

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Saint Mary's College of
California

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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



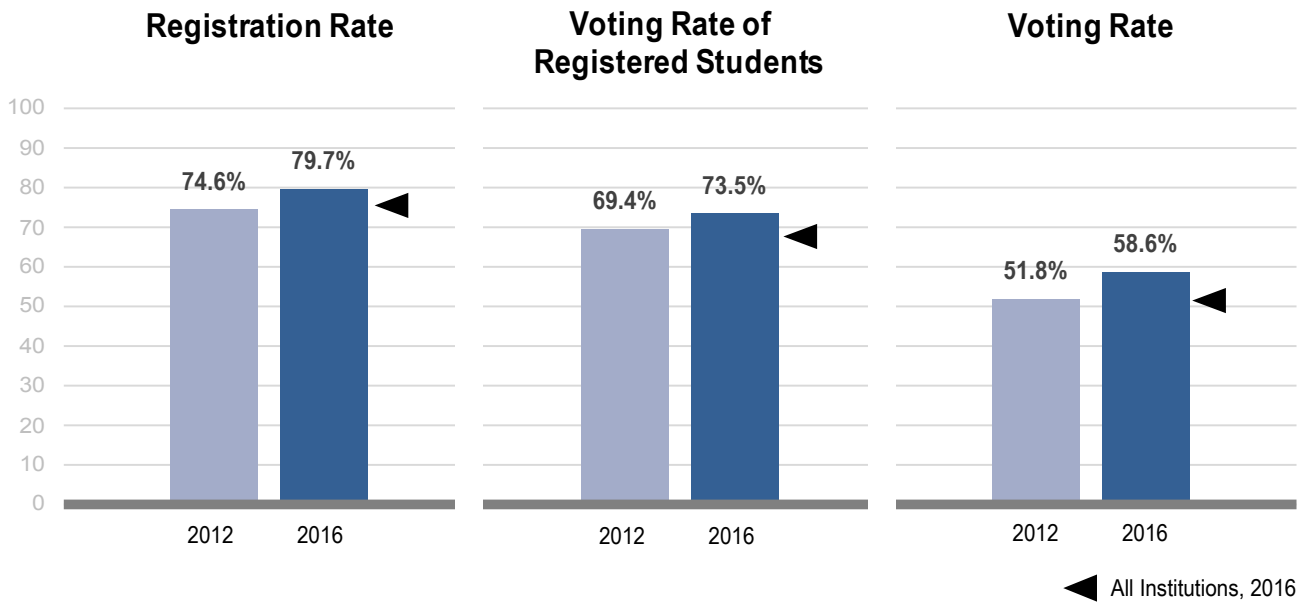
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
58.6%

CHANGE FROM 2012
6.8

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	4,080	3,782	↓ -298
Age under 18/Unknown	(82)	(82)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(86)	(78)	
FERPA records blocked	(18)	(16)	
Total eligible voters	3,894	3,606	↓ -288
Number of students who registered	2,905	2,875	↓ -30
Number of students who voted	2,017	2,113	↑ 96
Registration rate	74.6%	79.7%	↑ 5.1
Voting rate of registered students	69.4%	73.5%	↑ 4.1
Voting rate	51.8%	58.6%	↑ 6.8
Difference from all institutions	+4.9	+8.2	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

