



Ferris State University

Respondent Characteristics

August 2010

	Ferris State		Selected Peers		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2010	
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR
Response Rate^a								
Overall	36%		26%		33%		32%	
By class	36%	37%	23%	29%	31%	36%	30%	33%
NSSE sample size ^b	1,835	2,429	48,126	46,205	50,313	48,108	557,801	582,885
Sampling Error^c								
Overall	2.0%		0.5%		0.4%		0.1%	
By class	3.1%	2.6%	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%	0.2%	0.2%
Number of respondents ^b	652	898	11,255	13,604	15,696	17,105	165,294	194,623
Total population	1,835	2,429	50,516	47,039	53,943	49,485	586,483	613,777
Student Characteristics^d								
<i>Mode of Completion</i>								
Paper	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%
Web	100%	100%	99%	99%	98%	97%	99%	99%
<i>Enrollment Status^e</i>								
Full-time	97%	70%	93%	81%	94%	84%	95%	83%
Less than full-time	3%	30%	7%	19%	6%	16%	5%	17%
<i>Gender^e</i>								
Female	58%	55%	66%	65%	66%	68%	64%	64%
Male	42%	45%	34%	35%	34%	32%	36%	36%
<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>								
Am. Indian/Native American	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	2%	1%	3%	2%	6%	4%	7%	5%
Black/African American	4%	3%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	8%
White (non-Hispanic)	84%	84%	77%	77%	68%	70%	66%	68%
Mexican/Mexican American	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	4%	3%	3%
Puerto Rican	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	0%	0%	1%	1%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Multiracial	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Other	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
I prefer not to respond	4%	6%	5%	6%	5%	6%	5%	6%
<i>International Student</i>	2%	2%	3%	2%	5%	4%	6%	5%
<i>Place of Residence</i>								
On-campus ^f	74%	11%	56%	8%	64%	19%	67%	16%
<i>Transfer Status</i>								
Transfer students	5%	53%	11%	52%	10%	43%	9%	43%
<i>Age</i>								
Non-traditional (24 or older)	4%	46%	11%	45%	9%	37%	7%	36%
Traditional (less than 24)	96%	54%	89%	55%	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."