Self-Rated Traits

- College of Charleston freshmen respondents distinguished themselves with certain traits:
  - **Leadership:** 61.7% of CofC freshmen respondents rate themselves in the highest 10% or above average in leadership ability, compared with only 55.3% of freshmen respondents from other Public 4yr Colleges.
  - **Creativity:** 61% of CofC freshmen respondents rate themselves in the highest 10% or above average in creativity, compared with only 54.7% of freshmen respondents from other Public 4yr Colleges.
  - **Competitiveness:** 58.1% of CofC freshmen respondents rate themselves in the highest 10% or above average in competitiveness, compared with only 53.1% of freshmen respondents from other Public 4yr Colleges.
  - **Writing Ability:** 56.9% of CofC freshmen respondents rate themselves in the highest 10% or above average in writing ability, compared with only 51.6% of freshmen respondents from other Public 4yr Colleges.
  - **Artistic Ability:** 34.4% of CofC freshmen respondents rate themselves in the highest 10% or above average in artistic ability, compared with only 29.3% of freshmen respondents from other Public 4yr Colleges.

Academics, Facilities, Services, and Faculty

- College of Charleston freshmen respondents have a generally positive outlook on college academics facilities, services, and faculty.
  - 94.2% of CofC freshmen respondents felt satisfied or very satisfied with library facilities, compared with 82.9% of freshmen respondents from other Public 4yr colleges and 83.3% from All 4yr Colleges/Universities.
  - 77.7% of CofC freshmen respondents felt satisfied or very satisfied with academic advising, compared with 68.4% of freshmen respondents from other Public 4yr Colleges and 67% from All 4yr Colleges/Universities.
  - 87.5% of CofC freshmen respondents felt satisfied or very satisfied with their class sizes, compared with 77.3% of freshmen respondents from other Public 4yr Colleges and 71.9% from All 4yr Colleges/Universities.
  - 71.5% of CofC freshmen respondents felt satisfied or very satisfied with the amount of contact they had with faculty, compared with 65.7% of freshmen respondents from other Public 4yr Colleges and 64.4% from All 4yr Colleges/Universities.
  - 97.8% of CofC freshmen respondents frequently or occasionally used academic advising, compared with 90% of freshmen respondents from other Public 4yr Colleges and 89% from All 4yr Colleges/Universities.
  - 94.3% of CofC freshmen respondents frequently or occasionally accessed campus library resources electronically, compared with only 88.4% of freshmen respondents from other Public 4yr colleges and 87.5% from All 4yr Colleges/Universities.
  - 45.2% of CofC freshmen respondents frequently or occasionally received tutoring, compared with only 35.9% of freshmen respondents from other Public 4yr Colleges.
  - 89% of CofC freshmen respondents agreed or strongly agreed that faculty encouraged them to meet outside of class, compared with only 76.5% of freshman from other Public 4yr Colleges and 79.1% from All 4yr Colleges/Universities.
Campus Life

- College of Charleston freshmen respondents have a generally positive outlook on campus life and student activities.
  - Only 62.9% of CofC freshmen respondents frequently or occasionally went home for the weekend, compared with 81.2% of freshmen respondents from other Public 4yr Colleges, and 72.9% from All 4yr Colleges/Universities.
  - Only 46.5% of CofC freshmen respondents frequently or occasionally felt isolated from campus life, compared with 57.3% of freshmen respondents from other Public 4yr Colleges and 54.4% from All 4yr Colleges/Universities.

Diversity

- College of Charleston freshmen respondents show concerns for the lack of diversity in the student body and faculty population.
  - Only 45.3% of CofC freshmen respondents felt satisfied or very satisfied with the racial/ethnic diversity of the student body, compared with 60% of freshmen respondents from other Public 4yr Colleges and 60.3% from All 4yr Colleges/Universities.
  - 13.3% of CofC freshmen respondents agreed or strongly agreed that there is a lot of racial tension on their campus, compared with 8.4% of freshmen respondents from other Public 4yr Colleges.
  - Only 81.4% of CofC freshmen respondents agreed or strongly agreed that their colleges experiences have exposed them to diverse opinions, cultures, and values, compared with 87.6% of freshmen respondents from other Public 4y Colleges and 88.8% from All 4yr Colleges/Universities.
  - Only 50.9% of CofC freshmen respondents felt satisfied or very satisfied with the racial/ethnic diversity of the faculty, compared with 59.3% of freshmen respondents from other Public 4yr Colleges and 57.9% from All 4yr Colleges/Universities.

Financial Aid

- College of Charleston freshmen respondents have a negative perception of financial aid at the college.
  - Only 42.7% of CofC freshmen respondents felt satisfied or very satisfied with the financial aid office, compared with 52.1% of freshmen respondents from other Public 4yr Colleges and 49.6% from All 4yr Colleges/Universities.
  - Only 35.9% of CofC freshmen respondents felt satisfied or very satisfied with their financial aid package, compared with 51.5% of freshmen respondents from other Public 4yr Colleges and 50.3% from All 4yr Colleges/Universities.
  - Only 32.7% of CofC freshmen respondents frequently or occasionally used financial aid advising, compared with 42.7% of freshmen respondents from other Public 4yr Colleges.