

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Sierra College

**WHAT'S INSIDE**

**Your Institution's Voting Data**

Voting and Registration Rates

How Your Institution's Numbers

**Your Students' Voting Data**

By Program of Study

By Enrollment Status

# 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-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 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/>.

Follow us on Twitter [@TuftsIDHE](https://twitter.com/TuftsIDHE).

We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at [NSLVE@tufts.edu](mailto:NSLVE@tufts.edu).

Warm regards,

IDHE Team



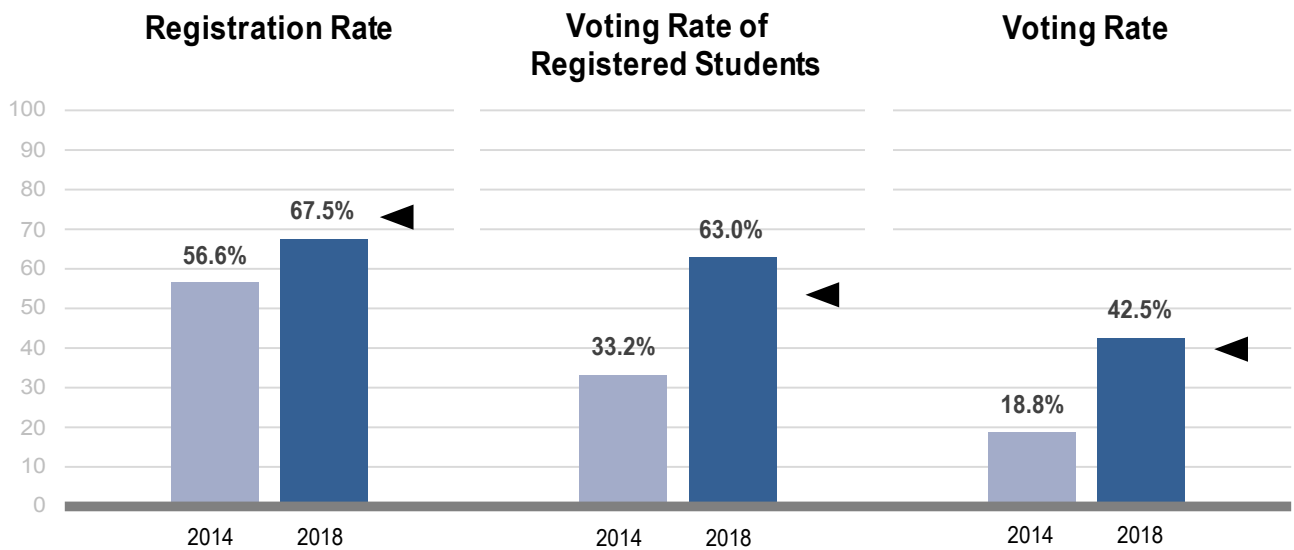
**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

# Voting and Registration Rates

**2018 Voting Rate**  
**42.5%**

CHANGE FROM 2014  
**+23.8**

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**39.1%**



◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	17,321	15,807	↓ -1,514
Age under 18/Unknown	(526)	(273)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(171)	(143)	
FERPA records blocked	(12)	*	
Total eligible voters	16,612	15,385	↓ -1,227
Number of students who registered	9,399	10,384	↑ 985
Number of students who voted	3,116	6,541	↑ 3,425
Registration rate	56.6%	67.5%	↑ 10.9
Voting rate of registered students	33.2%	63.0%	↑ 29.8
Voting rate	18.8%	42.5%	↑ 23.8
Difference from all institutions	-0.9	+3.4	

