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CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Illinois State University

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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 Civic Life, Tufts University. Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 850 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. With others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 7.5 million college student records that is already serving as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

NSLVE has recently published several resources including:

❑ *Talking Politics*: A tool for conversations on your campus regarding how to use the NSLVE report to spark change.

❑ *Democracy Matters: A Guide to Non-Statutory Barriers to Voting:* In this guide, we identify sometimes-hidden barriers students might face when registering to vote or voting, and strategies to overcome them.

❑ *National Data*: We have published data about the national landscape for college student political engagement including breakdowns by field of study and region.

Looking Ahead
Over the coming months, NSLVE will be releasing additional tools and resources that you can use to increase political learning and engagement in democracy on your campus. Here is a preview of some of this work.

❑ *Comparison Data*: We'll continue to aggregate comparison data for groups of participating campuses.

❑ *Case Studies:* We will be sharing the findings from our studies of campus climates for student political learning and engagement in democracy.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data and resources visit: **Activecitizen.tufts.edu/IDHE**

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

Using enrollment records submitted on a date closest to the election, we removed students under age 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). Please note that students who blocked the use of their information under FERPA were also removed from the enrollment lists.

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 non-resident aliens. We cannot adjust for resident aliens. 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
- = no data was collected for this field

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

NSLVE encourages campuses to share their data as broadly as possible, including posting your campus report . When doing so please reference, *Institute for Democracy and Higher Education:National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement;* as the data source.
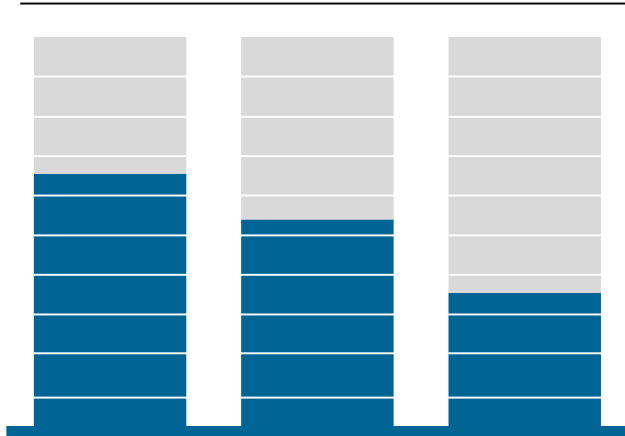
Your Students' Voting and Registration Rates

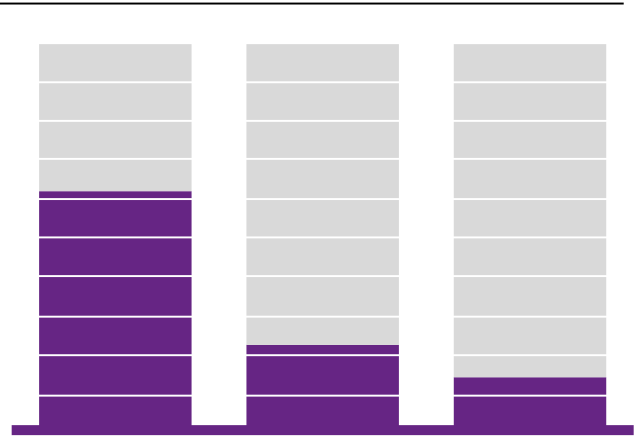| 2012 Voting Rate	2014 Voting Rate
35%	**14%**

2012 Presidential Election

65.3%	53.7%	35.1%
Registration Rate	**Rate of Registered Students who Voted**	**Voting Rate**

Total student enrollment	**20,484**
Ineligible to vote because too young	**19**
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	**381**
FERPA records blocked	**10**
Number of students who registered	**13,099**
Number of students who voted	**7,040**

2014 Midterm Election

61.9%	22.1%	13.7%
Registration Rate	**Rate of Registered Students who Voted**	**Voting Rate**

