

Report of the Results of the 2002 New Student Transition Questionnaire

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ABSTRACT

This report describes the results of a questionnaire administered to new Fall 2002 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 three 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 2002. Data were collected from 2,281 first year students in November 2002. This represents 64% ($2,281/3,586=64\%$) of new main campus first year students and the distribution of respondents across groups closely paralleled that of the entire population. Of the respondents, 1,346 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	Female	Male	Student of Color	A&S	BA	EDHD	HHS	MUS	TEC	ACEN
Population of New Full-Time Fall 2002 Main Campus First Year Students	3586	2043	1543	376	932	459	797	261	102	210	825
Percentage in Overall Population	100%	57%	43%	10%	26%	13%	22%	7%	3%	6%	23%
Survey Respondents	2281	791	555	136	353	190	293	104	30	80	296
Percentage in Survey Sample	100%	59%	41%	10%	26%	14%	22%	8%	2%	6%	22%

	Overall	Female	Male	Student of Color	A&S	BA	EDHD	HHS	MUS	TEC	ACEN
I am finding it easy to adjust to the University.											
Strongly Disagree	1%	1%	1%	4%	1%	1%	0%	1%	3%	0%	1%
Somewhat Disagree	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	5%	6%	3%	8%	7%
Neutral	12%	8%	15%	14%	9%	13%	9%	14%	3%	15%	15%
Somewhat Agree	45%	46%	43%	39%	49%	42%	46%	40%	41%	34%	45%
Strongly Agree	37%	39%	36%	38%	38%	40%	40%	39%	48%	44%	32%
I have figured out how to study effectively											
Strongly Disagree	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	5%	0%	1%	3%
Somewhat Disagree	15%	16%	14%	20%	14%	16%	15%	15%	13%	15%	17%
Neutral	31%	29%	32%	33%	36%	26%	32%	21%	23%	25%	31%
Somewhat Agree	42%	42%	43%	37%	40%	45%	40%	43%	50%	49%	41%
Strongly Agree	10%	11%	8%	8%	8%	10%	11%	17%	13%	10%	8%
I am satisfied with my roommate.											
Strongly Disagree	7%	8%	7%	11%	8%	7%	7%	11%	13%	6%	5%
Somewhat Disagree	7%	7%	8%	8%	8%	6%	6%	7%	7%	11%	9%
Neutral	18%	16%	19%	17%	15%	16%	18%	20%	23%	20%	17%
Somewhat Agree	20%	18%	22%	18%	17%	13%	24%	19%	20%	13%	24%
Strongly Agree	48%	52%	45%	46%	52%	58%	45%	44%	37%	50%	46%
I am satisfied with my living accommodations.											
Strongly Disagree	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	2%	3%	5%	4%
Somewhat Disagree	13%	12%	11%	9%	13%	12%	12%	16%	10%	1%	12%
Neutral	24%	21%	26%	26%	18%	25%	20%	29%	27%	36%	24%

