

CAMPUS REPORT
Student Voting
Rates for
University of Delaware

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About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE), housed at the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, Tufts University. Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 750 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012 and 2014 elections. Participating colleges and universities are located in 48 states and represent all Carnegie classifications as well as socially and economically diverse students. With others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 6.7 million college student records that is already serving as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

Looking Ahead

In response to our survey, many of you requested resources as well as stories about what other campuses are doing. Over the coming months, NSLVE will be releasing tools and resources that you and others can use to enhance political learning and engagement in democracy on your campus. Here is a sneak peek into some of this work.

- ❑ *Campus Discussion Guide*: A tool for conversations on your campus regarding how to use the NSLVE report to spark change.
- ❑ *National Data*: We'll be sharing data about the national landscape for college student voting.
- ❑ *Comparison Data*: We know campuses are interested in learning more about how their voting compares to other similar institutions. We'll be rolling out aggregate comparison data for groups of participating campuses.
- ❑ *Case Studies*: We've been on the road, visiting campuses with unpredicted, high voting rates. We will be sharing the findings from our studies of campus climates for student political learning and engagement in democracy.
- ❑ *Diversity & Democracy*: In November, in partnership with the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU) we will publish a special issue on college student political learning

If you or someone else on your campus would like to receive more information about our research and resources, please [join our mailing list](#).

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 2014 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse ("Clearinghouse") and publicly available voting records collected by Catalist.

Using enrollment records submitted on a date closest to the election, we removed students under 18 on Election Day. We also deducted an estimated number of students identified by your institution as non-resident aliens. This is based on the percentage of non-resident aliens reported by your institution to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), and is more reliable than the demographic data campuses provide to the Clearinghouse at this time. Please note that students who blocked the use of their information under FERPA were also removed from the enrollment lists by the Clearinghouse.

When combining two datasets, matching errors can occur. That said, for each record, we receive a "confidence score." The average confidence score for the student records in our database is 96.6%. Nonetheless, some errors are still possible:

- On page three, we indicate the number of students who blocked their records from being used for any purpose, including research. If those students voted at a much lower or higher rate than your other students, it might affect the voting rate.
- Students not found in the voting database are considered non-voters, but we have no way to remove individual noncitizens (resident aliens and non-resident aliens). We use an estimate based on IPEDS data to account for your international students. We cannot adjust for undocumented students. This may result in your actual voting rate being higher than we report. To recalculate that percentage, see our [FAQ on campus reports](#).

Reviewing the Data

Please use the following key to interpret the charts below:

- * = number of students is less than 10
- = zero results in this field

For some colleges and universities, this report will contain some categories for which data is "unknown." These likely reflect the amount or quality of the data the institution provides, a problem that can be corrected by more comprehensive reporting to the Clearinghouse.

Your Students' Voting and Registration Rates

2012 Voting Rate

49%

2014 Voting Rate

15%

2012 Presidential Election



73.0%

Registration Rate

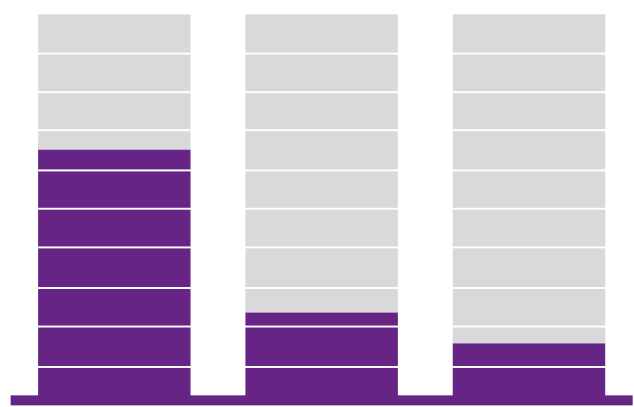
66.8%

Rate of Registered Students who Voted

48.7%

Voting Rate

2014 Midterm Election



65.0%

Registration Rate

22.8%

Rate of Registered Students who Voted

14.8%

Voting Rate

Total student enrollment	21,742
Ineligible to vote because too young	198
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,843
FERPA records blocked	688
Number of students who registered	13,875
Number of students who voted	9,267

