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## University of Massachusetts Boston

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Introduction

## Guide to Your Report

Students enter your campus with a variety of backgrounds and experiences that relate to their academic engagement and success. The purpose of BCSSE is to provide your campus with valuable and timely information that will allow you to positively impact the first-year experiences of your students.

The BCSSE Institutional Report 2010 contains three sections that highlight important characteristics related to your incoming first-year class. The first section of this report describes the background characteristics of your first-year students who responded to the survey. The second section contains the frequency distributions for all questions on the survey. Overall results for your institution are presented, as well as results by gender and first-generation status. The third section contains the overall institutional means for six BCSSE scales. These scales provide important information regarding high school academic engagement, expected first-year academic engagement, as well as an assessment of expected first-year academic performance. Similar to the frequency distributions, the mean differences are also reported by gender and first-generation status. In total, this report provides your institution with the best estimates of your incoming first-year student academic characteristics.

## Student Comparisons

As described above, your BCSSE Institutional Report 2010 contains results by gender and firstgeneration status. The results are presented by student subgroup because of the importance to better understand the diversity of student experiences within each campus. With a better understanding of student variation, you may more effectively target important academic resources to the students who are in the most need. Though this report only examines group differences by gender and first-generation status, there are many other important subgroups to consider depending on the unique circumstances of your campus.

## BCSSE Reports

Don't forget that this institutional report is one of two reports. BCSSE was designed as a companion to the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). By participating in NSSE in the spring of 2011, you will also receive a BCSSE 2010-NSSE 2011 Combined Report that provides a detailed longitudinal analysis of your first-year students.

## Where to Find More Information

To see a sample of the BCSSE 2010-NSSE 2011 Combined Report, go to: bcsse.iub.edu. More information about NSSE, including this year's regsitration deadline, can be found at nsse.iub.edu.

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|  | Respondents ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Count | \% |
| Number of Surveys Completed | 648 | 100 |
| Mode of Completion |  |  |
| Paper | 648 | 100 |
| Web | 0 | 0 |
| When Student Completed BCSSE |  |  |
| Before attending orientation | 3 | 0 |
| While attending orientation | 631 | 98 |
| After attending orientation | 8 | 1 |
| Not applicable, not attending orientation | 1 | 0 |
| Student Characteristics |  |  |
| Enrollment Status |  |  |
| Full-time | 614 | 98 |
| Less than full-time | 11 | 2 |
| Gender |  |  |
| Female | 338 | 54 |
| Male | 288 | 46 |
| Race/Ethnicity |  |  |
| American Indian or other Native American | 2 | 0 |
| Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander | 89 | 14 |
| Black or African American | 61 | 10 |
| White (non-Hispanic) | 329 | 52 |
| Mexican or Mexican American | 5 | 1 |
| Puerto Rican | 10 | 2 |
| Other Hispanic or Latino | 45 | 7 |
| Multiracial | 33 | 5 |
| Other | 30 | 5 |
| I prefer not to respond | 25 | 4 |
| High School Graduation Year |  |  |
| 2007 or earlier | 23 | 4 |
| 2008 | 11 | 2 |
| 2009 | 22 | 3 |
| 2010 | 584 | 91 |
| First Generation Status ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |
| Yes | 290 | 51 |
| No | 276 | 49 |
| International or Foreign National Student |  |  |
| Yes | 35 | 6 |
| No | 585 | 94 |

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Frequency Distributions

## Variables

The items from the BCSSE survey appear in the left column of the report with the same wording as they appear on the instrument.

Variable Name
The variable name as it appears in the data file and codebook

## Institution-Level

Results for each item for the institution overall.

## Selected Student Comparisons

Results for each item by gender and firstgeneration status.

Scale Name
Indicates which scale includes this item (if applicable).

HSE=High School Academic Engagement
EAE=Expected Academic Engagement
EAP=Expected Academic Perseverance
EAD=Expected Academic Difficulty
PAP=Perceived Academic Preparation
ICE=Importance of Campus Environment




