

Western Michigan University

Comparison of First Year Students	WMU			High Research			Carnegie Class			NSSE 2009		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
<b>Response Rate<sup>a</sup></b>												
By class	25%	20%	24%	26%	23%	25%	28%	26%	28%	31%	29%	30%
NSSE sample size <sup>b</sup>	3,683	2,571	2,932	63,277	20,548	69,324	78,439	93,536	95,443	585,998	555,611	556,704
<b>Sampling Error<sup>c</sup></b>												
By class	2.9%	4.0%	3.2%	0.7%	1.3%	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Number of respondents <sup>b</sup>	907	526	710	16,177	4,757	17,240	22,318	24,537	26,778	182,293	158,665	165,236
Total population	4,503	4,959	2,932	97,037	36,148	76,488	117,331	142,611	102,634	764,510	715,078	585,386
<b>Student Characteristics<sup>d</sup></b>												
<b>Mode of Completion</b>												
Paper	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%
Web	100%	100%	100%	97%	100%	99%	98%	99%	100%	98%	98%	99%
<b>Enrollment Status<sup>e</sup></b>												
Full-time	96%	95%	98%	97%	96%	97%	97%	97%	97%	95%	95%	95%
Less than full-time	4%	5%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	5%	5%	5%
<b>Gender<sup>e</sup></b>												
Female	60%	59%	59%	59%	64%	59%	59%	58%	59%	64%	64%	64%
Male	40%	41%	41%	41%	36%	41%	41%	42%	41%	36%	36%	36%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>												
Am. Indian/Native American	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	3%	3%	4%	7%	10%	7%	8%	9%	8%	6%	6%	7%
Black/African American	5%	5%	9%	10%	7%	9%	8%	7%	8%	7%	8%	9%
White (non-Hispanic)	79%	78%	74%	67%	65%	63%	68%	68%	65%	70%	68%	66%
Mexican/Mexican American	1%	1%	2%	2%	4%	5%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%
Puerto Rican	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	1%	4%	1%	3%	3%	5%	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%
Multiracial	2%	1%	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Other	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%
I prefer not to respond	7%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	6%	5%	5%
<b>International Student</b>	4%	6%	4%	5%	6%	5%	6%	7%	6%	5%	6%	6%
<b>Place of Residence</b>												
On-campus	77%	78%	80%	70%	52%	65%	73%	68%	71%	72%	67%	67%
Off-campus	23%	22%	20%	30%	48%	35%	27%	32%	29%	28%	33%	33%
<b>Transfer Status</b>												
Transfer students	9%	13%	6%	9%	10%	8%	8%	8%	7%	9%	9%	9%
<b>Age</b>												
Non-traditional (24 or older)	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	6%	7%	7%
Traditional (less than 24)	98%	96%	97%	97%	97%	96%	97%	97%	97%	94%	93%	93%

<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.

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<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.

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Comparison of Seniors	WMU			High Research			Carnegie Class			NSSE 2009		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
<b>Response Rate<sup>a</sup></b>												
By class	45%	29%	35%	29%	27%	27%	31%	31%	30%	35%	34%	33%
NSSE sample size <sup>b</sup>	1,312	2,564	3,616	65,954	18,558	85,361	79,807	95,635	112,159	562,151	518,812	581,698
<b>Sampling Error<sup>c</sup></b>												
By class	3.0%	3.1%	2.2%	0.6%	1.3%	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Number of respondents <sup>b</sup>	593	753	1,256	19,077	5,076	22,673	24,813	29,505	33,644	194,319	175,183	194,265
Total population	1,312	3,122	3,616	103,006	41,047	101,043	124,352	150,285	127,852	753,863	705,571	612,590
<b>Student Characteristics<sup>d</sup></b>												
<b>Mode of Completion</b>												
Paper	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%
Web	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	97%	98%	99%
<b>Enrollment Status<sup>e</sup></b>												
Full-time	88%	82%	87%	84%	85%	81%	86%	84%	85%	85%	84%	83%
Less than full-time	12%	18%	13%	16%	15%	19%	14%	16%	15%	15%	16%	17%
<b>Gender<sup>e</sup></b>												
Female	65%	53%	60%	58%	56%	58%	57%	57%	57%	64%	64%	64%
Male	35%	47%	40%	42%	44%	42%	43%	43%	43%	36%	36%	36%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>												
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I prefer not to respond	5%	8%	7%	6%	7%	6%	6%	7%	6%	7%	6%	6%
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