

CAMPUS REPORT
Student Voting
Rates for
Cornell University

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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 Civic Life, Tufts University. Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 850 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. With others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 7.5 million college student records that is already serving as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

NSLVE has recently published several resources including:

- ❑ *Talking Politics*: A tool for conversations on your campus regarding how to use the NSLVE report to spark change.
- ❑ *Democracy Matters: A Guide to Non-Statutory Barriers to Voting*: In this guide, we identify sometimes-hidden barriers students might face when registering to vote or voting, and strategies to overcome them.
- ❑ *National Data*: We have published data about the national landscape for college student political engagement including breakdowns by field of study and region.

Looking Ahead

Over the coming months, NSLVE will be releasing additional tools and resources that you can use to increase political learning and engagement in democracy on your campus. Here is a preview of some of this work.

- ❑ *Comparison Data*: We'll continue to aggregate comparison data for groups of participating campuses.
- ❑ *Case Studies*: We will be sharing the findings from our studies of campus climates for student political learning and engagement in democracy.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data and resources, visit: Activecitizen.tufts.edu/IDHE

NSLVE encourages campuses to share their data as broadly as possible, including posting your campus report. When doing so please reference, *Institute for Democracy and Higher Education: National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement* as the data source.

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 age 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). Please note that students who blocked the use of their information under FERPA were also removed from the enrollment lists.

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 non-resident aliens. We cannot adjust for resident aliens. 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
- = no data was collected for this field

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

Your Students' Voting and Registration Rates

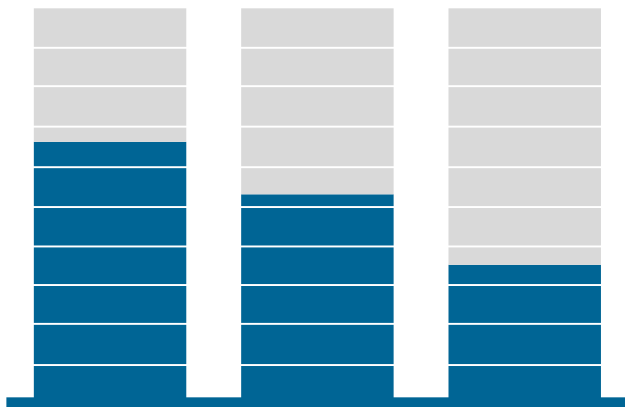
2012 Voting Rate

35%

2014 Voting Rate

9%

2012 Presidential Election



66.1%

Registration Rate

52.8%

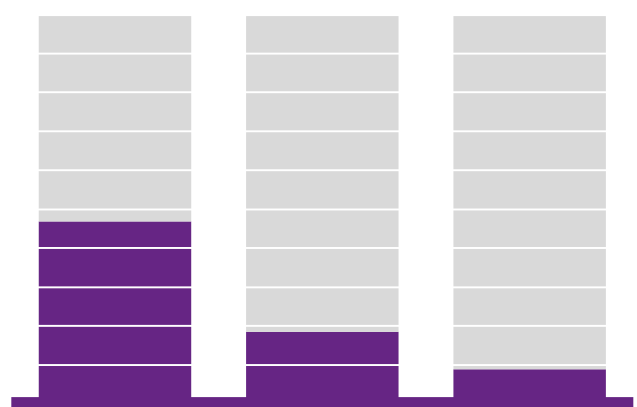
Rate of Registered Students who Voted

34.9%

Voting Rate

Total student enrollment	22,065
Ineligible to vote because too young	241
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	4,185
FERPA records blocked	188
Number of students who registered	11,542
Number of students who voted	6,093

