, read our national report, Democracy Counts 2018. To access our data portals - **https://idhe.tufts.edu/public-data-portal-visualizations.**

❑ Share the report widely and strategically by sharing it with institutional leaders, faculty across disciplines, student government leaders, and other student groups.

❑ Read and implement *Election Imperatives,* ten recommendations for providing your campus climate for student political learning, discourse, equity, and participation - **https://idhe.tufts.edu/electionimperatives.**

❑ Work with us. IDHE can help via virtual office hours, webinars, brown bag discussions, coaching, and in-person workshops.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: **https://idhe.tufts.edu/.**

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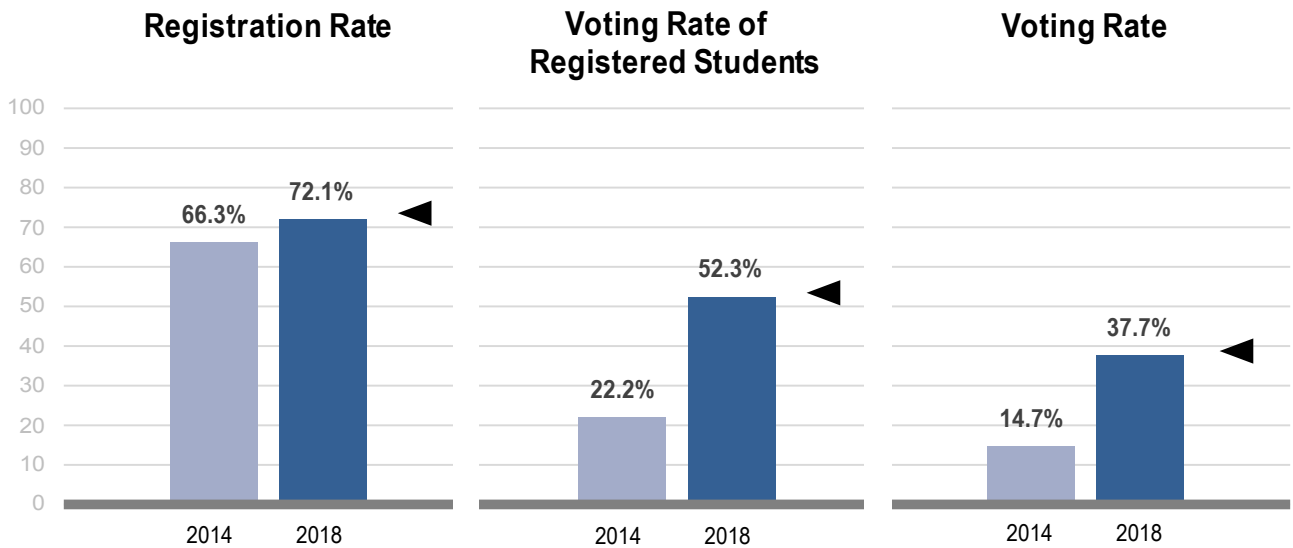
Warm regards,

IDHE Team

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

37.7%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+23.0

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

	Registration Rate	**Voting Rate of Registered Students**	**Voting Rate**

- Registration Rate: 2014 = 66.3%, 2018 = 72.1%
- Voting Rate of Registered Students: 2014 = 22.2%, 2018 = 52.3%
- Voting Rate: 2014 = 14.7%, 2018 = 37.7%

◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	**2018**		Change
Total student enrollment	22,346	21,093	⬇	-1,253
Age under 18/Unknown	(103)	(1,009)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(905)	(881)		
FERPA records blocked	(69)	(17)		
Total eligible voters	21,269	19,186	⬇	-2,083
Number of students who registered	14,097	13,825	⬇	-272
Number of students who voted	3,131	7,232	⬆	4,101
Registration rate	66.3%	72.1%	⬆	5.8
Voting rate of registered students	22.2%	52.3%	⬆	30.1
Voting rate	14.7%	37.7%	⬆	23.0
Difference from all institutions	-5.0	-1.4		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 54.0%
19.7%	LOW 1.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-5.0**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 64.1%
39.1%	LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-1.4**

Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2014: 14.7% — 2018: 37.7%	2014: 19.5% — 2018: 41.2%	2014: 19.6% — 2018: 40.8%	2014: 17.6% — 2018: 42.5%
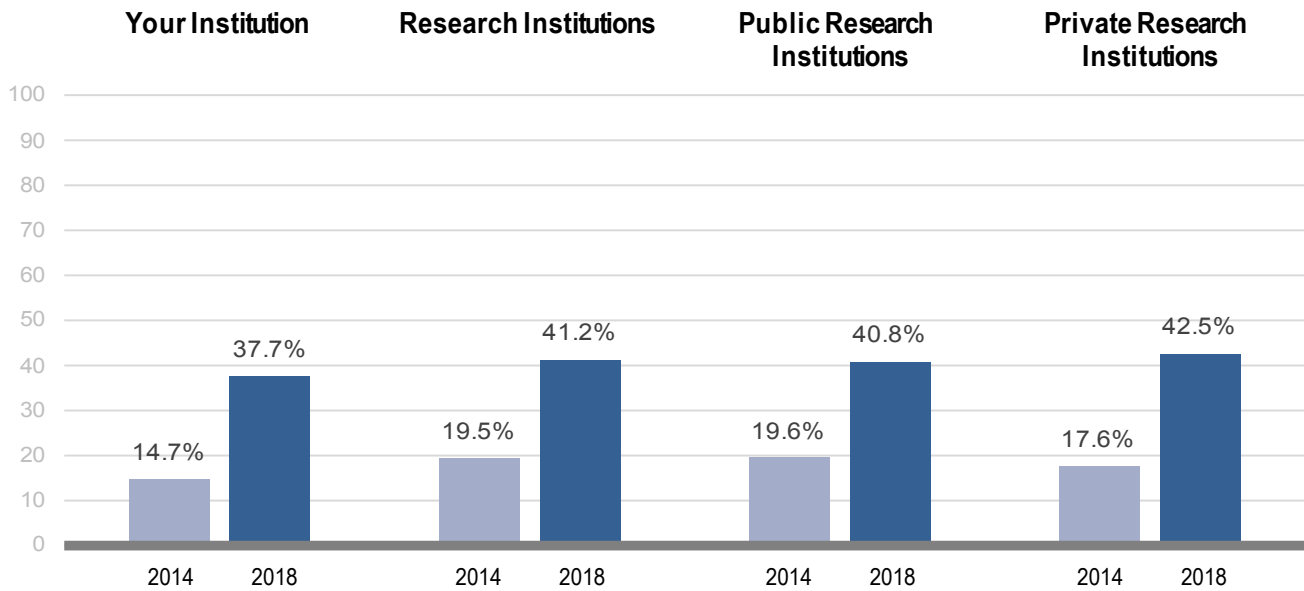
By Voting Method*
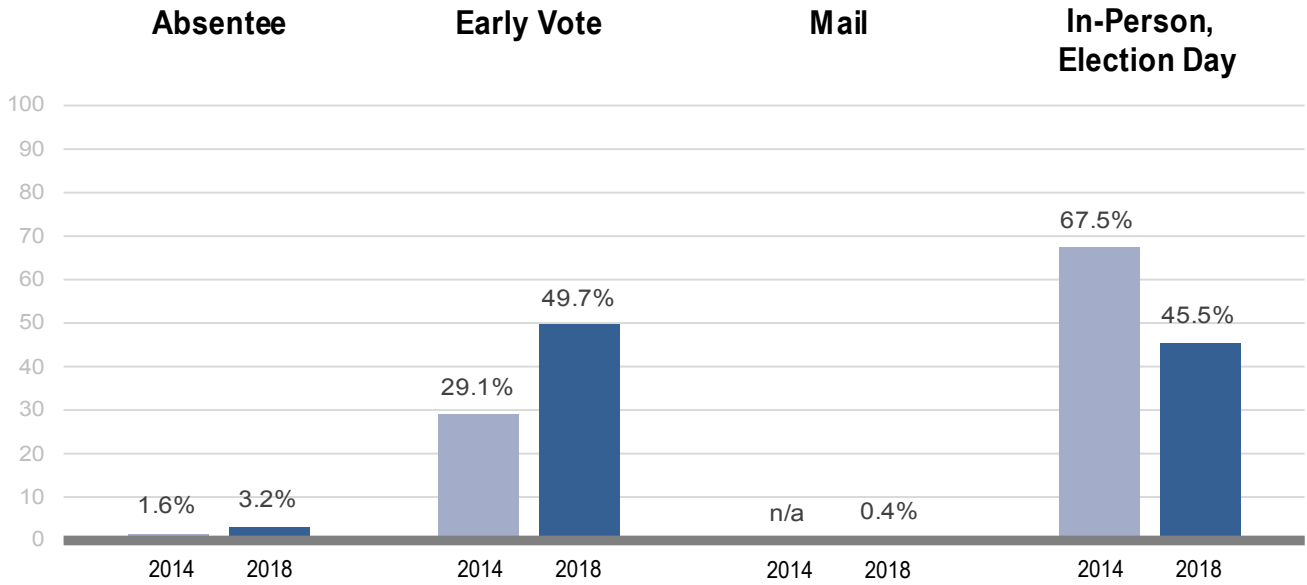
	2014			**2018**			
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	50	**1.6%**		228	**3.2%**	⬆	1.6
Early Vote	910	**29.1%**		3,594	**49.7%**	⬆	20.6
Mail	*	**n/a**		27	**0.4%**		n/a
In-Person, Election Day	2,113	**67.5%**		3,293	**45.5%**	⬇	-22.0
Unknown	49	**1.6%**		90	**1.2%**		
Total	**3,131**			**7,232**			

