

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Lewis & Clark College

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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

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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.
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Warm regards,
IDHE Team



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate

66.4%

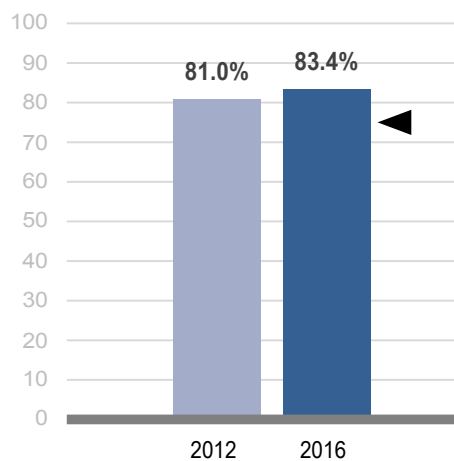
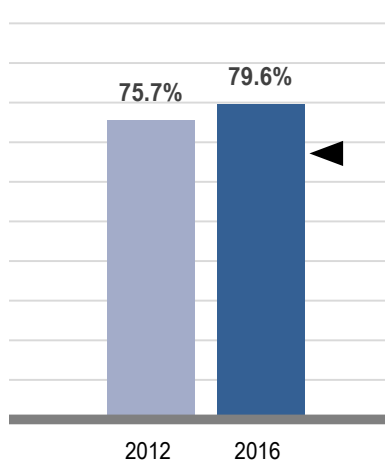
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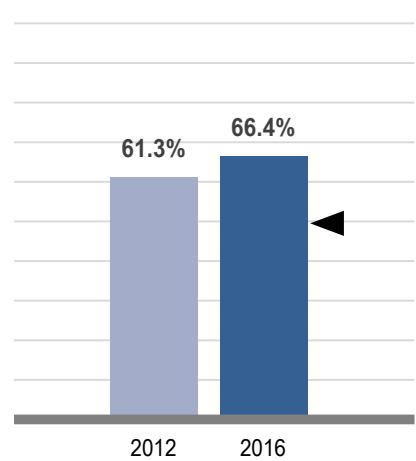
2016 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

50.4%

Registration Rate


Voting Rate of
Registered Students


Voting Rate



All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	3,559	3,298	↓ -261
Age under 18/Unknown	(26)	(22)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(228)	(190)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	3,302	3,084	↓ -218
Number of students who registered	2,674	2,573	↓ -101
Number of students who voted	2,025	2,049	↑ 24
Registration rate	81.0%	83.4%	↑ 2.5
Voting rate of registered students	75.7%	79.6%	↑ 3.9
Voting rate	61.3%	66.4%	↑ 5.1
Difference from all institutions	+14.4	+16.0	

