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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Dalton State College

Tufts UNIVERSITY | Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life

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, 2016 and 2018 federal elections. Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has helped us build a robust database for research on more than 10 million de-identified student records for each election year.

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. IDHE is an applied research center focused on college and university student political learning and participation in democracy. IDHE researchers study voting, campus conditions for political learning and discussion, closing equity gaps in participation, and increasing student agency and participation. We accomplish our goals through research, resource development, assisting institutions and the higher education community, 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 voted in the 2014 and 2018 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse and publicly available voting files collected by Catalist. We exclude FERPA-blocked records. (For exceptions for campuses with disproportionately high numbers of FERPA blocked students, see our Campus Reports FAQ.)

The institutional voting rates reported on page 3 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 in subsequent pages of the report, we cannot consistently adjust for students who are ineligible to vote: non-resident aliens (international students), resident aliens (undocumented students), and students who have been disenfranchised due to a felony conviction. As a result, your institution's actual voting rate may be higher than we report. If you have access to more complete data for students who are ineligible to vote, you may recalculate your rates by using the Recalculation Tool - **https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve-recalculation-tool.**

To read more about NSLVE data, see our Campus Reports FAQ - **https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/frequently-asked-questions.**

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 and identify your challenges and opportunities. This report provides comparisons between subgroups of your students and with similar institutions. For more comparisons or to see national voter registration and voting rates, read our national report, Democracy Counts 2018. To access our data portals - **https://idhe.tufts.edu/public-data-portal-visualizations.**

❑ Share the report widely and strategically by sharing it with institutional leaders, faculty across disciplines, student government leaders, and other student groups.

❑ Read and implement *Election Imperatives*, ten recommendations for improving your campus climate for student political learning, discourse, equity, and participation - **https://idhe.tufts.edu/electionimperatives.**

❑ Work with us. IDHE can help via virtual office hours, webinars, brown bag discussions, coaching, and in-person workshops.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: **https://idhe.tufts.edu.**

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Warm regards,

IDHE Team

Voting and Registration Rates
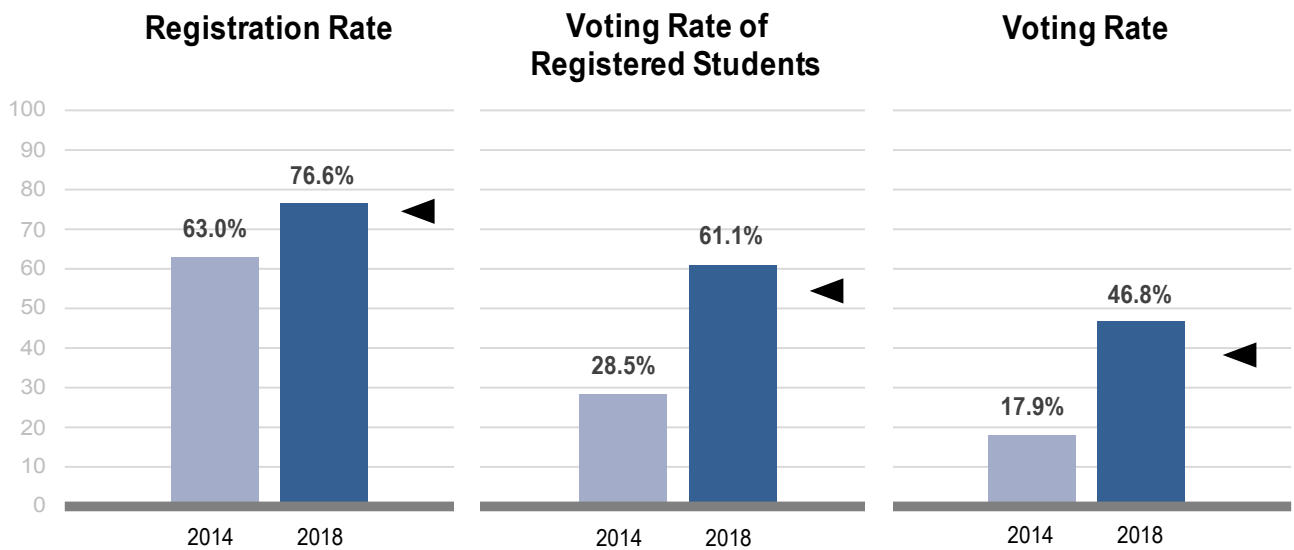
2018 Voting Rate

