

BCSSE Institutional Report 2012



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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 2012* 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 2012* contains results by gender and first-generation status. The results are presented by student subgroup because of the importance to better understand the diversity of student experiences within each campus. This allows you to 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 2013, you will also receive a *BCSSE 2012-NSSE 2013 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-NSSE Combined Report*, go to: **bcsse.iub.edu.** More information about NSSE, including this year's registration deadline, can be found at **nsse.iub.edu.**

BCSSE Update in 2013

Subsequent to the launch of an updated NSSE in 2013, the BCSSE survey will also be updated to enhance overall data quality and the linkages between BCSSE and NSSE. This will allow a more comprehensive analysis of the first-year experience. An updated version of BCSSE will launch in 2013, corresponding to the NSSE 2014 administration. More information can be found at: **bcsse.iub.edu/bcsse2013.**



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Respondents¹

	Count	%
Number of Surveys Completed	947	100%
Mode of Completion		
Paper	831	88%
Web	116	12%
When Student Completed BCSSE		
Before attending orientation	15	2%
While attending orientation	810	86%
After attending orientation	107	11%
Not applicable, not attending orientation	5	1%
Student Characteristics		
Enrollment Status		
Full-time	834	95%
Less than full-time	41	5%
Gender		
Female	516	58%
Male	378	42%
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or other Native American	5	1%
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	213	24%
Black or African American	88	10%
White (non-Hispanic)	348	39%
Mexican or Mexican American	4	0%
Puerto Rican	15	2%
Other Hispanic or Latino	94	11%
Multiracial	39	4%
Other	46	5%
I prefer not to respond	35	4%
High School Graduation Year		
2009 or earlier	25	3%
2010	35	4%
2011	74	8%
2012	807	86%
First Generation Status ²		
Yes	394	49%
No	411	51%
International or Foreign National Student		
Yes	143	16%
No	733	84%

¹ Student reported characteristics for all BCSSE 2012 respondents.

² First generation is defined as no parent or guardian having graduated with a 4-year college degree.



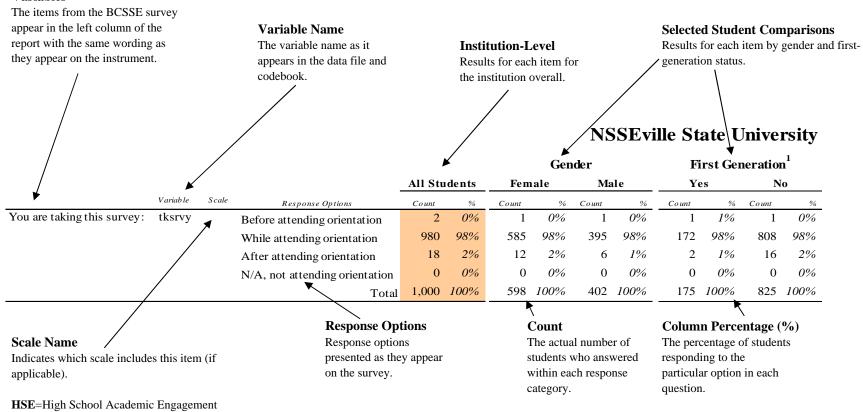
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Frequency Distributions



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

Variables







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_	of student engage	romont					Gene	ici			ist Gen	ciation	
=	of student engage	gement		All Stud	ents	Fem	ale	Ma	le	Ye	s	No	ð
		Variable	Scale Response Options	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
	You are taking this survey:	tksrvy	Before attending orientation	15	2%	6	1%	6	2%	6	2%	5	1%
			While attending orientation	810	86%	429	83%	334	90%	321	82%	377	93%
			After attending orientation	107	11%	75	15%	31	8%	60	15%	25	6%
			N/A, not attending orientation	5	1%	4	1%	1	0%	3	1%	0	0%
			Total	937	100%	514	100%	372	100%	390	100%	407	100%
1.	Please write in the year you	hgradyr_r	2009 or earlier	25	3%	9	2%	16	4%	9	2%	15	4%
	graduated from high school.		2010	35	4%	11	2%	21	6%	7	2%	20	5%
	(for example, "2012"):		2011	74	8%	33	6%	35	9%	14	4%	44	11%
			2012	807	86%	462	90%	303	81%	362	92%	331	81%
			Total	941	100%	515	100%	375	100%	392	100%	410	100%
2.	From which type of high	htype	Public	805	85%	444	86%	317	84%	346	88%	335	82%
	school did you graduate?		Private, religiously-affiliated	81	9%	40	8%	38	10%	31	8%	43	10%
	(Select only one.)		Private, independent	49	5%	25	5%	20	5%	11	3%	31	8%
			Home school	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%
			Other (e.g., GED)	8	1%	6	1%	2	1%	5	1%	2	0%
			Total	944	100%	516	100%	377	100%	394	100%	411	100%
3.	What were most of your high	hgrades	C- or lower	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
	school grades?		С	21	2%	8	2%	12	3%	6	2%	10	2%
	(Select only one.)		C+	42	5%	15	3%	26	7%	20	5%	21	5%
			B-	87	9%	47	9%	36	10%	39	10%	37	9%
			В	259	28%	123	25%	116	31%	110	29%	112	28%
			B+	197	21%	120	24%	68	18%	91	24%	84	21%
			A-	154	17%	87	17%	56	15%	58	15%	64	16%
			A	152	17%	95	19%	52	14%	53	14%	74	18%
			Grades not used	7	1%	4	1%	3	1%	3	1%	2	0%
			Total	919	100%	499	100%	369	100%	380	100%	404	100%

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or student enga	igement			All Stud	ents	Fem	ale	Ma	le	Ye	s	N	ð
	Variable	Scale Response Options		Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
. To date, in which of the following	ng math classes d	id you earn a passing grade?											
a. Algebra II	halg	Did not pass		4	0%	2	0%	1	0%	3	1%	0	0%
		Passed		894	97%	486	96%	360	97%	374	97%	391	97%
		Did not take		28	3%	17	3%	10	3%	10	3%	12	3%
			Total	926	100%	505	100%	371	100%	387	100%	403	100%
b. Pre-calculus/Trigonometry	hprecalc	Did not pass		5	1%	3	1%	2	1%	1	0%	4	1%
		Passed		736	81%	393	80%	304	84%	316	83%	317	81%
		Did not take		163	18%	95	19%	58	16%	66	17%	71	18%
			Total	904	100%	491	100%	364	100%	383	100%	392	100%
c. Calculus	heale	Did not pass		13	2%	9	2%	4	1%	11	3%	1	0%
		Passed		291	35%	150	33%	130	40%	109	31%	142	40%
		Did not take		517	63%	291	65%	195	59%	228	66%	216	60%
			Total	821	100%	450	100%	329	100%	348	100%	359	100%
d. Probability or Statistics	hstats	Did not pass		8	1%	4	1%	3	1%	4	1%	3	1%
		Passed		276	35%	139	32%	123	39%	94	28%	139	40%
		Did not take		500	64%	287	67%	188	60%	232	70%	202	59%
			Total	784	100%	430	100%	314	100%	330	100%	344	100%
. During <u>high school</u> , how many y	years of the follow	ving subjects did you complete?											
a. English/Literature	heng	0 years		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		1 year		3	0%	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%	2	0%
		2 years		11	1%	7	1%	3	1%	3	1%	5	1%
		3 years		64	7%	25	5%	33	9%	7	2%	42	10%
		4 years		808	86%	453	89%	316	84%	362	93%	335	82%
		5 or more years		51	5%	23	5%	24	6%	17	4%	25	6%
		Š	Total	937	100%	510	100%	377	100%	390	100%	409	100%
b. Math	hmath	0 years		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		1 year		5	1%	2	0%	3	1%	1	0%	3	1%
		2 years		8	1%	5	1%	2	1%	2	1%	4	1%
		3 years		104	11%	51	10%	47	12%	19	5%	64	16%
		4 years		746	80%	422	83%	284	75%	341	87%	300	74%
		5 or more years		74	8%	30	6%	41	11%	28	7%	37	9%
		-	Total	937	100%	510	100%	377	100%	391	100%	408	100%

