



University of Massachusetts Boston

Respondent Characteristics

August 2011

	UMass Boston		Urban Universities		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2011	
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR
Response Rate^a								
Overall	25%		23%		23%		27%	
By class	26%	25%	21%	25%	21%	25%	25%	28%
NSSE sample size ^b	1,301	3,086	28,724	35,698	120,208	140,322	754,188	807,208
Sampling Error^c								
Overall	2.5%		0.7%		0.4%		0.1%	
By class	4.6%	3.0%	1.1%	0.9%	0.6%	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%
Number of respondents ^b	332	778	5,907	9,061	25,322	34,775	186,509	229,644
Total population	1,301	3,086	28,724	35,698	128,559	153,226	788,745	840,897
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	91%	74%	91%	76%	97%	86%	95%	84%
Less than full-time	9%	26%	9%	24%	3%	14%	5%	16%
<i>Gender^e</i>								
Female	58%	60%	63%	63%	61%	59%	65%	63%
Male	42%	40%	37%	37%	39%	41%	35%	37%
<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>								
Am. Indian/Native American	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	23%	14%	7%	5%	8%	6%	8%	7%
Black/African American	9%	17%	14%	11%	7%	7%	9%	8%
White (non-Hispanic)	41%	45%	63%	68%	67%	69%	66%	67%
Mexican/Mexican American	0%	1%	2%	2%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Puerto Rican	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	9%	6%	2%	1%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Multiracial	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Other	5%	5%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
I prefer not to respond	6%	8%	5%	7%	5%	6%	5%	6%
<i>International Student</i>	12%	14%	5%	5%	6%	5%	6%	5%
<i>Place of Residence</i>								
On-campus ^f	2%	0%	42%	6%	68%	11%	66%	16%
<i>Transfer Status</i>								
Transfer students	12%	75%	13%	61%	7%	42%	9%	43%
<i>Age</i>								
Non-traditional (24 or older)	10%	66%	13%	54%	4%	35%	8%	35%
Traditional (less than 24)	90%	34%	87%	46%	96%	65%	92%	65%

^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 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."