



Ferris State University

Respondent Characteristics

August 2012

	Ferris State		Great Lakes Region		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2012	
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR
Response Rate^a								
Overall	35%		22%		25%		25%	
By class	34%	36%	19%	25%	22%	27%	23%	27%
NSSE sample size ^b	855	2,718	30,646	35,888	175,418	184,497	538,012	608,415
Sampling Error^c								
Overall	2.2%		0.7%		0.3%		0.2%	
By class	4.7%	2.5%	1.2%	0.9%	0.4%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%
Number of respondents ^b	287	976	5,898	8,883	39,100	49,975	122,057	162,606
Total population	855	2,718	31,672	37,531	183,108	195,508	577,786	658,167
Student Characteristics^d								
<i>Mode of Completion</i>								
Paper	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Web	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%
<i>Enrollment Status^e</i>								
Full-time	94%	58%	96%	83%	94%	82%	95%	84%
Less than full-time	6%	42%	4%	17%	6%	18%	5%	16%
<i>Gender^e</i>								
Female	54%	60%	65%	59%	68%	67%	65%	63%
Male	46%	40%	35%	41%	32%	33%	35%	37%
<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>								
Am. Indian/Native American	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	5%	3%	4%	3%	5%	4%	7%	5%
Black/African American	2%	4%	8%	6%	10%	9%	10%	9%
White (non-Hispanic)	80%	81%	75%	77%	67%	68%	65%	68%
Mexican/Mexican American	3%	1%	2%	1%	3%	4%	3%	3%
Puerto Rican	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	0%	1%	1%	1%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Multiracial	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Other	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%
I prefer not to respond	5%	5%	4%	6%	5%	6%	5%	6%
<i>International Student</i>	7%	3%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	5%
<i>Place of Residence</i>								
On-campus ^f	64%	6%	69%	10%	62%	14%	67%	16%
<i>Transfer Status</i>								
Transfer students	9%	65%	8%	45%	10%	48%	10%	44%
<i>Age</i>								
24 or older	5%	62%	5%	36%	10%	41%	8%	38%
Under 24	95%	38%	95%	64%	90%	59%	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."