46.8%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+28.9

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

	Registration Rate	**Voting Rate of Registered Students**	**Voting Rate**

2014: 63.0% / 2018: 76.6% (Registration Rate)
2014: 28.5% / 2018: 61.1% (Voting Rate of Registered Students)
2014: 17.9% / 2018: 46.8% (Voting Rate)

◄ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	**2018**		Change
Total student enrollment	4,872	5,148	⬆	276
Age under 18/Unknown	(139)	(312)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(110)	(96)		
FERPA records blocked	*	(11)		
Total eligible voters	4,616	4,729	⬆	113
Number of students who registered	2,910	3,623	⬆	713
Number of students who voted	828	2,213	⬆	1,385
Registration rate	63.0%	76.6%	⬆	13.6
Voting rate of registered students	28.5%	61.1%	⬆	32.6
Voting rate	17.9%	46.8%	⬆	28.9
Difference from all institutions	-1.8	+7.7		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 54.0%
19.7%	LOW 1.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-1.8**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 64.1%
39.1%	LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **+7.7**

	Your Institution	Bachelor's Institutions	Public Bachelor's Institutions	Private Bachelor's Institutions
2014	17.9%	17.4%	21.2%	16.7%
2018	46.8%	37.4%	38.7%	38.1%
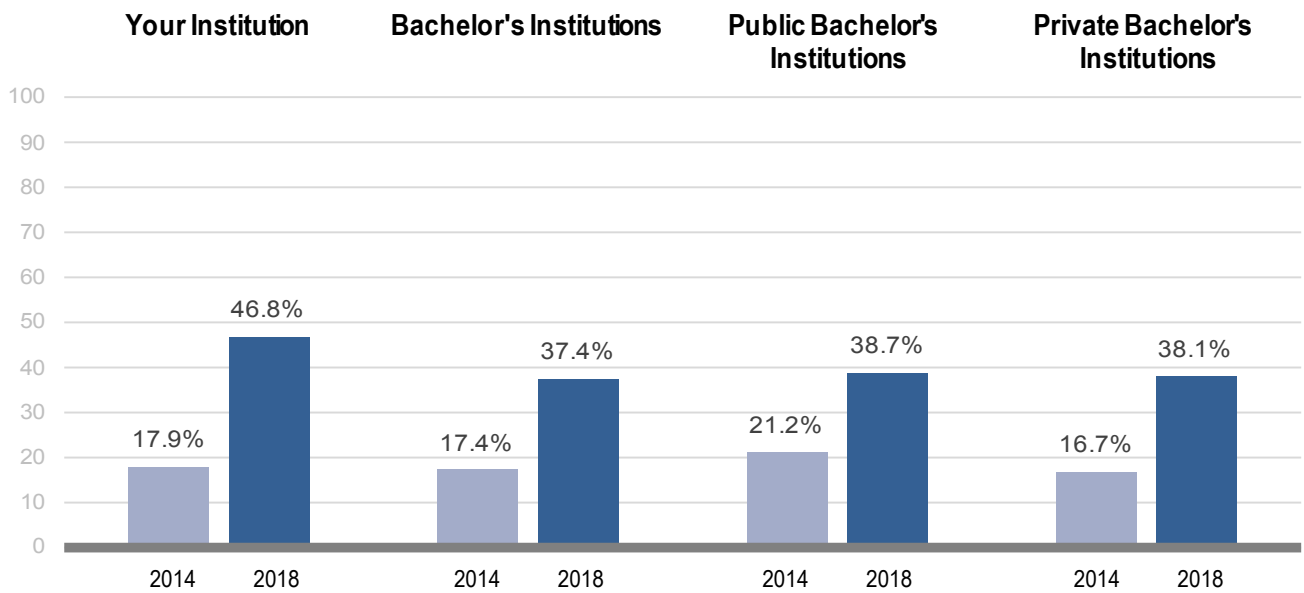
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

