

**NSLVE Student Voting Rates
in
Connecticut State Colleges and Universities**

Data for Election Years: 2012, 2014 and 2016

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

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Connecticut State Colleges
and Universities
Institutions

Reference Group in NSLVE:

741

Public Institutions

1115

Total NSLVE Institutions

30 million

Total NSLVE Students

Connecticut State Colleges and Universities

2018-08-27

	Election Year		
	2012	2014	2016
Total student enrollment	93,987	88,944	82,775
Ineligible to vote because too young	1,975	2,549	2,294
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	564	551	625
FERPA records blocked	117	95	73
Number of students who are registered	58,290	48,108	55,883
Number of students who voted	41,361	19,135	42,353
Total eligible students	91,875	86,285	80,400
Total female students	4,492	3,057	0
Total male students	3,322	2,588	0
Total gender unknown	84,061	80,640	80,400
Gender data known (%)	9	7	0
Total American Indian/ Alaskan Native students	30	16	10
Total Asian students	195	204	23
Total Black students	481	846	242
Total Hispanic students	885	1,077	217
Total Native Hawaiiin/Pacific Islander students	14	10	0
Total Two or More racial identification	183	179	36
Total White students	5,461	4,643	854
Total race unknown	84,626	79,298	79,003
Race data known (%)	8	8	2

+ 7.1 Percentage Point
Change in
Voting Rate

+ 5.6 Percentage Point
Change in
Registration Rate

+ 4.6 Percentage Point
Change in
Registered and Voted

- All NSLVE Institutions
- NSLVE Public Institutions
- Connecticut State Colleges and Universities

Voting Rate
(Institutional Level)

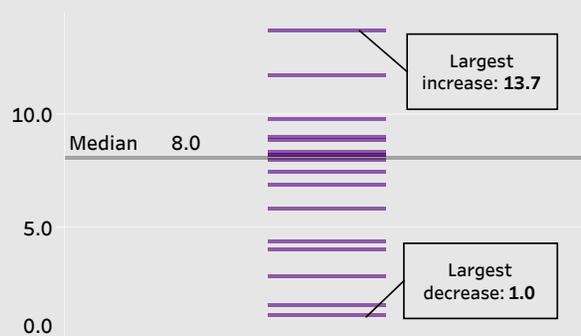
Registration Rate
(Institutional Level)

Registered and Voted
(Institutional Level)

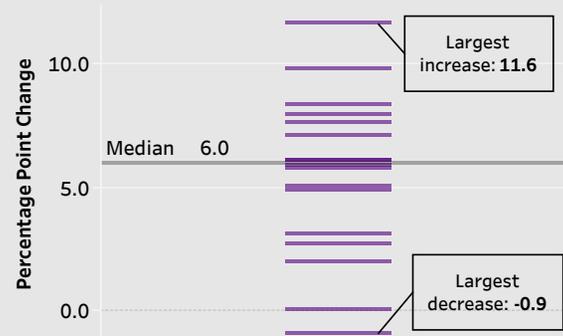


The change below shows individual institution level change for voting rates, registration rates and registered and voted rates

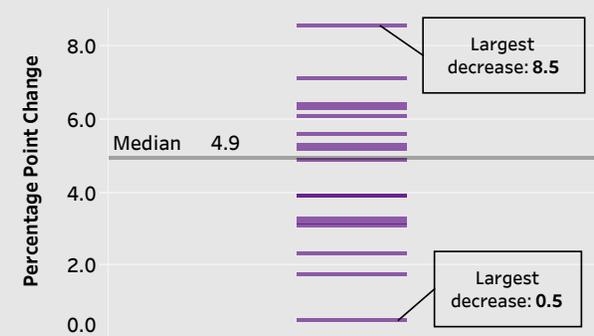
Change in Voting Rate among institutions



Change in Registration Rate among institutions..



Change in Registered and Voted among institutions



Voting Rate of Women
(Student Level)



