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2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for University of Florida

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 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 Catalist.

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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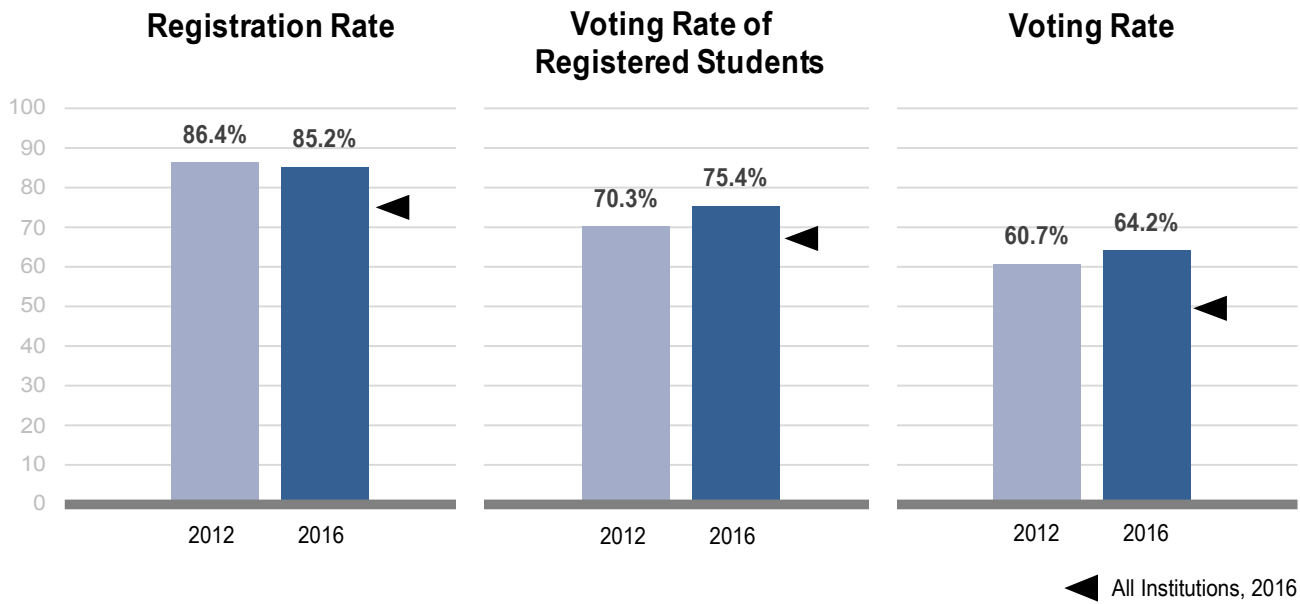
Warm regards,
IDHE Team

