





#### October 2021 Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to send this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for 2020. This report contains three years of relevant topline data: 2016, 2018, and 2020. As always, we disaggregate the data so you can better identify and address gaps in participation.

College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

As in past years, we urge you to share this report widely and strategically, particularly with faculty who, in 2020, were often the most consistent communicators with students about ever-changing voting conditions and deadlines. We also urge you to review our recommendations for engaging elections to cultivate a robust and healthy campus climate for political engagement, discourse, equity, and participation: Election Imperatives (2019) and the more recent Election Imperatives: A Time of Physical Distancing and Social Action. Since "pervasive political discussions" and attentiveness to the campus culture around speech and academic freedom are among our top recommendations, we direct you to our discussion guides on talking about your NSLVE report, on free speech and inclusion , and on hot topics, our Making Sense of ... guides.

Finally, we always encourage you to work with us. Help us help you get better data by reaching out. Email **IDHE@Tufts.edu** for more information. And as always, watch your inbox for our periodic newsletter, IDHE Update, for announcements about upcoming releases and new resources.

Congratulations on engaging your students in the 2020 election. Remember, student political learning is a year-round objective. Elections may be episodic, but student political engagement should not be.

All the Best, IDHE Team



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We also want to acknowledge and thank **Syed Golam Mohaimen, M.S. student in Data Science at Tufts University** for his contributions toward the creation of these reports.

### **In This Report**

This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut charts, and tables.

		2014			2018		2014-2018	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p.)	
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-		-	-	-	-	
Black	-	-		-	-	-	-	
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

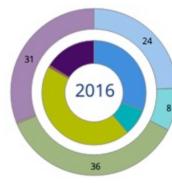
#### **Tables**

The tables show, on the left-side columns, the numbers of students and the rates from 2016, 2018, and 2020. On the left-side, percentage point (p.p.) changes between 2016 and 2020. A red down arrow indicates a decrease, a green up arrow indicates an increase, and a yellow arrow pointing to the right indicates no change. "-" in these tables indicates that the data is unavailable/missing, or is available for 10 or less students.



#### Vessel Chart

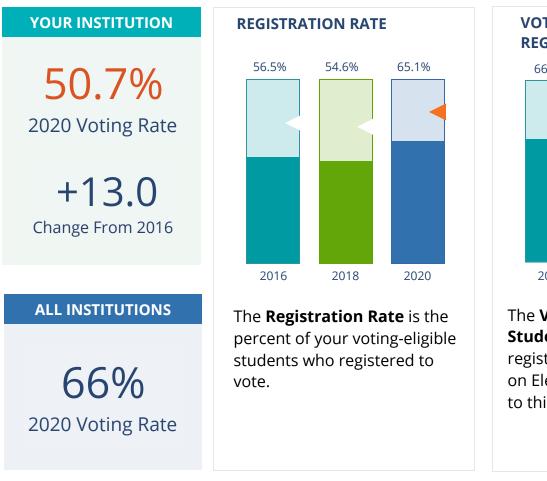
This chart shows rates out of 100%, with arrows to the right of each bar representing relevant national averages (medians), which you can find in IDHE's national report Democracy Counts 2020.

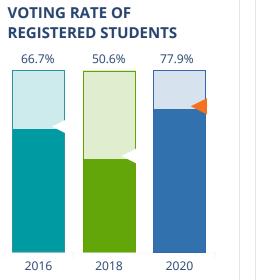


#### **Overlapping Donut Chart**

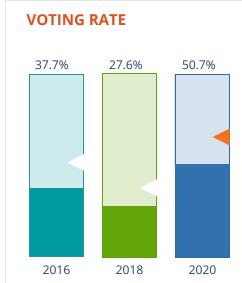
This chart is used to show the breakdown of vote method utilization (page 10), with the outer ring showing your campus method utilization and the inner ring showing the national breakdown. These are described in percentages.

#### **Voting, Registration and Yield Rates**





The **Voting Rate of Registered Students** is the percent of registered students who voted on Election Day. We often refer to this as the "yield" rate.



The **Voting Rate** is the percentage of eligible students who voted on Election Day. The voting rate is also the product of the registration and yield rates.

