

INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

REPORT OF THE RESULTS OF THE 2003 NEW STUDENT TRANSITION QUESTIONNAIRE

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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 first time students were becoming acclimated to college life within their first six weeks at BGSU. This report describes the results of the seventh administration of the survey in Fall 2003.

The 2003 survey was administered to all new freshmen who enrolled in English 110, 111, and 112H classes in early October. Two thousand seven hundred and fifty one surveys were returned, resulting in a response rate of 78% (2751/3509). Of the 2,751 respondents, 1,780 provided PID numbers, which allowed us to identify respondents' gender, ethnicity, college, as well as the residence hall where they are living, and the first year program in which some of them are participating. There was a high degree of similarity between the respondents and the population in terms of gender, race, college and first year program (see tables below). Respondents who live in Offenauer West, however, were under represented.

Table 1. Student Characteristics (Overall, and by Gender, Race and College)

	Overall	Gender		Ethnicity		A&S	ACE	BA	College	EDHD	HHS	MUS	TEC
		Female	Male	Minority	White								
Population of New Full-Time Fall 2003 Main Campus First Year Students	3509	2044	1465	404	2995	864	731	468	860	310	87	189	
Percentage in Overall Population	100%	58%	42%	11%	85%	25%	21%	13%	25%	9%	2%	5%	
Survey Respondents	2751*	1061	719	192	1542	451	369	241	433	162	33	91	
Percentage in Survey Sample	100%	60%	40%	11%	87%	25%	21%	14%	24%	9%	2%	5%	

*Survey respondents included those who reported PID numbers and those who didn't.

Table 2. Student Characteristics (by Residence Hall*)

	Conklin North	Founders Quadr.	Harshman Bromfield	Harshman Chapman	Harshman Dunbar	Kohl Hall	Kreischer Ashley	Kreischer Batchelder	Kreischer Compton	Kreischer Darrow	McDonald East	McDonald North	McDonald West	Offenauer West	Rodgers Quadr.
Population of New Full-Time Fall 2003 Main Campus First Year Students	50	57	268	289	281	202	256	205	201	207	380	256	419	419	44
Percentage in Overall Population	1%	2%	8%	8%	8%	6%	7%	6%	6%	6%	11%	7%	12%	12%	1%
Survey Respondents	32	28	143	143	145	69	132	110	106	82	231	131	231	34	21
Percentage in Survey Sample	2%	2%	9%	9%	9%	4%	8%	7%	6%	5%	14%	8%	14%	2%	1%

* Residence halls with fewer than 20 respondents were excluded.

Table 3. Student Characteristics (by First Year Program*)

	ARTS VILLA	BATCH MUS	BA 150	BG LINKED	BGX	CHAPMAN	HSRC	HONORS	LSL	MAI	PLA	Q COURSE	SPRING BOARD	UNIV 100	UNIV 131	UPAS
Population of New Full-Time Fall 2003 Main Campus First Year Students	46	65	242	128	283	136	89	223	88	319	20	2464	266	893	42	275
Percentage in Overall Population	1%	1%	4%	2%	5%	2%	2%	4%	2%	6%	0%	44%	5%	16%	1%	5%
Survey Respondents	23	31	131	102	151	55	51	82	43	163	12	1295	141	494	23	134
Percentage in Survey Sample	1%	1%	4%	3%	5%	2%	2%	3%	1%	6%	0%	44%	5%	17%	1%	5%

* First year programs with fewer than 12 respondents were excluded.

The survey results were analyzed by noting the percentages of participants who provided various responses to each questionnaire item. Percentages may not always sum to 100 due to rounding. In addition, group differences were investigated and significant differences are noted where they occurred.

