



**National Survey
of Student Engagement**

Hobart and William Smith College

Respondent Characteristics

August 2008

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	HWS		Selected Peers		Carnegie Class		NSSE
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY
Response Rate^a							
Overall	51%		48%		45%		33
By class	45%	60%	45%	52%	43%	46%	31%
NSSE sample size ^b	618	348	5,117	4,414	61,882	54,689	589,063
Sampling Error^c							
Overall	3.1%		1.0%		0.3%		0.1
By class	4.3%	4.3%	1.5%	1.4%	0.5%	0.5%	0.2%
Number of respondents ^b	280	209	2,320	2,276	26,709	25,285	182,920
Total population	619	348	5,117	4,414	65,263	57,371	768,394
Student Characteristics^d							
<i>Mode of Completion</i>							
Paper	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	3%	2%
Web	100%	100%	100%	100%	97%	97%	98%
<i>Class Level^e</i>							
	57%	43%	50%	50%	52%	48%	49%
<i>Enrollment Status^e</i>							
Full-time	100%	100%	100%	100%	98%	92%	95%
Less than full-time	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	8%	5%
<i>Gender^e</i>							
Female	60%	60%	64%	62%	63%	64%	64%
Male	40%	40%	36%	38%	37%	36%	36%
<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>							
Am. Indian/Native American	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	3%	2%	6%	4%	6%	5%	6%
Black/African American	2%	4%	4%	2%	5%	4%	7%
White (non-Hispanic)	80%	79%	74%	80%	73%	75%	70%
Mexican/Mexican American	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Puerto Rican	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	3%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%
Multiracial	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Other	0%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
I prefer not to respond	9%	9%	8%	9%	7%	8%	6%
<i>International Student</i>	4%	3%	9%	5%	7%	5%	5%
<i>Place of Residence</i>							
On-campus	98%	46%	97%	66%	88%	53%	72%
Off-campus	2%	54%	3%	34%	12%	47%	28%
<i>Transfer Status</i>							
Transfer students	1%	9%	1%	4%	5%	21%	9%
<i>Age</i>							
Non-traditional (24 or older)	0%	3%	0%	1%	2%	15%	6%
Traditional (less than 24)	100%	97%	100%	99%	98%	85%	94%

^a Response rate (number of respondents divided by sample size) is adjusted for non-deliverable mailing addresses, students for whom contact information was not available, and other students who were sampled yet unavailable during the survey administration.

^b This report is based on information from all randomly selected students for both your institution and your comparison institutions. Targeted and locally administered oversamples (i.e., non-randomly selected students) are not included in this report.

^c Sampling error is an estimate of the margin by which the *true* score for your institution on a given item could differ from the reported score. To interpret the sampling error, assume that 60% of your students reply "very often" to a particular item. If the sampling error is +/-5%, then the true population value is most likely between 55% and 65%.

^d Percent of total respondents within each category. These results are *not* weighted.

^e Institution-reported data. This information was used to weight your Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

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SR

%

35%
563,115

%

0.2%
194,703
754,827

3%

97%

51%

85%

15%

64%

36%

1%

5%

7%

71%

3%

1%

3%

2%

1%

7%

5%

21%

79%

41%

32%

68%