

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
University of Wisconsin-
Whitewater

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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

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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



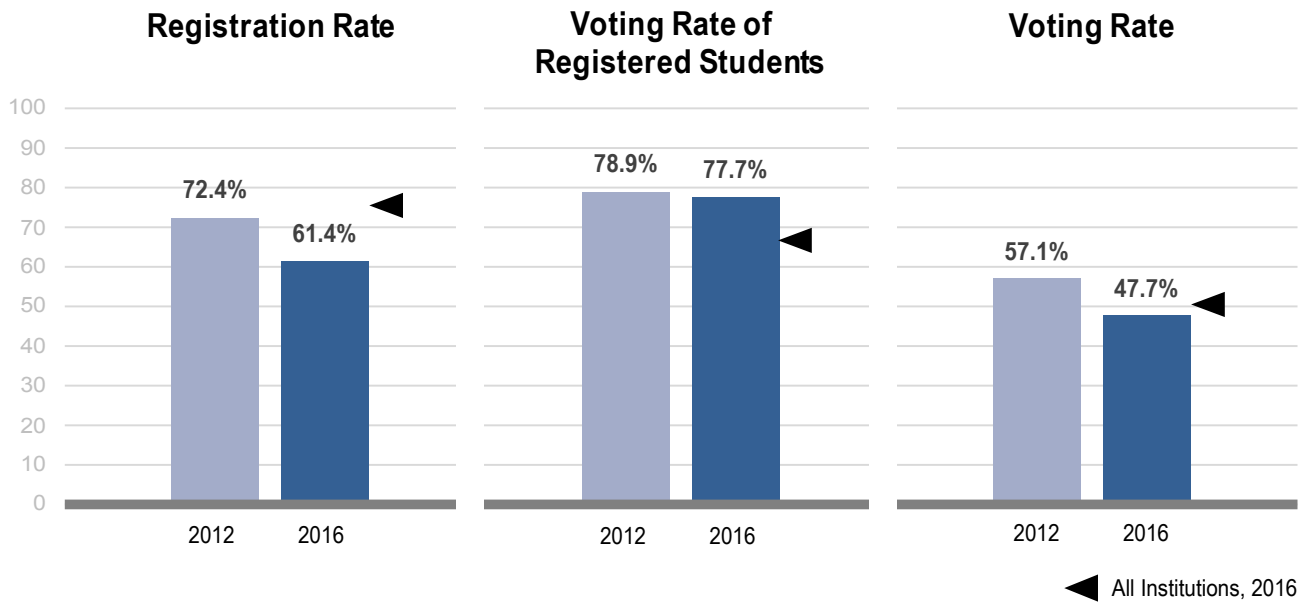
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
47.7%

CHANGE FROM 2012
-9.4

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	11,689	12,515	↑ 826
Age under 18/Unknown	(67)	(322)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(244)	(168)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	11,370	12,018	↑ 648
Number of students who registered	8,229	7,384	↓ -845
Number of students who voted	6,491	5,735	↓ -756
Registration rate	72.4%	61.4%	↓ -10.9
Voting rate of registered students	78.9%	77.7%	↓ -1.2
Voting rate	57.1%	47.7%	↓ -9.4
Difference from all institutions	+10.2	-2.7	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

