

**2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Illinois State University

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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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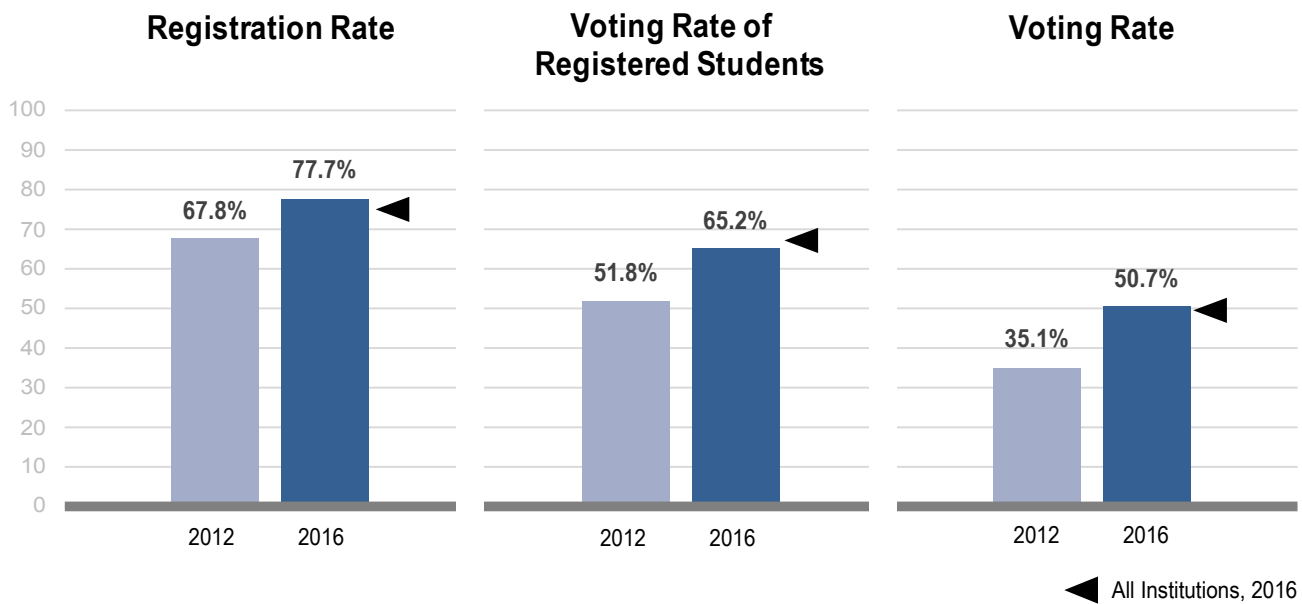
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2016 Voting Rate**  
**50.7%**

CHANGE FROM 2012  
**15.6**

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



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	20,484	20,906	↑ 422
Age under 18/Unknown	(19)	(27)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(381)	(372)	
FERPA records blocked	(10)	(239)	
Total eligible voters	20,074	20,268	↑ 194
Number of students who registered	13,601	15,754	↑ 2,153
Number of students who voted	7,040	10,278	↑ 3,238
Registration rate	67.8%	77.7%	↑ 10.0
Voting rate of registered students	51.8%	65.2%	↑ 13.5
Voting rate	35.1%	50.7%	↑ 15.6
Difference from all institutions	-11.8	+0.3	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

