

# Report of the Results of the 2001 New Student Transition Questionnaire

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## **ABSTRACT**

This report describes the results of a questionnaire administered to new Fall 2001 main campus first year students. The questionnaire was designed to provide information about how well these students were becoming acclimated to college life within their first two months at BGSU. Results are provided for all respondents, females, males, students of color, students in various colleges, and students who participate in various first year programs.

## **BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY**

The BGSU New Student Transition Questionnaire was developed in Fall 1997 as a means of gathering information about how well first year students were becoming acclimated to college life within their first few months at the University. It was administered to students in first year English classes. This report describes the results of the fifth administration of the survey in Fall 2001. Data were collected from 2,170 first year students in November 2001. This represents 64% ( $2,170/3,580=61\%$ ) of new main campus first year students and the distribution of respondents across groups closely paralleled that of the entire population. Of the respondents, 1,126 provided PID numbers that allowed their survey responses to be matched with and contrasted by gender, ethnicity, college, and first year program participation. The Office of Institutional Research analyzed the data by calculating the percentages of respondents who provided each response to each survey item. Results are reported where statistically significant group differences were found.

## RESULTS

### Results 1: Overall and Difference between Gender, Race and College

	Overall	PID# Providers		GENDER		Students of Color	COLLEGE						
		Yes	No	Female	Male		A&S	ACEN	BA	EDHD	HHS	MUS	TEC
Population of New Full-Time Fall 2001 Main Campus First Year Students	3580	3580	0	2073	1507	300	920	796	558	808	218	97	182
Percentage in Overall Population	100%	100%	0%	58%	42%	8%	26%	22%	16%	23%	6%	3%	5%
Survey Respondents	2170	1126	1044	640	486	105	271	247	192	273	66	24	53
Percentage in Survey Sample	100%	52%	48%	57%	43%	9%	24%	22%	17%	24%	6%	2%	5%

	Overall	GENDER		RACE		COLLEGE							
		Female	Male	Students of Color	White	A&S	ACEN	BA	EDHD	HHS	MUS	TEC	
<b>I am finding it easy to adjust to the University</b>													
Strongly Disagree	2%	2%	2%	4%	1%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	
Somewhat Disagree	7%	7%	7%	11%	6%	7%	6%	10%	7%	3%	4%	9%	
Neutral	10%	9%	9%	10%	9%	9%	13%	8%	7%	12%	13%	2%	
Somewhat Agree	42%	39%	46%	41%	42%	46%	40%	40%	43%	41%	63%	26%	
Strongly Agree	39%	44%	36%	35%	41%	36%	39%	41%	43%	42%	21%	60%	
<b>I have figured out how to study effectively</b>													
Strongly Disagree	3%	4%	4%	6%	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%	0%	2%	
Somewhat Disagree	17%	16%	16%	19%	16%	14%	18%	16%	15%	18%	21%	17%	
Neutral	34%	32%	40%	42%	35%	36%	40%	30%	35%	36%	38%	32%	
Somewhat Agree	39%	40%	34%	26%	39%	36%	35%	41%	40%	30%	42%	36%	
Strongly Agree	7%	7%	8%	7%	8%	9%	3%	9%	7%	12%	0%	13%	
<b>I am satisfied with my roommate.</b>													
Strongly Disagree	6%	7%	8%	6%	7%	7%	8%	6%	8%	8%	8%	8%	
Somewhat Disagree	7%	8%	6%	12%	7%	7%	8%	8%	6%	6%	0%	10%	
Neutral	17%	13%	18%	12%	16%	18%	20%	14%	11%	8%	11%	22%	
Somewhat Agree	21%	21%	23%	22%	22%	23%	22%	22%	21%	18%	25%	14%	

