

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
University of Colorado
Colorado Springs

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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



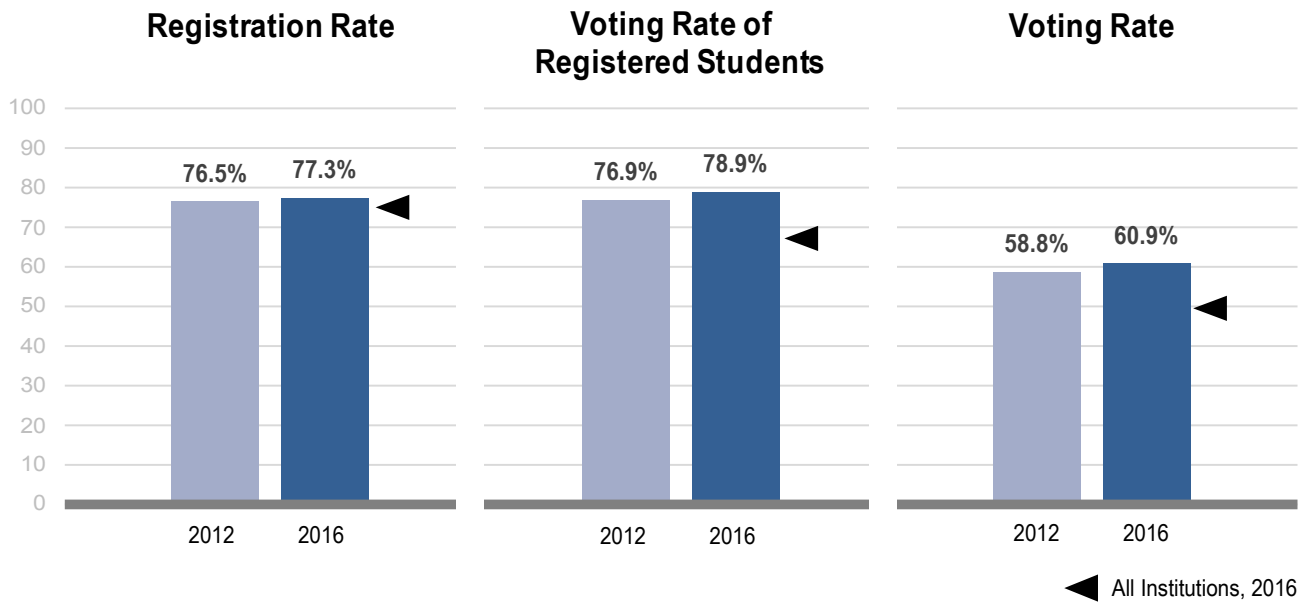
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
60.9%

CHANGE FROM 2012
2.1

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	10,463	12,306	↑ 1,843
Age under 18/Unknown	(250)	(410)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(78)	(304)	
FERPA records blocked	(19)	*	
Total eligible voters	10,116	11,589	↑ 1,473
Number of students who registered	7,741	8,952	↑ 1,211
Number of students who voted	5,950	7,060	↑ 1,110
Registration rate	76.5%	77.3%	↑ 0.7
Voting rate of registered students	76.9%	78.9%	↑ 2.0
Voting rate	58.8%	60.9%	↑ 2.1
Difference from all institutions	+11.9	+10.5	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

