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# NSLVE Student Voting Rates

# in

# University System of Maryland

Data for Election Years: 2014, 2016 and 2018

National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement includes data from:

## 11

**University System of Maryland Institutions**

**Reference Group in NSLVE:**

## 498

**4-Year Public Institutions**

## 1046

**Total NSLVE Institutions**

## 40 million

**Total NSLVE Students**

**List of NSLVE institutions in the System**

BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY

FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

SALISBURY UNIVERSITY

TOWSON UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND - BALTIMORE COUNTY

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND - COLLEGE PARK

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND-UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE

| University System of Maryland | | | 2019-11-05 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Election Year | | |
| | **2014** | **2018** | **2016** |
| Total student enrollment | 160,917 | 165,209 | 162,467 |
| Ineligible to vote because too young | 1,431 | 633 | 1,006 |
| IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens | 7,926 | 8,982 | 8,721 |
| FERPA records blocked | 422 | 806 | 840 |
| Number of students who are registered | 107,012 | 116,632 | 117,327 |
| Number of students who voted | 32,984 | 64,129 | 83,593 |
| Total eligible students | 159,057 | 163,757 | 160,609 |
| Total eligible female students | 25,549 | 52,498 | 30,938 |
| Total eligible male students | 28,097 | 51,386 | 31,671 |
| Total eligible gender unknown | 105,411 | 59,873 | 98,000 |
| Gender data known (%) | 34 | 63 | 39 |
| Total eligible American Indian/ Alaskan Native students | 18 | 233 | 22 |
| Total eligible Asian students | 331 | 7,909 | 389 |
| Total eligible Black students | 2,446 | 17,962 | 3,592 |
| Total eligible Hispanic students | 30 | 5,085 | 273 |
| Total eligible Native Hawaiin/Pacific Islander students | 12 | 214 | 11 |
| Total eligible Two or More racial identification | 0 | 5,974 | 214 |
| Total eligible White students | 2,530 | 37,242 | 4,833 |
| Total eligible race unknown | 153,690 | 89,138 | 151,103 |
| Race data known (%) | 3 | 46 | 6 |

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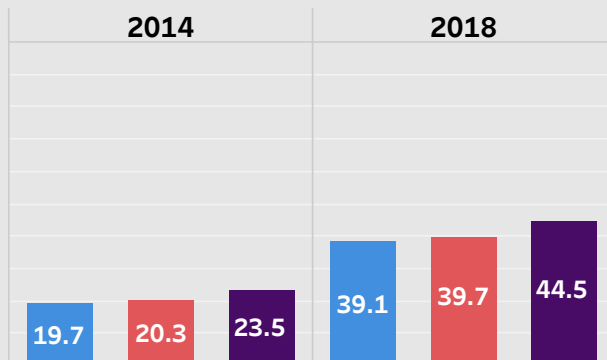**+ 19.6** — **Percentage Point Change in Voting Rate**

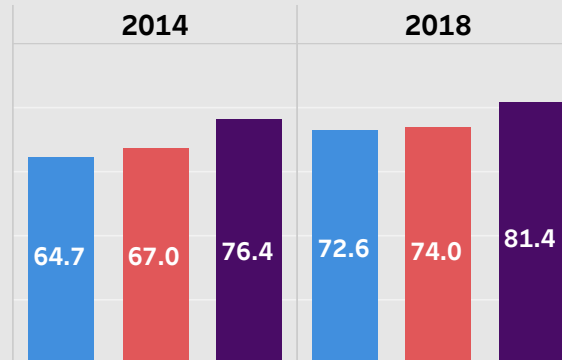**+ 4.1** — **Percentage Point Change in Registration Rate**

**+ 23.9** — **Percentage Point Change in Registered and Voted**

- ■ All NSLVE Institutions
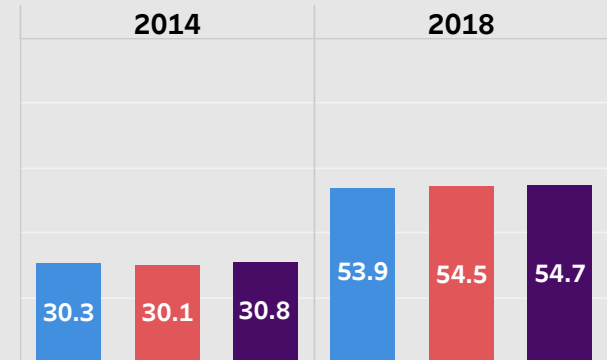- ■ NSLVE 4-Year Public Institutions
- ■ University System of Maryland

