

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
East Tennessee 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.

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Warm regards,
IDHE Team



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate

47.3%

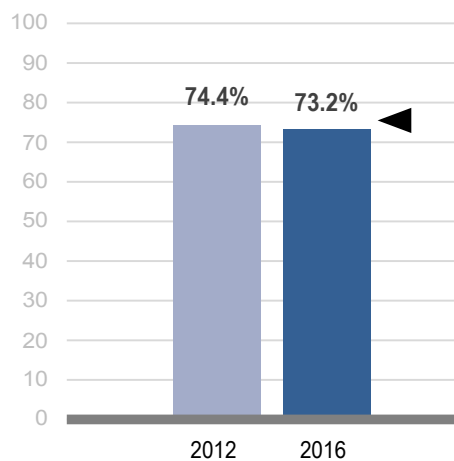
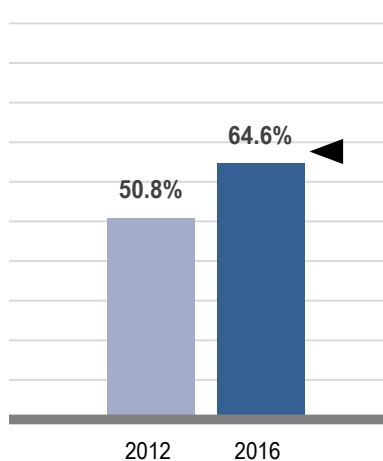
CHANGE
FROM 2012

9.5

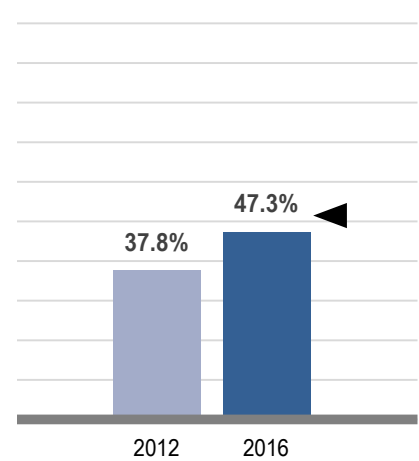
2016 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

50.4%

Registration Rate


Voting Rate of
Registered Students


Voting Rate



All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	14,615	13,318	↓ -1,297
Age under 18/Unknown	(171)	(176)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(364)	(558)	
FERPA records blocked	(33)	(19)	
Total eligible voters	14,047	12,565	↓ -1,482
Number of students who registered	10,456	9,197	↓ -1,259
Number of students who voted	5,312	5,945	↑ 633
Registration rate	74.4%	73.2%	↓ -1.2
Voting rate of registered students	50.8%	64.6%	↑ 13.8
Voting rate	37.8%	47.3%	↑ 9.5
Difference from all institutions	-9.1	-3.1	