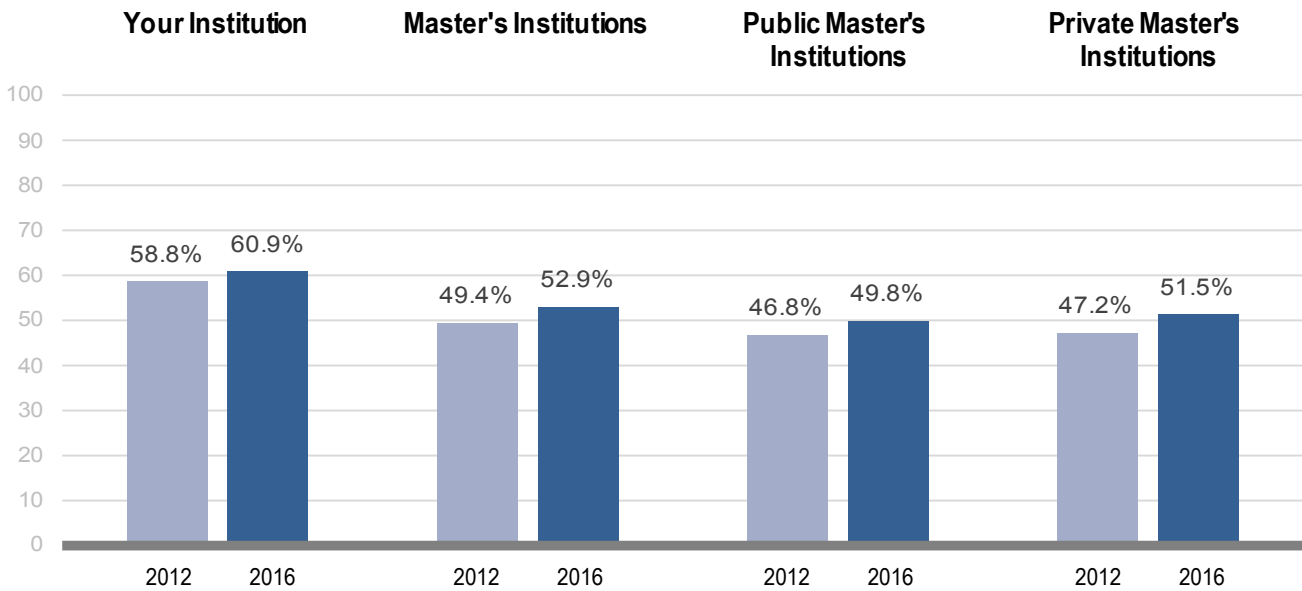
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

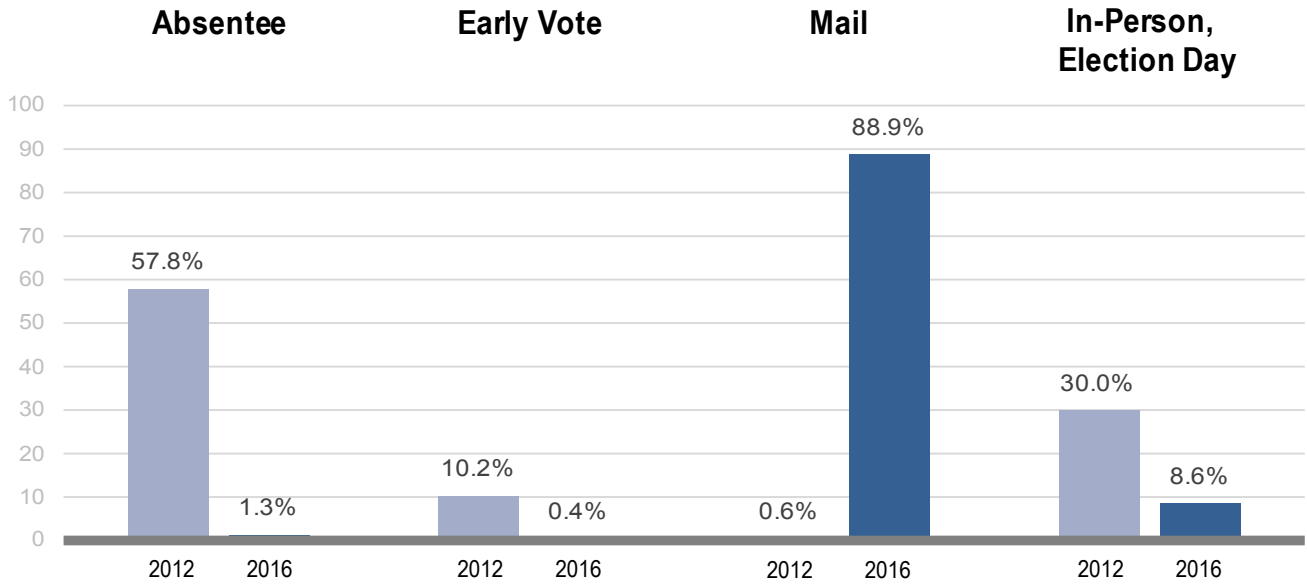
Difference from All Institutions **+11.9**

