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# Student Voting Rates for Elon University

## NSLVE Campus Report

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**Dear Colleagues:**

We are pleased to share this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for several recent election cycles. For the first time ever, this report contains *four* years of relevant topline data: the midterm elections of 2014, 2018, and 2022, along with contextual data from the 2020 presidential election year. As we build the NSLVE data over time, the additional years of data may help your institution to begin to understand longer-term trends and considerations for practice.

This month, we are also looking forward to the release of Democracy Counts 2022, our national report on our most recent midterm elections. The results from 2022 were mixed – some encouraging trends and some signs of more work to do. We are excited to dive into the results with you and share what we see as the major takeaways in the coming weeks, so stay tuned.

You've heard this from us before: we urge you to share this report widely and strategically across your campus community. NSLVE data is an important resource for not only understanding your institution but also building a culture of political learning in higher education. We also invite you to invite you to [lean on our team's resources, including our Election Imperatives report series](#), which provides data-backed practical recommendations for centering civic and political learning and participation.

Other resources that you might find helpful in your work include our forthcoming national report ([keep an eye on our homepage!](#)), [our report on how institutions use NSLVE reports](#), and [our discussion guide on how to talk about your NSLVE reports on campus](#).

Finally, we always encourage you to reach out to us for support and with any questions that you may have. Email [NSLVE@tufts.edu](mailto:NSLVE@tufts.edu) to get in touch with our team, and as always, watch your inbox (or sign up!) for [our periodic newsletter](#), announcements about upcoming releases, and new resources.

Remember, student political learning is a constant effort, requiring year-round strategic building. Elections may be episodic, but student engagement in democracy should not be.

All the Best,  
Adam, Duy, Mari, and Victoria  
The NSLVE Team

# 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.

## Tables

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

The tables show the numbers of students and the rates from 2014, 2018, 2020, and 2022, when available. The change column represents difference between comparable counts and rates. The change in rates are in terms of percentage points. 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

25.0%

2022 Voting Rate

-3.3

Change From 2018

## ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

### REGISTRATION RATE



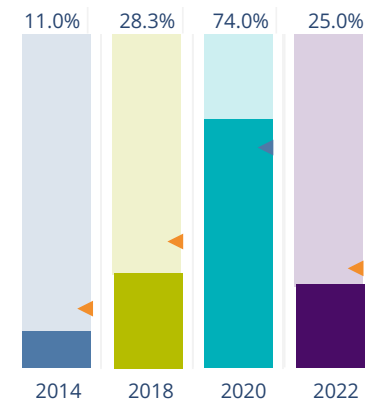
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

### VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS



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



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

	2014	2018	2020	2022	2018-2022 Change
Total Student Enrollment	6,195	6,862	6,984	7,050	↑ 187
Age under 18/Unknown	59	72	83	54	↓ -18
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	100	152	124	155	↑ 3
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	68	51	28	-	-
Total eligible voters	5,966	6,580	6,745	6,840	↑ 259
Number of students who registered	3,778	5,028	6,061	5,572	↑ 544
Number of students who voted	657	1,865	4,990	1,710	↓ -155
Registration Rate %	63	76	89	81	↑ 5
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	17	37	82	30	↓ -6
Voting Rate %	11	28	73	24	↓ -3