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

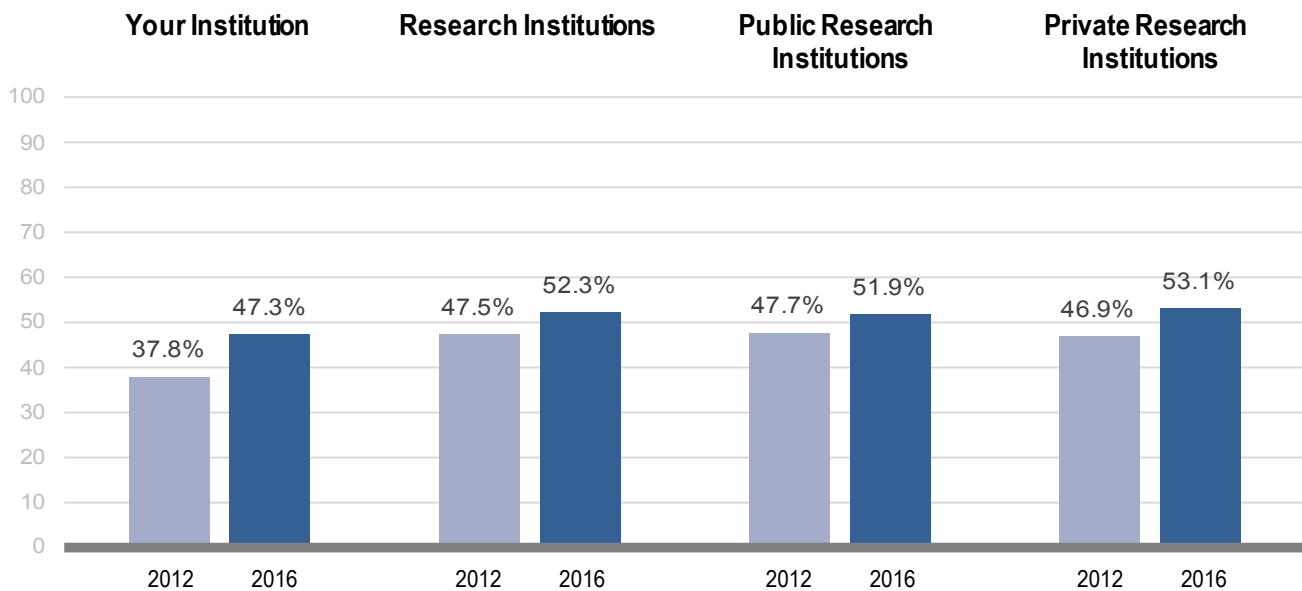
50.4%

HIGH
81.4%

LOW
13.1%

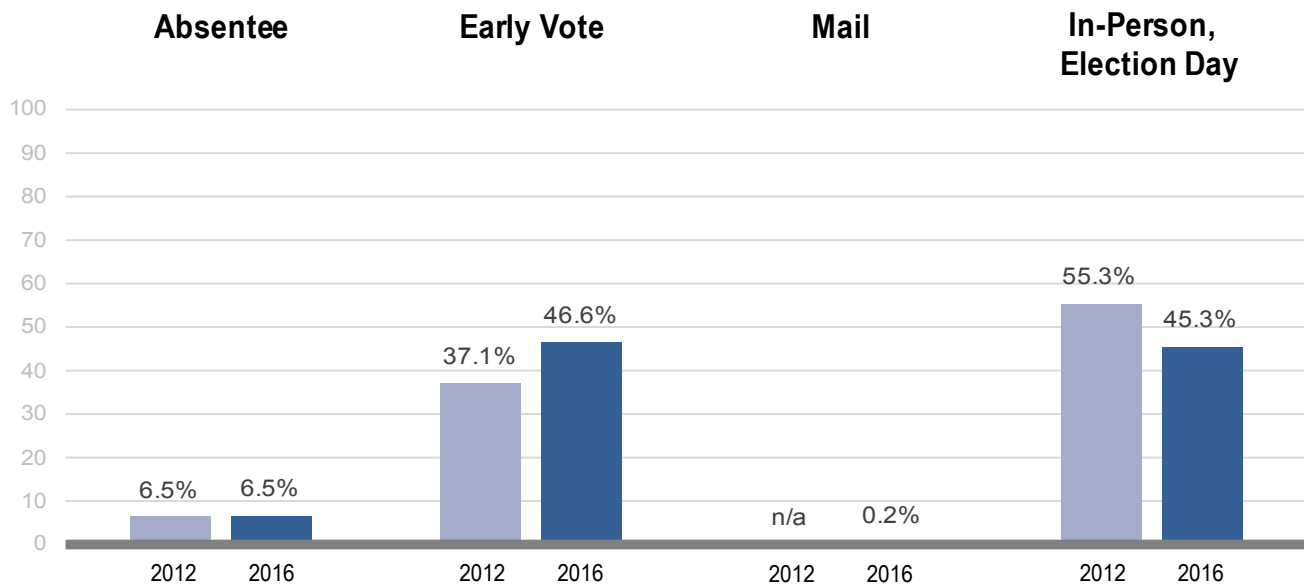
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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

