

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Austin Community
College District

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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



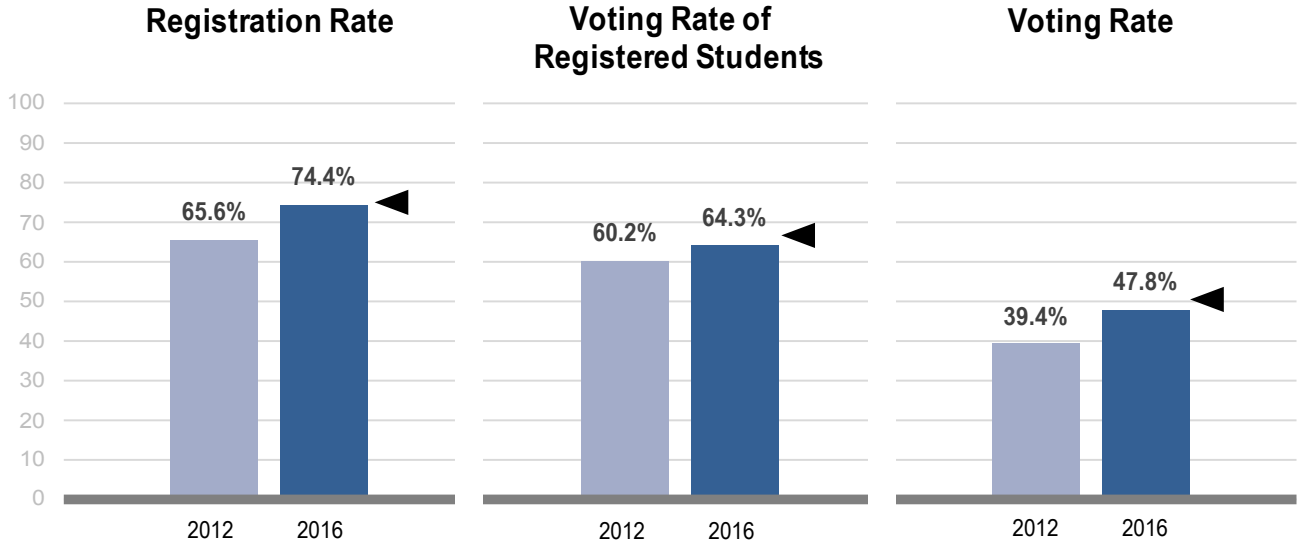
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
47.8%

CHANGE FROM 2012
8.4

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



◀ All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	41,168	39,562	↓ -1,606
Age under 18/Unknown	(4,070)	(5,587)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,110)	(1,329)	
FERPA records blocked	0	*	
Total eligible voters	35,988	32,645	↓ -3,343
Number of students who registered	23,595	24,289	↑ 694
Number of students who voted	14,195	15,612	↑ 1,417
Registration rate	65.6%	74.4%	↑ 8.8
Voting rate of registered students	60.2%	64.3%	↑ 4.1
Voting rate	39.4%	47.8%	↑ 8.4
Difference from all institutions	-7.5	-2.6	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