	Absentee	Early Vote	Mail	In-Person, Election Day
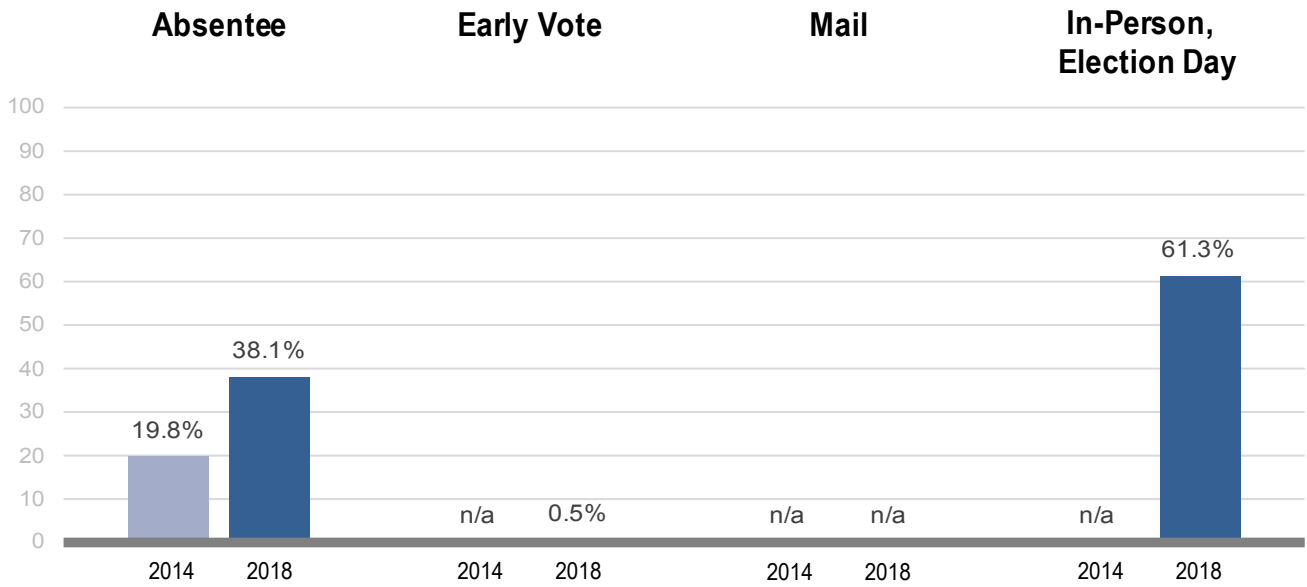
	2014			**2018**		
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate	Change
Absentee	164	**19.8%**		843	**38.1%**	⬆ **18.3**
Early Vote	*	**n/a**		11	**0.5%**	**n/a**
Mail	0	**n/a**		*	**n/a**	**n/a**
In-Person, Election Day	*	**n/a**		1,357	**61.3%**	**n/a**
Unknown	656	**79.2%**		0	**n/a**	
Total	**828**			**2,213**		

* 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 officals where your students voted.

**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Age Group*

	18-21		22-24		25-29		30-39		40-49		50+	
2014	14.6%		16.8%		17.6%		23.0%		34.8%		60.6%		
2018		44.5%		46.2%		46.7%		47.2%		57.6%		74.5%
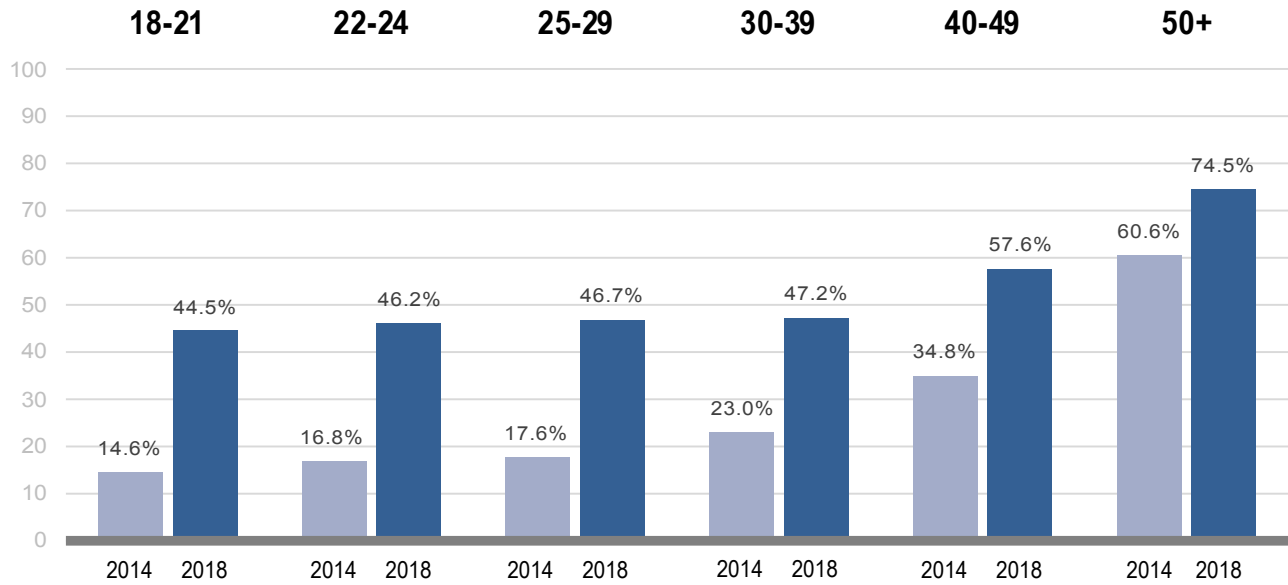
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	2,604	380	**14.6%**	2,840	1,265	**44.5%**	⬆	**30.0**
22-24	957	161	**16.8%**	1,043	482	**46.2%**	⬆	**29.4**
25-29	533	94	**17.6%**	522	244	**46.7%**	⬆	**29.1**
30-39	383	88	**23.0%**	267	126	**47.2%**	⬆	**24.2**
40-49	178	62	**34.8%**	106	61	**57.6%**	⬆	**22.7**
50+	71	43	**60.6%**	47	35	**74.5%**	⬆	**13.9**
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 | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Education Level*