Difference from All Institutions **+10.5**



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By Voting Method*

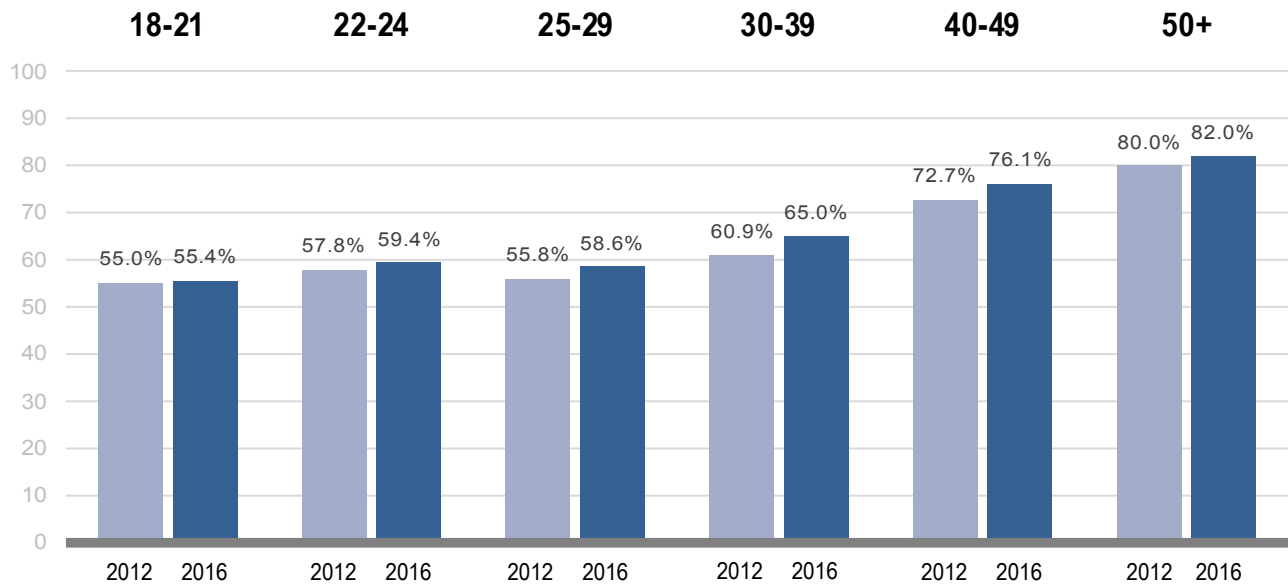


	2012		2016		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	3,441	57.8%	94	1.3%	↓	-56.5
Early Vote	606	10.2%	26	0.4%	↓	-9.8
Mail	33	0.6%	6,278	88.9%	↑	88.4
In-Person, Election Day	1,786	30.0%	605	8.6%	↓	-21.5
Unknown	84	1.4%	57	0.8%		
Total	5,950		7,060			