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

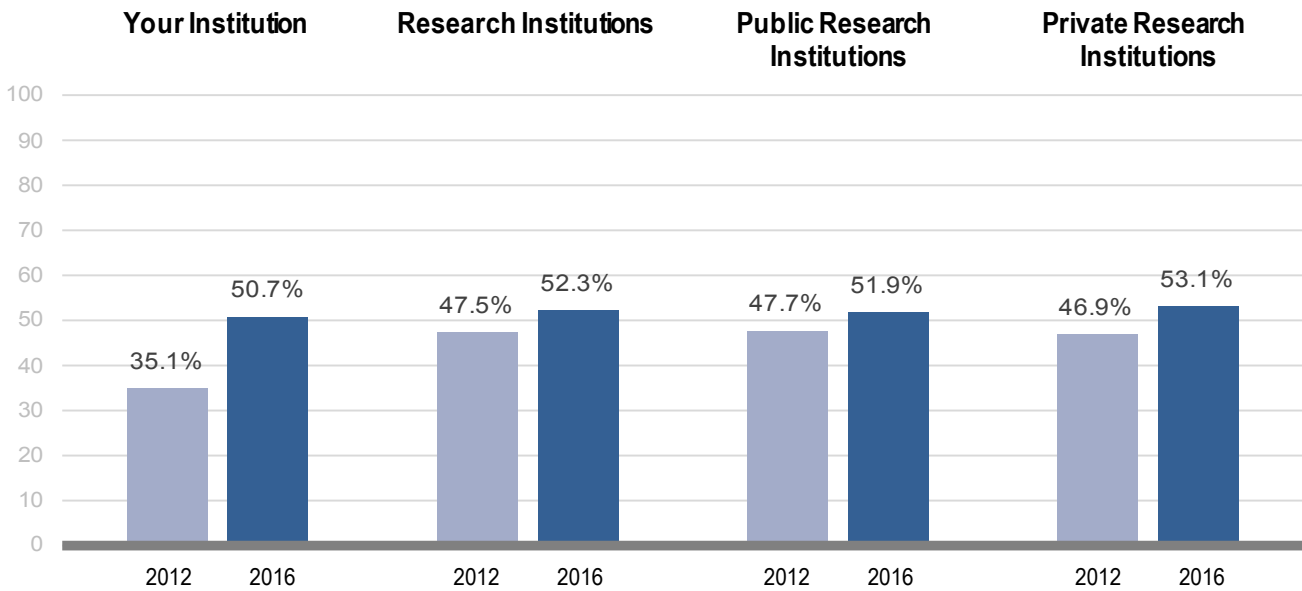
HIGH 72.9%  
 LOW 19.3%

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

HIGH 81.4%  
 LOW 13.1%

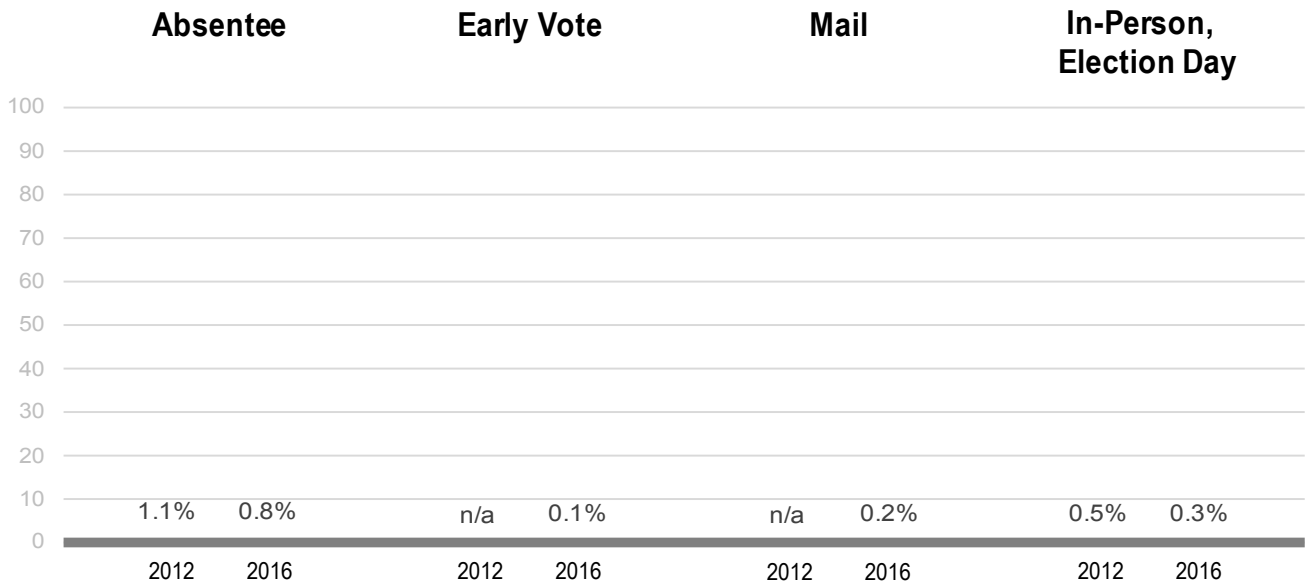
Difference from All Institutions **-11.8**