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beginning college of student engage	Survey						Gene	ler		F	irst Gen	eration	1
or student engage	ement			All Stud	ents	Fen	nale	Ma	le	Ye	s	N	0
	Variable	Scale Response Options		Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	9
c. Science	hsci	0 years		4	0%	3	1%	1	0%	0	0%	4	19
		1 year		13	1%	8	2%	4	1%	2	1%	6	19
		2 years		29	3%	15	3%	12	3%	13	3%	12	3%
		3 years		228	24%	110	22%	106	28%	87	22%	98	24%
		4 years		591	63%	342	67%	218	58%	267	69%	251	62%
		5 or more years		69	7%	30	6%	35	9%	20	5%	36	9%
			Total	934	100%	508	100%	376	100%	389	100%	407	100%
d. History/Social Sciences	hhist	0 years		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		1 year		8	1%	6	1%	2	1%	2	1%	6	19
		2 years		48	5%	24	5%	19	5%	19	5%	19	5%
		3 years		291	31%	158	31%	120	32%	133	34%	118	29%
		4 years		536	58%	295	58%	215	57%	220	57%	242	60%
		5 or more years		45	5%	22	4%	18	5%	13	3%	20	59
			Total	928	100%	505	100%	374	100%	387	100%	405	100%
e. Foreign language	hforlan	0 years		50	5%	23	5%	24	6%	21	5%	20	5%
		1 year		31	3%	15	3%	13	3%	18	5%	7	29
		2 years		221	24%	124	25%	86	23%	99	26%	84	219
		3 years		355	38%	184	36%	154	41%	140	36%	176	43%
		4 years		237	25%	140	28%	83	22%	98	25%	101	25%
		5 or more years		37	4%	20	4%	16	4%	12	3%	18	4%
			Total	931	100%	506	100%	376	100%	388	100%	406	100%
. During <u>high school</u> , how many of the	he following ty	pes of classes did you complete?			_					_			
a. Advanced Placement (AP)	hapel	0 classes		370	42%	198	41%	155	44%	144	39%	175	45%
classes	•	1 class		196	22%	98	20%	89	25%	93	25%	76	19%
		2 classes		135	15%	86	18%	42	12%	56	15%	54	14%
		3 classes		72	8%	41	8%	29	8%	32	9%	34	99
		4 classes		43	5%	21	4%	20	6%	15	4%	23	69
		5 or more classes		62	7%	41	8%	18	5%	28	8%	28	79
			Total	878	100%	485	100%	353	100%	368	100%	390	1009
b. Honors classes (not AP) taught	hhonor	0 classes		215	24%	102	20%	103	29%	73	19%	110	289
at your high school		1 class		77	8%	43	9%	31	9%	36	9%	28	79
		2 classes		69	8%	41	8%	26	7%	36	9%	22	6%
		3 classes		76	8%	42	8%	31	9%	31	8%	33	8%
		4 classes		83	9%	56	11%	22	6%	37	10%	32	8%
		5 or more classes		387	43%	220	44%	147	41%	171	45%	171	43%
		5 of more classes	Total	907	100%	504		360	100%	384	100%	396	100%

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— Of Student engag	ement				All Stud	ents		Fema	ale	Ma	le	Ye	s	N	0
	Variable	Scale	Response Options		Count	%	C	ount	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
c. College courses for credit	hcoll		0 classes		597	73%	3	320	70%	250	78%	242	70%	278	77%
			1 class		63	8%		40	9%	17	5%	32	9%	18	5%
			2 classes		38	5%		25	6%	11	3%	18	5%	13	4%
			3 classes		21	3%		16	4%	5	2%	8	2%	10	3%
			4 classes		16	2%		11	2%	5	2%	8	2%	6	2%
			5 or more classes		80	10%		42	9%	34	11%	36	10%	34	9%
				Total	815	100%		454	100%	322	100%	344	100%	359	100%
. During your <u>last year of high scho</u>	ol, about how m	nuch readin	g and writing did you do?												
a. Assigned reading (textbooks or	hreadasg	HSE	None		3	0%		3	1%	0	0%	2	1%	1	0%
other course materials)			Very little		47	5%		19	4%	22	6%	17	4%	20	5%
			Some		228	24%	1	100	19%	115	31%	90	23%	109	27%
			Quite a bit		345	37%	1	192	37%	134	36%	144	37%	136	33%
			Very much		314	34%	1	199	39%	103	28%	138	35%	142	35%
				Total	937	100%	5	513	100%	374	100%	391	100%	408	100%
b. Books read on your own (not	hreadown		None		88	9%		38	7%	41	11%	40	10%	31	8%
assigned) for personal			Very little		218	23%	1	114	22%	94	25%	104	27%	85	21%
enjoyment or academic			Some		308	33%	1	164	32%	130	35%	132	34%	127	31%
enrichment			Quite a bit		171	18%	1	107	21%	55	15%	52	13%	96	24%
			Very much		148	16%		87	17%	54	14%	61	16%	68	17%
				Total	933	100%	4	510	100%	374	100%	389	100%	407	100%
c. Writing short papers or reports	hwrite5	HSE	None		3	0%		1	0%	1	0%	1	0%	1	0%
(5 or fewer pages)			Very little		35	4%		15	3%	17	5%	14	4%	16	4%
			Some		183	20%		88	17%	81	22%	69	18%	74	18%
			Quite a bit		353	38%	1	176	34%	160	43%	152	39%	149	37%
			Very much		361	39%	2	231	45%	116	31%	155	40%	167	41%
				Total	935	100%	4	511	100%	375	100%	391	100%	407	100%
d. Writing longer papers or	hwrite5m	HSE	None		50	5%	-	25	5%	21	6%	18	5%	23	6%
reports (more than 5 pages)			Very little		205	22%		97	19%	94	25%	91	23%	81	20%
			Some		297	32%	1	160	31%	124	33%	128	33%	121	30%
			Quite a bit		210	23%	1	107	21%	94	25%	86	22%	97	24%
			Very much		170	18%	1	120	24%	41	11%	68	17%	82	20%
				Total	932	100%	4	509	100%	374	100%	391	100%	404	100%

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or student engag	Cilicit		_	All Stud	ents	Fem	ale	Ma	le	Yes	s	No)
	Variable	Scale	Response Options	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
3. During your <u>last year of high school</u>	ol, about how r	nany <u>hours</u>	did you spend in a typical 7-day week	doing each	of the follo	owing?							
a. Preparing for class (studying,	hacadpr	HSE	0 hours per week	19	2%	5	1%	13	3%	6	2%	9	2%
doing homework, rehearsing,			1-5 hours per week	295	32%	146	29%	127	34%	127	33%	114	28%
etc.)			6-10 hours per week	246	26%	146	29%	88	23%	121	31%	102	25%
			11-15 hours per week	151	16%	88	17%	61	16%	69	18%	68	17%
			16-20 hours per week	91	10%	54	11%	34	9%	30	8%	45	11%
			21-25 hours per week	48	5%	24	5%	22	6%	16	4%	26	6%
			26-30 hours per week	33	4%	24	5%	7	2%	11	3%	16	4%
			More than 30 hours per week	51	5%	24	5%	23	6%	9	2%	29	7%
			Total	934	100%	511	100%	375	100%	389	100%	409	100%
b. Working for pay (before or	hwork		0 hours per week	351	38%	188	37%	148	40%	150	38%	140	34%
after school, weekends)			1-5 hours per week	95	10%	52	10%	36	10%	36	9%	45	11%
			6-10 hours per week	104	11%	54	11%	40	11%	49	13%	43	11%
			11-15 hours per week	122	13%	69	14%	48	13%	39	10%	64	16%
			16-20 hours per week	100	11%	52	10%	44	12%	45	12%	48	12%
			21-25 hours per week	87	9%	50	10%	33	9%	40	10%	37	9%
			26-30 hours per week	42	4%	27	5%	12	3%	16	4%	18	4%
			More than 30 hours per week	33	4%	19	4%	13	3%	15	4%	12	3%
			Total	934	100%	511	100%	374	100%	390	100%	407	100%
c. Participating in co-curricular	hcocurr		0 hours per week	126	13%	72	14%	48	13%	62	16%	46	11%
activities (arts, clubs, athletics,			1-5 hours per week	283	30%	161	31%	108	29%	114	29%	130	32%
etc.)			6-10 hours per week	166	18%	94	18%	58	15%	63	16%	69	17%
			11-15 hours per week	143	15%	74	14%	66	18%	61	16%	67	16%
			16-20 hours per week	100	11%	58	11%	38	10%	41	10%	43	10%
			21-25 hours per week	46	5%	21	4%	23	6%	22	6%	22	5%
			26-30 hours per week	26	3%	13	3%	9	2%	11	3%	10	2%
			More than 30 hours per week	49	5%	21	4%	26	7%	18	5%	23	6%
			Total	939	100%	514	100%	376	100%	392	100%	410	100%
d. Relaxing and socializing	hsocial		0 hours per week	3	0%	1	0%	2	1%	0	0%	3	1%
(watching TV, partying, etc.)			1-5 hours per week	177	19%	109	21%	59	16%	81	21%	68	17%
			6-10 hours per week	233	25%	135	26%	82	22%	103	26%	94	23%
			11-15 hours per week	201	21%	114	22%	79	21%	79	20%	95	23%
			16-20 hours per week	127	14%	67	13%	55	15%	52	13%	60	15%
			21-25 hours per week	51	5%	23	5%	27	7%	18	5%	27	7%
			26-30 hours per week	36	4%	21	4%	12	3%	16	4%	15	4%
			More than 30 hours per week	108	12%	41	8%	60	16%	43	11%	47	11%
			Total	936	100%	511	100%	376	100%	392	100%	409	100%

