

**CAMPUS REPORT**  
Student Voting  
Rates for  
Austin Community College

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# About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE), housed at the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, Tufts University. Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 750 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012 and 2014 elections. Participating colleges and universities are located in 48 states and represent all Carnegie classifications as well as socially and economically diverse students. With others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 6.7 million college student records that is already serving as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

## Looking Ahead

In response to our survey, many of you requested resources as well as stories about what other campuses are doing. Over the coming months, NSLVE will be releasing tools and resources that you and others can use to enhance political learning and engagement in democracy on your campus. Here is a sneak peek into some of this work.

- ❑ *Campus Discussion Guide*: A tool for conversations on your campus regarding how to use the NSLVE report to spark change.
- ❑ *National Data*: We'll be sharing data about the national landscape for college student voting.
- ❑ *Comparison Data*: We know campuses are interested in learning more about how their voting compares to other similar institutions. We'll be rolling out aggregate comparison data for groups of participating campuses.
- ❑ *Case Studies*: We've been on the road, visiting campuses with unpredicted, high voting rates. We will be sharing the findings from our studies of campus climates for student political learning and engagement in democracy.
- ❑ *Diversity & Democracy*: In November, in partnership with the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU), we will publish a special issue on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

If you or someone else on your campus would like to receive more information about our research and resources, please [join our mailing list](#).

## 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 2014 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse ("Clearinghouse") and publicly available voting records collected by Catalyst.

Using enrollment records submitted on a date closest to the election, we removed students under 18 on Election Day. We also deducted an estimated number of students identified by your institution as non-resident aliens. This is based on the percentage of non-resident aliens reported by your institution to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), and is more reliable than the demographic data campuses provide to the Clearinghouse at this time. Please note that students who blocked the use of their information under FERPA were also removed from the enrollment lists by the Clearinghouse.

When combining two datasets, matching errors can occur. That said, for each record, we receive a "confidence score." The average confidence score for the student records in our database is 96.6%. Nonetheless, some errors are still possible:

- On page three, we indicate the number of students who blocked their records from being used for any purpose, including research. If those students voted at a much lower or higher rate than your other students, it might affect the voting rate.
- Students not found in the voting database are considered non-voters, but we have no way to remove individual noncitizens (resident aliens and non-resident aliens). We use an estimate based on IPEDS data to account for your international students. We cannot adjust for undocumented students. This may result in your actual voting rate being higher than we report. To recalculate that percentage, see our [FAQ on campus reports](#).

## Reviewing the Data

Please use the following key to interpret the charts below:

- \* = number of students is less than 10
- = zero results in this field

For some colleges and universities, this report will contain some categories for which data is "unknown." These likely reflect the amount or quality of the data the institution provides, a problem that can be corrected by more comprehensive reporting to the Clearinghouse.