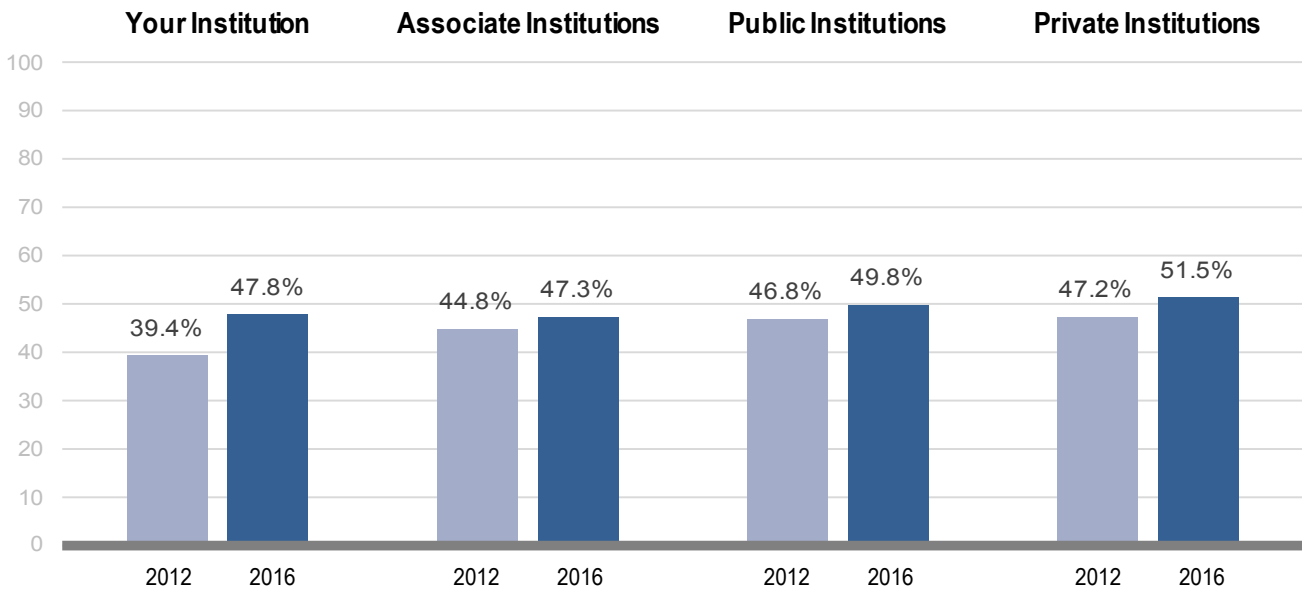
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

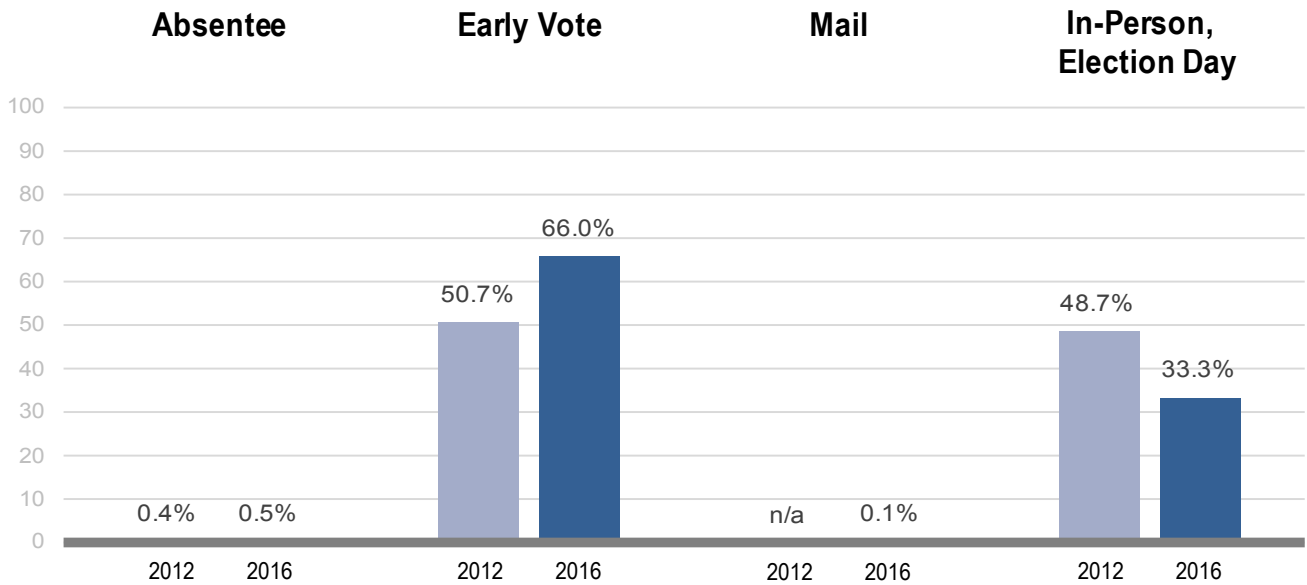
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By Voting Method*

