



**National Survey
of Student Engagement**

Western Carolina University

Respondent Characteristics

August 2008

	WCU		ADP		Selected Peers		NSSE 2008	
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR
Response Rate^a								
Overall	26%		25%		31%		33%	
By class	20%	29%	22%	28%	28%	34%	31%	35%
NSSE sample size ^b	1,092	1,824	8,099	7,162	31,503	27,508	588,589	561,639
Sampling Error^c								
Overall	3.1%		1.5%		0.6%		0.1%	
By class	6.0%	3.6%	2.2%	2.0%	0.9%	0.9%	0.2%	0.2%
Number of respondents ^b	217	537	1,778	2,028	8,819	9,249	182,983	194,375
Total population	1,092	1,824	16,109	15,130	42,918	36,604	767,921	753,351
Student Characteristics^d								
Mode of Completion								
Paper	0%	0%	5%	4%	1%	1%	2%	3%
Web	100%	100%	95%	96%	99%	99%	98%	97%
Class Level^e	29%	71%	47%	53%	49%	51%	49%	51%
Enrollment Status^e								
Full-time	99%	86%	87%	76%	95%	86%	95%	85%
Less than full-time	1%	14%	13%	24%	5%	14%	5%	15%
Gender^e								
Female	67%	67%	68%	67%	69%	68%	64%	64%
Male	33%	33%	32%	33%	31%	32%	36%	36%
Race/Ethnicity								
Am. Indian/Native American	3%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	1%	0%	3%	2%	3%	3%	6%	5%
Black/African American	4%	3%	6%	5%	11%	8%	7%	7%
White (non-Hispanic)	86%	90%	76%	79%	75%	77%	70%	71%
Mexican/Mexican American	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%
Puerto Rican	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	3%
Multiracial	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Other	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
I prefer not to respond	2%	3%	4%	5%	5%	6%	6%	7%
International Student	5%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	5%	5%
Place of Residence								
On-campus	86%	27%	50%	9%	68%	10%	72%	21%
Off-campus	14%	73%	50%	91%	32%	90%	28%	79%
Transfer Status								
Transfer students	8%	44%	16%	55%	11%	44%	9%	41%
Age								
Non-traditional (24 or older)	2%	33%	14%	46%	6%	33%	6%	32%
Traditional (less than 24)	98%	67%	86%	54%	94%	67%	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.