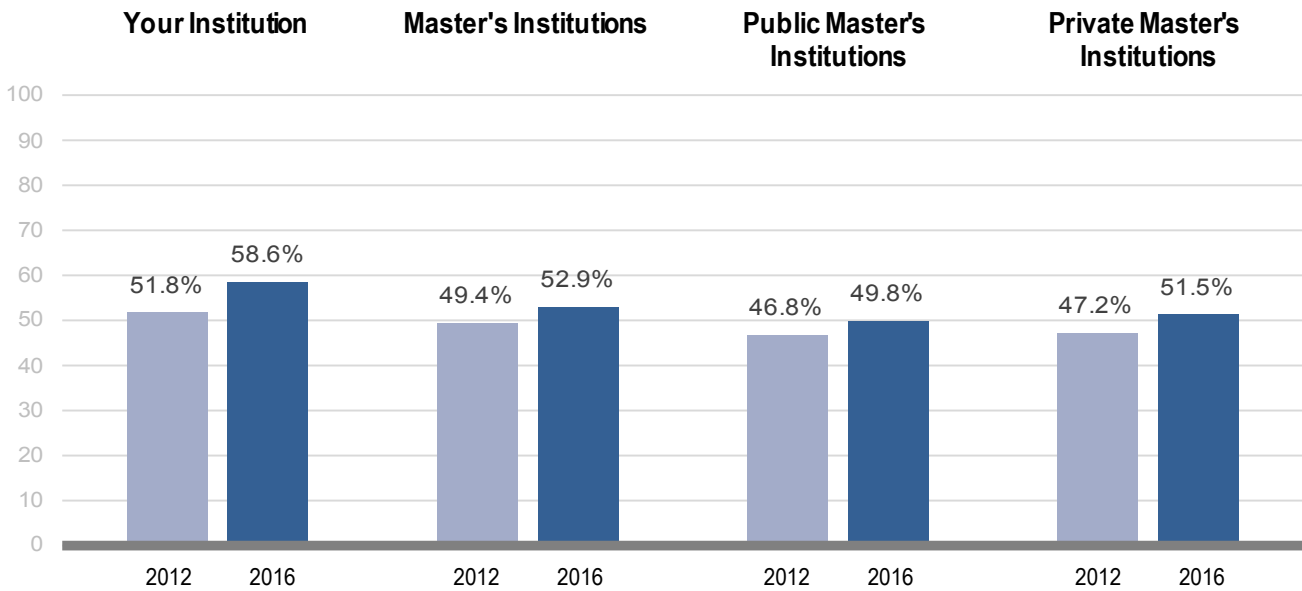
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

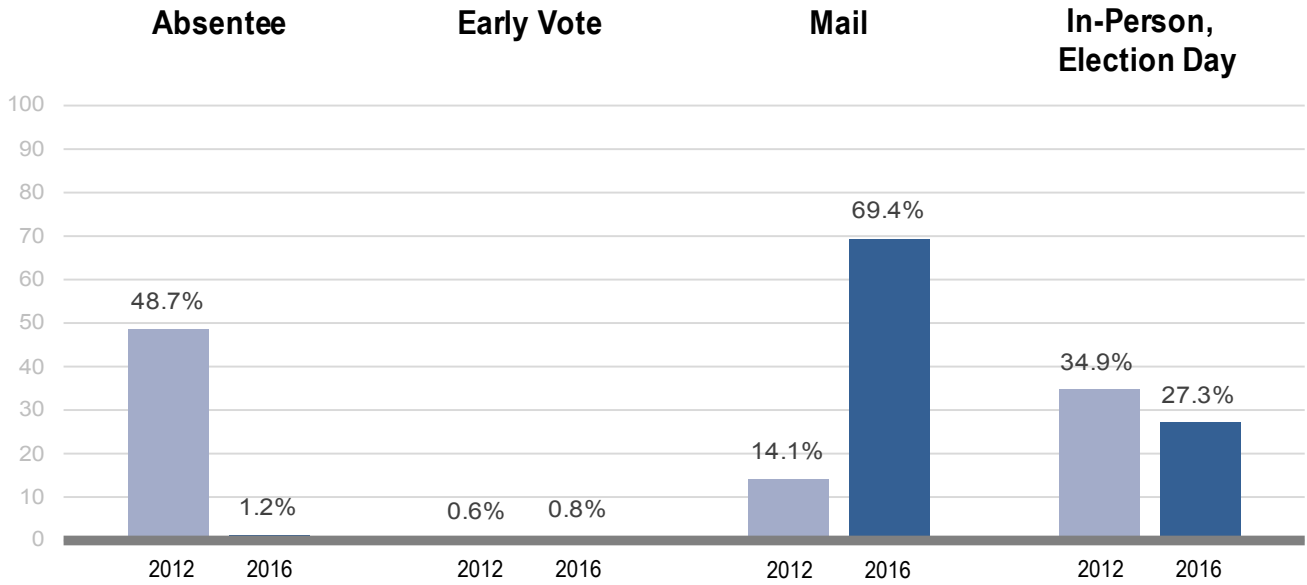
Difference from All Institutions **+4.9**