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— Or student engag	gement				All Stud	ents	Fer	nale	Ma	le	Yes	s	No	0
	Variable	Scale	Response Options	-	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
9. During your <u>last year of high scho</u>	ool, about how o	often did yo	a do each of the following?											
a. Asked questions in class or	hclquest	HSE	Never		17	2%	8	2%	8	2%	7	2%	9	2%
contributed to class discussions			Sometimes		284	31%	152	30%	116	31%	109	28%	130	32%
			Often		314	34%	169	33%	130	35%	138	35%	129	31%
			Very often		316	34%	186	36%	119	32%	135	35%	143	35%
				Total	931	100%	515	100%	373	100%	389	100%	411	100%
b. Made a class presentation	hclprese	HSE	Never		20	2%	10	2%	9	2%	7	2%	13	3%
			Sometimes		379	41%	184	36%	176	47%	150	38%	176	43%
			Often		362	39%	218	42%	131	35%	162	42%	152	37%
			Very often		168	18%	102	20%	56	15%	71	18%	68	17%
				Total	929	100%	514	100%	372	100%	390	100%	409	100%
c. Came to class without	hclunpre		Never		307	33%	186	36%	108	29%	132	34%	132	32%
completing readings or			Sometimes		522	56%	284	55%	214	57%	217	56%	235	57%
assignments			Often		65	7%	27	5%	35	9%	28	7%	29	7%
			Very often		36	4%	18	3%	16	4%	13	3%	14	3%
				Total	930	100%	515	100%	373	100%	390	100%	410	100%
d. Discussed grades or	hfacgrad	HSE	Never		53	6%	21	4%	28	8%	25	6%	19	5%
assignments with a teacher			Sometimes		378	41%	212	41%	149	40%	155	40%	175	43%
			Often		322	35%	175	34%	139	37%	132	34%	150	37%
			Very often		173	19%	106	21%	55	15%	75	19%	66	16%
				Total	926	100%	514	100%	371	100%	387	100%	410	100%
e. Worked with other students	hclassgr	HSE	Never		14	2%	7	1%	7	2%	6	2%	7	2%
on projects during class			Sometimes		287	31%	141	27%	126	34%	110	28%	134	33%
			Often		408	44%	233	45%	160	43%	180	46%	178	43%
			Very often		220	24%	133	26%	81	22%	94	24%	91	22%
				Total	929	100%	514	100%	374	100%	390	100%	410	100%
f. Worked with classmates	hoccgrp	HSE	Never		118	13%	65	13%	45	12%	52	13%	52	13%
outside of class to prepare			Sometimes		464	50%	255	50%	188	50%	193	50%	207	50%
class assignments			Often		239	26%	134	26%	98	26%	99	26%	111	27%
			Very often		107	12%	60	12%	42	11%	44	11%	41	10%
				Total	928	100%	514	100%	373	100%	388	100%	411	100%

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	Variable	Scale	Response Options		Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
g. Prepared two or more drafts of	hrewropa	HSE	Never		108	12%	49	10%	54	14%	45	12%	54	13%
a paper or assignment before			Sometimes		384	41%	195	38%	169	45%	161	41%	170	41%
turning it in			Often		267	29%	156	30%	101	27%	108	28%	123	30%
			Very often		167	18%	112	22%	49	13%	76	19%	63	15%
				Total	926	100%	512	100%	373	100%	390	100%	410	100%
h. Had serious conversations with	hdivrstu		Never		108	12%	59	12%	43	12%	46	12%	42	10%
students of a different race or			Sometimes		233	25%	130	25%	92	25%	97	25%	103	25%
ethnicity than your own			Often		249	27%	128	25%	111	30%	102	26%	119	29%
			Very often		331	36%	193	38%	125	34%	143	37%	144	35%
				Total	921	100%	510	100%	371	100%	388	100%	408	100%
i. Discussed ideas from your	hfacidea	HSE	Never		182	20%	106	21%	70	19%	90	23%	71	17%
readings or classes with			Sometimes		397	43%	225	44%	154	42%	181	47%	156	38%
teachers outside of class			Often		223	24%	113	22%	101	27%	76	20%	120	29%
			Very often		118	13%	66	13%	46	12%	41	11%	60	15%
				Total	920	100%	510	100%	371	100%	388	100%	407	100%
j. Discussed ideas from your	hoocidea	HSE	Never		99	11%	58	11%	37	10%	49	13%	33	8%
readings or classes with others			Sometimes		389	42%	215	42%	156	42%	173	45%	165	41%
outside of class (students,			Often		272	30%	140	28%	123	33%	107	28%	135	33%
family members, etc.)			Very often		157	17%	94	19%	56	15%	57	15%	74	18%
				Total	917	100%	507	100%	372	100%	386	100%	407	100%
k. Talked with a counselor,	hfacplan		Never		31	3%	13	3%	17	5%	13	3%	15	4%
teacher, or other staff member			Sometimes		284	31%	145	28%	126	34%	116	30%	125	31%
about college or career plans			Often		325	35%	174	34%	137	37%	136	35%	152	37%
			Very often		279	30%	179	35%	90	24%	122	32%	116	28%
				Total	919	100%	511	100%	370	100%	387	100%	408	100%
l. Had serious conversations with	hdiffstu		Never		111	12%	62	12%	44	12%	60	15%	31	8%
students who are very different			Sometimes		305	33%	166	33%	125	34%	130	34%	130	32%
from you in terms of their			Often		227	25%	124	24%	97	26%	93	24%	113	28%
religious beliefs, political			Very often		273	30%	156	31%	105	28%	105	27%	132	33%
opinions, or personal values				Total	916	100%	508	100%	371	100%	388	100%	406	100%
m. Missed a day of school	hmisssch		Never		190	21%	95	19%	86	23%	69	18%	90	22%
			Sometimes		584	64%	333	66%	231	62%	254	66%	257	63%
			Often		82	9%	49	10%	29	8%	39	10%	34	8%
			Very often		60	7%	31	6%	24	6%	22	6%	27	7%
				Total	916	100%	508	100%	370	100%	384	100%	408	100%
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	Variable	Scale Response Options		Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
10. Did you take the SAT and/or	hsatact	No		81	9%	35	7%	43	12%	9	2%	55	14%
ACT?		Yes		836	91%	478	93%	324	88%	380	98%	350	86%
			Total	917	100%	513	100%	367	100%	389	100%	405	100%
a. SAT Composite Score	SAT_ACTr	900 or lower		102	16%	65	18%	35	13%	60	20%	26	10%
(SAT/ACT scores converted to		901 - 1000		136	21%	85	24%	47	18%	74	25%	44	16%
SAT scale and recoded into		1001 - 1100		155	24%	91	25%	61	23%	83	28%	58	21%
categories)		1101 - 1200		130	20%	66	18%	61	23%	51	17%	67	25%
		1201 - 1300		81	13%	40	11%	37	14%	23	8%	52	19%
		1301 - 1400		26	4%	8	2%	18	7%	6	2%	20	7%
		1401 - 1600		8	1%	2	1%	5	2%	1	0%	6	2%
			Total	638	100%	357	100%	264	100%	298	100%	273	100%
11. During your <u>high school years</u> , h	now involved wer	e you in the following activities at you	ır school o	r elsewhere?	•								
a. Performing or visual arts	hinvarts	1 Not involved		451	50%	242	48%	194	53%	216	56%	183	45%
programs (band, chorus,		2		115	13%	67	13%	46	13%	48	12%	55	14%
theater, art, etc.)		3		102	11%	56	11%	41	11%	31	8%	55	14%
		4		61	7%	32	6%	24	7%	24	6%	27	7%
		5		44	5%	23	5%	19	5%	15	4%	25	6%
		6 Highly involved		134	15%	85	17%	44	12%	54	14%	59	15%
			Total	907	100%	505	100%	368	100%	388	100%	404	100%
b. Athletic teams (varsity, junior	hinvathl	1 Not involved		305	33%	199	39%	97	26%	139	36%	126	31%
varsity, club sport, etc.)		2		109	12%	63	12%	42	11%	37	10%	51	13%
		3		122	13%	66	13%	46	13%	55	14%	44	11%
		4		115	13%	53	10%	60	16%	45	12%	58	14%
		5		66	7%	38	7%	27	7%	28	7%	34	8%
		6 Highly involved		194	21%	90	18%	96	26%	85	22%	94	23%
			Total	911	100%	509	100%	368	100%	389	100%	407	100%
c. Student government	hstugov	1 Not involved		644	71%	360	71%	261	72%	286	74%	280	69%
		2		88	10%	45	9%	39	11%	31	8%	45	11%
		3		56	6%	34	7%	20	5%	22	6%	27	7%
		4		51	6%	29	6%	20	5%	16	4%	27	7%
		5		23	3%	14	3%	7	2%	9	2%	9	2%
		6 Highly involved		41	5%	22	4%	18	5%	21	5%	15	4%
			Total	903	100%	504	100%	365	100%	385	100%	403	100%

