

CAMPUS REPORT
Student Voting
Rates for
University of California,
Santa Barbara
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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 Citizenship and Public Service, Tufts University. Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 750 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 as well as socially and economically diverse students. With others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 6.7 million college student records that is already serving as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

Looking Ahead

In response to our survey, many of you requested resources as well as stories about what other campuses are doing. Over the coming months, NSLVE will be releasing tools and resources that you and others can use to enhance political learning and engagement in democracy on your campus. Here is a sneak peek into some of this work.

- ❑ *Campus Discussion Guide*: A tool for conversations on your campus regarding how to use the NSLVE report to spark change.
- ❑ *National Data*: We'll be sharing data about the national landscape for college student voting.
- ❑ *Comparison Data*: We know campuses are interested in learning more about how their voting compares to other similar institutions. We'll be rolling out aggregate comparison data for groups of participating campuses.
- ❑ *Case Studies*: We've been on the road, visiting campuses with unpredicted, high voting rates. We will be sharing the findings from our studies of campus climates for student political learning and engagement in democracy.
- ❑ *Diversity & Democracy*: In December, in partnership with the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU), we will publish a special issue on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

If you or someone else on your campus would like to receive more information about our research and resources, please [sign up here](#).

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 data are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse ("Clearinghouse") and publicly available voting records collected by Catalyst.

Using enrollment records submitted on a date closest to the election, we removed students under 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), and is more reliable than the demographic data campuses provide to the Clearinghouse at this time. Please note that students who blocked the use of their information under FERPA were also removed from the enrollment lists by the Clearinghouse.

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 international students. We cannot adjust for undocumented students. 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
- = zero results in this field

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

Your Students' Voting and Registration Rates

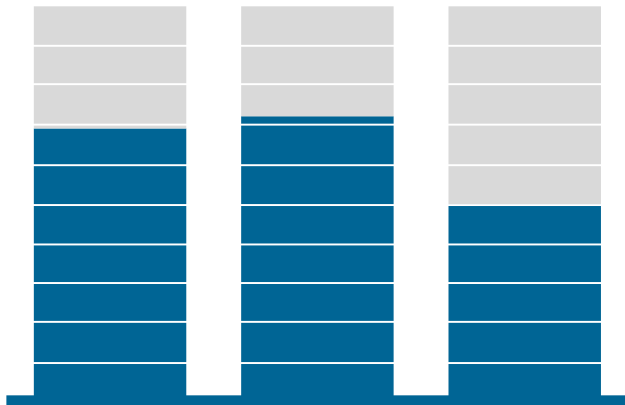
2012 Voting Rate

50%

2014 Voting Rate

16%

2012 Presidential Election



69.0%

Registration Rate

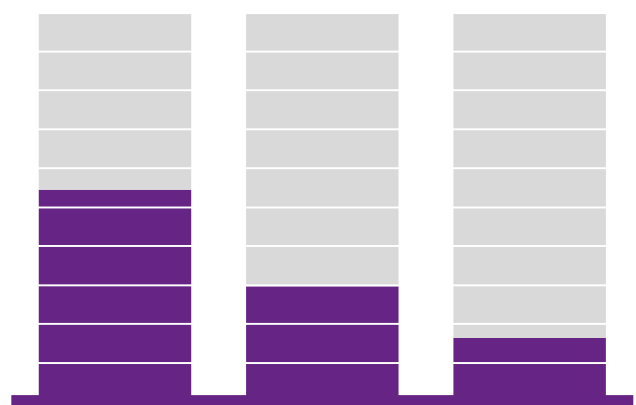
72.1%

Rate of Registered Students who Voted

49.8%

Voting Rate

2014 Midterm Election



54.5%

Registration Rate

29.5%

Rate of Registered Students who Voted

16.1%

Voting Rate

Total student enrollment	21,986
Ineligible to vote because too young	304
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,164
FERPA records blocked	*
Number of students who registered	14,162
Number of students who voted	10,205