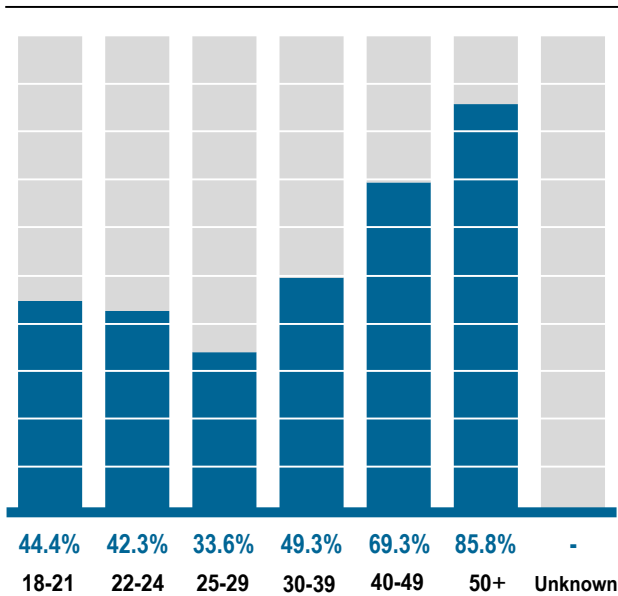
Total student enrollment	22,672
Ineligible to vote because too young	301
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,975
FERPA records blocked	563
Number of students who registered	12,888
Number of students who voted	2,943

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

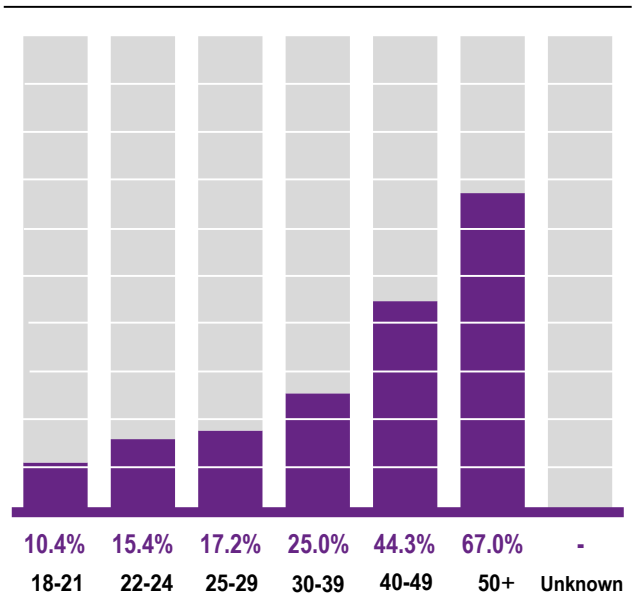
BY AGE GROUP

Your students broken down by age at the time of the election. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

**2012
Presidential Election**



**2014
Midterm Election**



AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	14,719	6,536
22-24	2,941	1,244
25-29	1,623	546
30-39	976	481
40-49	316	219
50+	281	241
Unknown	-	-

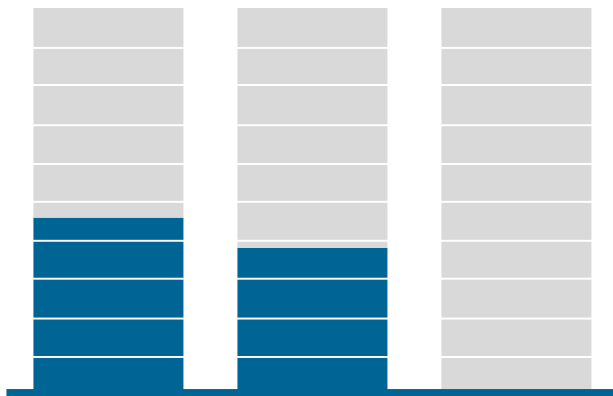
AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	15,541	1,622
22-24	3,021	464
25-29	1,644	282
30-39	1,005	251
40-49	327	145
50+	267	179
Unknown	*	-

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY EDUCATION LEVEL

Your students broken down by undergraduate and graduate students. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

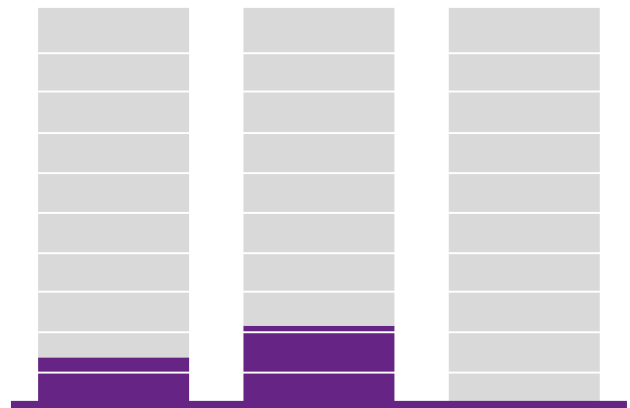
2012 Presidential Election



45.7% **37.9%** -
Undergraduate Graduate Unknown

EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	17,485	7,990
Graduate	3,371	1,277
Unknown	-	-

