



**National Survey  
of Student Engagement**

**University of Maryland, Baltimore  
County**

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**Respondent Characteristics**

August 2009

	UMBC		Sci Tech Peers		Public R/H & R/VH		NSSE 2009	
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR
<b>Response Rate<sup>a</sup></b>								
Overall	36%		29%		28%		31%	
By class	33%	39%	28%	30%	26%	30%	29%	34%
NSSE sample size <sup>b</sup>	1,510	1,711	30,672	27,777	137,244	141,597	556,672	519,665
<b>Sampling Error<sup>c</sup></b>								
Overall	2.3%		0.7%		0.3%		0.1%	
By class	3.6%	3.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.5%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%
Number of respondents <sup>b</sup>	497	670	8,467	8,231	35,317	41,851	158,694	175,266
Total population	1,510	1,863	55,000	56,901	245,214	265,643	718,527	706,830
<b>Student Characteristics<sup>d</sup></b>								
<b>Mode of Completion</b>								
Paper	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Web	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	98%	98%
<b>Enrollment Status<sup>e</sup></b>								
Full-time	99%	85%	98%	91%	97%	85%	95%	84%
Less than full-time	1%	15%	2%	9%	3%	15%	5%	16%
<b>Gender<sup>e</sup></b>								
Female	49%	50%	55%	52%	60%	59%	64%	64%
Male	51%	50%	45%	48%	40%	41%	36%	36%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>								
Am. Indian/Native American	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	25%	14%	10%	8%	9%	8%	6%	5%
Black/African American	10%	12%	3%	3%	6%	6%	8%	7%
White (non-Hispanic)	50%	56%	72%	75%	69%	70%	68%	70%
Mexican/Mexican American	0%	0%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Puerto Rican	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Multiracial	4%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%
Other	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
I prefer not to respond	7%	8%	5%	6%	5%	6%	5%	6%
<b>International Student</b>	7%	7%	6%	5%	5%	4%	6%	5%
<b>Place of Residence</b>								
On-campus <sup>f</sup>	73%	33%	75%	11%	69%	10%	67%	17%
<b>Transfer Status</b>								
Transfer students	4%	44%	6%	30%	7%	41%	9%	42%
<b>Age</b>								
Non-traditional (24 or older)	2%	30%	2%	18%	3%	30%	7%	35%
Traditional (less than 24)	98%	70%	98%	82%	97%	70%	93%	65%

<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.

<sup>f</sup> Students who identified their residence as "dormitory or other campus housing" or "fraternity or sorority house."