2014 Midterm Election



46.8%

Registration Rate

18.2%

Rate of Registered Students who Voted

8.5%

Voting Rate

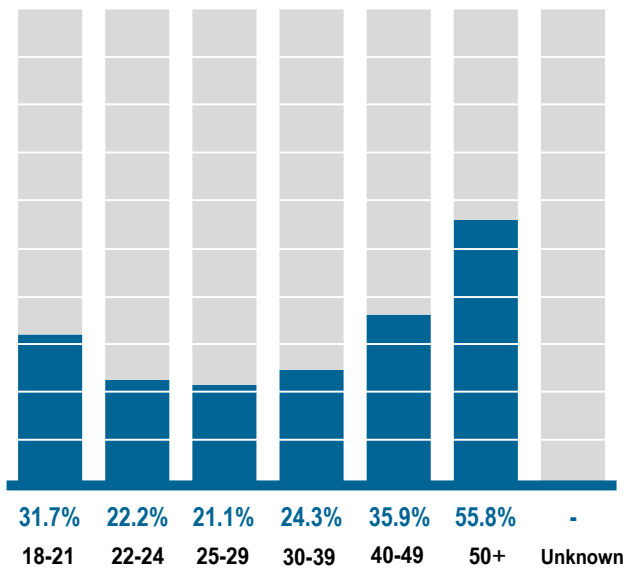
Total student enrollment	22,471
Ineligible to vote because too young	241
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	4,351
FERPA records blocked	134
Number of students who registered	8,299
Number of students who voted	1,511

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

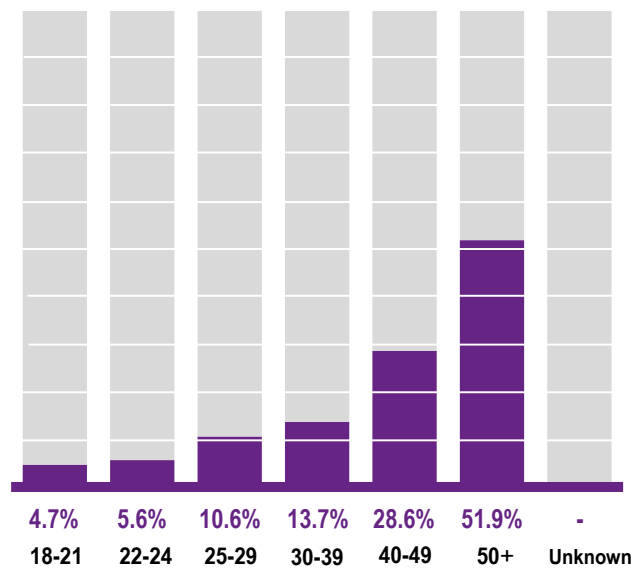
BY AGE GROUP

Your students' data broken down by age at the time of the election. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

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AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	13,068	4,144
22-24	3,586	795
25-29	3,164	669
30-39	1,528	371
40-49	237	85
50+	52	29
Unknown	*	-

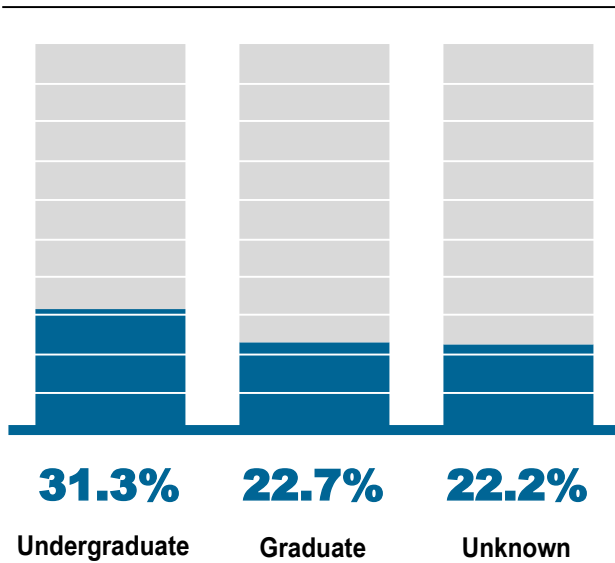
AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	13,185	618
22-24	3,666	207
25-29	3,227	342
30-39	1,683	230
40-49	252	72
50+	81	42
Unknown	*	-