2014 Midterm Election



12.2% **20.1%** -
Undergraduate Graduate Unknown

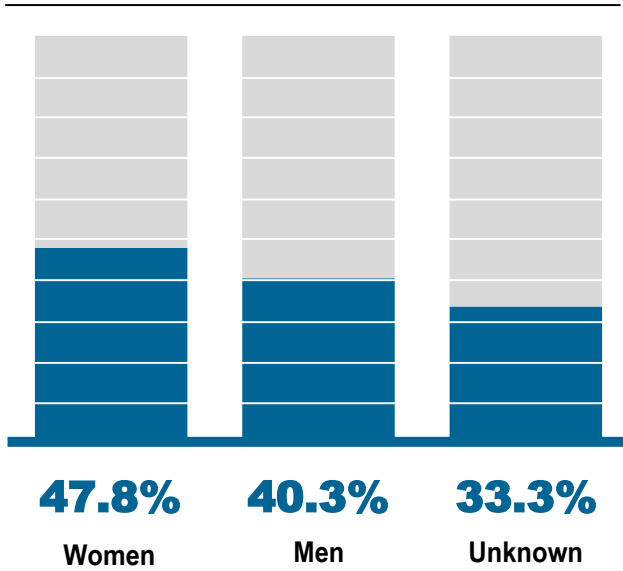
EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	18,215	2,220
Graduate	3,590	723
Unknown	*	-

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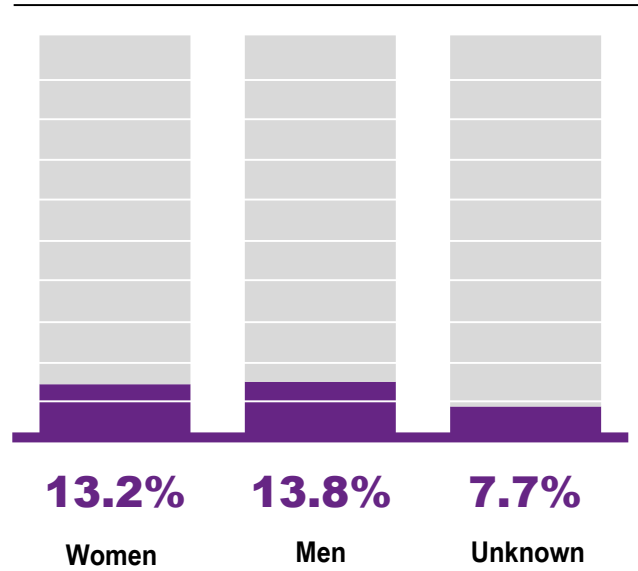
BY GENDER

Your students broken down by gender. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election



GENDER	ENROLLED	VOTED
Women	9,297	5,520
Men	9,297	3,746
Unknown	*	*

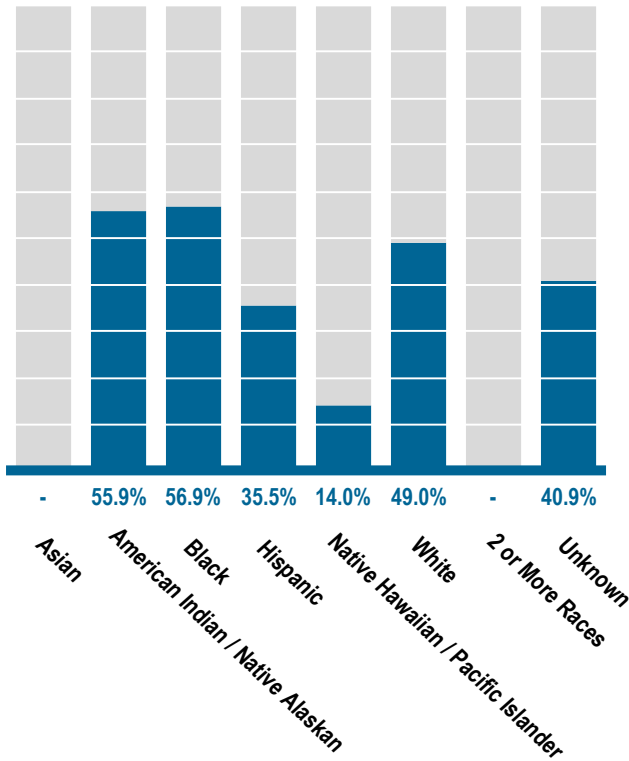
GENDER	ENROLLED	VOTED
Women	12,212	1,616
Men	9,583	1,326
Unknown	13	*

