



**National Survey
of Student Engagement**

Ferris State University

Respondent Characteristics

August 2008

	Ferris State		Selected Peers		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2008	
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR
Response Rate^a								
Overall	26%		24%		34%		33%	
By class	26%	27%	22%	27%	31%	37%	31%	35%
NSSE sample size ^b	2,486	2,494	13,622	11,501	59,443	58,220	587,195	560,969
Sampling Error^c								
Overall	2.4%		1.2%		0.4%		0.1%	
By class	3.4%	3.4%	1.7%	1.6%	0.6%	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%
Number of respondents ^b	636	682	2,949	3,055	18,711	21,537	182,564	194,230
Total population	2,768	3,624	21,333	20,261	68,903	65,618	766,245	751,551
Student Characteristics^d								
<i>Mode of Completion</i>								
Paper	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%
Web	100%	100%	100%	99%	98%	97%	98%	97%
<i>Class Level^e</i>	48%	52%	49%	51%	46%	54%	49%	51%
<i>Enrollment Status^e</i>								
Full-time	92%	63%	96%	79%	95%	84%	95%	85%
Less than full-time	8%	37%	4%	21%	5%	16%	5%	15%
<i>Gender^e</i>								
Female	55%	50%	64%	65%	66%	67%	64%	64%
Male	45%	50%	36%	35%	34%	33%	36%	36%
<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>								
Am. Indian/Native American	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	6%	5%
Black/African American	3%	3%	8%	6%	6%	7%	7%	7%
White (non-Hispanic)	82%	83%	76%	80%	75%	74%	70%	71%
Mexican/Mexican American	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%
Puerto Rican	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	3%
Multiracial	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Other	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
I prefer not to respond	6%	6%	7%	7%	5%	7%	6%	7%
<i>International Student</i>	2%	3%	5%	3%	4%	4%	5%	5%
<i>Place of Residence</i>								
On-campus	67%	10%	63%	5%	69%	18%	72%	21%
Off-campus	33%	90%	37%	95%	31%	82%	28%	79%
<i>Transfer Status</i>								
Transfer students	17%	63%	11%	49%	9%	44%	9%	41%
<i>Age</i>								
Non-traditional (24 or older)	7%	53%	4%	41%	7%	37%	6%	32%
Traditional (less than 24)	93%	47%	96%	59%	93%	63%	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.