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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Brown University

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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, 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 who voted in the 2014 and 2018 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse and publicly available voting files collected by Catalist. We exclude FERPA-blocked records. (For exceptions for campuses with disproportionately high numbers of FERPA blocked students, see our Campus Reports FAQ.)

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 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 (international students), resident aliens (undocumented students), and students who have been disenfranchised due to a felony conviction. As a result, 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 -

https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve-recalculation-tool.

To read more about NSLVE data, see our Campus Reports FAQ -

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

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 improving 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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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at NSLVE@tufts.edu.

Warm regards,

IDHE Team



Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

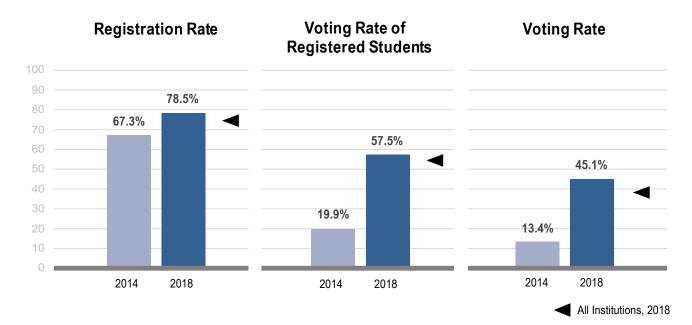
45.1%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+31.7

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%



	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	8,808	9,805	☆	997
Age under 18/Unknown IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens FERPA records blocked	(76) (1,441) (132)	(65) (1,667) (411)		
Total eligible voters	7,159	7,662	⇧	503
Number of students who registered	4,817	6,013	☆	1,196
Number of students who voted	958	3,455	î	2,497
Registration rate	67.3%	78.5%	☆	11.2
Voting rate of registered students	19.9%	57.5%	☆	37.6
Voting rate	13.4%	45.1%	⇧	31.7
Difference from all institutions	-6.3	+6.0		

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HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH 54.0%

LOW 1.5% 2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH 64.1%

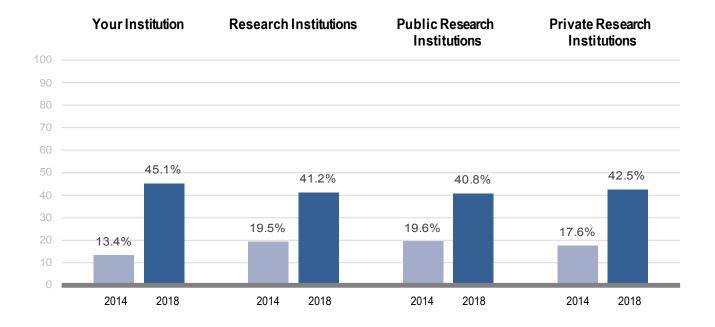
LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions

-6.3

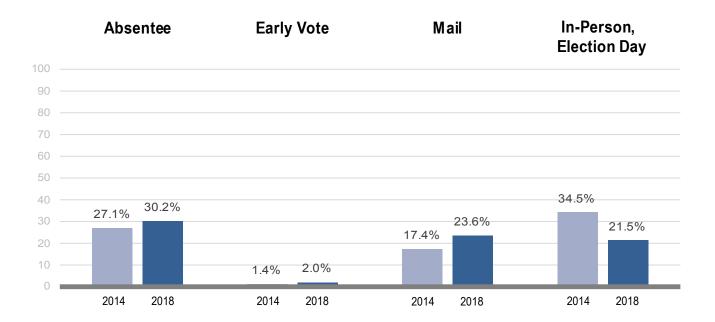
Difference from All Institutions

+6.0



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By Voting Method*

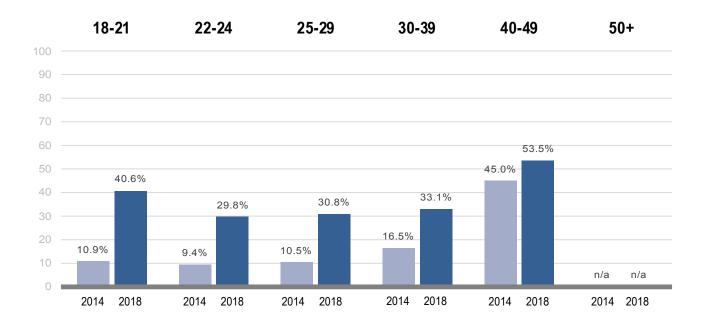


	2014		20	2018		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	260	27.1%	1,044	30.2%	•	3.1
Early Vote	13	1.4%	70	2.0%	1	0.7
Mail	167	17.4%	816	23.6%	1	6.2
In-Person, Election Day	330	34.5%	742	21.5%	1	-13.0
Unknown	188	19.6%	783	22.7%		
Total	958		3,455			