* 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*

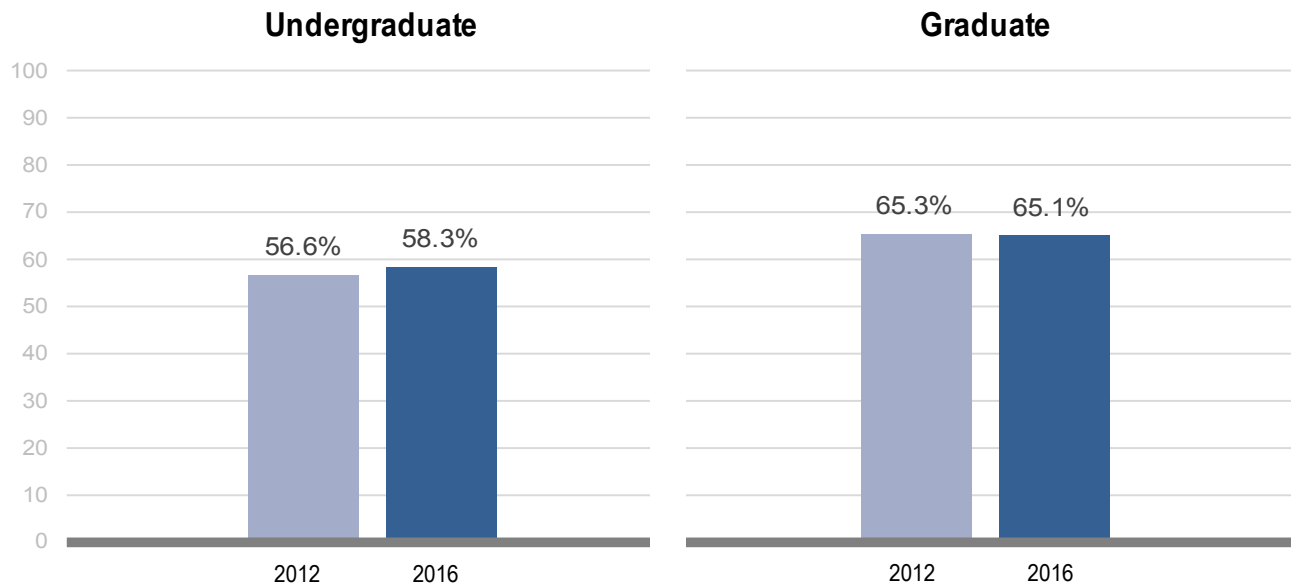


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	4,477	2,462	55.0%	5,728	3,173	55.4%	↑ 0.4
22-24	1,866	1,079	57.8%	2,145	1,274	59.4%	↑ 1.6
25-29	1,528	853	55.8%	1,695	994	58.6%	↑ 2.8
30-39	1,336	814	60.9%	1,491	969	65.0%	↑ 4.1
40-49	652	474	72.7%	568	432	76.1%	↑ 3.4
50+	335	268	80.0%	266	218	82.0%	↑ 2.0
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*