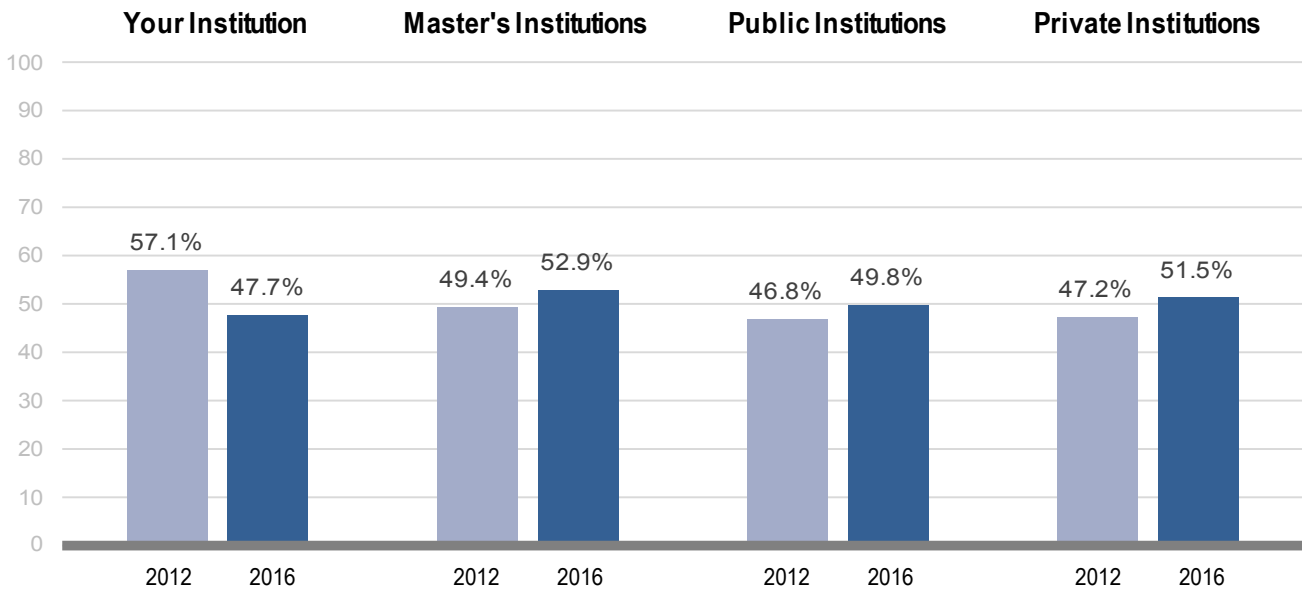
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

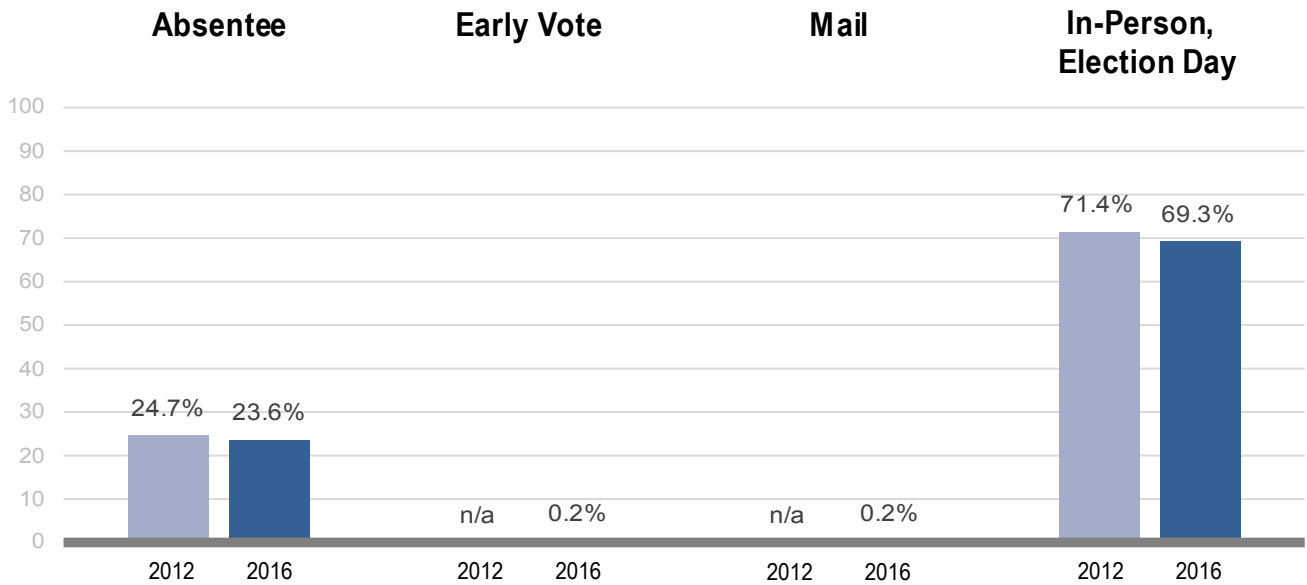
Difference from All Institutions **+10.2**