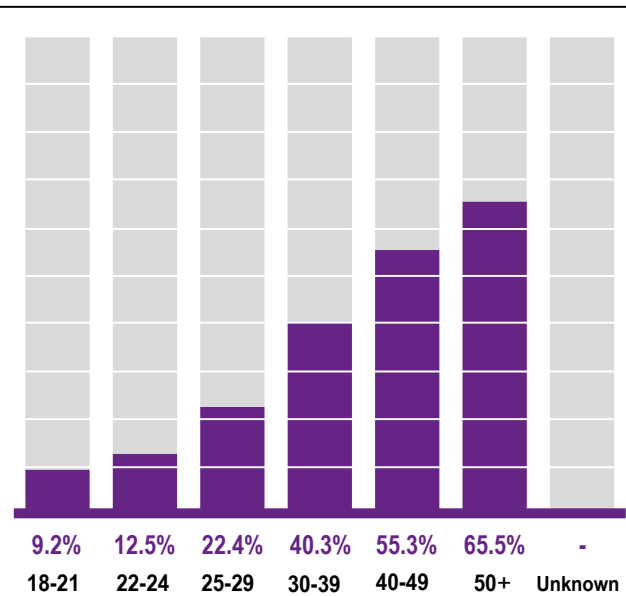|	
Total student enrollment	**20,458**
Ineligible to vote because too young	**29**
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	**409**
FERPA records blocked	*****
Number of students who registered	**12,397**
Number of students who voted	**2,741**

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY AGE GROUP

Your students' data broken down by age at the time of the election. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election

29.9%	34.0%	43.5%	62.0%	73.6%	82.6%	-
18-21	22-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Unknown

2014 Midterm Election

9.2%	12.5%	22.4%	40.3%	55.3%	65.5%	-
18-21	22-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Unknown
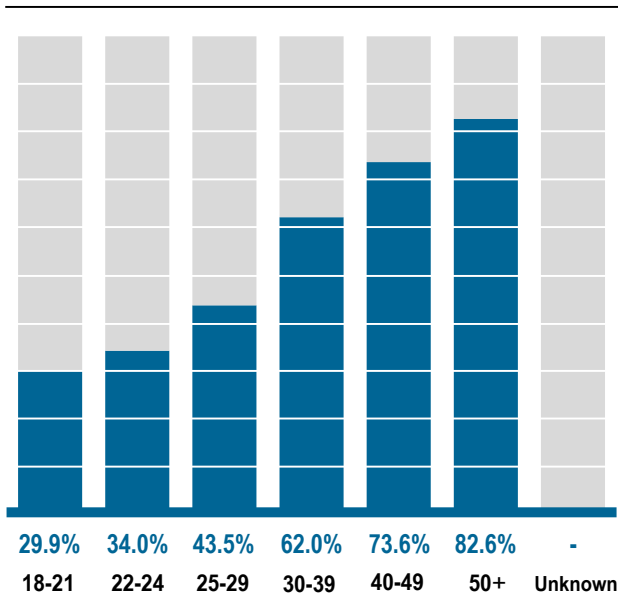
AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	13,162	**3,931**
22-24	4,462	**1,515**
25-29	1,336	**581**
30-39	900	**558**
40-49	405	**298**
50+	190	**157**
Unknown	-	**-**

AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	13,345	**1,227**
22-24	4,298	**538**
25-29	1,369	**306**
30-39	852	**343**
40-49	385	**213**
50+	174	**114**
Unknown	-	**-**

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY EDUCATION LEVEL

Your students' data broken down by undergraduate and graduate students. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

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Presidential Election
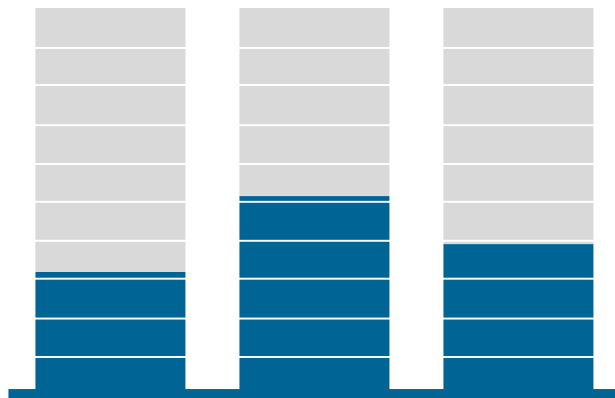
31.7%	**51.3%**	**38.9%**
Undergraduate	Graduate	Unknown

2014
Midterm Election

10.8%	**32.6%**	**-**
Undergraduate	Graduate	Unknown

EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	16,161	**5,117**
Graduate	2,047	**1,050**
Unknown	2,247	**873**

EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	17,971	**1,941**
Graduate	2,452	**800**
Unknown	-	**-**