**Voting and Registration Rates** 

	2016	2018	2020	2016-20 Change (	
Total Student Enrollment	8,061	8,527	7,683	+	-378
(Age under 18/Unknown)	21	16	-		_
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	119	115	67	+	-52
(FERPA records blocked)	-	-	-		_
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	-	-	-		_
Total eligible voters	7,921	8,396	7,606	+	-315
Number of students who registered	4,475	4,585	4,949	÷	474
Number of students who voted	2,985	2,321	3,855	÷	870
Registration Rate %	56	55	65	÷	9
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	67	51	78	÷	11
Voting Rate %	38	28	51	÷	13

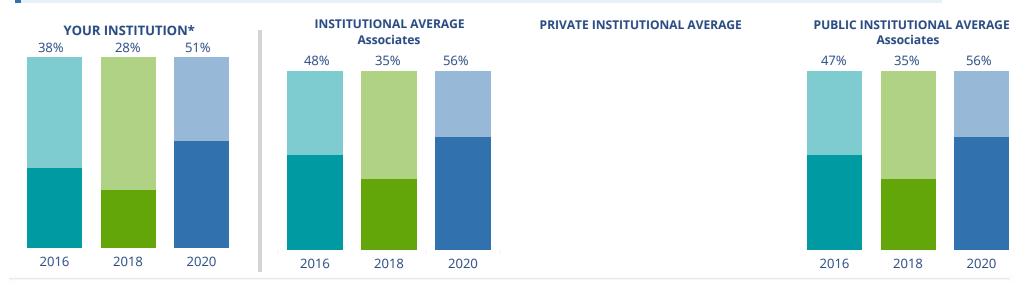
This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates. The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged, students who are not pursuing degrees.

We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to NSC, or we cannot verify the accuracy of the reported counts. This estimate is given by "IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens" on this page. If you believe the number of international students reported on this report is incorrect, you can manually adjust your institution's voting rates by using our recalculation tool. <u>https://id-</u> he.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-recalculation-tool.

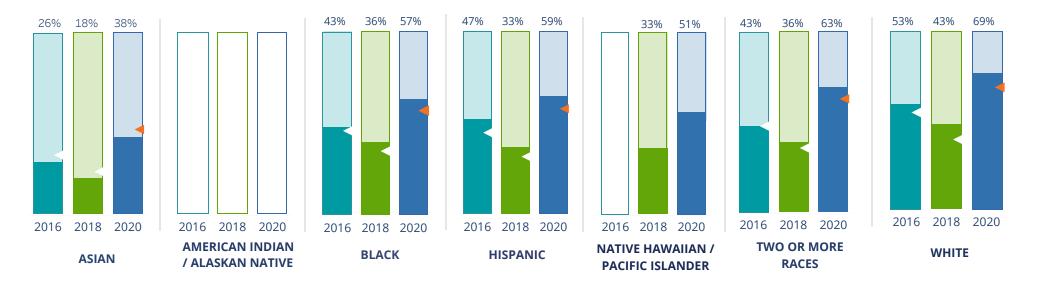
### **By Institution Types**



These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. \*"Your Institution" chart is presented at a different scale.



### By Race / Ethnicity



**These are estimated voting rates for race / ethnicity groups**. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following race reporting procedures\* defined by the National Center for Education Statistics of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Please see our FAQ for more detail on why we cannot report national benchmark for some of the demographic groups: https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-fag

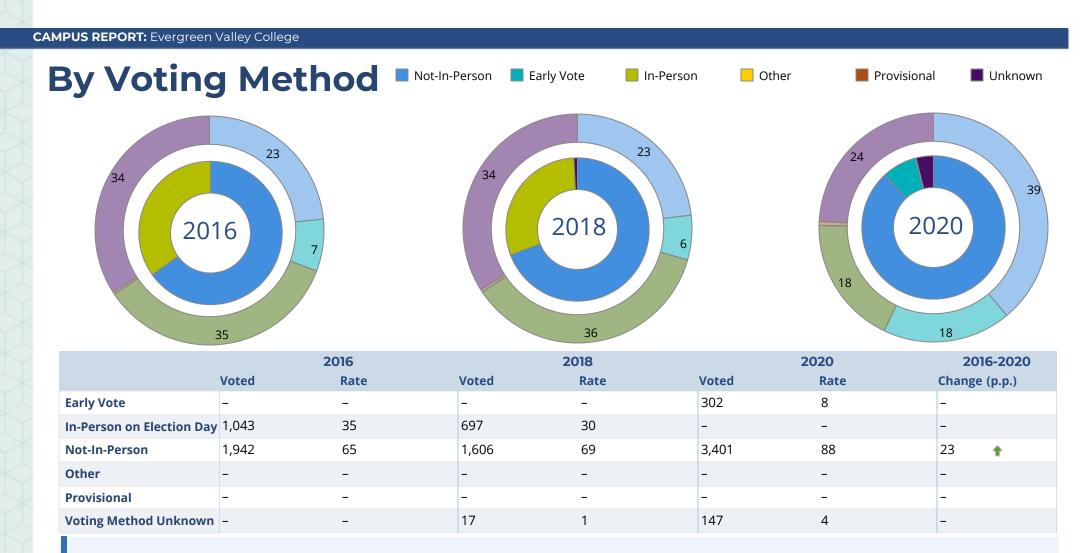
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\* https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/report-your-data/race-ethnicity-collecting-data-for-reporting-purposes