**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.

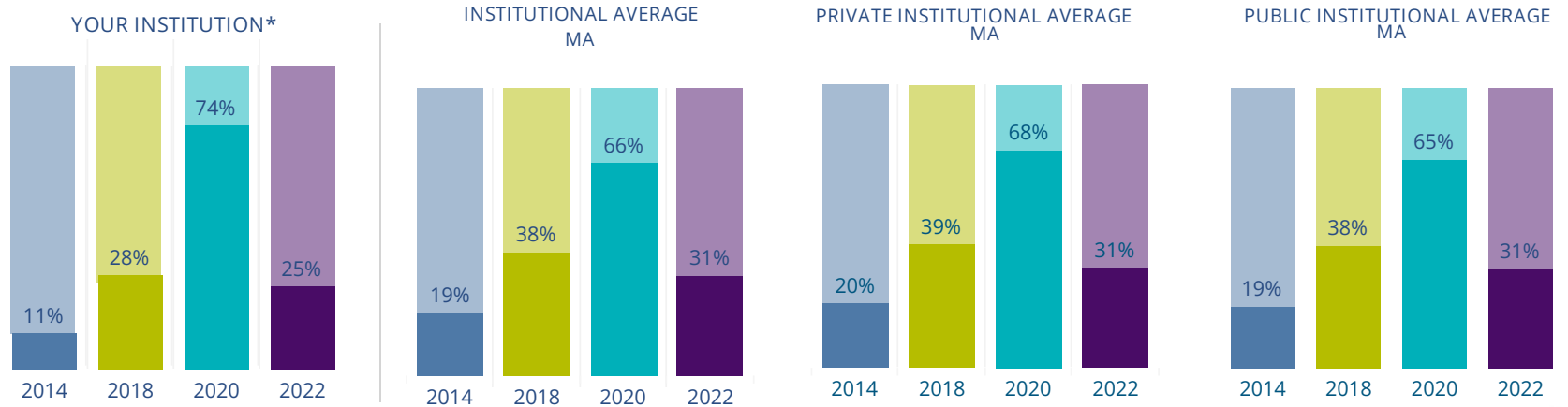
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to NSC, or we cannot verify the accuracy of the reported counts. This is indicated by IPEDS in the data source.

In the following pages with tables, **Enrolled** represents the eligible voters when we have used NSC as the data source. When we have used IPEDS as the data source, **Enrolled** includes non-resident aliens who are ineligible to vote, and for whom we are unable to account due to the lack of data from your institution.

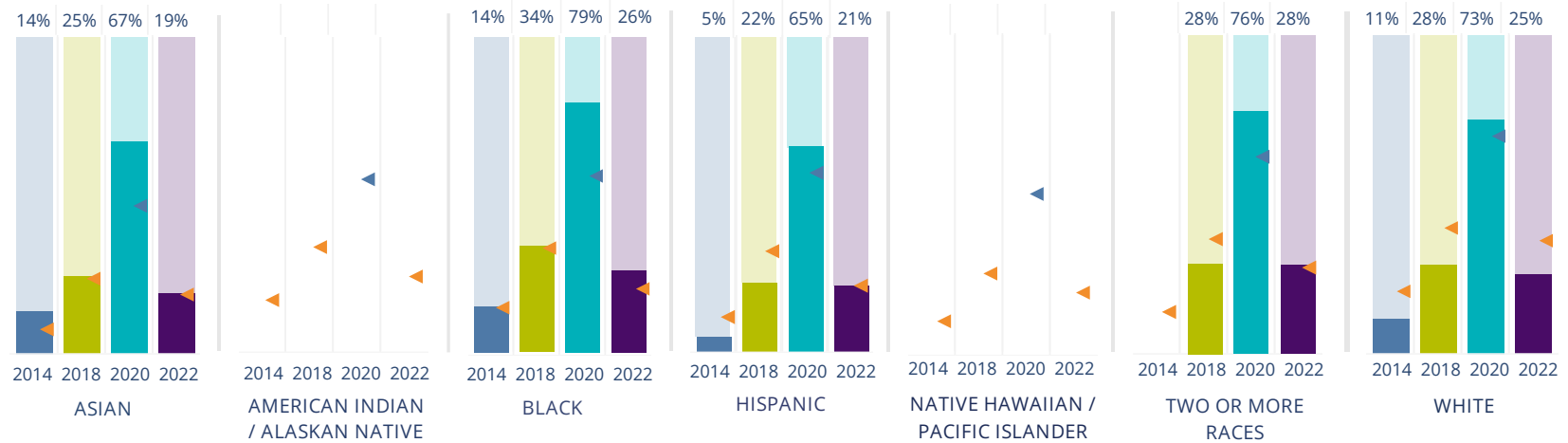
## By Institution Types



These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. For Associate institutions, we only share public associate institutional averages due to sample size. \*"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 : <https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nsive-report-faq>

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 or reports this data as unknown; (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.

