



College of Charleston

Respondent Characteristics

August 2010

	CofC		Southeast Public		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2010	
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR
Response Rate^a								
Overall	31%		28%		34%		32%	
By class	30%	32%	26%	30%	31%	36%	30%	33%
NSSE sample size ^b	2,166	2,084	113,326	126,595	49,982	48,453	557,470	583,230
Sampling Error^c								
Overall	2.3%		0.3%		0.4%		0.1%	
By class	3.3%	3.1%	0.5%	0.4%	0.7%	0.6%	0.2%	0.2%
Number of respondents ^b	639	664	28,912	38,320	15,709	17,339	165,307	194,857
Total population	2,166	2,084	119,936	131,835	53,612	49,830	586,152	614,122
Student Characteristics^d								
<i>Mode of Completion</i>								
Paper	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%
Web	100%	100%	99%	99%	98%	97%	99%	99%
<i>Enrollment Status^e</i>								
Full-time	100%	94%	94%	81%	94%	83%	95%	83%
Less than full-time	0%	6%	6%	19%	6%	17%	5%	17%
<i>Gender^e</i>								
Female	76%	72%	65%	65%	65%	67%	64%	64%
Male	24%	28%	35%	35%	35%	33%	36%	36%
<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>								
Am. Indian/Native American	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	2%	2%	4%	3%	6%	4%	7%	5%
Black/African American	5%	5%	18%	17%	9%	9%	9%	8%
White (non-Hispanic)	81%	80%	64%	65%	69%	70%	66%	68%
Mexican/Mexican American	1%	0%	1%	1%	3%	4%	3%	3%
Puerto Rican	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	2%	1%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Multiracial	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Other	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
I prefer not to respond	5%	8%	5%	6%	5%	6%	5%	6%
<i>International Student</i>	3%	1%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	5%
<i>Place of Residence</i>								
On-campus ^f	84%	12%	60%	10%	64%	19%	67%	16%
<i>Transfer Status</i>								
Transfer students	9%	28%	9%	49%	10%	44%	9%	43%
<i>Age</i>								
Non-traditional (24 or older)	2%	16%	9%	42%	9%	38%	7%	36%
Traditional (less than 24)	98%	84%	91%	58%	91%	62%	93%	64%

^a Response rate (number of respondents divided by sample size) is adjusted for non-deliverable mailing addresses, students for whom contact information was not available, and other students who were sampled yet unavailable during the survey administration.

^b This report is based on information from all randomly selected students for both your institution and your comparison institutions. Targeted and locally administered oversamples (i.e., non-randomly selected students) are not included in this report.

^c Sampling error is an estimate of the margin by which the *true* score for your institution on a given item could differ from the reported score. To interpret the sampling error, assume that 60% of your students reply "very often" to a particular item. If the sampling error is +/-5%, then the true population value is most likely between 55% and 65%.

^d Percent of total respondents within each category. These results are *not* weighted.

^e Institution-reported data. This information was used to weight your Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

^f Students who identified their residence as "dormitory or other campus housing" or "fraternity or sorority house."