Difference from All Institutions **+8.2**



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By Voting Method*

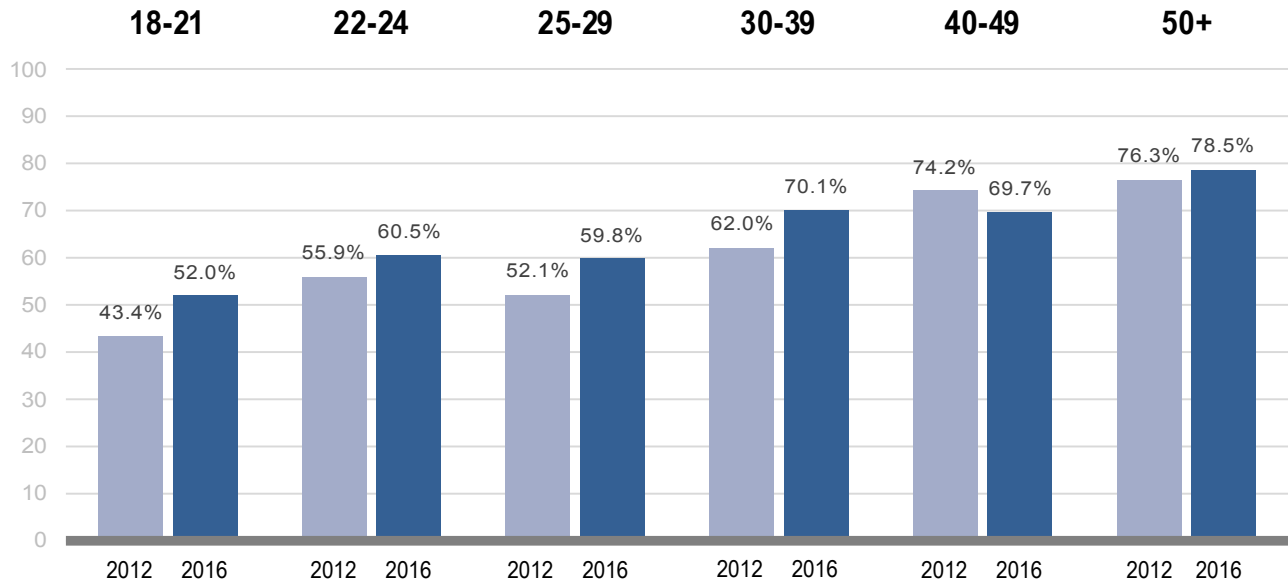


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	983	48.7%	25	1.2%	↓ -47.6
Early Vote	12	0.6%	16	0.8%	↑ 0.2
Mail	284	14.1%	1,467	69.4%	↑ 55.4
In-Person, Election Day	703	34.9%	577	27.3%	↓ -7.5
Unknown	35	1.7%	28	1.3%	
Total	2,017		2,113		

