

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
California State University-
Chico

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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

46.7%

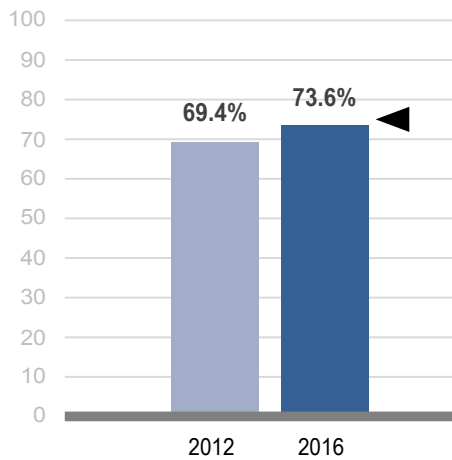
CHANGE FROM 2012

3.6

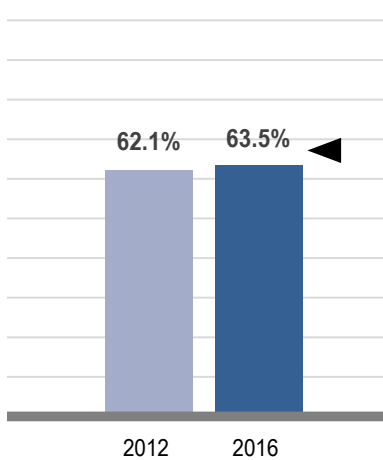
2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

50.4%

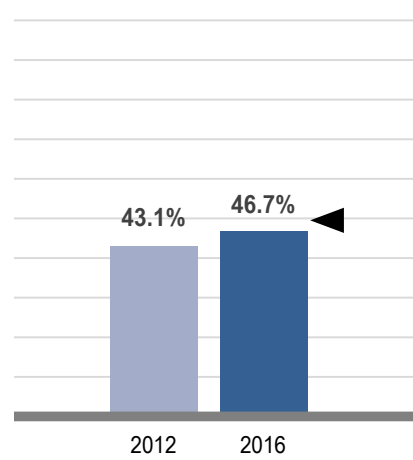
Registration Rate



Voting Rate of Registered Students



Voting Rate



◀ All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	16,709	18,088	↑ 1,379
Age under 18/Unknown	(140)	(147)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(632)	(805)	
FERPA records blocked	(179)	(202)	
Total eligible voters	15,758	16,934	↑ 1,176
Number of students who registered	10,935	12,465	↑ 1,530
Number of students who voted	6,792	7,910	↑ 1,118
Registration rate	69.4%	73.6%	↑ 4.2
Voting rate of registered students	62.1%	63.5%	↑ 1.4
Voting rate	43.1%	46.7%	↑ 3.6
Difference from all institutions	-3.8	-3.7	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