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

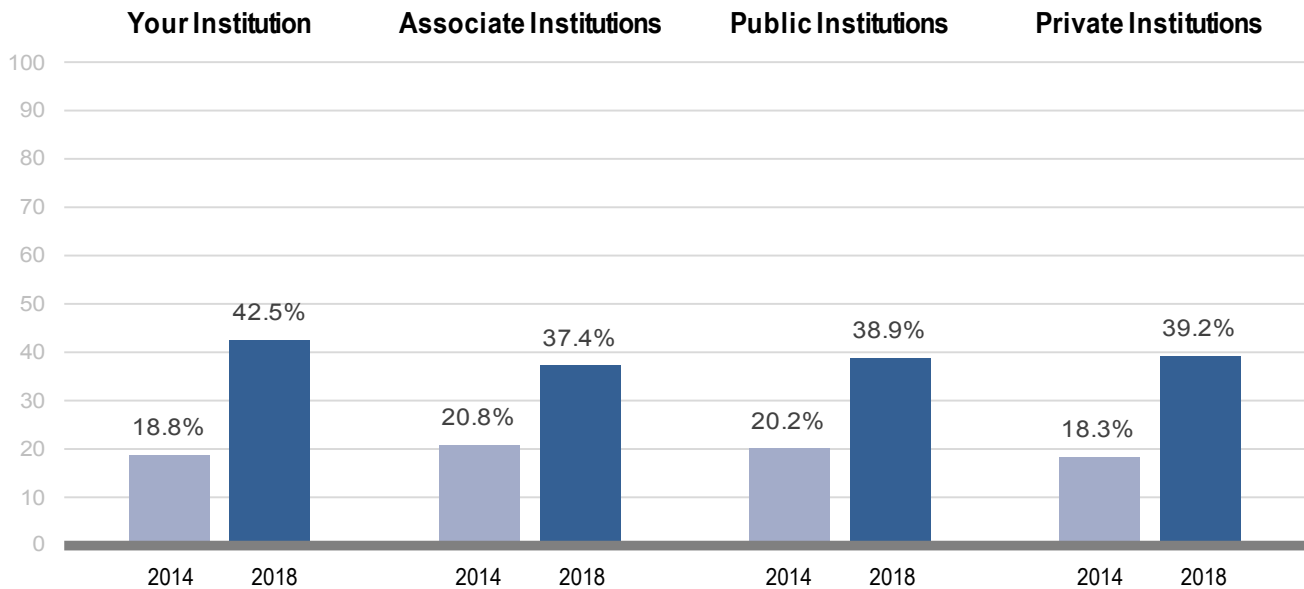
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

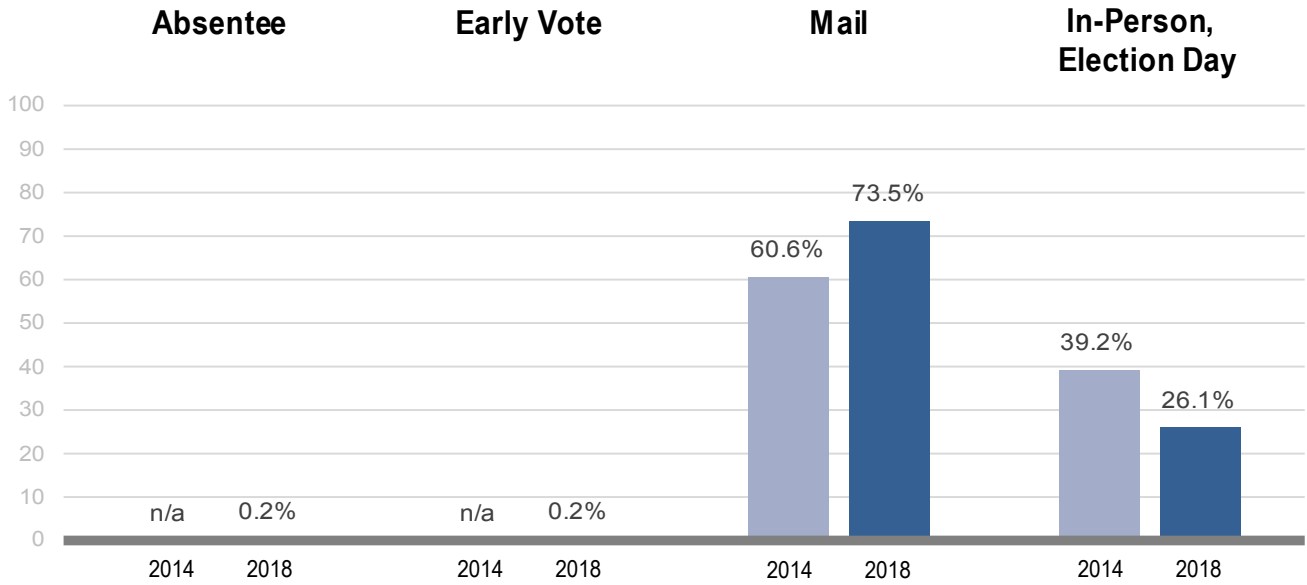
Difference from All Institutions **-0.9**

