

#### **AUGUST 2017**

**2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT** 

Student Voting Rates for Humboldt State 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 and 2016 federal elections. Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of nearly 30 million college student records, about 10 million for each election year, that serve as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

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. The mission of IDHE is to shift college and university priorities and culture to advance political learning, agency, and equity. We achieve our mission through research, resource development, technical assistance, 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 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 Catalist.

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

n/a = no data was collected or calculated for this field.

#### 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.
- ☐ Partner with IDHE. We are available with virtual office hours, webinars, brown bag discussions and in-person trainings.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: idhe.tufts.edu.

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Warm regards, IDHE Team



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# Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate

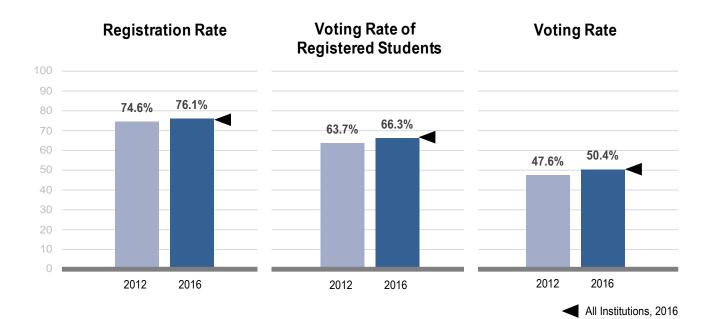
50.4%

CHANGE FROM 2012

2.9

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

50.4%



	2012	2016		Change
Total student enrollment	8,112	8,535	⇧	423
Age under 18/Unknown IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens FERPA records blocked	(66) (87) (16)	(52) (134) (16)		
Total eligible voters	7,943		⇧	390
Number of students who registered	5,927	6,342	⇧	415
Number of students who voted	3,778	4,203	1	425
Registration rate	74.6%	76.1%	⇧	1.5
Voting rate of registered students	63.7%	66.3%	⇧	2.5
Voting rate	47.6%	50.4%	⇧	2.9
Difference from all institutions	+0.7	0.0		

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### **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%

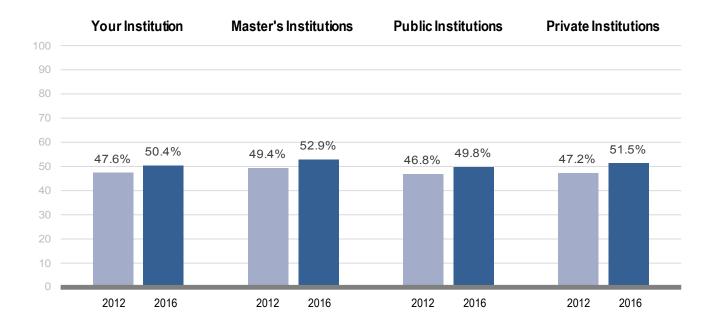
LOW 13.1%

Difference from All Institutions

+0.7

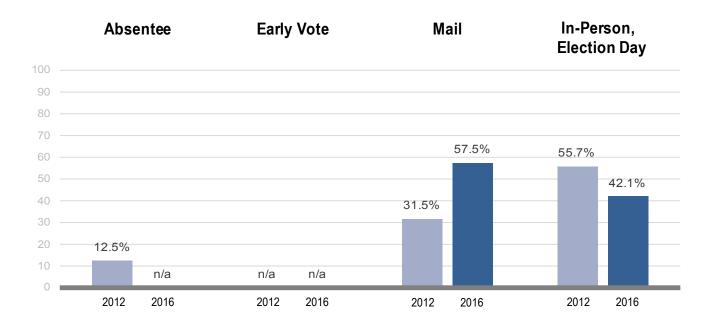
Difference from All Institutions

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# By Voting Method\*

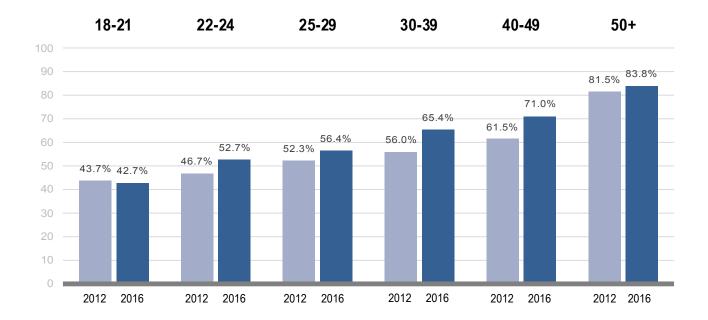


Voted						
	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change	
472	12.5%	*	n/a		n/a	
*	n/a	*	n/a		n/a	
1,191	31.5%	2,415	57.5%	1	25.9	
2,106	55.7%	1,771	42.1%	1	-13.6	
*	n/a	*	n/a			
3,778		4,203				
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<sup>\*</sup> Your students' data broken down by voting method. If your campus 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\*