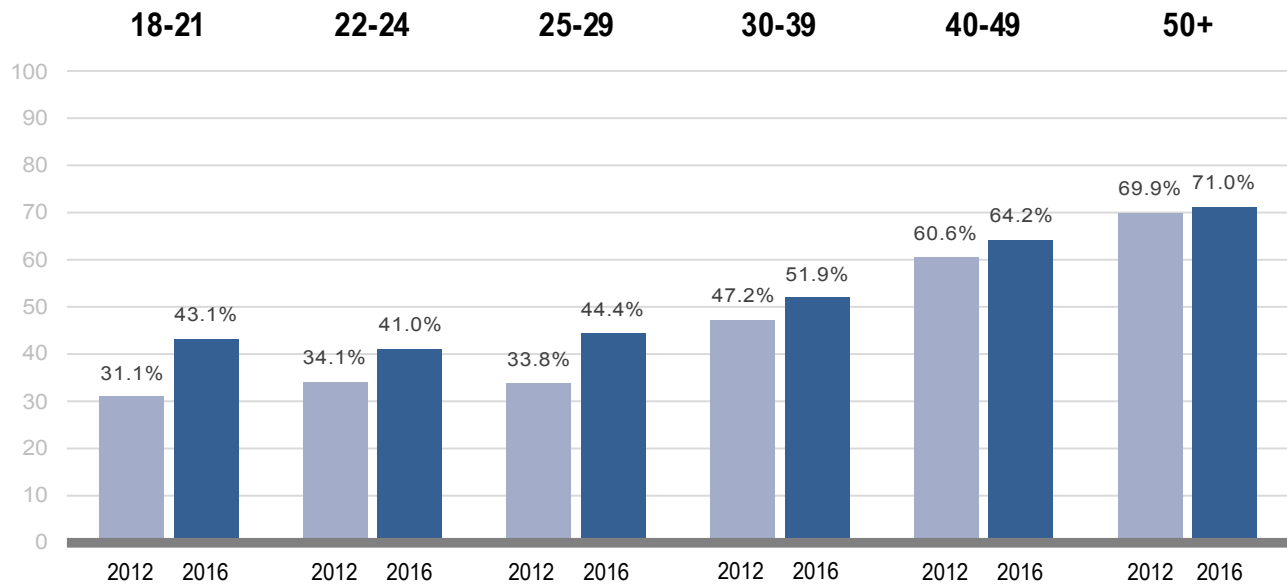


	2012		2016		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	343	6.5%	388	6.5%	↑	0.1
Early Vote	1,972	37.1%	2,773	46.6%	↑	9.5
Mail	*	n/a	14	0.2%		n/a
In-Person, Election Day	2,937	55.3%	2,695	45.3%	↓	-10.0
Unknown	57	1.1%	75	1.3%		
Total	5,312		5,945			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Age Group*