| BCSSE <br> beginning college survey of student engagement | Scale | Response Options |  | BCSSE 2010 Frequency Distributions |  |  |  |  |  | First Generation ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | University of Massachusetts Boston |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | All Students |  | Gender |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Female | Male |  | Yes |  | No |  |
| Variable |  |  |  | Count | \% | Count | \% | Count | \% | Count | \% | Count | \% |
| c. College courses for credit hcoll |  | 0 classes |  |  |  | 418 | 74 | 215 | 74 | 190 | 75 | 193 | 78 | 174 | 72 |
|  |  | 1 class |  | 42 | 7 | 19 | 7 | 23 | 9 | 21 | 8 | 19 | 8 |
|  |  | 2 classes |  | 19 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 4 |
|  |  | 3 classes |  | 13 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 2 |
|  |  | 4 classes |  | 17 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 4 |
|  |  | 5 or more classes |  | 54 | 10 | 31 | 11 | 19 | 7 | 22 | 9 | 24 | 10 |
|  |  |  | Total | 563 | 100 | 289 | 100 | 255 | 100 | 249 | 100 | 242 | 100 |
| 7. During your last year of high school, about how much reading and writing did you do? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a. Assigned reading (textbooks or hreadasg other course materials) | HSE | None |  | 9 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
|  |  | Very little |  | 36 | 6 | 13 | 4 | 21 | 7 | 11 | 4 | 20 | 7 |
|  |  | Some |  | 153 | 24 | 70 | 21 | 78 | 27 | 69 | 24 | 64 | 23 |
|  |  | Quite a bit |  | 258 | 40 | 130 | 39 | 120 | 42 | 127 | 44 | 99 | 36 |
|  |  | Very much |  | 186 | 29 | 119 | 35 | 62 | 22 | 78 | 27 | 88 | 32 |
|  |  |  | Total | 642 | 100 | 337 | 100 | 284 | 100 | 288 | 100 | 274 | 100 |
| b. Books read on your own (not hreadown assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment |  | None |  | 76 | 12 | 31 | 9 | 42 | 15 | 30 | 10 | 35 | 13 |
|  |  | Very little |  | 174 | 27 | 78 | 23 | 87 | 30 | 81 | 28 | 67 | 24 |
|  |  | Some |  | 180 | 28 | 98 | 29 | 78 | 27 | 90 | 31 | 70 | 25 |
|  |  | Quite a bit |  | 112 | 17 | 63 | 19 | 49 | 17 | 53 | 18 | 47 | 17 |
|  |  | Very much |  | 103 | 16 | 68 | 20 | 30 | 10 | 35 | 12 | 57 | 21 |
|  |  |  | Total | 645 | 100 | 338 | 100 | 286 | 100 | 289 | 100 | 276 | 100 |
| c. Writing short papers or reports hwrite5 ( 5 or fewer pages) | HSE | None |  | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
|  |  | Very little |  | 21 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 12 | 4 | 11 | 4 | 6 | 2 |
|  |  | Some |  | 131 | 20 | 69 | 20 | 57 | 20 | 47 | 16 | 63 | 23 |
|  |  | Quite a bit |  | 231 | 36 | 106 | 31 | 122 | 43 | 114 | 39 | 92 | 34 |
|  |  | Very much |  | 256 | 40 | 152 | 45 | 92 | 33 | 116 | 40 | 112 | 41 |
|  |  |  | Total | 642 | 100 | 338 | 100 | 283 | 100 | 289 | 100 | 274 | 100 |
| d. Writing longer papers or $\quad$ hwrite5mreports (more than $\mathbf{5}$ pages) | HSE | None |  | 38 | 6 | 18 | 5 | 18 | 6 | 13 | 5 | 16 | 6 |
|  |  | Very little |  | 146 | 23 | 74 | 22 | 70 | 25 | 68 | 24 | 56 | 21 |
|  |  | Some |  | 215 | 34 | 109 | 33 | 95 | 34 | 97 | 34 | 91 | 33 |
|  |  | Quite a bit |  | 151 | 24 | 77 | 23 | 71 | 25 | 75 | 26 | 68 | 25 |
|  |  | Very much |  | 89 | 14 | 57 | 17 | 29 | 10 | 34 | 12 | 42 | 15 |
|  |  |  | Total | 639 | 100 | 335 | 100 | 283 | 100 | 287 | 100 | 273 | 100 |



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|  | Variable | Scale | Response Options |  | All Students |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Count | \% |
| g. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in | hrewropa | HSE | Never |  | 100 | 16 |
|  |  |  | Sometimes |  | 260 | 41 |
|  |  |  | Often |  | 168 | 26 |
|  |  |  | Very often |  | 107 | 17 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 635 | 100 |
| h. Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ehtnicity than your own | hdivrstu |  | Never |  | 66 | 10 |
|  |  |  | Sometimes |  | 175 | 28 |
|  |  |  | Often |  | 168 | 26 |
|  |  |  | Very often |  | 225 | 35 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 634 | 100 |
| i. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with teachers outside of class | hfacidea | HSE | Never |  | 138 | 22 |
|  |  |  | Sometimes |  | 276 | 44 |
|  |  |  | Often |  | 138 | 22 |
|  |  |  | Very often |  | 77 | 12 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 629 | 100 |
| j. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, etc.) | hoocidea | HSE | Never |  | 86 | 14 |
|  |  |  | Sometimes |  | 283 | 45 |
|  |  |  | Often |  | 177 | 28 |
|  |  |  | Very often |  | 84 | 13 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 630 | 100 |
| k. Talked with a counselor, teacher, or other staff member about college or career plans | hfacplan |  | Never |  | 26 | 4 |
|  |  |  | Sometimes |  | 188 | 30 |
|  |  |  | Often |  | 229 | 36 |
|  |  |  | Very often |  | 190 | 30 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 633 | 100 |
| 1. Had serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values | hdiffstu |  | Never |  | 73 | 12 |
|  |  |  | Sometimes |  | 192 | 30 |
|  |  |  | Often |  | 179 | 28 |
|  |  |  | Very often |  | 187 | 30 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 631 | 100 |
| m. Missed a day of school | hmisssch |  | Never |  | 94 | 15 |
|  |  |  | Sometimes |  | 405 | 65 |
|  |  |  | Often |  | 59 | 9 |
|  |  |  | Very often |  | 67 | 11 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 625 | 100 |

Gender

| Female |  | Male |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Count | $\%$ | Count | $\%$ |
| 51 | 15 | 47 | 17 |
| 130 | 39 | 121 | 43 |
| 90 | 27 | 74 | 26 |
| 64 | 19 | 41 | 14 |
| 335 | 100 | 283 | 100 |
| 42 | 13 | 22 | 8 |
| 104 | 31 | 68 | 24 |
| 77 | 23 | 83 | 30 |
| 113 | 34 | 108 | 38 |
| 336 | 100 | 281 | 100 |
| 70 | 21 | 63 | 23 |
| 149 | 45 | 120 | 43 |
| 75 | 23 | 60 | 21 |
| 39 | 12 | 37 | 13 |
| 333 | 100 | 280 | 100 |
| 43 | 13 | 42 | 15 |
| 141 | 42 | 133 | 48 |
| 104 | 31 | 69 | 25 |
| 45 | 14 | 36 | 13 |
| 333 | 100 | 280 | 100 |
| 12 | 4 | 14 | 5 |
| 90 | 27 | 92 | 33 |
| 116 | 35 | 106 | 38 |
| 116 | 35 | 70 | 25 |
| 334 | 100 | 282 | 100 |
| 41 | 12 | 30 | 11 |
| 109 | 33 | 77 | 28 |
| 89 | 27 | 87 | 31 |
| 95 | 28 | 86 | 31 |
| 334 | 100 | 280 | 100 |
| 43 | 13 | 47 | 17 |
| 223 | 67 | 172 | 62 |
| 31 | 9 | 26 | 9 |
| 34 | 10 | 32 | 12 |
| 331 | 100 | 277 | 100 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

