# NSSE 2009 Respondent Characteristics

## Western Carolina University

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<td>1,189</td>
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## Student Characteristics

### Mode of Completion

- **Paper**: 0% 0%
- **Web**: 100% 100%

### Enrollment Status

- **Full-time**: 97% 80%
- **Less than full-time**: 3% 20%

### Gender

- **Female**: 60% 66%
- **Male**: 40% 34%

### Race/Ethnicity

- **Am. Indian/Native American**: 1% 1%
- **Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.**: 0% 2%
- **Black/African American**: 4% 3%
- **White (non-Hispanic)**: 89% 85%
- **Mexican/Mexican American**: 1% 0%
- **Puerto Rican**: 0% 0%
- **Other Hispanic or Latino**: 0% 0%
- **Multiracial**: 1% 1%
- **Other**: 0% 1%
- **I prefer not to respond**: 3% 7%

### International Student

- 2% 0%

### Place of Residence

- **On-campus**: 90% 26%

### Transfer Status

- **Transfer students**: 12% 48%

### Age

- **Non-traditional (24 or older)**: 2% 36%
- **Traditional (less than 24)**: 98% 64%

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**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.

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