## Voting Rate
### (Institutional Level)

| 2014 | | | 2018 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19.7 | 20.3 | 23.5 | 39.1 | 39.7 | 44.5 |

## Registration Rate
### (Institutional Level)

| 2014 | | | 2018 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 64.7 | 67.0 | 76.4 | 72.6 | 74.0 | 81.4 |

## Registered and Voted
### (Institutional Level)

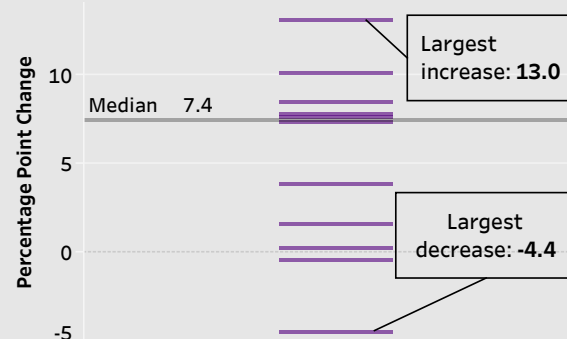| 2014 | | | 2018 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 30.3 | 30.1 | 30.8 | 53.9 | 54.5 | 54.7 |

The change below shows individual institution level change for voting rates, registration rates and registered and voted rates
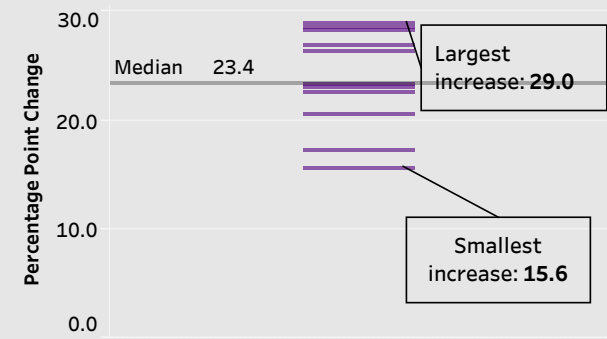
### Change in Voting Rate among institutions

Percentage Point Change

Median   21.5

Largest increase: **27.1**

Smallest increase: **11.8**
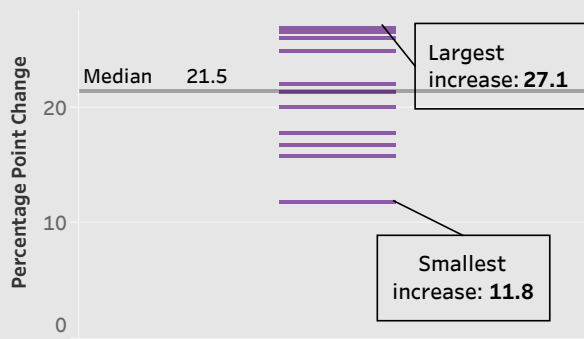
### Change in Registration Rate among institutions

Percentage Point Change

Median   7.4

Largest increase: **13.0**

Largest decrease: **-4.4**

### Change in Registered and Voted among institutions

Percentage Point Change

Median   23.4

Largest increase: **29.0**

Smallest increase: **15.6**

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## Voting Rate of Women
**(Student Level)**
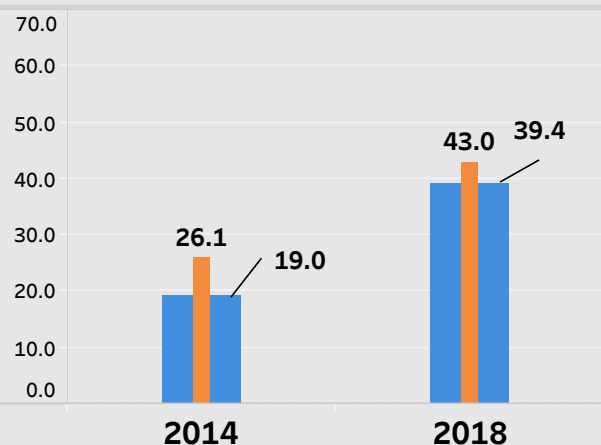