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^{*} 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*

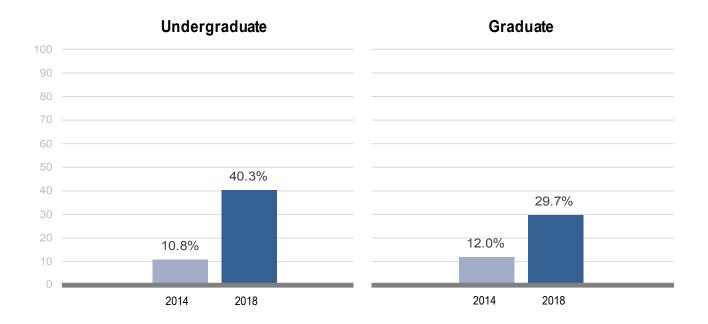


	2014			2018				_		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change		
18-21	5,547	602	10.9%	5,870	2,381	40.6%	•	29.7		
22-24	1,392	131	9.4%	1,577	470	29.8%	•	20.4		
25-29	1,163	122	10.5%	1,349	415	30.8%	•	20.3		
30-39	425	70	16.5%	478	158	33.1%	•	16.6		
40-49	60	27	45.0%	43	23	53.5%	•	8.5		
50+	13	*	n/a	12	*	n/a		n/a		
Unknown	0			0						

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^{*} 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.

By Education Level*

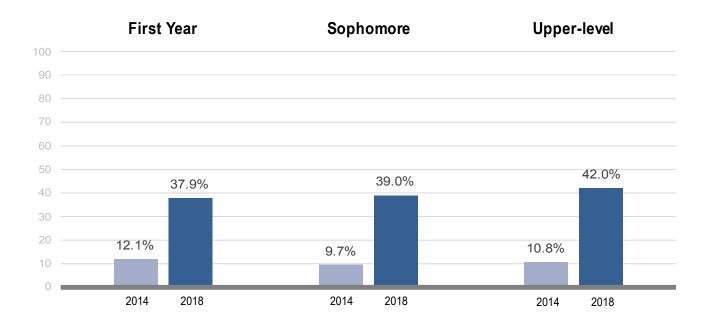


	2014			2018						
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change		
Undergraduate	6,129	662	10.8%	6,460	2,604	40.3%	•	29.5		
Graduate	2,469	296	12.0%	2,869	851	29.7%	1	17.7		
Unknown	*			0						

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^{*} 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*

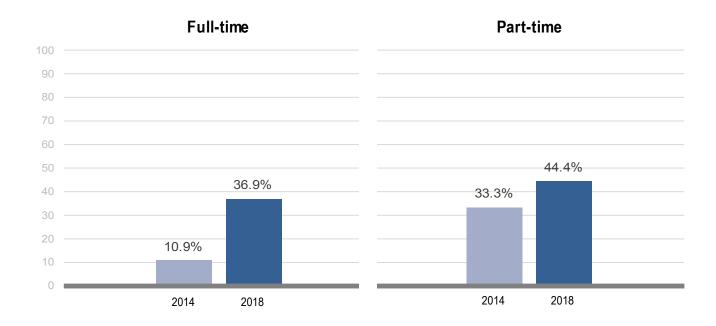


		2014			2018			_	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change	
First Year	1,359	164	12.1%	1,548	587	37.9%	•	25.9	
Sophomore	1,513	146	9.7%	1,600	624	39.0%	•	29.4	
Upper-level	3,259	352	10.8%	3,321	1,395	42.0%	•	31.2	

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^{*} 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*