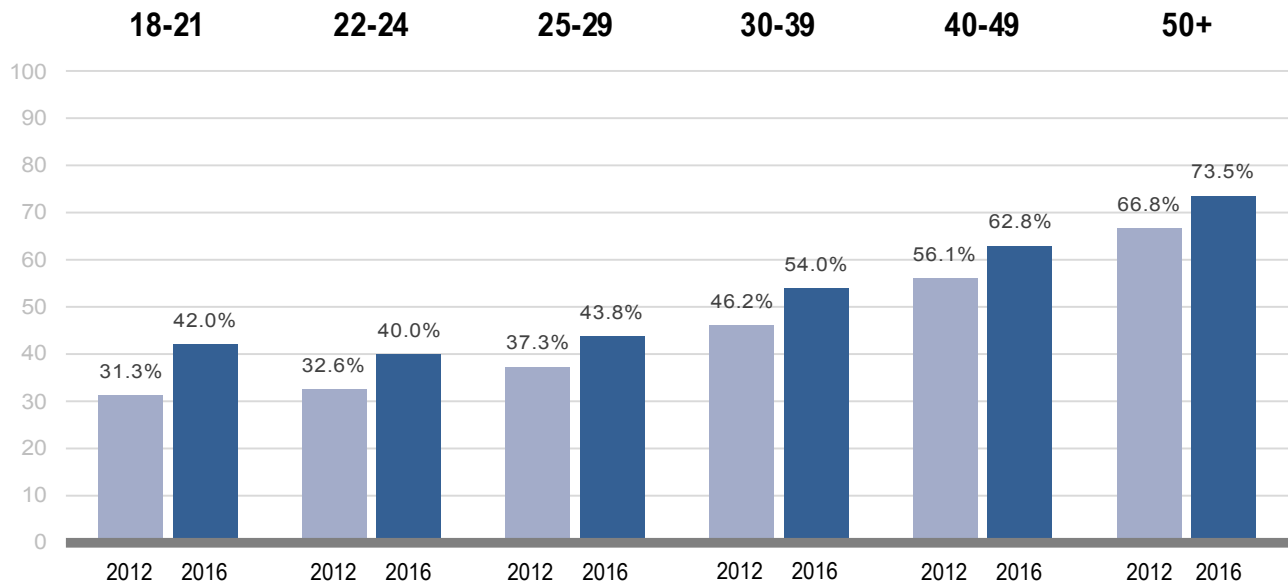


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	61	0.4%	81	0.5%	↑ 0.1
Early Vote	7,203	50.7%	10,306	66.0%	↑ 15.3
Mail	*	n/a	15	0.1%	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	6,912	48.7%	5,199	33.3%	↓ -15.4
Unknown	17	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Total	14,195		15,612		