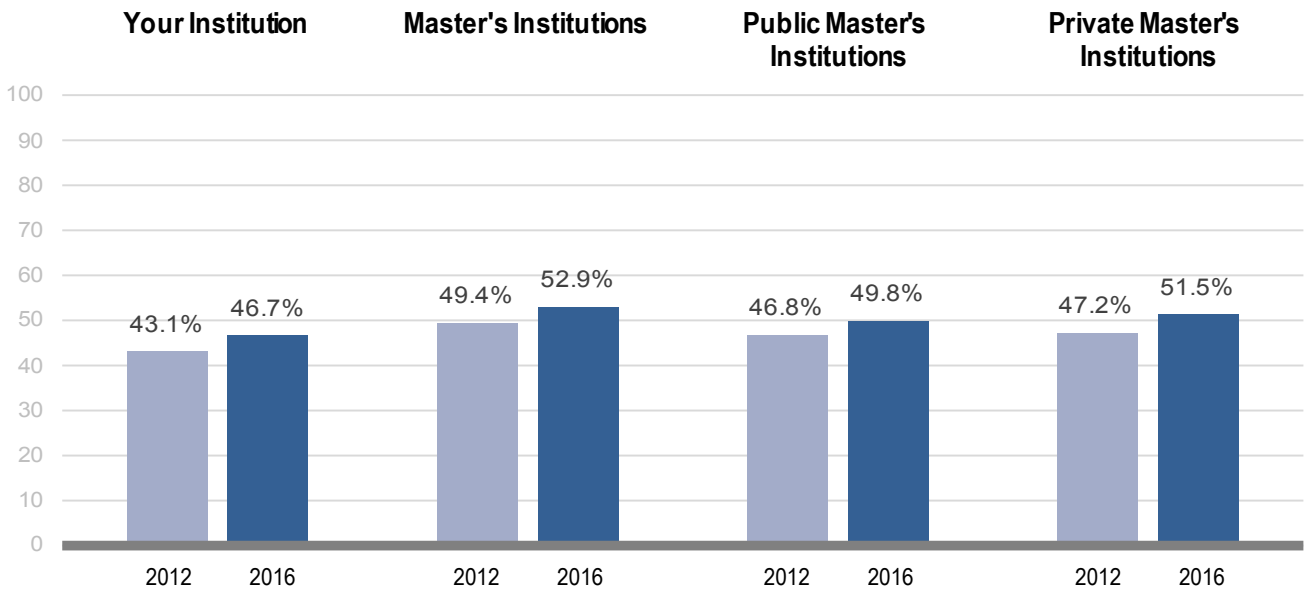
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

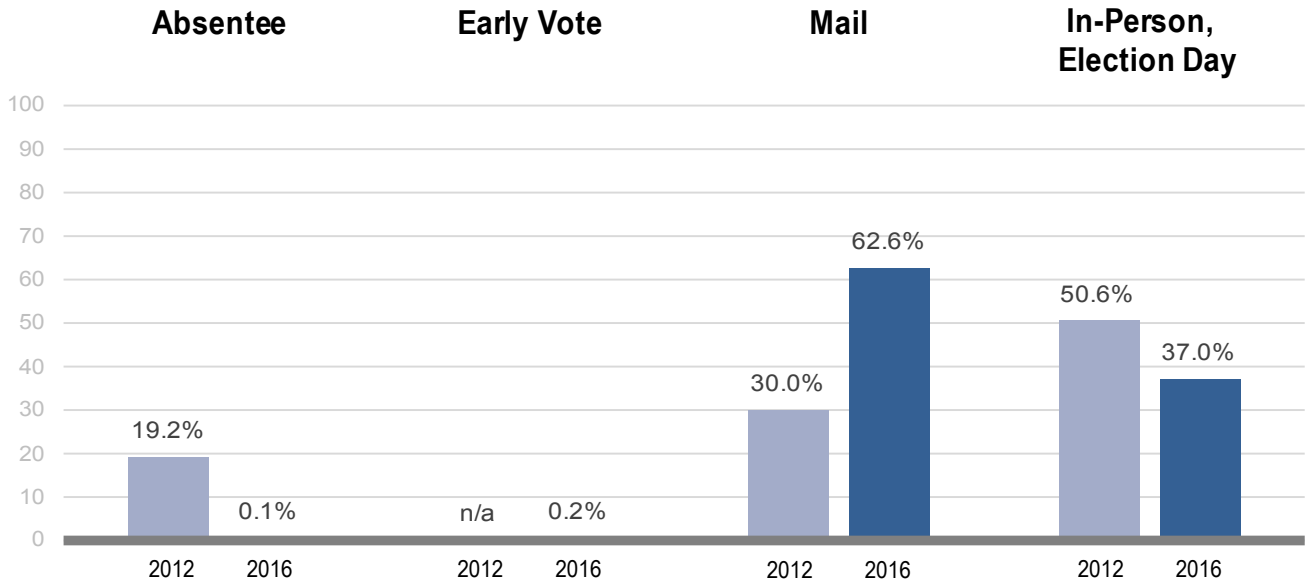
Difference from All Institutions **-3.8**

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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