RESULTS

Results 1: Overall and Differences by Gender, Race, and College

	Overall	Gender		Ethnicity		A&S	ACE	BA	College		MUS	TEC
	%	Female	Male	Minority	White	%	%	%	EDHD	HHS	%	%
I am finding it easy to adjust to the University												
Strongly Disagree	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	3	0
Somewhat Disagree	5	6	4	5	5	5	7	3	6	2	6	4
Neutral	11	11	12	14	11	12	11	12	11	11	9	9
Somewhat Agree	45	44	47	44	45	45	48	50	43	38	41	47
Strongly Agree	38	38	37	38	38	38	34	35	39	48	41	40
I have figured out how to study effectively												
Strongly Disagree	3	3	2	3	2	2	1	0	4	3	9	2
Somewhat Disagree	16	16	16	20	16	19	19	12	17	14	12	7
Neutral	34	32	37	34	34	35	35	37	32	33	27	32
Somewhat Agree	40	42	37	35	41	35	37	44	43	39	42	54
Strongly Agree	8	7	8	9	7	9	7	6	5	12	9	6
I am satisfied with my roommate												
Strongly Disagree	5	6	6	7	6	5	6	6	6	6	6	3
Somewhat Disagree	7	8	6	6	7	9	6	6	7	5	13	6
Neutral	16	15	16	22	14	16	14	13	15	11	28	24
Somewhat Agree	22	19	27	22	22	19	25	28	22	20	22	25
Strongly Agree	50	53	46	43	51	51	50	47	51	59	31	41
I am satisfied with my living accommodations												
Strongly Disagree	3	3	3	4	3	3	2	4	3	2	3	2
Somewhat Disagree	9	9	7	9	8	9	8	9	8	8	9	7
Neutral	22	20	20	22	20	23	20	21	18	20	16	17
Somewhat Agree	40	40	45	37	43	35	46	43	44	40	50	47
Strongly Agree	26	28	25	29	27	30	25	23	27	31	22	27
I am making friends easily												
Strongly Disagree	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	3
Somewhat Disagree	5	6	4	3	5	7	5	4	5	3	3	4
Neutral	15	13	13	14	13	13	15	10	14	11	12	10
Somewhat Agree	36	36	36	28	37	32	37	43	36	34	33	35
Strongly Agree	43	44	46	53	44	46	43	43	44	51	52	47
I am not concerned about alcohol use among students												
Strongly Disagree	6	6	4	4	6	5	5	6	5	7	6	3
Somewhat Disagree	9	9	8	14	8	11	9	6	7	11	9	4
Neutral	26	30	21	35	25	28	23	21	30	25	38	24
Somewhat Agree	23	23	24	24	24	23	19	28	24	22	34	28
Strongly Agree	36	32	43	24	37	33	44	40	34	35	13	40
I feel lonely, left out, or isolated												
Strongly Disagree	55	54	58	57	56	53	58	61	54	61	50	50
Somewhat Disagree	24	25	22	22	24	25	20	24	26	19	31	30
Neutral	12	10	12	11	11	11	12	10	10	8	3	12
Somewhat Agree	8	9	7	9	8	9	8	5	8	12	16	7
Strongly Agree	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	0	2	1	0	1
I find my classes challenging												
Strongly Disagree	2	3	1	3	2	3	1	2	1	2	0	3
Somewhat Disagree	6	7	7	9	6	6	6	8	7	5	6	14
Neutral	31	29	31	34	29	29	36	29	28	26	9	32
Somewhat Agree	44	44	44	37	46	45	40	49	45	44	55	34
Strongly Agree	16	18	17	17	18	17	16	13	19	23	30	16
I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU												
Strongly Disagree	5	4	6	7	4	5	5	4	5	6	6	8
Somewhat Disagree	9	6	13	8	9	9	7	9	10	6	6	17
Neutral	23	20	27	24	23	26	20	26	19	20	21	26
Somewhat Agree	37	39	36	31	38	38	42	35	35	42	33	30
Strongly Agree	26	32	18	30	26	23	27	26	31	26	33	19
It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class												
Strongly Disagree	23	25	21	29	23	25	23	20	23	27	31	23
Somewhat Disagree	36	38	38	36	38	37	37	39	41	34	38	32
Neutral	29	25	29	25	27	26	29	28	25	27	13	33
Somewhat Agree	10	10	9	10	10	10	9	11	9	9	13	11

