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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Lake Michigan College

Tufts UNIVERSITY | Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life

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:
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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at
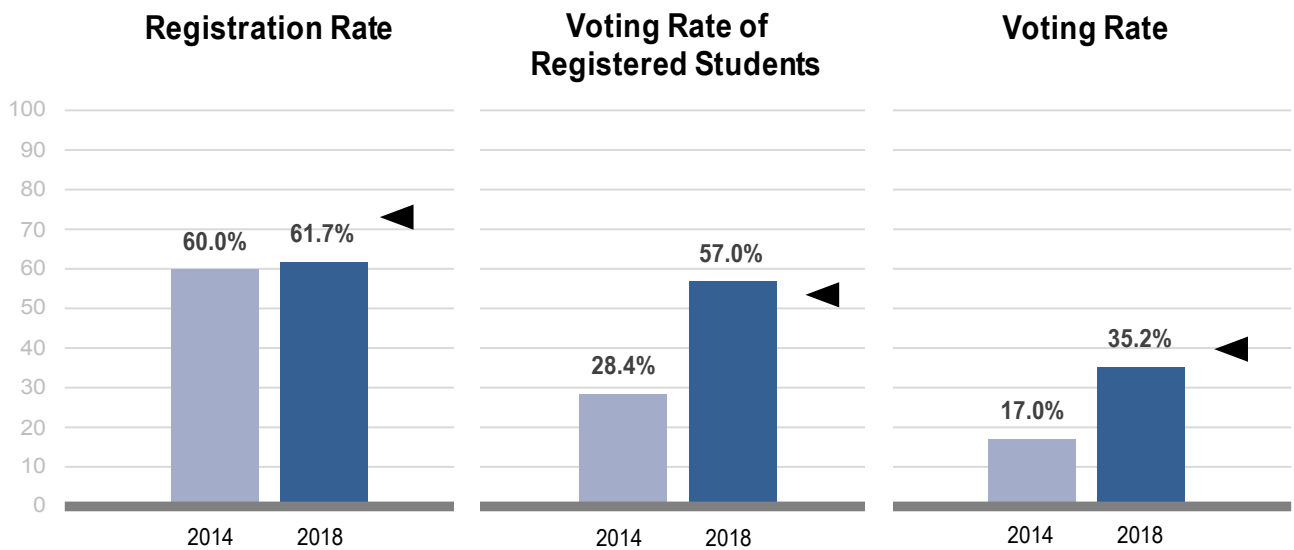NSLVE@tufts.edu.

Warm regards,

IDHE Team

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

35.2%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+18.2

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate

Voting Rate of Registered Students

Voting Rate

◄ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	**2018**		Change
Total student enrollment	3,848	3,358	⬇	-490
Age under 18/Unknown	(760)	(824)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	0	0		
FERPA records blocked	*	*		
Total eligible voters	3,083	2,533	⬇	-550
Number of students who registered	1,849	1,562	⬇	-287
Number of students who voted	525	891	⬆	366
Registration rate	60.0%	61.7%	⬆	1.7
Voting rate of registered students	28.4%	57.0%	⬆	28.7
Voting rate	17.0%	35.2%	⬆	18.2
Difference from all institutions	-2.7	-3.9		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH
54.0%

LOW
1.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-2.7**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **-3.9**

	Your Institution	Associate Institutions	Public Institutions	Private Institutions
2014	17.0%	20.8%	20.2%	18.3%
2018	35.2%	37.4%	38.9%	39.2%
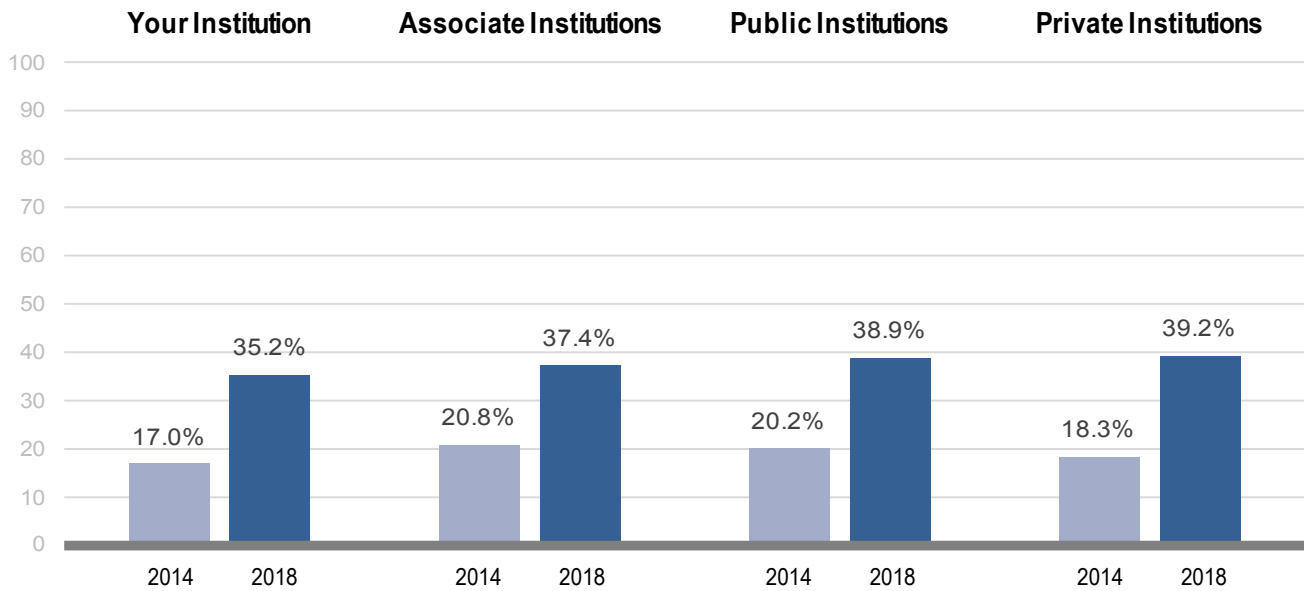
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