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate

64.2%

CHANGE
FROM 2012
3.5

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	**47,650**	**54,035**	⬆	**6,385**
Age under 18/Unknown	(204)	(391)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(4,253)	(5,115)		
FERPA records blocked	(123)	(44)		
Total eligible voters	**43,070**	**48,485**	⬆	**5,415**
Number of students who registered	**37,206**	**41,286**	⬆	**4,080**
Number of students who voted	**26,137**	**31,116**	⬆	**4,979**
Registration rate	**86.4%**	**85.2%**	⬇	**-1.2**
Voting rate of registered students	**70.3%**	**75.4%**	⬆	**5.1**
Voting rate	**60.7%**	**64.2%**	⬆	**3.5**
Difference from all institutions	**+13.8**	**+13.8**		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification
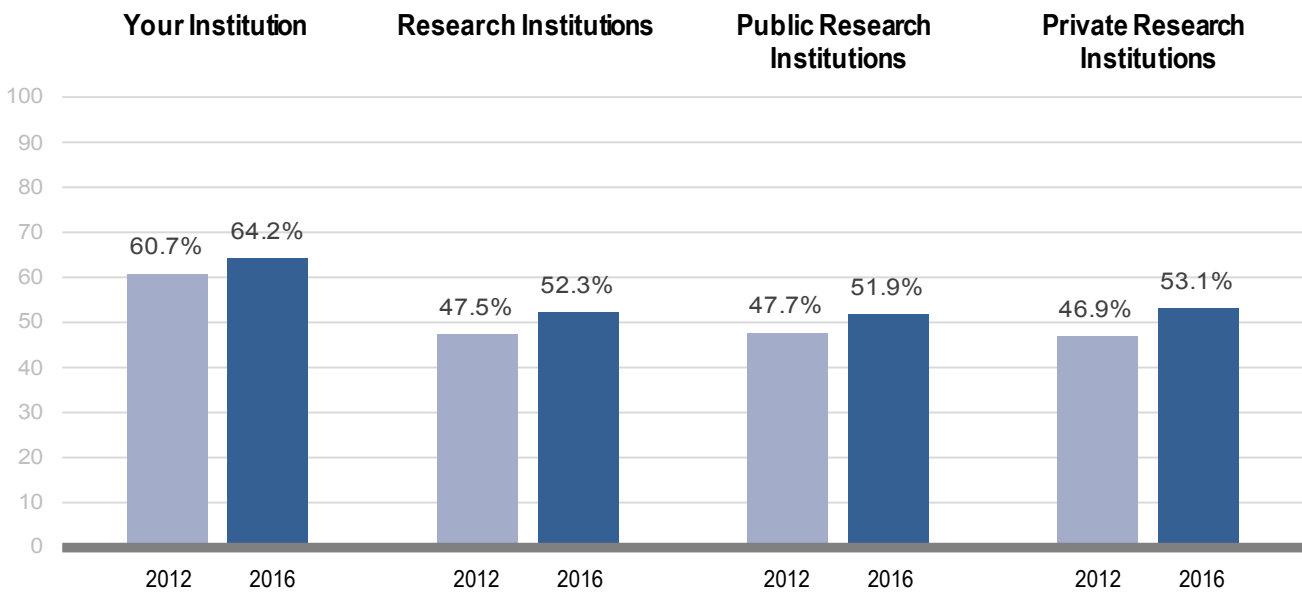
2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions

46.9%

HIGH
72.9%

LOW
19.3%

Difference from All Institutions   **+13.8**

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions

50.4%

HIGH
81.4%

LOW
13.1%

Difference from All Institutions   **+13.8**

	Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2012	60.7%	47.5%	47.7%	46.9%
2016	64.2%	52.3%	51.9%	53.1%

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By Voting Method*
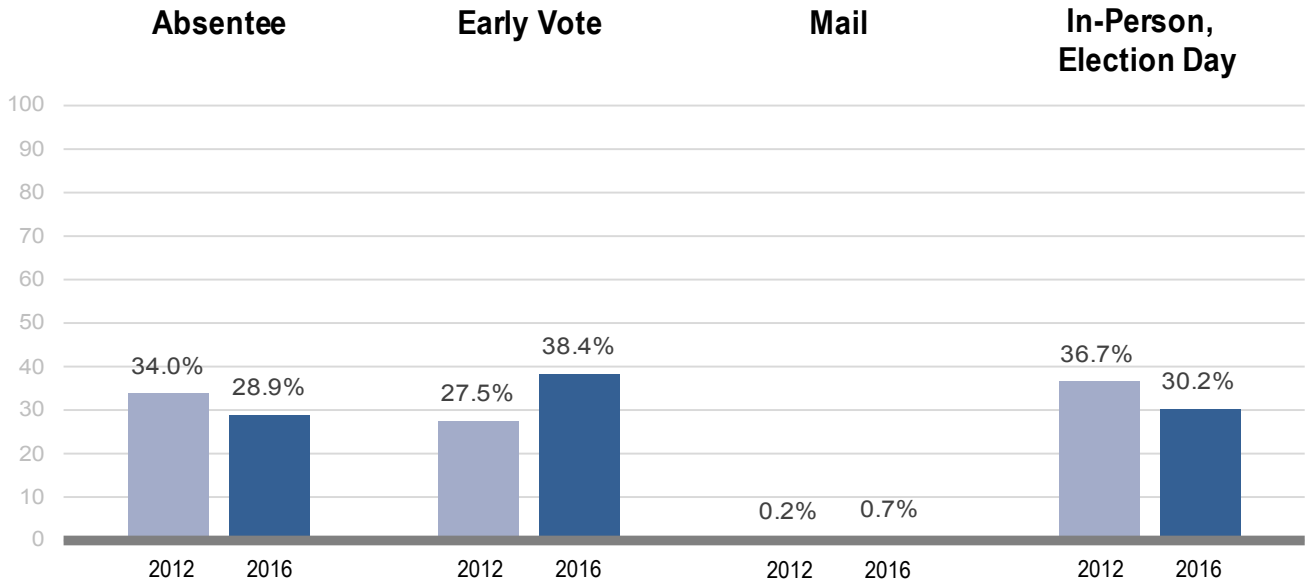
	2012			**2016**			
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	8,895	**34.0%**		8,991	**28.9%**	⬇	**-5.1**
Early Vote	7,194	**27.5%**		11,941	**38.4%**	⬆	**10.9**
Mail	55	**0.2%**		231	**0.7%**	⬆	**0.5**
In-Person, Election Day	9,598	**36.7%**		9,398	**30.2%**	⬇	**-6.5**
Unknown	395	**1.5%**		555	**1.8%**		
Total	**26,137**			**31,116**			