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%

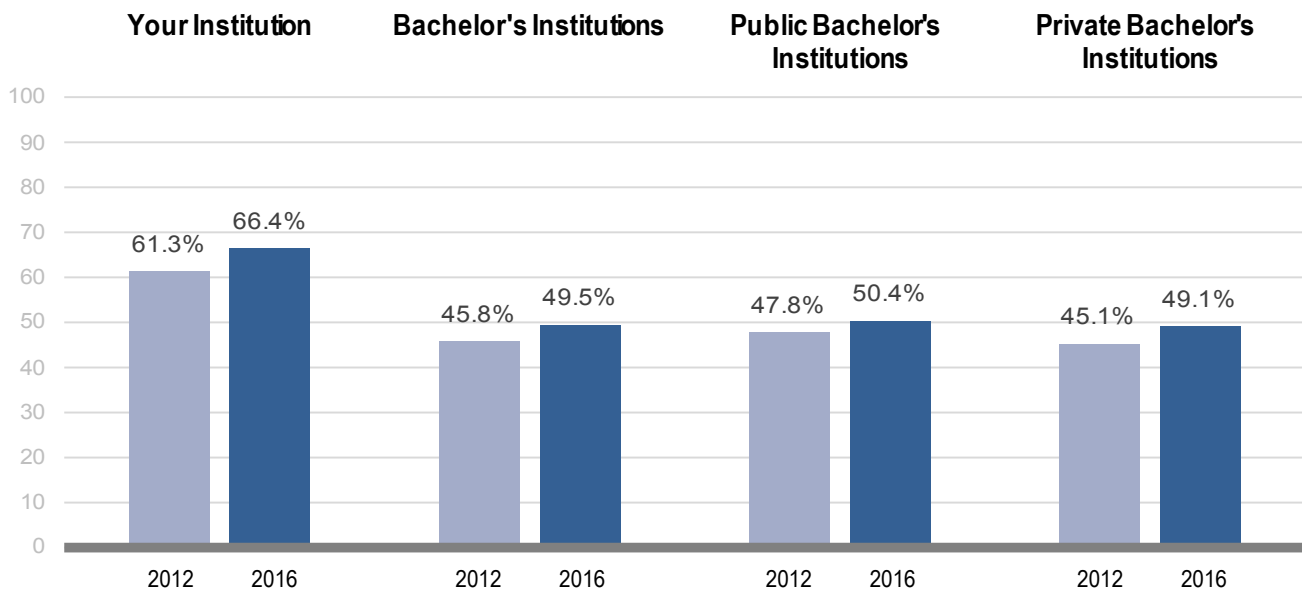
LOW
13.1%

Difference from All Institutions

+14.4

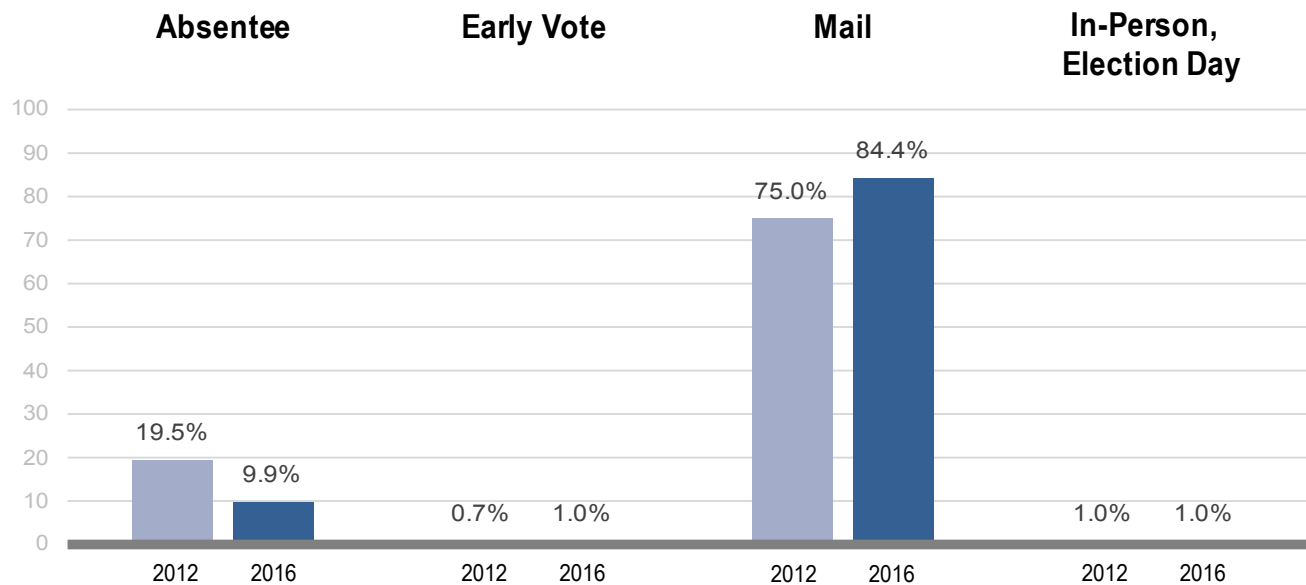
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By Voting Method*

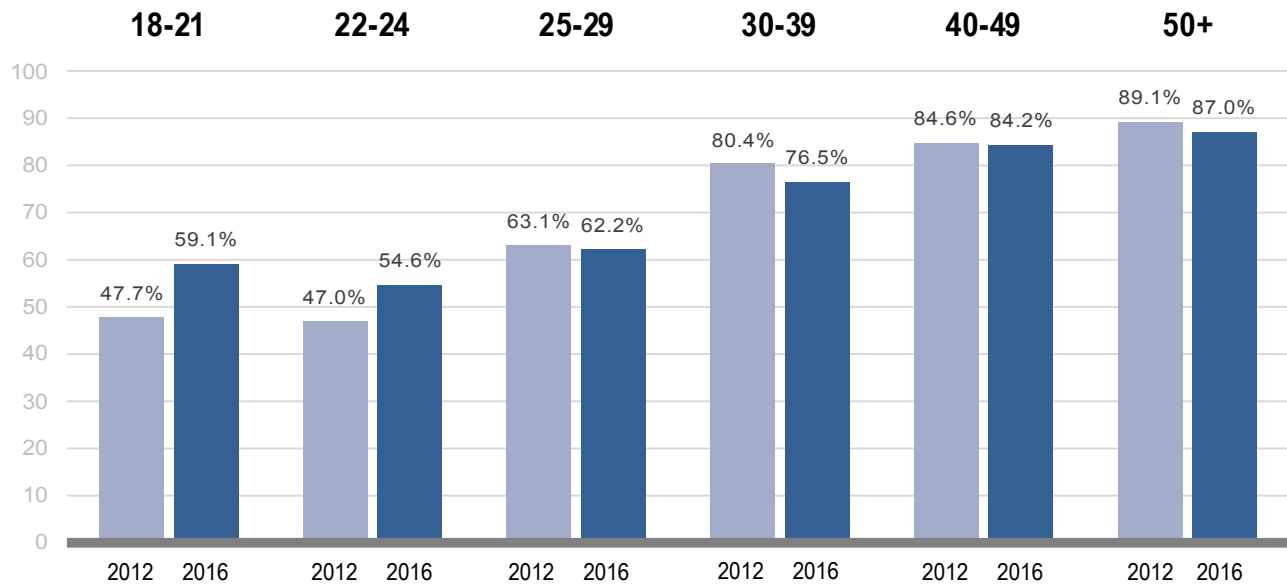


	2012		2016			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change	
Absentee	395	19.5%	202	9.9%	↓	-9.7
Early Vote	15	0.7%	21	1.0%	↑	0.3
Mail	1,519	75.0%	1,729	84.4%	↑	9.4
In-Person, Election Day	20	1.0%	20	1.0%	→	0.0
Unknown	76	3.8%	77	3.8%		
Total	2,025		2,049			