Difference from All Institutions **-2.68**



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By Voting Method*

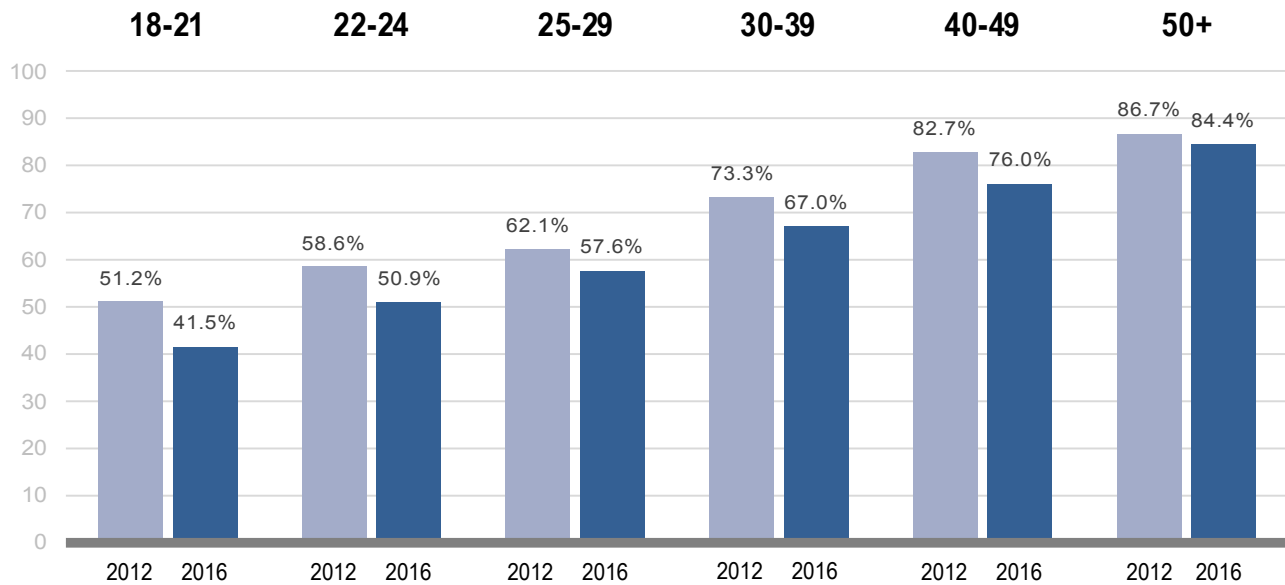


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	1,605	24.7%	1,351	23.6%	↓ -1.2
Early Vote	*	n/a	10	0.2%	n/a
Mail	*	n/a	10	0.2%	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	4,636	71.4%	3,972	69.3%	↓ -2.2
Unknown	243	3.7%	392	6.8%	
Total	6,491		5,735		