Strongly Agree	2	2	3	1	3	3	2	2	2	4	6	1
I am getting actively involved with my classes												
Strongly Disagree	1	1	2	3	1	3	2	1	1	3	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	8	8	7	8	8	7	8	5	8	12	0	8
Neutral	41	42	40	35	42	37	44	46	46	34	38	31
Somewhat Agree	41	40	43	40	42	44	38	43	39	41	47	48
Strongly Agree	8	8	8	14	8	10	7	5	7	10	16	13
Faculty and staff I encounter have a good attitude toward students												
Strongly Disagree	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	0	2
Neutral	12	12	10	11	11	10	12	10	11	17	3	9
Somewhat Agree	51	49	54	41	52	50	52	57	50	44	52	52
Strongly Agree	34	37	34	46	35	38	34	31	37	35	45	37
I can't find things to do on weekends												
Strongly Disagree	47	47	47	31	49	42	49	51	46	53	52	38
Somewhat Disagree	23	22	24	26	22	24	21	23	26	15	18	26
Neutral	15	14	13	15	14	13	16	12	13	14	18	18
Somewhat Agree	12	14	12	18	12	17	10	11	12	13	12	14
Strongly Agree	4	4	4	10	3	4	4	3	4	5	0	4
I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career												
Strongly Disagree	39	43	38	46	40	40	13	33	57	55	64	63
Somewhat Disagree	19	17	19	16	18	24	10	20	18	13	18	22
Neutral	15	14	17	20	14	16	19	25	8	12	6	8
Somewhat Agree	15	14	16	11	15	14	26	18	11	9	6	4
Strongly Agree	11	13	11	7	13	7	33	5	7	11	6	3
I get along well with others on campus												
Strongly Disagree	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Somewhat Disagree	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	2
Neutral	10	10	7	11	8	10	7	6	10	9	6	8
Somewhat Agree	44	39	48	36	43	43	44	48	41	37	33	47
Strongly Agree	45	50	43	51	47	47	48	45	47	53	61	42
I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups												
Strongly Disagree	26	23	31	18	27	31	20	25	28	19	49	27
Somewhat Disagree	23	23	26	16	25	27	26	29	22	14	9	26
Neutral	30	28	29	31	29	24	27	29	32	29	33	37
Somewhat Agree	13	14	10	15	12	11	14	10	12	17	6	11
Strongly Agree	9	12	4	20	8	7	13	7	6	21	3	0
I am not managing my time well												
Strongly Disagree	16	17	14	12	16	16	14	19	15	19	25	12
Somewhat Disagree	32	36	31	28	35	29	37	34	36	38	22	40
Neutral	28	24	31	28	27	27	27	27	26	22	25	33
Somewhat Agree	20	18	21	25	19	23	17	17	20	17	22	13
Strongly Agree	4	5	3	7	4	5	5	3	3	5	6	2
I am involved with campus activities outside of class												
Strongly Disagree	15	15	13	14	14	16	16	11	14	14	3	15
Somewhat Disagree	18	21	18	18	20	18	22	22	20	19	13	20
Neutral	21	22	20	16	22	18	22	27	23	18	9	18
Somewhat Agree	27	24	30	25	27	29	22	29	23	33	31	28
Strongly Agree	18	18	19	28	17	20	18	12	20	16	44	20
I am having trouble keeping up with my studies												
Strongly Disagree	14	16	11	15	14	14	12	15	13	15	24	14
Somewhat Disagree	32	35	32	34	34	31	32	34	37	35	30	39
Neutral	30	25	31	29	28	28	28	30	26	27	21	31
Somewhat Agree	20	21	22	18	21	24	24	18	21	15	18	15
Strongly Agree	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	4	8	6	1
I like the social life at BGSU												
Strongly Disagree	2	2	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	3	3
Somewhat Disagree	4	4	4	6	4	5	4	3	4	4	3	2
Neutral	19	19	15	23	16	19	19	15	15	15	27	16
Somewhat Agree	38	36	42	40	38	37	41	37	38	39	24	48
Strongly Agree	37	39	39	30	40	37	36	44	41	42	42	31
I would recommend BGSU to my friends												

Strongly Disagree	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	3	1
Somewhat Disagree	3	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	4	0	2
Neutral	12	12	9	11	10	14	10	10	9	10	9	6
Somewhat Agree	34	31	36	33	33	31	38	37	30	30	31	34
Strongly Agree	51	54	53	54	54	51	50	50	59	56	56	57

Gender:

Females were more likely than males to take advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups. They were also more likely than males to report that they were concerned about alcohol use among students and that they missed home and their friends who are not at BGSU.