Somewhat Agree	38%	42%	36%	35%	40%	40%	42%	30%	33%	36%	39%
Strongly Agree	22%	23%	23%	26%	26%	20%	23%	24%	27%	21%	21%
I am making friends easily.											
Strongly Disagree	2%	3%	2%	6%	1%	2%	4%	1%	3%	4%	2%
Somewhat Disagree	5%	5%	5%	2%	5%	4%	3%	6%	3%	9%	6%
Neutral	14%	12%	13%	14%	11%	10%	12%	17%	27%	11%	13%
Somewhat Agree	35%	35%	35%	27%	37%	37%	34%	32%	27%	31%	36%
Strongly Agree	44%	46%	45%	51%	45%	48%	47%	44%	40%	45%	43%
I am not concerned about alcohol use among students.											
Strongly Disagree	7%	6%	8%	8%	6%	5%	9%	6%	13%	9%	7%
Somewhat Disagree	11%	12%	8%	10%	11%	9%	12%	8%	17%	9%	10%
Neutral	30%	32%	29%	36%	35%	25%	30%	35%	23%	24%	32%
Somewhat Agree	23%	24%	20%	17%	21%	23%	25%	28%	27%	24%	19%
Strongly Agree	29%	25%	35%	29%	27%	39%	25%	24%	20%	35%	32%
I feel lonely, left out, or isolated.											
Strongly Disagree	54%	53%	55%	58%	55%	57%	54%	51%	47%	52%	53%
Somewhat Disagree	23%	23%	25%	15%	24%	22%	24%	24%	17%	19%	27%
Neutral	13%	13%	9%	12%	13%	10%	12%	10%	23%	12%	10%
Somewhat Agree	9%	8%	9%	11%	7%	9%	9%	10%	13%	12%	9%
Strongly Agree	2%	3%	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	6%	0%	6%	2%
I find my classes challenging.											
Strongly Disagree	2%	2%	1%	4%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	3%
Somewhat Disagree	5%	5%	6%	6%	6%	8%	6%	3%	3%	3%	4%
Neutral	28%	27%	24%	33%	31%	19%	28%	29%	17%	16%	26%
Somewhat Agree	45%	46%	49%	39%	45%	53%	47%	45%	53%	63%	44%
Strongly Agree	20%	20%	19%	17%	18%	19%	19%	23%	27%	18%	22%
I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU.											
Strongly Disagree	5%	3%	6%	8%	4%	6%	3%	4%	3%	4%	6%
Somewhat Disagree	10%	9%	12%	8%	13%	13%	8%	8%	7%	11%	8%
Neutral	25%	22%	30%	32%	28%	24%	25%	27%	20%	33%	23%
Somewhat Agree	35%	38%	34%	26%	32%	39%	38%	35%	37%	43%	38%
Strongly Agree	25%	27%	18%	25%	24%	19%	26%	27%	33%	10%	25%
It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class.											
Strongly Disagree	19%	20%	17%	24%	23%	18%	18%	21%	30%	19%	15%
Somewhat Disagree	38%	38%	37%	36%	24%	39%	38%	28%	33%	39%	42%
Neutral	28%	28%	31%	22%	29%	30%	31%	35%	30%	26%	26%
Somewhat Agree	12%	13%	13%	6%	13%	11%	11%	13%	7%	15%	15%
Strongly Agree	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	4%	0%	1%	2%
I am getting actively involved with my classes.											

Strongly Disagree	2%	1%	2%	4%	1%	3%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%
Somewhat Disagree	10%	11%	12%	9%	11%	11%	10%	14%	7%	21%	12%
Neutral	44%	43%	42%	38%	37%	42%	47%	46%	53%	30%	46%
Somewhat Agree	38%	38%	39%	37%	43%	43%	36%	32%	30%	40%	34%
Strongly Agree	6%	7%	6%	12%	9%	2%	6%	8%	10%	9%	5%
Faculty and staff I encounter have a good attitude toward students.											
Strongly Disagree	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	0%	0%	1%
Somewhat Disagree	4%	4%	3%	2%	4%	5%	3%	5%	3%	1%	2%
Neutral	16%	17%	13%	24%	16%	13%	19%	17%	13%	4%	16%
Somewhat Agree	53%	52%	56%	42%	50%	56%	54%	52%	53%	66%	52%
Strongly Agree	26%	27%	27%	30%	30%	25%	23%	23%	30%	29%	29%
I can't find things to do on the weekends.											
Strongly Disagree	39%	37%	39%	27%	38%	42%	37%	36%	17%	39%	37%
Somewhat Disagree	26%	29%	27%	21%	24%	29%	29%	31%	40%	24%	30%
Neutral	17%	17%	17%	19%	19%	12%	18%	18%	17%	19%	17%
Somewhat Agree	12%	13%	12%	23%	14%	11%	12%	9%	23%	16%	12%
Strongly Agree	6%	5%	5%	10%	5%	6%	4%	6%	3%	3%	5%
I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career.											
Strongly Disagree	35%	39%	31%	37%	35%	25%	55%	51%	63%	48%	13%
Somewhat Disagree	19%	19%	21%	16%	23%	28%	20%	19%	13%	20%	11%
Neutral	16%	13%	16%	22%	16%	18%	10%	16%	0%	13%	14%
Somewhat Agree	18%	16%	20%	16%	17%	20%	9%	10%	17%	15%	29%
Strongly Agree	13%	13%	12%	9%	9%	9%	7%	5%	7%	4%	33%
I get along well with others on campus.											
Strongly Disagree	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Somewhat Disagree	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	3%	1%
Neutral	11%	8%	12%	15%	11%	9%	8%	8%	3%	15%	10%
Somewhat Agree	47%	45%	48%	42%	49%	48%	45%	44%	53%	46%	44%
Strongly Agree	41%	46%	38%	40%	39%	41%	45%	48%	43%	36%	45%
I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups.											
Strongly Disagree	23%	21%	26%	13%	29%	20%	22%	16%	13%	23%	22%
Somewhat Disagree	22%	23%	25%	24%	26%	24%	22%	23%	27%	24%	22%
Neutral	29%	30%	30%	22%	26%	31%	34%	25%	47%	31%	28%
Somewhat Agree	16%	16%	14%	25%	14%	18%	14%	15%	7%	16%	15%
Strongly Agree	10%	11%	6%	16%	5%	7%	8%	20%	7%	6%	13%
I am not managing my time well.											
Strongly Disagree	14%	14%	13%	11%	13%	17%	15%	18%	20%	13%	9%
Somewhat Disagree	30%	30%	28%	24%	28%	28%	30%	35%	30%	28%	31%
Neutral	29%	29%	28%	30%	33%	25%	31%	16%	20%	26%	30%

