

Western Michigan University

Comparison of First Year Students	WMU				High Research				Carnegie Class				NSSE 2009			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Response Rate^a																
By class	25%	20%	24%	19%	26%	23%	25%	17%	28%	26%	28%	21%	31%	29%	30%	25%
NSSE sample size ^b	3,683	2,571	2,932	4,345	63,277	20,548	69,324	28,760	78,439	93,536	95,443	117,164	585,998	555,611	556,704	751,144
Sampling Error^c																
By class	2.9%	4.0%	3.2%	3.1%	0.7%	1.3%	0.7%	1.3%	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Number of respondents ^b	907	526	710	829	16,177	4,757	17,240	5,004	22,318	24,537	26,778	24,825	182,293	158,665	165,236	186,012
Total population	4,503	4,959	2,932	4,345	97,037	36,148	76,488	28,768	117,331	142,611	102,634	125,515	764,510	715,078	585,386	785,701
Student Characteristics^d																
Mode of Completion																
Paper	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Web	100%	100%	100%	100%	97%	100%	99%	100%	98%	99%	100%	100%	98%	98%	99%	99%
Enrollment Status^e																
Full-time	96%	95%	98%	98%	97%	96%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%	95%	95%	95%	95%
Less than full-time	4%	5%	2%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Gender^e																
Female	60%	59%	59%	62%	59%	64%	59%	63%	59%	58%	59%	61%	64%	64%	64%	65%
Male	40%	41%	41%	38%	41%	36%	41%	37%	41%	42%	41%	39%	36%	36%	36%	35%
Race/Ethnicity																
Am. Indian/Native American	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	3%	3%	4%	2%	7%	10%	7%	7%	8%	9%	8%	8%	6%	6%	7%	8%
Black/African American	5%	5%	9%	11%	10%	7%	9%	9%	8%	7%	8%	7%	7%	8%	9%	9%
White (non-Hispanic)	79%	78%	74%	74%	67%	65%	63%	68%	68%	68%	65%	66%	70%	68%	66%	66%
Mexican/Mexican American	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	4%	5%	2%	2%	2%	4%	4%	2%	3%	3%	4%
Puerto Rican	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	1%	4%	1%	1%	3%	3%	5%	2%	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Multiracial	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Other	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%
I prefer not to respond	7%	6%	6%	4%	5%	5%	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%
International Student	4%	6%	4%	4%	5%	6%	5%	5%	6%	7%	6%	6%	5%	6%	6%	6%
Place of Residence																
On-campus	77%	78%	80%	73%	70%	52%	65%	61%	73%	68%	71%	67%	72%	67%	67%	66%
Off-campus	23%	22%	20%	27%	30%	48%	35%	39%	27%	32%	29%	33%	28%	33%	33%	34%
Transfer Status																
Transfer students	9%	13%	6%	9%	9%	10%	8%	8%	8%	8%	7%	7%	9%	9%	9%	9%
Age																
Non-traditional (24 or older)	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	7%	3%	3%	3%	5%	6%	7%	7%	8%
Traditional (less than 24)	98%	96%	97%	97%	97%	97%	96%	93%	97%	97%	97%	95%	94%	93%	93%	92%

^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.

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^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.

Comparison of Seniors	WMU				High Research				Carnegie Class				NSSE 2009			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Response Rate^a																
By class	45%	29%	35%	29%	29%	27%	27%	21%	31%	31%	30%	25%	35%	34%	33%	28%
NSSE sample size ^b	1,312	2,564	3,616	3,983	65,954	18,558	85,361	28,624	79,807	95,635	112,159	139,425	562,151	518,812	581,698	806,311
Sampling Error^c																
By class	3.0%	3.1%	2.2%	2.5%	0.6%	1.3%	0.6%	1.1%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Number of respondents ^b	593	753	1,256	1,136	19,077	5,076	22,673	5,937	24,813	29,505	33,644	34,417	194,319	175,183	194,265	229,286
Total population	1,312	3,122	3,616	3,983	103,006	41,047	101,043	28,624	124,352	150,285	127,852	152,329	753,863	705,571	612,590	840,000
Student Characteristics^d																
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Paper	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%
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Enrollment Status^e																
Full-time	88%	82%	87%	83%	84%	85%	81%	86%	86%	84%	85%	86%	85%	84%	83%	84%
Less than full-time	12%	18%	13%	17%	16%	15%	19%	14%	14%	16%	15%	14%	15%	16%	17%	16%
Gender^e																
Female	65%	53%	60%	58%	58%	56%	58%	62%	57%	57%	57%	59%	64%	64%	64%	63%
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