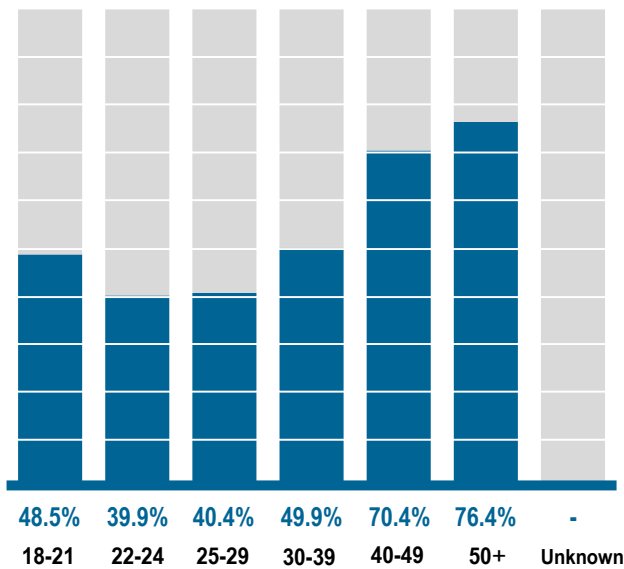
Total student enrollment	23,151
Ineligible to vote because too young	289
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,423
FERPA records blocked	*
Number of students who registered	11,693
Number of students who voted	3,449

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

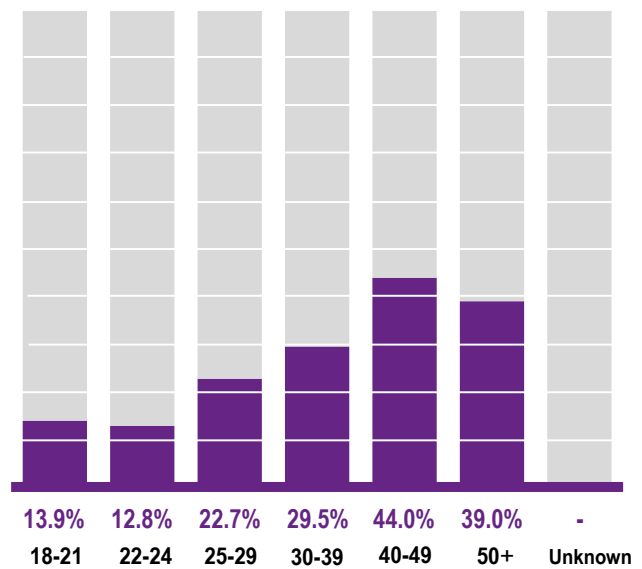
BY AGE GROUP

Your students broken down by age at the time of the election. 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	16,370	7,945
22-24	2,743	1,095
25-29	1,593	644
30-39	807	403
40-49	108	76
50+	55	42
Unknown	-	-

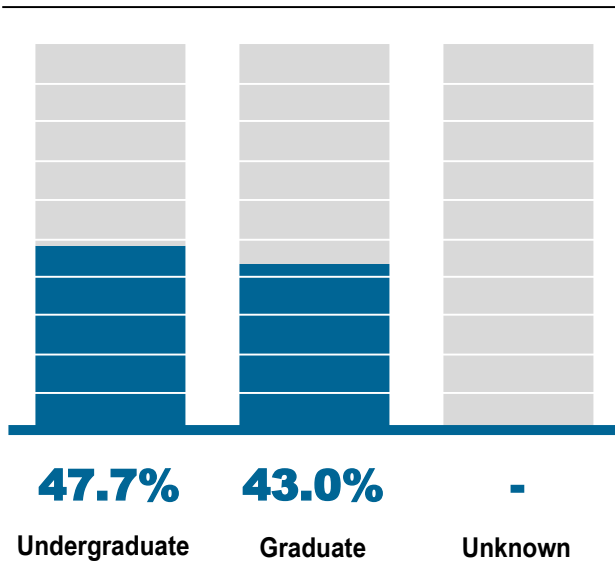
AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	17,384	2,421
22-24	2,981	383
25-29	1,596	363
30-39	766	226
40-49	91	40
50+	41	16
Unknown	-	-