Undergraduate
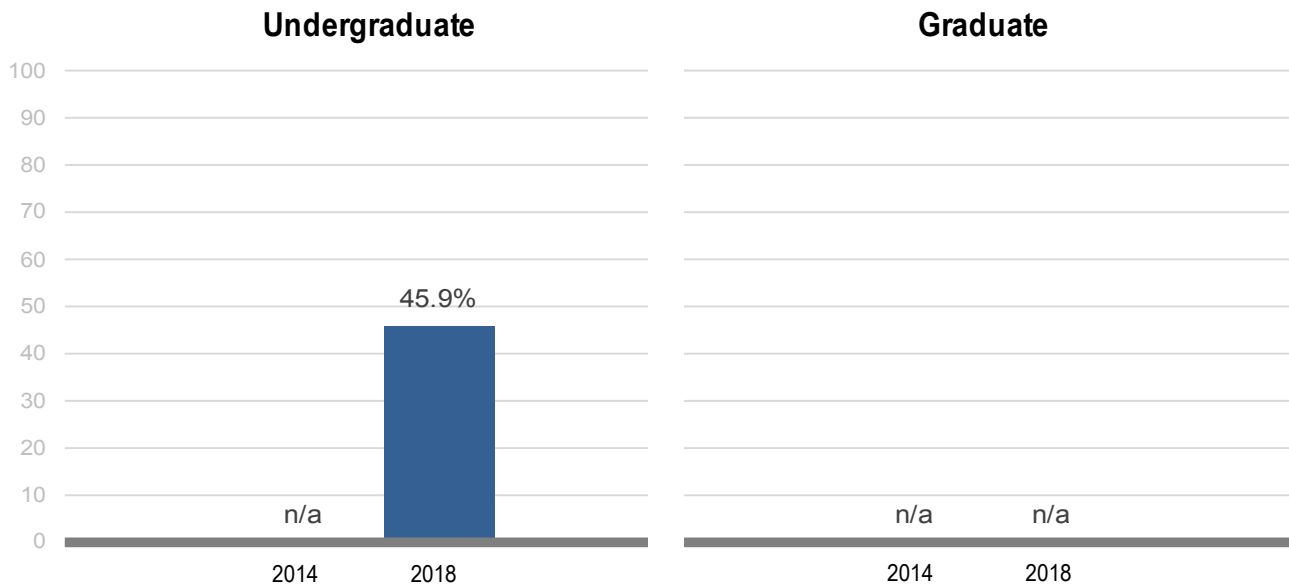
Graduate

	2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**	4,825	2,213	**45.9%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Unknown	4,726			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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