Ethnicity:

Minority students were more likely than European American students to report that they have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups and were concerned about alcohol use among students. Although they more likely than European American students to claim that they got actively involved with campus activities outside of class, they still feel that it's hard for them to find things to do on the weekends and they didn't enjoy the social life at BGSU as much as European American students did. They were also slightly less satisfied with their roommates than were European American students.

College:

Among the students in the seven colleges, students in the College of Technology, College of Business Administration, and Academic Enhancement were less concerned about alcohol use among students at BGSU. Students in the Colleges of Musical Arts and Technology were more actively involved with their classes. Musical Arts students were also most likely to be involved with campus activities outside of class. While Musical Arts students were most likely to feel that their classes were challenging, Health and Human Services students were most likely to have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups. Academic Enhance students were most likely to have difficulty deciding on a major or career.

Results 2: Differences Between Respondents in Different Residence Halls

	Conklin North	Foun-ders Quadr.	Harsh-man Bromfield	Harsh-man Chapman	Harsh-man Dunbar	Kohl Hall	Kreis-cher Ashley	Kreis-cher Batchelder	Kreis-cher Compton	Kreis-cher Darrow	Mc-Donald East	Mc-Donald North	Mc-Donald West	Offen-hauer West	Rodgers Quadr.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I am finding it easy to adjust to the University															
Strongly Disagree	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	7	4	6	6	4	3	6	6	7	4	5	5	4	3	10
Neutral	3	7	10	11	12	10	12	14	16	10	12	7	11	24	10
Somewhat Agree	52	64	41	45	47	45	53	45	43	32	47	42	45	32	52
Strongly Agree	39	25	43	36	38	41	29	35	35	54	36	45	39	41	29
I have figured out how to study effectively															
Strongly Disagree	0	4	4	2	1	3	2	3	4	0	4	5	1	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	10	21	16	16	19	16	11	21	23	7	18	15	17	12	10
Neutral	39	32	31	33	40	36	36	27	31	36	35	42	33	47	33
Somewhat Agree	42	32	41	41	35	39	41	44	37	47	37	32	44	32	48
Strongly Agree	10	11	8	9	5	6	10	6	5	10	6	6	6	9	10
I am satisfied with my roommate															
Strongly Disagree	3	0	4	12	8	6	8	4	3	9	6	6	1	3	5
Somewhat Disagree	3	14	9	9	9	6	5	7	12	11	7	9	3	3	5
Neutral	10	29	6	10	12	12	14	17	16	10	10	13	7	15	5
Somewhat Agree	26	11	22	21	32	29	19	14	27	27	22	29	21	33	33
Strongly Agree	58	46	59	48	40	48	55	59	42	44	55	43	69	46	52
I am satisfied with my living accommodations															
Strongly Disagree	3	0	2	5	1	0	1	3	5	0	4	2	3	0	10
Somewhat Disagree	7	0	8	12	12	9	8	9	9	7	7	12	8	0	5
Neutral	13	0	15	23	21	13	21	16	20	16	21	20	18	3	0
Somewhat Agree	37	36	50	45	46	33	46	39	46	45	43	47	46	32	57
Strongly Agree	40	64	25	16	20	45	25	33	21	32	26	19	25	65	29
I am making friends easily															
Strongly Disagree	3	0	0	1	0	3	1	2	0	3	0	1	1	0	10
Somewhat Disagree	13	4	3	4	4	4	8	6	5	5	7	2	4	6	0
Neutral	10	32	15	10	13	10	15	10	18	9	12	10	9	38	19