* 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*

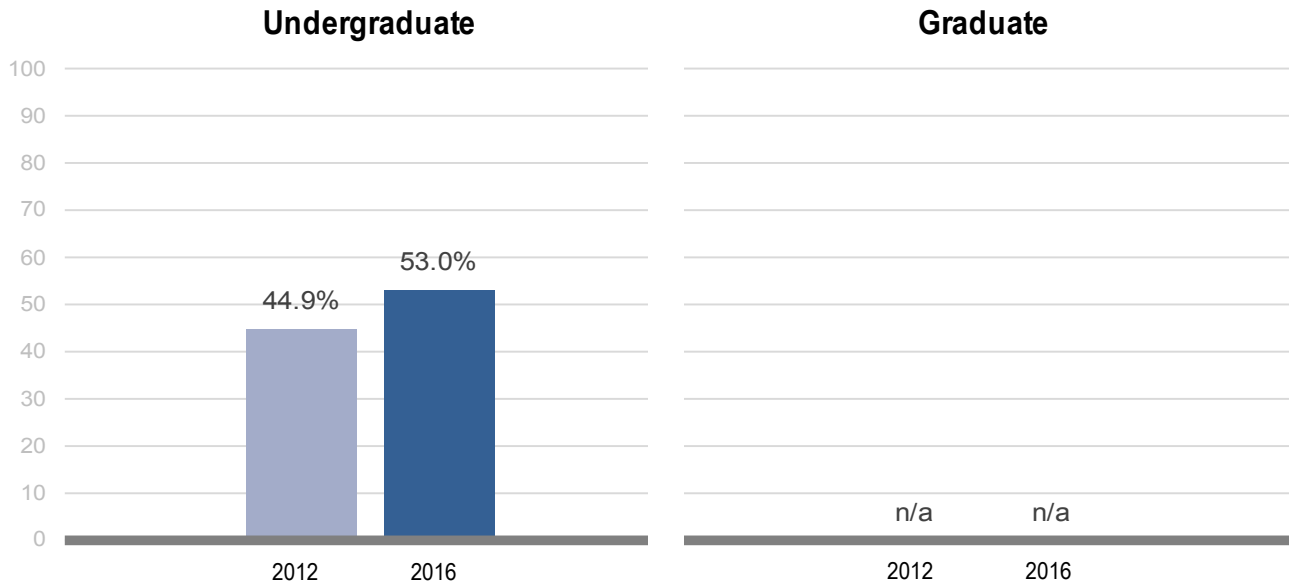


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	2,286	991	43.4%	2,170	1,129	52.0%	↑ 8.7
22-24	512	286	55.9%	463	280	60.5%	↑ 4.6
25-29	401	209	52.1%	386	231	59.8%	↑ 7.7
30-39	421	261	62.0%	371	260	70.1%	↑ 8.1
40-49	229	170	74.2%	201	140	69.7%	↓ -4.6
50+	131	100	76.3%	93	73	78.5%	↑ 2.1
Unknown	49			61			