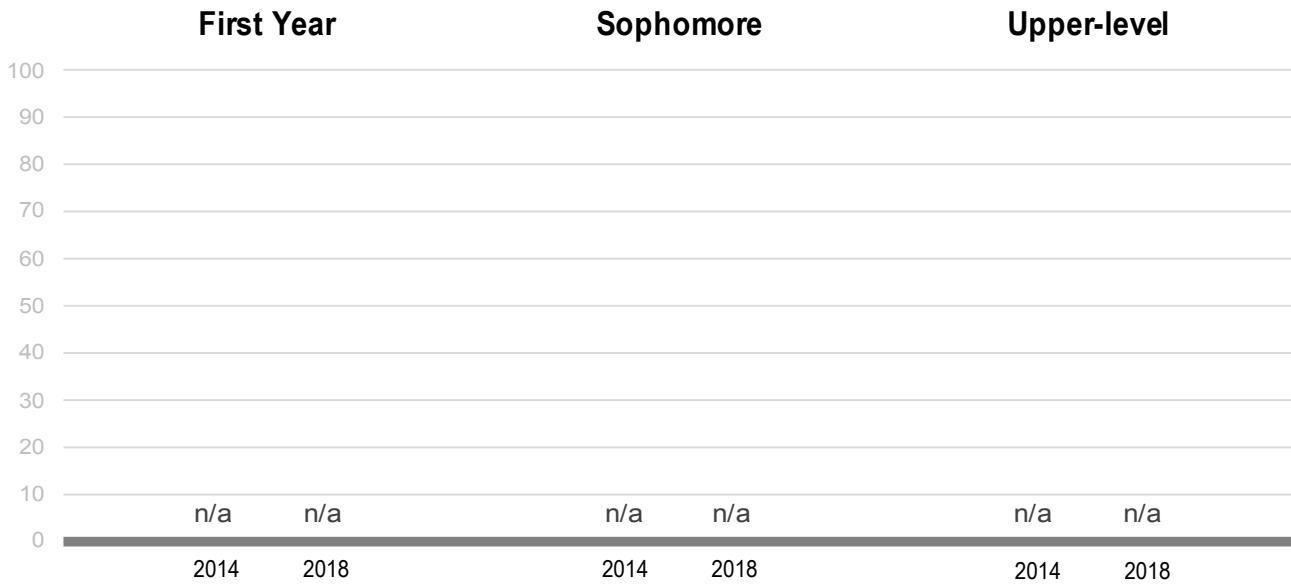# By Undergraduate Class Year*

First Year		Sophomore		Upper-level	
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018

	2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
First Year	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Sophomore	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Upper-level	0	0	**n/a**	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*
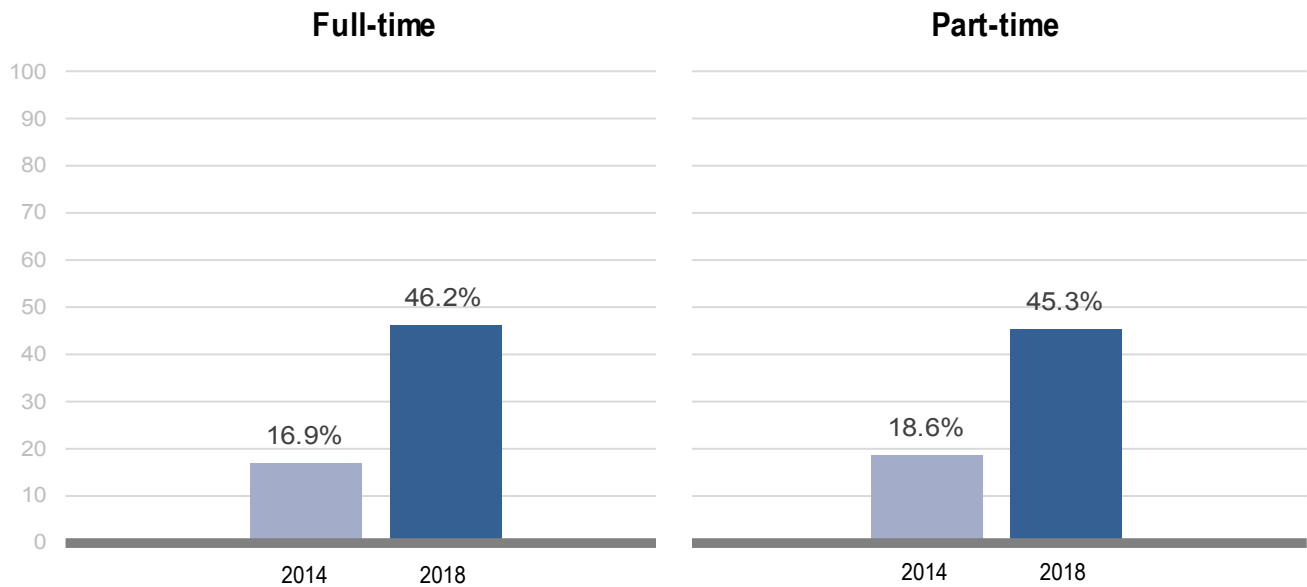
Full-time