* 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*

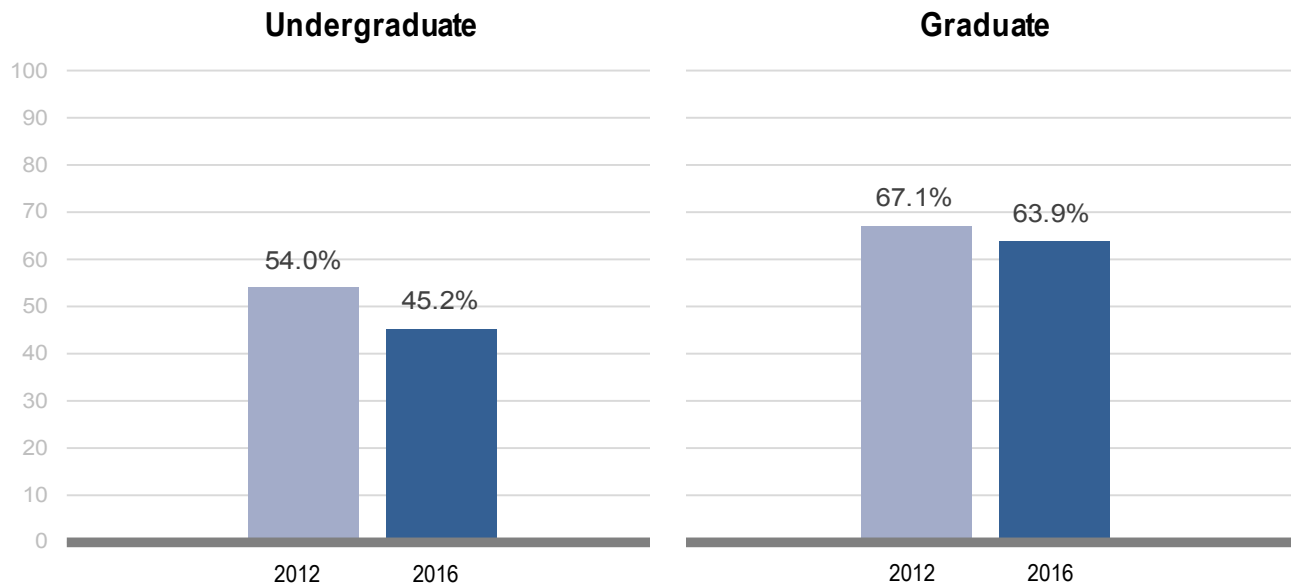


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	7,179	3,674	51.2%	7,796	3,233	41.5%	↓ -9.7
22-24	2,590	1,518	58.6%	2,497	1,271	50.9%	↓ -7.7
25-29	845	525	62.1%	875	504	57.6%	↓ -4.5
30-39	606	444	73.3%	640	429	67.0%	↓ -6.2
40-49	289	239	82.7%	250	190	76.0%	↓ -6.7
50+	105	91	86.7%	128	108	84.4%	↓ -2.3
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*

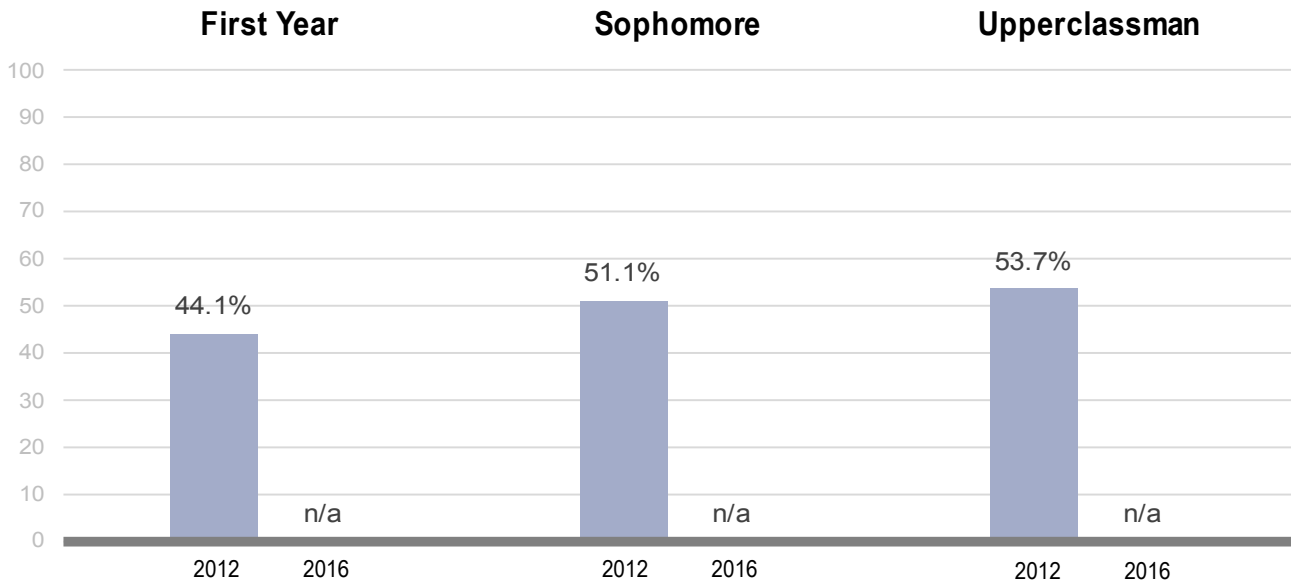


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	9,441	5,102	54.0%	10,966	4,955	45.2%	↓ -8.9
Graduate	1,112	746	67.1%	1,217	778	63.9%	↓ -3.2
Unknown	1,061			*			