First Generation ${ }^{1}$

| Yes |  | No |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Count | $\%$ | Count | $\%$ |  |
| 44 | 15 | 39 | 14 |  |
| 117 | 40 | 112 | 41 |  |
| 79 | 27 | 71 | 26 |  |
| 49 | 17 | 49 | 18 |  |
| 289 | 100 | 271 | 100 |  |
| 28 | 10 | 28 | 10 |  |
| 83 | 29 | 68 | 25 |  |
| 71 | 25 | 73 | 27 |  |
| 106 | 37 | 103 | 38 |  |
| 288 | 100 | 272 | 100 |  |
| 60 | 21 | 64 | 24 |  |
| 125 | 44 | 117 | 43 |  |
| 66 | 23 | 56 | 21 |  |
| 35 | 12 | 33 | 12 |  |
| 286 | 100 | 270 | 100 |  |
| 42 | 15 | 28 | 10 |  |
| 126 | 44 | 127 | 47 |  |
| 79 | 28 | 78 | 29 |  |
| 39 | 14 | 38 | 14 |  |
| 286 | 100 | 271 | 100 |  |
| 7 | 2 | 17 | 6 |  |
| 74 | 26 | 88 | 32 |  |
| 103 | 36 | 102 | 38 |  |
| 104 | 36 | 64 | 24 |  |
| 288 | 100 | 271 | 100 |  |
| 30 | 10 | 31 | 11 |  |
| 97 | 34 | 76 | 28 |  |
| 78 | 27 | 83 | 30 |  |
| 81 | 28 | 83 | 30 |  |
| 286 | 100 | 273 | 100 |  |
| 43 | 15 | 35 | 13 |  |
| 174 | 61 | 190 | 70 |  |
| 32 | 11 | 23 | 8 |  |
| 34 | 12 | 23 | 8 |  |
| 283 | 100 | 271 | 100 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |



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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | University of Massachusetts Boston |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Gender |  |  |  | First Generation ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | All Students |  | Fem |  | Male |  | Yes |  | No |  |
|  | Variable | Scale | Response $O_{P}$ |  | Count | \% | Count | \% | Count | \% | Count | \% | Count | \% |
| d. Publications (student newspaper, yearbook, etc.) | hinvpubs |  | 1 Not involved |  | 450 | 71 | 222 | 66 | 216 | 77 | 211 | 74 | 185 | 68 |
|  |  |  | 2 |  | 64 | 10 | 37 | 11 | 27 | 10 | 30 | 10 | 26 | 10 |
|  |  |  | 3 |  | 43 | 7 | 26 | 8 | 17 | 6 | 15 | 5 | 24 | 9 |
|  |  |  | 4 |  | 29 | 5 | 19 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 11 | 4 | 14 | 5 |
|  |  |  | 5 |  | 13 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 3 |
|  |  |  | 6 Highly involved |  | 32 | 5 | 23 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 14 | 5 | 15 | 6 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 631 | 100 | 335 | 100 | 281 | 100 | 287 | 100 | 271 | 100 |
| e. Academic honor societies | hinvhono |  | 1 Not involved |  | 436 | 69 | 219 | 65 | 207 | 73 | 200 | 69 | 180 | 67 |
|  |  |  | 2 |  | 42 | 7 | 21 | 6 | 21 | 7 | 19 | 7 | 21 | 8 |
|  |  |  | 3 |  | 46 | 7 | 24 | 7 | 21 | 7 | 23 | 8 | 16 | 6 |
|  |  |  | 4 |  | 36 | 6 | 19 | 6 | 16 | 6 | 12 | 4 | 23 | 9 |
|  |  |  | 5 |  | 22 | 3 | 17 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 3 | 11 | 4 |
|  |  |  | 6 Highly involved |  | 50 | 8 | 35 | 10 | 12 | 4 | 24 | 8 | 19 | 7 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 632 | 100 | 335 | 100 | 282 | 100 | 288 | 100 | 270 | 100 |
| f. Academic clubs (debate, mathematics, science, etc.) | hinvaccl |  | 1 Not involved |  | 417 | 67 | 224 | 68 | 182 | 65 | 190 | 67 | 177 | 66 |
|  |  |  | 2 |  | 67 | 11 | 32 | 10 | 34 | 12 | 31 | 11 | 34 | 13 |
|  |  |  | 3 |  | 56 | 9 | 31 | 9 | 24 | 9 | 27 | 10 | 20 | 7 |
|  |  |  | 4 |  | 38 | 6 | 17 | 5 | 19 | 7 | 13 | 5 | 19 | 7 |
|  |  |  | 5 |  | 17 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 8 | 3 |
|  |  |  | 6 Highly involved |  | 31 | 5 | 17 | 5 | 14 | 5 | 15 | 5 | 11 | 4 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 626 | 100 | 329 | 100 | 282 | 100 | 284 | 100 | 269 | 100 |
| g. Vocational clubs (business, health, technology, etc.) | hinvvccl |  | 1 Not involved |  | 477 | 76 | 258 | 78 | 206 | 73 | 206 | 72 | 212 | 78 |
|  |  |  | 2 |  | 41 | 7 | 21 | 6 | 19 | 7 | 23 | 8 | 14 | 5 |
|  |  |  | 3 |  | 34 | 5 | 16 | 5 | 18 | 6 | 18 | 6 | 14 | 5 |
|  |  |  | 4 |  | 29 | 5 | 11 | 3 | 18 | 6 | 11 | 4 | 14 | 5 |
|  |  |  | 5 |  | 12 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
|  |  |  | 6 Highly involved |  | 36 | 6 | 18 | 5 | 18 | 6 | 20 | 7 | 13 | 5 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 629 | 100 | 332 | 100 | 282 | 100 | 285 | 100 | 271 | 100 |
| h. Religious youth groups | hrelgrp |  | 1 Not involved |  | 493 | 78 | 265 | 80 | 220 | 77 | 235 | 82 | 204 | 76 |
|  |  |  | 2 |  | 30 | 5 | 14 | 4 | 15 | 5 | 11 | 4 | 15 | 6 |
|  |  |  | 3 |  | 31 | 5 | 13 | 4 | 18 | 6 | 11 | 4 | 15 | 6 |
|  |  |  | 4 |  | 32 | 5 | 12 | 4 | 18 | 6 | 10 | 3 | 19 | 7 |
|  |  |  | 5 |  | 8 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
|  |  |  | 6 Highly involved |  | 36 | 6 | 23 | 7 | 10 | 4 | 17 | 6 | 13 | 5 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 630 | 100 | 332 | 100 | 284 | 100 | 286 | 100 | 270 | 100 |