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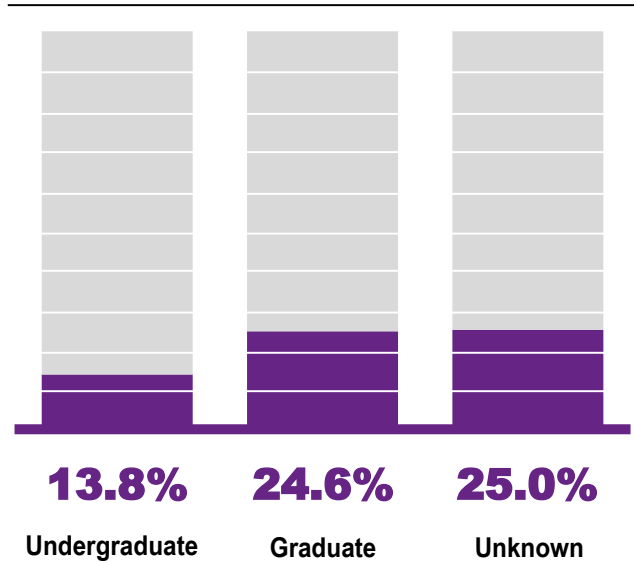
BY EDUCATION LEVEL

Your students broken down by undergraduate and graduate students. 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	18,796	8,967
Graduate	2,878	1,238
Unknown	*	-

EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	20,076	2,764
Graduate	2,779	684
Unknown	*	*

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY FIELD OF STUDY

Your students broken down by field of study. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

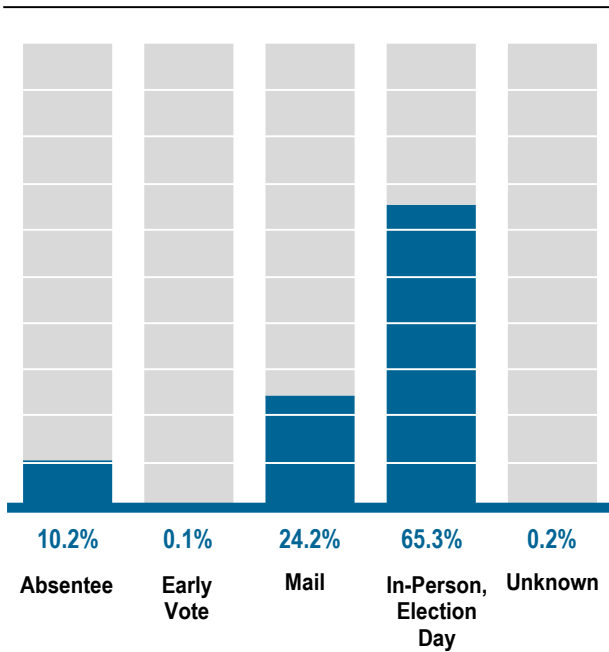
	2012 Presidential Election			2014 Midterm Election		
	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout
Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,723	1,388	51.0%	3,330	488	14.7%
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support	211	64	30.3%	245	17	6.9%
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	1,072	532	49.6%	1,142	140	12.3%
Computer and Information and Library Sciences	507	181	35.7%	515	51	9.9%
Education	258	154	59.7%	241	68	28.2%
Engineering	1,491	525	35.2%	1,379	171	12.4%
Health Professions and Related Sciences, Knowledge, and Skills	-	-	-	-	-	-
Humanities	1,960	1,005	51.3%	1,733	349	20.1%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies, and Humanities	*	*	57.1%	-	-	-
Mathematics and Statistics	688	277	40.3%	1,144	120	10.5%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	2,964	1,358	45.8%	2,510	336	13.4%
Parks and Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Physical Sciences	2,423	1,140	47.0%	2,934	547	18.6%
Professions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Psychology, Personal Awareness, and Self-Improvement	2,180	1,098	50.4%	2,265	280	12.4%
Social Sciences	4,116	1,879	45.7%	4,428	704	15.9%
Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trades	-	-	-	-	-	-
Visual and Performing Arts	1,067	597	56.0%	972	175	18.0%