* 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 officals where your students voted.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*
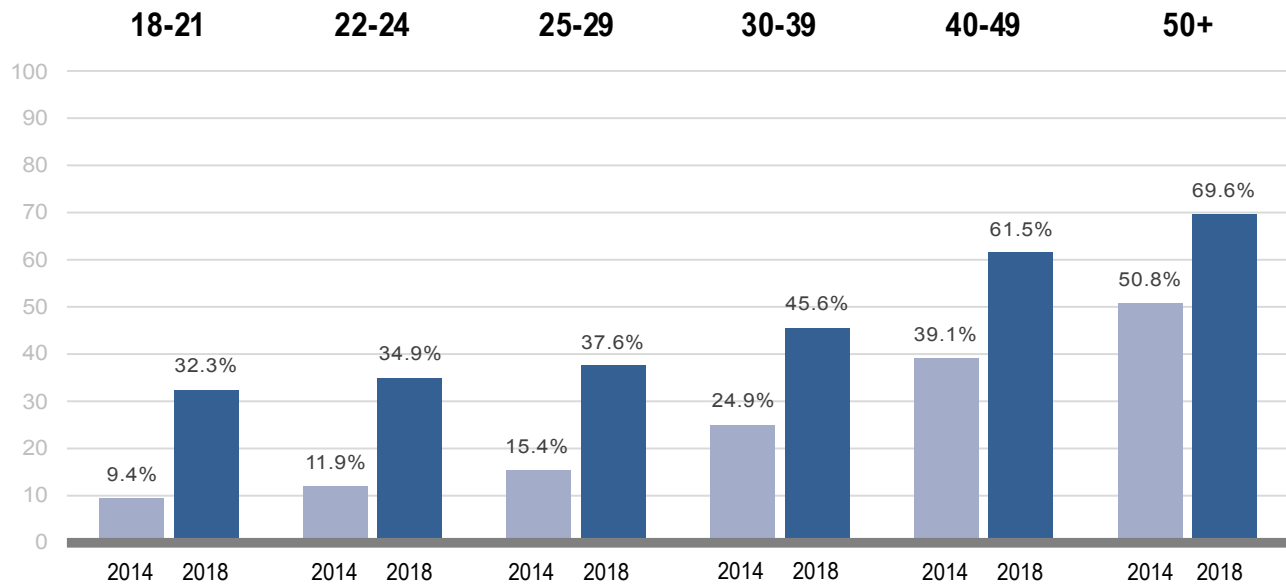
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	10,789	1,018	**9.4%**	10,759	3,476	**32.3%**	⬆	**22.9**
22-24	5,245	626	**11.9%**	4,355	1,521	**34.9%**	⬆	**23.0**
25-29	2,795	431	**15.4%**	2,447	919	**37.6%**	⬆	**22.1**
30-39	2,082	519	**24.9%**	1,558	710	**45.6%**	⬆	**20.6**
40-49	891	348	**39.1%**	665	409	**61.5%**	⬆	**22.4**
50+	372	189	**50.8%**	283	197	**69.6%**	⬆	**18.8**
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.