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|  | Variable | Scale | Response Options |  | All Students |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Count | \% |
| d. Work with other students on projects during class | cclassgr | EAE | Never |  | 21 | 3 |
|  |  |  | Sometimes |  | 186 | 30 |
|  |  |  | Often |  | 269 | 43 |
|  |  |  | Very often |  | 153 | 24 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 629 | 100 |
| e. Work with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments | coccgrp | EAE | Never |  | 13 | 2 |
|  |  |  | Sometimes |  | 166 | 26 |
|  |  |  | Often |  | 276 | 44 |
|  |  |  | Very often |  | 174 | 28 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 629 | 100 |
| f. Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions | cintidea |  | Never |  | 5 | 1 |
|  |  |  | Sometimes |  | 112 | 18 |
|  |  |  | Often |  | 298 | 47 |
|  |  |  | Very often |  | 216 | 34 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 631 | 100 |
| g. Discuss grades or assignments with an instructor | cfacgrad | EAE | Never |  | 7 | 1 |
|  |  |  | Sometimes |  | 137 | 22 |
|  |  |  | Often |  | 273 | 43 |
|  |  |  | Very often |  | 213 | 34 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 630 | 100 |
| h. Discuss ideas from your readings or classes with faculty members outside of class | cfacidea | EAE | Never |  | 17 | 3 |
|  |  |  | Sometimes |  | 235 | 37 |
|  |  |  | Often |  | 247 | 39 |
|  |  |  | Very often |  | 131 | 21 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 630 | 100 |
| i. Receive prompt feedback from faculty on your academic performance (written or oral) | cfacfeed |  | Never |  | 9 | 1 |
|  |  |  | Sometimes |  | 159 | 25 |
|  |  |  | Often |  | 283 | 45 |
|  |  |  | Very often |  | 177 | 28 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 628 | 100 |
| j. Work with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.) | cfacothe |  | Never |  | 29 | 5 |
|  |  |  | Sometimes |  | 256 | 41 |
|  |  |  | Often |  | 218 | 35 |
|  |  |  | Very often |  | 125 | 20 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 628 | 100 |


| Gender |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Female |  | Male |  |
| Count | $\%$ | Count | $\%$ |
| 15 | 5 | 6 | 2 |
| 87 | 26 | 94 | 33 |
| 143 | 43 | 121 | 43 |
| 88 | 26 | 62 | 22 |
| 333 | 100 | 283 | 100 |
| 6 | 2 | 7 | 2 |
| 74 | 22 | 88 | 31 |
| 154 | 46 | 118 | 42 |
| 101 | 30 | 68 | 24 |
| 335 | 100 | 281 | 100 |
| 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 49 | 15 | 60 | 21 |
| 156 | 47 | 137 | 48 |
| 127 | 38 | 84 | 30 |
| 335 | 100 | 283 | 100 |
| 1 | 0 | 6 | 2 |
| 62 | 19 | 73 | 26 |
| 147 | 44 | 121 | 43 |
| 124 | 37 | 83 | 29 |
| 334 | 100 | 283 | 100 |
| 8 | 2 | 9 | 3 |
| 122 | 37 | 111 | 39 |
| 121 | 36 | 118 | 42 |
| 83 | 25 | 45 | 16 |
| 334 | 100 | 283 | 100 |
| 3 | 1 | 6 | 2 |
| 82 | 24 | 74 | 26 |
| 147 | 44 | 129 | 46 |
| 103 | 31 | 71 | 25 |
| 335 | 100 | 280 | 100 |
| 15 | 4 | 14 | 5 |
| 125 | 37 | 128 | 46 |
| 120 | 36 | 91 | 32 |
| 74 | 22 | 48 | 17 |
| 334 | 100 | 281 | 100 |
|  |  |  |  |