Somewhat Agree	22%	21%	25%	25%	20%	27%	20%	28%	23%	28%	22%
Strongly Agree	6%	6%	5%	10%	7%	3%	5%	3%	7%	6%	7%
I am involved with campus activities outside of class.											
Strongly Disagree	15%	4%	15%	14%	14%	20%	12%	11%	7%	13%	16%
Somewhat Disagree	20%	22%	18%	16%	19%	21%	21%	27%	3%	19%	22%
Neutral	24%	21%	25%	17%	21%	20%	22%	21%	43%	15%	27%
Somewhat Agree	24%	25%	27%	31%	28%	20%	27%	21%	27%	36%	22%
Strongly Agree	16%	18%	16%	22%	18%	18%	18%	19%	20%	18%	13%
I am having trouble keeping up with my studies.											
Strongly Disagree	13%	13%	13%	13%	12%	11%	14%	12%	17%	11%	14%
Somewhat Disagree	31%	33%	31%	30%	32%	29%	35%	36%	43%	36%	27%
Neutral	30%	29%	29%	30%	32%	32%	28%	21%	23%	29%	28%
Somewhat Agree	22%	22%	23%	22%	20%	23%	21%	26%	17%	20%	26%
Strongly Agree	4%	4%	5%	6%	5%	6%	2%	6%	0%	4%	6%
I like the social life at BGSU.											
Strongly Disagree	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	1%	3%
Somewhat Disagree	6%	5%	5%	10%	5%	3%	6%	4%	7%	8%	4%
Neutral	20%	18%	18%	25%	20%	11%	16%	27%	27%	15%	18%
Somewhat Agree	38%	37%	42%	34%	37%	46%	40%	24%	33%	40%	42%
Strongly Agree	34%	37%	34%	27%	25%	38%	35%	43%	33%	26%	33%
I would recommend BGSU to my friends.											
Strongly Disagree	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	0%	0%	3%
Somewhat Disagree	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	3%	0%	4%	2%
Neutral	13%	10%	13%	22%	13%	8%	9%	12%	17%	6%	14%
Somewhat Agree	35%	31%	38%	33%	30%	38%	33%	35%	37%	46%	32%
Strongly Agree	47%	54%	47%	39%	51%	50%	55%	49%	47%	44%	49%

Gender:

Females find it easier to adjust to the University and report that they get along well with others on campus at a higher percentage than males. However, they also report that they miss home and friends who are not at BGSU more than males do. More males report having difficulty deciding on a major or career than females, but females report more concern about alcohol use among friends than males. Females are more likely to take advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups and are more likely to strongly agree that they would recommend BGSU to their friends.

Ethnicity:

Students of color were more likely than European American students to report dissatisfaction with the social life of the University. They are slightly less likely to report making friends easily, getting along well with other on campus, or finding that faculty and staff have good attitudes toward students, and, therefore, are less likely to find it easy

to adjust to the University. While they are less likely to find things to do on the weekends, they do not report missing home and friends as much as European American students. While students of color report greater difficulty in deciding on a major or career, they are more likely to take advantage of mentoring or tutoring programs. And even though they are less likely to find their classes challenging, they are more likely to get actively involved with their classes.

College:

Students in the Colleges of Musical Arts and Technology are more likely to find their classes challenging while those in both the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Technology are most actively involved with their classes. Those in the College of Musical Arts are least likely to have difficulties deciding on a major or career while Academic Enhancement students are the most likely to have difficulties with these decisions. Students in the College of Health and Human Services are the most likely to have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups. Students in the College of Technology are the most likely to be involved with campus activities outside of class.