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d. Publications (student	hinvpubs	1 Not involved		619	68%	325	65%	273	74%	271	70%	270	67%
newspaper, yearbook, etc.)		2		92	10%	54	11%	32	9%	36	9%	44	11%
		3		70	8%	45	9%	22	6%	30	8%	32	8%
		4		49	5%	25	5%	22	6%	17	4%	25	6%
		5		26	3%	19	4%	7	2%	8	2%	15	4%
		6 Highly involved		48	5%	35	7%	12	3%	23	6%	19	5%
			Total	904	100%	503	100%	368	100%	385	100%	405	100%
e. Academic honor societies	hinvhono	1 Not involved		514	57%	272	54%	224	61%	224	58%	226	56%
		2		84	9%	43	9%	36	10%	33	9%	39	10%
		3		86	10%	40	8%	39	11%	31	8%	42	10%
		4		67	7%	37	7%	29	8%	19	5%	37	9%
		5		51	6%	33	7%	17	5%	23	6%	26	6%
		6 Highly involved		98	11%	75	15%	21	6%	54	14%	32	8%
			Total	900	100%	500	100%	366	100%	384	100%	402	100%
f. Academic clubs (debate,	hinvaccl	1 Not involved		540	60%	308	61%	214	58%	248	64%	226	56%
mathematics, science, etc.)		2		103	11%	58	12%	43	12%	44	11%	50	12%
		3		99	11%	53	11%	43	12%	38	10%	48	12%
		4		68	8%	34	7%	29	8%	23	6%	29	7%
		5		44	5%	23	5%	20	5%	13	3%	30	7%
		6 Highly involved		47	5%	26	5%	17	5%	19	5%	19	5%
			Total	901	100%	502	100%	366	100%	385	100%	402	100%
g. Vocational clubs (business,	hinvvccl	1 Not involved		640	71%	355	71%	260	71%	275	71%	285	71%
health, technology, etc.)		2		77	9%	37	7%	36	10%	34	9%	33	8%
		3		65	7%	30	6%	33	9%	28	7%	29	7%
		4		45	5%	30	6%	14	4%	18	5%	21	5%
		5		20	2%	11	2%	9	2%	8	2%	9	2%
		6 Highly involved		51	6%	36	7%	14	4%	22	6%	23	6%
			Total	898	100%	499	100%	366	100%	385	100%	400	100%
h. Religious youth groups	hrelgrp	1 Not involved		690	77%	378	75%	290	79%	313	81%	295	73%
		2		53	6%	31	6%	20	5%	20	5%	27	7%
		3		54	6%	33	7%	20	5%	16	4%	29	7%
		4		28	3%	13	3%	14	4%	7	2%	19	5%
		5		25	3%	14	3%	9	2%	9	2%	12	3%
		6 Highly involved		48	5%	32	6%	12	3%	20	5%	21	5%
			Total	898	100%	501	100%	365	100%	385	100%	403	100%
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	Variable	Scale Response Option	ons	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
i. Community service or	hvolntr	1 Not involved		127	14%	45	9%	78	21%	50	13%	61	15%
volunteer work		2		119	13%	56	11%	55	15%	44	11%	56	14%
		3		181	20%	84	17%	91	25%	80	21%	79	19%
		4		173	19%	100	20%	67	18%	73	19%	79	19%
		5		108	12%	70	14%	36	10%	46	12%	51	13%
		6 Highly involved		199	22%	151	30%	42	11%	94	24%	81	20%
			Total	907	100%	506	100%	369	100%	387	100%	407	100%
2. Overall, how academically	hacachal	1 Not at all challengi	ng	29	3%	11	2%	17	5%	11	3%	11	3%
challenging was your high		2		91	10%	44	9%	39	11%	40	10%	36	9%
school?		3		231	25%	133	26%	92	25%	100	26%	96	24%
		4		328	36%	184	36%	132	36%	142	37%	148	36%
		5		171	19%	97	19%	71	19%	74	19%	83	20%
		6 Extremely challeng	ing	57	6%	36	7%	19	5%	21	5%	33	8%
			Total	907	100%	505	100%	370	100%	388	100%	407	100%
13. During the <u>coming school year</u> , al	bout how many	hours do you think you will spend	in a typical 7-	day week do	oing each	of the followi	ing?						
a. Preparing for class (studying,	cacadpr	EAE 0 hours per week		2	0%	0	0%	2	1%	1	0%	1	0%
reading, writing, doing		1-5 hours per week		39	4%	13	3%	26	7%	18	5%	19	5%
homework or lab work,		6-10 hours per week		112	12%	57	11%	47	13%	48	12%	48	12%
analyzing data, rehearsing, and		11-15 hours per weel	ζ	198	22%	107	21%	84	23%	88	23%	80	20%
other academic activities)		16-20 hours per weel	ζ	225	25%	136	27%	82	22%	87	23%	113	28%
		21-25 hours per weel	ζ	180	20%	98	20%	78	21%	78	20%	85	21%
		26-30 hours per weel	ζ	88	10%	56	11%	31	8%	46	12%	32	8%
		More than 30 hours p	er week	53	6%	32	6%	18	5%	19	5%	24	6%
		•	Total	897	100%	499	100%	368	100%	385	100%	402	100%
b. Working for pay on- or off-	cwork	0 hours per week		76	9%	43	9%	32	9%	33	9%	31	8%
campus		1-5 hours per week		57	6%	32	6%	24	7%	19	5%	31	8%
		6-10 hours per week		160	18%	91	18%	63	17%	73	19%	64	16%
		11-15 hours per weel	ζ	211	24%	122	25%	84	23%	83	22%	105	27%
		16-20 hours per weel	ζ	205	23%	108	22%	91	25%	98	26%	88	22%
		21-25 hours per weel		103	12%	57	12%	40	11%	43	11%	48	12%
		26-30 hours per weel		44	5%	27	5%	15	4%	21	6%	16	4%
		More than 30 hours p		29	3%	14	3%	14	4%	11	3%	12	3%
			Total	885	100%	494	100%	363	100%	381	100%	395	100%

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c. Participating in co-curricular	ccocurr		0 hours per week		59	7%	31	6%	28	8%	33	9%	19	5%
activities (organizations,			1-5 hours per week		213	24%	119	24%	89	25%	109	28%	87	22%
campus publications, student			6-10 hours per week		245	28%	146	29%	92	25%	97	25%	120	30%
government, fraternity or			11-15 hours per week		194	22%	117	23%	70	19%	82	21%	85	22%
sorority, intercollegiate or			16-20 hours per week		95	11%	46	9%	43	12%	32	8%	45	11%
intramural sports, etc.)			21-25 hours per week		43	5%	20	4%	21	6%	14	4%	23	6%
			26-30 hours per week		19	2%	8	2%	8	2%	7	2%	7	2%
			More than 30 hours pe	r week	21	2%	11	2%	10	3%	9	2%	9	2%
				Total	889	100%	498	100%	361	100%	383	100%	395	100%
d. Relaxing and socializing	csocial		0 hours per week		18	2%	8	2%	10	3%	8	2%	8	2%
(watching TV, partying, etc.)			1-5 hours per week		183	20%	120	24%	58	16%	105	27%	57	14%
			6-10 hours per week		292	33%	175	35%	108	30%	133	35%	126	32%
			11-15 hours per week		209	23%	110	22%	91	25%	76	20%	106	27%
			16-20 hours per week		79	9%	39	8%	38	10%	29	8%	41	10%
			21-25 hours per week		56	6%	30	6%	24	7%	16	4%	31	8%
			26-30 hours per week		12	1%	6	1%	4	1%	4	1%	5	1%
			More than 30 hours pe	r week	44	5%	13	3%	29	8%	13	3%	24	6%
				Total	893	100%	501	100%	362	100%	384	100%	398	100%
14. During the <u>coming school year</u> , al	bout how often	do you exp	ect to do each of the follo	wing?										
a. Ask questions in class or	cclquest	EAE	Never		7	1%	5	1%	2	1%	4	1%	2	0%
contribute to class discussions			Sometimes		156	17%	84	17%	65	18%	69	18%	72	18%
			Often		411	45%	222	44%	174	47%	172	44%	186	46%
			Very often		334	37%	197	39%	128	35%	145	37%	145	36%
				Total	908	100%	508	100%	369	100%	390	100%	405	100%
b. Make a class presentation	cclprese	EAE	Never		12	1%	6	1%	5	1%	5	1%	7	2%
			Sometimes		241	27%	124	25%	107	29%	100	26%	115	28%
			Often		450	50%	257	51%	181	49%	190	49%	207	51%
			Very often		201	22%	119	24%	74	20%	93	24%	75	19%
				Total	904	100%	506	100%	367	100%	388	100%	404	100%
c. Work on a paper or project that	cintegra		Never		3	0%	1	0%	1	0%	1	0%	2	0%
requires integrating ideas or			Sometimes		91	10%	44	9%	45	12%	36	9%	41	10%
information from various			Often		394	44%	206	41%	171	46%	154	40%	193	48%
sources			Very often		415	46%	256	50%	151	41%	197	51%	169	42%
				Total	903	100%	507	100%	368	100%	388	100%	405	100%