* 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*

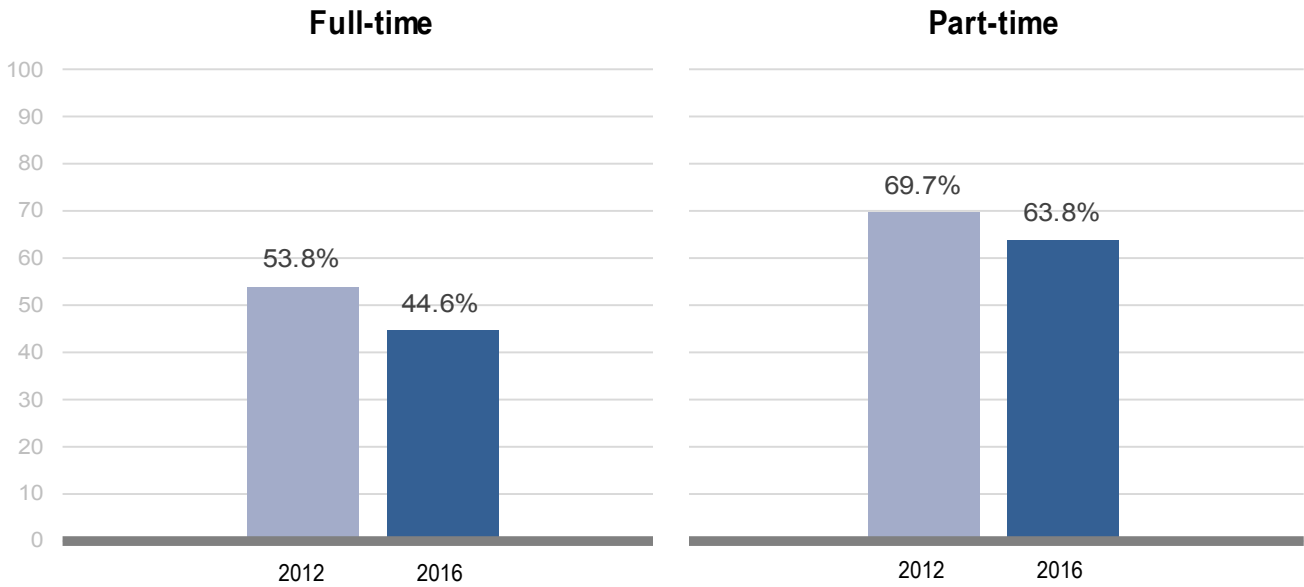


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	404	178	44.1%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Sophomore	2,008	1,025	51.1%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Upperclassman	5,142	2,759	53.7%	0	0	n/a	n/a