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

# Looking Closer

## By Race/Ethnicity

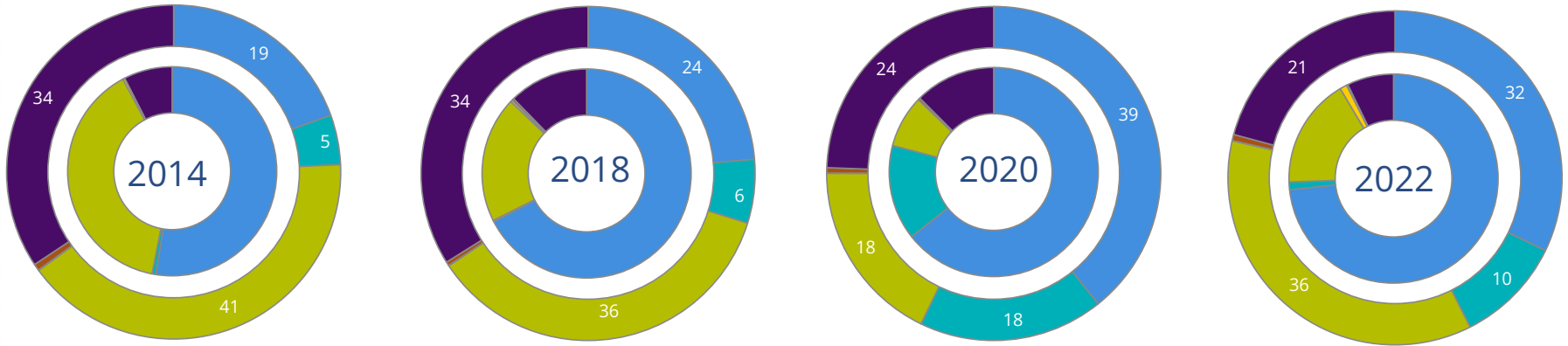
**This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates.** We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data or reports this data as unknown; (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.

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Asian	155	21	13	175	43	24	156	104	66	190	36	18	↓ -5
American Indian/ Alaska Native	24	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	383	55	14	430	145	33	466	367	78	446	116	26	↓ -7
Hispanic	312	15	4	451	99	21	445	289	64	474	99	20	↓ -1
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	103	-	-	195	55	28	187	142	75	197	55	27	→ 0
White	4,987	543	10	5,362	1,481	27	5,454	3,992	73	5,523	1,361	24	↓ -2
Race Unknown	101	16	15	106	36	33	152	92	60	158	41	25	↓ -8



# By Voting Method

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



	2014		2018		2020		2022		2018-2022	
	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Change	
Early Vote	-	-	-	-	735	14	20	1	-	-
In-Person	257	39	364	19	403	8	291	17	↓	-2
Not-In-Person	345	52	1,257	67	3,216	64	1,253	73	↑	5
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	1	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	14	0	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	49	7	231	12	621	12	123	7	↓	-5

**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/nslve/nslve-faq#CampusReports>. The inner ring in these charts show your campus's method utilization and the outer ring show the national level utilization.

## By Age Group

	2014	2018	2020	2022
18-21	8%	26%	73%	22%
22-24	14%	27%	68%	25%
25-29	28%	39%	74%	33%
30-39	41%	48%	77%	48%
40-49	65%	77%	81%	66%
50+	-	-	-	-

**Voting is habit-forming and young voters will often continue as voters in subsequent elections.** Also, elected officials and public opinion polls solicit opinions from people they can locate - people in the voter files. Our 2020 data showed a surge among the youngest voters on college campuses, yet 2022 saw a return to past trends, with older students voting at higher rates than their younger counterparts. This change underscores the importance of continued need for institutionalized learning -- working with students to help them understand their political voice and power as they arrive on campus.