Difference from All Institutions **+0.3**



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# By Voting Method\*

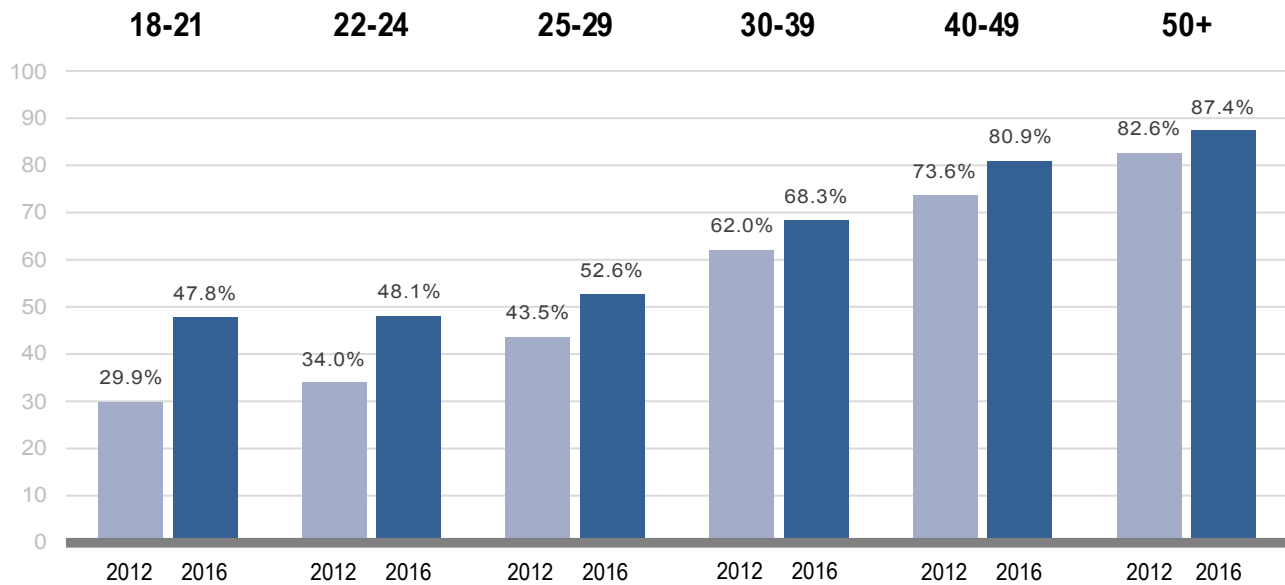


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	77	1.1%	86	0.8%	↓ -0.3
Early Vote	*	n/a	13	0.1%	n/a
Mail	*	n/a	16	0.2%	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	37	0.5%	29	0.3%	↓ -0.3
Unknown	6,912	98.2%	10,134	98.6%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,040</b>		<b>10,278</b>		