Difference from All Institutions **+3.4**



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

# By Voting Method\*

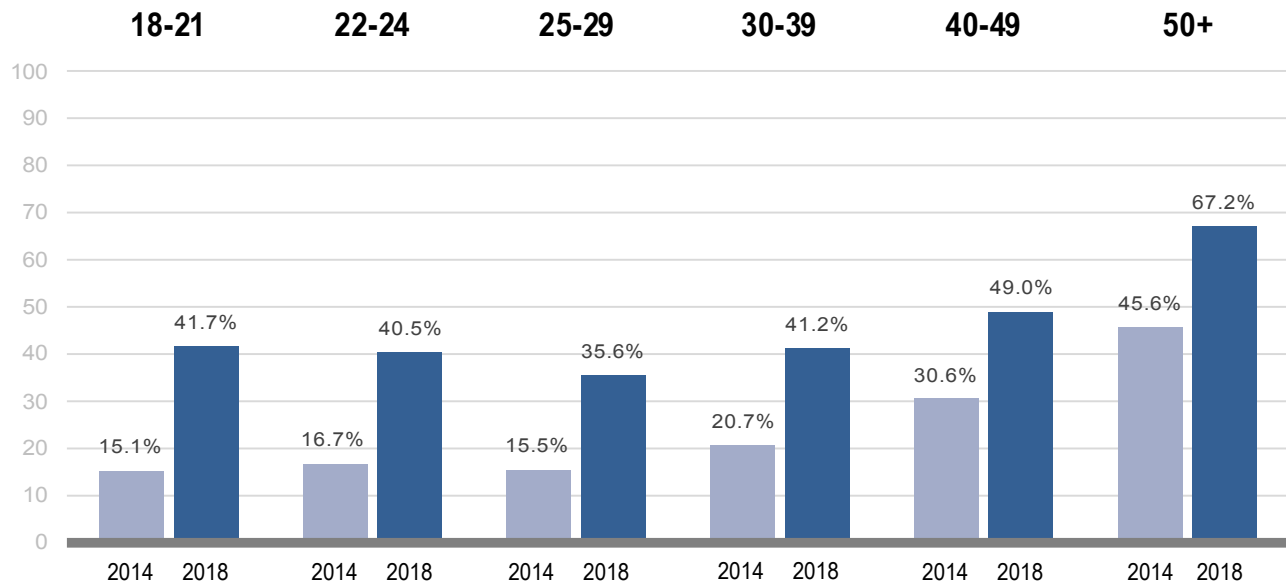


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	*	n/a	12	0.2%	n/a
Early Vote	*	n/a	16	0.2%	n/a
Mail	1,889	60.6%	4,807	73.5%	↑ 12.9
In-Person, Election Day	1,220	39.2%	1,704	26.1%	↓ -13.1
Unknown	*	n/a	*	n/a	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,116</b>		<b>6,541</b>		

\* 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 | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