| First Generation ${ }^{\mathbf{1}}$ |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Yes |  | No |  |
| Count | $\%$ | Count | $\%$ |
| 11 | 4 | 9 | 3 |
| 79 | 28 | 80 | 29 |
| 119 | 42 | 128 | 47 |
| 77 | 27 | 55 | 20 |
| 286 | 100 | 272 | 100 |
| 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 67 | 23 | 79 | 29 |
| 129 | 45 | 123 | 46 |
| 85 | 30 | 66 | 24 |
| 287 | 100 | 270 | 100 |
| 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| 45 | 16 | 45 | 17 |
| 138 | 48 | 140 | 51 |
| 104 | 36 | 84 | 31 |
| 287 | 100 | 272 | 100 |
| 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| 57 | 20 | 62 | 23 |
| 129 | 45 | 115 | 42 |
| 99 | 34 | 90 | 33 |
| 287 | 100 | 272 | 100 |
| 8 | 3 | 7 | 3 |
| 107 | 37 | 100 | 37 |
| 108 | 38 | 111 | 41 |
| 64 | 22 | 54 | 20 |
| 287 | 100 | 272 | 100 |
| 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| 72 | 25 | 69 | 25 |
| 128 | 45 | 126 | 46 |
| 81 | 28 | 73 | 27 |
| 286 | 100 | 271 | 100 |
| 13 | 5 | 10 | 4 |
| 117 | 41 | 114 | 42 |
| 100 | 35 | 91 | 34 |
| 56 | 20 | 56 | 21 |
| 286 | 100 | 271 | 100 |
|  |  |  |  |




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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | University of Massachusetts Boston |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | All Students |  | Gender |  |  |  | First Generation ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  | Scale |  |  |  |  | Fen |  | M |  | Y |  | N |  |
| Variable |  |  |  | Response Options | Count | \% | Count | \% | Count | \% | Count | \% | Count | \% |
| 16. During the coming school year, how difficult do you expect the following to be? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a. Learning course material | clearnma | EAD | 1 Not at all difficult |  | 21 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 15 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 11 | 4 |
|  |  |  | 2 |  | 49 | 8 | 27 | 8 | 22 | 8 | 18 | 6 | 24 | 9 |
|  |  |  | 3 |  | 161 | 26 | 84 | 25 | 73 | 26 | 64 | 23 | 72 | 27 |
|  |  |  | 4 |  | 238 | 38 | 121 | 36 | 113 | 40 | 114 | 40 | 102 | 38 |
|  |  |  | 5 |  | 113 | 18 | 68 | 20 | 41 | 15 | 59 | 21 | 42 | 15 |
|  |  |  | 6 Very difficult |  | 44 | 7 | 26 | 8 | 18 | 6 | 21 | 7 | 20 | 7 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 626 | 100 | 332 | 100 | 282 | 100 | 283 | 100 | 271 | 100 |
| b. Managing your time | cmantime | EAD | 1 Not at all difficult |  | 15 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
|  |  |  | 2 |  | 49 | 8 | 29 | 9 | 20 | 7 | 28 | 10 | 17 | 6 |
|  |  |  | 3 |  | 93 | 15 | 53 | 16 | 38 | 13 | 32 | 11 | 45 | 17 |
|  |  |  | 4 |  | 149 | 24 | 58 | 17 | 89 | 31 | 58 | 20 | 72 | 26 |
|  |  |  | 5 |  | 155 | 25 | 93 | 28 | 58 | 20 | 87 | 30 | 56 | 21 |
|  |  |  | 6 Very difficult |  | 168 | 27 | 94 | 28 | 70 | 25 | 74 | 26 | 77 | 28 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 629 | 100 | 334 | 100 | 283 | 100 | 286 | 100 | 272 | 100 |
| c. Paying college expenses | cpaycoll |  | 1 Not at all difficult |  | 49 | 8 | 27 | 8 | 22 | 8 | 14 | 5 | 29 | 11 |
|  |  |  | 2 |  | 55 | 9 | 22 | 7 | 31 | 11 | 24 | 8 | 28 | 10 |
|  |  |  | 3 |  | 113 | 18 | 55 | 17 | 56 | 20 | 49 | 17 | 47 | 17 |
|  |  |  | 4 |  | 126 | 20 | 67 | 20 | 56 | 20 | 50 | 18 | 57 | 21 |
|  |  |  | 5 |  | 134 | 21 | 74 | 22 | 58 | 20 | 74 | 26 | 48 | 18 |
|  |  |  | 6 Very difficult |  | 150 | 24 | 87 | 26 | 60 | 21 | 73 | 26 | 62 | 23 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 627 | 100 | 332 | 100 | 283 | 100 | 284 | 100 | 271 | 100 |
| d. Getting help with school work | cgethelp | EAD | 1 Not at all difficult |  | 67 | 11 | 41 | 12 | 25 | 9 | 32 | 11 | 28 | 10 |
|  |  |  | 2 |  | 146 | 23 | 65 | 20 | 78 | 28 | 74 | 26 | 57 | 21 |
|  |  |  | 3 |  | 209 | 33 | 120 | 36 | 85 | 30 | 80 | 28 | 98 | 36 |
|  |  |  | 4 |  | 147 | 23 | 73 | 22 | 71 | 25 | 68 | 24 | 65 | 24 |
|  |  |  | 5 |  | 43 | 7 | 27 | 8 | 15 | 5 | 25 | 9 | 15 | 6 |
|  |  |  | 6 Very difficult |  | 16 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 3 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 628 | 100 | 333 | 100 | 283 | 100 | 285 | 100 | 272 | 100 |
| e. Making new friends | cmakefr |  | 1 Not at all difficult |  | 178 | 28 | 86 | 26 | 89 | 31 | 83 | 29 | 75 | 28 |
|  |  |  | 2 |  | 152 | 24 | 83 | 25 | 65 | 23 | 78 | 27 | 62 | 23 |
|  |  |  | 3 |  | 124 | 20 | 71 | 21 | 51 | 18 | 58 | 20 | 48 | 18 |
|  |  |  | 4 |  | 100 | 16 | 51 | 15 | 47 | 17 | 37 | 13 | 50 | 18 |
|  |  |  | 5 |  | 43 | 7 | 25 | 8 | 18 | 6 | 16 | 6 | 23 | 8 |
|  |  |  | 6 Very difficult |  | 31 | 5 | 17 | 5 | 14 | 5 | 12 | 4 | 14 | 5 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 628 | 100 | 333 | 100 | 284 | 100 | 284 | 100 | 272 | 100 |