# Your Students' Voting and Registration Rates

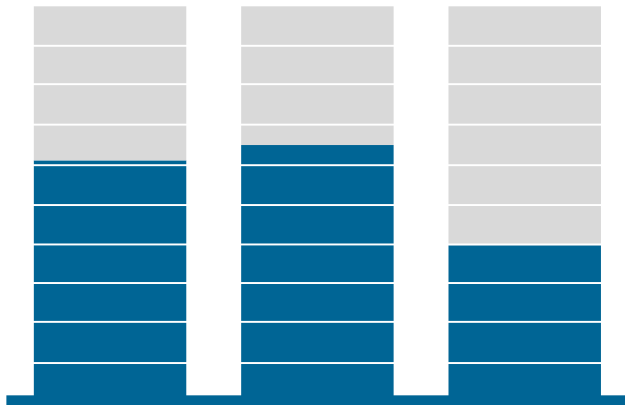
2012 Voting Rate

**39%**

2014 Voting Rate

**21%**

## 2012 Presidential Election

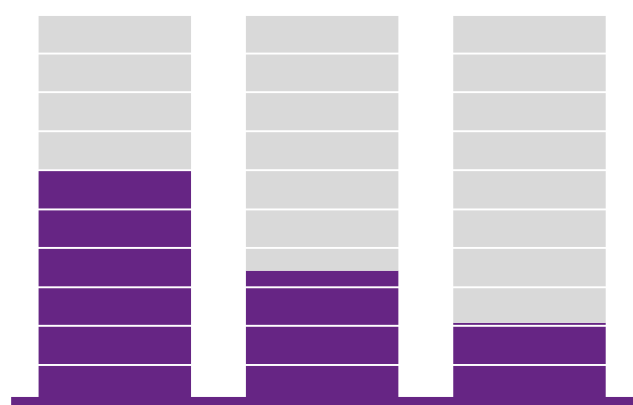


**60.9%**  
Registration Rate

**64.8%**  
Rate of Registered Students who Voted

**39.4%**  
Voting Rate

## 2014 Midterm Election



**60.2%**  
Registration Rate

**34.0%**  
Rate of Registered Students who Voted

**20.5%**  
Voting Rate

Total student enrollment	<b>41,168</b>
Ineligible to vote because too young	<b>4,070</b>
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	<b>1,110</b>
FERPA records blocked	-
Number of students who registered	<b>21,903</b>
Number of students who voted	<b>14,195</b>

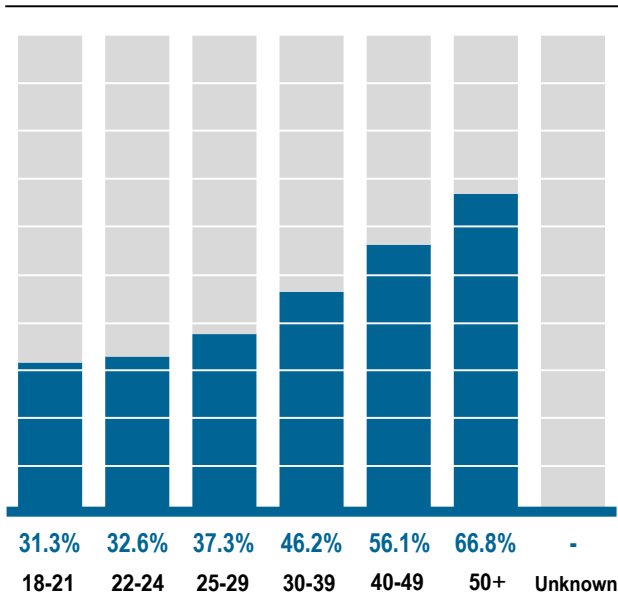
Total student enrollment	<b>38,919</b>
Ineligible to vote because too young	<b>4,159</b>
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	<b>1,173</b>
FERPA records blocked	<b>22</b>
Number of students who registered	<b>20,206</b>
Number of students who voted	<b>6,874</b>

# Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

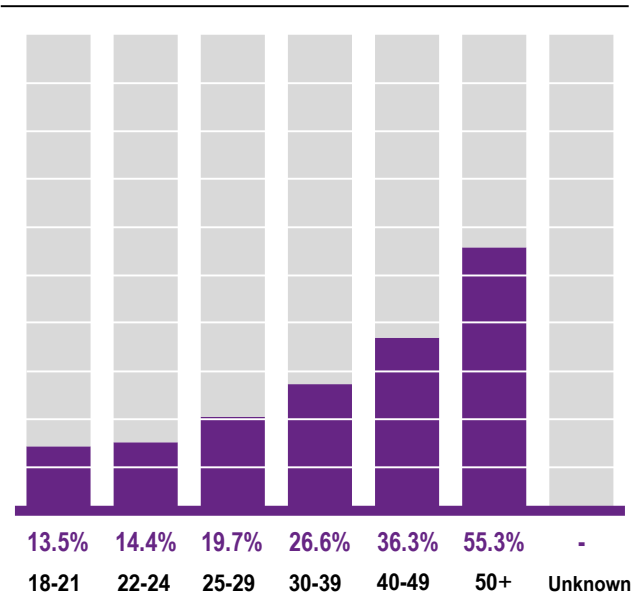
## BY AGE GROUP

Your students broken down by age at the time of the election. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

**2012  
Presidential Election**



**2014  
Midterm Election**



AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	14,172	<b>4,439</b>
22-24	6,033	<b>1,966</b>
25-29	6,355	<b>2,371</b>
30-39	6,444	<b>2,976</b>
40-49	2,719	<b>1,525</b>
50+	1,375	<b>918</b>
Unknown	-	-