* 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*

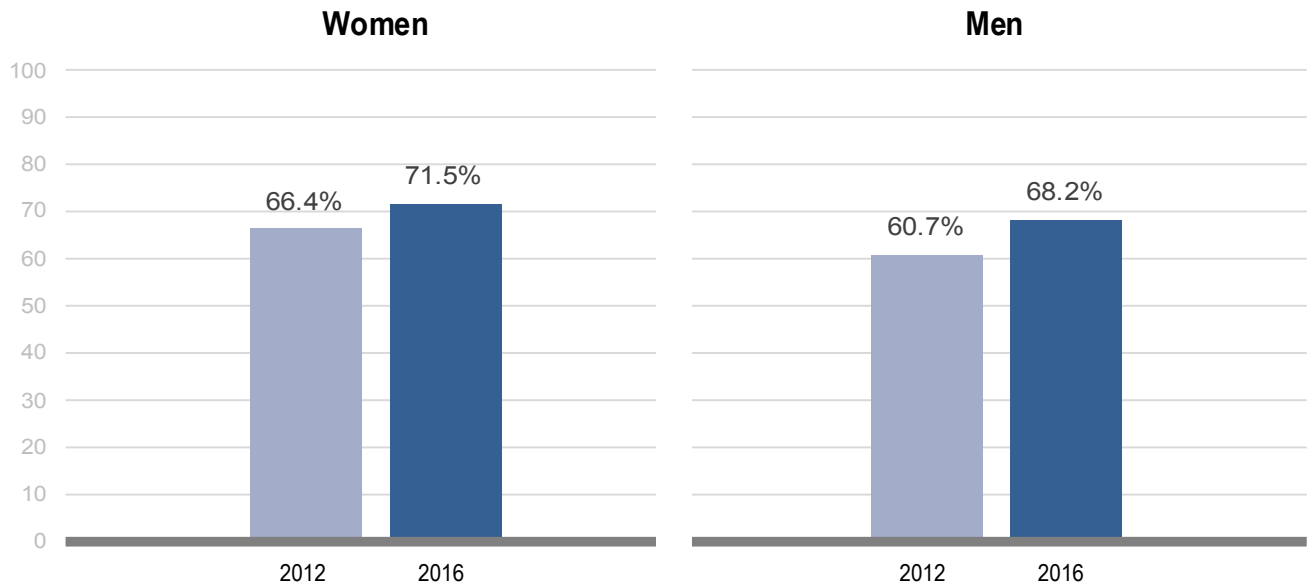


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	10,058	5,406	53.8%	10,599	4,722	44.6%	↓ -9.2
Part-time	1,556	1,085	69.7%	1,587	1,013	63.8%	↓ -5.9
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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	5,046	3,351	66.4%	3,847	2,749	71.5%	↑ 5.1
Men	4,903	2,978	60.7%	4,076	2,781	68.2%	↑ 7.5
Unknown	1,665	162	9.7%	4,263	205	4.8%	

* 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.

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.

References:

NSLVE encourages to share this report as broadly as possible, including posting it. When doing so, please use the following citation: Institute for Democracy & Higher Education: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2016). *2012 & 2016 NSLVE Campus Report*. Medford, MA.

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**APPENDIX
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Field of Study Voting Rates for
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2012 & 2016 Campus Report Appendix: Field of Study Voting Rates*

* 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	0	0	n/a	21	11	52.4%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	68	35	51.5%	601	242	40.3% ↓	-11.2
Business, Management, and Marketing	724	427	59.0%	4,504	2,158	47.9% ↓	-11.1
Communication and Journalism	174	102	58.6%	565	263	46.6% ↓	-12.1
Computer and Information Sciences	17	*	n/a	295	128	43.4%	n/a
Education	391	245	62.7%	1,984	960	48.4% ↓	-14.3
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	35	26	74.3%	229	110	48.0% ↓	-26.3
English Language and Literature	42	30	71.4%	222	117	52.7% ↓	-18.7
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	10	*	n/a	55	28	50.9%	n/a
Health Professions	14	*	n/a	27	16	59.3%	n/a
History	46	25	54.4%	156	92	59.0% ↑	4.6
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	199	117	58.8%	1,474	716	48.6% ↓	-10.2
Mathematics and Statistics	37	24	64.9%	147	63	42.9% ↓	-22.0
Natural Resources and Conservation	0	0	n/a	121	57	47.1%	n/a
Physical Sciences	25	*	n/a	197	83	42.1%	n/a
Psychology	60	38	63.3%	285	122	42.8% ↓	-20.5
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	40	28	70.0%	43	18	41.9% ↓	-28.1
Social Sciences	164	108	65.9%	671	288	42.9% ↓	-22.9
Visual and Performing Arts	125	73	58.4%	571	254	44.5% ↓	-13.9
Unknown	9,443	5,183	54.9%	18	*	n/a	n/a

About the data:

NSLVE campus reports provide estimated registration and voting rates based on your institution's students who were age-eligible to vote at the time of the election, using the best available data. We use enrollment records submitted by your institution to the National Student Clearinghouse (FERPA-blocked records excluded) merged with publicly available voting files collected by Catalist. As with nearly all voting rate calculations, some ineligible voters are difficult to parse out, such as international or undocumented students. We do, however, adjust institutional voting rates by deducting an estimated number of students who are nonresident aliens based on your institution's report to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). For more information, including reports on maintaining the NSLVE database, how ineligible voters might affect turnout rates, and tips for improving the data in your campus reports visit our FAQ page: <https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/frequently-asked-questions>.

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