Somewhat Agree	36	50	41	36	42	33	35	28	35	38	34	33	35	18	24
Strongly Agree	39	14	42	50	42	49	42	54	43	46	48	54	51	38	48
I am not concerned about alcohol use among students															
Strongly Disagree	10	7	8	4	4	8	7	4	5	8	6	3	4	9	0
Somewhat Disagree	10	7	10	11	10	10	3	8	8	14	8	10	7	6	5
Neutral	19	37	30	23	27	31	28	21	31	28	27	25	21	24	42
Somewhat Agree	29	11	23	27	22	21	26	37	26	24	20	24	21	27	32
Strongly Agree	32	37	30	37	37	30	36	30	31	28	39	37	48	35	21
I feel lonely, left out, or isolated															
Strongly Disagree	55	35	56	56	59	65	54	53	47	62	58	60	62	47	57
Somewhat Disagree	29	27	28	20	25	16	28	27	26	24	23	25	22	24	5
Neutral	0	19	7	15	9	7	9	8	18	9	10	7	9	18	14
Somewhat Agree	13	19	9	8	6	10	10	9	7	5	8	7	7	12	19
Strongly Agree	3	0	1	1	1	1	0	3	2	0	2	2	1	0	5
I find my classes challenging															
Strongly Disagree	3	0	3	1	1	0	2	1	3	4	3	2	2	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	10	4	6	8	9	6	8	6	8	6	5	5	7	9	0
Neutral	32	29	37	28	29	31	30	30	31	22	29	32	30	18	25
Somewhat Agree	48	61	36	40	44	41	44	48	43	54	49	45	40	47	60
Strongly Agree	7	7	18	23	17	22	18	16	15	15	15	17	20	27	15
I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU															
Strongly Disagree	0	14	4	4	4	10	2	3	3	9	3	3	2	3	0
Somewhat Disagree	10	4	6	8	12	15	12	7	8	11	5	9	9	9	10
Neutral	19	11	21	13	25	28	20	22	20	20	20	26	23	27	14
Somewhat Agree	52	32	43	49	30	29	37	36	46	35	41	40	39	29	38
Strongly Agree	19	39	26	27	28	18	29	33	23	26	31	23	28	32	38
It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class															
Strongly Disagree	29	37	23	20	19	27	21	22	19	33	25	22	25	30	25
Somewhat Disagree	32	41	43	32	41	38	36	39	35	43	40	35	39	42	45
Neutral	36	15	21	31	28	24	30	26	28	18	29	33	26	18	15
Somewhat Agree	3	7	12	14	8	9	11	10	12	6	6	8	9	9	10
Strongly Agree	0	0	1	3	3	3	3	4	6	0	1	2	2	0	5
I am getting actively involved with my classes															
Strongly Disagree	0	0	0	3	2	2	1	3	3	0	1	2	2	3	0
Somewhat Disagree	0	25	11	8	12	4	6	7	9	5	7	5	10	3	5
Neutral	42	29	43	33	39	35	40	40	40	36	46	43	47	38	30
Somewhat Agree	48	36	41	43	41	44	45	38	42	47	40	47	38	50	50
Strongly Agree	10	11	6	14	6	15	8	12	8	12	6	3	4	6	15
Faculty and staff I encounter have a good attitude toward students															
Strongly Disagree	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	3	0	4	1	6	0	2	0	0	1	2	1	2	3	0
Neutral	7	7	8	11	17	10	13	10	12	5	11	11	11	6	15