* 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*

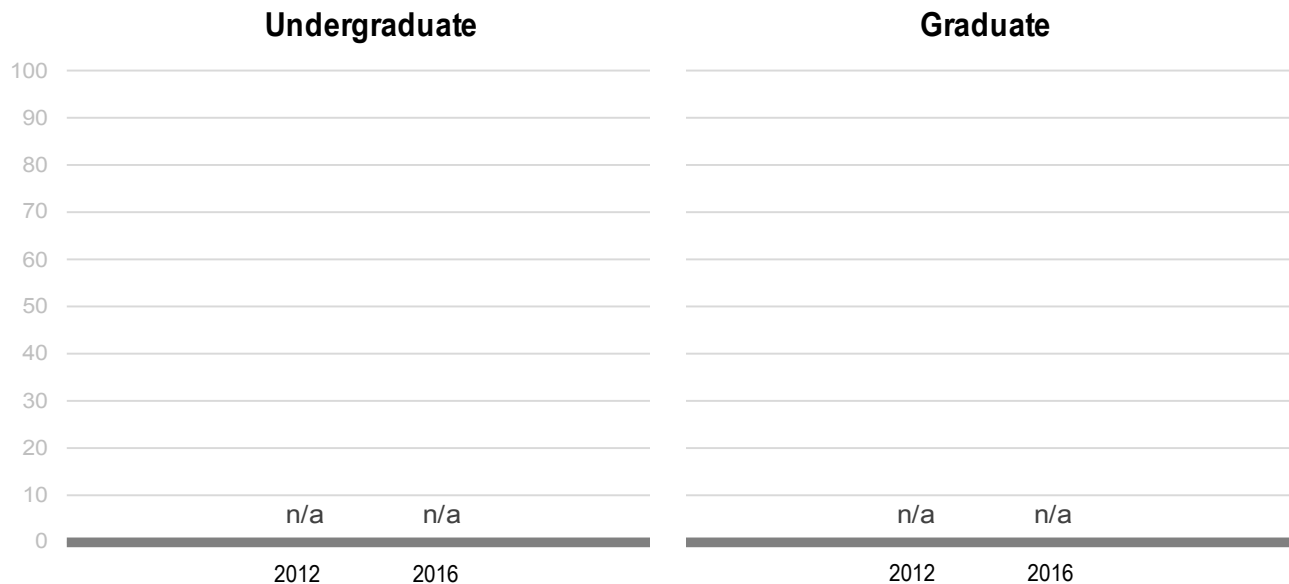


	2012			2016			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	1,768	844	47.7%	1,790	1,058	59.1%	↑	11.4
22-24	460	216	47.0%	429	234	54.6%	↑	7.6
25-29	572	361	63.1%	484	301	62.2%	↓	-0.9
30-39	434	349	80.4%	340	260	76.5%	↓	-3.9
40-49	195	165	84.6%	177	149	84.2%	↓	-0.4
50+	101	90	89.1%	54	47	87.0%	↓	-2.1
Unknown	*			0				