#### By Race/Ethnicity

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates. We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

	2016				2018			2020	2	2016-2020		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)		
Asian	3,237	843	26	3,461	620	18	3,138	1,195	38	12		
American Indian/ Alaska Native	47	-	_	40	-	_	20	-	_	_		
Black	192	83	43	179	64	36	174	99	57	14		
Hispanic	3,144	1,472	47	3,502	1,170	33	3,235	1,894	59	12		
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	24	_	-	39	13	33	35	18	51	_		
2 or More Races	240	104	43	250	89	36	231	146	63	<b>1</b> 20		
White	552	294	53	486	211	43	501	345	69	16		
Race Unknown	599	176	29	552	147	27	338	152	45	16		



These are estimated rates for vote method utilization, the number of students utilizing each method, and the percent of students utilizing each method. Not all U.S. states provide information on vote method; voting method for voter files from these states are classified "Voting Method Unknown." For a list of these states, see our FAQ. <u>https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-faq#CampusReports</u>

#### By Age Group

	2016	2018	2020
18-21	37%	26%	53%
22-24	36%	27%	47%
25-29	36%	26%	46%
30-39	35%	27%	43%
40-49	44%	32%	52%
50+	45%	40%	54%

Voting is habit-forming and young voters will usually continue as voters in subsequent elections. Also, young voters are more likely to be contacted by campaigns and are visible, and therefore significant, to elected officials. While in the past, we have seen voting rates increase across age groups, in recent cycles, the most significant increases have been among first-time and the youngest voters. Some colleges serve primarily young students, traditionally viewed as students in the 18-21 or 22-24 categories here. Others have much higher numbers of enrolled older undergraduate or graduate students.

By Age Group

Here, we provide the numbers of students in each age category and the voting rates for each group. These are based on the student's age on the day of the election, as calculated by the National Student Clearinghouse using data from student enrollment records.

	2016				2018			20	2016-2020		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
18-21	3,643	1,331	37	4,161	1,071	26	3,815	2,039	53	<b>1</b> 7	
22-24	1,430	518	36	1,449	389	27	1,290	607	47	<b>1</b> 1	
25-29	1,142	416	36	1,128	295	26	1,034	477	46	<b>1</b> 0	
30-39	903	313	35	859	235	27	824	358	43	<b>†</b> 9	
40-49	451	197	44	431	140	32	371	193	52	<b>†</b> 8	
50+	466	210	45	481	191	40	338	181	54	<b>1</b> 8	

By Sex

			2018				2016-2020			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Female	4,381	1,728	39	4,713	1,408	30	4,459	2,326	52	13
Male	3,633	1,252	34	3,769	901	24	3,194	1,520	48	<b>†</b> 13

**These are estimated voting rates for sex groups and the numbers we used to calculate their voting rates**. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following the reporting procedures defined by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Presently, NCES requires institutions to report students as "Male" or "Female" only.\*

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\*<u>https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/public/survey-materials/faq?faqid=11</u>

#### By Education Level / Undergraduate Class Year

	2016 Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	2018 Enrolled	Voted	z Voted Rate (%)		Voted Rate (%		2016-2020 6) Change (p.p)		
EDUCATION I	LEVEL											
Undergraduate	7,526	2,786	37	8,047	2,183	27	7,182	3,595	5	50	• 13	
Graduate	-	-	_	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	
Class Unknown	509	191	38	462	138	30	490	260	)	53	<ul><li>16</li></ul>	
CLASS YEAR												
First Year	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		_	_	
Second Year	-	-	-	-	-	-	- –	-		-	-	
Upper Level	-	-	_	-	-	-		-		-	_	
ENROLLMEN	T STATUS											
Full-time	3,252	1,105	34	3,536	833	24	4 3,037	1,393	3	46	<ul><li>12</li></ul>	
Part-time	4,783	1,880	39	4,973	1,488	30	4,635	2,462	)	53	<ul><li>14</li></ul>	

