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Student Voting Rates for University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

2020 NSLVE Campus Report

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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to send this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for 2020. This report contains three years of relevant topline data: 2016, 2018, and 2020. As always, we disaggregate the data so you can better identify and address gaps in participation.

College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

As in past years, we urge you to share this report widely and strategically, particularly with faculty who, in 2020, were often the most consistent communicators with students about ever-changing voting conditions and deadlines. We also urge you to review our recommendations for engaging elections to cultivate a robust and healthy campus climate for political engagement, discourse, equity, and participation: Election Imperatives (2019) and the more recent Election Imperatives: A Time of Physical Distancing and Social Action. Since "pervasive political discussions" and attentiveness to the campus culture around speech and academic freedom are among our top recommendations, we direct you to our discussion guides on talking about your NSLVE report, on free speech and inclusion, and on hot topics, our Making Sense of ... guides.

Finally, we always encourage you to work with us. Help us help you get better data by reaching out. Email IDHE@Tufts.edu for more information. And as always, watch your inbox for our periodic newsletter, IDHE Update, for announcements about upcoming releases and new resources.

Congratulations on engaging your students in the 2020 election. Remember, student political learning is a year-round objective. Elections may be episodic, but student political engagement should not be.

All the Best,
IDHE Team



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In This Report

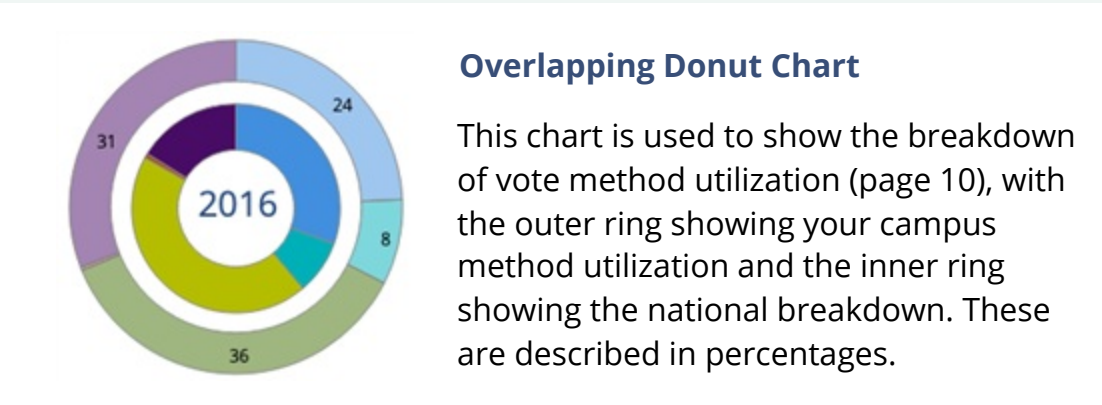
This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut charts, and tables.



	2014			2018			2014-2018 Change (p.p.)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Tables

The tables show, on the left-side columns, the numbers of students and the rates from 2016, 2018, and 2020. On the left-side, percentage point (p.p.) changes between 2016 and 2020. A red down arrow indicates a decrease, a green up arrow indicates an increase, and a yellow arrow pointing to the right indicates no change. "-" in these tables indicates that the data is unavailable/missing, or is available for 10 or less students.



Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

58.1%

2020 Voting Rate

+4.7

Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

67.4%

67.5%

70.1%

2016

2018

2020

The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

79.3%

70.5%

82.9%

2016

2018

2020

The **Voting Rate of Registered Students** is the percent of registered students who voted on Election Day. We often refer to this as the “yield” rate.

VOTING RATE

53.4%

47.6%

58.1%

2016

2018

2020

The **Voting Rate** is the percentage of eligible students who voted on Election Day. The voting rate is also the product of the registration and yield rates.