Part-time

	2014				**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	2,930	494	**16.9%**		3,166	1,461	**46.2%**	⬆	**29.3**
Part-time	1,796	334	**18.6%**		1,659	752	**45.3%**	⬆	**26.7**
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.

By Gender*

Women

Men
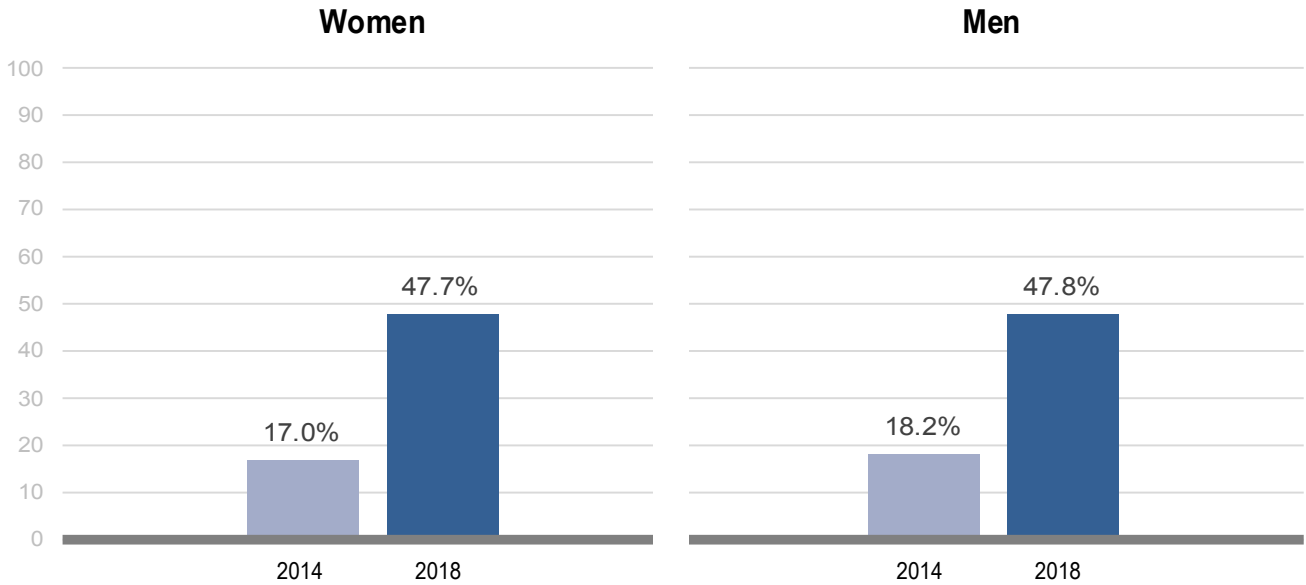
	2014			**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	2,834	481	**17.0%**	2,346	1,120	**47.7%**	⬆	**30.8**
Men	1,862	339	**18.2%**	1,518	726	**47.8%**	⬆	**29.6**
Unknown	30			961				

* 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.