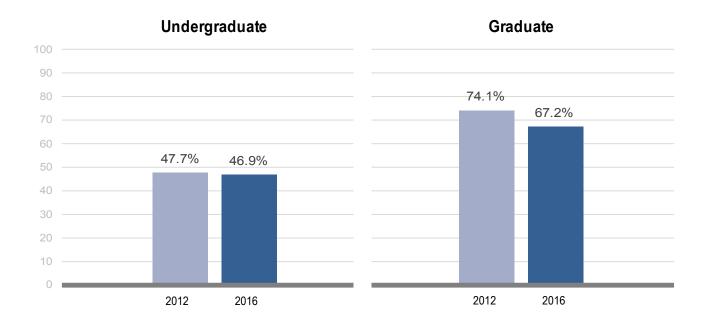


	2012							
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
18-21	4,216	1,843	43.7%	4,240	1,812	42.7%	₽	-1.0
22-24	2,072	968	46.7%	2,272	1,198	52.7%	•	6.0
25-29	993	519	52.3%	1,200	677	56.4%	•	4.2
30-39	520	291	56.0%	518	339	65.4%	•	9.5
40-49	148	91	61.5%	169	120	71.0%	•	9.5
50+	81	66	81.5%	68	57	83.8%	•	2.3
Unknown	0			0				

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<sup>\*</sup> 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\*

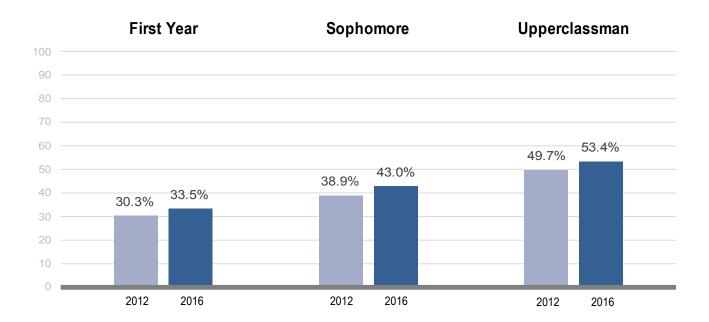


	2012			2016						
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change		
Undergraduate	3,217	1,534	47.7%	5,104	2,396	46.9%	1	-0.7		
Graduate	143	106	74.1%	463	311	67.2%	1	-7.0		
Unknown	4,670			2,900						

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<sup>\*</sup> 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\*



	2012			2016				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	122	37	30.3%	1,261	422	33.5%	•	3.1
Sophomore	383	149	38.9%	735	316	43.0%	•	4.1
Upperclassman	2,712	1,348	49.7%	3,108	1,658	53.4%	•	3.6

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<sup>\*</sup> 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\*

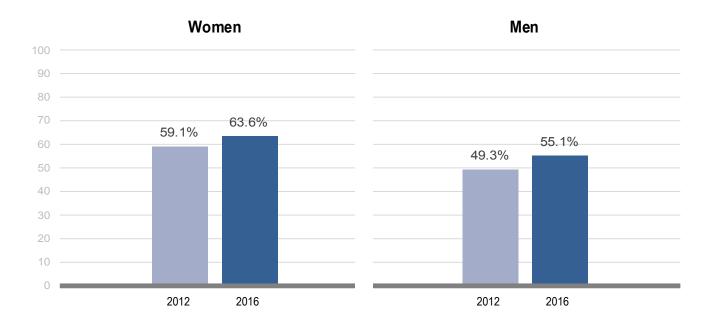
	Full-time	Part-time
100 —		
90 —		
80 —		
70 —		
60 —		
50 —		
40 —		
30 —		
20 —		
10 —		
0	n/a n/a	n/a n/a
	2012 2016	2012 2016

	2012				2016				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change		
Full-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a		
Part-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a		
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a			

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<sup>\*</sup> 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\*



	2012			2016				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	3,696	2,183	59.1%	3,890	2,472	63.6%	•	4.5
Men	3,117	1,536	49.3%	2,993	1,650	55.1%	•	5.9
Unknown	1,217	59	4.9%	1,584	81	5.1%		

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

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: **idhe.tufts.edu**.

#### References:

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