Looking Closer

Voting and Registration Rates

	2016	2018	2020	2016-2020 Change (p.p.)
Total Student Enrollment	24,232	23,511	23,541	↓ -691
(Age under 18/Unknown)	-	-	-	-
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	1,420	1,177	952	↓ -468
(FERPA records blocked)	18	11	-	-
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	1,317	1,329	1,490	↑ 173
Total eligible voters	21,476	20,988	21,083	↓ -393
Number of students who registered	14,467	14,171	14,777	↑ 310
Number of students who voted	11,470	9,989	12,249	↑ 779
Registration Rate %	67	68	70	↑ 3
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	79	70	83	↑ 4
Voting Rate %	53	48	58	↑ 5

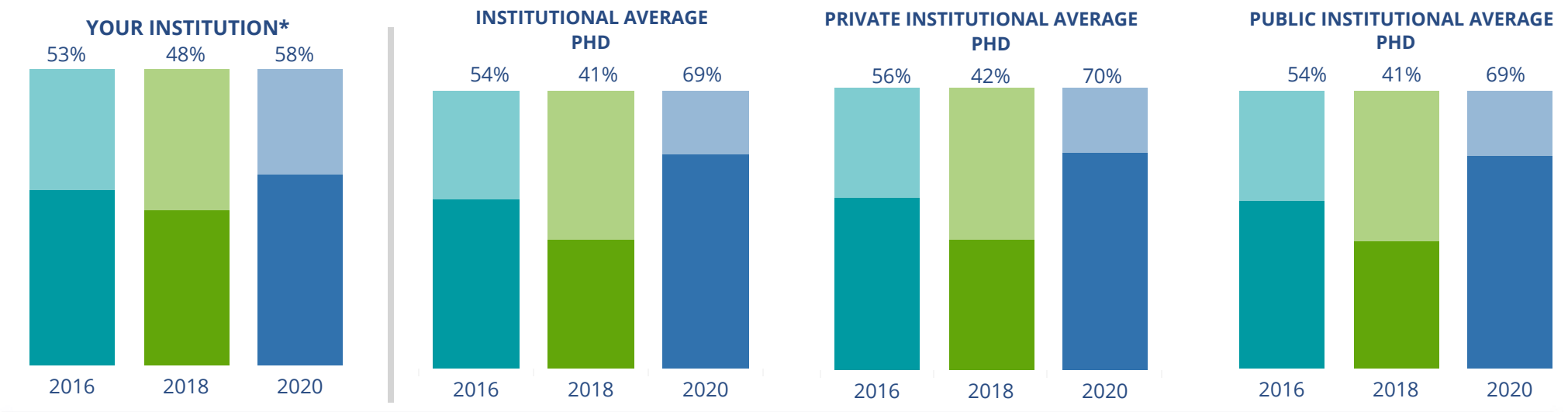
This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates. The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged, students who are not pursuing degrees.

We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to NSC, or we cannot verify the accuracy of the reported counts. This estimate is given by "IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens" on this page. If you believe the number of international students reported on this report is incorrect, you can manually adjust your institution's voting rates by using our recalculation tool. <https://id-he.tufts.edu/nsive/nsive-recalculation-tool>.

By Institution Types



These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. *"Your Institution" chart is presented at a different scale.



By Race / Ethnicity



These are estimated voting rates for race / ethnicity groups. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following race reporting procedures* defined by the National Center for Education Statistics of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Please see our FAQ for more detail on why we cannot report national benchmark for some of the demographic groups:

<https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq>


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* <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/report-your-data/race-ethnicity-collecting-data-for-reporting-purposes>

