



University of South Carolina Aiken

Respondent Characteristics

August 2010

	USC Aiken		Southeast Public		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2010	
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR
Response Rate^a								
Overall	47%		28%		35%		32%	
By class	46%	48%	25%	30%	31%	41%	30%	33%
NSSE sample size ^b	603	442	114,889	128,237	35,437	27,778	559,033	584,872
Sampling Error^c								
Overall	3.2%		0.3%		0.5%		0.1%	
By class	4.3%	4.9%	0.5%	0.4%	0.8%	0.7%	0.2%	0.2%
Number of respondents ^b	280	211	29,271	38,773	10,936	11,326	165,666	195,310
Total population	603	442	121,499	133,477	37,473	28,202	587,715	615,764
Student Characteristics^d								
<i>Mode of Completion</i>								
Paper	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Web	100%	100%	99%	99%	98%	98%	99%	99%
<i>Enrollment Status^e</i>								
Full-time	96%	90%	94%	81%	95%	86%	95%	83%
Less than full-time	4%	10%	6%	19%	5%	14%	5%	17%
<i>Gender^e</i>								
Female	72%	76%	65%	65%	64%	67%	64%	64%
Male	28%	24%	35%	35%	36%	33%	36%	36%
<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>								
Am. Indian/Native American	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	0%	0%	4%	3%	2%	2%	7%	5%
Black/African American	28%	30%	18%	17%	13%	13%	9%	8%
White (non-Hispanic)	58%	61%	65%	65%	69%	70%	66%	68%
Mexican/Mexican American	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	3%
Puerto Rican	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	0%	0%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Multiracial	5%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Other	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
I prefer not to respond	5%	5%	5%	6%	4%	6%	5%	6%
<i>International Student</i>	3%	2%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	5%
<i>Place of Residence</i>								
On-campus ^f	48%	15%	60%	10%	68%	27%	67%	16%
<i>Transfer Status</i>								
Transfer students	4%	21%	9%	48%	12%	44%	9%	43%
<i>Age</i>								
Non-traditional (24 or older)	1%	17%	9%	42%	9%	37%	7%	36%
Traditional (less than 24)	99%	83%	91%	58%	91%	63%	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."