Strongly Agree	48%	51%	46%	49%	49%	45%	42%	50%	56%	60%	54%	47%
<b>I am satisfied with my living accommodations</b>												
Strongly Disagree	4%	2%	5%	2%	3%	3%	4%	5%	1%	2%	0%	6%
Somewhat Disagree	9%	9%	7%	8%	8%	9%	9%	6%	8%	6%	8%	8%
Neutral	23%	21%	21%	21%	20%	21%	23%	20%	22%	11%	8%	23%
Somewhat Agree	37%	39%	41%	40%	40%	42%	40%	40%	37%	43%	67%	27%
Strongly Agree	27%	29%	27%	29%	29%	25%	24%	29%	33%	39%	17%	37%
<b>I am making friends easily.</b>												
Strongly Disagree	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%
Somewhat Disagree	6%	6%	6%	5%	6%	6%	7%	7%	5%	2%	4%	6%
Neutral	12%	10%	10%	11%	10%	12%	10%	8%	10%	8%	17%	4%
Somewhat Agree	38%	37%	35%	40%	36%	39%	37%	33%	35%	44%	25%	33%
Strongly Agree	43%	45%	48%	43%	47%	42%	45%	49%	49%	47%	54%	58%
<b>I am not concerned about alcohol use among students.</b>												
Strongly Disagree	9%	8%	9%	11%	8%	7%	11%	8%	9%	8%	4%	8%
Somewhat Disagree	10%	11%	7%	13%	9%	9%	13%	4%	10%	17%	13%	4%
Neutral	28%	32%	28%	31%	30%	32%	29%	28%	35%	26%	39%	17%
Somewhat Agree	22%	21%	21%	16%	22%	26%	18%	21%	18%	29%	22%	19%
Strongly Agree	32%	27%	35%	29%	31%	26%	29%	39%	29%	21%	22%	52%
<b>I feel lonely, left out, or isolated.</b>												
Strongly Disagree	57%	59%	58%	58%	59%	52%	60%	58%	62%	67%	46%	66%
Somewhat Disagree	21%	21%	21%	19%	21%	23%	20%	23%	18%	21%	38%	15%
Neutral	11%	10%	11%	9%	10%	11%	10%	10%	10%	8%	0%	11%
Somewhat Agree	8%	9%	8%	12%	8%	11%	9%	6%	7%	5%	17%	6%
Strongly Agree	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	0%	3%	3%	0%	0%	2%
<b>I find my classes challenging.</b>												
Strongly Disagree	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Somewhat Disagree	6%	6%	6%	7%	6%	7%	6%	4%	8%	2%	8%	6%
Neutral	25%	25%	22%	22%	24%	26%	23%	27%	23%	21%	13%	23%
Somewhat Agree	47%	47%	48%	51%	48%	44%	45%	45%	53%	56%	46%	45%
Strongly Agree	21%	21%	24%	20%	22%	21%	25%	25%	16%	21%	33%	26%
<b>I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU.</b>												
Strongly Disagree	5%	3%	6%	5%	4%	4%	4%	7%	3%	5%	0%	4%
Somewhat Disagree	10%	9%	9%	9%	9%	8%	10%	9%	7%	14%	8%	15%
Neutral	22%	18%	23%	15%	21%	22%	17%	26%	16%	23%	8%	25%
Somewhat Agree	37%	38%	39%	32%	39%	34%	40%	37%	42%	35%	54%	37%
Strongly Agree	27%	33%	22%	39%	27%	32%	29%	22%	31%	24%	29%	19%

<b>It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class.</b>												
Strongly Disagree	18%	20%	17%	22%	18%	15%	18%	18%	22%	17%	17%	28%
Somewhat Disagree	34%	32%	35%	37%	33%	37%	31%	32%	34%	32%	42%	30%
Neutral	33%	33%	32%	26%	33%	34%	33%	36%	30%	35%	25%	25%
Somewhat Agree	12%	12%	13%	12%	13%	11%	14%	12%	13%	14%	13%	13%
Strongly Agree	3%	2%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	2%	3%	4%	4%
<b>I am getting actively involved with my classes.</b>												
Strongly Disagree	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	0%	0%
Somewhat Disagree	9%	8%	10%	11%	9%	10%	8%	10%	11%	3%	4%	4%
Neutral	41%	43%	34%	39%	40%	36%	45%	37%	40%	41%	25%	36%
Somewhat Agree	42%	41%	46%	43%	43%	47%	42%	42%	42%	46%	58%	38%
Strongly Agree	7%	7%	9%	8%	8%	7%	4%	10%	7%	8%	13%	23%
<b>Faculty and staff I encounter have a good attitude toward students.</b>												
Strongly Disagree	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Somewhat Disagree	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%	3%	0%	2%
Neutral	14%	14%	11%	15%	12%	12%	16%	12%	13%	8%	0%	9%
Somewhat Agree	49%	48%	48%	41%	49%	49%	46%	46%	50%	52%	63%	42%
Strongly Agree	33%	35%	38%	41%	36%	36%	35%	38%	35%	37%	37%	47%
<b>I can't find things to do on the weekends.</b>												
Strongly Disagree	45%	45%	47%	30%	48%	44%	46%	48%	47%	44%	33%	52%
Somewhat Disagree	23%	23%	21%	24%	22%	24%	26%	21%	19%	23%	29%	12%
Neutral	15%	14%	15%	11%	15%	13%	14%	16%	15%	8%	21%	14%
Somewhat Agree	10%	12%	9%	18%	10%	12%	9%	8%	11%	18%	13%	10%
Strongly Agree	6%	6%	8%	17%	6%	7%	5%	7%	7%	8%	4%	13%
<b>I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career.</b>												
Strongly Disagree	38%	45%	30%	46%	38%	43%	13%	26%	54%	65%	58%	63%
Somewhat Disagree	16%	13%	20%	14%	17%	17%	10%	21%	18%	15%	0%	13%
Neutral	17%	14%	19%	14%	17%	16%	18%	23%	13%	11%	25%	8%
Somewhat Agree	17%	16%	17%	15%	16%	15%	29%	16%	10%	6%	13%	10%
Strongly Agree	13%	12%	14%	13%	13%	9%	30%	14%	6%	3%	4%	6%
<b>I get along well with others on campus.</b>												
Strongly Disagree	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	4%
Somewhat Disagree	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	0%
Neutral	9%	8%	8%	11%	7%	10%	8%	7%	7%	5%	8%	9%
Somewhat Agree	42%	37%	42%	44%	39%	41%	40%	43%	35%	36%	38%	34%
Strongly Agree	47%	52%	49%	43%	52%	47%	50%	47%	57%	58%	54%	53%
<b>I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups.</b>												

