



**National Survey
of Student Engagement**

University of Alaska Fairbanks

Respondent Characteristics

August 2009

	UAF		Standard Peers		Selected Peers		Similar Universities	
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR
Response Rate^a								
Overall	30%		31%		28%		31%	
By class	27%	33%	25%	36%	24%	31%	28%	33%
NSSE sample size ^b	814	874	8,057	8,770	9,393	8,953	78,294	78,985
Sampling Error^c								
Overall	3.6%		1.2%		1.2%		0.4%	
By class	5.6%	4.7%	2.0%	1.5%	1.9%	1.7%	0.6%	0.5%
Number of respondents ^b	221	288	2,023	3,148	2,290	2,776	21,788	26,210
Total population	814	874	10,277	13,270	14,489	13,930	116,093	132,409
Student Characteristics^d								
<i>Mode of Completion</i>								
Paper	1%	1%	3%	3%	2%	3%	1%	1%
Web	99%	99%	97%	97%	98%	97%	99%	99%
<i>Enrollment Status^e</i>								
Full-time	95%	69%	92%	74%	93%	76%	94%	83%
Less than full-time	5%	31%	8%	26%	7%	24%	6%	17%
<i>Gender^e</i>								
Female	58%	54%	60%	61%	60%	58%	63%	60%
Male	42%	46%	40%	39%	40%	42%	37%	40%
<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>								
Am. Indian/Native American	9%	9%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	4%	6%	5%	5%	5%	6%	13%	10%
Black/African American	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%
White (non-Hispanic)	68%	65%	79%	77%	80%	77%	61%	64%
Mexican/Mexican American	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	7%	5%
Puerto Rican	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other Hispanic or Latino	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	4%	3%
Multiracial	1%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	4%	4%
Other	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%
I prefer not to respond	8%	10%	5%	7%	6%	7%	6%	7%
<i>International Student</i>	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%	5%	6%	5%
<i>Place of Residence</i>								
On-campus ^f	53%	21%	65%	9%	68%	10%	57%	10%
<i>Transfer Status</i>								
Transfer students	27%	41%	7%	46%	6%	40%	10%	48%
<i>Age</i>								
Non-traditional (24 or older)	9%	58%	3%	37%	1%	27%	6%	42%
Traditional (less than 24)	91%	42%	97%	63%	99%	73%	94%	58%

^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."