* 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*

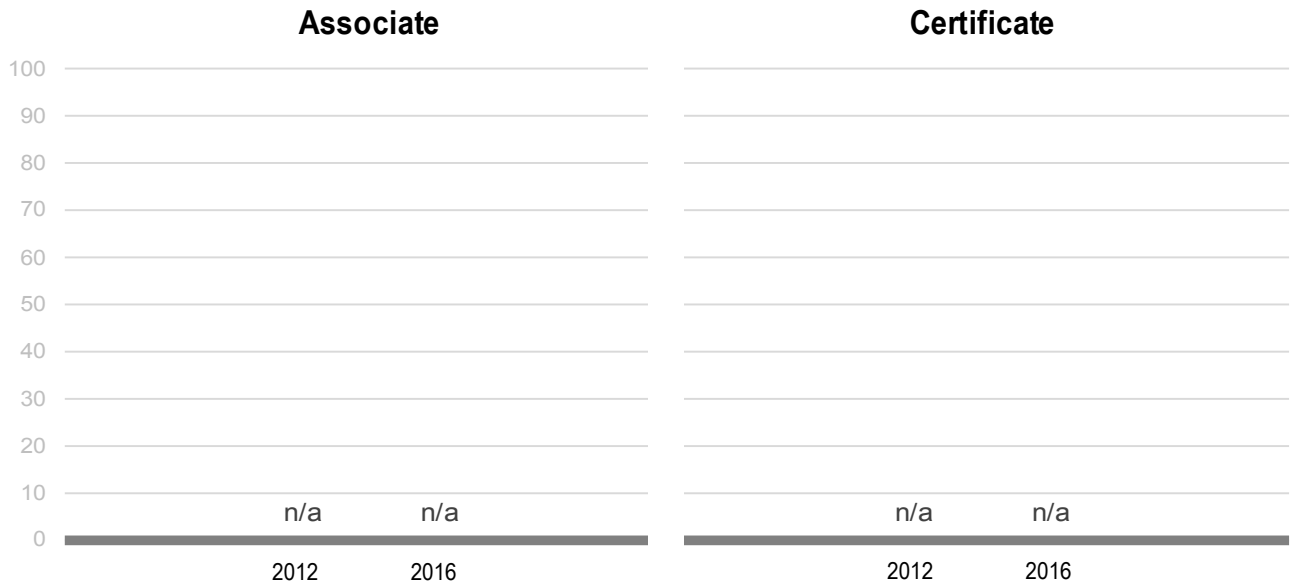


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	14,172	4,439	31.3%	14,731	6,192	42.0%	↑ 10.7
22-24	6,033	1,966	32.6%	5,516	2,204	40.0%	↑ 7.4
25-29	6,355	2,371	37.3%	5,629	2,464	43.8%	↑ 6.5
30-39	6,444	2,976	46.2%	5,075	2,740	54.0%	↑ 7.8
40-49	2,719	1,525	56.1%	1,955	1,227	62.8%	↑ 6.7
50+	1,375	918	66.8%	1,068	785	73.5%	↑ 6.7
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 Program of Study*

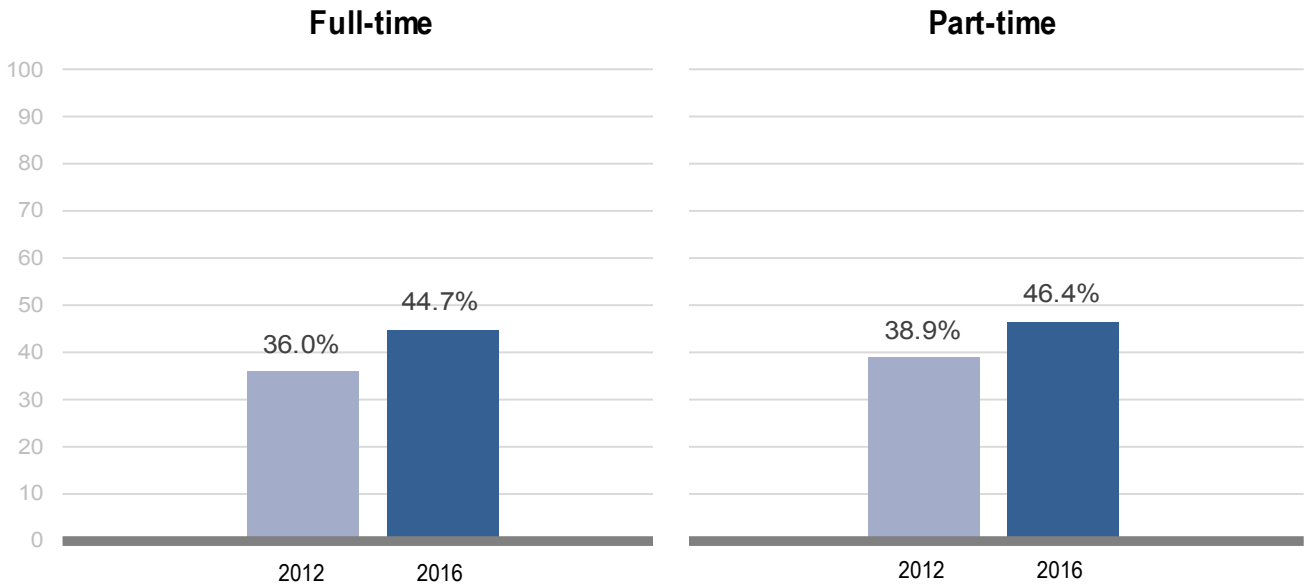


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Associate	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Certificate	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a