\* 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\*

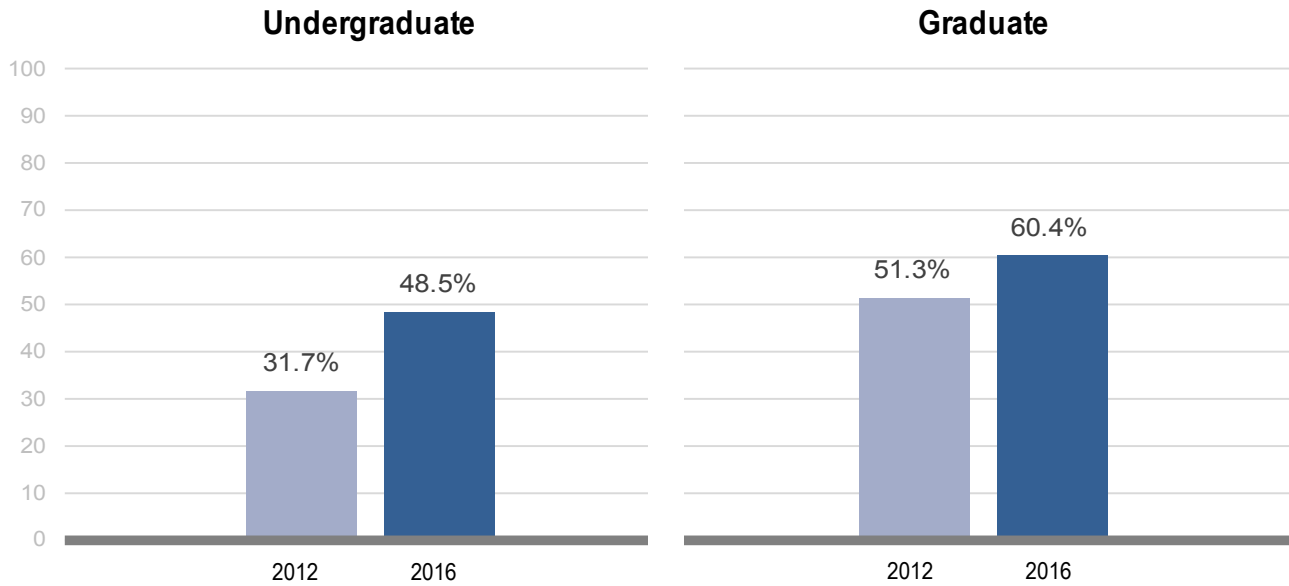


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	13,162	3,931	29.9%	13,968	6,678	47.8%	↑ 17.9
22-24	4,462	1,515	34.0%	4,175	2,006	48.1%	↑ 14.1
25-29	1,336	581	43.5%	1,183	622	52.6%	↑ 9.1
30-39	900	558	62.0%	802	548	68.3%	↑ 6.3
40-49	405	298	73.6%	361	292	80.9%	↑ 7.3
50+	190	157	82.6%	151	132	87.4%	↑ 4.8
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.