	Absentee		Early Vote		Mail		In-Person, Election Day
	4.4%	4.2%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	95.1% 95.3%

(Bar chart showing voting methods for 2014 and 2018)
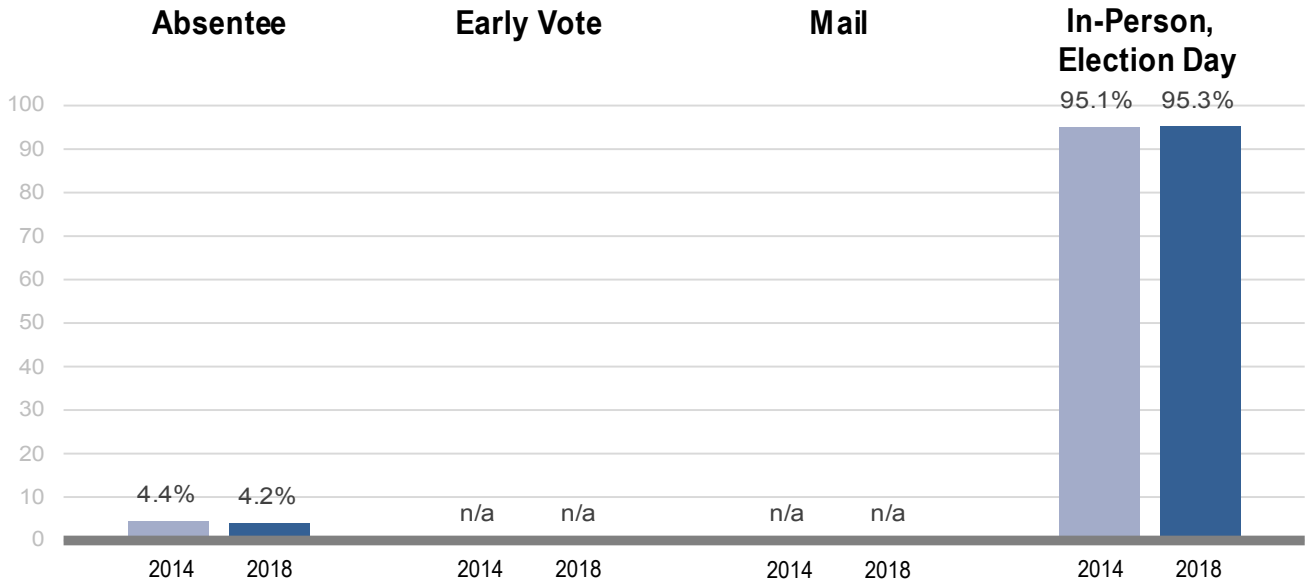
	2014		**2018**			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	23	**4.4%**	37	**4.2%**	⬇	**-0.2**
Early Vote	*	**n/a**	0	**n/a**		**n/a**
Mail	*	**n/a**	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
In-Person, Election Day	499	**95.1%**	849	**95.3%**	⬆	**0.2**
Unknown	*	**n/a**	*	**n/a**		
Total	**525**		**891**			

* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*
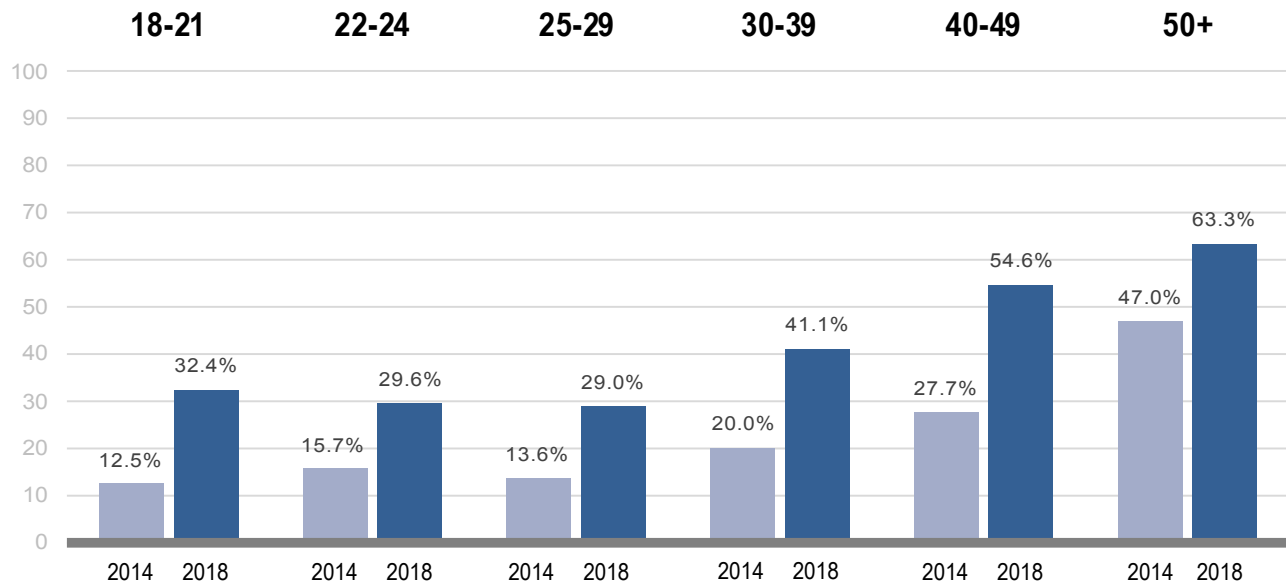
	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	1,451	182	**12.5%**	1,326	429	**32.4%**	⬆	**19.8**
22-24	413	65	**15.7%**	308	91	**29.6%**	⬆	**13.8**
25-29	405	55	**13.6%**	338	98	**29.0%**	⬆	**15.4**
30-39	410	82	**20.0%**	309	127	**41.1%**	⬆	**21.1**
40-49	253	70	**27.7%**	154	84	**54.6%**	⬆	**26.9**
50+	151	71	**47.0%**	98	62	**63.3%**	⬆	**16.3**
Unknown	*			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*

Associate
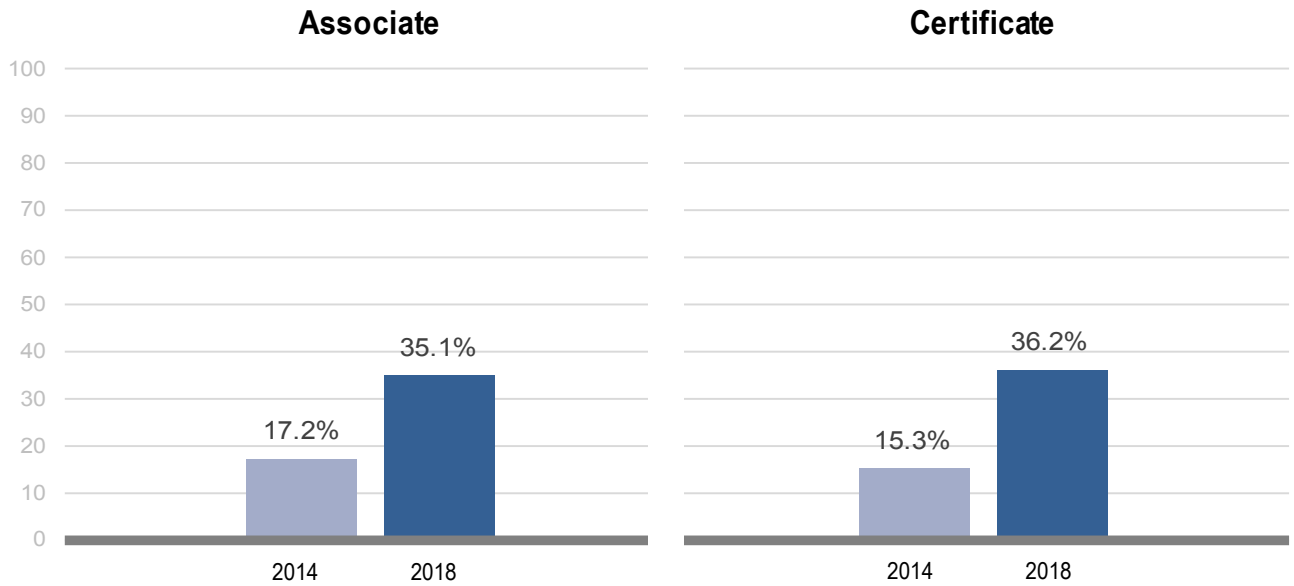
Certificate

	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Associate	2,658	458	17.2%	2,055	721	35.1%	⬆	**17.9**
Certificate	281	43	15.3%	409	148	36.2%	⬆	**20.9**