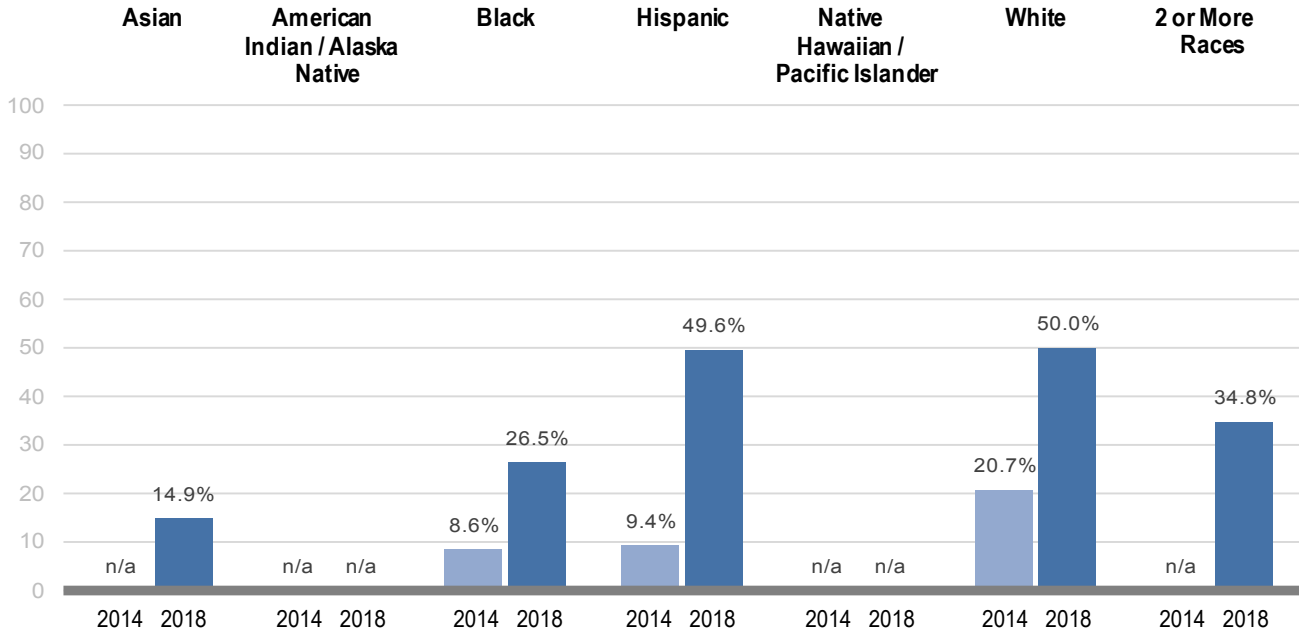**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Race/Ethnicity*

	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Asian	63	*	n/a	67	10	**14.9%**		**n/a**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	20	*	n/a	20	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
Black	234	20	**8.6%**	166	44	**26.5%**	⬆	**18.0**
Hispanic	1,003	94	**9.4%**	1,154	572	**49.6%**	⬆	**40.2**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	*	*	n/a	*	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
White	3,096	640	**20.7%**	2,334	1,168	**50.0%**	⬆	**29.4**
2 or More Races	64	*	n/a	46	16	**34.8%**		**n/a**
Unknown	239			1,030				

* 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. For this page, we consider international students of unknown race/ethnicity.

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.

	2014			**2018**			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	382	72	**18.9%**	495	210	**42.4%** ⬆	**23.6**
Business, Management, and Marketing	918	180	**19.6%**	1,006	446	**44.3%** ⬆	**24.7**
Communication and Journalism	0	0	**n/a**	123	63	**51.2%**	**n/a**
Education	355	83	**23.4%**	197	106	**53.8%** ⬆	**30.4**
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	134	24	**17.9%**	52	21	**40.4%** ⬆	**22.5**
English Language and Literature	133	35	**26.3%**	112	67	**59.8%** ⬆	**33.5**
Health Professions	1,101	155	**14.1%**	483	213	**44.1%** ⬆	**30.0**
History	145	39	**26.9%**	129	77	**59.7%** ⬆	**32.8**
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	202	27	**13.4%**	190	86	**45.3%** ⬆	**31.9**
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	784	109	**13.9%**	1,504	689	**45.8%** ⬆	**31.9**
Mathematics and Statistics	71	10	**14.1%**	72	27	**37.5%** ⬆	**23.4**
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	*	*	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	30	*	**n/a**	26	10	**38.5%**	**n/a**
Physical Sciences	97	14	**14.4%**	84	44	**52.4%** ⬆	**38.0**
Psychology	169	21	**12.4%**	186	70	**37.6%** ⬆	**25.2**
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	132	32	**24.2%**	115	63	**54.8%** ⬆	**30.5**
Science Technologies/Technicians	0	0	**n/a**	29	13	**44.8%**	**n/a**
Visual and Performing Arts	0	0	**n/a**	16	*	**n/a**	**n/a**
Unknown	68	18	**26.5%**	*	*	**n/a**	**n/a**

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