



University of South Carolina Aiken

Respondent Characteristics

August 2012

	USC Aiken		Southeast Public		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2012	
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR
Response Rate^a								
Overall	42%		22%		32%		25%	
By class	43%	42%	19%	25%	27%	38%	23%	27%
NSSE sample size ^b	570	603	113,148	119,134	33,480	27,426	538,297	610,530
Sampling Error^c								
Overall	3.3%		0.4%		0.6%		0.2%	
By class	4.8%	4.7%	0.6%	0.5%	0.9%	0.8%	0.2%	0.2%
Number of respondents ^b	243	254	22,058	29,470	9,075	10,347	122,101	163,328
Total population	570	603	119,389	125,621	33,706	27,431	578,071	660,282
Student Characteristics^d								
<i>Mode of Completion</i>								
Paper	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Web	100%	100%	100%	100%	98%	98%	99%	99%
<i>Enrollment Status^e</i>								
Full-time	95%	83%	94%	81%	94%	83%	95%	84%
Less than full-time	5%	17%	6%	19%	6%	17%	5%	16%
<i>Gender^e</i>								
Female	73%	78%	67%	65%	63%	64%	65%	63%
Male	27%	22%	33%	35%	37%	36%	35%	37%
<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>								
Am. Indian/Native American	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	1%	2%	4%	4%	3%	2%	7%	5%
Black/African American	32%	27%	17%	15%	12%	10%	10%	9%
White (non-Hispanic)	56%	58%	66%	68%	70%	74%	66%	68%
Mexican/Mexican American	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	3%
Puerto Rican	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Multiracial	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Other	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
I prefer not to respond	4%	5%	4%	6%	5%	6%	5%	6%
<i>International Student</i>	5%	2%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	5%
<i>Place of Residence</i>								
On-campus ^f	57%	14%	59%	9%	62%	23%	67%	16%
<i>Transfer Status</i>								
Transfer students	7%	45%	10%	48%	13%	48%	10%	44%
<i>Age</i>								
24 or older	1%	40%	8%	43%	11%	43%	8%	38%
Under 24	99%	60%	92%	57%	89%	57%	92%	62%

^a Response rate (number of respondents divided by sample size) is adjusted for non-deliverable 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 or census-administered 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. For example, if the sampling error is +/-5% and 60% of your students reply "very often" to a particular item, 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."