* 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*

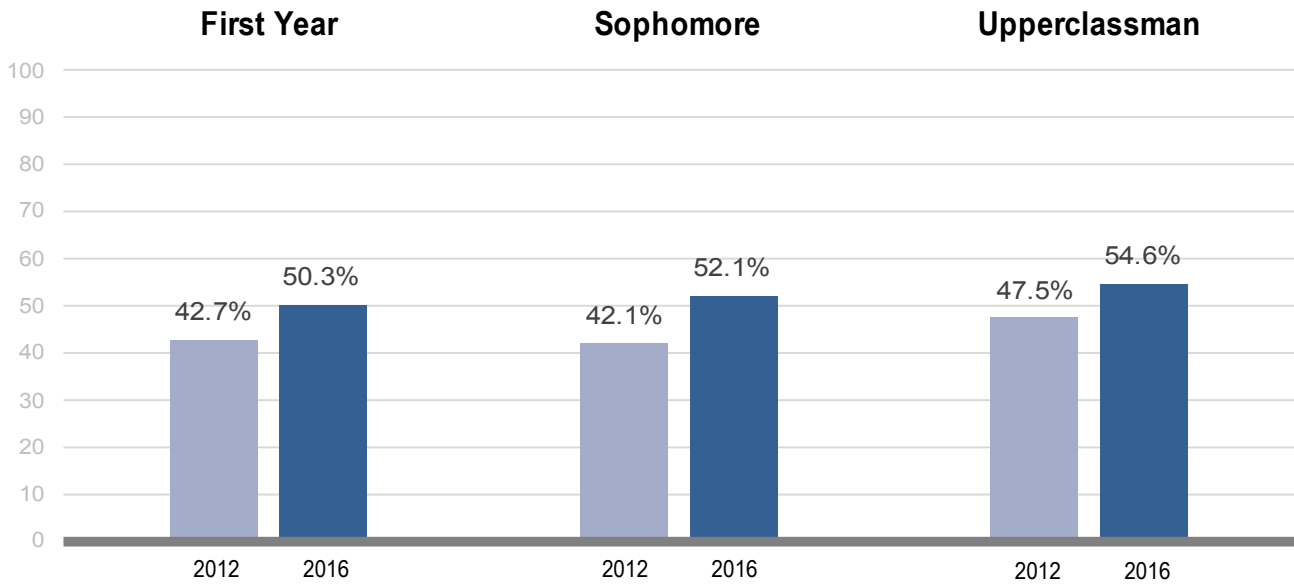


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	2,719	1,220	44.9%	2,573	1,363	53.0%	↑ 8.1
Graduate	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	1,261			1,111			

* 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*

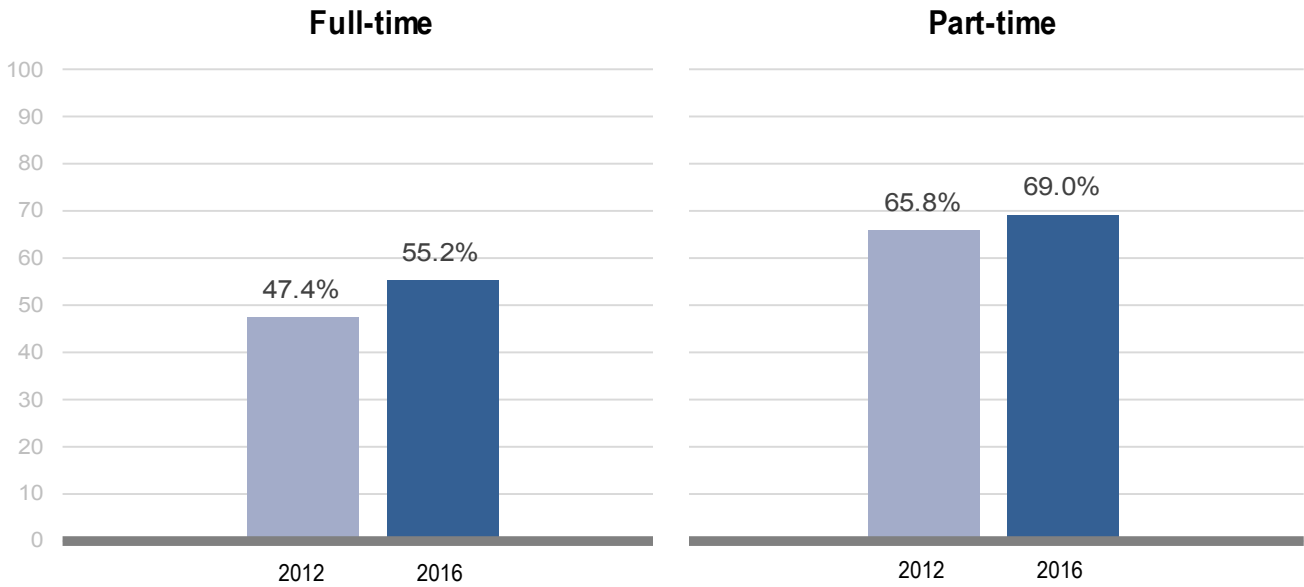


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	667	285	42.7%	597	300	50.3%	↑ 7.5
Sophomore	734	309	42.1%	630	328	52.1%	↑ 10.0
Upperclassman	1,318	626	47.5%	1,346	735	54.6%	↑ 7.1