Results 2: Difference between Respondents in Different First Year Programs

	BG Experience	Chapman	HSRC	Honors	LSL	PLA	Springboard	UNIV 100	UNIV 131	UPAS	None
Population of New Full-Time Fall 2002 Main Campus First Year Students	120	77	47	243	73	29	306	881	18	320	1727
Percentage in Overall Population	3%	2%	1%	7%	2%	1%	9%	25%	1%	9%	48%
Survey Respondents	42	36	20	38	36	8	105	367	4	118	675
Percentage in Survey Sample	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	1%	8%	27%	0%	9%	50%

	BG Experience	Chapman	HSRC	Honors	LSL	PLA	Springboard	UNIV 100	UNIV 131	UPAS	NONE
I am finding it easy to adjust to the University.											
Strongly Disagree	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%
Somewhat Disagree	7%	3%	10%	5%	8%	0%	5%	5%	0%	8%	5%
Neutral	17%	31%	5%	0%	14%	0%	11%	12%	25%	14%	11%
Somewhat Agree	43%	31%	45%	49%	36%	63%	49%	47%	50%	47%	45%
Strongly Agree	33%	37%	40%	46%	42%	38%	35%	35%	25%	31%	39%
I have figured out how to study effectively											

Strongly Disagree	7%	3%	0%	0%	3%	0%	1%	4%	0%	3%	3%
Somewhat Disagree	21%	25%	10%	11%	14%	13%	19%	15%	0%	21%	14%
Neutral	24%	28%	35%	16%	22%	13%	26%	32%	25%	33%	30%
Somewhat Agree	38%	36%	30%	71%	56%	63%	41%	42%	75%	37%	42%
Strongly Agree	10%	8%	25%	3%	6%	13%	13%	8%	0%	8%	11%

I am satisfied with my roommate.

Strongly Disagree	19%	8%	0%	3%	6%	13%	7%	6%	25%	7%	7%
Somewhat Disagree	5%	6%	0%	3%	6%	0%	8%	9%	0%	10%	7%
Neutral	12%	28%	15%	11%	19%	38%	13%	15%	0%	17%	19%
Somewhat Agree	14%	17%	20%	30%	19%	0%	15%	20%	25%	20%	19%
Strongly Agree	50%	42%	65%	54%	50%	50%	58%	50%	50%	46%	48%

I am satisfied with my living accommodations.

Strongly Disagree	2%	3%	0%	0%	3%	0%	6%	3%	0%	7%	4%
Somewhat Disagree	10%	11%	10%	8%	8%	13%	11%	13%	25%	9%	12%
Neutral	24%	28%	10%	14%	22%	38%	21%	22%	25%	24%	24%
Somewhat Agree	50%	47%	40%	57%	44%	25%	42%	38%	50%	35%	38%
Strongly Agree	14%	11%	40%	22%	22%	25%	21%	24%	0%	25%	23%

I am making friends easily.

Strongly Disagree	0%	0%	10%	0%	6%	0%	0%	2%	0%	2%	2%
Somewhat Disagree	5%	9%	0%	8%	6%	0%	6%	5%	25%	3%	5%
Neutral	10%	14%	10%	8%	14%	0%	8%	12%	0%	10%	14%
Somewhat Agree	36%	26%	25%	42%	34%	38%	35%	32%	25%	33%	38%
Strongly Agree	50%	51%	55%	42%	40%	63%	52%	48%	50%	52%	42%

I am not concerned about alcohol use among students.

Strongly Disagree	12%	0%	15%	5%	6%	0%	11%	6%	0%	7%	7%
Somewhat Disagree	10%	14%	5%	26%	14%	0%	14%	10%	0%	11%	9%
Neutral	41%	28%	35%	29%	17%	50%	23%	33%	75%	30%	31%

