

Stony Brook University

Respondent Characteristics August 2008



National Survey of Student Engagement

NSSE 2008 Respondent Characteristics

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	Stony	Stony Brook		AAUDE		Admissions Overlap		NSSE 2008	
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	
Response Rate ^a									
Overall	32%		30%		35%		33%		
By class	30%	34%	30%	31%	37%	33%	31%	35%	
NSSE sample size ^b	492	483	27,676	28,286	18,303	18,490	589,189	562,980	
Sampling Error [°]									
Overall	5.	4%	0.7%		0.7%		0.1%		
By class	7.8%	7.5%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.1%	0.2%	0.2%	
Number of respondents ^b	147	164	8,186	8,808	6,861	6,127	183,053	194,748	
Total population	2,411	3,137	61,985	65,737	25,171	27,075	766,602	752,038	
Student Characteristics ^d									
Mode of Completion									
Paper	16%	38%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	3%	
Web	84%	62%	100%	100%	100%	100%	98%	97%	
Class Level ^e	47%	53%	48%	52%	53%	47%	49%	51%	
Enrollment Status ^e									
Full-time	99%	88%	98%	93%	99%	94%	95%	85%	
Less than full-time	1%	12%	2%	7%	1%	6%	5%	15%	
Gender ^e									
Female	63%	57%	62%	59%	58%	56%	64%	64%	
Male	37%	43%	38%	41%	42%	44%	36%	36%	
Race/Ethnicity									
Am. Indian/Native American	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	36%	21%	12%	10%	10%	8%	6%	5%	
Black/African American	3%	8%	6%	4%	4%	4%	7%	7%	
White (non-Hispanic)	38%	50%	68%	72%	72%	72%	70%	71%	
Mexican/Mexican American	0%	0%	2%	2%	0%	0%	2%	3%	
Puerto Rican	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Other Hispanic or Latino	4%	6%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	
Multiracial	1%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	
Other	8%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	
I prefer not to respond	9%	8%	5%	6%	6%	7%	6%	7%	
International Student	8%	9%	6%	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%	
Place of Residence									
On-campus	66%	35%	88%	14%	90%	21%	72%	21%	
Off-campus	34%	65%	12%	86%	10%	79%	28%	79%	
Transfer Status									
Transfer students	3%	49%	2%	24%	5%	27%	9%	41%	
Age									
Non-traditional (24 or older)	0%	28%	0%	12%	1%	13%	6%	32%	
Traditional (less than 24)	100%	72%	100%	88%	99%	87%	94%	68%	

^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.