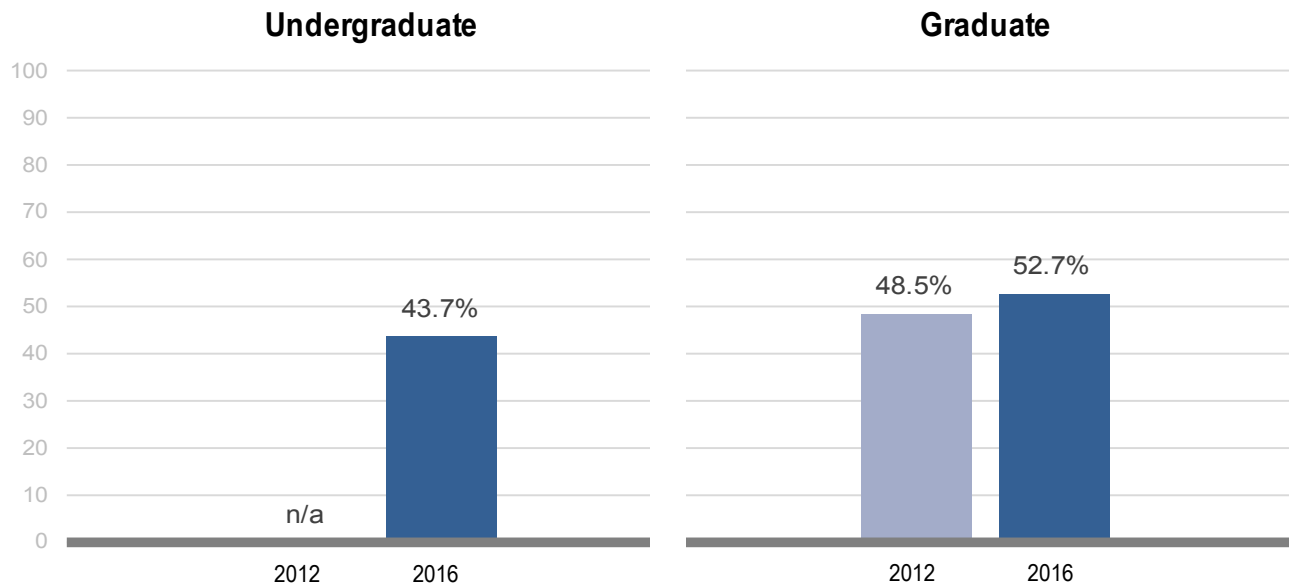


	2012			2016			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	6,647	2,064	31.1%	6,555	2,826	43.1%	↑	12.1
22-24	3,113	1,060	34.1%	2,757	1,130	41.0%	↑	6.9
25-29	1,746	590	33.8%	1,646	731	44.4%	↑	10.6
30-39	1,566	739	47.2%	1,242	645	51.9%	↑	4.7
40-49	824	499	60.6%	626	402	64.2%	↑	3.7
50+	515	360	69.9%	297	211	71.0%	↑	1.1
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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Education Level*