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# By Education Level\*

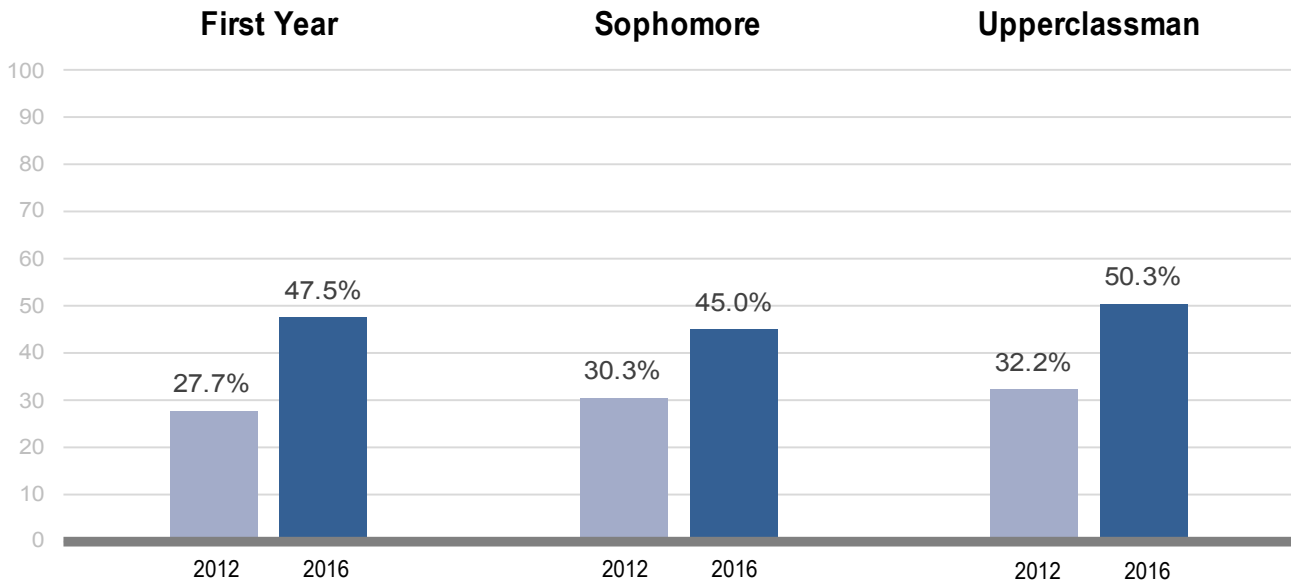


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	16,161	5,117	31.7%	18,282	8,860	48.5%	↑ 16.8
Graduate	2,047	1,050	51.3%	2,317	1,399	60.4%	↑ 9.1
Unknown	2,247			41			

\* 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\*



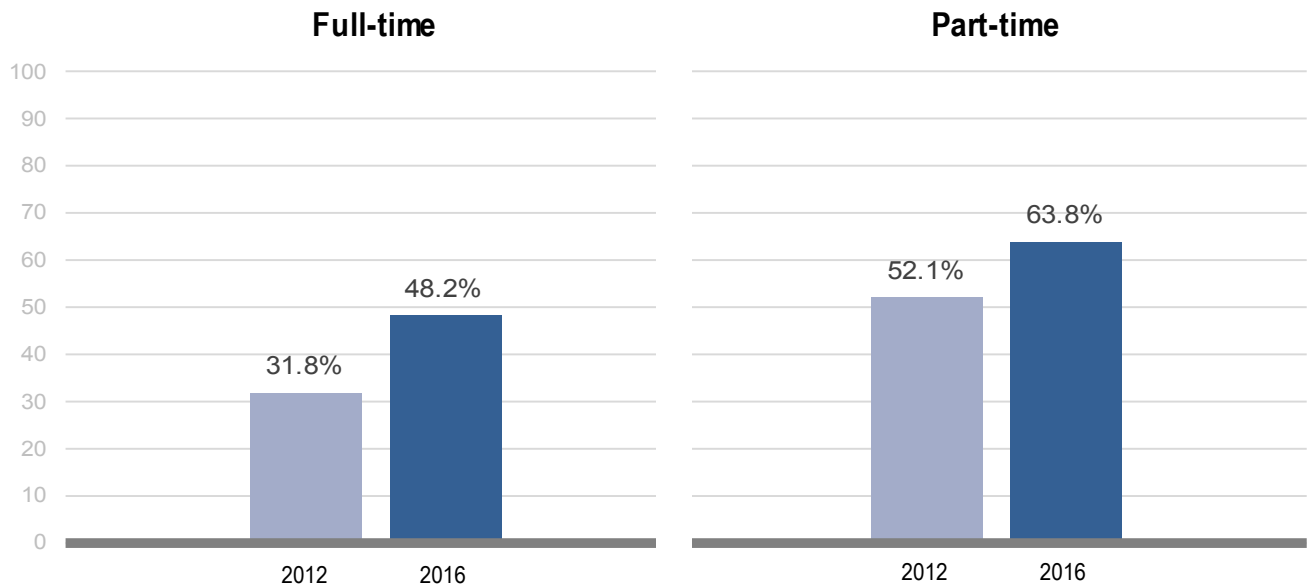
	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	1,405	389	<b>27.7%</b>	4,876	2,316	<b>47.5%</b>	↑ 19.8
Sophomore	2,921	886	<b>30.3%</b>	3,780	1,700	<b>45.0%</b>	↑ 14.6
Upperclassman	10,548	3,400	<b>32.2%</b>	9,606	4,831	<b>50.3%</b>	↑ 18.1