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level undergraduate/graduate), Class Year, and Enrollment Status full-time/part-time), and he numbers we used to calculate these rates. If you notice missing data in his page, it could mean any

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### **By Field of Study**

FIELDS		2016			2018			2020		2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	18	-	_	23	11	48	20	13	65	_	
<b>Biological and Biomedical Sciences</b>	266	113	42	359	108	30	351	205	58	<b>1</b> 6	
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,214	380	31	1,332	310	23	1,255	574	46	<b>1</b> 4	
Communication and Journalism	94	50	53	115	39	34	115	79	69	<b>1</b> 6	
<b>Computer and Information Sciences</b>	46	13	28	101	29	29	130	64	49	1 21	
Construction Trades	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Education	36	19	53	30	-	-	11	-	-	_	

These are estimated voting rates by field of study, and the numbers we used to calculate the field of study rates. For an explanation of CIP codes, please see our FAQ.\* There are roughly 8,000 fields of study among U.S. colleges and universities, so we provide rates for condensed categories.

\*https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq

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FIELDS		2016		2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	601	179	30	633	145	23	535	234	44	🛧 14
English Language and Literature	166	58	35	151	43	28	128	51	40	<b>†</b> 5
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	28	12	43	102	31	30	169	84	50	<b>†</b> 7
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui	30	14	47	39	21	54	71	46	65	🛧 18
Health Professions	1,039	401	39	1,201	342	28	1,239	644	52	🛉 13
History	54	25	46	46	22	48	40	26	65	🛧 19
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protec	432	166	38	412	119	29	355	195	55	🛧 17
Legal Professions and Studies	57	28	49	70	31	44	92	58	63	<b>1</b> 4
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,434	608	42	938	308	33	531	294	55	🛉 13
Mathematics and Statistics	76	34	45	123	28	23	114	41	36	<b>4</b> -9
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Techni	236	59	25	236	41	17	194	69	36	🛧 11
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,337	455	34	1,458	335	23	1,141	514	45	🛖 11
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Stu	16	_	-	107	28	26	168	94	56	_
Personal and Culinary Services	30	11	37	14	-	-	11	-	-	-

# By Field of Study

FIELDS	Enrolled	2016 Voted	Rate	2018 e Enrolled Voted Rate			Enrolled	Rate	2016-2020 e Change (p.p)		
Physical Sciences	101	47	47	116	36	31	124	60	48	<b>1</b> 2	
Precision Production	15	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Psychology	364	162	45	459	152	33	465	284	61	17	
Social Sciences	-	-	-	18	-	-	54	37	69	-	
Visual and Performing Arts	233	82	35	343	103	30	286	142	50	14	
Unknown	112	49	44	52	17	33	59	27	46	1 2	

### **About This Report**

#### Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement.

Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, nearly 1,200 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020 federal elections. Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 50 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 2016, 2018, and 2020 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) and publicly available voting files collected by L2 Political.

Enrollment lists are adjusted by deducting students under age 18 (at the time of the election), people identified as non-degree seeking and those identified by campuses as "nonresident aliens" (NRAs) (the federal government's category for mostly international students). Unfortunately, not all campuses report NRAs to NSC. For those campuses, we use IPEDS to calculate the number of NRA students on each campus and adjust NSC enrollment numbers to estimate the number of students to remove. We also guality check NRA removals by verifying that there is little to no discrepancy between the number of international students reported by the campus to IPEDS and to NSC. We cannot adjust subgroup analyses absent identification of NRAs verified by the process above. We welcome closer partnerships with individual colleges and universities to provide more accurate rates. For more on the data and the matching process, see our FAQ on Campus Reports.

Evergreen Valley College

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: https://idhe.tufts.edu.

References: IDHE encourages report recipients to share this report as broadly as possible, including posting it on the college or university's website. When doing so, please use the following citation: Institute for Democracy & Higher Education: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2021). 2016, 2018, and 2020 report for \_\_\_\_\_ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.



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