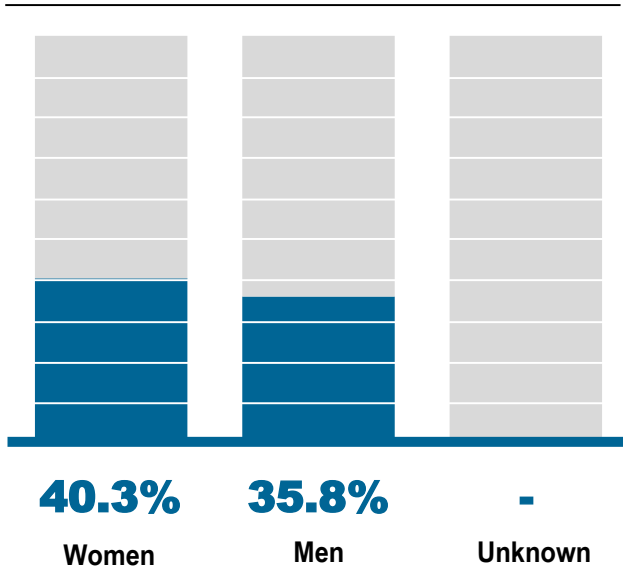
AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	14,017	<b>1,897</b>
22-24	5,686	<b>818</b>
25-29	5,901	<b>1,165</b>
30-39	5,665	<b>1,507</b>
40-49	2,278	<b>828</b>
50+	1,191	<b>659</b>
Unknown	-	-

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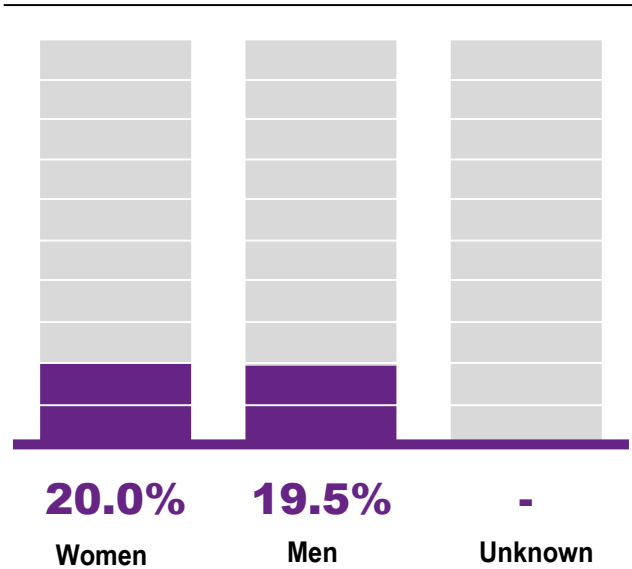
## BY GENDER

Your students broken down by gender. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

### 2012 Presidential Election



### 2014 Midterm Election



GENDER	ENROLLED	VOTED
Women	16,645	8,238
Men	16,645	5,957
Unknown	-	-

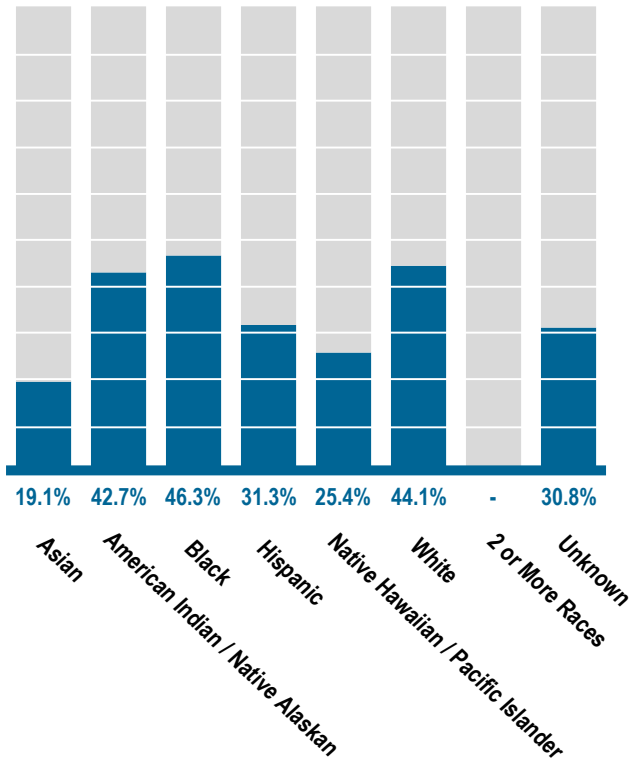
GENDER	ENROLLED	VOTED
Women	19,202	3,838
Men	15,536	3,036
Unknown	-	-

