

**Table 7:
NSSE 2002 Respondent Characteristics
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth**

| | UMASS Dartmouth | UMASS System | Master's | NSSE 2002 |
|---|-----------------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| Overall Response Rate ^a | 28% | 36% | 39% | 41% |
| Sampling ^b | | | | |
| Number of Respondents | 392 | 848 | 32,498 | 80,497 |
| NSSE Sample Size | 1400 | 2,400 | 85,068 | 206,844 |
| Total FY and Senior Population | 2480 | 11,335 | 340,738 | 917,756 |
| Sampling Error ^c | | | | |
| Overall | 4.5% | 3.2% | 0.5% | 0.3% |
| First-year | 6.7% | 4.6% | 0.8% | 0.5% |
| Senior | 6.2% | 4.6% | 0.7% | 0.5% |
| Student Characteristics ^d | | | | |
| Mode of Completion | | | | |
| Paper | 28% | 59% | 68% | 55% |
| Web | 72% | 41% | 32% | 45% |
| Gender | | | | |
| Male | 37% | 40% | 31% | 34% |
| Female | 63% | 60% | 69% | 66% |
| Race/Ethnicity ^e | | | | |
| African American | 5% | 3% | 7% | 6% |
| American Indian/Native American | 1% | 0% | 1% | 1% |
| Asian American/Pacific Islander | 3% | 8% | 6% | 6% |
| Caucasian/White | 80% | 74% | 71% | 75% |
| Hispanic | 2% | 5% | 10% | 7% |
| Other | 8% | 3% | 1% | 1% |
| Multiple | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| International | 2% | 2% | 1% | 1% |
| Class Level | | | | |
| First-year | 47% | 50% | 47% | 49% |
| Senior | 53% | 50% | 53% | 51% |
| Enrollment Status | | | | |
| Full-time | 94% | 95% | 84% | 88% |
| Part-time | 6% | 5% | 16% | 12% |
| Place of Residence | | | | |
| On-campus | 43% | 48% | 33% | 44% |
| Off-campus | 57% | 52% | 67% | 56% |

^a Response rate (number of respondents divided by sample size) is adjusted for non-deliverable mailing addresses.

^b Oversampled students are included in institution numbers but not in the consortium, Carnegie classification, or total NSSE 2002 sample numbers.

^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 because of one or more reasons (e.g., differences in one or more important characteristics between the sample and the population). To interpret the sampling error, assume that 60% of your respondents reply "very often" to a particular item. If the sampling error is $\pm 5\%$ then there is a 95% chance that the population value is between 55% and 65%.

^d Each number represents the percent of total respondents within the category.

^e This category uses race and ethnicity information provided by institutions. Therefore, percentages may not equal those on Table 2.