By Education Level*

Undergraduate
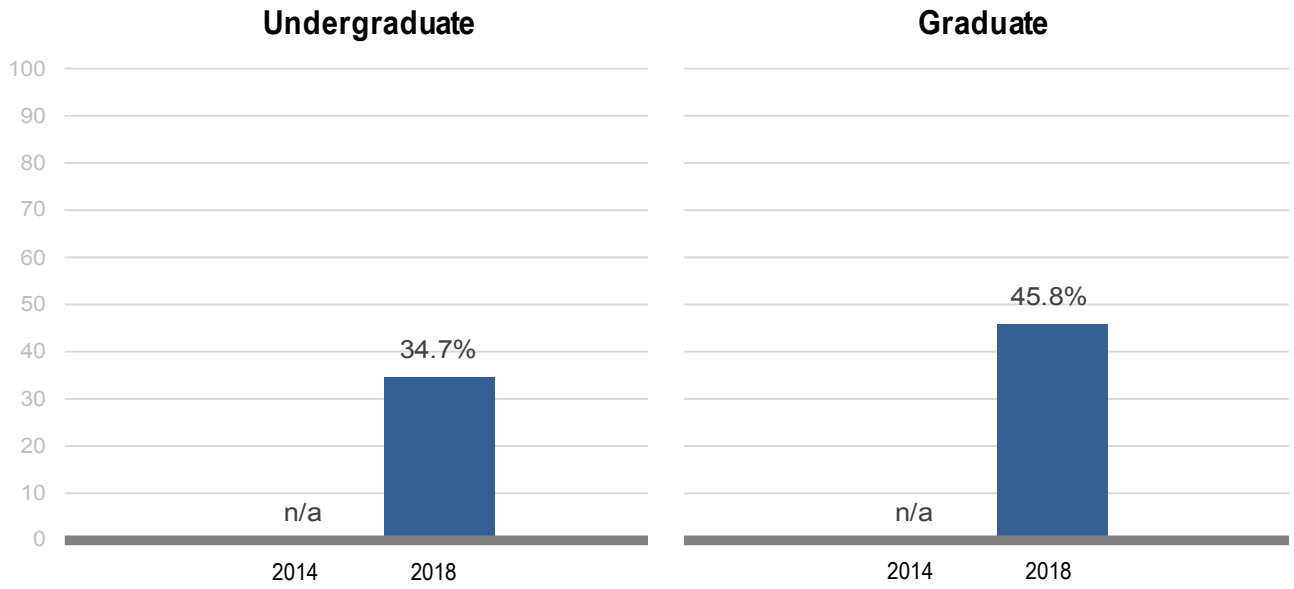
Graduate

	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**		17,456	6,061	**34.7%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**		2,181	999	**45.8%**	**n/a**
Unknown	22,174				430			

* 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.