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d. Work with other students on	cclassgr	EAE	Never		31	3%	16		13	4%	13	3%	13	3%
projects during class			Sometimes		235	26%	135		93	25%	107	28%	109	27%
			Often		404	45%	211	42%	179	49%	163	42%	192	48%
			Very often		229	25%	141	28%	82	22%	105	27%	86	22%
				Total	899	100%	503		367	100%	388	100%	400	100%
e. Work with classmates outside	coccgrp	EAE	Never		18	2%	9	2%	7	2%	8	2%	8	2%
of class to prepare class			Sometimes		241	27%	118		115	31%	101	26%	117	29%
assignments			Often		402	45%	232	46%	159	43%	165	42%	193	48%
			Very often		242	27%	148	29%	87	24%	116	30%	86	21%
				Total	903	100%	507	100%	368	100%	390	100%	404	100%
f. Put together ideas or concepts	cintidea		Never		5	1%	2	0%	2	1%	2	1%	1	0%
from different courses when			Sometimes		174	19%	88	17%	81	22%	74	19%	81	20%
completing assignments or			Often		400	44%	219	43%	168	46%	165	43%	188	47%
during class discussions			Very often		320	36%	196	39%	116	32%	146	38%	133	33%
				Total	899	100%	505	100%	367	100%	387	100%	403	100%
g. Discuss grades or assignments	cfacgrad	EAE	Never		10	1%	5	1%	4	1%	2	1%	6	1%
with an instructor			Sometimes		208	23%	106	21%	94	26%	95	25%	91	23%
			Often		393	44%	216	43%	164	45%	150	39%	194	48%
			Very often		289	32%	180	36%	103	28%	139	36%	113	28%
				Total	900	100%	507	100%	365	100%	386	100%	404	100%
h. Discuss ideas from your	cfacidea	EAE	Never		40	4%	22	4%	16	4%	23	6%	13	3%
readings or classes with faculty			Sometimes		319	35%	179	35%	133	36%	138	36%	156	39%
members outside of class			Often		337	37%	185	36%	139	38%	136	35%	154	38%
			Very often		205	23%	122	24%	78	21%	90	23%	82	20%
				Total	901	100%	508	100%	366	100%	387	100%	405	100%
i. Receive prompt feedback from	cfacfeed		Never		11	1%	3	1%	6	2%	5	1%	5	1%
faculty on your academic			Sometimes		229	26%	128	25%	92	25%	100	26%	105	26%
performance (written or oral)			Often		428	48%	241	48%	178	49%	175	45%	205	51%
			Very often		230	26%	135	27%	89	24%	106	27%	90	22%
			Ž	Total	898	100%	507	100%	365	100%	386	100%	405	100%
j. Work with faculty members on	cfacothe		Never		37	4%	15	3%	21	6%	22	6%	13	3%
activities other than			Sometimes		337	38%	195	38%	133	37%	135	35%	167	41%
coursework (committees,			Often		342	38%	184	36%	147	40%	143	37%	157	39%
orientation, student life			Very often		182	20%	114	22%	63	17%	86	22%	68	17%
activities, etc.)			y	Total	898	100%	508		364	100%	386	100%	405	100%
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	Variable	Scale	Response Options		Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
k. Discuss ideas from your	coocidea	EAE	Never		31	3%	16	3%	15	4%	14	4%	13	3%
readings or classes with others			Sometimes		299	33%	180	35%	108	30%	134	35%	133	33%
outside of class (students,			Often		344	38%	178	35%	157	43%	138	36%	169	42%
family members, co-workers,			Very often		225	25%	134	26%	85	23%	102	26%	89	22%
etc.)				Total	899	100%	508	100%	365	100%	388	100%	404	100%
1. Have serious conversations	cdivrstu		Never		50	6%	26	5%	23	6%	21	5%	21	5%
with students of a different race			Sometimes		184	21%	103	20%	72	20%	76	20%	80	20%
or ethnicity than your own			Often		330	37%	187	37%	137	37%	143	37%	160	39%
			Very often		332	37%	187	37%	134	37%	143	37%	145	36%
				Total	896	100%	503	100%	366	100%	383	100%	406	100%
m. Try to better understand	cothrvie		Never		17	2%	8	2%	9	2%	10	3%	5	1%
someone else's views by			Sometimes		134	15%	65	13%	65	18%	54	14%	65	16%
imagining how an issue looks			Often		375	42%	204	40%	158	43%	154	40%	176	43%
from his or her perspective			Very often		373	41%	229	45%	134	37%	167	43%	160	39%
				Total	899	100%	506	100%	366	100%	385	100%	406	100%
n. Learn something that changes	cchngvie		Never		3	0%	2	0%	1	0%	3	1%	0	0%
the way you understand an			Sometimes		145	16%	72	14%	68	19%	61	16%	70	17%
issue or idea			Often		361	40%	196	39%	153	42%	140	36%	178	44%
			Very often		391	43%	237	47%	144	39%	183	47%	158	39%
				Total	900	100%	507	100%	366	100%	387	100%	406	100%
o. Have serious conversations	cdiffstu		Never		37	4%	20	4%	17	5%	15	4%	11	3%
with students who are very			Sometimes		188	21%	103	20%	76	21%	82	21%	87	21%
different from you in terms of			Often		324	36%	178	35%	138	38%	135	35%	153	38%
their religious beliefs, political			Very often		349	39%	206	41%	134	37%	154	40%	155	38%
opinions, or personal values			•	Total	898	100%	507	100%	365	100%	386	100%	406	100%
15. During the coming school year, h	ow certain are	you that yo	u will do the following?											
a. Study when there are other	cotherint	EAP	1 Not at all certain		27	3%	12	2%	11	3%	7	2%	12	3%
interesting things to do			2		47	5%	22	4%	24	7%	20	5%	23	6%
			3		194	22%	108	21%	81	22%	89	23%	83	20%
			4		282	32%	153	30%	126	34%	115	30%	132	33%
			5		188	21%	119	24%	64	17%	82	21%	92	23%
			6 Very certain		157	18%	90	18%	63	17%	75	19%	63	16%
			o very certain	Total	895	100%	504	100%	369	100%	388	100%	405	100%
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	Variable	Scale	Response Options		Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
b. Find additional information for	cfindinfo	EAP	1 Not at all certain		6	1%	4	1%	2	1%	1	0%	4	1%
course assignments when you			2		26	3%	12	2%	14	4%	8	2%	13	3%
don't understand the material			3		134	15%	65	13%	63	17%	56	14%	63	16%
			4		222	25%	112	22%	105	29%	96	25%	100	25%
			5		254	28%	151	30%	97	26%	103	27%	130	32%
			6 Very certain		252	28%	161	32%	87	24%	123	32%	96	24%
				Total	894	100%	505	100%	368	100%	387	100%	406	100%
c. Participate regularly in course	ccourdis	EAP	1 Not at all certain		17	2%	10	2%	6	2%	6	2%	8	2%
discussions, even when you			2		48	5%	24	5%	22	6%	20	5%	23	6%
don't feel like it			3		202	23%	113	22%	84	23%	95	24%	82	20%
			4		261	29%	146	29%	110	30%	111	29%	122	30%
			5		195	22%	112	22%	79	21%	76	20%	104	26%
			6 Very certain		169	19%	99	20%	67	18%	80	21%	67	17%
				Total	892	100%	504	100%	368	100%	388	100%	406	100%
d. Ask instructors for help when	caskinst	EAP	1 Not at all certain		9	1%	4	1%	4	1%	2	1%	5	1%
you struggle with course			2		32	4%	15	3%	17	5%	9	2%	19	5%
assignments			3		105	12%	58	12%	43	12%	46	12%	47	12%
			4		211	24%	109	22%	97	26%	96	25%	98	24%
			5		206	23%	119	24%	84	23%	79	20%	99	25%
			6 Very certain		329	37%	199	39%	124	34%	157	40%	136	34%
				Total	892	100%	504	100%	369	100%	389	100%	404	100%
e. Finish something you have	cfinish	EAP	1 Not at all certain		6	1%	3	1%	3	1%	2	1%	3	1%
started when you encounter			2		26	3%	16	3%	10	3%	7	2%	15	4%
challenges			3		103	12%	61	12%	38	10%	46	12%	43	11%
			4		184	21%	94	19%	86	23%	83	21%	80	20%
			5		252	28%	146	29%	100	27%	95	24%	134	33%
			6 Very certain		324	36%	186	37%	132	36%	156	40%	131	32%
				Total	895	100%	506	100%	369	100%	389	100%	406	100%
f. Stay positive, even when you	cstaypos	EAP	1 Not at all certain		11	1%	6	1%	5	1%	4	1%	5	1%
do poorly on a test or			2		42	5%	26	5%	14	4%	16	4%	16	4%
assignment			3		119	13%	74	15%	43	12%	52	13%	59	15%
			4		199	22%	109	22%	88	24%	88	23%	94	23%
			5		200	22%	116	23%	78	21%	81	21%	103	25%
			6 Very certain		322	36%	175	35%	139	38%	146	38%	129	32%
			-	Total	893	100%	506	100%	367	100%	387	100%	406	100%
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	Variable	Scale	Response Options	-	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
16. During the coming school year, h	now difficult do	you expect	the following to be?											
a. Learning course material	clearnma	EAD	1 Not at all difficult		49	6%	22	4%	23	6%	18	5%	25	6%
			2		84	9%	37	7%	47	13%	29	7%	44	11%
			3		238	27%	131	26%	102	28%	100	26%	108	27%
			4		331	37%	188	37%	134	37%	139	36%	159	39%
			5		138	16%	94	19%	44	12%	75	19%	51	13%
			6 Very difficult		48	5%	32	6%	15	4%	26	7%	17	4%
				Total	888	100%	504	100%	365	100%	387	100%	404	100%
b. Managing your time	cmantime	EAD	1 Not at all difficult		38	4%	16	3%	19	5%	13	3%	20	5%
			2		84	9%	49	10%	31	8%	30	8%	35	9%
			3		195	22%	112	22%	79	22%	78	20%	96	24%
			4		230	26%	134	26%	93	25%	95	24%	112	28%
			5		172	19%	97	19%	74	20%	88	23%	69	17%
			6 Very difficult		172	19%	98	19%	71	19%	85	22%	72	18%
				Total	891	100%	506	100%	367	100%	389	100%	404	100%
c. Paying college expenses	cpaycoll		1 Not at all difficult		80	9%	44	9%	35	10%	21	5%	51	13%
			2		87	10%	51	10%	34	9%	30	8%	47	12%
			3		197	22%	98	19%	96	26%	90	23%	88	22%
			4		183	21%	101	20%	78	21%	70	18%	93	23%
			5		145	16%	93	18%	51	14%	74	19%	56	14%
			6 Very difficult		194	22%	118	23%	70	19%	102	26%	67	17%
				Total	886	100%	505	100%	364	100%	387	100%	402	100%
d. Getting help with school work	cgethelp	EAD	1 Not at all difficult		111	13%	68	14%	38	10%	42	11%	57	14%
			2		218	25%	125	25%	92	25%	85	22%	110	27%
			3		265	30%	139	28%	118	33%	119	31%	118	29%
			4		200	23%	116	23%	80	22%	97	25%	80	20%
			5		67	8%	40	8%	26	7%	32	8%	27	7%
			6 Very difficult		23	3%	14	3%	9	2%	10	3%	10	2%
				Total	884	100%	502	100%	363	100%	385	100%	402	100%
e. Making new friends	cmakefr		1 Not at all difficult		238	27%	120	24%	109	30%	98	25%	110	27%
			2		220	25%	119	24%	95	26%	100	26%	98	24%
			3		209	23%	129	26%	77	21%	88	23%	96	24%
			4		123	14%	75	15%	47	13%	58	15%	54	13%
			5		57	6%	37	7%	20	5%	24	6%	25	6%
			6 Very difficult		46	5%	25	5%	21	6%	21	5%	22	5%
				Total	893	100%	505	100%	369	100%	389	100%	405	100%

