

### **FEBRUARY 2021**

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT** 

Student Voting Rates for University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

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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 1,100 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018 federal elections. Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has helped us build a robust database for research on more than 10 million de-identified student records for each election year.

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. IDHE is an applied research center focused on college and university student political learning and participation in democracy. IDHE researchers study voting, campus conditions for political learning and discussion, closing equity gaps in participation, and increasing student agency and participation. We accomplish our goals through research, resource development, assisting institutions and the higher education community, 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 voted in the 2012 and 2016 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse) and publicly available voting files collected by L2. We exclude FERPA-blocked records. (For exceptions for campuses with disproportionately high numbers of FERPA blocked students, see our Campus Reports FAQ (link below).

If this report does not contain race/ethnicity and/or gender data, please ask your registrar to complete the "race/ethnicity" submission for the Clearinghouse. Be sure to flag "non-resident aliens" (the government's technical term for non-citizen international students) so that we can provide a more accurate count for your "eligible voters."

The institutional voting rates reported on page 3 are adjusted by deducting an estimated number of students identified by each institution as non-resident aliens (NRAs) and reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). For breakdowns by student characteristics in subsequent pages of the report, we cannot consistently adjust for students who are ineligible to vote: non-resident aliens (NRAs), resident aliens, undocumented students, and students who have been disenfranchised due to a felony conviction. For this study, these terms are used as defined by IPEDS.

As a result of the adjustment challenges, your institution's actual voting rate may be higher than we report. If you have access to more complete data for students who are ineligible to vote, you may recalculate your rates by using the **Recalculation Tool** - <a href="https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve-recalculation-tool">https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve-recalculation-tool</a>.

Some NSLVE institutions do report the counts of NRA students to NSC. When this number is comparable to the counts reported in IPEDS, we remove the counts of these students from all our calculations.

To read more about NSLVE data, see our **Campus Reports** 

https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/frequently-asked-questions.

### **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 and identify your challenges and opportunities. This report provides comparisons between subgroups of your students and with similar institutions. For more comparisons or to see national voter registration and voting rates, read our national report, Democracy Counts 2018. To access our data portals - https://idhe.tufts.edu/public-data-portal-visualizations.

☐ Share the report widely and strategically by sharing it with institutional leaders, faculty across disciplines, student government leaders, and other student groups.

☐ Read and implement *Election Imperatives*, ten recommendations for providing your campus climate for student political learning, discourse, equity, and participation - https://idhe.tufts.edu/electionimperatives.

☐ Work with us. IDHE can help via virtual office hours, webinars, brown bag discussions, coaching, and in-person workshops.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: https://idhe.tufts.edu/.

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Warm regards,

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# Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

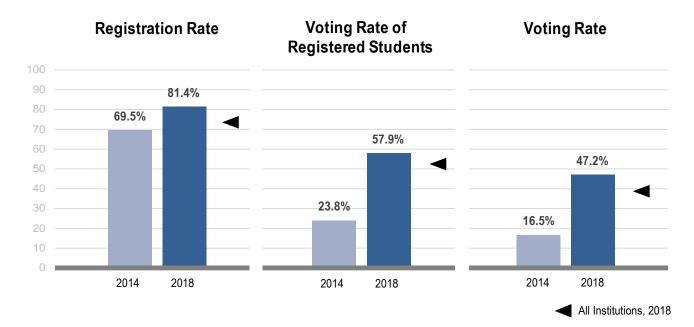
47.2%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+30.7

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

38.5%



	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	43,168	46,041 👚	2,873
Age under 18/Unknown IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens FERPA records blocked	(326) (5,950) *	(330) (6,881) (17)	
Total eligible voters	36,883	38,813	1,930
Number of students who registered	25,626	31,597	5,971
Number of students who voted	6,095	18,301 👚	12,206
Registration rate	69.5%	81.4% 👚	11.9
Voting rate of registered students	23.8%	57.9% 👚	34.1
Voting rate	16.5%	47.2% 👚	30.7
Difference from all institutions	-1.7	+8.7	

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## **HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