Somewhat Agree	19%	42%	30%	26%	33%	50%	25%	21%	25%	23%	23%
Strongly Agree	19%	17%	15%	13%	31%	0%	28%	30%	0%	29%	30%
I feel lonely, left out, or isolated.											
Strongly Disagree	64%	47%	40%	50%	56%	63%	59%	53%	75%	55%	52%
Somewhat Disagree	17%	19%	30%	24%	17%	38%	22%	23%	25%	22%	27%
Neutral	10%	19%	15%	16%	11%	0%	11%	14%	0%	12%	10%
Somewhat Agree	10%	14%	10%	11%	17%	0%	7%	8%	0%	9%	9%
Strongly Agree	0%	0%	5%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	0%	3%	2%
I find my classes challenging.											
Strongly Disagree	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	0%	5%	1%
Somewhat Disagree	0%	3%	10%	0%	11%	0%	2%	5%	0%	4%	6%
Neutral	17%	42%	35%	18%	36%	38%	24%	27%	0%	25%	25%
Somewhat Agree	48%	31%	40%	58%	44%	50%	54%	46%	75%	42%	48%
Strongly Agree	36%	25%	15%	24%	8%	13%	18%	20%	25%	23%	20%
I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU.											
Strongly Disagree	2%	3%	5%	0%	6%	0%	2%	4%	0%	8%	5%
Somewhat Disagree	14%	20%	10%	17%	8%	25%	12%	8%	25%	10%	10%
Neutral	26%	23%	30%	31%	19%	36%	19%	28%	0%	27%	26%
Somewhat Agree	31%	20%	25%	33%	44%	25%	46%	31%	25%	29%	40%
Strongly Agree	26%	34%	30%	19%	22%	13%	21%	30%	50%	27%	20%
It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class out of class.											
Strongly Disagree	26%	22%	25%	13%	8%	25%	19%	18%	0%	17%	20%
Somewhat Disagree	33%	56%	30%	47%	44%	50%	37%	39%	75%	41%	36%
Neutral	24%	11%	25%	34%	42%	13%	28%	27%	0%	25%	31%
Somewhat Agree	17%	8%	15%	5%	6%	13%	12%	15%	25%	15%	11%
Strongly Agree	0%	3%	5%	0%	0%	0%	4%	2%	0%	2%	3%
I am getting actively involved with my classes.											

Strongly Disagree	2%	0%	5%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	3%	2%
Somewhat Disagree	12%	3%	15%	6%	11%	13%	7%	12%	0%	8%	13%
Neutral	33%	39%	40%	36%	47%	13%	46%	43%	25%	45%	43%
Somewhat Agree	45%	42%	40%	53%	39%	63%	41%	39%	50%	37%	36%
Strongly Agree	8%	17%	0%	6%	3%	13%	6%	6%	25%	8%	6%

Faculty and staff I encounter have a good attitude toward students.

Strongly Disagree	0%	3%	10%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%
Somewhat Disagree	5%	3%	5%	3%	3%	0%	4%	3%	0%	3%	4%
Neutral	19%	14%	5%	5%	22%	0%	15%	17%	0%	11%	15%
Somewhat Agree	55%	39%	45%	71%	58%	63%	59%	50%	75%	53%	55%
Strongly Agree	21%	42%	35%	21%	17%	38%	21%	29%	25%	32%	26%

I can't find things to do on the weekends.

Strongly Disagree	36%	36%	25%	24%	25%	13%	40%	39%	25%	39%	39%
Somewhat Disagree	29%	17%	30%	34%	33%	38%	32%	30%	50%	29%	27%
Neutral	12%	14%	30%	26%	25%	13%	13%	14%	0%	13%	19%
Somewhat Agree	17%	28%	10%	16%	11%	38%	11%	12%	25%	12%	12%
Strongly Agree	7%	6%	5%	0%	6%	0%	5%	5%	0%	7%	4%

I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career.

Strongly Disagree	29%	33%	65%	34%	39%	25%	29%	29%	0%	26%	39%
Somewhat Disagree	17%	22%	10%	26%	25%	13%	23%	17%	25%	15%	20%
Neutral	7%	6%	15%	8%	11%	0%	14%	15%	0%	16%	14%
Somewhat Agree	29%	25%	5%	21%	19%	50%	19%	21%	50%	22%	16%
Strongly Agree	19%	14%	5%	11%	6%	13%	15%	18%	25%	21%	11%

I get along well with others on campus.

Strongly Disagree	0%	0%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Somewhat Disagree	0%	0%	10%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%
Neutral	2%	14%	5%	3%	11%	0%	9%	8%	25%	13%	10%