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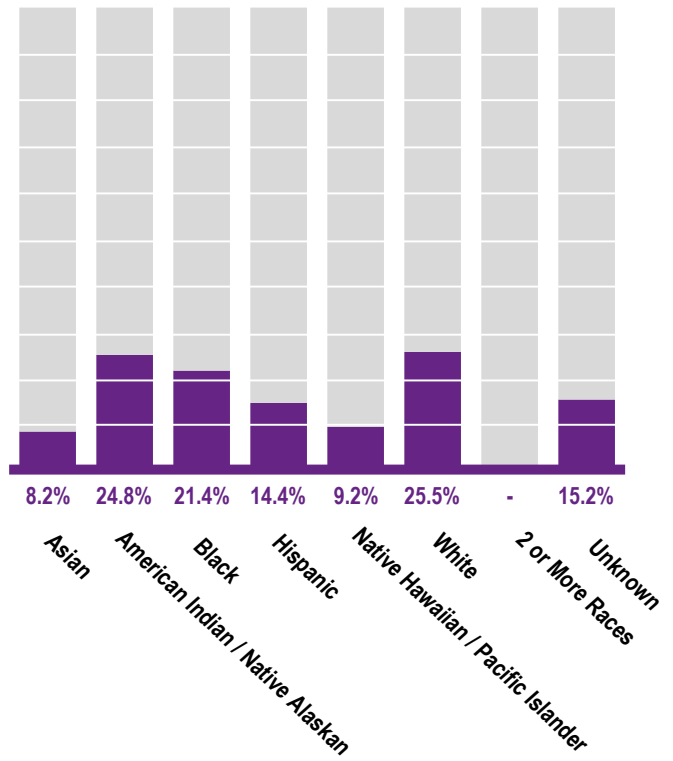
## BY RACE/ETHNICITY

Your students broken down by race/ethnicity. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

**2012  
Presidential Election**



**2014  
Midterm Election**



RACE/ETHNICITY	ENROLLED	VOTED
Asian	2,071	396
American Indian/ Native Alaskan	300	128
Black	3,105	1,438
Hispanic	10,979	3,441
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	63	16
White	18,113	7,988
2 or More Races	-	-
Unknown	1,946	599

RACE/ETHNICITY	ENROLLED	VOTED
Asian	2,028	167
American Indian/ Native Alaskan	282	70
Black	2,684	575
Hispanic	11,190	1,613
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	65	*
White	15,665	3,990
2 or More Races	-	-
Unknown	1,965	298

# Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

## BY FIELD OF STUDY

Your students broken down by field of study. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

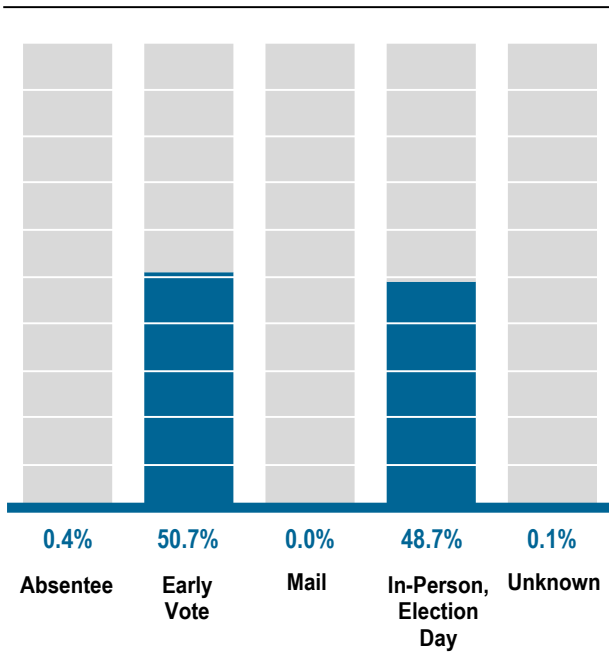
	2012 Presidential Election			2014 Midterm Election		
	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout
Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	786	308	39.2%	917	188	20.5%
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support	4,614	1,737	37.6%	4,582	810	17.7%
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	714	300	42.0%	599	140	23.4%
Computer and Information and Library Sciences	1,630	604	37.1%	1,977	449	22.7%
Education	2,110	767	36.4%	2,112	311	14.7%
Engineering	1,113	359	32.3%	1,265	207	16.4%
Health Professions and Related Sciences, Knowledge, and Skills	6,882	2,561	37.2%	4,163	745	17.9%
Humanities	1,882	824	43.8%	1,724	454	26.3%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies, and Humanities	4,605	1,674	36.4%	8,223	1,613	19.6%
Mathematics and Statistics	192	75	39.1%	193	57	29.5%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parks and Recreation	108	30	27.8%	87	17	19.5%
Physical Sciences	551	245	44.5%	620	150	24.2%
Professions	622	276	44.4%	565	157	27.8%
Psychology, Personal Awareness, and Self-Improvement	1,137	424	37.3%	1,024	185	18.1%
Social Sciences	780	357	45.8%	737	205	27.8%
Technologies/Technicians	2,032	698	34.4%	1,791	330	18.4%
Trades	2,268	860	37.9%	2,145	396	18.5%
Visual and Performing Arts	2,356	887	37.6%	1,987	448	22.5%