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By Education Level*

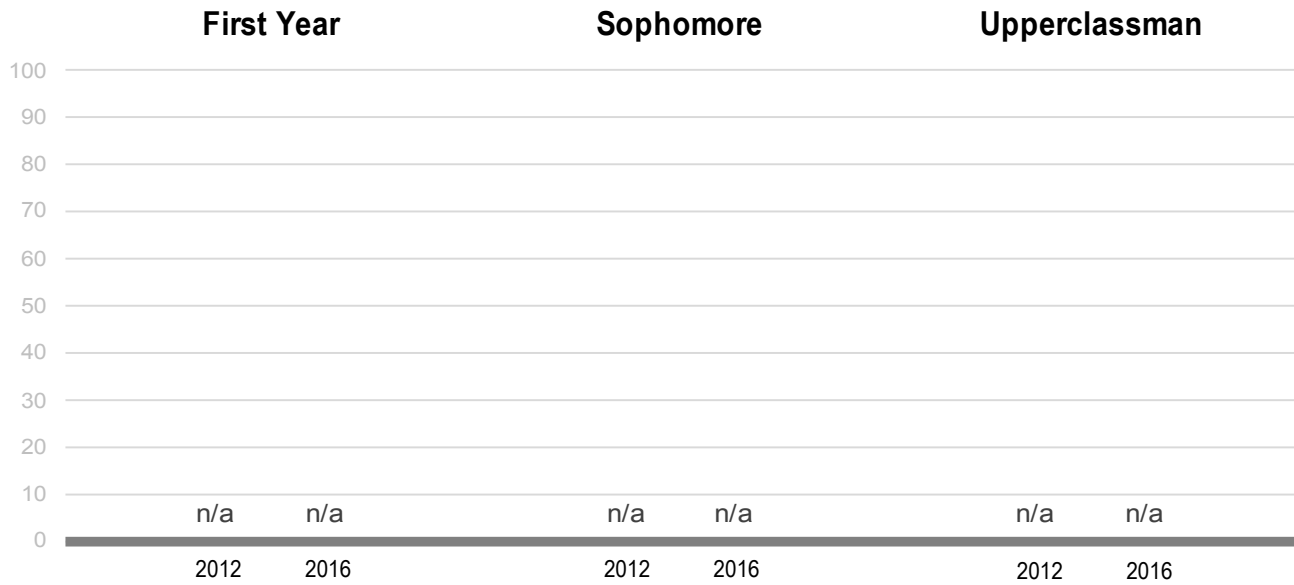


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	3,530			3,274			

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By Undergraduate Class Year*

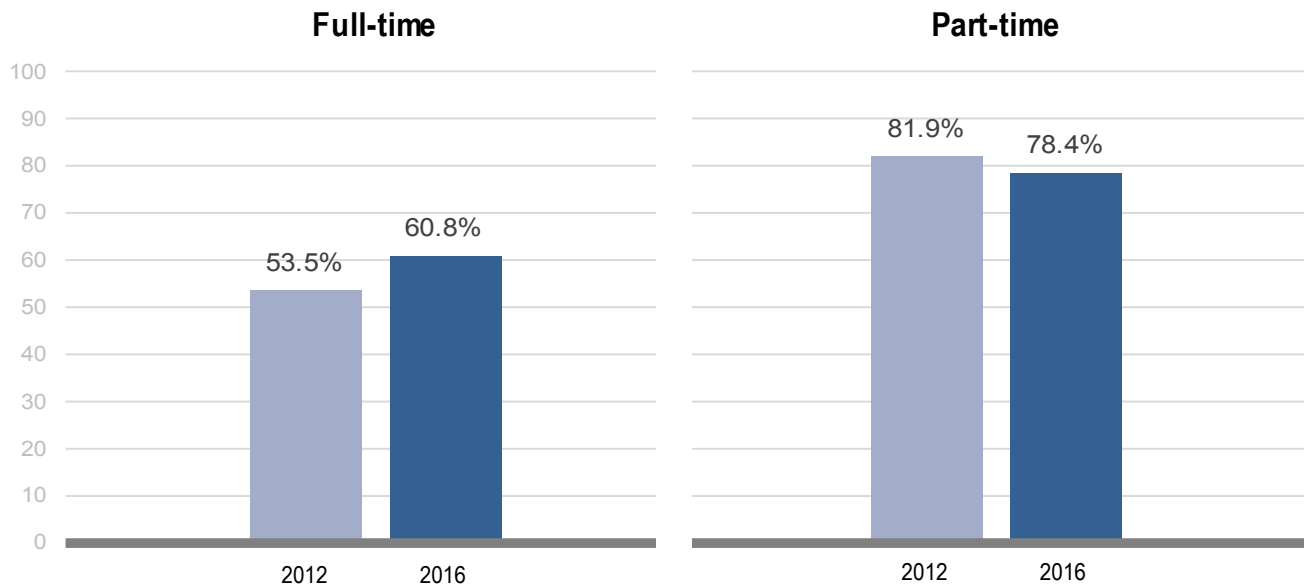


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Upperclassman	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a

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By Enrollment Status*



	2012			2016			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	3,049	1,631	53.5%	2,940	1,787	60.8%	↑	7.3
Part-time	481	394	81.9%	334	262	78.4%	↓	-3.5
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

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By Field of Study*

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	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	0	0	n/a	133	71	53.4%	n/a
Communication and Journalism	0	0	n/a	53	36	67.9%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	0	0	n/a	19	11	57.9%	n/a
Education	0	0	n/a	312	244	78.2%	n/a
English Language and Literature	0	0	n/a	68	40	58.8%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	0	0	n/a	59	32	54.2%	n/a
Health Professions	0	0	n/a	281	179	63.7%	n/a
History	0	0	n/a	45	30	66.7%	n/a
Legal Professions and Studies	0	0	n/a	602	387	64.3%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	968	549	56.7%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	0	0	n/a	35	21	60.0%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	26	19	73.1%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	0	0	n/a	31	20	64.5%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	0	0	n/a	18	13	72.2%	n/a
Physical Sciences	0	0	n/a	53	31	58.5%	n/a
Psychology	0	0	n/a	170	116	68.2%	n/a
Social Sciences	0	0	n/a	223	131	58.7%	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	0	0	n/a	84	52	61.9%	n/a
Unknown	3,530	2,025	57.4%	86	62	72.1% ↑	14.7

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What to do next?

