



**National Survey
of Student Engagement**

University of South Carolina Aiken

Respondent Characteristics

August 2006

	USC Aiken		ADP		Carnegie Peers		NSSE 2006	
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR
Response Rate^a								
Overall	59%		26%		37%		34%	
By class	63%	54%	24%	28%	35%	40%	33%	36%
NSSE sample size ^b	543	478	9,444	9,484	31,400	23,477	392,415	360,209
Sampling Error^c								
Overall	2.6%		1.2%		0.6%		0.2%	
By class	3.2%	4.1%	1.9%	1.7%	0.8%	0.8%	0.2%	0.2%
Number of respondents ^b	343	260	2,270	2,658	11,099	9,433	130,906	128,473
Total population	543	478	12,016	12,111	40,820	28,167	590,818	552,143
Student Characteristics^d								
<i>Mode of Completion</i>								
Paper	0%	0%	4%	5%	7%	13%	4%	7%
Web	100%	100%	96%	95%	93%	87%	96%	93%
<i>Class Level^e</i>	57%	43%	46%	54%	54%	46%	50%	50%
<i>Enrollment Status^e</i>								
Full-time	95%	90%	90%	79%	94%	85%	95%	86%
Less than full-time	5%	10%	10%	21%	6%	15%	5%	14%
<i>Gender^e</i>								
Female	73%	69%	70%	67%	68%	69%	64%	64%
Male	27%	31%	30%	33%	32%	31%	36%	36%
<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>								
Am. Indian/Native American	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	3%	5%	4%
Black/African American	28%	18%	4%	4%	6%	6%	6%	6%
White (non-Hispanic)	61%	70%	83%	84%	78%	78%	74%	74%
Mexican/Mexican American	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Puerto Rican	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Multiracial	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Other	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
I prefer not to respond	3%	5%	5%	6%	5%	6%	6%	7%
<i>International Student</i>	5%	2%	3%	3%	6%	5%	5%	5%
<i>Place of Residence</i>								
On-campus	49%	9%	51%	11%	68%	29%	71%	20%
Off-campus	51%	91%	49%	89%	32%	71%	29%	80%
<i>Transfer Status</i>								
Transfer students	6%	48%	15%	49%	12%	39%	9%	39%
<i>Age</i>								
Non-traditional (24 or older)	2%	40%	12%	43%	9%	33%	6%	31%
Traditional (less than 24)	98%	60%	88%	57%	91%	67%	94%	69%

^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.