

NSSE 2008 Respondent Characteristics Washington State University

	WSU		Land-Grant Peers		Carnegie Class		AAU Public Inst.	
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR
Response Rate ^a								
Overall	24%		30%		31%		34%	
By class	23%	25%	29%	30%	31%	31%	34%	34%
NSSE sample size ^b	1,992	1,792	27,549	29,765	66,556	66,744	35,515	35,955
Sampling Error ^c								
Overall	3.0%		0.7%		0.4%		0.6%	
By class	4.2%	4.3%	1.0%	0.9%	0.6%	0.6%	0.8%	0.8%
Number of respondents ^b	461	451	8,072	9,061	20,902	20,824	12,080	12,128
Total population	3,178	3,375	48,635	55,424	116,469	120,291	75,783	83,680
Student Characteristics ^d								
Mode of Completion								
Paper	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Web	99%	98%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Class Level ^e	51%	49%	47%	53%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Enrollment Status ^e								
Full-time	97%	94%	98%	90%	98%	92%	99%	93%
Less than full-time	3%	6%	2%	10%	2%	8%	1%	7%
Gender ^e								
Female	59%	59%	60%	57%	61%	57%	60%	57%
Male	41%	41%	40%	43%	39%	43%	40%	43%
Race/Ethnicity								
Am. Indian/Native American	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	8%	9%	7%	5%	12%	9%	11%	9%
Black/African American	1%	1%	7%	4%	5%	4%	5%	3%
White (non-Hispanic)	73%	72%	74%	78%	70%	73%	71%	74%
Mexican/Mexican American	4%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Puerto Rican	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%
Multiracial	5%	5%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%
Other	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
I prefer not to respond	7%	6%	5%	6%	5%	6%	5%	6%
International Student	3%	9%	4%	3%	5%	5%	6%	5%
Place of Residence								
On-campus	93%	13%	82%	9%	86%	15%	88%	14%
Off-campus	7%	87%	18%	91%	14%	85%	12%	86%
Transfer Status								
Transfer students	12%	45%	4%	32%	4%	28%	3%	24%
Age								
Non-traditional (24 or older)	1%	21%	1%	18%	1%	15%	1%	12%
Traditional (less than 24)	99%	79%	99%	82%	99%	85%	99%	88%

^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 students for your institution and all randomly selected students for your comparison institutions.

^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.

^e Institution-reported data.