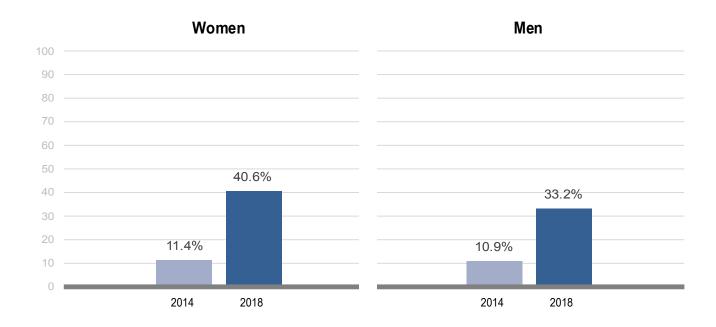


		2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	8,498	924	10.9%	9,185	3,391	36.9%	1	26.1
Part-time	102	34	33.3%	144	64	44.4%	⇧	11.1
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

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^{*} 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.

By Gender*

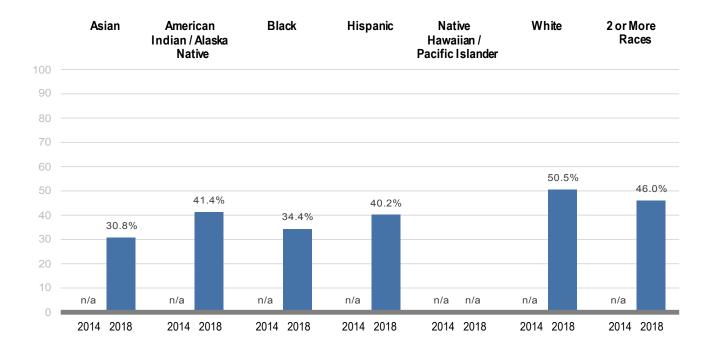


		2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	4,378	497	11.4%	4,864	1,974	40.6%	1	29.2
Men	4,222	461	10.9%	4,465	1,481	33.2%	1	22.3
Unknown	0			0				

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^{*} 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.

By Race/Ethnicity*



	2014				2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change	
Asian	0	0	n/a	1,275	392	30.8%	n/a	
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	29	12	41.4%	n/a	
Black	0	0	n/a	567	195	34.4%	n/a	
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	963	387	40.2%	n/a	
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	10	*	n/a	n/a	
White	0	0	n/a	3,919	1,980	50.5%	n/a	
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	494	227	46.0%	n/a	
Unknown	8,600			2,072				

^{*} 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. For this page, we consider international students of unknown race/ethnicity.

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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.

		2014			2018		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Architecture	0	0	n/a	37	14	37.8%	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	242	18	7.4%	339	132	38.9% 👚	31.5
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,260	125	9.9%	1,087	400	36.8% 🁚	26.9
Business, Management, and Marketing	287	22	7.7%	293	72	24.6% 👚	16.9
Communication and Journalism	94	*	n/a	109	47	43.1%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	469	42	9.0%	688	210	30.5% 👚	21.6
Education	145	32	22.1%	107	46	43.0% 👚	20.9
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	755	60	8.0%	545	157	28.8% 👚	20.9
English Language and Literature	345	34	9.9%	374	172	46.0% 👚	36.1
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	261	39	14.9%	220	93	42.3% 👚	27.3
Health Professions	751	110	14.7%	878	376	42.8% 👚	28.2
History	249	45	18.1%	258	112	43.4% 👚	25.3
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	119	12	10.1%	171	51	29.8% 👚	19.7
Mathematics and Statistics	461	50	10.9%	551	167	30.3% 👚	19.5
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	326	46	14.1%	483	185	38.3% 👚	24.2
Natural Resources and Conservation	133	25	18.8%	163	77	47.2% 👚	28.4
Philosophy and Religious Studies	125	11	8.8%	160	49	30.6% 👚	21.8
Physical Sciences	539	48	8.9%	514	175	34.1% 👚	25.1
Psychology	253	16	6.3%	291	116	39.9% 👚	33.5
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	112	25	22.3%	213	100	47.0% 👚	24.6
Social Sciences	1,308	150	11.5%	1,462	543	37.1% 👚	25.7
Visual and Performing Arts	359	39	10.9%	375	157	41.9% 👚	31.0
Unknown	*	0	n/a	11	*	n/a	n/a

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