

NSSE 2008 Respondent Characteristics

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

			Current/Region						
	UMass Dartmouth		Peers		Carnegie Class		US NSSE 2008		
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	
Response Rate ^a									
Overall	24%		30%		30%		33%		
By class	21%	30%	30%	31%	28%	32%	31%	35%	
NSSE sample size ^b	1,700	941	25,302	22,675	175,981	186,413	587,981	562,522	
Sampling Error ^c									
Overall	3.	3.4%		0.7%		0.3%		0.1%	
By class	4.6%	4.9%	1.0%	1.0%	0.4%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	
Number of respondents ^b	353	281	7,545	7,085	49,010	59,703	182,847	194,631	
Total population	1,700	941	26,851	23,988	228,918	254,033	767,313	754,234	
Student Characteristics ^d									
Mode of Completion									
Paper	0%	0%	1%	1%	3%	3%	2%	3%	
Web	100%	100%	99%	99%	97%	97%	98%	97%	
Class Level ^e	56%	44%	52%	48%	45%	55%	49%	51%	
Enrollment Status ^e									
Full-time	99%	84%	98%	91%	95%	83%	95%	85%	
Less than full-time	1%	16%	2%	9%	5%	17%	5%	15%	
Gender ^e									
Female	57%	62%	65%	64%	67%	67%	64%	64%	
Male	43%	38%	35%	36%	33%	33%	36%	36%	
Race/Ethnicity									
Am. Indian/Native American	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	4%	3%	5%	4%	6%	6%	6%	5%	
Black/African American	1%	5%	3%	3%	6%	6%	7%	7%	
White (non-Hispanic)	83%	77%	80%	80%	69%	69%	70%	71%	
Mexican/Mexican American	0%	0%	1%	1%	4%	4%	2%	3%	
Puerto Rican	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Other Hispanic or Latino	0%	1%	2%	1%	3%	3%	3%	3%	
Multiracial	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	
Other	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	
I prefer not to respond	6%	10%	6%	8%	6%	7%	6%	7%	
International Student	3%	4%	3%	3%	5%	5%	5%	5%	
Place of Residence									
On-campus	71%	32%	80%	15%	64%	12%	72%	21%	
Off-campus	29%	68%	20%	85%	36%	88%	28%	79%	
Transfer Status									
Transfer students	7%	40%	6%	36%	10%	51%	9%	41%	
Age									
Non-traditional (24 or older)	1%	31%	2%	24%	6%	39%	6%	32%	
Traditional (less than 24)	99%	69%	98%	76%	94%	61%	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.