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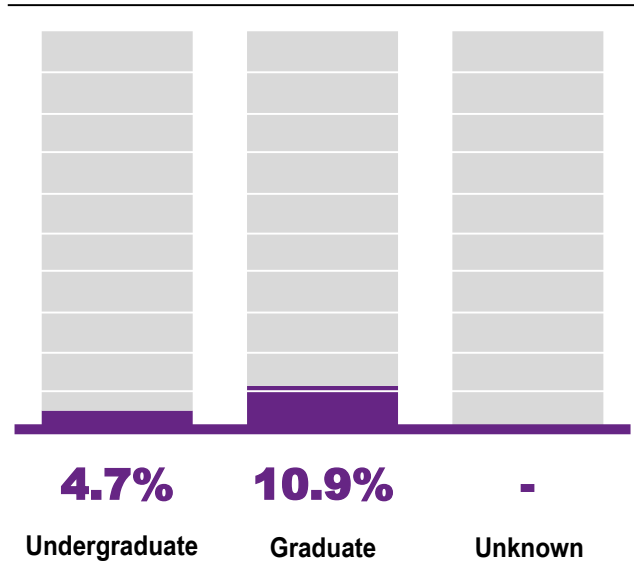
BY EDUCATION LEVEL

Your students' broken down by undergraduate and graduate students. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

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EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	13,712	4,298
Graduate	6,838	1,554
Unknown	1,086	241

EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	14,443	677
Graduate	7,651	834
Unknown	*	-

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY FIELD OF STUDY

Your students's data broken down by field of study. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

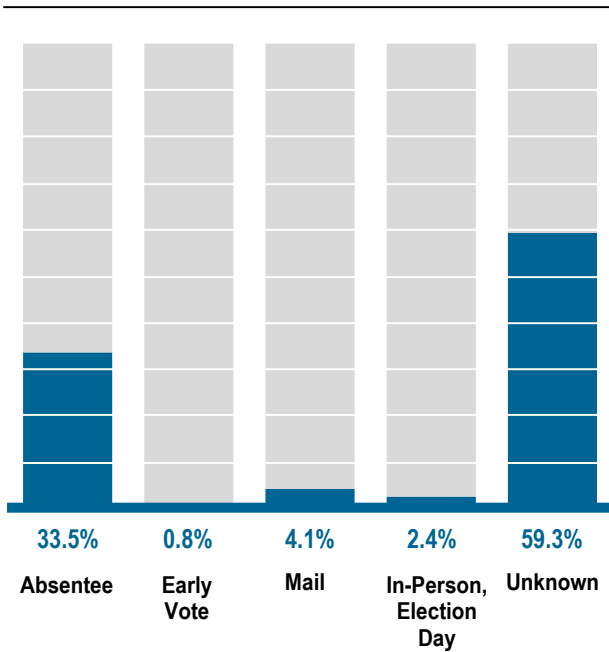
	2012 Presidential Election			2014 Midterm Election		
	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout
Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences	1,860	588	31.6%	1,851	99	5.3%
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,172	655	30.2%	2,322	165	7.1%
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support	3,078	822	26.7%	3,301	237	7.2%
Communications, Journalism, and Related Programs	304	117	38.5%	306	16	5.2%
Computer and Information and Library Sciences	617	131	21.2%	892	29	3.3%
Education	38	15	39.5%	*	*	83.3%
Engineering	4,040	1,023	25.3%	4,357	236	5.4%
Health Professions and Related Sciences, Knowledge, and Skills	559	159	28.4%	692	55	7.9%
Humanities	755	277	36.7%	636	66	10.4%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and General Studies	1,320	378	28.6%	1,724	110	6.4%
Mathematics and Statistics	263	51	19.4%	269	13	4.8%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	736	231	31.4%	864	138	16.0%
Parks and Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Physical Sciences	1,006	336	33.4%	969	84	8.7%
Professions	1,866	476	25.5%	1,871	121	6.5%
Psychology, Personal Awareness, and Self-Improvement	248	77	31.0%	184	10	5.4%
Social Sciences	1,332	385	28.9%	1,135	84	7.4%
Technologies/Technicians	31	*	19.4%	30	-	-
Trades	341	131	38.4%	331	12	3.6%
Visual and Performing Arts	357	105	29.4%	340	27	7.9%
Unknown	713	130	18.2%	16	*	25.0%