Strongly Disagree	25%	21%	28%	15%	24%	26%	24%	20%	24%	15%	17%	36%
Somewhat Disagree	22%	24%	21%	16%	23%	28%	19%	21%	22%	26%	25%	11%
Neutral	32%	32%	31%	22%	32%	30%	29%	36%	35%	21%	29%	32%
Somewhat Agree	14%	14%	14%	22%	13%	10%	17%	17%	13%	15%	17%	13%
Strongly Agree	8%	10%	6%	25%	7%	6%	12%	6%	6%	23%	13%	8%
<b>I am not managing my time well.</b>												
Strongly Disagree	14%	16%	13%	14%	15%	12%	13%	17%	15%	18%	8%	25%
Somewhat Disagree	30%	33%	29%	27%	32%	30%	29%	31%	34%	33%	29%	32%
Neutral	29%	27%	32%	30%	29%	26%	32%	30%	30%	27%	33%	23%
Somewhat Agree	21%	20%	20%	24%	19%	25%	18%	16%	19%	18%	25%	19%
Strongly Agree	6%	5%	6%	6%	5%	6%	7%	6%	3%	3%	4%	2%
<b>I am involved with campus activities outside of class.</b>												
Strongly Disagree	15%	14%	15%	13%	14%	10%	18%	18%	15%	20%	0%	9%
Somewhat Disagree	18%	18%	16%	19%	17%	18%	20%	17%	14%	12%	21%	15%
Neutral	23%	22%	22%	18%	23%	20%	21%	23%	21%	26%	21%	34%
Somewhat Agree	27%	27%	28%	31%	27%	31%	25%	22%	29%	32%	29%	19%
Strongly Agree	17%	19%	20%	19%	20%	21%	17%	19%	22%	11%	29%	23%
<b>I am having trouble keeping up with my studies.</b>												
Strongly Disagree	13%	14%	12%	14%	13%	11%	7%	17%	17%	14%	4%	19%
Somewhat Disagree	31%	33%	27%	36%	31%	35%	30%	24%	31%	35%	29%	29%
Neutral	30%	27%	35%	27%	31%	27%	31%	35%	30%	27%	38%	38%
Somewhat Agree	23%	22%	23%	20%	22%	23%	27%	22%	20%	20%	21%	14%
Strongly Agree	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	6%	2%	3%	4%	8%	0%
<b>I like the social life at BGSU.</b>												
Strongly Disagree	2%	3%	2%	5%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	0%	0%
Somewhat Disagree	6%	5%	5%	9%	4%	3%	4%	7%	4%	5%	17%	8%
Neutral	18%	17%	14%	28%	14%	18%	16%	13%	14%	17%	21%	21%
Somewhat Agree	37%	34%	39%	33%	37%	40%	43%	32%	35%	30%	29%	23%
Strongly Agree	38%	42%	39%	26%	42%	37%	35%	45%	45%	45%	33%	49%
<b>I would recommend BGSU to my friends.</b>												
Strongly Disagree	2%	2%	2%	4%	1%	1%	2%	4%	1%	3%	0%	0%
Somewhat Disagree	3%	2%	3%	5%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	0%	0%	4%
Neutral	13%	10%	9%	15%	9%	11%	9%	9%	7%	14%	4%	17%
Somewhat Agree	34%	29%	35%	33%	31%	36%	38%	28%	28%	18%	50%	21%
Strongly Agree	49%	57%	51%	43%	56%	49%	48%	56%	62%	65%	46%	58%