* 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*

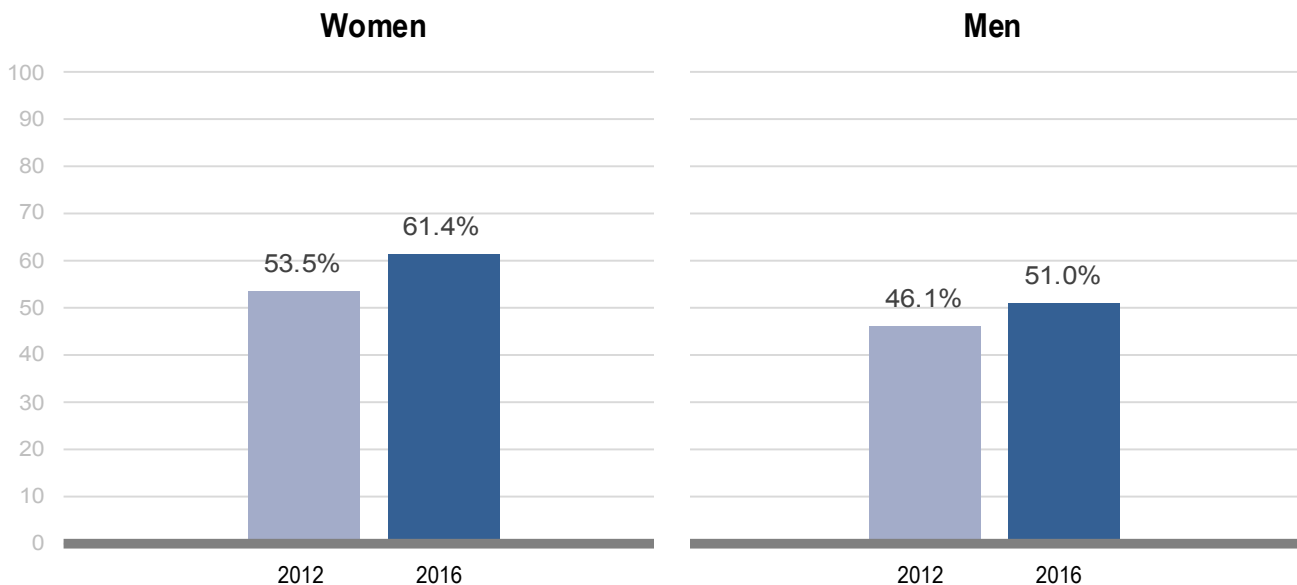


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	3,278	1,555	47.4%	3,103	1,712	55.2%	↑ 7.7
Part-time	702	462	65.8%	581	401	69.0%	↑ 3.2
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