* 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 | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Age Group*

	18-21	22-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50+
2012	58.1%	53.8%	45.1%	49.3%	66.4%	78.3%
2016	61.8%	52.8%	49.5%	55.4%	68.0%	78.1%
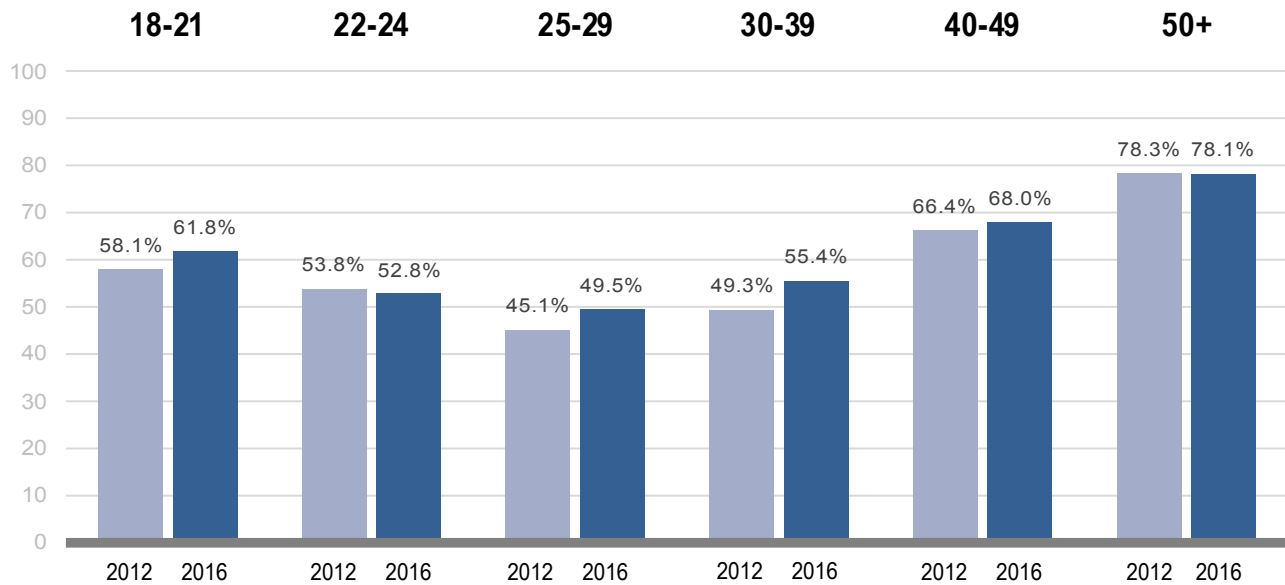
	2012			2016				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	25,731	14,939	**58.1%**	28,319	17,509	**61.8%**	⬆	**3.8**
22-24	9,465	5,092	**53.8%**	11,518	6,082	**52.8%**	⬇	**-1.0**
25-29	6,293	2,840	**45.1%**	7,252	3,592	**49.5%**	⬆	**4.4**
30-39	3,975	1,960	**49.3%**	4,445	2,464	**55.4%**	⬆	**6.1**
40-49	1,251	830	**66.4%**	1,430	972	**68.0%**	⬆	**1.6**
50+	608	476	**78.3%**	636	497	**78.1%**	⬇	**-0.2**
Unknown	*			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 | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS**