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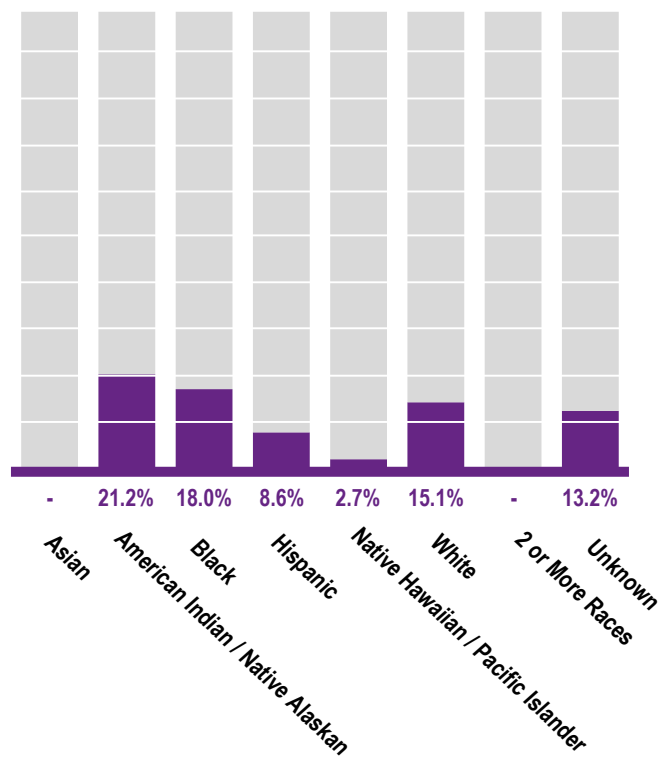
BY RACE/ETHNICITY

Your students broken down by race/ethnicity. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

**2012
Presidential Election**



**2014
Midterm Election**



RACE/ETHNICITY	ENROLLED	VOTED
Asian	-	-
American Indian/ Native Alaskan	34	19
Black	1,099	625
Hispanic	836	297
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	2,363	331
White	15,185	7,448
2 or More Races	-	-
Unknown	1,339	547

RACE/ETHNICITY	ENROLLED	VOTED
Asian	-	-
American Indian/ Native Alaskan	33	*
Black	1,230	221
Hispanic	642	55
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	2,494	68
White	15,362	2,321
2 or More Races	-	-
Unknown	2,047	271

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY FIELD OF STUDY

Your students broken down by field of study. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

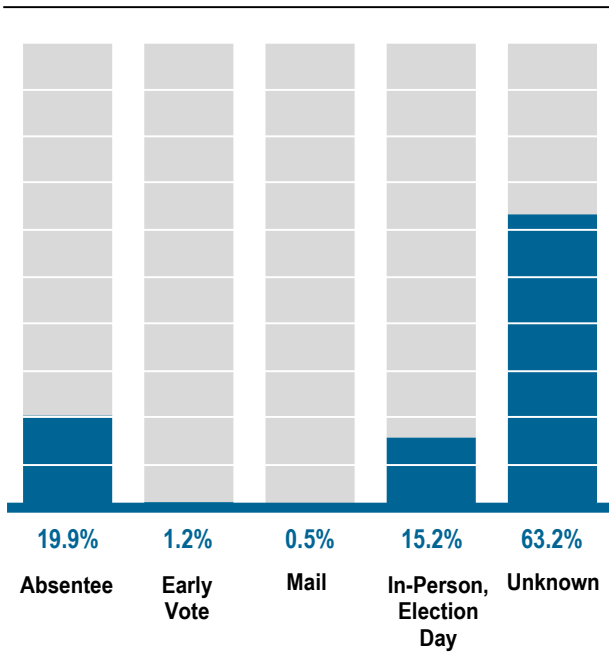
	2012 Presidential Election			2014 Midterm Election		
	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout
Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences	314	127	40.4%	331	50	15.1%
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,212	531	43.8%	1,423	159	11.2%
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support	2,865	1,014	35.4%	3,188	315	9.9%
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	548	232	42.3%	581	53	9.1%
Computer and Information and Library Sciences	347	122	35.2%	402	43	10.7%
Education	1,593	834	52.4%	1,490	265	17.8%
Engineering	2,363	884	37.4%	2,541	281	11.1%
Health Professions and Related Sciences, Knowledge, and Skills	1,650	842	51.0%	2,286	304	13.3%
Humanities	1,035	530	51.2%	888	185	20.8%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities	1,740	793	45.6%	1,881	255	13.6%
Mathematics and Statistics	266	75	28.2%	313	28	8.9%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	403	187	46.4%	375	48	12.8%
Parks and Recreation	1,088	475	43.7%	847	68	8.0%
Physical Sciences	933	370	39.7%	924	113	12.2%
Professions	502	249	49.6%	398	80	20.1%
Psychology, Personal Awareness, and Self-Improvement	710	333	46.9%	661	80	12.1%
Social Sciences	1,753	877	50.0%	1,681	309	18.4%
Technologies/Technicians	28	14	50.0%	45	*	11.1%
Trades	379	160	42.2%	420	49	11.7%
Visual and Performing Arts	503	252	50.1%	478	45	9.4%

