



**National Survey  
of Student Engagement**

# University of Massachusetts Boston

**Respondent Characteristics**

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	UMass Boston		Urban Universities		Carnegie Class		Public 4-Year Inst.	
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR
<b>Response Rate<sup>a</sup></b>								
Overall	15%		24%		29%		30%	
By class	12%	19%	22%	27%	27%	31%	28%	32%
NSSE sample size <sup>b</sup>	1,596	1,675	28,620	27,297	35,640	33,127	387,667	380,506
<b>Sampling Error<sup>c</sup></b>								
Overall	4.0%		0.8%		0.6%		0.2%	
By class	6.7%	5.0%	1.2%	1.0%	0.9%	0.8%	0.3%	0.2%
Number of respondents <sup>b</sup>	190	312	6,169	7,432	9,592	10,299	106,682	120,501
Total population	1,596	1,675	44,069	42,884	46,977	40,088	550,703	555,337
<b>Student Characteristics<sup>d</sup></b>								
<i>Mode of Completion</i>								
Paper	0%	0%	3%	5%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Web	100%	100%	97%	95%	99%	99%	98%	98%
<i>Class Level<sup>e</sup></i>								
	38%	62%	45%	55%	48%	52%	47%	53%
<i>Enrollment Status<sup>e</sup></i>								
Full-time	84%	72%	89%	73%	94%	85%	95%	84%
Less than full-time	16%	28%	11%	27%	6%	15%	5%	16%
<i>Gender<sup>e</sup></i>								
Female	61%	64%	66%	66%	68%	66%	62%	62%
Male	39%	36%	34%	34%	32%	34%	38%	38%
<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>								
Am. Indian/Native American	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	20%	10%	6%	5%	7%	6%	7%	6%
Black/African American	13%	14%	13%	11%	11%	14%	8%	7%
White (non-Hispanic)	42%	52%	59%	61%	63%	61%	69%	70%
Mexican/Mexican American	0%	0%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Puerto Rican	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	9%	6%	5%	6%	3%	4%	3%	3%
Multiracial	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%
Other	4%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%
I prefer not to respond	8%	11%	7%	8%	6%	7%	5%	7%
<i>International Student</i>								
	14%	15%	6%	6%	5%	4%	5%	4%
<i>Place of Residence</i>								
On-campus	1%	1%	38%	5%	70%	14%	67%	13%
Off-campus	99%	99%	62%	95%	30%	86%	33%	87%
<i>Transfer Status</i>								
Transfer students	19%	78%	18%	62%	10%	41%	9%	45%
<i>Age</i>								
Non-traditional (24 or older)	19%	70%	13%	57%	8%	34%	5%	36%
Traditional (less than 24)	81%	30%	87%	43%	92%	66%	95%	64%

<sup>a</sup> 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.

<sup>b</sup> 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.

<sup>c</sup> 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%.

<sup>d</sup> Percent of total respondents within each category. These results are *not* weighted.

<sup>e</sup> Institution-reported data. This information was used to weight your Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.