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## BY VOTING METHOD

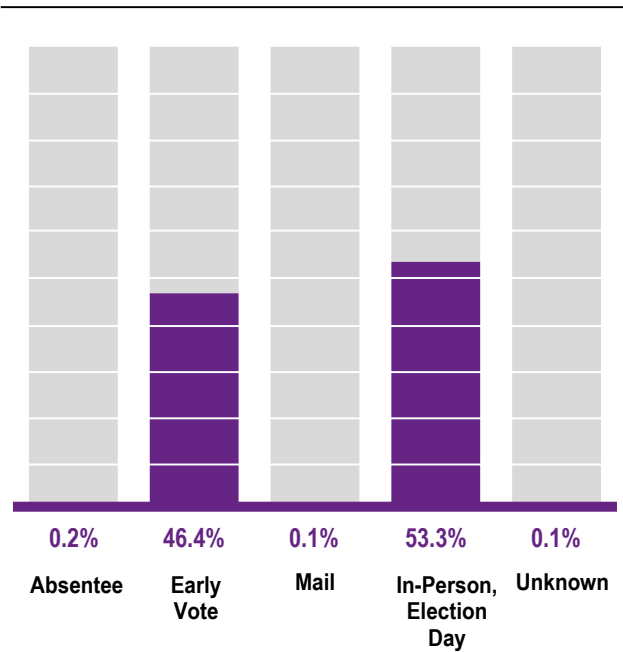
Your students broken down by voting method. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens. If your campus has a high percentage of "unknown" voting methods, it means that this information is not reported by local officials.

### 2012 Presidential Election



VOTING METHOD	ENROLLED	VOTED
Absentee	41,168	61
Early Vote	41,168	7,203
Mail	41,168	*
In-Person, Election Day	41,168	6,912
Unknown	41,168	17

### 2014 Midterm Election



VOTING METHOD	ENROLLED	VOTED
Absentee	38,919	11
Early Vote	38,919	3,191
Mail	38,919	*
In-Person, Election Day	38,919	3,663
Unknown	38,919	*

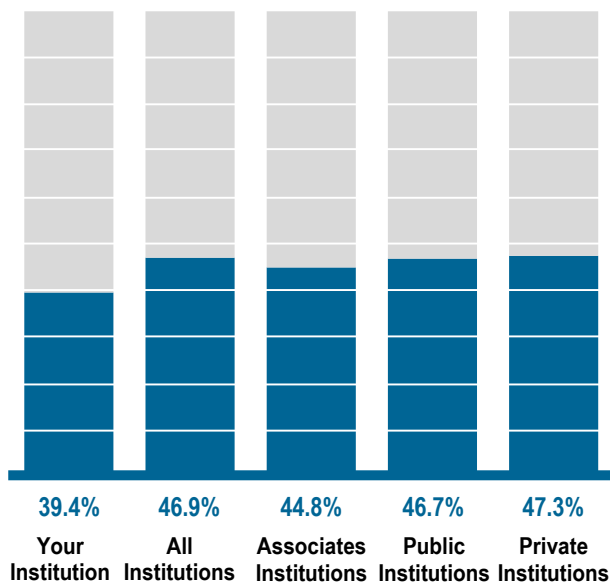


# How Your Numbers Compare

## BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

See how your campus voting rate compares to others in your Carnegie Classification. This comparison data allows your campus to understand your individual voting rates in the context of similar institutions. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

**2012  
Presidential Election**



**2014  
Midterm Election**