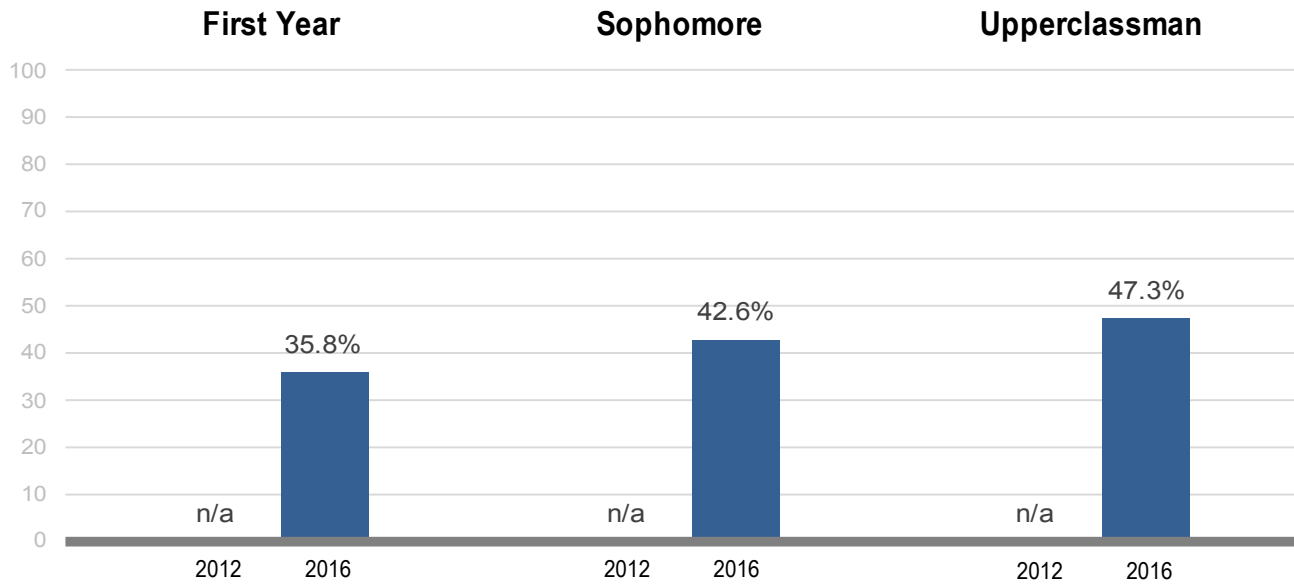


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	10,779	4,705	43.7%	n/a
Graduate	198	96	48.5%	2,276	1,200	52.7%	↑ 4.2
Unknown	14,213			68			

* 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*

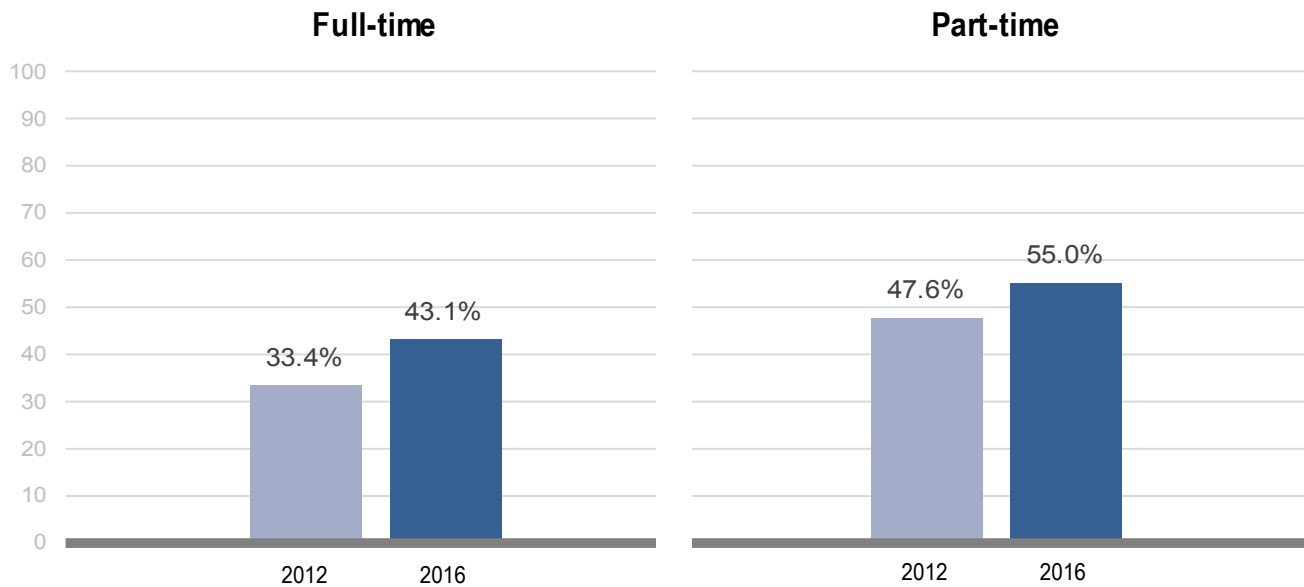


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	0	0	n/a	2,450	878	35.8%	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	2,085	889	42.6%	n/a
Upperclassman	0	0	n/a	6,024	2,851	47.3%	n/a