In 2014 less than 20% of eligible college students in NSLVE voted. Use your campus NSLVE data to foster greater political learning and engagement on your campus.

❑ Review the data. This report provides a baseline measure of your students' engagement in democracy in 2014 and compares your institution's voting rate to similar institutions. Our website also contains an interactive tool on the 2014 data, which you can find here:
<https://idhe.tufts.edu/2014-student-voter-turnout>.

❑ Focus on low propensity voters – only 13% of 18-24-year-olds voted in 2014.

❑ Put your data into practice. Use our *Using Your NSLVE Reports* guide for ideas, including sharing the report widely and talking about the NSLVE data with your campus. (Find the guide and other NSLVE resources at <https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve>).

❑ Partner with IDHE. We are available to work with you to evaluate and improve your campus climate for student political learning, discourse, and participation. Contact us for in-person trainings and campus climate assessment at IDHE@tufts.edu.

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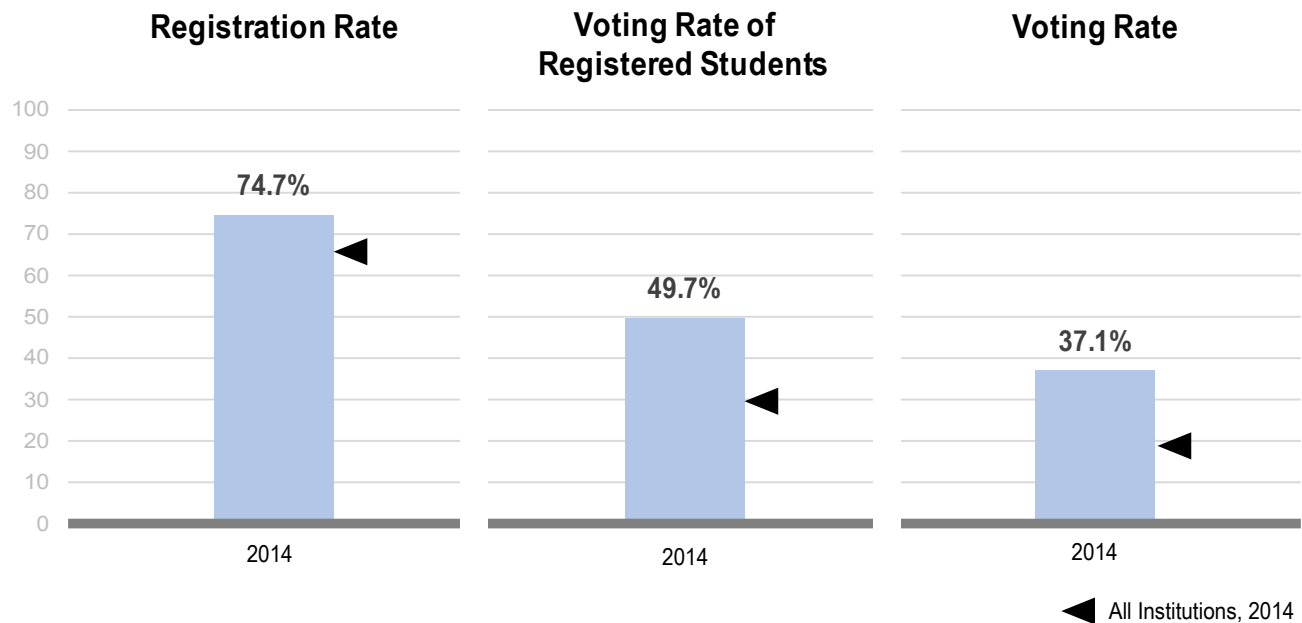
Voting and Registration Rates

2014 Voting Rate

37.1%

2014 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

19.1%



	2014
Total student enrollment	3,494
Age under 18/Unknown	(26)
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(236)
FERPA records blocked	*
Total eligible voters	3,230
Number of students who registered	2,413
Number of students who voted	1,199
Registration rate	74.7%
Voting rate of registered students	49.7%
Voting rate	37.1%
Difference from all institutions	+18.0