# By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

18.2%

HIGH 52.9%

LOW 2.2%

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

38.5%

HIGH 72.8%

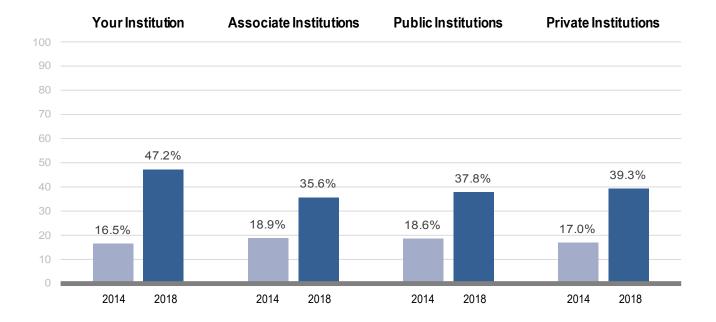
LOW 7.1%

Difference from All Institutions

-1.7

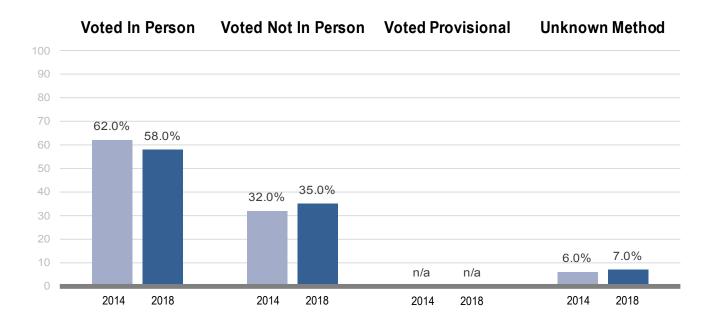
Difference from All Institutions

+8.7



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# By Voting Method\*

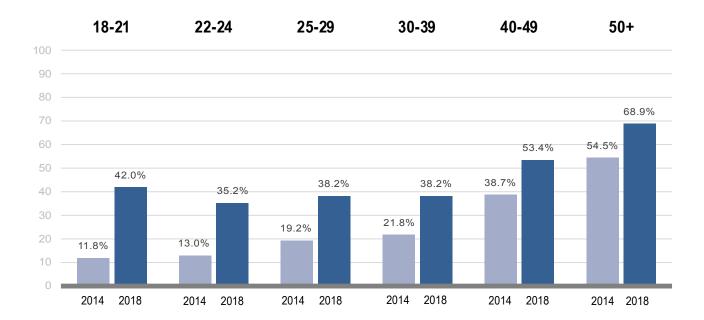


20	14	2018			
Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
3,803	62.0%	10,641	58.0%	1	-4.0
1,954	32.0%	6,448	35.0%	1	3.0
*	n/a	*	n/a		n/a
337	6.0%	1,209	7.0%	1	1.0
6,095		18,301			
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<sup>\*</sup> Your students' data broken down by voting method. If your campus has a high number of voting method "Unknown", it means that this information was not reported by local officals where your students voted.

# By Age Group\*

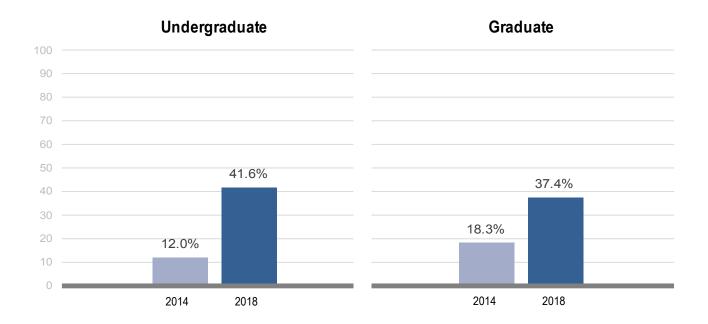


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
18-21	24,723	2,905	11.8%	26,656	11,196	42.0%	•	30.2
22-24	7,995	1,038	13.0%	8,495	2,989	35.2%	•	22.2
25-29	6,646	1,275	19.2%	7,241	2,767	38.2%	•	19.0
30-39	2,875	626	21.8%	2,834	1,083	38.2%	•	16.4
40-49	460	178	38.7%	365	195	53.4%	•	14.7
50+	134	73	54.5%	103	71	68.9%	•	14.4
Unknown	0			*				

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<sup>\*</sup> 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, undocumented students and felony disenfranchised students.