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY GENDER

Your students' data broken down by gender. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.
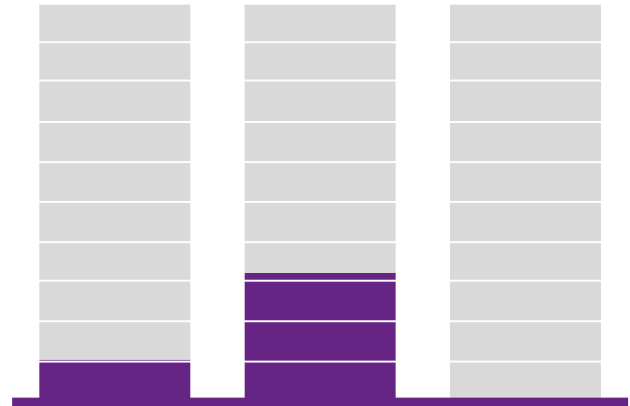
2012 Presidential Election

-	-	**34.4%**
Women	**Men**	**Unknown**

2014 Midterm Election

14.0%	**12.7%**	-
Women	**Men**	**Unknown**
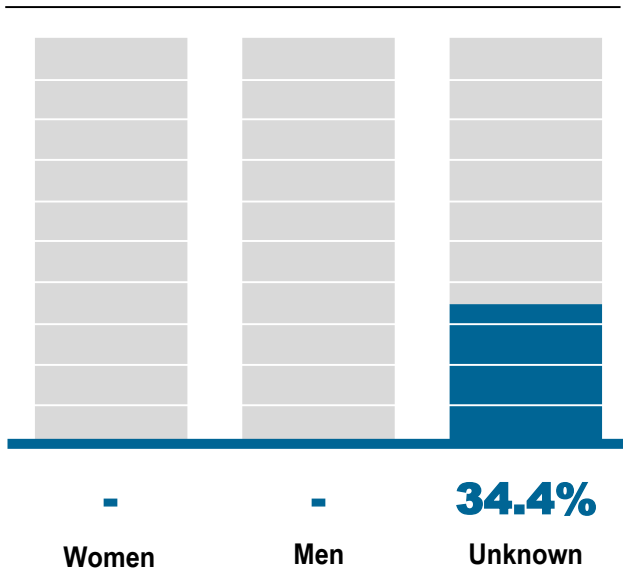
GENDER	ENROLLED	VOTED
Women	-	-
Men	-	-
Unknown	20,455	**7,040**

GENDER	ENROLLED	VOTED
Women	11,444	**1,605**
Men	8,979	**1,136**
Unknown	-	-

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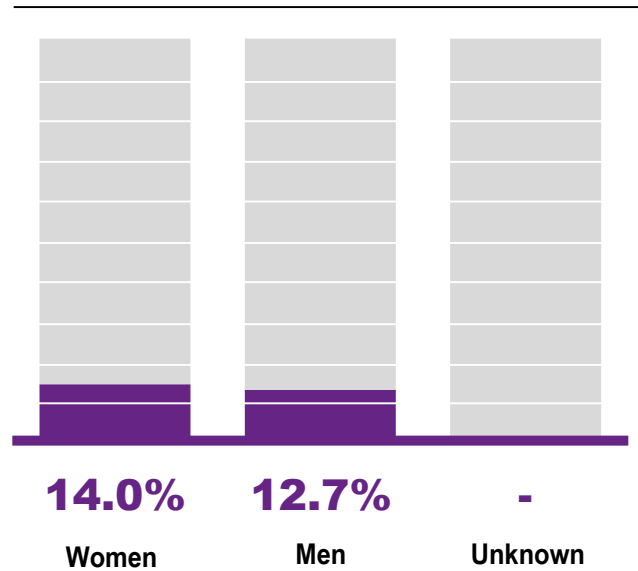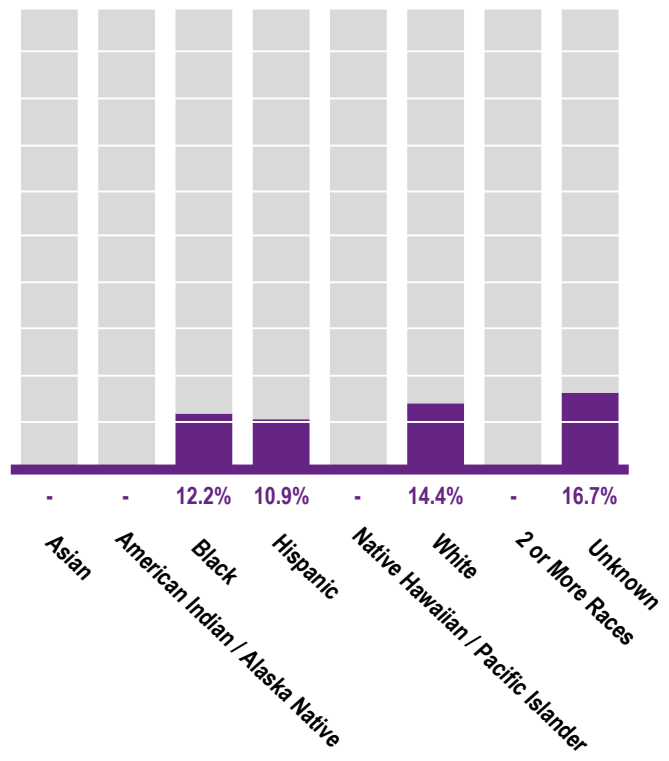
BY RACE/ETHNICITY