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

**2014 Voting Rate
for All Institutions**

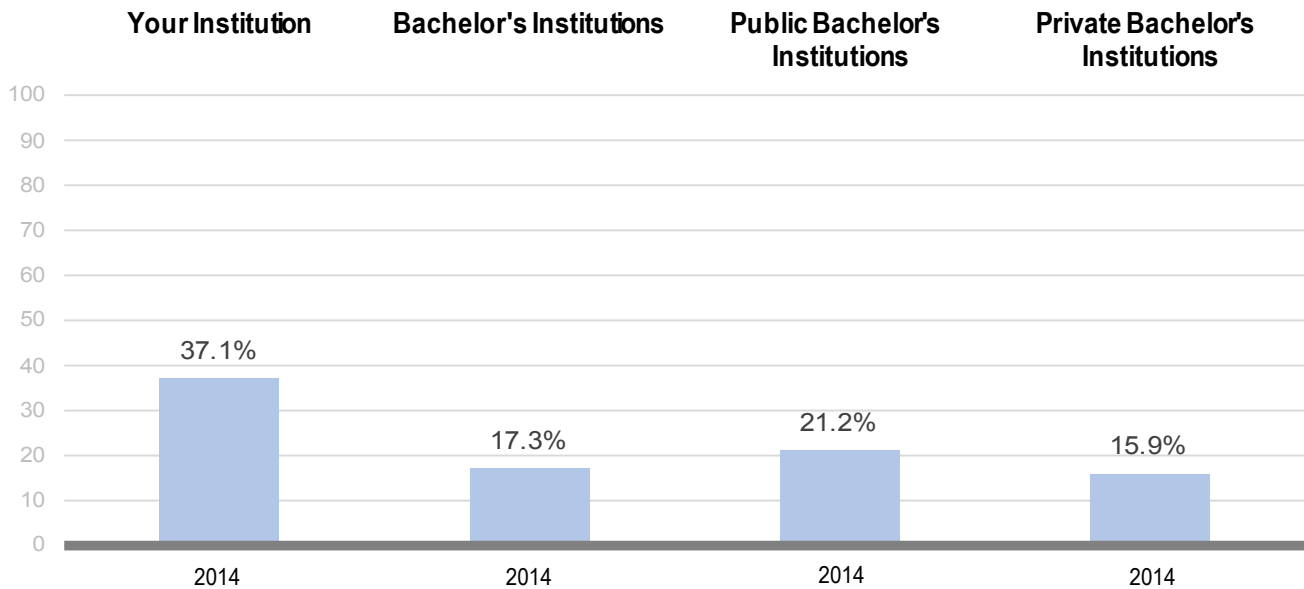
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**HIGH
54.0%**

**LOW
5.2%**

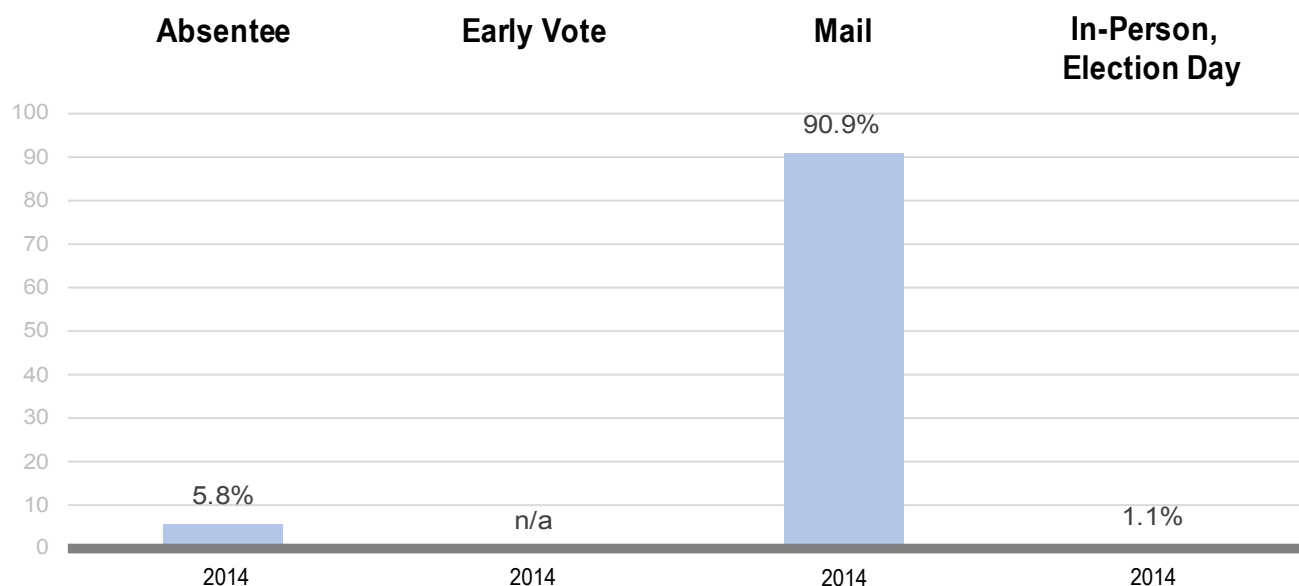
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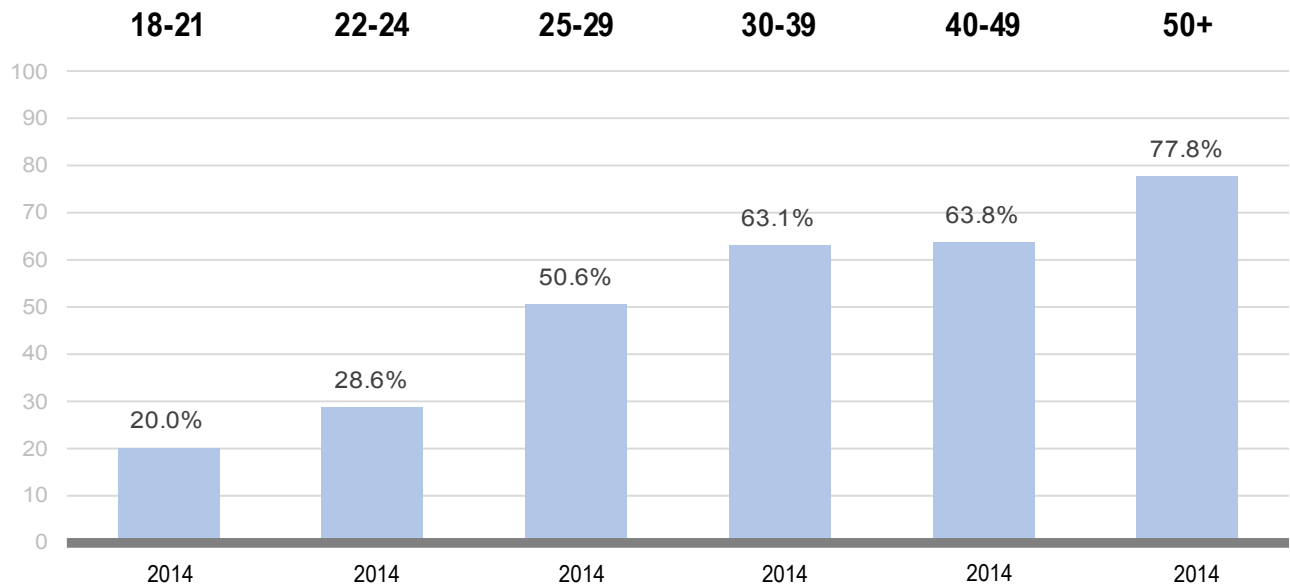