**Gender:**

Female students missed home and friends more than male students. They were also more concerned about alcohol use among students.

**Ethnicity:**

Students of color were more likely than European American students to take advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups, but less likely to find things to do on weekends. European American students, on the other hand, were more likely than students of color to report that they have figured out how to study effectively and they like the social life at BGSU. They were also more likely to recommend BGSU to their friends

**College:**

Compared with students in other colleges, Health & Human Services and Musical Arts students were more satisfied with their living accommodations. Technology students had less trouble keeping up with their studies than those in other colleges and they were not as concerned about alcohol use among students as the others. Health and Human Services students were most likely to report taking advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups. Academic Enhancement students were most likely to report having difficulty deciding their majors. Musical Arts students reported missing home and friends more and didn't enjoy the social life at BGSU as much as the students in other colleges. They were, however, more actively involved with their classes and activities outside of class and they were most likely to recommend BGSU to their friends.

**Results 2: Difference between Respondents in Different First Year Programs**

	PROGRAMS							
	Chapman	HSRC	Honors	LSL	MAAI	Spring-board	UNIV 100	UPAS
Population of New Full-Time Fall 2001 Main Campus First Year Students	152	52	222	98	233	299	850	315
Percentage in Overall Population	4%	1%	6%	3%	7%	8%	24%	9%
Survey Respondents	80	18	33	35	82	98	268	103
Percentage in Survey Sample	7%	2%	3%	3%	7%	9%	24%	9%

	PROGRAMS							
	Chapman	HSRC	Honors	LSL	MAAI	Spring-board	UNIV100	UPAS
<b>I am finding it easy to adjust to the University.</b>								
Strongly Disagree	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	3%	4%
Somewhat Disagree	8%	0%	3%	6%	10%	7%	6%	4%
Neutral	14%	11%	6%	9%	8%	7%	12%	11%
Somewhat Agree	52%	50%	36%	34%	40%	48%	39%	46%
Strongly Agree	26%	39%	55%	51%	39%	37%	40%	36%
<b>I have figured out how to study effectively</b>								
Strongly Disagree	5%	0%	0%	3%	7%	1%	5%	3%
Somewhat Disagree	21%	22%	9%	17%	19%	13%	14%	16%
Neutral	36%	39%	25%	29%	38%	42%	40%	40%
Somewhat Agree	34%	33%	44%	43%	30%	37%	37%	37%
Strongly Agree	4%	6%	22%	9%	6%	7%	5%	4%
<b>I am satisfied with my roommate.</b>								
Strongly Disagree	8%	17%	3%	3%	6%	8%	8%	10%
Somewhat Disagree	12%	22%	6%	9%	9%	8%	6%	12%
Neutral	20%	11%	19%	12%	13%	19%	16%	22%
Somewhat Agree	19%	11%	28%	39%	21%	18%	18%	14%
Strongly Agree	41%	39%	43%	36%	51%	46%	51%	43%
<b>I am satisfied with my living accommodations.</b>								
Strongly Disagree	4%	0%	3%	0%	2%	5%	3%	6%
Somewhat Disagree	9%	22%	6%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
Neutral	27%	7%	16%	35%	21%	23%	18%	23%
Somewhat Agree	43%	39%	47%	41%	43%	38%	44%	42%
Strongly Agree	18%	33%	28%	18%	26%	26%	26%	20%
<b>I am making friends easily.</b>								
Strongly Disagree	0%	6%	0%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Somewhat Disagree	8%	0%	6%	3%	3%	7%	5%	4%
Neutral	8%	17%	9%	14%	7%	9%	9%	9%
Somewhat Agree	43%	39%	42%	34%	44%	34%	39%	35%
Strongly Agree	42%	39%	42%	46%	44%	49%	45%	52%
<b>I am not concerned about alcohol use among students.</b>								
Strongly Disagree	9%	6%	21%	11%	13%	9%	9%	11%
Somewhat Disagree	16%	11%	15%	9%	11%	10%	10%	8%