By Undergraduate Class Year*

First Year	Sophomore	Upper-level

Chart data:

- First Year: 2014 — 7.5%; 2018 — 26.9%
- Sophomore: 2014 — 10.0%; 2018 — 32.6%
- Upper-level: 2014 — 15.5%; 2018 — 38.3%
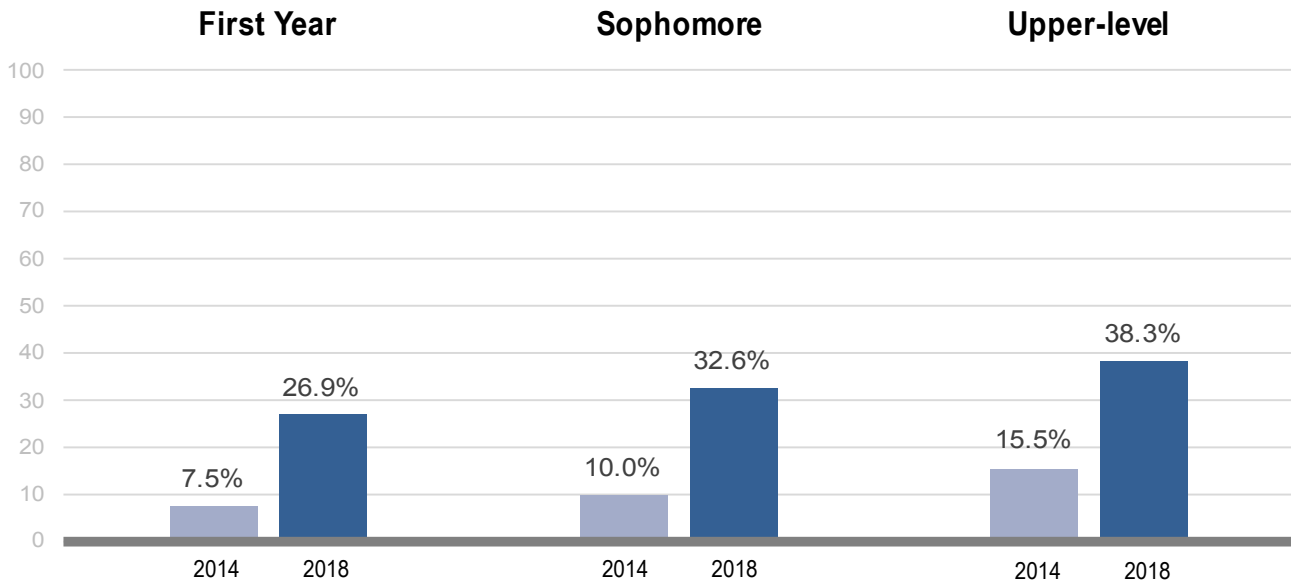
	2014				**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	4,504	337	**7.5%**		3,834	1,033	**26.9%**	⬆	**19.5**
Sophomore	4,014	400	**10.0%**		3,532	1,151	**32.6%**	⬆	**22.6**
Upper-level	9,461	1,465	**15.5%**		10,096	3,863	**38.3%**	⬆	**22.8**