* 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*

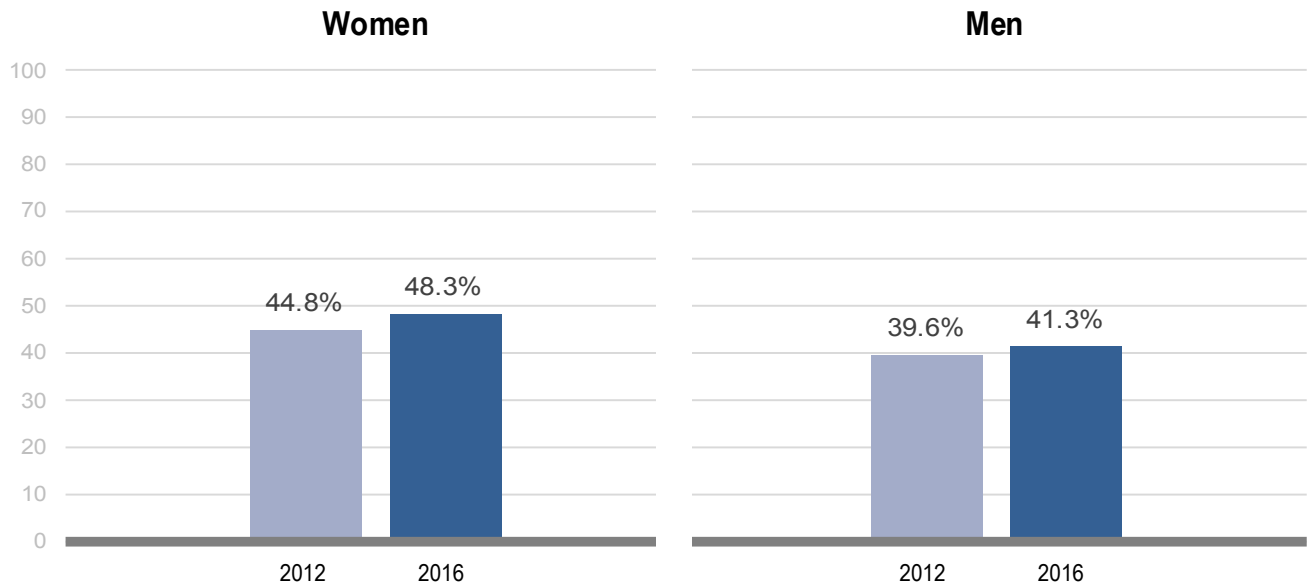


	2012			2016			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	10,925	3,652	33.4%	10,713	4,619	43.1%	↑	9.7
Part-time	3,486	1,660	47.6%	2,410	1,326	55.0%	↑	7.4
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Gender*