| BCSSE beginning college survey of student engagement |  | Scale | Response Options |  | BCSSE 2010 Frequency Distributions |  |  |  |  |  | First Generation ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ton |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | All Students |  | Gender |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Fem |  | M |  | Count | No |  |  |
|  | Variable |  |  |  | Count | \% | Count | \% | Count |  | \% | \% | Count | \% |
| f. Interacting with faculty | cintfac |  | EAD | 1 Not at all difficult |  | 129 | 21 | 63 | 19 | 62 | 22 | 56 | 20 | 59 | 22 |
|  |  |  |  | 2 |  | 165 | 26 | 88 | 26 | 74 | 26 | 73 | 26 | 73 | 27 |
|  |  |  |  | 3 |  | 172 | 27 | 97 | 29 | 73 | 26 | 81 | 29 | 72 | 26 |
|  |  |  | 4 |  | 98 | 16 | 58 | 17 | 39 | 14 | 45 | 16 | 42 | 15 |
|  |  |  | 5 |  | 42 | 7 | 20 | 6 | 20 | 7 | 21 | 7 | 17 | 6 |
|  |  |  | 6 Very difficult |  | 20 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 13 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 3 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 626 | 100 | 333 | 100 | 281 | 100 | 283 | 100 | 272 | 100 |
| 17. How prepared are you to do the following in your academic work at this college? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a. Write clearly and effectively | cgnwrite | PAP | 1 Not at all prepared |  | 10 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
|  |  |  | 2 |  | 27 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 19 | 7 | 12 | 4 | 14 | 5 |
|  |  |  | 3 |  | 105 | 17 | 52 | 16 | 50 | 18 | 40 | 14 | 48 | 18 |
|  |  |  | 4 |  | 176 | 28 | 92 | 28 | 82 | 29 | 90 | 32 | 64 | 24 |
|  |  |  | 5 |  | 144 | 23 | 75 | 23 | 66 | 23 | 65 | 23 | 66 | 24 |
|  |  |  | 6 Very prepared |  | 164 | 26 | 104 | 31 | 58 | 20 | 75 | 26 | 76 | 28 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 626 | 100 | 331 | 100 | 283 | 100 | 284 | 100 | 272 | 100 |
| b. Speak clearly and effectively | cgnspeak | PAP | 1 Not at all prepared |  | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
|  |  |  | 2 |  | 28 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 17 | 6 | 14 | 5 | 11 | 4 |
|  |  |  | 3 |  | 101 | 16 | 59 | 18 | 39 | 14 | 40 | 14 | 39 | 14 |
|  |  |  | 4 |  | 181 | 29 | 98 | 30 | 82 | 29 | 92 | 32 | 74 | 27 |
|  |  |  | 5 |  | 167 | 27 | 78 | 24 | 87 | 31 | 70 | 25 | 82 | 30 |
|  |  |  | 6 Very prepared |  | 144 | 23 | 86 | 26 | 54 | 19 | 68 | 24 | 64 | 24 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 627 | 100 | 331 | 100 | 284 | 100 | 285 | 100 | 272 | 100 |
| c. Think critically and analytically | cgnanaly | PAP | 1 Not at all prepared |  | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 12 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
|  |  |  | 3 |  | 85 | 14 | 47 | 14 | 35 | 12 | 36 | 13 | 33 | 12 |
|  |  |  | 4 |  | 183 | 29 | 95 | 29 | 85 | 30 | 86 | 30 | 73 | 27 |
|  |  |  | 5 |  | 180 | 29 | 93 | 28 | 86 | 30 | 86 | 30 | 81 | 30 |
|  |  |  | 6 Very prepared |  | 163 | 26 | 89 | 27 | 70 | 25 | 69 | 24 | 80 | 29 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 626 | 100 | 331 | 100 | 283 | 100 | 285 | 100 | 272 | 100 |
| d. Analyze math or quantitative problems | cgnquant | PAP | 1 Not at all prepared |  | 16 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 2 |
|  |  |  | 2 |  | 69 | 11 | 42 | 13 | 24 | 8 | 27 | 9 | 34 | 13 |
|  |  |  | 3 |  | 122 | 20 | 69 | 21 | 50 | 18 | 41 | 14 | 64 | 24 |
|  |  |  | 4 |  | 180 | 29 | 93 | 28 | 83 | 29 | 86 | 30 | 81 | 30 |
|  |  |  | 5 |  | 137 | 22 | 67 | 20 | 69 | 24 | 72 | 25 | 44 | 16 |
|  |  |  | 6 Very prepared |  | 101 | 16 | 49 | 15 | 52 | 18 | 50 | 18 | 42 | 15 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 625 | 100 | 329 | 100 | 284 | 100 | 285 | 100 | 271 | 100 |