Looking Closer

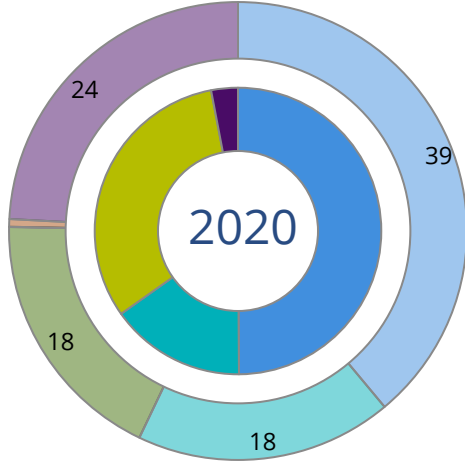
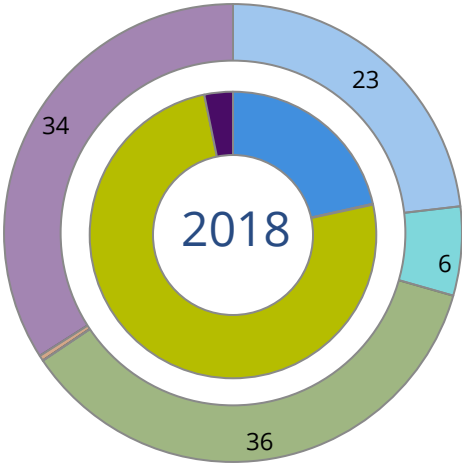
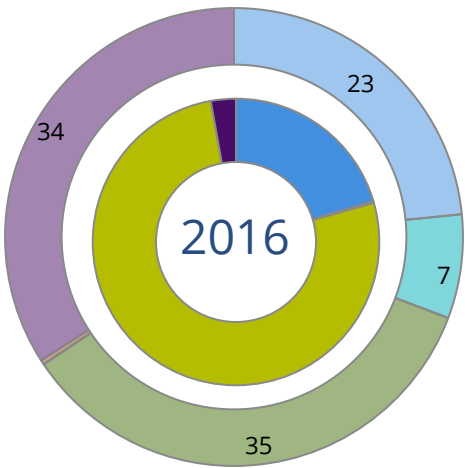
By Race/Ethnicity

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates. We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Race Unknown	22,817	11,470	50	22,095	9,989	45	21,972	12,249	56	 5

By Voting Method

Not-In-Person Early Vote In-Person Other Provisional Unknown



	2016		2018		2020		2016-2020	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p.)	
Early Vote	23	0	12	0	1,871	15	15	↑
In-Person on Election Day	8,781	77	7,510	75	3,901	32	-45	↓
Not-In-Person	2,342	20	2,152	22	6,117	50	30	↑
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Voting Method Unknown	324	3	315	3	360	3	0	↑

These are estimated rates for vote method utilization, the number of students utilizing each method, and the percent of students utilizing each method. Not all U.S. states provide information on vote method; voting method for voter files from these states are classified "Voting Method Unknown." For a list of these states, see our FAQ. <https://idhe.tufts.edu/nsive/nsive-faq#CampusReports>

By Age Group

	2016	2018	2020
18-21	47%	43%	58%
22-24	52%	45%	48%
25-29	49%	45%	51%
30-39	53%	47%	56%
40-49	66%	59%	71%
50+	72%	74%	80%

Voting is habit-forming and young voters will usually continue as voters in subsequent elections. Also, young voters are more likely to be contacted by campaigns and are visible, and therefore significant, to elected officials. While in the past, we have seen voting rates increase across age groups, in recent cycles, the most significant increases have been among first-time and the youngest voters. Some colleges serve primarily young students, traditionally viewed as students in the 18-21 or 22-24 categories here. Others have much higher numbers of enrolled older undergraduate or graduate students.

Looking Closer

By Age Group

Here, we provide the numbers of students in each age category and the voting rates for each group. These are based on the student’s age on the day of the election, as calculated by the National Student Clearinghouse using data from student enrollment records.

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
18-21	10,460	4,942	47	10,496	4,562	43	11,091	6,481	58	↑	11
22-24	5,269	2,757	52	5,051	2,253	45	4,756	2,305	48	↓	-4
25-29	3,531	1,722	49	3,241	1,446	45	2,949	1,501	51	↑	2
30-39	2,432	1,285	53	2,257	1,059	47	2,181	1,228	56	↑	3
40-49	775	513	66	722	425	59	694	492	71	↑	5
50+	350	251	72	328	244	74	301	242	80	↑	9

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

These are estimated voting rates for sex groups and the numbers we used to calculate their voting rates. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following the reporting procedures defined by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Presently, NCES requires institutions to report students as “Male” or “Female” only.*

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*<https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/public/survey-materials/faq?faqid=11>

