



# Western Carolina University

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Respondent Characteristics

August 2012

	WCU		UNC System		Participating Peers		NSSE 2012	
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR
<b>Response Rate<sup>a</sup></b>								
Overall	16%		22%		28%		25%	
By class	14%	18%	21%	23%	25%	32%	23%	27%
NSSE sample size <sup>b</sup>	1,314	1,452	10,241	12,051	8,231	6,570	581,173	646,334
<b>Sampling Error<sup>c</sup></b>								
Overall	4.3%		1.2%		1.3%		0.2%	
By class	6.8%	5.5%	1.9%	1.6%	1.9%	1.9%	0.2%	0.2%
Number of respondents <sup>b</sup>	179	263	2,131	2,775	2,067	2,074	134,034	173,534
Total population	1,314	1,452	10,242	12,051	10,070	8,120	620,951	696,087
<b>Student Characteristics<sup>d</sup></b>								
<b>Mode of Completion</b>								
Paper	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Web	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%
<b>Enrollment Status<sup>e</sup></b>								
Full-time	99%	82%	99%	84%	96%	87%	94%	84%
Less than full-time	1%	18%	1%	16%	4%	13%	6%	16%
<b>Gender<sup>e</sup></b>								
Female	75%	63%	73%	72%	68%	66%	65%	64%
Male	25%	37%	27%	28%	32%	34%	35%	36%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>								
Am. Indian/Native American	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	3%	2%	2%	1%	5%	3%	7%	5%
Black/African American	8%	2%	30%	29%	6%	6%	10%	9%
White (non-Hispanic)	72%	84%	55%	56%	78%	82%	66%	68%
Mexican/Mexican American	3%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	3%
Puerto Rican	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	3%
Multiracial	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Other	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
I prefer not to respond	9%	5%	4%	7%	4%	4%	5%	6%
<b>International Student</b>	3%	0%	3%	3%	7%	4%	6%	5%
<b>Place of Residence</b>								
On-campus <sup>f</sup>	90%	28%	84%	9%	69%	10%	63%	15%
<b>Transfer Status</b>								
Transfer students	9%	59%	7%	51%	10%	49%	10%	43%
<b>Age</b>								
24 or older	1%	44%	4%	44%	7%	32%	9%	38%
Under 24	99%	56%	96%	56%	93%	68%	91%	62%

<sup>a</sup> Response rate (number of respondents divided by sample size) is adjusted for non-deliverable 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 or census-administered 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. For example, if the sampling error is +/-5% and 60% of your students reply "very often" to a particular item, 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.

<sup>f</sup> Students who identified their residence as "dormitory or other campus housing" or "fraternity or sorority house."