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	Variable	Scale	Response Options		Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	!
f. Interacting with faculty	cintfac	EAD	1 Not at all difficult		187	21%	93	18%	87	24%	77	20%	92	239
			2		225	25%	128	25%	92	25%	95	24%	106	26%
			3		238	27%	123	24%	110	30%	97	25%	112	289
			4		161	18%	108	21%	51	14%	80	21%	66	169
			5		58	7%	39	8%	19	5%	29	7%	23	69
			6 Very difficult		23	3%	13	3%	10	3%	12	3%	6	19
				Total	892	100%	504	100%	369	100%	390	100%	405	1009
7. How prepared are you to do the	following in you	r academic	work at this college?											
a. Write clearly and effectively	cgnwrite	PAP	1 Not at all prepared		12	1%	8	2%	4	1%	7	2%	2	19
			2		15	2%	7	1%	7	2%	6	2%	7	29
			3		139	16%	70	14%	65	18%	63	16%	61	159
			4		273	31%	149	30%	120	33%	131	34%	110	289
			5		219	25%	127	25%	89	25%	94	24%	109	279
			6 Very prepared		224	25%	141	28%	78	21%	85	22%	111	289
				Total	882	100%	502	100%	363	100%	386	100%	400	100
b. Speak clearly and effectively	cgnspeak	PAP	1 Not at all prepared		8	1%	3	1%	5	1%	5	1%	2	19
			2		41	5%	29	6%	12	3%	18	5%	19	59
			3		133	15%	72	14%	57	16%	66	17%	55	149
			4		272	31%	147	29%	120	33%	117	30%	120	309
			5		218	25%	123	24%	92	25%	93	24%	110	289
			6 Very prepared		211	24%	129	26%	77	21%	88	23%	94	249
				Total	883	100%	503	100%	363	100%	387	100%	400	1009
c. Think critically and	cgnanaly	PAP	1 Not at all prepared		6	1%	3	1%	3	1%	4	1%	1	09
analytically			2		16	2%	12	2%	4	1%	3	1%	10	3
			3		118	13%	74	15%	39	11%	61	16%	44	119
			4		244	28%	135	27%	106	29%	118	31%	100	25
			5		255	29%	142	28%	110	30%	102	26%	131	33
			6 Very prepared		242	27%	136	27%	101	28%	98	25%	114	29
				Total	881	100%	502	100%	363	100%	386	100%	400	100
d. Analyze math or quantitative	cgnquant	PAP	1 Not at all prepared		22	2%	15	3%	6	2%	12	3%	8	25
problems			2		66	7%	42	8%	22	6%	27	7%	29	79
			3		181	20%	102	20%	75	21%	80	21%	84	219
			4		224	25%	144	29%	78	21%	104	27%	100	259
			5		209	24%	105	21%	101	28%	94	24%	95	249
			6 Very prepared		181	20%	96	19%	81	22%	69	18%	86	219
				Total	883	100%	504	100%	363	100%	386	100%	402	1009