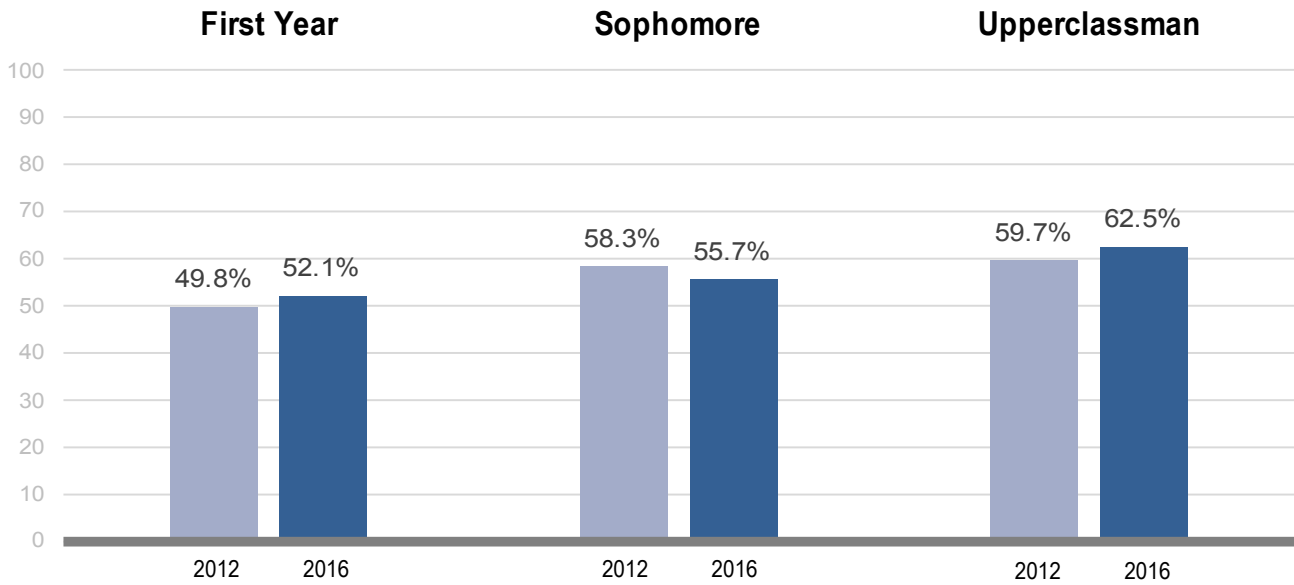


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	8,141	4,610	56.6%	9,995	5,824	58.3%	↑ 1.6
Graduate	2,053	1,340	65.3%	1,897	1,235	65.1%	↓ -0.2
Unknown	0			*			

* 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*

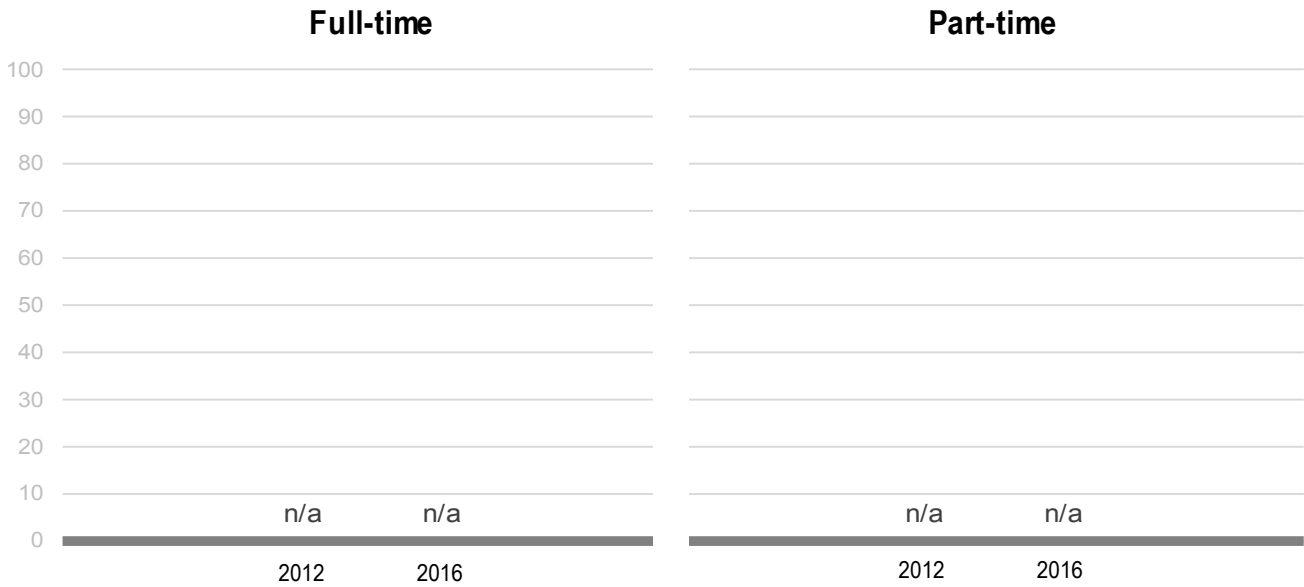


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	2,236	1,113	49.8%	2,710	1,413	52.1%	↑ 2.4
Sophomore	1,680	980	58.3%	2,039	1,135	55.7%	↓ -2.7
Upperclassman	3,718	2,218	59.7%	5,162	3,225	62.5%	↑ 2.8