* 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*

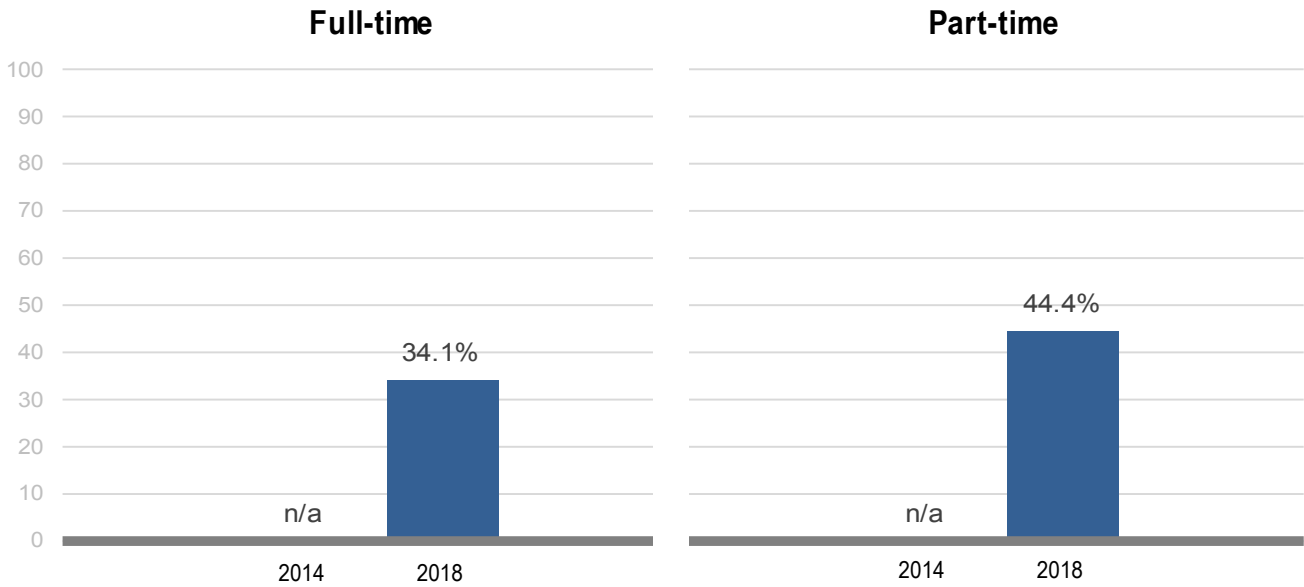|	**Full-time**				**Part-time**		

Full-time: 2014 n/a, 2018 34.1%

Part-time: 2014 n/a, 2018 44.4%

	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Full-time	0	0	**n/a**		16,223	5,524	**34.1%**	**n/a**
Part-time	0	0	**n/a**		3,843	1,708	**44.4%**	**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 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.

	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	480	72	**15.0%**	450	134	**29.8%** ⬆	**14.8**
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	0	0	**n/a**	16	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	975	121	**12.4%**	1,145	389	**34.0%** ⬆	**21.6**
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,172	442	**13.9%**	3,014	991	**32.9%** ⬆	**19.0**
Communication and Journalism	1,257	181	**14.4%**	1,034	487	**47.1%** ⬆	**32.7**
Communications Technologies/Technicians	33	*	**n/a**	195	65	**33.3%**	**n/a**
Computer and Information Sciences	487	66	**13.6%**	574	188	**32.8%** ⬆	**19.2**
Education	1,741	347	**19.9%**	1,161	513	**44.2%** ⬆	**24.3**
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	758	67	**8.8%**	918	261	**28.4%** ⬆	**19.6**
English Language and Literature	437	101	**23.1%**	328	150	**45.7%** ⬆	**22.6**
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	580	65	**11.2%**	542	170	**31.4%** ⬆	**20.2**
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	150	26	**17.3%**	145	62	**42.8%** ⬆	**25.4**
Health Professions	1,442	184	**12.8%**	1,003	344	**34.3%** ⬆	**21.5**
History	308	91	**29.6%**	276	149	**54.0%** ⬆	**24.4**
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	790	82	**10.4%**	660	225	**34.1%** ⬆	**23.7**
Leisure and Recreational Activities	430	30	**7.0%**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,552	303	**19.5%**	1,090	440	**40.4%** ⬆	**20.9**
Library Science	0	0	**n/a**	44	30	**68.2%**	**n/a**
Mathematics and Statistics	187	23	**12.3%**	139	54	**38.9%** ⬆	**26.6**
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,234	150	**12.2%**	622	216	**34.7%** ⬆	**22.6**
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	909	78	**8.6%**	1,010	291	**28.8%** ⬆	**20.2**
Philosophy and Religious Studies	42	*	**n/a**	44	21	**47.7%**	**n/a**
Physical Sciences	326	40	**12.3%**	283	97	**34.3%** ⬆	**22.0**

Psychology	1,027	157	**15.3%**		1,078	414	**38.4%** ⬆	**23.1**
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	387	67	**17.3%**		331	119	**36.0%** ⬆	**18.6**
Social Sciences	599	156	**26.0%**		520	265	**51.0%** ⬆	**24.9**
Transportation and Materials Moving	667	55	**8.3%**		865	238	**27.5%** ⬆	**19.3**
Visual and Performing Arts	2,086	173	**8.3%**		2,141	734	**34.3%** ⬆	**26.0**
Unknown	118	41	**34.8%**		439	179	**40.8%** ⬆	**6.0**

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