Somewhat Agree	60%	44%	35%	68%	39%	50%	47%	42%	50%	33%	49%
Strongly Agree	38%	42%	45%	29%	50%	50%	43%	48%	25%	53%	39%
I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups.											
Strongly Disagree	17%	11%	0%	21%	17%	0%	13%	22%	0%	18%	27%
Somewhat Disagree	14%	19%	15%	37%	14%	0%	27%	22%	25%	16%	25%
Neutral	19%	33%	30%	24%	46%	0%	31%	28%	0%	27%	31%
Somewhat Agree	24%	28%	20%	11%	11%	63%	17%	17%	75%	21%	11%
Strongly Agree	26%	8%	35%	8%	11%	38%	13%	10%	0%	19%	6%
I am not managing my time well.											
Strongly Disagree	12%	14%	11%	21%	9%	13%	14%	12%	0%	12%	14%
Somewhat Disagree	24%	17%	42%	29%	44%	25%	33%	29%	25%	31%	31%
Neutral	24%	43%	37%	34%	25%	38%	28%	34%	75%	25%	26%
Somewhat Agree	21%	17%	0%	16%	19%	25%	20%	18%	0%	23%	25%
Strongly Agree	19%	9%	11%	0%	3%	0%	5%	8%	0%	9%	5%
I am involved with campus activities outside of class.											
Strongly Disagree	21%	0%	10%	5%	14%	0%	15%	14%	0%	15%	15%
Somewhat Disagree	19%	22%	15%	18%	14%	13%	21%	20%	50%	23%	21%
Neutral	17%	17%	25%	11%	19%	0%	22%	23%	0%	25%	23%
Somewhat Agree	24%	33%	25%	34%	42%	38%	24%	25%	25%	23%	25%
Strongly Agree	19%	28%	25%	32%	11%	50%	18%	18%	25%	14%	16%
I am having trouble keeping up with my studies.											
Strongly Disagree	7%	14%	20%	14%	14%	0%	11%	12%	0%	16%	12%
Somewhat Disagree	36%	20%	25%	27%	34%	63%	30%	32%	0%	23%	34%
Neutral	21%	23%	40%	38%	31%	38%	31%	29%	25%	29%	28%
Somewhat Agree	24%	37%	10%	22%	20%	0%	25%	21%	75%	27%	21%
Strongly Agree	12%	6%	5%	0%	0%	0%	4%	6%	0%	6%	4%
I like the social life at BGSU.											

Strongly Disagree	2%	3%	5%	0%	9%	0%	3%	1%	0%	2%	2%
Somewhat Disagree	5%	6%	5%	3%	6%	25%	3%	4%	25%	2%	5%
Neutral	10%	28%	20%	8%	19%	25%	14%	18%	0%	21%	18%
Somewhat Agree	38%	31%	30%	53%	39%	38%	47%	40%	50%	39%	39%
Strongly Agree	45%	33%	40%	37%	28%	13%	34%	37%	25%	37%	36%
I would recommend BGSU to my friends.											
Strongly Disagree	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	2%	0%	2%	2%
Somewhat Disagree	5%	0%	5%	3%	6%	0%	0%	3%	0%	2%	3%
Neutral	2%	17%	10%	11%	8%	13%	8%	11%	25%	9%	11%
Somewhat Agree	38%	22%	25%	35%	31%	50%	45%	30%	50%	31%	34%
Strongly Agree	55%	57%	60%	51%	56%	38%	44%	54%	25%	57%	51%

Note: Demographic records were matched for 1,346 students. Percentages may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

Program:

Students in several of the first year programs report a greater likelihood of taking advantage of mentoring and tutoring programs: Bowling Green Experience (BGx), HSRC, PLA, and UPAS. UPAS students are less likely to have difficulty in deciding on a major or career while UNIV 100 students report greater difficulty in deciding. Honors students report that they have figured out how to study effectively and are more likely to be involved in campus activities outside of class, but students in BGx and UNIV 100 are less confident that they are managing their time well. UPAS students report they are less likely to find their classes challenging while those in BGx are more likely to agree that they find classes challenging.

Students in Chapman are less likely to report difficulty in adjusting to the University while UNIV 100 students are more likely to miss home and friends. While UPAS students are more likely to report getting along well with others, HSRC students are less likely to report so. They are also more likely to disagree that faculty and staff are supportive of students while BGx students are less likely to be satisfied with their roommate. Both Chapman and Honors students expressed a higher level of concern about alcohol use among students. Students who took part in the Springboard program are more likely to recommend BGSU to their friends.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The questionnaire results show that most main campus first year students seem to be becoming academically and socially integrated into college life during their first three months at BGSU. The majority of respondents find their classes challenging and a large proportion of them are getting actively involved in their classes. While most are not comfortable with knowing how to study effectively and are uncertain about how well they manage their time, they do not report any difficulty getting in touch with faculty or staff outside of class and find that faculty and staff have a good attitude towards students. Most get along well with others on campus and can find things to do on the weekends, enjoying the social life at BGSU. They are also generally satisfied with their roommates and accommodations. While most make friends easily, the majority still misses home and friends who are not at BGSU. A slight majority are concerned about alcohol use among students. And the majority continues to report that it would recommend BGSU to friends.

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 1346 (38% of the first year class) provided PID numbers that 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.