# By Age Group\*

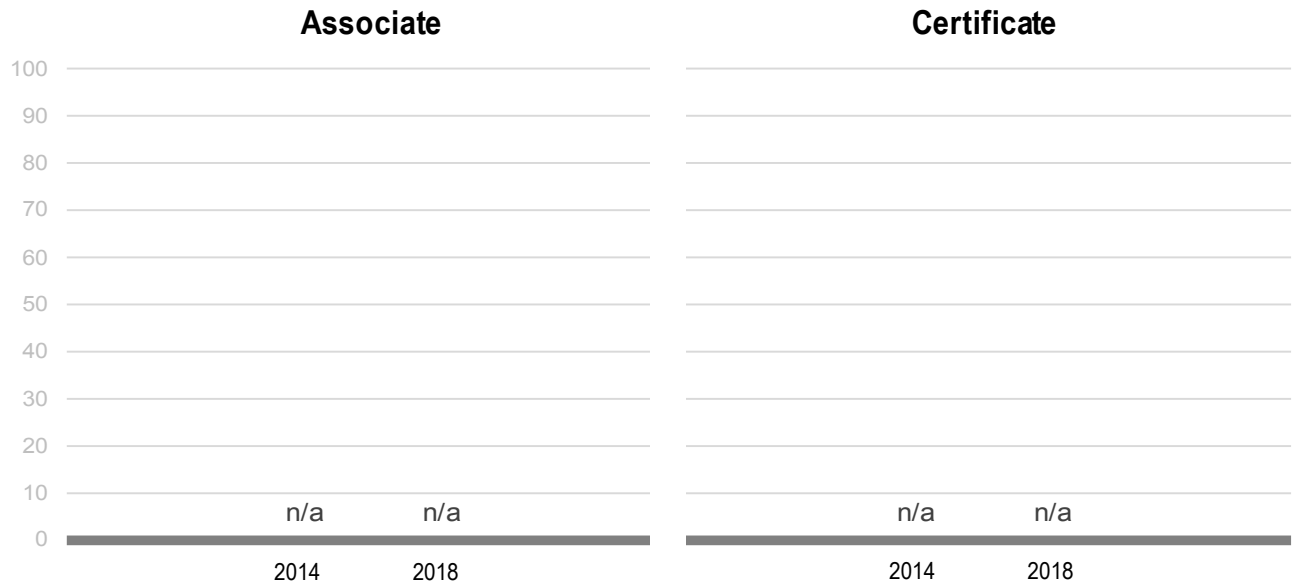


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	8,298	1,251	15.1%	8,131	3,390	41.7%	↑ 26.6
22-24	2,660	445	16.7%	2,342	948	40.5%	↑ 23.8
25-29	2,052	317	15.5%	1,916	682	35.6%	↑ 20.1
30-39	1,897	393	20.7%	1,753	723	41.2%	↑ 20.5
40-49	969	296	30.6%	731	358	49.0%	↑ 18.4
50+	907	414	45.6%	655	440	67.2%	↑ 21.5
Unknown	0			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 | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