\* 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\*

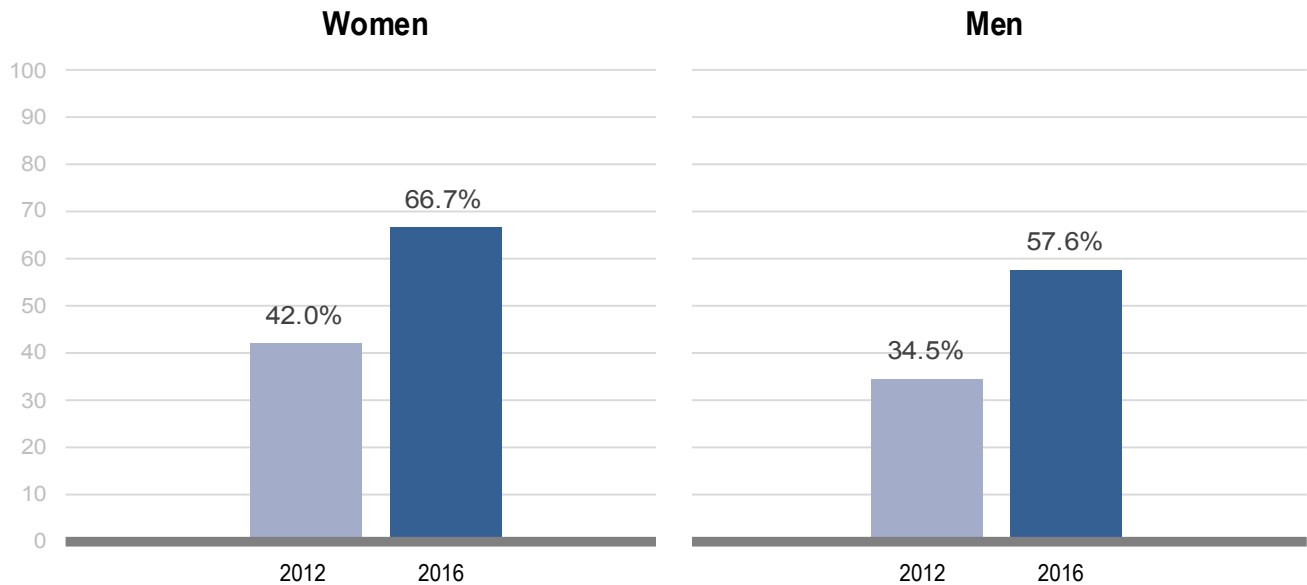


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	17,842	5,680	31.8%	18,534	8,934	48.2%	↑ 16.4
Part-time	2,613	1,360	52.1%	2,106	1,344	63.8%	↑ 11.8
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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	10,232	4,297	<b>42.0%</b>	9,412	6,277	<b>66.7%</b>	↑ 24.7
Men	7,945	2,737	<b>34.5%</b>	6,932	3,995	<b>57.6%</b>	↑ 23.2
Unknown	2,278	*	n/a	4,296	*	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 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	398	159	40.0%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	698	211	30.2%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,125	911	29.2%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Communication and Journalism	924	352	38.1%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Communications Technologies/Technicians	38	11	29.0%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	511	152	29.8%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Education	3,106	1,125	36.2%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	280	83	29.6%	0	0	n/a	n/a
English Language and Literature	621	253	40.7%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	582	197	33.9%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	193	70	36.3%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	1,336	443	33.2%	0	0	n/a	n/a
History	425	175	41.2%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	423	144	34.0%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	109	36	33.0%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Library Science	18	14	77.8%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	380	112	29.5%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	618	170	27.5%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	43	12	27.9%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	328	104	31.7%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Psychology	642	218	34.0%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	232	123	53.0%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Social Sciences	892	349	39.1%	0	0	n/a	n/a

Visual and Performing Arts	878	314	<b>35.8%</b>	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	3,655	1,302	<b>35.6%</b>	20,640	10,278	<b>49.8%</b> ↑	<b>14.2</b>

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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