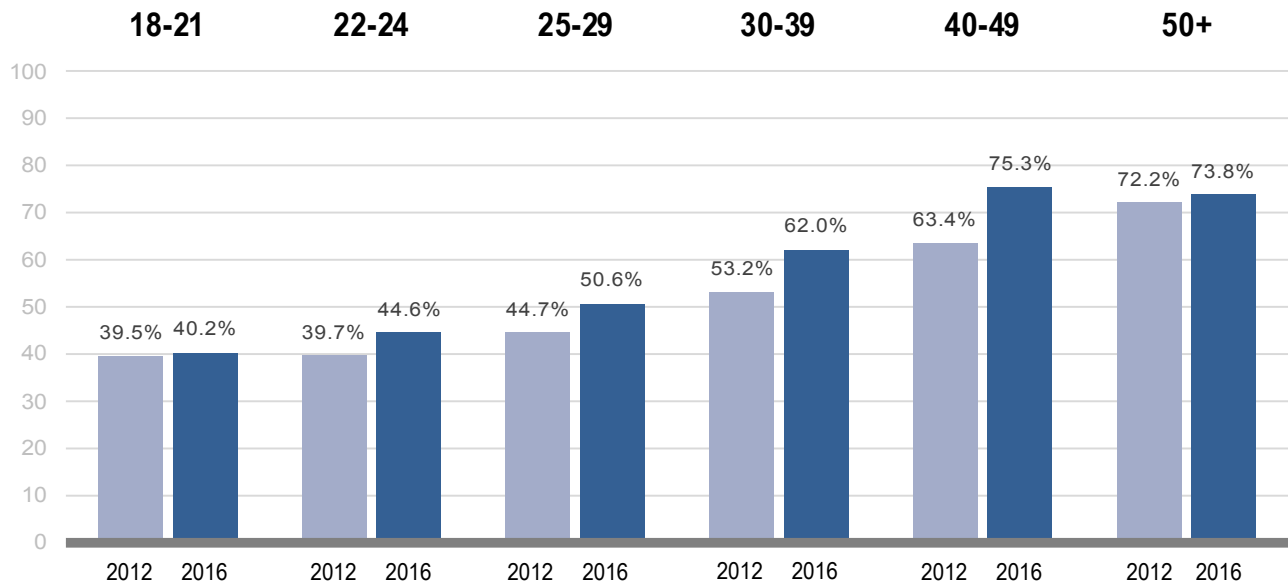


	2012		2016		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	1,304	19.2%	10	0.1%	↓	-19.1
Early Vote	*	n/a	15	0.2%		n/a
Mail	2,037	30.0%	4,952	62.6%	↑	32.6
In-Person, Election Day	3,439	50.6%	2,929	37.0%	↓	-13.6
Unknown	*	n/a	*	n/a		
Total	6,792		7,910			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Age Group*