**+16.9**
**Percentage Point
Change in
Voting Rate of Women**

- All NSLVE Institutions
- System Women Voting Rate

**+23.5**
**Percentage Point
Change in
Voting Rate of Age 18-21**
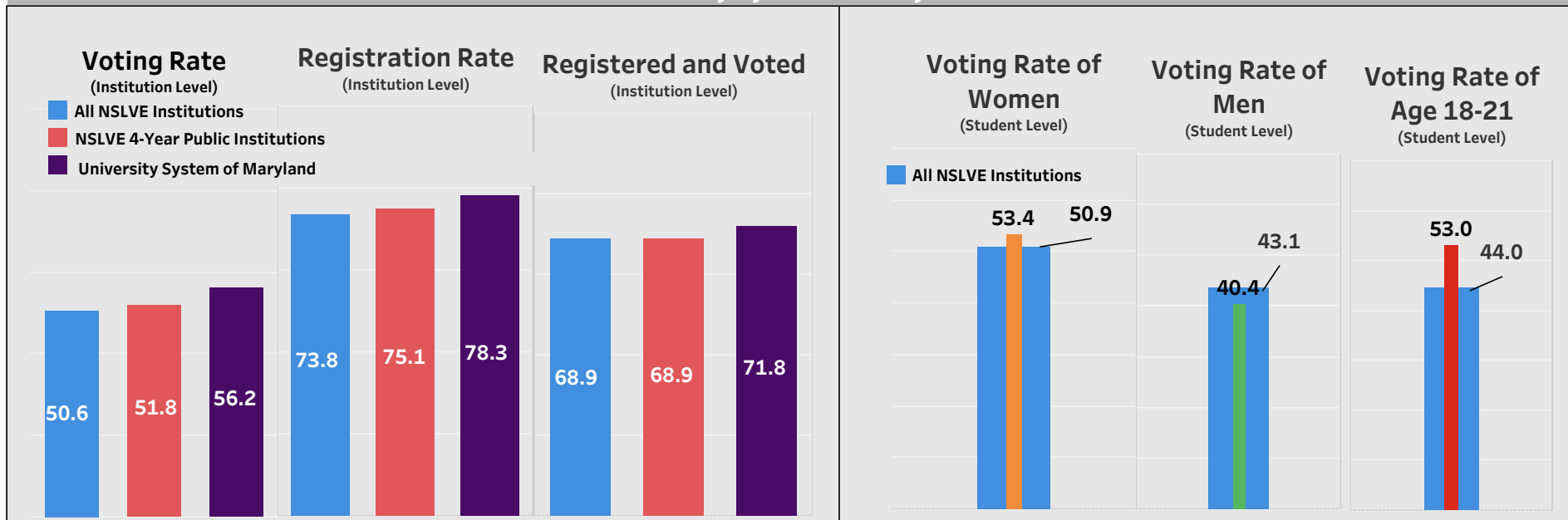
## Voting Rate of Age 18-21
**(Student Level)**