# By Education Level\*

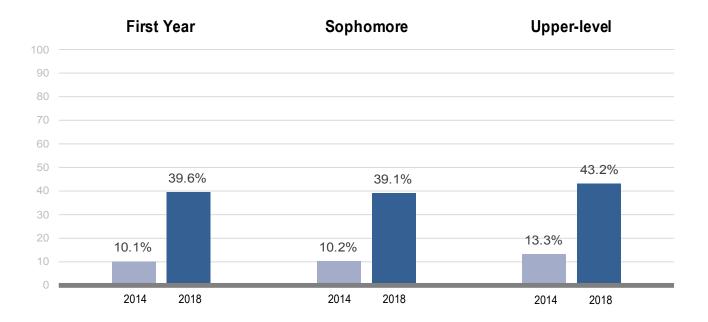


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled Vo	oted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Undergraduate	27,909 3,	,363	12.0%	29,608	12,303	41.6%	•	29.6
Graduate	14,860 2,	,713	18.3%	16,022	5,990	37.4%	1	19.1
Unknown	64			64				

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<sup>\*</sup> Your students' data broken down by undergraduate and graduate students. Undergraduates and graduates are defined based on information submitted to the Clearinghouse. 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, undocumented students and felony disenfranchised students.

# By Undergraduate Class Year\*

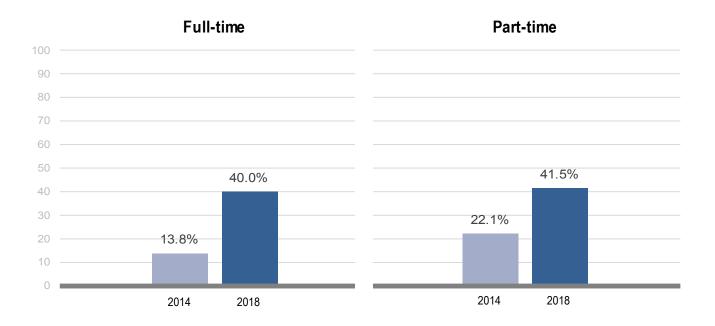


	2014			2018					
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change	
First Year	5,300	536	10.1%	5,200	2,057	39.6%	•	29.5	
Sophomore	5,870	601	10.2%	6,866	2,685	39.1%	1	28.9	
Upper-level	16,575	2,208	13.3%	17,408	7,527	43.2%	•	29.9	

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<sup>\*</sup> Your students' data broken down by undergraduate students' class level. The total count of undergraduates in this page can be different than the count in the previous page since we use a different data element submitted to the Clearinghouse to derive this information. 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, undocumented students and felony disenfranchised students.

# By Enrollment Status\*



	2014				2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	40,369	5,551	13.8%	43,729	17,485	40.0%	•	26.2
Part-time	2,462	543	22.1%	1,964	815	41.5%	1	19.4
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

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<sup>\*</sup> 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 resident aliens, undocumented students and felony disenfranchised students.

# By Field of Study\*

<sup>\*</sup> 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 resident aliens, undocumented students and felony disenfranchised students. The green and red highlighted values below represent your campus's top three and bottom three voting rates by field of study.

		2014			2018		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Architecture	0	0	n/a	558	126	22.6%	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	0	0	n/a	263	136	51.7%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	0	0	n/a	2,843	1,233	43.4%	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	0	0	n/a	4,080	1,443	35.4%	n/a
Communication and Journalism	0	0	n/a	490	225	45.9%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	0	0	n/a	3,068	1,103	36.0%	n/a
Education	0	0	n/a	556	284	51.1%	n/a
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	*	0	n/a	8,412	2,792	33.2%	n/a
English Language and Literature	0	0	n/a	451	253	56.1%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	0	0	n/a	506	226	44.7%	n/a
Health Professions	0	0	n/a	3,615	1,543	42.7%	n/a
History	0	0	n/a	368	203	55.2%	n/a
Legal Professions and Studies	0	0	n/a	1,034	614	59.4%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	8,188	3,210	39.2%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	0	0	n/a	854	186	21.8%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	943	475	50.4%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	0	0	n/a	542	322	59.4%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	0	0	n/a	981	340	34.7%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	s 0	0	n/a	102	49	48.0%	n/a
Physical Sciences	0	0	n/a	1,050	428	40.8%	n/a
Psychology	0	0	n/a	1,346	609	45.2%	n/a
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	0	0	n/a	1,146	690	60.2%	n/a
Social Sciences	0	0	n/a	2,176	874	40.2%	n/a

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Visual and Performing Arts	0	0	n/a	1,807	845	46.8%	n/a
Unknown	42,828	6,095	14.2%	315	92	29.2% 👚	15.0

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: https://idhe.tufts.edu.

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