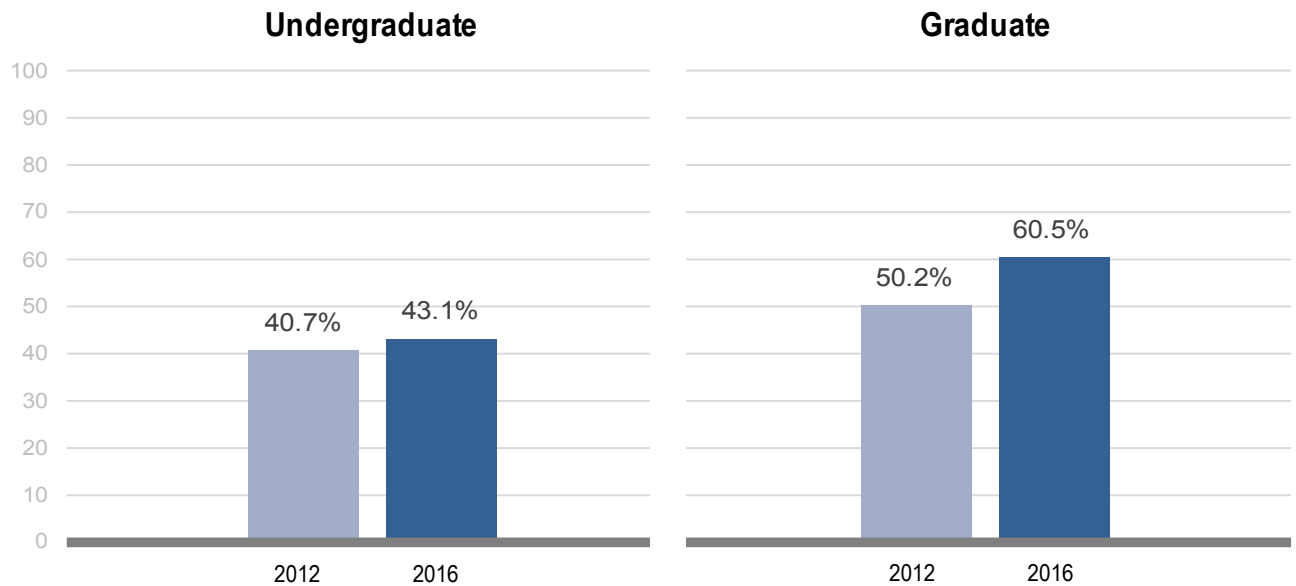


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	8,958	3,536	39.5%	9,863	3,968	40.2%	↑ 0.8
22-24	4,633	1,837	39.7%	4,641	2,071	44.6%	↑ 5.0
25-29	1,561	697	44.7%	1,760	890	50.6%	↑ 5.9
30-39	763	406	53.2%	952	590	62.0%	↑ 8.8
40-49	306	194	63.4%	332	250	75.3%	↑ 11.9
50+	169	122	72.2%	191	141	73.8%	↑ 1.6
Unknown	*			*			

* 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 | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Education Level*

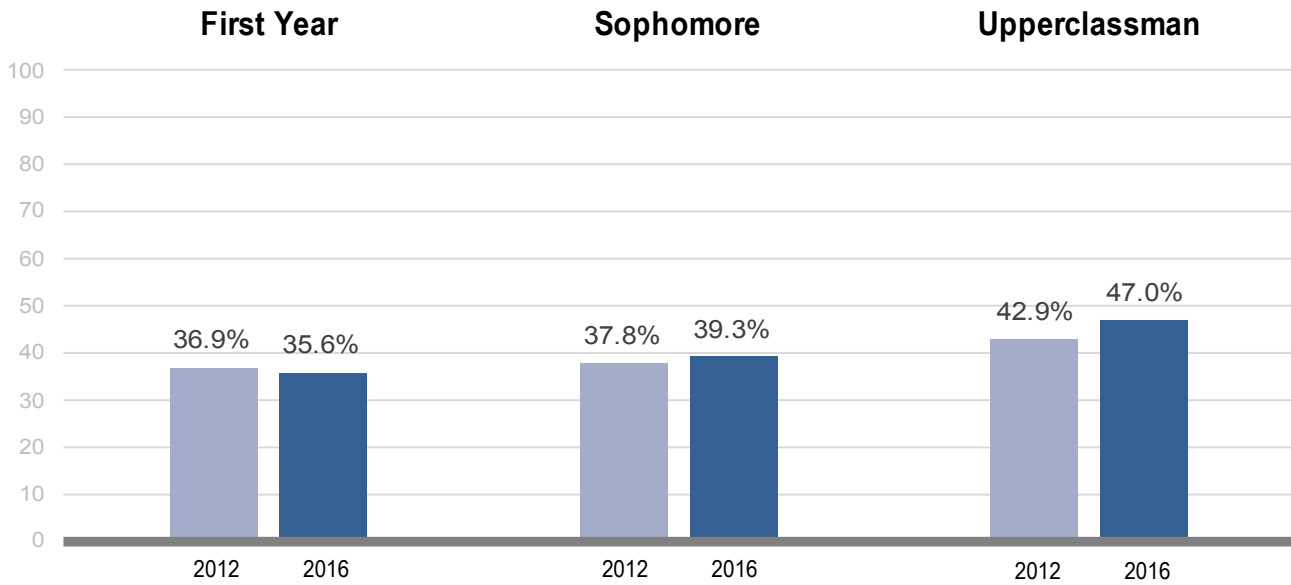


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	15,150	6,170	40.7%	15,854	6,836	43.1%	↑ 2.4
Graduate	1,239	622	50.2%	1,388	839	60.5%	↑ 10.3
Unknown	*			497			