* 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 Enrollment Status*

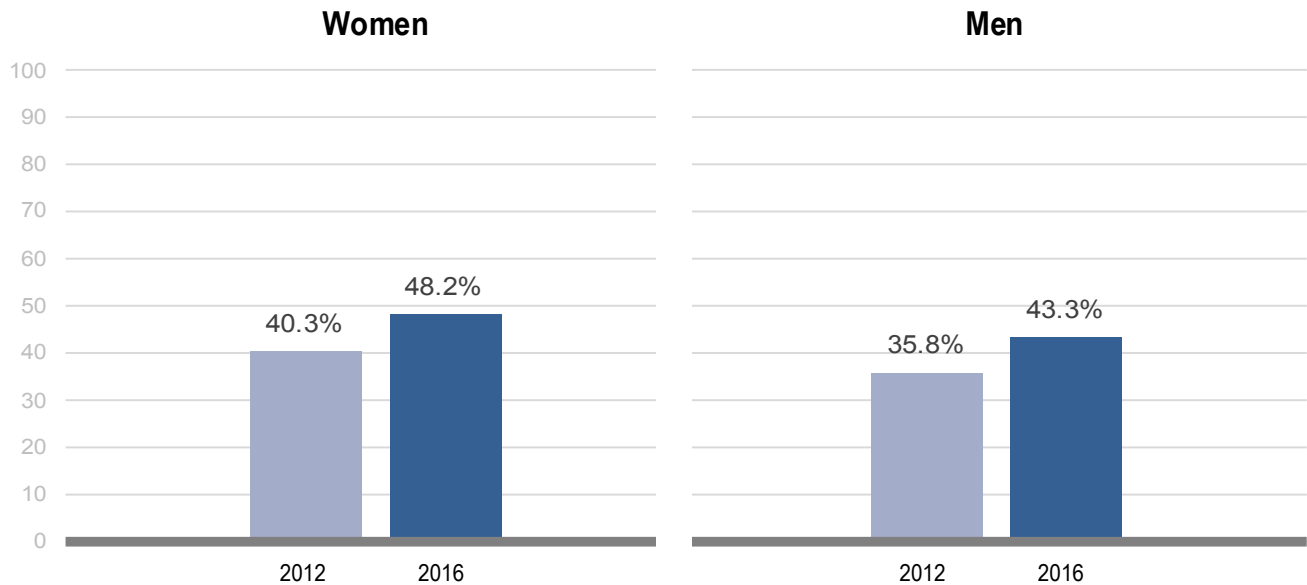


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	7,676	2,763	36.0%	9,326	4,169	44.7%	↑ 8.7
Part-time	29,422	11,432	38.9%	24,648	11,443	46.4%	↑ 7.6
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