| BCSE E <br> beginning college survey of student engagement |  |  | BCSSE 2010 Frequency Distributions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | University of Massachusetts Boston |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | All Students |  | Gender |  |  |  | First Generation ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Fen |  | M |  | Y |  | N |  |
|  | Variable | Scale | Response Options |  | Count | \% | Count | \% | Count | \% | Count | \% | Count | \% |
| b. Student loans | cstudlo |  | None |  | 164 | 27 | 90 | 27 | 72 | 26 | 68 | 24 | 80 | 30 |
|  |  |  | Less than half |  | 155 | 25 | 81 | 25 | 72 | 26 | 77 | 27 | 63 | 24 |
|  |  |  | Half or more |  | 127 | 21 | 71 | 22 | 55 | 20 | 62 | 22 | 58 | 22 |
|  |  |  | All or nearly all |  | 67 | 11 | 34 | 10 | 31 | 11 | 33 | 12 | 27 | 10 |
|  |  |  | Do not know |  | 99 | 16 | 53 | 16 | 45 | 16 | 44 | 15 | 40 | 15 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 612 | 100 | 329 | 100 | 275 | 100 | 284 | 100 | 268 | 100 |
| c. Parents/family | cparfam |  | None |  | 111 | 18 | 60 | 18 | 50 | 18 | 69 | 24 | 32 | 12 |
|  |  |  | Less than half |  | 150 | 25 | 82 | 25 | 66 | 24 | 73 | 26 | 61 | 23 |
|  |  |  | Half or more |  | 132 | 22 | 65 | 20 | 64 | 23 | 52 | 18 | 69 | 26 |
|  |  |  | All or nearly all |  | 139 | 23 | 81 | 25 | 57 | 21 | 50 | 18 | 80 | 30 |
|  |  |  | Do not know |  | 80 | 13 | 40 | 12 | 39 | 14 | 39 | 14 | 27 | 10 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 612 | 100 | 328 | 100 | 276 | 100 | 283 | 100 | 269 | 100 |
| d. Self (work on-campus or offcampus, savings) | cself |  | None |  | 95 | 16 | 52 | 16 | 43 | 16 | 41 | 14 | 41 | 15 |
|  |  |  | Less than half |  | 238 | 39 | 128 | 39 | 107 | 39 | 116 | 41 | 108 | 40 |
|  |  |  | Half or more |  | 96 | 16 | 53 | 16 | 41 | 15 | 45 | 16 | 43 | 16 |
|  |  |  | All or nearly all |  | 65 | 11 | 32 | 10 | 32 | 12 | 23 | 8 | 36 | 13 |
|  |  |  | Do not know |  | 115 | 19 | 62 | 19 | 51 | 19 | 59 | 21 | 40 | 15 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 609 | 100 | 327 | 100 | 274 | 100 | 284 | 100 | 268 | 100 |
| 20. Did you receive a Federal Pell Grant? | cpell |  | No |  | 195 | 32 | 107 | 33 | 86 | 31 | 79 | 28 | 101 | 37 |
|  |  |  | Yes |  | 116 | 19 | 70 | 21 | 43 | 16 | 76 | 27 | 28 | 10 |
|  |  |  | Do not know |  | 300 | 49 | 152 | 46 | 145 | 53 | 126 | 45 | 141 | 52 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 611 | 100 | 329 | 100 | 274 | 100 | 281 | 100 | 270 | 100 |
| 21. What do you expect most of your grades will be at this college during the coming year? (Select only one.) | cgrades |  | C- or lower |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  | C |  | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
|  |  |  | C+ |  | 8 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
|  |  |  | B- |  | 44 | 7 | 23 | 7 | 19 | 7 | 16 | 6 | 19 | 7 |
|  |  |  | B |  | 135 | 23 | 70 | 22 | 64 | 23 | 55 | 20 | 63 | 24 |
|  |  |  | B+ |  | 190 | 32 | 109 | 34 | 78 | 28 | 92 | 33 | 75 | 29 |
|  |  |  | A- |  | 133 | 22 | 72 | 23 | 58 | 21 | 69 | 25 | 57 | 22 |
|  |  |  | A |  | 87 | 15 | 36 | 11 | 51 | 19 | 40 | 14 | 41 | 16 |
|  |  |  | Grades not used |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 600 | 100 | 316 | 100 | 275 | 100 | 277 | 100 | 259 | 100 |
| 22. Do you intend to graduate from this college? | cintgrad |  | No |  | 36 | 6 | 14 | 4 | 22 | 8 | 13 | 5 | 20 | 7 |
|  |  |  | Yes |  | 407 | 66 | 239 | 72 | 165 | 59 | 190 | 67 | 166 | 62 |
|  |  |  | Uncertain |  | 177 | 29 | 79 | 24 | 94 | 33 | 81 | 29 | 83 | 31 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 620 | 100 | 332 | 100 | 281 | 100 | 284 | 100 | 269 | 100 |