Neutral	39%	33%	27%	37%	33%	32%	30%	23%
Somewhat Agree	19%	28%	27%	14%	13%	15%	23%	26%
Strongly Agree	18%	22%	9%	29%	29%	34%	28%	32%
<b>I feel lonely, left out, or isolated.</b>								
Strongly Disagree	48%	61%	46%	69%	60%	60%	61%	64%
Somewhat Disagree	25%	6%	27%	14%	21%	26%	20%	15%
Neutral	13%	17%	15%	14%	6%	7%	9%	10%
Somewhat Agree	15%	17%	12%	0%	9%	7%	10%	11%
Strongly Agree	0%	0%	0%	3%	4%	0%	1%	0%
<b>I find my classes challenging.</b>								
Strongly Disagree	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Somewhat Disagree	10%	0%	6%	3%	6%	8%	6%	6%
Neutral	25%	33%	21%	43%	24%	28%	26%	25%
Somewhat Agree	46%	50%	39%	43%	52%	40%	48%	48%
Strongly Agree	18%	17%	33%	11%	17%	24%	19%	20%
<b>I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU.</b>								
Strongly Disagree	5%	6%	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%	5%
Somewhat Disagree	6%	11%	6%	11%	9%	12%	10%	10%
Neutral	21%	17%	18%	37%	15%	14%	19%	22%
Somewhat Agree	47%	33%	39%	29%	35%	47%	38%	35%
Strongly Agree	20%	33%	33%	20%	37%	23%	29%	28%
<b>It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class.</b>								
Strongly Disagree	22%	11%	12%	14%	22%	20%	20%	18%
Somewhat Disagree	40%	39%	27%	49%	33%	31%	35%	28%
Neutral	28%	28%	46%	17%	27%	35%	27%	31%
Somewhat Agree	9%	17%	12%	20%	14%	10%	15%	20%
Strongly Agree	1%	6%	3%	0%	4%	4%	3%	2%
<b>I am getting actively involved with my classes.</b>								
Strongly Disagree	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%
Somewhat Disagree	6%	17%	0%	3%	7%	10%	7%	7%
Neutral	44%	28%	33%	40%	34%	45%	41%	45%
Somewhat Agree	44%	56%	58%	57%	50%	38%	43%	42%
Strongly Agree	5%	0%	9%	0%	9%	7%	7%	6%
<b>Faculty and staff I encounter have a good attitude toward students.</b>								
Strongly Disagree	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Somewhat Disagree	4%	6%	3%	0%	1%	2%	2%	3%

Neutral	15%	11%	0%	23%	11%	12%	14%	18%
Somewhat Agree	44%	44%	67%	43%	46%	52%	46%	46%
Strongly Agree	38%	39%	30%	34%	42%	34%	37%	33%
<b>I can't find things to do on the weekends.</b>								
Strongly Disagree	33%	28%	24%	37%	32%	44%	46%	42%
Somewhat Disagree	28%	17%	24%	29%	26%	24%	24%	29%
Neutral	20%	17%	24%	11%	10%	13%	11%	11%
Somewhat Agree	16%	28%	21%	20%	17%	12%	11%	11%
Strongly Agree	4%	11%	6%	3%	15%	6%	7%	7%
<b>I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career.</b>								
Strongly Disagree	37%	72%	33%	63%	44%	36%	37%	22%
Somewhat Disagree	15%	6%	24%	11%	15%	17%	13%	16%
Neutral	22%	17%	18%	14%	15%	13%	14%	17%
Somewhat Agree	11%	0%	18%	9%	14%	18%	20%	27%
Strongly Agree	15%	6%	6%	3%	12%	17%	16%	19%
<b>I get along well with others on campus.</b>								
Strongly Disagree	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%
Somewhat Disagree	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Neutral	9%	17%	18%	17%	11%	8%	5%	9%
Somewhat Agree	46%	39%	39%	29%	42%	44%	39%	39%
Strongly Agree	41%	44%	42%	54%	45%	46%	53%	48%
<b>I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups.</b>								
Strongly Disagree	17%	0%	15%	17%	13%	26%	20%	15%
Somewhat Disagree	24%	17%	30%	9%	17%	17%	26%	16%
Neutral	37%	33%	39%	40%	26%	30%	26%	29%
Somewhat Agree	19%	22%	9%	20%	22%	17%	16%	25%
Strongly Agree	4%	28%	6%	14%	22%	10%	12%	16%
<b>I am not managing my time well.</b>								
Strongly Disagree	14%	28%	21%	31%	12%	16%	12%	17%
Somewhat Disagree	19%	39%	36%	26%	33%	30%	34%	28%
Neutral	40%	11%	24%	29%	26%	35%	29%	33%
Somewhat Agree	24%	17%	15%	14%	23%	14%	19%	17%
Strongly Agree	4%	6%	3%	0%	6%	5%	6%	5%
<b>I am involved with campus activities outside of class.</b>								
Strongly Disagree	12%	6%	3%	6%	11%	22%	15%	20%
Somewhat Disagree	23%	17%	18%	11%	22%	18%	15%	20%