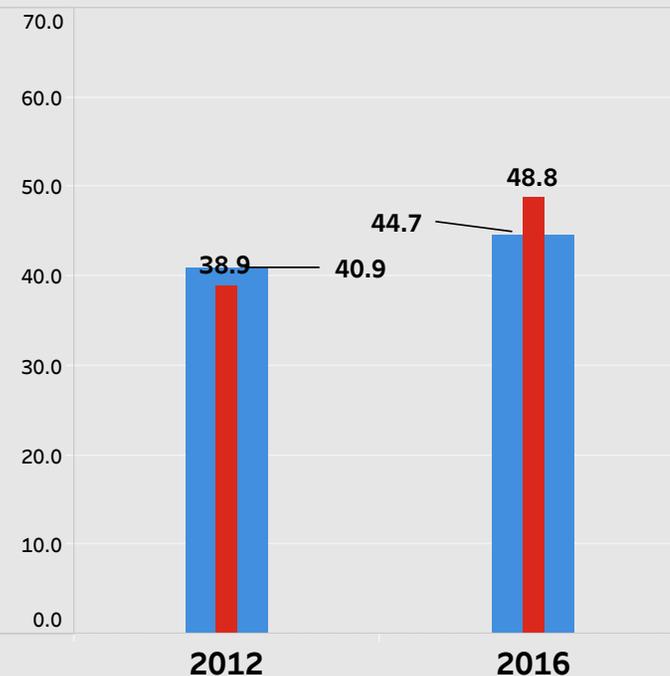
Percentage Point
Change in
Voting Rate of Women

All NSLVE Institutions
State System Women Voting Rate

+10.0

Percentage Point
Change in
Voting Rate of Age 18-21

Voting Rate of Age 18-21
(Student Level)



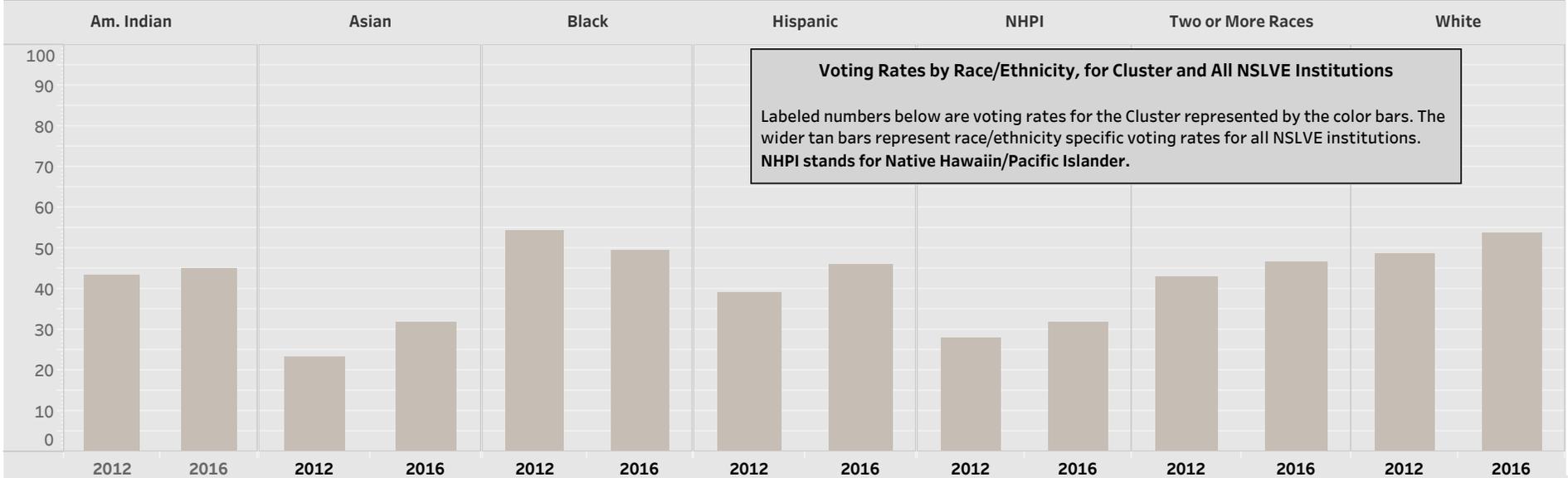
Voting Rate of Men
(Student Level)



Percentage Point
Change in
Voting Rate of Men

All NSLVE Institutions
State System Men Voting Rate

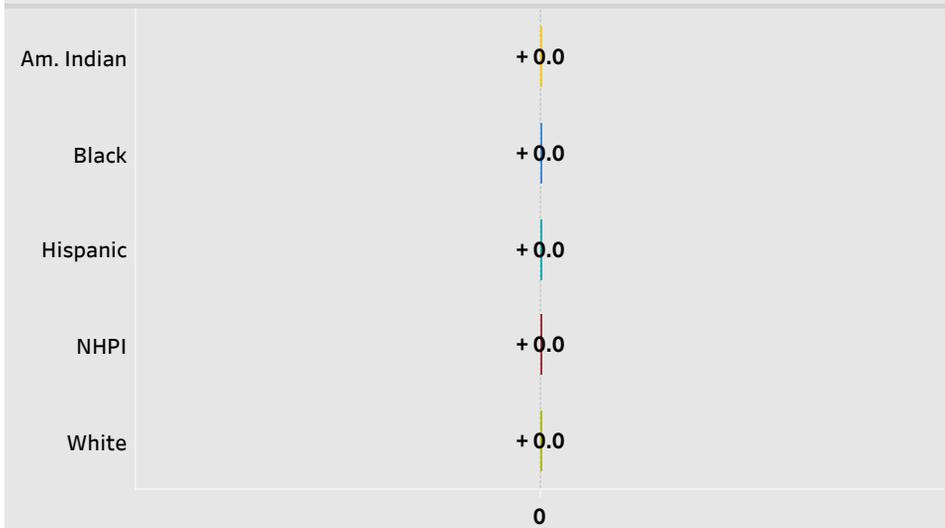
All NSLVE Institutions
State System Age 18-21 Voting Rate