| BCSSE beginning college survey of student engagement |  | Scale | Response Options |  | BCSSE 2010 Frequency Distributions University of Massachusetts Boston Gender |  |  |  |  |  | First Generation ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | All Students |  | Fem |  | M |  | Ye |  | No |  |
|  | Variable |  |  |  | Count | \% | Count | \% | Count | \% | Count | \% | Count | \% |
| 23. What is the highest academic degree you intend to obtain at this or any college? | chighdeg |  |  | Associate's degree |  | 6 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | , | 2 | 1 |
|  |  |  | Bachelor's degree |  | 163 | 26 | 82 | 25 | 79 | 28 | 71 | 25 | 73 | 28 |
|  |  |  | Master's degree |  | 206 | 33 | 106 | 32 | 98 | 35 | 98 | 34 | 93 | 35 |
|  |  |  | Doctoral degree |  | 137 | 22 | 79 | 24 | 54 | 19 | 66 | 23 | 57 | 22 |
|  |  |  | Uncertain |  | 104 | 17 | 59 | 18 | 45 | 16 | 47 | 16 | 40 | 15 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 616 | 100 | 329 | 100 | 279 | 100 | 285 | 100 | 265 | 100 |
| 24. What month are you completing this survey? | cmonth |  | Jan |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  | Feb |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  | Mar |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  | Apr |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  | May |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  | Jun |  | 275 | 44 | 166 | 49 | 106 | 37 | 118 | 41 | 136 | 49 |
|  |  |  | Jul |  | 203 | 32 | 98 | 29 | 101 | 35 | 99 | 34 | 73 | 27 |
|  |  |  | Aug |  | 152 | 24 | 73 | 22 | 77 | 27 | 69 | 24 | 66 | 24 |
|  |  |  | Sep |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  | Oct |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  | Nov |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  | Dec |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 631 | 100 | 337 | 100 | 285 | 100 | 287 | 100 | 275 | 100 |
| 25. Do you know what your major will be? | cmajor |  | No |  | 194 | 32 | 100 | 31 | 92 | 33 | 80 | 28 | 91 | 34 |
|  |  |  | Yes |  | 419 | 68 | 226 | 69 | 187 | 67 | 201 | 72 | 175 | 66 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 613 | 100 | 326 | 100 | 279 | 100 | 281 | 100 | 266 | 100 |
| Recoded variable xmajcod1 into one of ten major categories listed at right | xmajrcol |  | Arts and Humanities |  | 40 | 10 | 21 | 10 | 18 | 10 | 19 | 10 | 18 | 11 |
|  |  |  | Biological Sciences |  | 75 | 19 | 49 | 23 | 26 | 14 | 41 | 21 | 26 | 16 |
|  |  |  | Business |  | 56 | 14 | 24 | 11 | 31 | 17 | 29 | 15 | 21 | 13 |
|  |  |  | Education |  | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|  |  |  | Engineering |  | 16 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 14 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 4 |
|  |  |  | Physical Science |  | 22 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 13 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 5 |
|  |  |  | Professional |  | 62 | 16 | 48 | 23 | 12 | 7 | 33 | 17 | 24 | 15 |
|  |  |  | Social Science |  | 63 | 16 | 40 | 19 | 21 | 12 | 26 | 13 | 33 | 20 |
|  |  |  | Other |  | 60 | 15 | 15 | 7 | 45 | 25 | 27 | 14 | 27 | 16 |
|  |  |  | Undecided |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 397 | 100 | 210 | 100 | 181 | 100 | 193 | 100 | 165 | 100 |




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BCSSE 2010 Mean Scale Scores and Selected Student Comparisons

## Scale

The BCSSE scale appears in the left column of the report.

## Variable Name

The variable name of the scale as it appears in the data file and codebook.

## Institution-Level

Results for each item for the institution overall.

## Selected Student Comparisons

Results for each item by gender and firstgeneration status.



High School Academic Engagement (HSE) Engagement in educationally relevant
behaviors during the last year of high school.


Mean
The unweighted scale mean is reported overall for the institution, as well as by gender and firstgeneration status

## Statistical Significance

Items with mean differences that are larger than would be expected by chance alone are noted with one, two, or three asterisks, referring to three significance levels ( $\mathrm{p}<.05, \mathrm{p}<.01$, and $\mathrm{p}<.001$ ). The smaller the significance level, the smaller the likelihood that the difference is due to chance. Statistical significance does not guarantee the result is substantive or important. Large sample sizes tend to generate more statistically significant results even though the magnitude of mean differences may be inconsequential. It is recommended to consult effect sizes to judge the practical meaning of the results.

## Effect Size

Effect size indicates the "practical significance" of the mean difference. It is calculated by dividing the mean difference by the pooled standard deviation. In practice, an effect size of . 2 is often considered small, . 5 moderate, and .8 large.

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## BCSSE Scales

The following BCSSE scales were constructed by converting the responses for each item to a 0-10 range. A mean scale score was then calculated for each student. Below is a brief description of each scale with the component BCSSE items in parentheses.

| High School Academic Engagement (HSE) | Engagement in educationally relevant behaviors <br> during the last year of high school. | hreadasg, hwrite5, hwrite5m, hacadpr, <br> hclquest, hclprese, hfacgrad, hclassgr, <br> hoccgrp, hrewropa, hfacidea, hoocidea |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Expected Academic Engagement (EAE) | Expected engagement in educationally relevant <br> behaviors during the first year of college. | cacadpr, cclquest, cclprese, cfacgrad, <br> cclassgr, coccgrp, cfacidea, coocidea |
| Expected Academic Perseverance (EAP) | Student certainty that they will persist in the face <br> of academic adversity. | cotherint, cfindinfo, ccourdis, caskinst, <br> cfinish, cstaypos |
| Expected Academic Difficulty (EAD) | Expected academic difficulty during the first year <br> of college. | clearnma, cmantime, cgethelp, cintfac |$\quad$| Perceived Academic Preparation (PAP) | Student perception of their academic preparation. | cgnwrite, cgnspeak, cgnanaly, cgnquant, <br> cgncompt, cgnother, cgninq |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Importance of Campus Environment (ICE) | Student-rated importance that the institution <br> provides a challenging and supportive <br> environment. | cenvscho, cenvsupr, cenvdivr, cenvnaca, <br> cenvsoca, cenveven |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Student reported characteristics for all BCSSE 2010 respondents.
    ${ }^{2}$ First generation is defined as no parent or guardian having graduated with a 4-year college degree.

[^1]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Scale scores are expressed in 0 (minimum) to 10 (maximum) point scales. See the following page for complete scale descriptions and component items.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ T-test results (2-tailed): * $\mathrm{p}<.05,{ }^{* *} \mathrm{p}<.01,{ }^{* * *} \mathrm{p}<.001$. The smaller the significance level, the less likely that the difference is due to chance.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{c}}$ Effect size is the mean difference divided by pooled standard deviation. It indicates the practical significance of the mean difference (effect size .2 is often considered small, .5 is moderate, and .8 is large).
    ${ }^{\text {d }}$ First generation is defined as no parent or guardian having graduated with a 4-year college degree.