* 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*

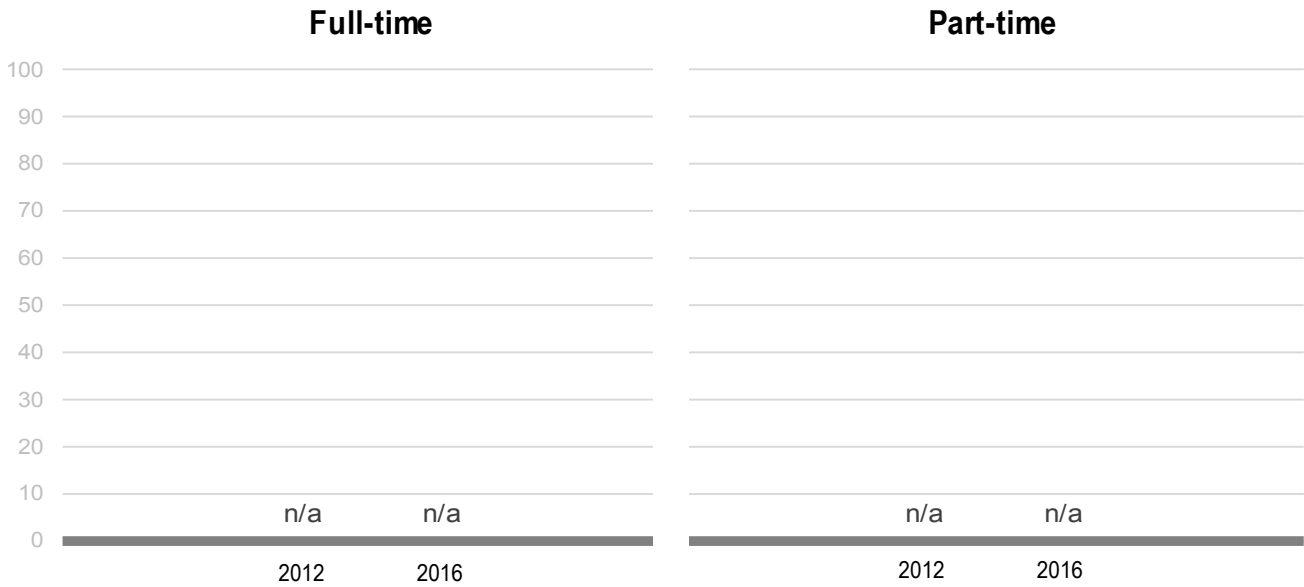


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	3,793	1,399	36.9%	3,580	1,276	35.6%	↓ -1.2
Sophomore	1,984	749	37.8%	2,553	1,003	39.3%	↑ 1.5
Upperclassman	9,373	4,022	42.9%	9,615	4,515	47.0%	↑ 4.1