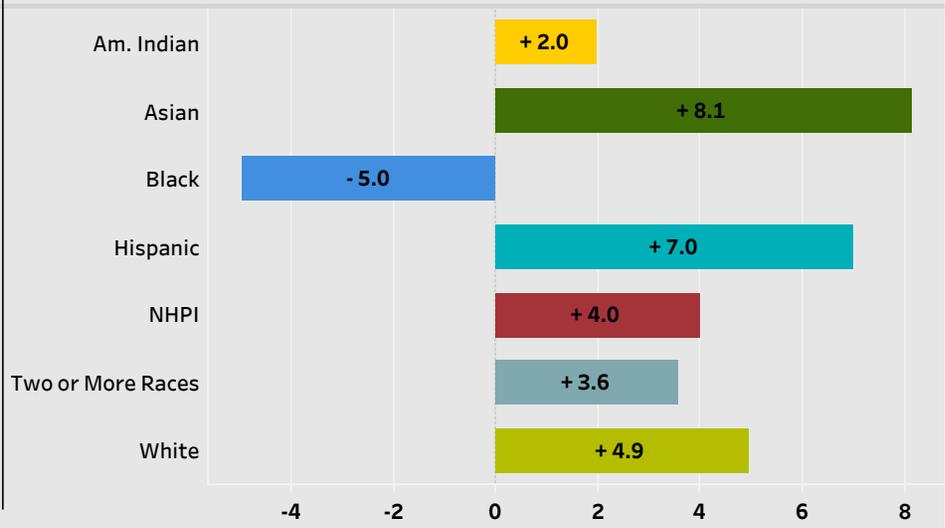
Voting Rates by Race/Ethnicity, for Cluster and All NSLVE Institutions

Labeled numbers below are voting rates for the Cluster represented by the color bars. The wider tan bars represent race/ethnicity specific voting rates for all NSLVE institutions. NHPI stands for Native Hawaiiin/Pacific Islander.

Percentage Points Change in Voting Rate in System



Percentage Points Change in Voting Rate- All Institutions



Population Share - System

Change in
percentage points

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

2012

2016

Race breakdown -All NSLVE

Change in
percentage points

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

2012

2016

Am. Indian Asian Black Hispanic NHPI (Native Hawaii.. Two or More Races White

The top stacked bar charts represent the share of student population broken down by race/ethnicity. The bottom stacked bar charts represent the share of student voters broken down by race/ethnicity.

Vote Share - System

Change in
percentage points

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

2012

2016

Vote Share- All NSLVE

Change in
percentage points

Am. Indian
Asian
Black
Hispanic
NHPI
Two or More R..
White

2012

2016

-0.2
2.6
0.4
3.2
-0.4
2.1
-7.7

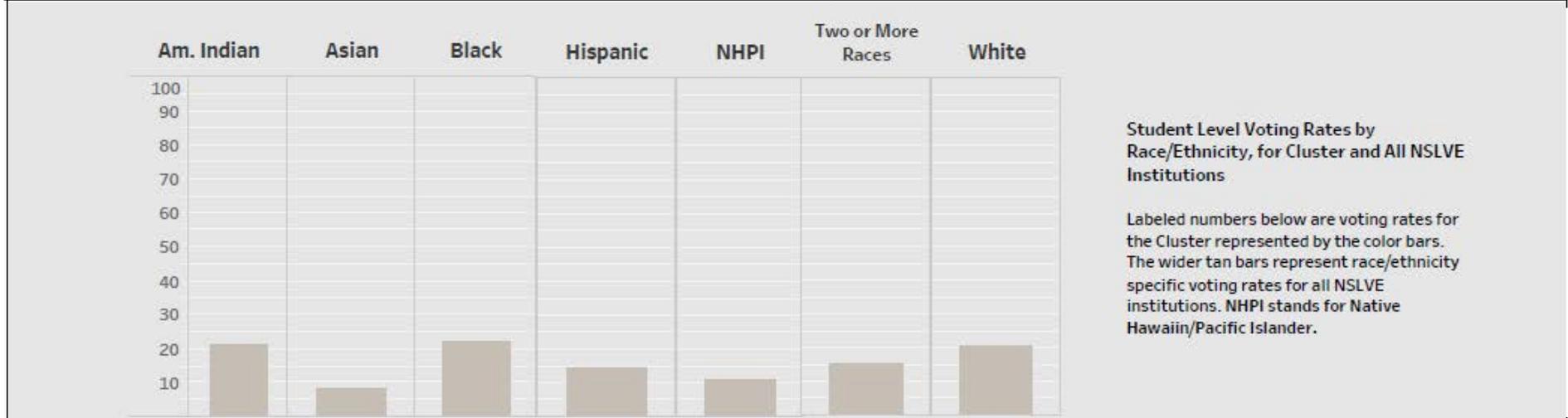
-0.2
2.1
-1.7
4.0
-0.2
2.0
-6.0

Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (Student Level)							All Institutions (Student Level)					
(n) = number eligible							(n) = number eligible					
Business	Education	Health Professions	Humanities	Social Sciences	STEM		Business	Education	Health Professions	Humanities	Social Sciences	STEM
2016	48.6%	60.0%	52.1%	50.7%	54.2%	48.4%	43.1%	55.3%	46.7%	43.7%	47.3%	40.3%
							45.5%	59.1%	50.8%	45.0%	50.6%	43.5%
							2012 Highest Voting Rates			2012 Lowest Voting Rates		
							Library Science	66.9% (6,826)		Military Science & Leadership	11.2% (543)	
							Public Administration	57.6% (86,812)		Basic Skills Education	23.2% (1,402)	
							Education	55.5% (291,183)		Mathematics & Statistics	37.2% (43,922)	
2016 Highest Voting Rates				2016 Lowest Voting Rates			2016 Highest Voting Rates				2016 Lowest Voting Rates	
Library Science	81.5% (81)			Basic Skills Education	23.4% (64)		Library Science	75.5% (11,084)		Basic Skills Education	19.4% (5,493)	
History	77.0% (465)			Precision Production	41.4% (362)		Theology & Religious Vocations	60.5% (8,826)		Military Science & Leadership	21.3% (1,429)	
Area, Ethnic, Gender Studies	70.6% (34)			Leisure, & Fitness Studies	42.3% (1,033)		Public Administration	60.4% (173,811)		Mechanic & Repair	38.6% (37,632)	
							Largest Increases			Largest Decreases		
							Military Science & Leadership	10.0%		Health-Related Knowled..	-3.7%	
							Library Science	8.6%		Basic Skills Education	-3.8%	
							English Language & Literature	6.7%		Mechanic & Repair	-6.1%	

Fields of study data is available for 28.6 % students in 2012 and 98.1 % students in 2016 for the institutions included in this report page.

Election Year- 2014
Connecticut State Colleges and Universities

2018-08-27



List of NSLVE institutions in the System

ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

CHARTER OAK STATE COLLEGE

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HOUSATONIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MANCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

QUINEBAUG VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TUNXIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

Complete List of Fields of Study in NSLVE

Agriculture	Culinary Services
Architecture	Leisure, & 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
Leisure and Recreational Activities	
Liberal Arts, Sciences, & Humanities	

The National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE, pronounced “n-solve”) is a signature initiative of the Institute for Democracy and Higher Education (IDHE) at Tufts University’s Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life. The mission of IDHE is to shift college and university priorities and culture to advance student political learning, agency, equity, and participation. We achieve our mission through research, resource development, technical assistance, and advocacy.

Since NSLVE’s launch in 2013, more than 1,100 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014 and 2016 federal elections. The involvement of institutions reflected in this report contributed to our ability to build a robust database of nearly 30 million college student records, about 10 million for each election year.

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>.

Missing data:

As some pages included indicate, the campuses in this report have not shared data elements such as gender and race/ethnicity with NSLVE. Providing these demographic information enables your campuses to better understand their students’ voting rates. We encourage your campus to share these data elements to receive actionable reports from us in the future.

What to do next:

Use this report to catalyze change on your campuses not only around voting but also regarding political learning, discussion, inclusion, and agency. Refer to our report, “**Election Imperatives: Ten Recommendations to Increase College Student Voting and Improve Political Learning and Engagement in Democracy**” and our **Toolkit** for helpful tips and tools.

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

Access IDHE’s 2018 Toolkit here: <https://idhe.tufts.edu/2018>

Partner with IDHE:

We are available to work with you to evaluate and improve student political learning, discourse, and participation. Contact us for in-person support, webinars, workshops and assessment at IDHE@tufts.edu.