Somewhat Agree	53	50	54	53	52	40	52	46	56	49	50	52	52	47	65
Strongly Agree	30	43	35	34	25	50	33	44	31	45	36	36	35	44	20
I can't find things to do on weekends															
Strongly Disagree	36	50	40	41	46	39	45	46	42	35	49	49	60	38	40
Somewhat Disagree	26	21	27	24	25	20	20	22	28	23	20	25	22	24	30
Neutral	13	4	15	14	14	17	17	16	12	15	14	12	11	12	5
Somewhat Agree	19	14	15	17	11	17	14	11	15	21	14	12	6	21	0
Strongly Agree	7	11	3	4	4	6	5	6	3	6	4	2	2	6	25
I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career															
Strongly Disagree	43	46	49	44	45	49	45	43	32	42	35	36	38	29	38
Somewhat Disagree	23	18	17	16	14	10	16	20	22	29	18	16	17	21	14
Neutral	0	14	11	14	15	18	10	16	22	10	18	15	15	29	14
Somewhat Agree	20	11	14	18	15	13	16	9	10	10	14	19	16	21	24
Strongly Agree	13	11	9	9	10	10	13	13	14	10	15	14	14	0	10
I get along well with others on campus															
Strongly Disagree	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	3	1	0	3	5
Neutral	10	7	7	7	7	9	4	10	12	10	7	8	6	9	14
Somewhat Agree	47	54	41	48	48	31	50	28	47	31	39	41	46	44	52
Strongly Agree	40	39	51	43	45	59	46	61	39	60	50	50	48	44	29
I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups															
Strongly Disagree	13	46	29	29	20	10	22	32	24	29	23	25	29	29	10
Somewhat Disagree	23	21	29	18	19	31	22	16	20	27	30	31	26	18	45
Neutral	33	21	15	34	24	34	31	37	29	38	25	26	27	29	25
Somewhat Agree	17	7	17	11	18	13	15	11	15	2	14	10	10	12	20
Strongly Agree	13	4	9	8	19	12	10	5	12	4	7	8	9	12	0
I am not managing my time well															
Strongly Disagree	19	22	18	11	14	25	12	18	9	20	13	15	18	12	30
Somewhat Disagree	36	30	36	31	32	27	43	33	33	34	39	28	35	35	35
Neutral	19	19	23	28	29	22	24	27	30	28	24	29	28	38	20
Somewhat Agree	16	26	21	21	23	21	19	16	24	18	19	21	17	12	15
Strongly Agree	10	4	1	8	2	6	2	6	4	0	5	7	3	3	0
I am involved with campus activities outside of class															
Strongly Disagree	19	4	14	16	16	6	9	14	11	4	14	12	15	18	19
Somewhat Disagree	16	21	18	21	19	16	21	13	21	9	26	22	23	21	5
Neutral	29	18	18	16	18	22	25	15	17	20	21	22	26	12	29
Somewhat Agree	19	29	35	26	34	32	25	28	32	39	23	25	25	12	19
Strongly Agree	16	29	16	21	14	24	20	31	19	29	17	19	12	38	29
I am having trouble keeping up with my studies															
Strongly Disagree	16	18	16	10	15	15	14	21	10	20	12	7	17	9	10
Somewhat Disagree	36	36	39	31	29	26	30	29	32	41	39	32	34	33	38
Neutral	26	25	25	30	26	29	33	28	21	22	22	30	31	49	38

Somewhat Agree	23	18	17	26	26	28	23	19	30	14	22	24	16	6	10
Strongly Agree	0	4	4	3	4	3	1	4	8	4	5	7	2	3	5
I like the social life at BGSU															
Strongly Disagree	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	4	2	1	2	2	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	13	4	5	5	3	4	4	3	2	1	4	4	2	9	10
Neutral	10	21	11	21	22	17	15	22	17	20	14	14	12	18	24
Somewhat Agree	48	32	43	37	37	39	50	30	51	39	36	40	36	33	38
Strongly Agree	29	43	41	36	38	39	31	43	26	38	44	41	49	39	29
I would recommend BGSU to my friends															
Strongly Disagree	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	1	3	0
Somewhat Disagree	3	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	0	3	0	3	3	0
Neutral	13	14	7	9	15	7	14	10	12	11	10	11	6	3	19
Somewhat Agree	32	14	37	38	31	29	37	24	35	33	32	33	31	41	52
Strongly Agree	48	68	53	49	53	61	48	63	51	56	54	54	60	50	29

Among the survey respondents who live in the fifteen residence halls listed in the table above,

- Conklin North and Harshman-Dunbar residents were less likely to feel that faculty and staff they encountered had a good attitude toward students;
- Kreischer-Dorow residents were most likely to indicate that they have become involved with campus activities outside of class;
- McDonald West residents were least likely to agree that they can't find things to do on weekends.
- McDonald West residents were most likely to say that they were satisfied with their roommates, while Founders Quadrangle residents were least likely to say so.
- residents in Founders Quadrangle and Kreischer-Darrow were less likely to take advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups;
- residents in Founders Quadrangle and Offenbauer West were more satisfied with their living accommodations. They were, however, less likely to make friends.
- residents in Offenbauer West were least likely to report that they were having trouble keeping up with their studies while residents in Kreischer-Compton were most likely to do so.

