

**NSSE 2008 Benchmark Descriptive Statistics
First-Year Students**

Benchmark	N	Mean	SD	SEM	95% Conf. Interval		Percentile Distribution				
					Lower	Upper	5	25	50	75	95
NSSE 2008											
Level of Academic Challenge	164,973	52.86	13.50	0.033	52.80	52.93	30.84	43.72	52.78	62.23	74.89
Active & Collaborative Learning	181,886	42.53	16.87	0.040	42.45	42.60	19.05	28.57	41.67	52.38	71.43
Student-Faculty Interaction	166,266	34.60	18.68	0.046	34.51	34.69	11.11	22.22	33.33	44.44	72.22
Enriching Ed. Experience	160,127	27.51	13.64	0.034	27.45	27.58	8.33	17.86	26.19	35.71	51.19
Supportive Campus Environment	156,254	61.05	18.95	0.048	60.95	61.14	30.00	47.22	61.11	75.00	91.67
Research Universities (Very High Research Activity)											
Level of Academic Challenge	24,781	53.04	12.92	0.082	52.88	53.20	32.25	44.37	52.92	61.80	74.13
Active & Collaborative Learning	27,517	39.92	15.88	0.096	39.73	40.11	16.67	28.57	38.10	47.62	66.67
Student-Faculty Interaction	24,894	31.64	17.89	0.113	31.42	31.86	11.11	16.67	27.78	38.89	66.67
Enriching Ed. Experience	24,136	29.15	13.33	0.086	28.99	29.32	10.39	19.44	27.78	37.30	51.19
Supportive Campus Environment	23,535	59.55	18.02	0.117	59.32	59.78	30.56	47.22	58.33	72.22	88.89
Research Universities (High Research Activity)											
Level of Academic Challenge	26,016	52.01	13.40	0.083	51.84	52.17	30.41	42.86	51.84	61.15	74.13
Active & Collaborative Learning	28,966	41.87	16.77	0.099	41.67	42.06	19.05	28.57	38.10	52.38	71.43
Student-Faculty Interaction	26,256	33.28	18.32	0.113	33.06	33.50	11.11	22.22	27.78	44.44	66.67
Enriching Ed. Experience	25,367	27.67	13.42	0.084	27.51	27.84	8.33	17.86	26.19	35.71	50.00
Supportive Campus Environment	24,718	60.30	18.77	0.119	60.06	60.53	27.78	47.22	61.11	72.22	91.67
Doctoral/Research Universities											
Level of Academic Challenge	10,227	53.38	13.84	0.137	53.11	53.65	30.84	44.05	53.46	62.99	75.65
Active & Collaborative Learning	11,503	43.79	17.38	0.162	43.47	44.11	19.05	33.33	42.86	52.38	76.19
Student-Faculty Interaction	10,298	36.03	18.97	0.187	35.67	36.40	11.11	22.22	33.33	46.67	72.22
Enriching Ed. Experience	9,868	28.21	14.21	0.143	27.93	28.49	8.33	17.86	26.19	36.11	52.38
Supportive Campus Environment	9,663	60.83	19.24	0.196	60.44	61.21	27.78	47.22	61.11	75.00	94.44
Master's Colleges and Universities (Large Programs)											
Level of Academic Challenge	48,998	51.81	13.35	0.060	51.69	51.93	30.09	42.75	51.62	60.93	73.70
Active & Collaborative Learning	54,406	42.26	16.83	0.072	42.12	42.41	19.05	28.57	41.67	52.38	71.43
Student-Faculty Interaction	49,486	34.06	18.71	0.084	33.90	34.23	11.11	22.22	33.33	44.44	72.22
Enriching Ed. Experience	47,361	26.37	13.47	0.062	26.25	26.49	8.33	16.67	25.00	33.73	50.00
Supportive Campus Environment	46,107	60.32	19.01	0.089	60.15	60.50	27.78	47.22	61.11	73.33	91.67
Master's Colleges and Universities (Medium Programs)											
Level of Academic Challenge	15,365	51.90	13.38	0.108	51.69	52.11	30.09	42.75	51.84	61.10	73.92
Active & Collaborative Learning	16,883	43.16	16.79	0.129	42.91	43.42	19.05	33.33	42.86	52.38	71.43
Student-Faculty Interaction	15,491	35.02	18.60	0.149	34.73	35.31	11.11	22.22	33.33	44.44	72.22
Enriching Ed. Experience	14,886	26.33	13.44	0.110	26.11	26.54	8.33	16.67	25.00	33.33	50.79
Supportive Campus Environment	14,505	60.68	19.23	0.160	60.37	60.99	27.78	47.22	61.11	75.00	91.67