	2014	
	Voted	Rate
Absentee	69	5.8%
Early Vote	*	n/a
Mail	1,090	90.9%
In-Person, Election Day	13	1.1%
Unknown	21	1.8%
Total	1,199	

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By Age Group*

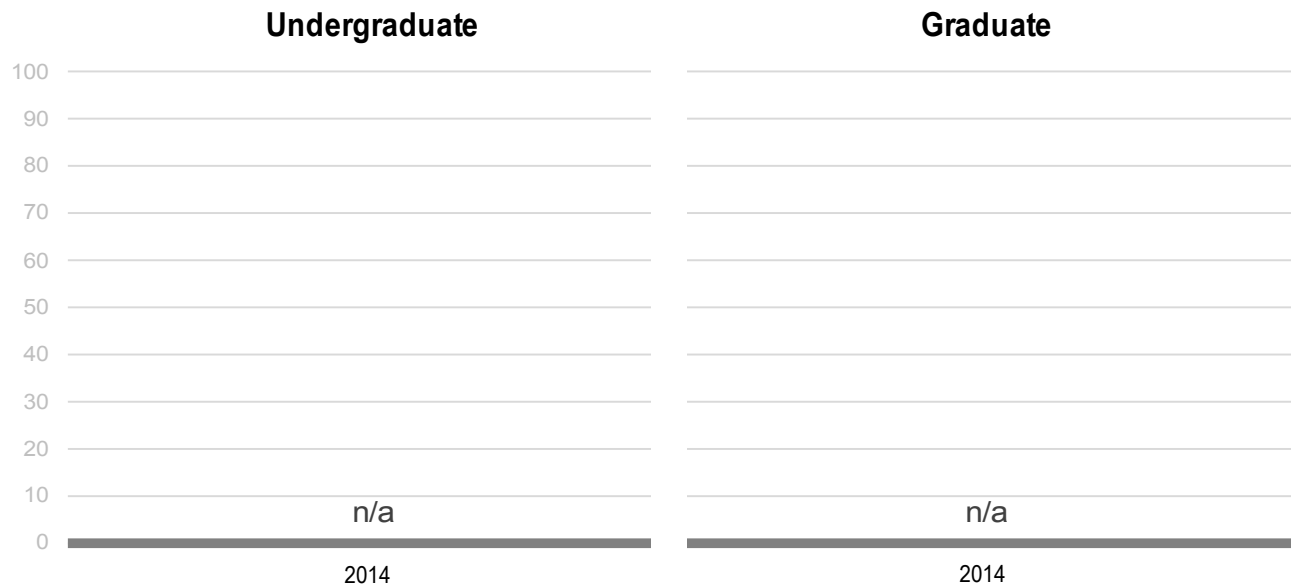


	2014		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate
18-21	1,803	361	20.0%
22-24	475	136	28.6%
25-29	498	252	50.6%
30-39	415	262	63.1%
40-49	185	118	63.8%
50+	90	70	77.8%
Unknown	*		