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY VOTING METHOD

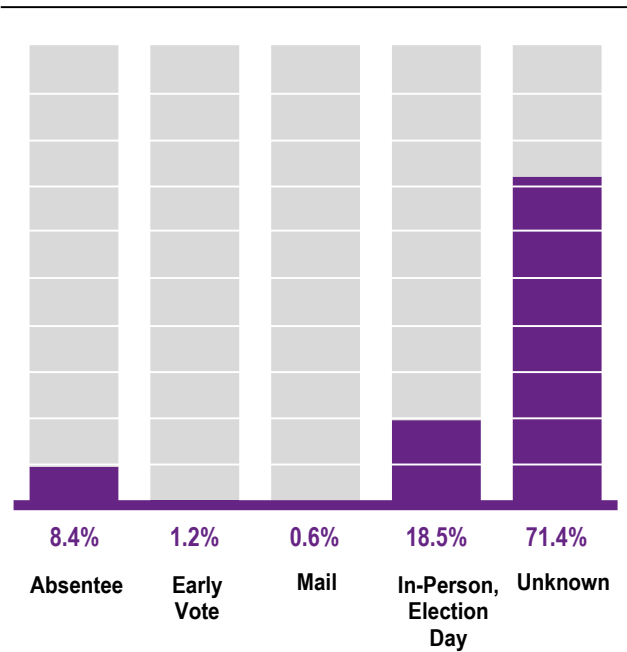
Your students broken down by voting method. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens. If your campus has a high percentage of "unknown" voting methods, it means that this information is not reported by local officials.

2012 Presidential Election



VOTING METHOD	ENROLLED	VOTED
Absentee	21,742	1,843
Early Vote	21,742	111
Mail	21,742	48
In-person, Election Day	21,742	1,404
Unknown	21,742	5,861

2014 Midterm Election



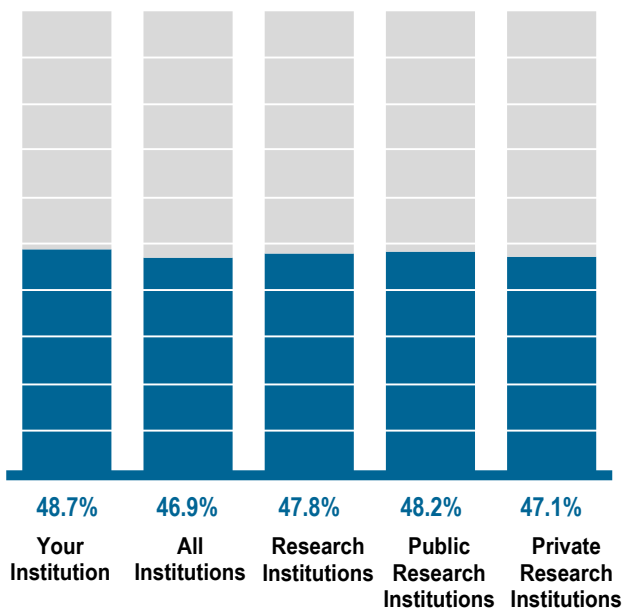
VOTING METHOD	ENROLLED	VOTED
Absentee	22,672	246
Early Vote	22,672	34
Mail	22,672	17
In-person, Election Day	22,672	544
Unknown	22,672	2,102

How Your Numbers Compare

BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

See how your campus voting rate compares to others in your Carnegie classification. This comparison data allows your campus to understand your individual voting rates in the context of similar institutions. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election

