Western Carolina University

Respondent Characteristics
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### NSSE 2007 Respondent Characteristics

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<td>Overall</td>
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<td>By class</td>
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<td>NSSE sample size&lt;sup&gt;b&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>1,791</td>
<td>1,382</td>
<td>16,868</td>
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<td>Overall</td>
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<td>By class</td>
<td>3.2%</td>
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<td>1.2%</td>
<td>1.3%</td>
<td>1.1%</td>
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<td>Number of respondents&lt;sup&gt;b&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>617</td>
<td>529</td>
<td>4,911</td>
<td>4,268</td>
<td>6,448</td>
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<td>Total population</td>
<td>1,791</td>
<td>1,382</td>
<td>20,413</td>
<td>14,866</td>
<td>34,505</td>
<td>30,627</td>
<td>692,085</td>
<td>685,189</td>
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### Student Characteristics<sup>d</sup>

**Mode of Completion**

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

**Class Level**<sup>e</sup>

- 54% 46%

**Enrollment Status**<sup>e</sup>

- Full-time: 99% 89%
- Less than full-time: 10% 11%

**Gender**<sup>e</sup>

- Female: 59% 62%
- Male: 41% 38%

**Race/Ethnicity**

- Am. Indian/Native American: 1% 2%
- Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl. 2% 0%
- Black/African American: 5% 2%
- White (non-Hispanic): 85% 86%
- Mexican/Mexican American: 1% 1%
- Puerto Rican: 0% 0%
- Other Hispanic or Latino: 0% 0%
- Multiracial: 1% 1%
- Other: 1% 1%
- I prefer not to respond: 5% 6%

**International Student**

- 3% 2%

**Place of Residence**

- On-campus: 87% 29%
- Off-campus: 13% 71%

**Transfer Status**

- Transfer students: 12% 47%

**Age**

- Non-traditional (24 or older): 3% 29%
- Traditional (less than 24): 97% 71%

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<sup>a</sup> 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.

<sup>b</sup> 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.

<sup>c</sup> 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%.

<sup>d</sup> Percent of total respondents within each category. These results are not weighted.

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