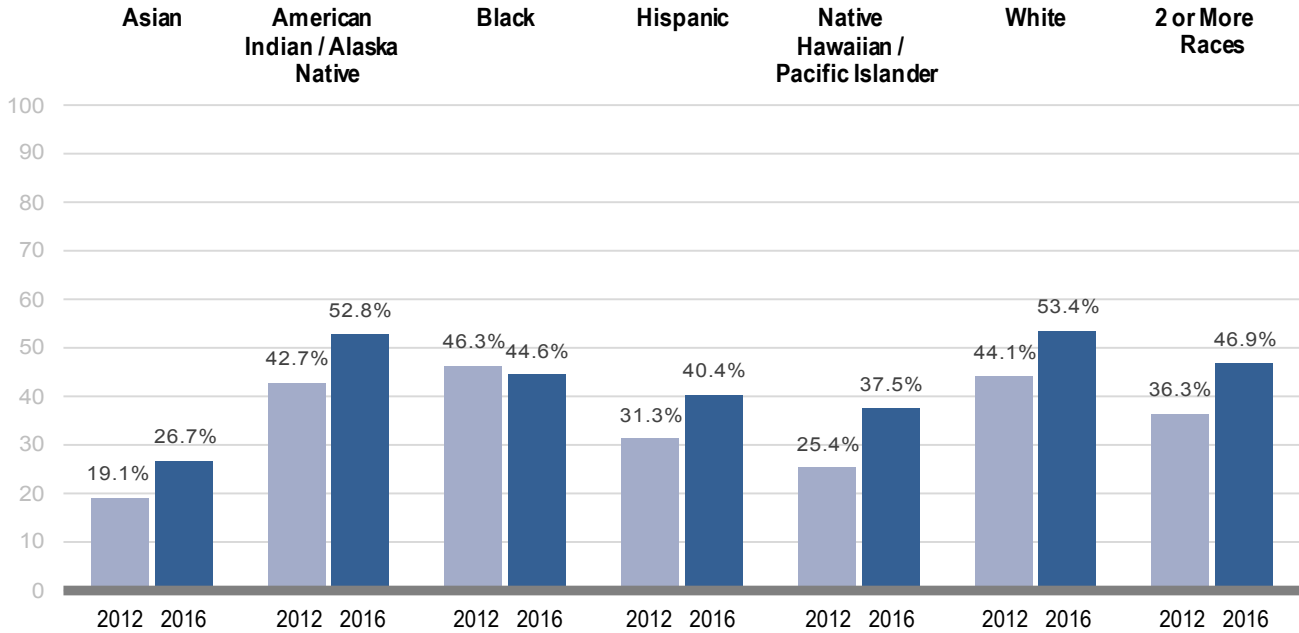


	2012			2016			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	20,453	8,238	40.3%	18,528	8,929	48.2%	↑	7.9
Men	16,645	5,957	35.8%	15,446	6,683	43.3%	↑	7.5
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

* 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	2,071	396	19.1%	2,095	560	26.7%	↑ 7.6
American Indian/ Alaska Native	300	128	42.7%	269	142	52.8%	↑ 10.1
Black	3,105	1,438	46.3%	2,637	1,175	44.6%	↓ -1.8
Hispanic	10,979	3,441	31.3%	12,457	5,030	40.4%	↑ 9.0
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	63	16	25.4%	64	24	37.5%	↑ 12.1
White	18,113	7,988	44.1%	15,008	8,021	53.4%	↑ 9.3
2 or More Races	521	189	36.3%	1,106	519	46.9%	↑ 10.7
Unknown	1,946			338			

* 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.

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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	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	786	308	39.2%	922	419	45.4% ↑	6.3
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,614	1,737	37.7%	4,515	1,962	43.5% ↑	5.8
Communication and Journalism	714	300	42.0%	657	347	52.8% ↑	10.8
Communications Technologies/Technicians	334	128	38.3%	560	262	46.8% ↑	8.5
Computer and Information Sciences	1,630	604	37.1%	2,305	977	42.4% ↑	5.3
Construction Trades	165	63	38.2%	218	82	37.6% ↓	-0.6
Education	2,110	767	36.4%	1,085	517	47.7% ↑	11.3
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,233	762	34.1%	2,139	869	40.6% ↑	6.5
English Language and Literature	980	391	39.9%	839	428	51.0% ↑	11.1
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	355	151	42.5%	244	117	48.0% ↑	5.4
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	518	257	49.6%	433	257	59.4% ↑	9.7
Health Professions	6,882	2,561	37.2%	3,501	1,544	44.1% ↑	6.9
History	300	146	48.7%	292	193	66.1% ↑	17.4
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	1,248	460	36.9%	1,013	420	41.5% ↑	4.6
Legal Professions and Studies	257	123	47.9%	191	116	60.7% ↑	12.9
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	4,605	1,674	36.4%	7,421	3,494	47.1% ↑	10.7
Mathematics and Statistics	192	75	39.1%	198	105	53.0% ↑	14.0
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	451	108	24.0%	368	136	37.0% ↑	13.0
Natural Resources and Conservation	0	0	n/a	146	91	62.3%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	108	30	27.8%	1,108	436	39.4% ↑	11.6
Personal and Culinary Services	253	92	36.4%	210	98	46.7% ↑	10.3
Philosophy and Religious Studies	84	30	35.7%	66	34	51.5% ↑	15.8
Physical Sciences	551	245	44.5%	379	190	50.1% ↑	5.7

Precision Production	247	94	38.1%	314	138	44.0% ↑	5.9
Psychology	1,137	424	37.3%	1,021	466	45.6% ↑	8.4
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	365	153	41.9%	332	152	45.8% ↑	3.9
Science Technologies/Technicians	127	59	46.5%	124	67	54.0% ↑	7.6
Social Sciences	780	357	45.8%	715	418	58.5% ↑	12.7
Visual and Performing Arts	2,356	887	37.7%	1,700	873	51.4% ↑	13.7
Unknown	2,716	1,209	44.5%	958	404	42.2% ↓	-2.3

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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