- All NSLVE Institutions
- System Age 18-21 Voting Rate

## Voting Rate of Men
**(Student Level)**
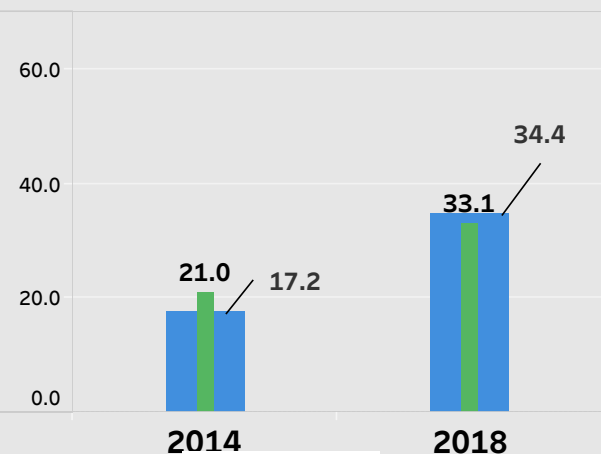


**+12.1**
**Percentage Point
Change in
Voting Rate of Men**

- All NSLVE Institutions
- System Men Voting Rate
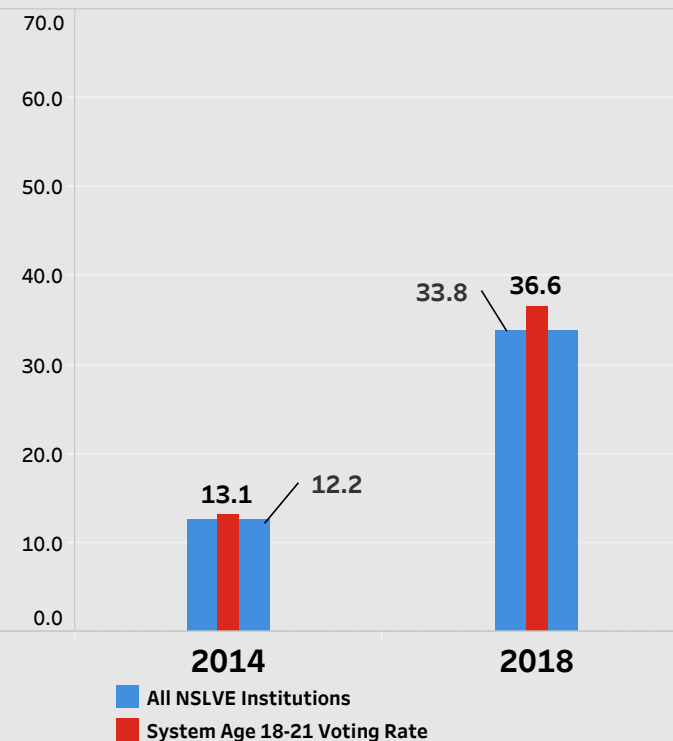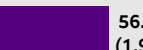
Gender data is available for 33.7 % of students in 2014 and 63.4 % students in 2018 for the institutions included in this report.

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| Am. Indian | Asian | Black | Hispanic | NHPI | Two or More Races | White |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

**Voting Rates by Race/Ethnicity, for System and All NSLVE Institutions**

Labeled numbers below are voting rates for the System represented by the color bars. The wider tan bars represent race/ethnicity specific voting rates for all NSLVE institutions. **NHPI stands for Native Hawaiin/Pacific Islander.** Some race/ethnicity categories have not been included due to inability to provide reasonable voting rate based on large sample size.

| Race | Value | Year |
|---|---|---|
| Am. Indian | 36.5 | 2018 |
| Asian | 32.1 | 2018 |
| Black | 46.8 | 2018 |
| Hispanic | 42.1 | 2018 |
| NHPI | 15.0 | 2018 |
| Two or More Races | 33.4 | 2018 |
| White | 43.0 | 2018 |

**Percentage Points Change in Voting Rate in System**

**Percentage Points Change in Voting Rate- All Institutions**

| Race | Change |
|---|---|
| Am. Indian | + 15.2 |
| Asian | + 17.5 |
| Black | + 18.0 |
| Hispanic | + 22.3 |
| NHPI | + 13.1 |
| Two or More Races | + 21.2 |
| White | + 20.8 |

Race/ethnicity data is available for   3.4   % of students in 2014 and   45.6   % of students in 2018.

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## Voting Rate
### (Institution Level)
- All NSLVE Institutions
- NSLVE 4-Year Public Institutions
- University System of Maryland

50.6  51.8  56.2

## Registration Rate
### (Institution Level)

73.8  75.1  78.3

## Registered and Voted
### (Institution Level)

68.9  68.9  71.8

## Voting Rate of Women
### (Student Level)
- All NSLVE Institutions

53.4  50.9

## Voting Rate of Men
### (Student Level)

43.1  40.4

## Voting Rate of Age 18-21
### (Student Level)

53.0  44.0

Gender data is available for 39.0 % of students. Race/ethnicity data is available for 5.9 % of students.

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### University System of Maryland
(Student Level)    (n) = number eligible

| | Business | Education | Health Professions | Humanities | Social Sciences | STEM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **2014** | 24.5% | 29.0% | 24.6% | 13.7% | 23.6% | 18.6% |
| **2018** | 37.4% | 50.9% | 42.9% | 32.7% | 42.8% | 35.9% |

### All Institutions
(Student Level)    (n) = number eligible

| | Business | Education | Health Professions | Humanities | Social Sciences | STEM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **2014** | 17.6% | 27.5% | 18.7% | 18.8% | 19.2% | 15.5% |
| **2018** | 34.6% | 47.0% | 37.8% | 38.8% | 41.1% | 34.4% |

#### 2014 Highest Voting Rates (University System of Maryland)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Library Science | 47.9% | (292) |
| Public Administration | 41.8% | (2,106) |
| Legal Professions | 37.8% | (1,996) |

#### 2014 Lowest Voting Rates (University System of Maryland)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Liberal Arts, Sciences, & Humanities | 4.55% | (4,177) |
| Fitness Studies | 11.57% | (968) |
| Architecture | 12.05% | (332) |