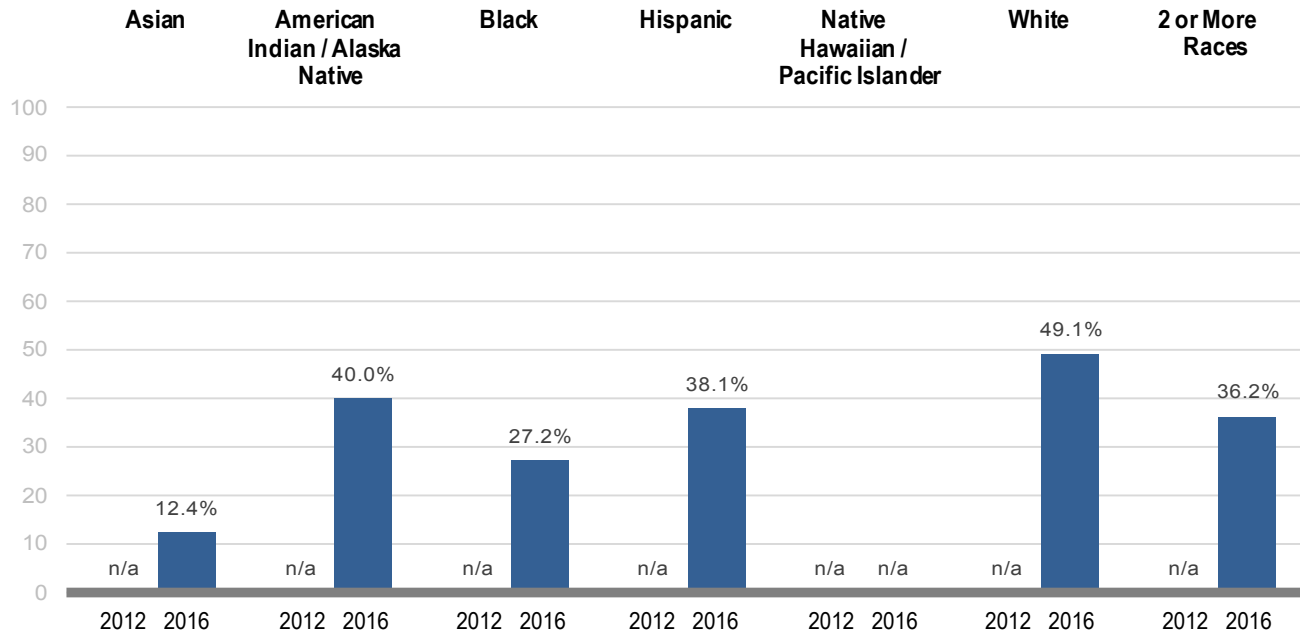


	2012			2016			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	7,334	3,284	44.8%	7,586	3,660	48.3%	↑	3.5
Men	5,120	2,028	39.6%	5,528	2,285	41.3%	↑	1.7
Unknown	1,957	0	n/a	*	0	n/a		

* 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	0	0	n/a	412	51	12.4%	n/a
American Indian / Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	25	10	40.0%	n/a
Black	0	0	n/a	948	258	27.2%	n/a
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	281	107	38.1%	n/a
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	13	*	n/a	n/a
White	0	0	n/a	10,729	5,265	49.1%	n/a
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	348	126	36.2%	n/a
Unknown	14,411			367			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

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	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	10	*	n/a	34	24	70.6%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	492	159	32.3%	587	251	42.8% ↑	10.4
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,354	488	36.0%	623	313	50.2% ↑	14.2
Communication and Journalism	308	103	33.4%	368	166	45.1% ↑	11.7
Communications Technologies/Technicians	288	62	21.5%	265	81	30.6% ↑	9.0
Computer and Information Sciences	441	128	29.0%	440	197	44.8% ↑	15.8
Education	1,231	628	51.0%	636	401	63.1% ↑	12.0
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	406	149	36.7%	479	166	34.7% ↓	-2.0
English Language and Literature	315	117	37.1%	284	148	52.1% ↑	15.0
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	131	53	40.5%	131	66	50.4% ↑	9.9
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	67	23	34.3%	54	27	50.0% ↑	15.7
Health Professions	2,834	1,148	40.5%	2,761	1,358	49.2% ↑	8.7
History	301	130	43.2%	215	125	58.1% ↑	15.0
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	524	170	32.4%	388	173	44.6% ↑	12.2
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,371	460	33.6%	362	165	45.6% ↑	12.0
Mathematics and Statistics	133	41	30.8%	116	51	44.0% ↑	13.1
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	668	192	28.7%	701	262	37.4% ↑	8.6
Philosophy and Religious Studies	34	*	n/a	22	10	45.5%	n/a
Physical Sciences	331	107	32.3%	308	105	34.1% ↑	1.8
Psychology	604	203	33.6%	582	224	38.5% ↑	4.9
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	521	182	34.9%	509	249	48.9% ↑	14.0
Social Sciences	369	138	37.4%	291	165	56.7% ↑	19.3
Visual and Performing Arts	575	161	28.0%	468	217	46.4% ↑	18.4

Unknown	1,103	459	41.6%	2,499	1,001	40.1% ↓	-1.6
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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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