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	Variable	Scale	Response Options		Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
e. Use computing and	cgncompt	PAP	1 Not at all prepared		15	2%	9	2%	6	2%	10	3%	4	1%
information technology			2		35	4%	26	5%	9	2%	17	4%	16	4%
			3		147	17%	83	17%	57	16%	54	14%	78	20%
			4		228	26%	143	28%	84	23%	106	27%	101	25%
			5		250	28%	130	26%	115	32%	113	29%	106	27%
			6 Very prepared		207	23%	111	22%	92	25%	86	22%	95	24%
				Total	882	100%	502	100%	363	100%	386	100%	400	100%
f. Work effectively with others	cgnother	PAP	1 Not at all prepared		2	0%	1	0%	1	0%	2	1%	0	0%
			2		15	2%	12	2%	3	1%	4	1%	8	2%
			3		76	9%	38	8%	34	9%	29	7%	38	9%
			4		213	24%	113	22%	96	26%	94	24%	93	23%
			5		268	30%	137	27%	126	35%	112	29%	132	33%
			6 Very prepared		310	35%	202	40%	104	29%	146	38%	131	33%
				Total	884	100%	503	100%	364	100%	387	100%	402	100%
g. Learn effectively on your own	cgninq	PAP	1 Not at all prepared		7	1%	5	1%	2	1%	5	1%	1	0%
			2		19	2%	16	3%	3	1%	5	1%	10	2%
			3		90	10%	53	11%	32	9%	38	10%	42	10%
			4		204	23%	110	22%	90	25%	97	25%	81	20%
			5		264	30%	152	30%	107	29%	110	28%	132	33%
			6 Very prepared		300	34%	168	33%	129	36%	132	34%	135	34%
				Total	884	100%	504	100%	363	100%	387	100%	401	100%
8. How important is it to you that y	our college or m	niversity pr	ovides each of the following	197										
a. A challenging academic	cenvscho	ICE	1 Not important	.8.	6	1%	1	0%	4	1%	0	0%	3	1%
experience			2		21	2%	11	2%	9	2%	9	2%	11	3%
			3		118	13%	70	14%	47	13%	47	12%	55	14%
			4		250	28%	131	26%	118	32%	109	28%	119	29%
			5		242	27%	134	27%	103	28%	105	27%	119	29%
			6 Very important		251	28%	157	31%	91	24%	120	31%	100	25%
			o very important	Total	888	100%	504	100%	372	100%	390	100%	407	100%
b. Support to help you succeed	cenvsupr	ICE	1 Not important	1 Ottal	0	0%	0		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
academically	contaupi	ICL	2		15	2%	7	1%	8	2%	6	2%	8	2%
			3		56	6%	28	6%	25	2% 7%	19	5%	30	7%
			4		149	17%	69	14%	23 77	21%	60	15%	77	19%
			5		215	24%	114	23%	99	27%	87	22%	100	25%
			· ·				285	23% 57%						47%
			6 Very important	T-4.1	449	51%			161	44%	216	56%	192	
				Total	884	100%	503	100%	370	100%	388	100%	407	100%

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	Variable	Scale	Response Options		Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
c. Opportunities to interact with	cenvdivr	ICE	1 Not important		10	1%	3	1%	7	2%	3	1%	6	1%
students from different			2		27	3%	9	2%	18	5%	10	3%	16	4%
economic, social, and racial or			3		95	11%	45	9%	46	12%	35	9%	49	12%
ethnic backgrounds			4		203	23%	109	22%	93	25%	97	25%	89	22%
			5		219	25%	130	26%	86	23%	86	22%	105	26%
			6 Very important		331	37%	207	41%	121	33%	157	40%	142	35%
				Total	885	100%	503	100%	371	100%	388	100%	407	100%
d. Assistance coping with your	cenvnaca	ICE	1 Not important		22	2%	15	3%	7	2%	13	3%	9	2%
non-academic responsibilities			2		62	7%	30	6%	32	9%	22	6%	38	9%
(work, family, etc.)			3		161	18%	75	15%	82	22%	57	15%	88	22%
			4		241	27%	129	26%	111	30%	110	28%	105	26%
			5		170	19%	107	21%	60	16%	82	21%	71	18%
			6 Very important		225	26%	147	29%	76	21%	103	27%	94	23%
				Total	881	100%	503	100%	368	100%	387	100%	405	100%
e. Support to help you thrive	cenvsoca	ICE	1 Not important		28	3%	17	3%	11	3%	12	3%	15	4%
socially			2		56	6%	26	5%	29	8%	19	5%	32	8%
			3		144	16%	69	14%	72	19%	66	17%	68	17%
			4		221	25%	116	23%	102	28%	88	23%	110	27%
			5		201	23%	126	25%	74	20%	87	23%	91	22%
			6 Very important		232	26%	147	29%	82	22%	114	30%	90	22%
				Total	882	100%	501	100%	370	100%	386	100%	406	100%
f. Opportunities to attend campus	cenveven	ICE	1 Not important		16	2%	8	2%	7	2%	4	1%	7	2%
events and activities			2		33	4%	14	3%	18	5%	14	4%	17	4%
			3		124	14%	62	12%	59	16%	53	14%	62	15%
			4		177	20%	88	17%	88	24%	78	20%	79	19%
			5		252	29%	145	29%	105	28%	109	28%	120	29%
			6 Very important		282	32%	186	37%	93	25%	129	33%	122	30%
				Total	884	100%	503	100%	370	100%	387	100%	407	100%
19. About how much of your college of	expenses (tuitic	on, fees, bo	oks, room & board) this ver	ar will be	provided by	each of the	e following so	ources?						
a. Scholarships and grants	cschgr	, 1000, 00	None		151	17%	78	16%	71	19%	44	11%	96	24%
r			Less than half		225	26%	134	27%	87	24%	104	27%	103	26%
			Half or more		207	24%	135	27%	70	19%	105	27%	74	18%
			All or nearly all		172	20%	88	18%	84	23%	79	20%	80	20%
			Do not know		118	14%	62	12%	55	15%	56	14%	50	12%
			DO HOU KHOW		110	11/0	32	12/0	55	13/0	50	1 1/0	50	12/0

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	Variable	Scale Response Options		Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
b. Student loans	cstudlo	None		222	26%	123	25%	94	26%	72	19%	127	32%
		Less than half		229	26%	131	27%	98	27%	118	30%	94	24%
		Half or more		179	21%	105	21%	72	20%	81	21%	80	20%
		All or nearly all		81	9%	49	10%	31	8%	37	10%	34	9%
		Do not know		156	18%	85	17%	71	19%	81	21%	61	15%
			Total	867	100%	493	100%	366	100%	389	100%	396	100%
c. Parents/family	cparfam	None		205	24%	122	25%	82	23%	111	29%	69	17%
		Less than half		171	20%	94	19%	76	21%	83	22%	78	20%
		Half or more		183	21%	108	22%	71	20%	78	20%	89	22%
		All or nearly all		178	21%	108	22%	68	19%	50	13%	110	28%
		Do not know		130	15%	63	13%	66	18%	64	17%	51	13%
			Total	867	100%	495	100%	363	100%	386	100%	397	100%
d. Self (work on-campus or off-	cself	None		133	15%	74	15%	58	16%	53	14%	59	15%
campus, savings)		Less than half		368	42%	211	43%	152	42%	170	44%	174	44%
		Half or more		147	17%	83	17%	61	17%	54	14%	77	19%
		All or nearly all		65	8%	40	8%	25	7%	31	8%	27	7%
		Do not know		153	18%	84	17%	69	19%	78	20%	61	15%
			Total	866	100%	492	100%	365	100%	386	100%	398	100%
20. Did you receive a Federal Pell	cpell	No		223	26%	137	28%	84	23%	79	21%	130	33%
Grant?		Yes		270	31%	161	32%	106	29%	157	41%	75	19%
		Do not know		371	43%	200	40%	170	47%	148	39%	189	48%
			Total	864	100%	498	100%	360	100%	384	100%	394	100%
21. What do you expect most of	cgrades	C- or lower		1	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
your grades will be at this		С		6	1%	2	0%	4	1%	3	1%	2	1%
college during the coming		C+		14	2%	8	2%	6	2%	11	3%	2	1%
year? (Select only one.)		B-		43	5%	24	5%	19	5%	21	6%	17	4%
		В		187	22%	114	23%	69	19%	90	24%	82	21%
		B+		226	26%	123	25%	103	29%	100	27%	106	27%
		A-		220	26%	116	24%	102	28%	89	24%	109	28%
		A		159	19%	99	20%	58	16%	61	16%	77	19%
		Grades not used		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
			Total	856	100%	487	100%	361	100%	375	100%	395	100%
22. Do you intend to graduate from	cintgrad	No		48	5%	22	4%	26	7%	14	4%	30	7%
this college?		Yes		588	67%	354	70%	229	62%	271	69%	262	65%
		Uncertain		246	28%	128	25%	116	31%	105	27%	114	28%
			Total	882	100%	504	100%	371	100%	390	100%	406	100%

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	Variable	Scale Response Options	·-	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
23. What is the highest academic	chighdeg	Associate's degree		17	2%	8	2%	9	2%	5	1%	10	3%
degree you intend to obtain at		Bachelor's degree		295	34%	173	35%	120	33%	133	34%	129	32%
this <u>or any</u> college?		Master's degree		268	31%	151	30%	116	32%	120	31%	130	33%
		Doctoral degree		193	22%	120	24%	72	20%	94	24%	82	21%
		Uncertain		94	11%	45	9%	49	13%	35	9%	46	12%
			Total	867	100%	497	100%	366	100%	387	100%	397	100%
24. What month are you	cmonth	Jan		2	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	2	0%
completing this survey?		Feb		1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
		Mar		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		Apr		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		May		78	9%	32	6%	46	12%	11	3%	54	13%
		Jun		445	51%	276	55%	165	45%	198	51%	210	52%
		Jul		187	21%	92	18%	95	26%	87	22%	89	22%
		Aug		135	15%	81	16%	54	15%	72	19%	42	10%
		Sep		30	3%	24	5%	6	2%	21	5%	8	2%
		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	878	100%	505	100%	369	100%	389	100%	406	100%
25. Do you know what your major	cmajor	No		237	27%	123	24%	113	30%	109	28%	100	24%
will be?		Yes		647	73%	384	76%	261	70%	279	72%	310	76%
			Total	884	100%	507	100%	374	100%	388	100%	410	100%
Recoded variable xmajcod1	xmajrcol	Arts and Humanities		43	7%	28	8%	15	6%	20	8%	19	7%
into one of ten major categories		Biological Sciences		102	17%	70	20%	32	14%	48	19%	46	17%
listed at right		Business		88	15%	48	14%	40	17%	24	9%	51	18%
		Education		9	2%	8	2%	1	0%	2	1%	6	2%
		Engineering		20	3%	0	0%	19	8%	8	3%	11	4%
		Physical Science		25	4%	11	3%	14	6%	10	4%	15	5%
		Professional		93	16%	77	22%	16	7%	45	17%	42	15%
		Social Sciences		107	18%	68	19%	39	17%	45	17%	50	18%
		Other		99	17%	42	12%	56	24%	55	21%	38	14%
		Undecided		2	0%	1	0%	1	0%	2	1%	0	0%
			Total	588	100%	353	100%	233	100%	259	100%	278	100%

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	Variable	Scale Response Options		Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
26. Are you, or will you be, a full-	cenrlmen	No		41	5%	18	4%	23	6%	7	2%	25	6%
time student this fall term?		Yes		834	95%	483	96%	348	94%	379	98%	381	94%
			Total	875	100%	501	100%	371	100%	386	100%	406	100%
27. How many of your <u>close</u>	cfriends	None		395	45%	220	43%	175	47%	164	42%	198	48%
friends will attend this college		1		160	18%	107	21%	52	14%	87	22%	63	15%
during the coming year?		2		101	11%	62	12%	39	10%	53	14%	40	10%
		3		56	6%	27	5%	29	8%	18	5%	30	7%
		4 or more		171	19%	90	18%	80	21%	70	18%	78	19%
			Total	883	100%	506	100%	375	100%	392	100%	409	100%
28. Your sex:	csex	Male		378	42%	0	0%	378	100%	150	38%	194	47%
		Female		516	58%	516	100%	0	0%	243	62%	216	53%
			Total	894	100%	516	100%	378	100%	393	100%	410	100%
Are you a current or former member of the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard? (<i>Note: Item appeared</i>	cveteran	No Yes		107	99% 1%	74	99% 1%	33	100%	67	99% 1%	24	100% 0%
only in the online instrument .)		100	Total	108	100%	75	100%	33	100%	68	100%	24	100%
- As part of your military	cvetpay		Total	100	10070		10070	33	10070		10070		100/0
experience, did you receive combat pay, hostile fire pay, or	everpay	No		1	100%	1	100%	0	0%	1	100%	0	0%
imminent danger pay? (Note: Item appeared only in the online instrument.)		Yes		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
o.www mon union ij			Total	1	100%	1	100%	0	0%	1	100%	0	0%
29. Are you an international	cinterna	No		733	84%	440	87%	291	78%	351	90%	322	79%
student or foreign national?		Yes		143	16%	63	13%	80	22%	38	10%	84	21%
			Total	876	100%	503	100%	371	100%	389	100%	406	100%

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	Variable	Scale	Response Options	Count	%	(Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
30. What is your racial or ethnic identification?	crace		American Indian or other Native American	5	1%		2	0%	3	1%	2	1%	3	1%
(Select only one.)			Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	213	24%		105	21%	108	29%	85	22%	94	23%
			Black or African American	88	10%		65	13%	23	6%	49	12%	31	8%
			White (non-Hispanic)	348	39%		197	39%	150	40%	135	34%	198	48%
			Mexican or Mexican American	4	0%		1	0%	3	1%	3	1%	0	0%
			Puerto Rican	15	2%		10	2%	5	1%	6	2%	5	1%
			Other Hispanic or Latino	94	11%		67	13%	27	7%	63	16%	23	6%
			Multiracial	39	4%		23	5%	16	4%	15	4%	19	5%
			Other	46	5%		24	5%	22	6%	21	5%	21	5%
			I prefer not to respond	35	4%		15	3%	19	5%	14	4%	16	4%
			Total	887	100%		509	100%	376	100%	393	100%	410	100%
31. Please indicate whether your pare	ents completed	a 4-year col	lege degree.											
a. Mother (or guardian)	cmothred		Did not complete 4-year degree	487	55%		297	59%	189	51%	387	98%	100	25%
			Completed 4-year degree	294	33%		151	30%	142	38%	0	0%	294	72%
			Do not know	97	11%		54	11%	42	11%	6	2%	14	3%
			Total	878	100%		502	100%	373	100%	393	100%	408	100%
b. Father (or guardian)	cfathred		Did not complete 4-year degree	450	51%		276	55%	173	47%	370	94%	80	20%
			Completed 4-year degree	311	35%		155	31%	155	42%	0	0%	311	76%
			Do not know	117	13%		73	14%	43	12%	23	6%	16	4%
			Total	878	100%		504	100%	371	100%	393	100%	407	100%
32. How far is your home from this	cdistanc		20 miles or less	448	51%		245	49%	201	54%	211	54%	191	47%
college?			21-50 miles	230	26%		130	26%	100	27%	101	26%	115	29%
			51-100 miles	75	9%		46	9%	29	8%	42	11%	29	7%
			101-200 miles	20	2%		13	3%	7	2%	6	2%	13	3%
			201-400 miles	19	2%		19	4%	0	0%	9	2%	7	2%
			More than 400 miles	78	9%		44	9%	34	9%	20	5%	48	12%
			Total	870	100%		497	100%	371	100%	389	100%	403	100%

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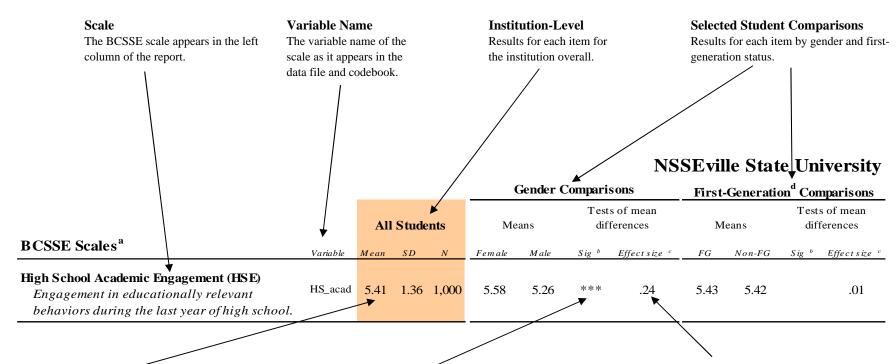


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Mean Scale Scores and Selected Student Comparisons



Interpreting the Mean Scale Scores and Selected Student Comparisons



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 (p<.05, p<.01, and 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 ^a	Variable	Mean	SD	N	Female	Male	Sig ^b	Effect size c	FG	Non-FG	Sig b	Effect size c
High School Academic Engagement (HSE) Engagement in educationally relevant behaviors during the last year of high school.	HS_acad	5.66	1.50	947	5.83	5.47	***	.24	5.62	5.71		06
Expected Academic Engagement (EAE) Expected engagement in educationally relevant behaviors during the first year of college.	Exp_acad	6.42	1.73	947	6.53	6.29	*	.14	6.45	6.30		.09
Expected Academic Perseverance (EAP) Student certainty that they will persist in the face of academic adversity.	Acad_per	7.07	1.90	947	7.15	6.98		.09	7.19	6.98		.11
Expected Academic Difficulty (EAD) Expected academic difficulty during the first year of college.	Acad_dif	4.68	1.86	947	4.81	4.54	*	.15	4.92	4.48	***	.24
Perceived Academic Preparation (PAP) Student perception of their academic preparation.	Acad_prep	7.14	1.73	947	7.12	7.18		04	7.06	7.21		08
Importance of Campus Environment (ICE) Student-rated importance that the institution provides a challenging and supportive environment.	Imp_env	7.31	1.84	947	7.55	7.00	***	.30	7.46	7.13	**	.18

^a Scale scores are expressed in 0 (minimum) to 10 (maximum) point scales. See the following page for complete scale descriptions and component items.

^b T-test results (2-tailed): * p<.05, ** p<.01, *** p<.001. The smaller the significance level, the less likely that the difference is due to chance.

^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).

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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.

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