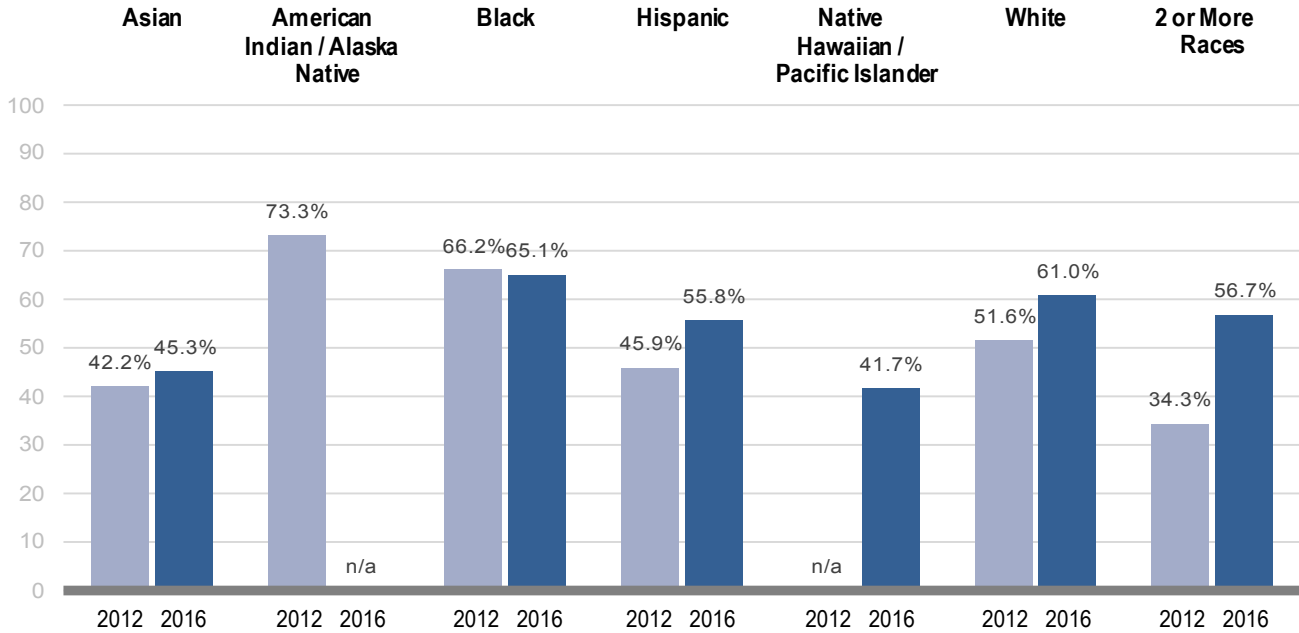


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	2,470	1,321	53.5%	2,246	1,379	61.4%	↑ 7.9
Men	1,509	696	46.1%	1,438	734	51.0%	↑ 4.9
Unknown	*	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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	389	164	42.2%	417	189	45.3%	↑ 3.2
American Indian/ Alaska Native	15	11	73.3%	11	*	n/a	n/a
Black	195	129	66.2%	189	123	65.1%	↓ -1.1
Hispanic	886	407	45.9%	893	498	55.8%	↑ 9.8
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	17	*	n/a	36	15	41.7%	n/a
White	1,720	887	51.6%	1,745	1,064	61.0%	↑ 9.4
2 or More Races	143	49	34.3%	178	101	56.7%	↑ 22.5
Unknown	606			204			

* 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	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	14	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	120	49	40.8%	162	92	56.8% ↑	16.0
Business, Management, and Marketing	738	374	50.7%	1,010	496	49.1% ↓	-1.6
Communication and Journalism	160	74	46.3%	137	79	57.7% ↑	11.4
Education	640	436	68.1%	511	372	72.8% ↑	4.7
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	26	*	n/a	22	*	n/a	n/a
English Language and Literature	132	68	51.5%	125	76	60.8% ↑	9.3
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	13	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	117	51	43.6%	86	43	50.0% ↑	6.4
History	35	18	51.4%	23	12	52.2% ↑	0.7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,120	486	43.4%	642	365	56.9% ↑	13.5
Mathematics and Statistics	22	10	45.5%	32	20	62.5% ↑	17.1
Natural Resources and Conservation	27	14	51.9%	43	28	65.1% ↑	13.3
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	148	65	43.9%	181	97	53.6% ↑	9.7
Philosophy and Religious Studies	24	12	50.0%	20	10	50.0% →	0.0
Physical Sciences	22	*	n/a	22	11	50.0%	n/a
Psychology	217	99	45.6%	226	115	50.9% ↑	5.3
Social Sciences	195	106	54.4%	227	153	67.4% ↑	13.0
Visual and Performing Arts	180	107	59.4%	163	101	62.0% ↑	2.5
Unknown	30	22	73.3%	41	27	65.9% ↓	-7.5

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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