# 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.

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
18-21	5,135	447	8	5,623	1,485	26	5,665	4,139	73	5,666	1,301	22	↓ -3
22-24	612	86	14	699	194	27	804	549	68	883	229	25	↓ -1
25-29	159	45	28	261	104	39	270	201	74	309	105	33	↓ -5
30-39	99	41	41	108	52	48	92	71	77	91	44	48	→ 0
40-49	49	32	65	31	24	77	27	22	81	36	24	66	↓ -10
50+	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-

# Looking Closer

## By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	3,589	399	11	4,033	1,323	32	4,108	3,263	79	4,205	1,159	27	 -5
Male	2,475	258	10	2,694	541	20	2,721	1,704	62	2,787	551	19	 0

**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

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022 Rate Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	
<b>EDUCATION LEVEL</b>													
Undergraduate	5,521	499	9	6,013	1,575	26	6,107	4,418	72	6,157	1,420	23	↓ -3
Graduate	539	157	29	714	289	40	725	551	76	797	278	34	↓ -5
Class Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	21	58	42	-	-	-
<b>CLASS YEAR</b>													
Freshman	1,215	79	6	1,576	369	23	1,363	956	70	1,459	230	15	↓ -7
Sophomore	1,242	87	7	1,398	348	24	1,293	918	70	1,342	289	21	↓ -3
Upperclassman	3,063	333	10	3,038	858	28	3,447	2,541	73	3,326	889	26	↓ -1
<b>ENROLLMENT STATUS</b>													
Full-time	5,854	589	10	6,410	1,726	26	6,525	4,722	72	6,625	1,581	23	↓ -3
Part-time	211	68	32	317	138	43	343	268	78	371	129	34	↓ -8

**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	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	287	32	11	277	70	25	293	221	75	306	68	22	 -3
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,525	154	10	1,818	341	18	1,752	1,126	64	1,707	276	16	 -2
Communication and Journalism	918	70	7	994	323	32	1,088	836	76	1,053	273	25	 -6
Communications Technologies/Technicians	42	-	-	42	13	30	38	30	78	56	15	26	 -4





**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	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Communications Technologies/Technicians	42	-	-	42	13	30	38	30	78	56	15	26	-4
Computer and Information Sciences	78	-	-	129	30	23	114	69	60	155	39	25	1
Education	260	37	14	249	70	28	243	204	83	287	77	26	-1
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	53	-	-	60	-	-	93	59	63	111	26	23	-
English Language and Literature	108	18	16	78	31	39	72	64	88	92	31	33	-6
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	22	-	-	16	-	-	11	-	-	48	18	37	-
Health Professions	201	20	9	321	89	27	262	214	81	411	135	32	5
History	50	-	-	45	23	51	47	38	80	72	20	27	-23
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	445	34	7	352	57	16	382	257	67	429	86	20	3

## By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Legal Professions and Studies	277	77	27	359	152	42	410	313	76	437	151	34	 -7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	469	39	8	540	118	21	478	328	68	270	42	15	 -6
Mathematics and Statistics	72	-	-	81	18	22	70	48	68	88	29	32	 10
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	-	-	-	-	98	78	79	77	25	32	-
Philosophy and Religious Studies	32	-	-	26	-	-	18	14	77	32	13	40	-
Social Sciences	414	69	16	464	220	47	410	318	77	400	138	34	 -12
Visual and Performing Arts	292	26	8	342	121	35	347	275	79	301	86	28	 -6
Unknown	-	-	-	17	-	-	52	33	63	41	-	-	-



## 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, 2020, and 2022 federal elections.

Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database representing an average of well over 10 million students for each election year, that serves as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

The National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement (NSLVE, "en-solve") is a service offered to colleges and universities that provides a tailored report on their students' voting rates and other metrics. Launched in 2013 at Tufts University's Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life, NSLVE represents more than 1,200 campuses in all 50 states + D.C. and now serves as a widely impactful resource for the work of understanding and fostering student political learning.

#### **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 2014, 2018, 2020, and 2022 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.

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://nslve.tufts.edu>.

References: NSLVE 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: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2024). 2022 report for \_\_\_\_\_ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.

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