



**National Survey  
of Student Engagement**

# **Humboldt State University**

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**Respondent Characteristics**

August 2008

	Humboldt State		California State		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2008	
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR
<b>Response Rate<sup>a</sup></b>								
Overall	37%		27%		34%		33%	
By class	35%	37%	24%	30%	31%	37%	31%	35%
NSSE sample size <sup>b</sup>	931	1,421	27,092	31,558	60,998	59,293	588,750	562,042
<b>Sampling Error<sup>c</sup></b>								
Overall	2.8%		0.7%		0.4%		0.1%	
By class	4.3%	3.5%	1.1%	0.9%	0.6%	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%
Number of respondents <sup>b</sup>	330	532	6,456	9,458	19,017	21,687	182,870	194,380
Total population	931	1,758	41,888	57,944	70,740	67,484	768,082	753,417
<b>Student Characteristics<sup>d</sup></b>								
<i>Mode of Completion</i>								
Paper	0%	0%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%
Web	100%	100%	98%	99%	98%	97%	98%	97%
<i>Class Level<sup>e</sup></i>								
	38%	62%	41%	59%	47%	53%	49%	51%
<i>Enrollment Status<sup>e</sup></i>								
Full-time	100%	91%	96%	82%	95%	83%	95%	85%
Less than full-time	0%	9%	4%	18%	5%	17%	5%	15%
<i>Gender<sup>e</sup></i>								
Female	63%	62%	64%	60%	66%	66%	64%	64%
Male	37%	38%	36%	40%	34%	34%	36%	36%
<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>								
Am. Indian/Native American	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	5%	5%	19%	17%	3%	3%	6%	5%
Black/African American	1%	0%	3%	3%	6%	7%	7%	7%
White (non-Hispanic)	54%	54%	42%	46%	76%	75%	70%	71%
Mexican/Mexican American	9%	5%	15%	12%	2%	3%	2%	2%
Puerto Rican	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	3%	3%	5%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%
Multiracial	6%	6%	5%	4%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Other	2%	3%	3%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%
I prefer not to respond	20%	21%	7%	9%	5%	6%	6%	7%
<i>International Student</i>								
	2%	3%	5%	6%	4%	4%	5%	5%
<i>Place of Residence</i>								
On-campus	82%	4%	45%	4%	69%	18%	72%	21%
Off-campus	18%	96%	55%	96%	31%	82%	28%	79%
<i>Transfer Status</i>								
Transfer students	6%	67%	5%	63%	10%	45%	9%	41%
<i>Age</i>								
Non-traditional (24 or older)	1%	49%	1%	47%	7%	37%	6%	32%
Traditional (less than 24)	99%	51%	99%	53%	93%	63%	94%	68%

<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.