#### 2014 Highest Voting Rates (All Institutions)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Library Science | 47.4% | (9,837) |
| Theology & Religious Vocations | 31.0% | (8,743) |
| Public Administration | 29.3% | (141,945) |

#### 2014 Lowest Voting Rates (All Institutions)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Fitness Studies | 11.4% | (143,552) |
| Basic Skills Education | 12.7% | (4,792) |
| Biological & Biomedical Sciences | 13.8% | (410,248) |

#### 2018 Highest Voting Rates (University System of Maryland)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Library Science | 74.1% | (270) |
| Legal Professions | 56.9% | (1,927) |
| Public Administration | 55.5% | (4,226) |

#### 2018 Lowest Voting Rates (University System of Maryland)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Liberal Arts, Sciences, & Humanities | 13.8% | (7,105) |
| Transportation | 25.8% | (62) |
| Fitness Studies | 30.5% | (3,196) |

#### 2018 Highest Voting Rates (All Institutions)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Library Science | 69.9% | (13,009) |
| History | 51.3% | (72,928) |
| Public Administration | 50.9% | (169,519) |

#### 2018 Lowest Voting Rates (All Institutions)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Health-Related Knowledge & Skills | 28.7% | (554) |
| Military Science & Leadership | 24.4% | (2,299) |
| Basic Skills Education | 15.2% | (5,359) |

#### Largest Increases (University System of Maryland)

| | |
|---|---|
| Architecture | 30.4%.p. |
| Family and Consumer/Human .. | 26.2%.p. |
| Library Science | 26.1%.p. |

#### Largest Decreases (University System of Maryland)

#### Largest Increases (All Institutions)

| | |
|---|---|
| English Language & Litera.. | 27.3%.p. |
| Visual & Performing Arts | 26.1%.p. |
| Communication & Journali.. | 24.9%.p. |

#### Largest Decreases (All Institutions)

Fields of study data is available for **55.3** % students in 2014 and **99.6** % students in 2018 for the institutions included in this report page. %.p. above stands for percentage points.

NCES **National Center for Education Statistics** — These listed fields of study categories are generated from National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). For a complete list of fields of study for which we provide NSLVE data, refer to the appendix page. For more information on NCES, visit website: https://nces.ed.gov

## Complete List of Fields of Study in NSLVE

| | |
|---|---|
| Agriculture | Culinary Services |
| Architecture | Fitness Studies |
| Area, Ethnic, Gender Studies | Library Science |
| Basic Skills Education | Mathematics & Statistics |
| Biological & Biomedical Sciences | Mechanic & Repair |
| Business, Management, & Marketing | Military Science & Leadership |
| Communication & Journalism | Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies |
| Communications Technologies | Natural Resources |
| Computer & Information Sciences | Other |
| Construction Trades | Philosophy |
| Education | Physical Sciences |
| Engineering | Precision Production |
| English Language & Literature | Psychology |
| Family and Consumer/Human Sciences | Public Administration |
| Foreign Languages & Literatures | Science Technologies/Technicians |
| Health Profession | Social Sciences |
| Health-Related Knowledge & Skills | Theology & Religious Vocations |
| History | Transportation |
| Law Enforcement | Unknown |
| Legal Professions | Visual & Performing Arts |
| Liberal Arts, Sciences, & Humanities | |
| Parks and Recreational Activities | |

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**About the Report**
Reflecting the best available data for a specific set of institutions, this report provides estimated registration and voting rates based on students who were age-eligible to vote at the time of the election attending those institutions. We use enrollment records submitted by these institutions to the National Student Clearinghouse (FERPA-blocked records excluded) merged with publicly available voting files collected by Catalist. As with nearly all voting rate calculations, some ineligible voters are difficult to parse out, such as international or undocumented students. We do, however, adjust institutional level voting rates by deducting an estimated number of students who are nonresident aliens based on submissions to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). For more information, visit our FAQ page: https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/frequently-asked-questions.

**What to do next:**
Use this data to help leaders, faculty, and students at your university system to catalyze change by improving their climates for political learning and participation. Refer to our report, "**Election Imperatives: Ten Recommendations to Increase College Student Voting and Improve Political Learning and Engagement in Democracy**" and our national report, "**Democracy Counts 2018: Increased Student and Institutional Engagement**".

Read **Democracy Counts 2018**, IDHE's national NSLVE report on the 2018 midterm election here: https://idhe.tufts.edu/2018data

Read **Election Imperatives** here: https://idhe.tufts.edu/electionimperatives

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