



**National Survey
of Student Engagement**

University of South Carolina Aiken

Respondent Characteristics

August 2008

	USC Aiken		Southeast Public		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2008	
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR
Response Rate^a								
Overall	53%		28%		38%		33%	
By class	48%	58%	26%	30%	35%	41%	31%	35%
NSSE sample size ^b	627	654	115,396	110,251	45,279	31,274	589,054	562,809
Sampling Error^c								
Overall	2.6%		0.4%		0.5%		0.1%	
By class	4.1%	3.3%	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%	0.7%	0.2%	0.2%
Number of respondents ^b	299	377	29,696	33,140	15,907	12,960	182,901	194,535
Total population	627	654	169,205	148,427	47,553	34,139	768,386	754,521
Student Characteristics^d								
<i>Mode of Completion</i>								
Paper	0%	0%	2%	1%	3%	6%	2%	3%
Web	100%	100%	98%	99%	97%	94%	98%	97%
<i>Class Level^e</i>								
	44%	56%	48%	52%	55%	45%	49%	51%
<i>Enrollment Status^e</i>								
Full-time	96%	93%	94%	83%	95%	87%	95%	85%
Less than full-time	4%	7%	6%	17%	5%	13%	5%	15%
<i>Gender^e</i>								
Female	72%	72%	66%	65%	63%	66%	64%	64%
Male	28%	28%	34%	35%	37%	34%	36%	36%
<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>								
Am. Indian/Native American	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	2%	1%	5%	4%	4%	2%	6%	5%
Black/African American	26%	29%	17%	15%	10%	9%	7%	7%
White (non-Hispanic)	62%	60%	65%	68%	74%	76%	70%	71%
Mexican/Mexican American	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%
Puerto Rican	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	1%	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%
Multiracial	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Other	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
I prefer not to respond	3%	8%	5%	6%	5%	6%	6%	7%
<i>International Student</i>								
	3%	3%	4%	4%	5%	4%	5%	5%
<i>Place of Residence</i>								
On-campus	45%	12%	65%	12%	70%	32%	72%	21%
Off-campus	55%	88%	35%	88%	30%	68%	28%	79%
<i>Transfer Status</i>								
Transfer students	4%	43%	8%	43%	18%	41%	9%	41%
<i>Age</i>								
Non-traditional (24 or older)	1%	27%	7%	35%	15%	34%	6%	32%
Traditional (less than 24)	99%	73%	93%	65%	85%	66%	94%	68%

^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.