



National Survey of Student Engagement

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Respondent Characteristics

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	HWS		Financial Comparison		Carnegie Class		Selected L
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY
Response Rate^a							
Overall	62%		43%		44%		42
By class	33%	68%	39%	47%	41%	48%	40%
NSSE sample size ^b	76	401	4,353	4,334	35,075	29,485	3,306
Sampling Error^c							
Overall	3.5%		1.2%		0.4%		1.4
By class	16.2%	3.4%	1.9%	1.6%	0.6%	0.6%	2.1%
Number of respondents ^b	25	273	1,701	2,055	14,376	14,124	1,323
Total population	76	401	4,353	4,334	36,011	29,785	3,306
Student Characteristics^d							
<i>Mode of Completion</i>							
Paper	92%	0%	6%	0%	8%	2%	15%
Web	8%	100%	94%	100%	92%	98%	85%
<i>Enrollment Status^e</i>							
Full-time	99%	100%	100%	99%	98%	95%	100%
Less than full-time	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	5%	0%
<i>Gender^e</i>							
Female	58%	64%	61%	62%	63%	64%	57%
Male	42%	36%	39%	38%	37%	36%	43%
<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>							
Am. Indian/Native American	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	5%	2%	7%	4%	6%	5%	10%
Black/African American	2%	3%	4%	2%	6%	4%	3%
White (non-Hispanic)	78%	82%	72%	79%	73%	77%	69%
Mexican/Mexican American	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Puerto Rican	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Other Hispanic or Latino	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Multiracial	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%
Other	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
I prefer not to respond	7%	6%	6%	8%	6%	7%	7%
<i>International Student</i>	4%	3%	8%	6%	6%	4%	10%
<i>Place of Residence</i>							
On-campus ^f	95%	45%	96%	58%	89%	47%	96%
<i>Transfer Status</i>							
Transfer students	1%	6%	1%	4%	4%	15%	2%
<i>Age</i>							
Non-traditional (24 or older)	0%	2%	0%	1%	2%	9%	0%
Traditional (less than 24)	100%	98%	100%	99%	98%	91%	100%

^a Response rate (number of respondents divided by sample size) is adjusted for non-deliverable mailing addresses, students for whom contact information was not 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 same 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

^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.

^f Students who identified their residence as "dormitory or other campus housing" or "fraternity or sorority house."

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