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BY VOTING METHOD

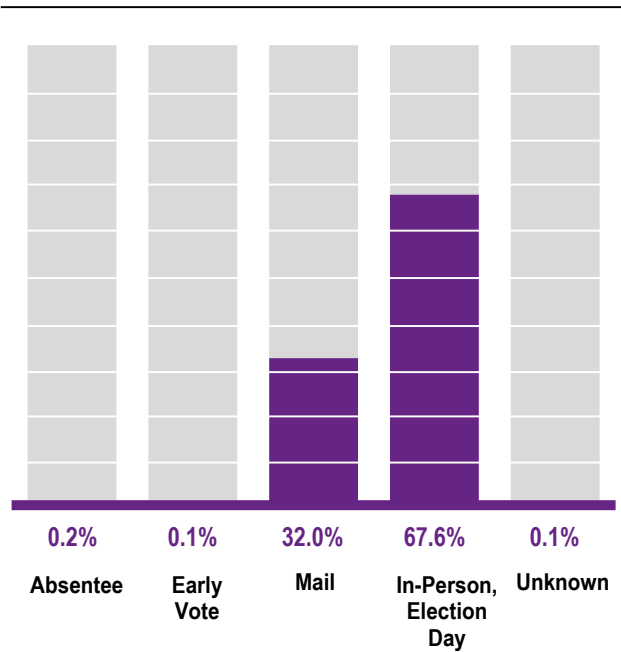
Your students broken down by voting method. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens. If your campus has a high percentage of "unknown" voting methods, it means that this information is not reported by local officials.

2012 Presidential Election



VOTING METHOD	ENROLLED	VOTED
Absentee	21,986	1,044
Early Vote	21,986	10
Mail	21,986	2,468
In-Person, Election Day	21,986	6,662
Unknown	21,986	21

2014 Midterm Election



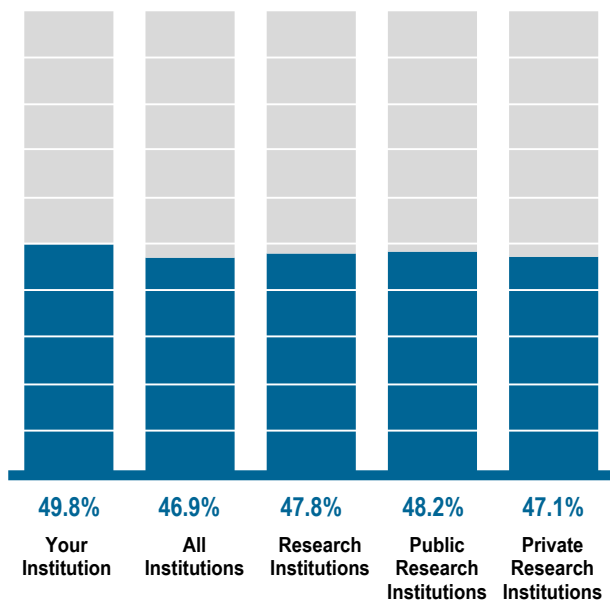
VOTING METHOD	ENROLLED	VOTED
Absentee	23,151	*
Early Vote	23,151	*
Mail	23,151	1,103
In-Person, Election Day	23,151	2,330
Unknown	23,151	*

How Your Numbers Compare

BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

See how your campus voting rate compares to others in your Carnegie classification. This comparison data allows your campus to understand your individual voting rates in the context of similar institutions. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

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