* 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*

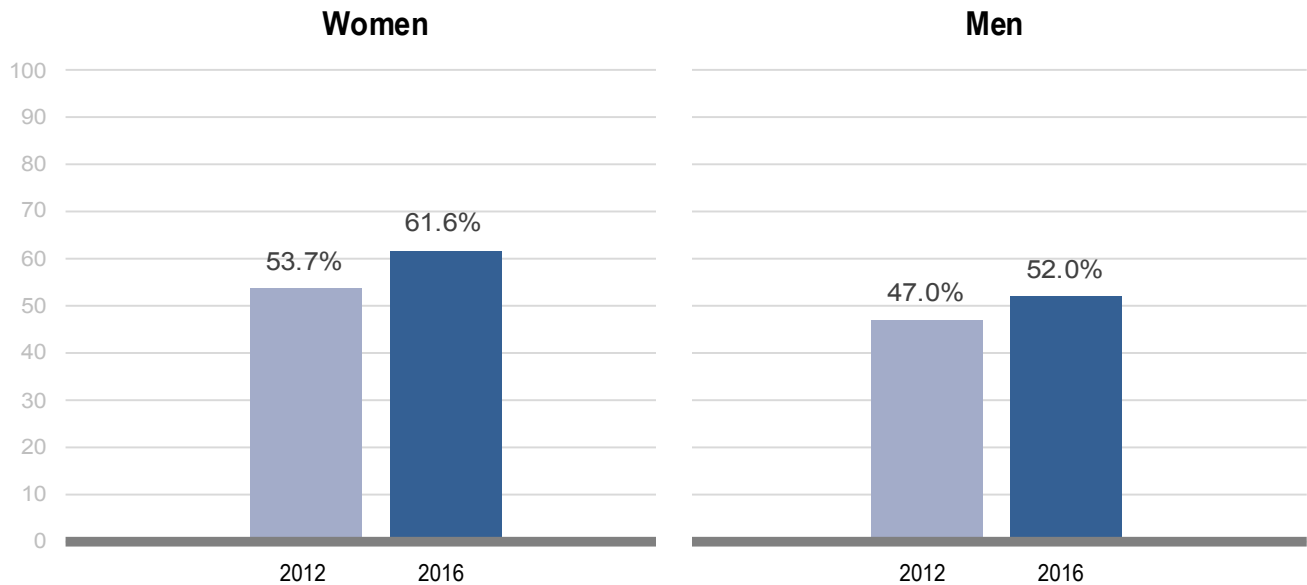


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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	6,946	3,727	53.7%	7,186	4,429	61.6%	↑ 8.0
Men	6,131	2,882	47.0%	6,298	3,276	52.0%	↑ 5.0
Unknown	3,313	183	5.5%	4,255	205	4.8%	

* 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 | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	629	267	42.5%	830	377	45.4% ↑	3.0
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	50	27	54.0%	32	15	46.9% ↓	-7.1
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,009	418	41.4%	1,215	532	43.8% ↑	2.4
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,812	938	33.4%	3,025	1,119	37.0% ↑	3.6
Communication and Journalism	1,026	410	40.0%	905	403	44.5% ↑	4.6
Computer and Information Sciences	564	217	38.5%	613	227	37.0% ↓	-1.5
Education	341	177	51.9%	555	340	61.3% ↑	9.4
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,106	403	36.4%	1,386	552	39.8% ↑	3.4
English Language and Literature	271	147	54.2%	260	143	55.0% ↑	0.8
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	469	184	39.2%	481	215	44.7% ↑	5.5
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	76	39	51.3%	49	22	44.9% ↓	-6.4
Health Professions	1,195	550	46.0%	1,428	656	45.9% ↓	-0.1
History	144	70	48.6%	107	60	56.1% ↑	7.5
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	524	199	38.0%	629	275	43.7% ↑	5.7
Leisure and Recreational Activities	52	22	42.3%	39	14	35.9% ↓	-6.4
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	716	331	46.2%	983	444	45.2% ↓	-1.1
Mathematics and Statistics	130	56	43.1%	104	46	44.2% ↑	1.2
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	74	35	47.3%	161	76	47.2% ↓	-0.1
Natural Resources and Conservation	144	65	45.1%	136	71	52.2% ↑	7.1
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	835	283	33.9%	784	293	37.4% ↑	3.5
Philosophy and Religious Studies	59	36	61.0%	38	23	60.5% ↓	-0.5
Physical Sciences	168	74	44.1%	159	83	52.2% ↑	8.2
Psychology	933	412	44.2%	1,036	477	46.0% ↑	1.9

Public Administration and Social Service Professions	388	203	52.3%	478	268	56.1% ↑	3.8
Social Sciences	1,135	579	51.0%	1,235	645	52.2% ↑	1.2
Visual and Performing Arts	619	272	43.9%	698	299	42.8% ↓	-1.1
Unknown	921	378	41.0%	373	235	63.0% ↑	22.0

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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