* 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*

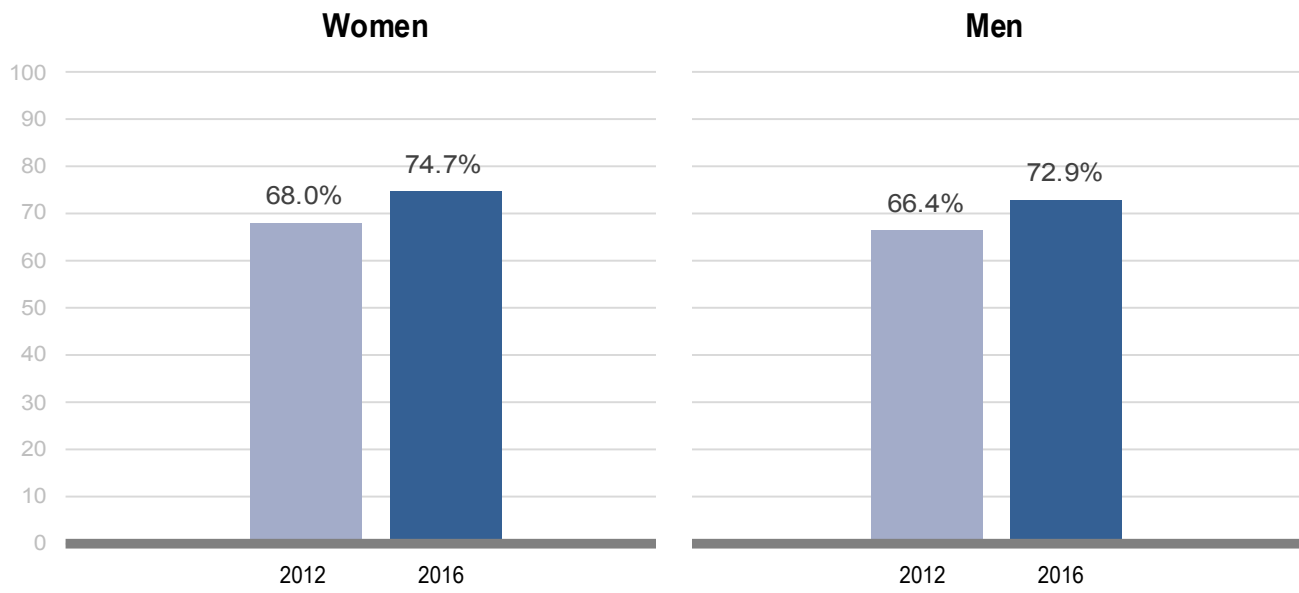


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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 Gender*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	4,770	3,244	68.0%	5,037	3,760	74.7%	↑ 6.6
Men	4,066	2,701	66.4%	4,502	3,280	72.9%	↑ 6.4
Unknown	1,358	*	n/a	2,354	20	0.9%	

* 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	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	16	*	n/a	16	11	68.8%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	673	404	60.0%	972	578	59.5% ↓	-0.6
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,715	924	53.9%	1,410	862	61.1% ↑	7.3
Communication and Journalism	475	264	55.6%	521	319	61.2% ↑	5.7
Computer and Information Sciences	279	166	59.5%	527	312	59.2% ↓	-0.3
Education	459	308	67.1%	626	418	66.8% ↓	-0.3
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	705	442	62.7%	1,079	632	58.6% ↓	-4.1
English Language and Literature	330	215	65.2%	294	185	62.9% ↓	-2.2
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	42	30	71.4%	49	31	63.3% ↓	-8.2
Health Professions	1,009	590	58.5%	1,026	654	63.7% ↑	5.3
History	291	181	62.2%	225	155	68.9% ↑	6.7
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	375	210	56.0%	487	267	54.8% ↓	-1.2
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	323	157	48.6%	2,101	1,048	49.9% ↑	1.3
Mathematics and Statistics	115	72	62.6%	140	91	65.0% ↑	2.4
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	977	476	48.7%	454	300	66.1% ↑	17.4
Philosophy and Religious Studies	53	31	58.5%	58	39	67.2% ↑	8.8
Physical Sciences	194	109	56.2%	181	110	60.8% ↑	4.6
Psychology	600	334	55.7%	697	376	54.0% ↓	-1.7
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	93	76	81.7%	117	88	75.2% ↓	-6.5
Social Sciences	702	433	61.7%	699	442	63.2% ↑	1.6
Visual and Performing Arts	211	122	57.8%	213	141	66.2% ↑	8.4
Unknown	557	398	71.5%	*	*	n/a	n/a

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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