

NSSE Sampling Methodology

NSSE surveys the entire population of first-year and senior students. In February to March, students are sent an electronic invitation to complete the Web version of the **NSSE**. When students are finished completing the survey (typically 15 minutes or less), they submit their responses directly to NSSE.

NSSE works with Indiana University Center for Survey Research to track survey returns and conducts follow-up procedures with non-respondents. Non-respondents receive an e-mail follow-up, then an e-mail message with a link to the survey and log-in information, followed by additional e-mail reminders to complete the survey.

Description of Population

First-Year Students

All degree-seeking freshmen currently enrolled for the current fall semester (post-census), minus students who will be classified as sophomores in the upcoming spring semester, pending successful completion of fall semester courses.

Senior Students

All students with senior status, who are within 12 to 24 hours or 6 to 8 courses from graduation (based on semesters) at the start of spring 2010.

The URL address of the Web-based version of the NSSE is included in all correspondence to students.