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY VOTING METHOD

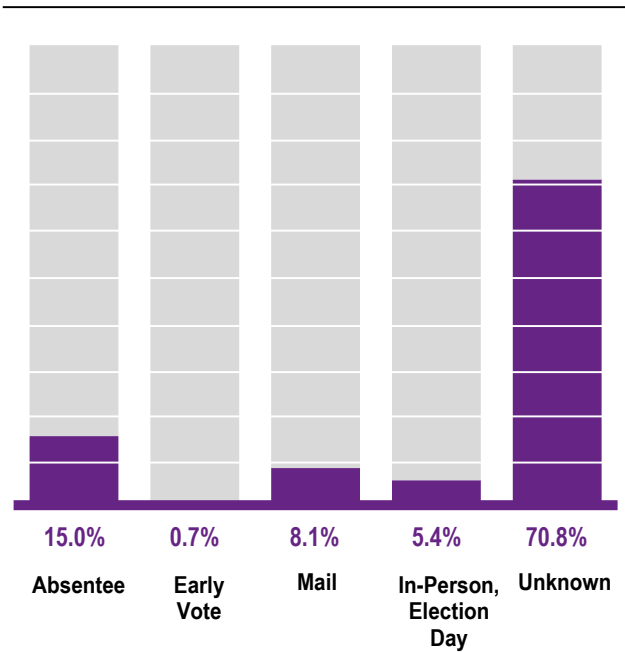
Your students' data broken down by voting method. If your campus has a high percentage of "unknown" voting methods, it means that this information is not reported by local officials.

2012 Presidential Election



VOTING METHOD	VOTED
Absentee	2,039
Early Vote	48
Mail	249
In-Person, Election Day	146
Unknown	3,611
Total	6,093

2014 Midterm Election



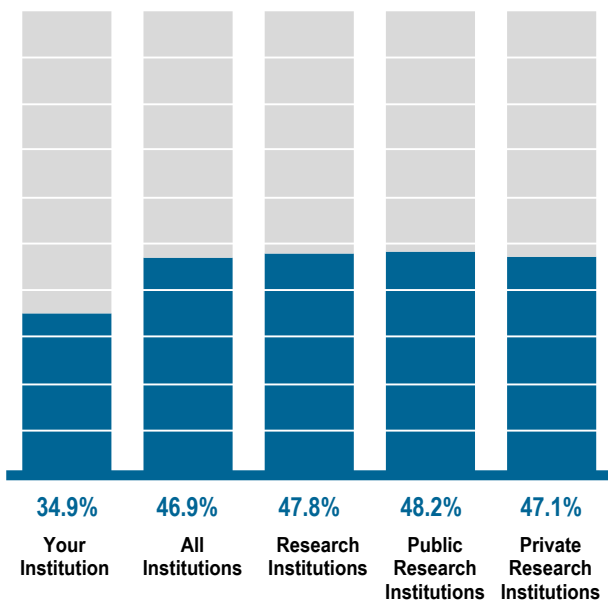
VOTING METHOD	VOTED
Absentee	227
Early Vote	10
Mail	122
In-Person, Election Day	82
Unknown	1,070
Total	1,511

How Your Numbers Compare

BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

See how your campus voting rate compares to others in your institution's Carnegie classification. This comparison data allows your campus to understand your voting rate in the context of similar institutions.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election