Your students' data broken down by race/ethnicity. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked in order to provide more accurate voting rates. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election

Asian: - | American Indian / Alaska Native: - | Black: - | Hispanic: - | Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander: - | White: - | 2 or More Races: - | Unknown: 34.4%

2014 Midterm Election

Asian: - | American Indian / Alaska Native: - | Black: 12.2% | Hispanic: 10.9% | Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander: - | White: 14.4% | 2 or More Races: - | Unknown: 16.7%
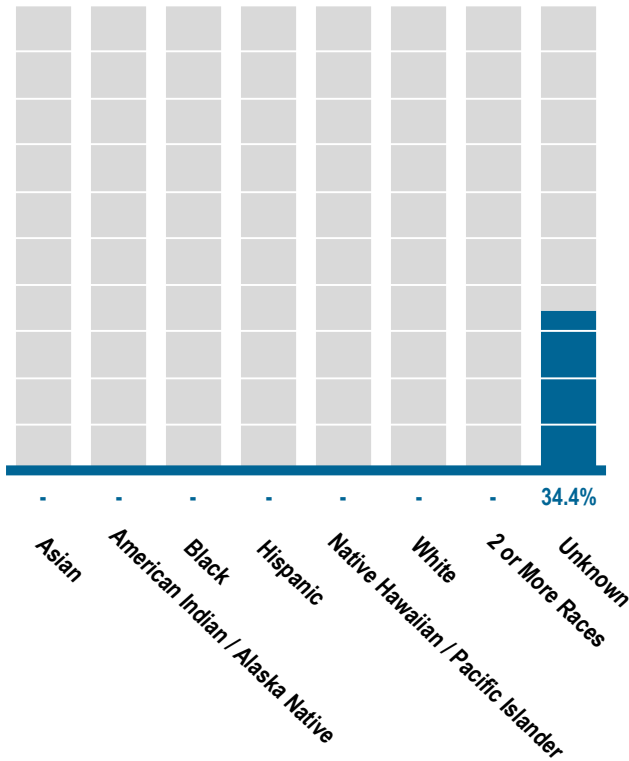
RACE/ETHNICITY	ENROLLED	VOTED
Asian	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-
Black	-	-
Hispanic	-	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-
White	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-
Unknown	20,455	7,040

RACE/ETHNICITY	ENROLLED	VOTED
Asian	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-
Black	1,439	175
Hispanic	1,709	187
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-
White	15,832	2,279
2 or More Races	-	-
Unknown	599	100

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY FIELD OF STUDY

Your students' data broken down by field of study. The "enrolled" category removes students ineligible to vote because they were too young, as well as records that were FERPA blocked. 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	398	159	**39.9%**	584	109	**18.7%**
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	698	211	**30.2%**	766	80	**10.4%**
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support	3,125	911	**29.2%**	3,767	397	**10.5%**
Communications, Journalism, and Related Programs	924	352	**38.1%**	1,004	127	**12.6%**
Computer and Information and Library Sciences	529	166	**31.4%**	689	80	**11.6%**
Education	3,106	1,125	**36.2%**	3,375	600	**17.8%**
Engineering	-	-	**-**	-	-	**-**
Health Professions and Related Sciences, Knowledge, and Skills	1,336	443	**33.2%**	1,546	181	**11.7%**
Humanities	1,282	510	**39.8%**	1,175	212	**18.0%**
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and General Studies	109	36	**33.0%**	83	*	**6.0%**
Mathematics and Statistics	380	112	**29.5%**	423	57	**13.5%**
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	**-**	-	-	**-**
Parks and Recreation	618	170	**27.5%**	603	53	**8.8%**
Physical Sciences	328	104	**31.7%**	339	34	**10.0%**
Professions	232	123	**53.0%**	251	52	**20.7%**
Psychology, Personal Awareness, and Self-Improvement	642	218	**34.0%**	628	53	**8.4%**
Social Sciences	892	349	**39.1%**	975	183	**18.8%**
Technologies/Technicians	318	94	**29.6%**	390	52	**13.3%**
Trades	1,005	341	**33.9%**	1,076	128	**11.9%**
Visual and Performing Arts	878	314	**35.8%**	919	104	**11.3%**
Unknown	3,655	1,302	**35.6%**	1,830	234	**12.8%**