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Benchmark	N	Mean	SD	SEM	95% Conf. Interval		Percentile Distribution				
					Lower	Upper	5	25	50	75	95
Master's Colleges and Universities (Small Programs)											
Level of Academic Challenge	6,496	53.10	13.89	0.172	52.76	53.44	30.67	44.05	52.92	63.10	75.22
Active & Collaborative Learning	7,094	45.61	17.56	0.209	45.20	46.02	19.05	33.33	42.86	57.14	76.19
Student-Faculty Interaction	6,552	38.01	19.80	0.245	37.53	38.49	11.11	22.22	33.33	50.00	77.78
Enriching Ed. Experience	6,255	28.23	14.38	0.182	27.87	28.58	8.33	17.86	26.19	36.51	53.57
Supportive Campus Environment	6,131	62.88	19.27	0.246	62.40	63.36	30.56	50.00	63.89	77.78	94.44
Baccalaureate Colleges - Arts & Sciences											
Level of Academic Challenge	14,771	57.36	13.06	0.107	57.15	57.57	35.39	48.59	57.47	66.77	78.03
Active & Collaborative Learning	15,832	45.28	15.90	0.126	45.03	45.53	23.81	33.33	42.86	57.14	71.43
Student-Faculty Interaction	14,836	37.89	18.31	0.150	37.60	38.19	11.11	22.22	33.33	50.00	72.22
Enriching Ed. Experience	14,439	30.30	13.25	0.110	30.09	30.52	11.11	20.63	28.97	38.49	52.38
Supportive Campus Environment	14,209	65.00	18.37	0.154	64.70	65.30	33.33	52.78	66.67	77.78	94.44
Baccalaureate Colleges - Diverse Fields											
Level of Academic Challenge	10,544	52.79	13.69	0.133	52.53	53.05	30.36	43.72	52.60	62.34	75.00
Active & Collaborative Learning	11,359	43.25	18.39	0.173	42.91	43.59	14.29	33.33	42.86	55.56	76.19
Student-Faculty Interaction	10,628	38.20	19.21	0.186	37.84	38.57	11.11	22.22	33.33	50.00	72.22
Enriching Ed. Experience	10,245	27.05	14.06	0.139	26.78	27.32	8.33	16.67	25.00	34.63	51.98
Supportive Campus Environment	9,995	63.10	19.16	0.192	62.72	63.47	30.56	50.00	63.89	77.78	94.44
NSSE 2008 Top 50%											
Level of Academic Challenge	58,808	56.40	13.09	0.054	56.29	56.51	34.63	47.62	56.48	65.58	77.27
Active & Collaborative Learning	55,490	47.52	16.98	0.072	47.38	47.67	23.81	33.33	47.62	57.14	76.19
Student-Faculty Interaction	46,254	39.70	19.40	0.090	39.52	39.88	11.11	27.78	38.89	50.00	77.78
Enriching Ed. Experience	72,691	30.33	13.70	0.051	30.23	30.43	11.11	20.63	28.97	38.49	53.57
Supportive Campus Environment	46,841	65.79	18.42	0.085	65.62	65.96	33.33	52.78	66.67	77.78	94.44
NSSE 2008 Top 10%											
Level of Academic Challenge	10,517	60.67	12.77	0.125	60.42	60.91	38.42	52.38	61.19	69.59	80.30
Active & Collaborative Learning	11,996	51.57	17.92	0.164	51.25	51.89	23.81	38.10	50.00	61.90	83.33
Student-Faculty Interaction	9,323	43.57	21.16	0.219	43.15	44.00	13.33	27.78	38.89	55.56	83.33
Enriching Ed. Experience	15,059	32.97	14.31	0.117	32.75	33.20	11.11	23.41	31.75	41.67	57.54
Supportive Campus Environment	10,789	68.45	18.38	0.177	68.11	68.80	36.11	55.56	69.44	80.56	97.22