By Education Level*

Undergraduate
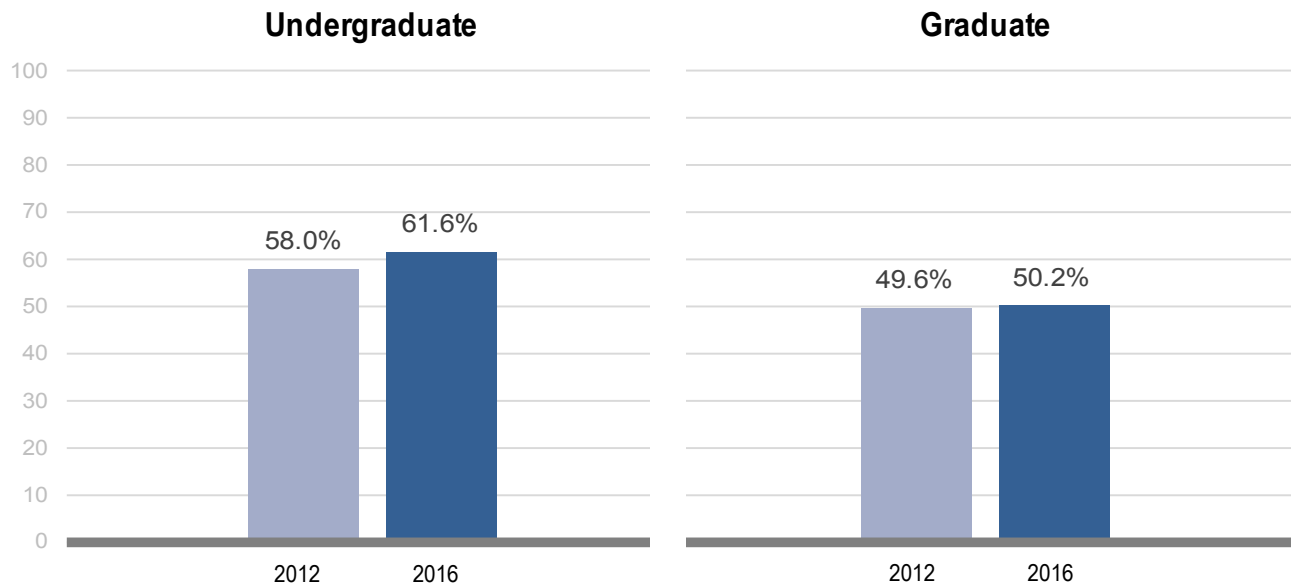
Graduate

	2012			2016				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Undergraduate	29,593	17,169	**58.0%**	36,851	22,702	**61.6%**	⬆	3.6
Graduate	13,940	6,914	**49.6%**	16,749	8,414	**50.2%**	⬆	0.6
Unknown	3,790			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.

By Undergraduate Class Year*
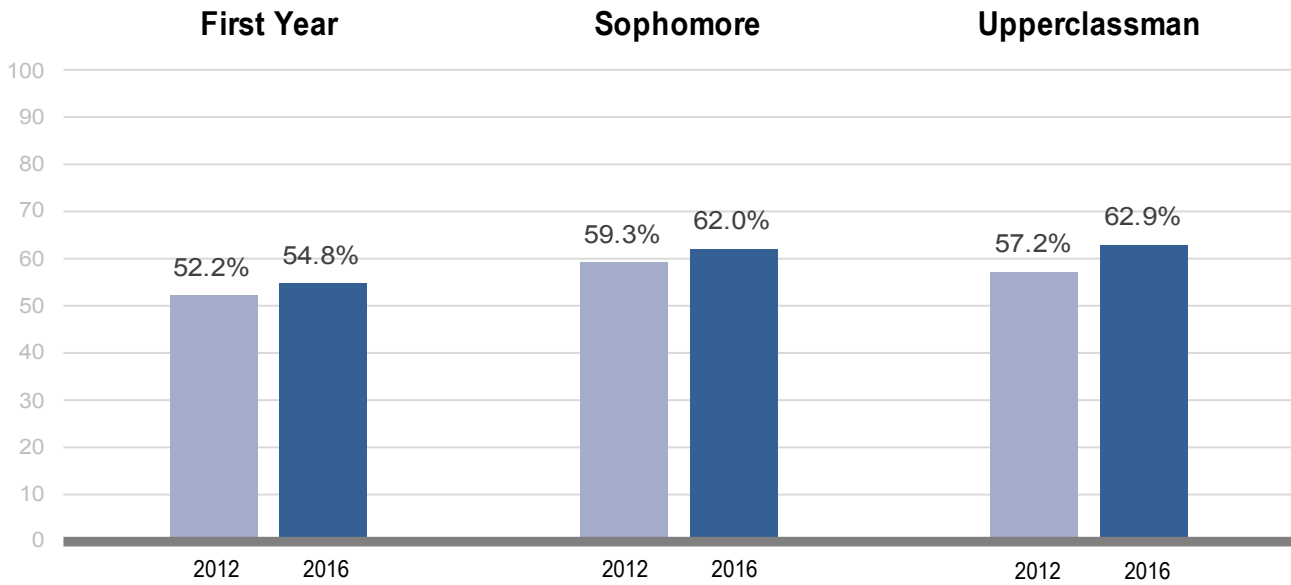
	2012				**2016**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	1,202	627	**52.2%**		3,418	1,872	**54.8%**	⬆	**2.6**
Sophomore	4,803	2,846	**59.3%**		6,786	4,204	**62.0%**	⬆	**2.7**
Upperclassman	18,680	10,684	**57.2%**		24,851	15,621	**62.9%**	⬆	**5.7**

* 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.

By Enrollment Status*
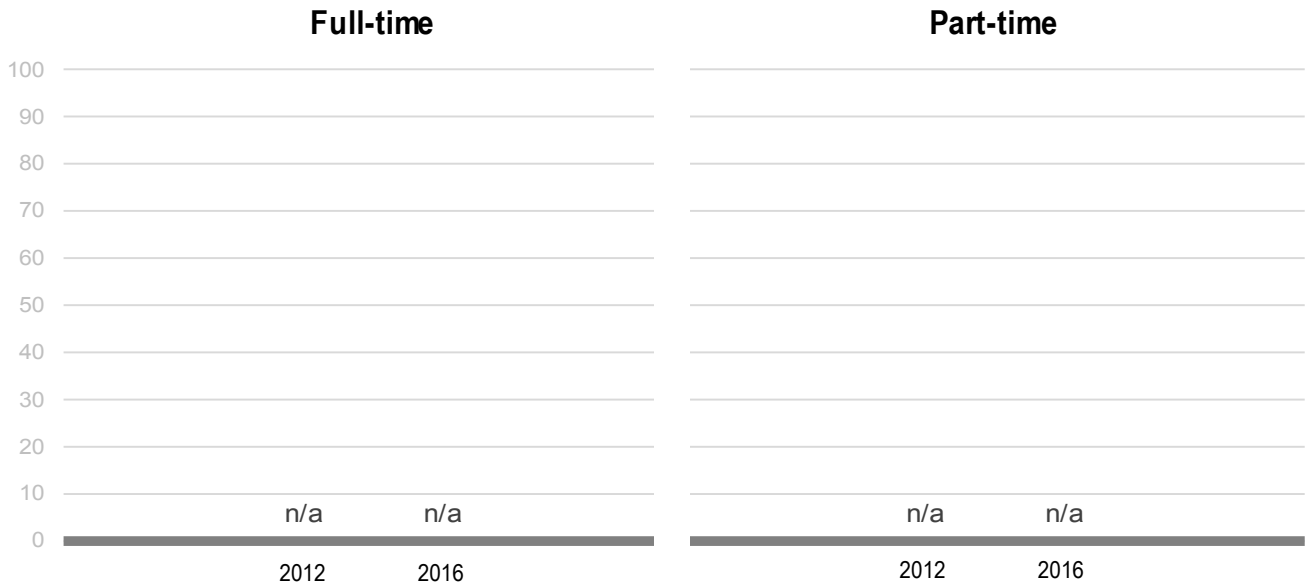
Full-time

Part-time

	2012				2016			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
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.

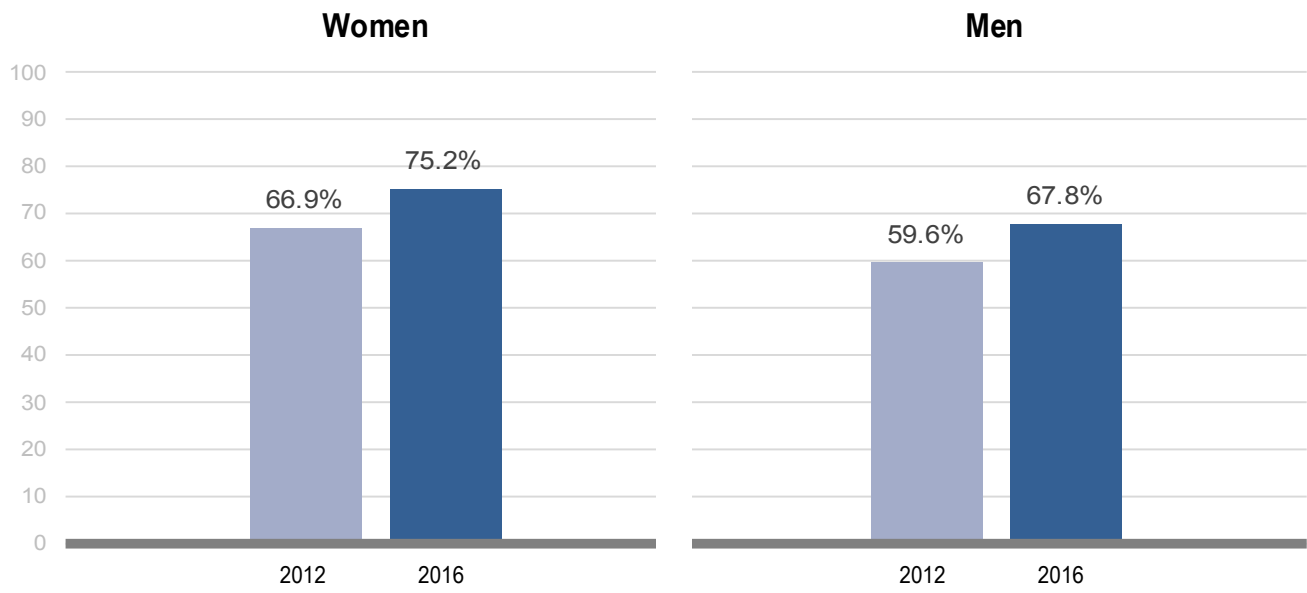**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS**

By Gender*

Women

Men

	2012				2016				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	22,591	15,115	**66.9%**		24,022	18,068	**75.2%**	⬆	8.3
Men	18,329	10,918	**59.6%**		19,033	12,904	**67.8%**	⬆	8.2
Unknown	6,403	104	**1.6%**		10,545	144	**1.4%**		

* 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 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	1,887	965	51.1%	1,751	983	56.1% ⬆	5.0
Architecture	598	281	47.0%	757	351	46.4% ⬇	-0.6
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	65	38	58.5%	135	67	49.6% ⬇	-8.8
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	3,844	1,946	50.6%	5,243	2,964	56.5% ⬆	5.9
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,616	2,671	57.9%	6,275	3,833	61.1% ⬆	3.2
Communication and Journalism	2,444	1,549	63.4%	2,811	1,845	65.6% ⬆	2.3
Computer and Information Sciences	78	37	47.4%	1,816	598	32.9% ⬇	-14.5
Education	1,740	1,136	65.3%	1,751	1,166	66.6% ⬆	1.3
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	6,907	3,387	49.0%	8,253	4,143	50.2% ⬆	1.2
English Language and Literature	780	480	61.5%	636	407	64.0% ⬆	2.5
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	488	296	60.7%	401	256	63.8% ⬆	3.2
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	647	358	55.3%	481	297	61.8% ⬆	6.4
Health Professions	6,911	3,976	57.5%	7,929	5,013	63.2% ⬆	5.7
History	462	272	58.9%	393	272	69.2% ⬆	10.3
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	27	19	70.4%	108	86	79.6% ⬆	9.3
Legal Professions and Studies	1,045	691	66.1%	1,074	723	67.3% ⬆	1.2
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	1,500	822	54.8%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	439	197	44.9%	547	287	52.5% ⬆	7.6
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	386	240	62.2%	1,103	676	61.3% ⬇	-0.9
Natural Resources and Conservation	554	326	58.8%	796	519	65.2% ⬆	6.4
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	742	395	53.2%	780	433	55.5% ⬆	2.3
Philosophy and Religious Studies	228	126	55.3%	215	127	59.1% ⬆	3.8
Physical Sciences	1,121	465	41.5%	1,409	690	49.0% ⬆	7.5

Psychology	1,580	866	**54.8%**		1,759	1,096	**62.3%** ⬆	**7.5**
Social Sciences	3,507	2,039	**58.1%**		3,419	2,200	**64.4%** ⬆	**6.2**
Visual and Performing Arts	1,069	576	**53.9%**		1,282	805	**62.8%** ⬆	**8.9**
Unknown	5,158	2,805	**54.4%**		976	457	**46.8%** ⬇	**-7.6**

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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