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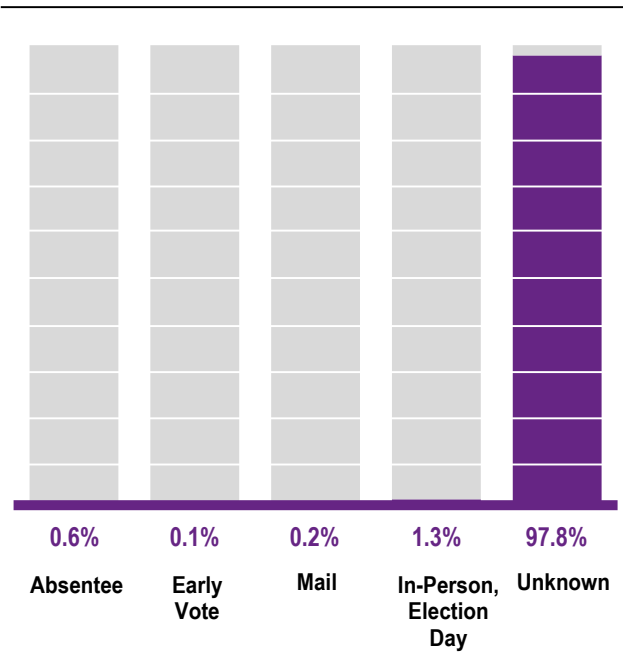
BY VOTING METHOD

Your students' data broken down by voting method. If your campus has a high percentage of "unknown" voting methods, it means that this information is not reported by local officals.

2012
Presidential Election

1.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.5%	98.2%
Absentee	Early Vote	Mail	In-Person, Election Day	Unknown
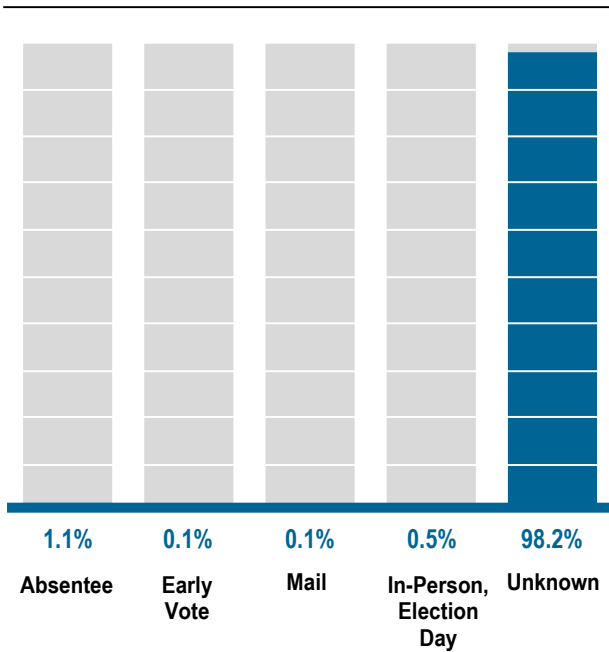
VOTING METHOD	VOTED
Absentee	77
Early Vote	*
Mail	*
In-person, Election Day	37
Unknown	6,912
Total	**7,040**

2014
Midterm Election

0.6%	0.1%	0.2%	1.3%	97.8%
Absentee	Early Vote	Mail	In-Person, Election Day	Unknown

VOTING METHOD	VOTED
Absentee	16
Early Vote	*
Mail	*
In-person, Election Day	35
Unknown	2,680
Total	**2,741**

How Your Numbers Compare

BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

See how your campus voting rate compares to others in your institution's Carnegie classification. This comparison data allows your campus to understand your voting rate in the context of similar institutions.

2012
Presidential Election

35.1%	46.9%	47.8%	48.2%	47.1%
Your Institution	All Institutions	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions

2014
Midterm Election

13.7%	18.8%	18.9%	19.2%	18.4%
Your Institution	All Institutions	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions