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Student Voting Rates for University Of San Diego

2020 NSLVE Campus Report

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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to send this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for 2020. This report contains three years of relevant topline data: 2016, 2018, and 2020. As always, we disaggregate the data so you can better identify and address gaps in participation.

College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

As in past years, we urge you to share this report widely and strategically, particularly with faculty who, in 2020, were often the most consistent communicators with students about ever-changing voting conditions and deadlines. We also urge you to review our recommendations for engaging elections to cultivate a robust and healthy campus climate for political engagement, discourse, equity, and participation: Election Imperatives (2019) and the more recent Election Imperatives: A Time of Physical Distancing and Social Action. Since "pervasive political discussions" and attentiveness to the campus culture around speech and academic freedom are among our top recommendations, we direct you to our discussion guides on talking about your NSLVE report, on free speech and inclusion, and on hot topics, our Making Sense of ... guides.

Finally, we always encourage you to work with us. Help us help you get better data by reaching out. Email IDHE@Tufts.edu for more information. And as always, watch your inbox for our periodic newsletter, IDHE Update, for announcements about upcoming releases and new resources.

Congratulations on engaging your students in the 2020 election. Remember, student political learning is a year-round objective. Elections may be episodic, but student political engagement should not be.

All the Best,
IDHE Team



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Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

76.3%

2020 Voting Rate

+21.4

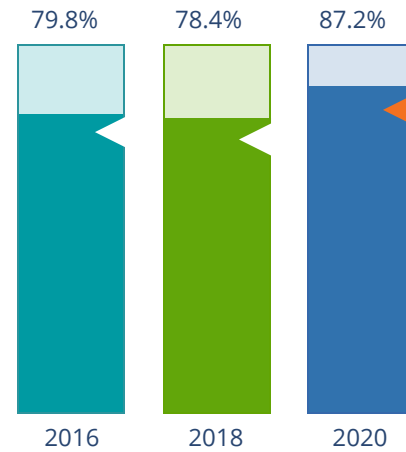
Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

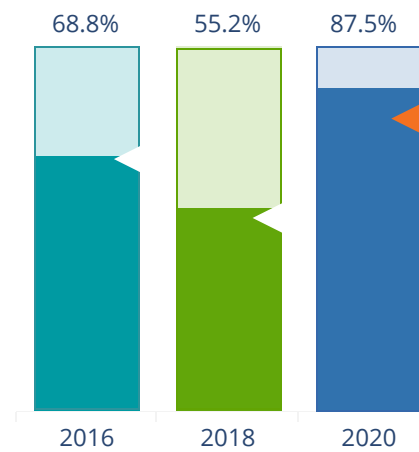
2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



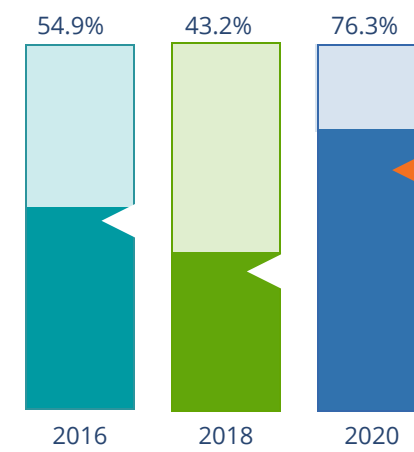
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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

	2016	2018	2020	2016-2020 Change (p.p.)
Total Student Enrollment	8,211	8,764	8,622	↑ 411
(Age under 18/Unknown)	-	-	-	-
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	722	761	489	↓ -233
(FERPA records blocked)	-	-	-	-
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	104	112	92	↓ -12
Total eligible voters	7,375	7,887	8,041	↑ 666
Number of students who registered	5,889	6,183	7,008	↑ 1,119
Number of students who voted	4,050	3,410	6,135	↑ 2,085
Registration Rate %	80	78	87	↑ 7
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	69	55	88	↑ 19
Voting Rate %	55	43	76	↑ 21

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.

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 estimate is given by "IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens" on this page. If you believe the number of international students reported on this report is incorrect, you can manually adjust your institution's voting rates by using our recalculation tool. <https://id-he.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-recalculation-tool>.

By Institution Types

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions

53%

HIGH
82%

LOW
13%

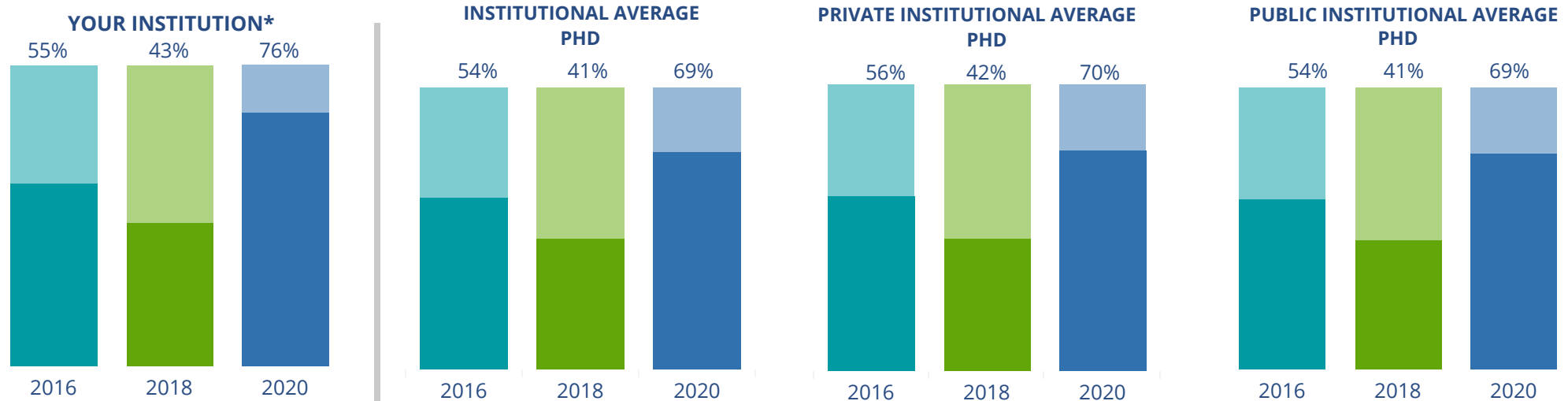
2020 Voting Rate for All Institutions

66%

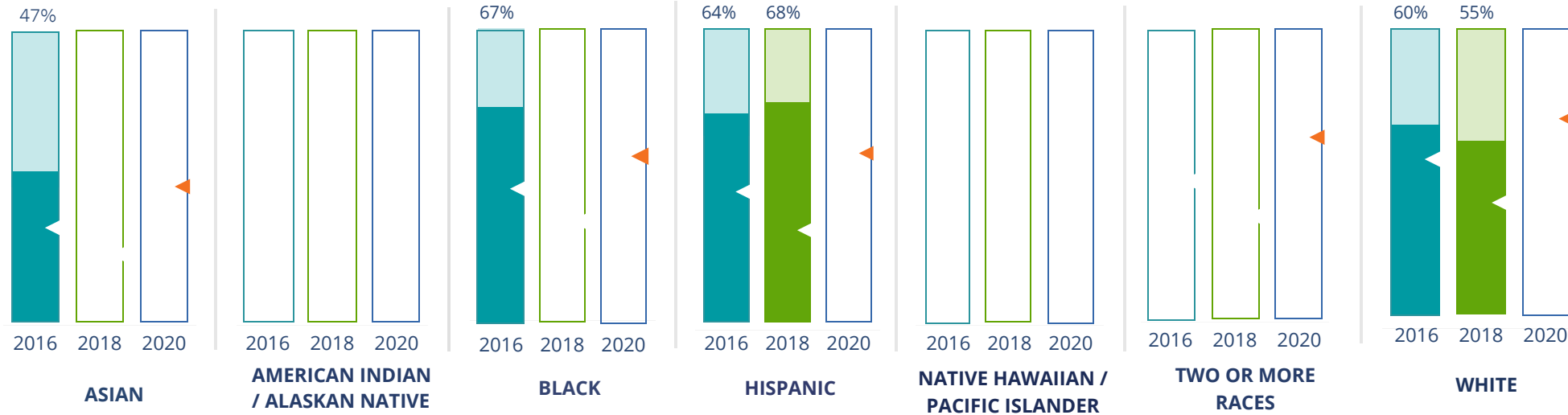
HIGH
89%

LOW
19%

These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. *"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 on why we cannot report national benchmark for some of the demographic groups:

<https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-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; (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>

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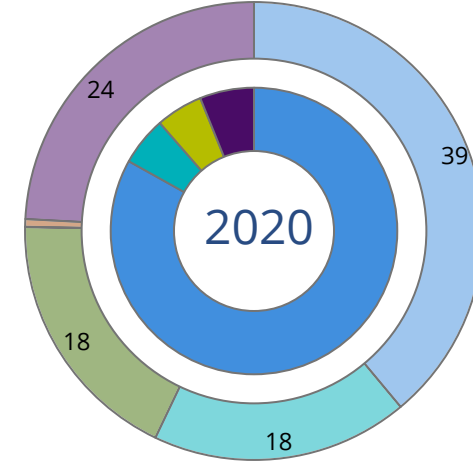
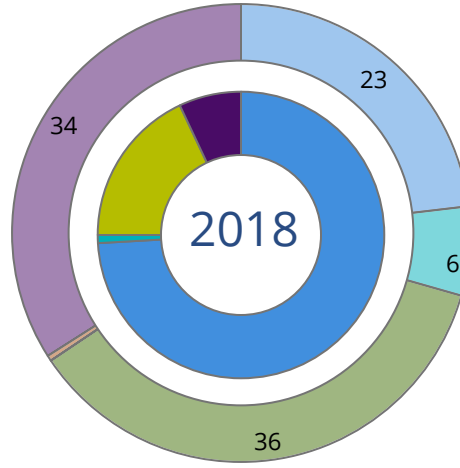
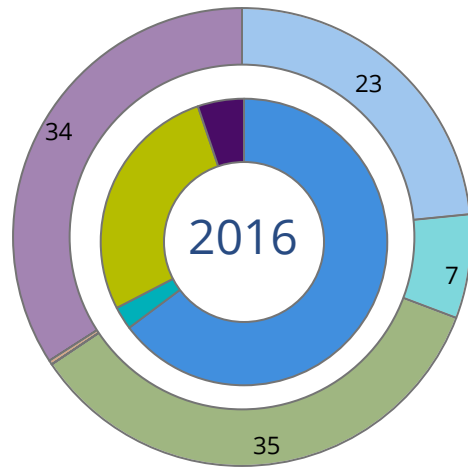
By Race/Ethnicity

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; (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.

	2016			2018			2020		2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	
Asian	98	46	47	25	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	24	16	67	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	104	67	64	34	23	68	-	-	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	434	260	60	122	67	55	-	-	-
Race Unknown	7,402	3,645	49	8,440	3,301	39	8,517	6,130	72  23

By Voting Method

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



	2016		2018		2020		2016-2020	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p.)	
Early Vote	106	3	31	1	339	6	3	↑
In-Person on Election Day	1,109	27	613	18	323	5	-22	↓
Not-In-Person	2,624	65	2,528	74	5,099	83	18	↑
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	211	5	238	7	372	6	1	↑

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/nsive/nsive-faq#CampusReports>

By Age Group

	2016	2018	2020
18-21	46%	33%	74%
22-24	46%	38%	66%
25-29	57%	46%	71%
30-39	61%	50%	69%
40-49	70%	61%	76%
50+	79%	68%	81%

Voting is habit-forming and young voters will usually continue as voters in subsequent elections.

Also, young voters are more likely to be contacted by campaigns and are visible, and therefore significant, to elected officials. While in the past, we have seen voting rates increase across age groups, in recent cycles, the most significant increases have been among first-time and the youngest voters. Some colleges serve primarily young students, traditionally viewed as students in the 18-21 or 22-24 categories here. Others have much higher numbers of enrolled older undergraduate or graduate students.

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.

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	4,419	2,016	46	4,574	1,528	33	4,404	3,260	74	↑ 28
22-24	1,391	636	46	1,441	549	38	1,414	930	66	↑ 20
25-29	1,036	590	57	1,161	532	46	1,164	827	71	↑ 14
30-39	772	468	61	880	437	50	939	651	69	↑ 9
40-49	310	216	70	398	241	61	414	315	76	↑ 6
50+	157	124	79	181	123	68	188	152	81	↑ 2

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
Female	355	219	62	401	225	56	451	329	73	↑ 11	
Male	382	218	57	330	145	44	331	237	72	↑ 15	

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

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p)	
EDUCATION LEVEL											
Undergraduate	5,461	2,431	45	5,607	1,866	33	5,357	3,813	71	↑	27
Graduate	2,623	1,619	62	3,027	1,544	51	3,163	2,320	73	↑	12
Class Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLASS YEAR											
First Year	1,288	44	567	1,487	32	473	1,154	73	843	↑	29
Second Year	1,198	45	535	1,270	33	423	1,127	73	821	↑	28
Upper Level	2,982	45	1,332	2,854	34	971	3,084	70	2,156	↑	25
ENROLLMENT STATUS											
Full-time	6,975	3,306	47	7,278	2,672	37	7,089	5,082	72	↑	24
Part-time	1,110	744	67	1,357	738	54	1,434	1,053	73	↑	6

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	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)	
Architecture	39	15	38	52	14	27	51	35	69	↑ 30	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	-	-	-	16	-	-	16	-	-	-	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	516	256	50	480	203	42	520	403	78	↑ 28	
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,954	778	40	1,788	573	32	1,654	1,098	66	↑ 27	
Communication and Journalism	275	129	47	255	75	29	207	153	74	↑ 27	
Computer and Information Sciences	73	32	44	144	48	33	226	145	64	↑ 20	
Education	775	509	66	684	394	58	665	516	78	↑ 12	

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.

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By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	454	189	42	464	126	27	474	273	58	↑ 16
English Language and Literature	99	49	49	66	29	44	64	53	83	↑ 33
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health Professions	417	268	64	601	267	44	605	452	75	↑ 10
History	39	23	59	48	21	44	48	37	77	↑ 18
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protec..	197	142	72	329	191	58	361	279	77	↑ 5
Legal Professions and Studies	722	429	59	713	362	51	767	558	73	↑ 13
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,554	715	46	1,803	594	33	1,395	1,059	76	↑ 30
Mathematics and Statistics	33	19	58	64	17	27	64	31	48	↓ -9
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	46	27	59	70	34	49	121	73	60	↑ 2
Natural Resources and Conservation	75	40	53	116	51	44	146	118	81	↑ 27
Philosophy and Religious Studies	31	18	58	31	12	39	33	29	88	↑ 30
Physical Sciences	50	24	48	51	19	37	52	42	81	↑ 33
Psychology	197	93	47	306	128	42	415	312	75	↑ 28

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020 Change (p.p)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	-	-	-	19	-	-	26	18	69	-
Social Sciences	394	220	56	415	183	44	486	357	73	↑ 18
Visual and Performing Arts	85	43	51	81	36	44	81	58	72	↑ 21
Unknown	31	19	61	31	16	52	37	21	57	↓ -5

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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://idhe.tufts.edu>.

References: IDHE 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: Institute for Democracy & Higher Education: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2021). 2016, 2018, and 2020 report for _____ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.



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