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By Enrollment Status*
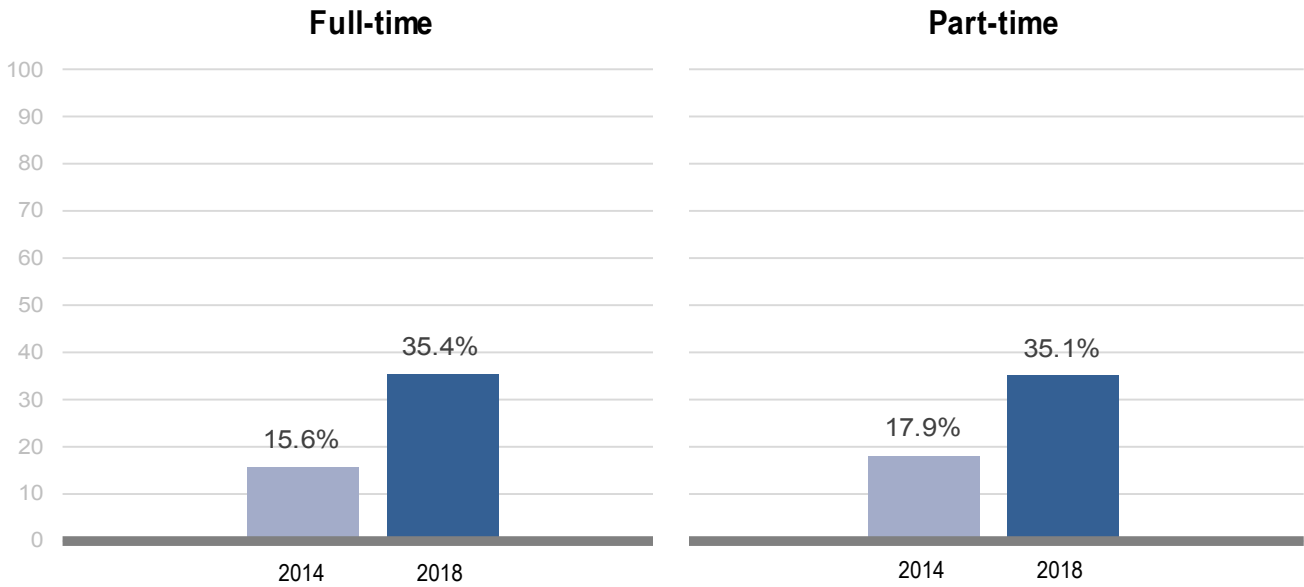
Full-time

Part-time

	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	1,176	183	**15.6%**	919	325	**35.4%**	⬆	**19.8**
Part-time	1,907	342	**17.9%**	1,614	566	**35.1%**	⬆	**17.1**
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	0	0	n/a	23	12	52.2%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	36	*	n/a	29	10	34.5%	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	500	108	21.6%	319	106	33.2% ⬆	11.6
Communication and Journalism	20	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	86	13	15.1%	72	27	37.5% ⬆	22.4
Education	164	29	17.7%	49	21	42.9% ⬆	25.2
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	122	22	18.0%	106	36	34.0% ⬆	15.9
English Language and Literature	23	*	n/a	20	*	n/a	n/a
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	0	0	n/a	21	*	n/a	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	912	131	14.4%	703	230	32.7% ⬆	18.4
History	16	*	n/a	11	*	n/a	n/a
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	86	10	11.6%	69	22	31.9% ⬆	20.3
Legal Professions and Studies	10	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	354	67	18.9%	427	178	41.7% ⬆	22.8
Mathematics and Statistics	10	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	22	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	20	*	n/a	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	*	*	n/a	18	*	n/a	n/a
Personal and Culinary Services	26	*	n/a	26	12	46.2%	n/a
Physical Sciences	13	*	n/a	16	*	n/a	n/a
Precision Production	119	17	14.3%	164	57	34.8% ⬆	20.5
Psychology	81	13	16.1%	58	16	27.6% ⬆	11.5

Social Sciences	98	12	**12.2%**		68	26	**38.2%** ⬆	**26.0**
Visual and Performing Arts	102	20	**19.6%**		82	29	**35.4%** ⬆	**15.8**
Other	199	29	**14.6%**		176	52	**29.6%** ⬆	**15.0**
Unknown	69	15	**21.7%**		51	20	**39.2%** ⬆	**17.5**

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.**

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