Neutral	16%	22%	18%	29%	17%	21%	24%	19%
Somewhat Agree	35%	44%	39%	29%	29%	25%	28%	25%
Strongly Agree	14%	11%	21%	26%	21%	15%	18%	15%
<b>I am having trouble keeping up with my studies.</b>								
Strongly Disagree	10%	6%	21%	17%	12%	10%	11%	8%
Somewhat Disagree	34%	44%	33%	31%	40%	34%	28%	29%
Neutral	28%	22%	27%	34%	24%	29%	34%	28%
Somewhat Agree	24%	28%	18%	17%	21%	24%	22%	30%
Strongly Agree	5%	0%	0%	0%	2%	3%	5%	4%
<b>I like the social life at BGSU.</b>								
Strongly Disagree	1%	11%	0%	0%	4%	4%	2%	3%
Somewhat Disagree	4%	7%	6%	3%	6%	4%	6%	2%
Neutral	22%	28%	27%	20%	25%	17%	13%	20%
Somewhat Agree	44%	22%	39%	31%	35%	37%	39%	37%
Strongly Agree	29%	33%	27%	46%	31%	38%	40%	38%
<b>I would recommend BGSU to my friends.</b>								
Strongly Disagree	0%	0%	0%	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%
Somewhat Disagree	3%	6%	0%	6%	6%	2%	2%	3%
Neutral	10%	6%	18%	6%	12%	9%	9%	15%
Somewhat Agree	45%	41%	33%	23%	31%	29%	32%	30%
Strongly Agree	43%	47%	49%	63%	48%	56%	55%	49%

### Program:

Compared with students in other programs, students in the Honors and Literacy Serve and Learn (LSL) programs were more likely to report that they have figured out how to study effectively. Students in UPAS programs were less concerned about alcohol use among students than students in other programs. Students in Springboard and UPAS were not as involved with campus activities outside of class as the students in other programs. On average students in UNIV100, UPAS, and Springboard had more difficulty deciding on a major or choosing a career than students in other programs, while students in the HSRC and LSL had less difficulty. Students in the HSRC, MAAI, and UPAS programs reported taking advantage of mentoring and tutoring groups more so than students in other programs.

Students in the Honors program were the least likely to report taking advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups but the most likely to report getting actively involved with their classes among the students in eight first year programs. They were also most likely to report that the faculty and staff they encounter had a good attitude toward them. Students in HSRC programs were least satisfied with their roommates and they were also least likely to agree that they liked the social life at BGSU. LSL students were least likely

to report that they missed their home and friends who are not at BGSU and that they find their classes challenging.

## **SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

The questionnaire results show that most new main campus first year students seem to be becoming academically and socially integrated into college life during their first two months at BGSU. Although most of the respondents missed their home and friends who are not at BGSU and feel that college classes are challenging, the majority of them agreed that it's easy for them to adjust to the University and made friends with others; they were satisfied with their roommate and living accommodations; they got along well with others on campus and didn't feel lonely, left out, or isolated; faculty and staff they encountered had a good attitude toward students; they can find things to do on weekends and they liked the social life at BGSU. More than 80% of respondents would recommend BGSU to their friends. These results are very similar to those from previous administrations of the questionnaire.

The results also reveal a few substantial differences across student groups. Caution is to be advised in interpreting the results due to the fact that, even though the distribution across groups in the questionnaire sample parallels that of the whole population, only 1126 (31% of the first year class) provided PID numbers which allowed for group comparisons to be made. Feedback concerning how this and other studies and how they can continue to be improved is always welcome.