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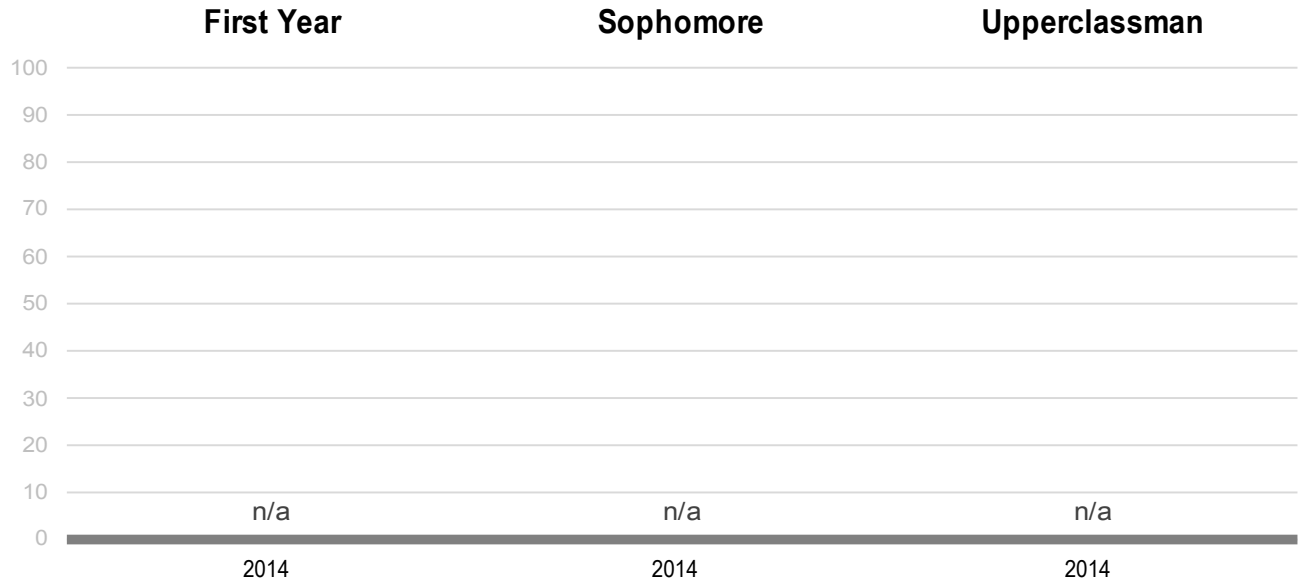


	2014		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a
Unknown	3,466		

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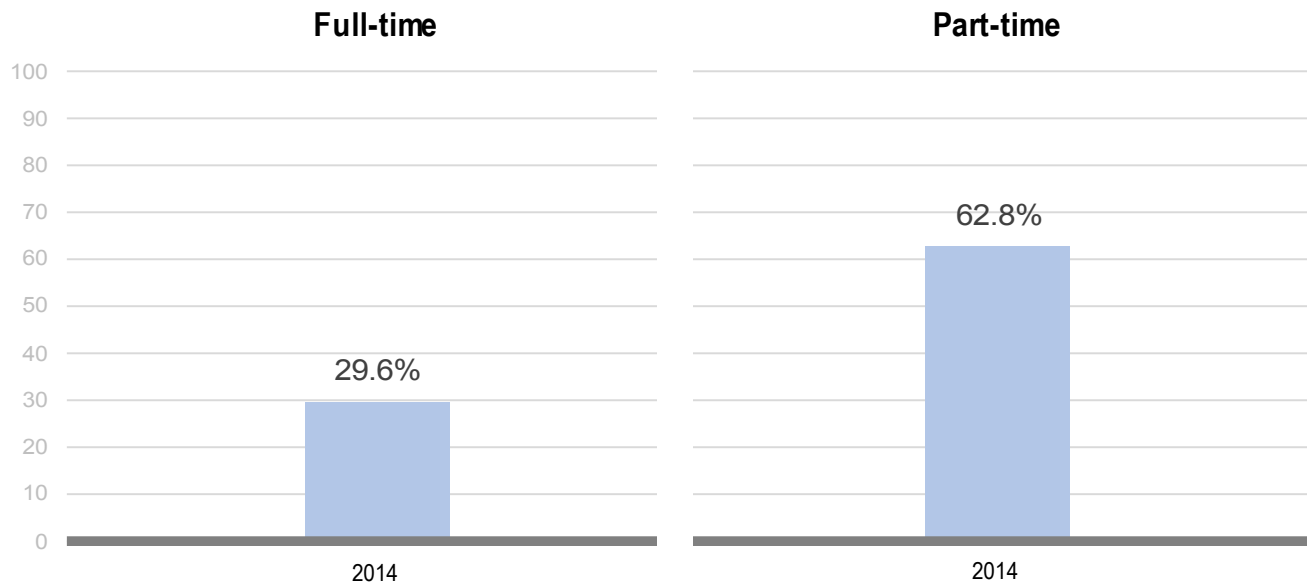


	2014		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate
First Year	0	0	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a
Upperclassman	0	0	n/a

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By Enrollment Status*



	2014		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate
Full-time	2,942	870	29.6%
Part-time	524	329	62.8%
Unknown	0		

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	Enrolled	Voted	Rate
Unknown	3,466	1,199	34.6%

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