# By Program of Study\*

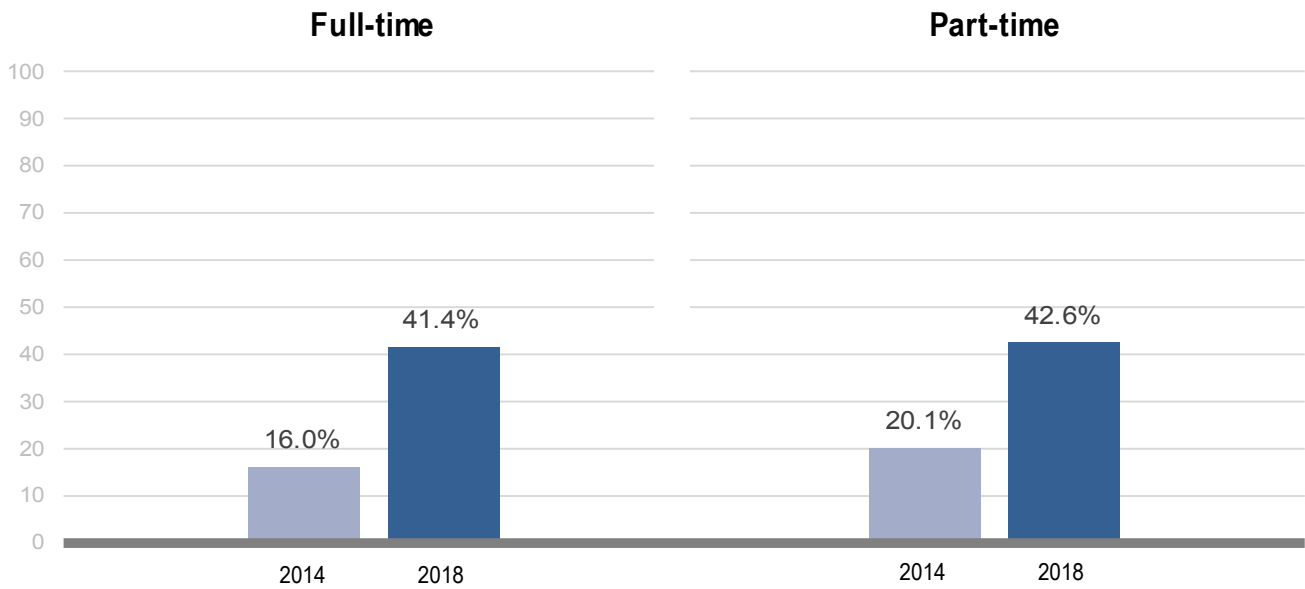


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Associate	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Certificate	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a

\* Your students' data broken down by program 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# By Enrollment Status\*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	6,136	979	16.0%	6,163	2,553	41.4%	↑ 25.5
Part-time	10,647	2,137	20.1%	9,365	3,988	42.6%	↑ 22.5
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 | MIDTERM 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.

	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	193	36	18.7%	89	47	52.8% ↑	34.2
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	28	*	n/a	21	14	66.7%	n/a
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	0	0	n/a	25	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,005	178	17.7%	921	372	40.4% ↑	22.7
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,792	465	16.7%	2,358	925	39.2% ↑	22.6
Communication and Journalism	296	56	18.9%	378	196	51.9% ↑	32.9
Communications Technologies/Technicians	305	84	27.5%	299	153	51.2% ↑	23.6
Computer and Information Sciences	778	152	19.5%	991	410	41.4% ↑	21.8
Construction Trades	27	*	n/a	108	42	38.9%	n/a
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	975	192	19.7%	712	306	43.0% ↑	23.3
English Language and Literature	391	54		263	127	48.3% ↑	34.5
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	698	106	15.2%	594	251	42.3% ↑	27.1
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	104	19	18.3%	126	70	55.6% ↑	37.3
Health Professions	1,538	195	12.7%	2,264	790	34.9% ↑	22.2
History	182	43	23.6%	216	131	60.7% ↑	37.0
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	1,177	227	19.3%	1,225	514	42.0% ↑	22.7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	367	73	19.9%	449	189	42.1% ↑	22.2
Mathematics and Statistics	119	30	25.2%	105	42	40.0% ↑	14.8
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	172	27	15.7%	312	125	40.1% ↑	24.4
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	299	56	18.7%	351	142	40.5% ↑	21.7
Natural Resources and Conservation	115	31	27.0%	122	68	55.7% ↑	28.8
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	476	60	12.6%	451	158	35.0% ↑	22.4
Philosophy and Religious Studies	49	*	n/a	46	19	41.3%	n/a

Physical Sciences	230	52	22.6%	200	90	45.0% ↑	22.4
Precision Production	53	12	22.6%	89	42	47.2% ↑	24.6
Psychology	870	127	14.6%	950	413	43.5% ↑	28.9
Social Sciences	2,647	617	23.3%	1,132	561	49.6% ↑	26.3
Visual and Performing Arts	871	203	23.3%	710	330	46.5% ↑	23.2
Unknown	26	*	n/a	21	*	n/a	n/a

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>.

**References:** IDHE encourages report recipients to share this report as broadly as possible, including posting it on the college or university's website. When doing so, please use the following citation: Institute for Democracy & Higher Education: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2019). *2014 and 2018 report for \_\_\_\_\_ [name of institution]*. Medford, MA.

**Follow us:**  @TuftsIDHE

**Contact us:**  
 Institute for Democracy & Higher Education:  
 National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement  
 Lincoln Filene Hall, Medford, MA 02155  
[NSLVE@tufts.edu](mailto:NSLVE@tufts.edu) | 617-627-0620