Looking Closer

By Education Level / Undergraduate Class Year

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p)	
EDUCATION LEVEL											
Undergraduate	18,967	9,480	50	18,163	8,101	45	18,021	10,091	56	↑	6
Graduate	3,837	1,978	52	3,917	1,880	48	3,862	2,111	55	↑	3
Class Unknown	13	12	92	15	–	–	89	47	53	↓	-39
CLASS YEAR											
First Year	3,605	50	1,808	3,572	43	1,545	2,798	64	1,790	↑	14
Second Year	4,435	45	1,992	4,027	45	1,795	3,791	56	2,132	↑	11
Upper Level	10,695	52	5,586	10,332	45	4,669	9,841	53	5,231	↑	1
ENROLLMENT STATUS											
Full-time	19,249	9,483	49	18,648	8,227	44	18,600	10,257	55	↑	6
Part-time	3,568	1,987	56	3,447	1,762	51	3,372	1,992	59	↑	3

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (undergraduate/graduate), Class Year, and Enrollment Status (full-time/part-time), and the numbers we used to calculate these rates.

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By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Architecture	535	251	47	578	230	40	600	343	57	↑ 10
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	106	56	53	104	54	52	67	39	58	↑ 5
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	927	453	49	973	416	43	750	386	51	↑ 3
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,983	1,876	47	3,864	1,613	42	3,345	1,753	52	↑ 5
Communication and Journalism	810	426	53	762	386	51	703	382	54	↑ 2
Communications Technologies/Technicians	–	–	–	–	–	–	47	32	68	–
Computer and Information Sciences	985	500	51	1,137	505	44	1,117	573	51	↑ 1

These are estimated voting rates by field of study, and the numbers we used to calculate the field of study rates. For an explanation of CIP codes, please see our FAQ.* There are roughly 8,000 fields of study among U.S. colleges and universities, so we provide rates for condensed categories.

*<https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq>

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Education	1,592	898	56	1,564	793	51	1,434	875	61	↑ 5
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,576	653	41	1,640	630	38	1,396	637	46	↑ 4
English Language and Literature	405	237	59	345	190	55	301	170	56	↓ -2
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	215	108	50	214	99	46	182	98	54	↑ 4
Health Professions	3,076	1,630	53	3,019	1,297	43	2,730	1,597	58	↑ 6
History	146	93	64	174	91	52	174	111	64	↑ 0
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protec..	589	282	48	529	235	44	567	322	57	↑ 9
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,356	619	46	1,046	472	45	2,610	1,551	59	↑ 14
Mathematics and Statistics	190	77	41	157	58	37	134	69	51	↑ 11
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	437	227	52	352	179	51	247	133	54	↑ 2
Natural Resources and Conservation	312	178	57	322	153	48	277	159	57	↑ 0
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Stu..	440	208	47	379	133	35	311	167	54	↑ 6
Philosophy and Religious Studies	92	42	46	75	37	49	77	45	58	↑ 13

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
Physical Sciences	414	177	43	405	166	41	368	160	43	↑	1
Psychology	1,147	578	50	1,122	497	44	1,186	661	56	↑	5
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	697	403	58	585	309	53	614	380	62	↑	4
Social Sciences	917	464	51	804	387	48	747	381	51	↑	0
Visual and Performing Arts	1,512	784	52	1,564	815	52	1,540	914	59	↑	7
Unknown	35	22	63	49	25	51	128	71	55	↓	-7

About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement.

Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, nearly 1,200 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020 federal elections.

Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 50 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 2016, 2018, and 2020 elections.

These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) and publicly available voting files collected by L2 Political.

Enrollment lists are adjusted by deducting students under age 18 (at the time of the election), people identified as non-degree seeking and those identified by campuses as "nonresident aliens" (NRAs) (the federal government's category for mostly international students). Unfortunately, not all campuses report NRAs to NSC. For those campuses, we use IPEDS to calculate the number of NRA students on each campus and adjust NSC enrollment numbers to estimate the number of students to remove. We also quality check NRA removals by verifying that there is little to no discrepancy between the number of international students reported by the campus to IPEDS and to NSC. We cannot adjust subgroup analyses absent identification of NRAs verified by the process above. We welcome closer partnerships with individual colleges and universities to provide more accurate rates. For more on the data and the matching process, see our FAQ on Campus Reports.

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

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. (2021). 2016, 2018, and 2020 report for _____ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.



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