Results 3: Differences Between Respondents in Different First Year Programs

	ARTS_BATCH_VILLA	BATCH_MUS	BA_150	BG_LINKED	BGX	CHAP-MAN	HSRC	HONORS	LSL	MAI	PLA	Q_COURSE	SPRING_BOARD	UNIV_100	UNIV_131	UPAS
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I am finding it easy to adjust to the University																
Strongly Disagree	5	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
Somewhat Disagree	14	3	5	6	3	0	4	4	7	6	0	5	5	7	0	4
Neutral	23	13	12	11	13	11	10	6	9	11	17	11	8	11	22	11
Somewhat Agree	14	37	52	42	36	46	39	46	30	43	33	47	57	44	44	46
Strongly Agree	46	47	31	40	46	42	47	42	54	40	50	37	29	37	35	39
I have figured out how to study effectively																
Strongly Disagree	0	10	2	5	4	2	0	1	2	3	0	2	3	3	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	26	7	14	20	19	18	8	6	14	19	33	16	21	18	17	21
Neutral	17	29	39	33	28	35	49	31	12	35	17	36	34	34	39	34
Somewhat Agree	52	45	43	37	40	38	35	54	65	35	42	39	32	41	39	36
Strongly Agree	4	10	3	5	9	7	8	7	7	9	8	8	11	6	4	9
I am satisfied with my roommate																
Strongly Disagree	13	10	8	10	9	6	2	4	5	8	0	5	6	6	14	7
Somewhat Disagree	4	10	5	5	7	7	6	17	14	6	0	6	4	6	0	5
Neutral	13	20	9	15	10	9	16	12	12	21	25	14	17	15	23	16
Somewhat Agree	4	20	30	18	21	29	29	26	30	24	17	23	22	24	18	23
Strongly Agree	65	40	48	52	53	49	47	41	40	42	58	52	51	50	46	49
I am satisfied with my living accommodations																
Strongly Disagree	4	10	4	2	2	0	0	0	2	4	0	3	4	2	5	5
Somewhat Disagree	13	7	9	10	7	9	6	9	7	9	8	8	9	7	18	8
Neutral	22	7	18	22	17	11	24	19	19	19	8	20	24	21	18	19
Somewhat Agree	35	48	49	39	48	33	49	44	47	39	58	43	40	46	50	41
Strongly Agree	26	28	20	27	27	47	22	28	26	28	25	26	25	24	9	28
I am making friends easily																
Strongly Disagree	0	3	0	2	1	4	0	4	0	3	0	1	1	1	0	1
Somewhat Disagree	0	3	5	4	5	2	2	7	7	3	0	5	6	5	0	2
Neutral	13	7	12	12	11	11	6	9	12	12	17	12	12	14	22	15

Neutral	13	7	12	12	11	11	8	9	12	13	17	13	12	14	22	13
Somewhat Agree	35	32	41	38	31	31	41	47	49	30	33	37	36	34	39	30
Strongly Agree	52	55	43	44	52	53	51	33	33	52	50	45	44	47	39	52
I am not concerned about alcohol use among students																
Strongly Disagree	4	7	9	5	2	7	4	10	5	4	0	6	3	5	4	3
Somewhat Disagree	17	10	9	6	9	11	14	16	12	14	0	9	9	7	13	6
Neutral	26	20	18	27	33	33	41	31	44	34	17	25	29	27	9	26
Somewhat Agree	22	47	26	34	24	20	22	27	21	25	33	23	22	22	35	12
Strongly Agree	30	17	39	28	32	28	20	16	19	24	50	38	37	39	39	53
I feel lonely, left out, or isolated																
Strongly Disagree	44	47	60	54	58	62	63	52	55	56	75	56	60	59	57	67
Somewhat Disagree	22	37	24	31	21	20	26	23	26	24	17	24	21	23	17	15
Neutral	30	3	11	10	13	7	6	12	7	11	8	10	11	9	13	8
Somewhat Agree	4	13	5	5	7	9	4	10	10	9	0	9	7	7	9	7
Strongly Agree	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	2	1	0	1	1	2	4	2
I find my classes challenging																
Strongly Disagree	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	2	4	0	2	1	2	0	2
Somewhat Disagree	0	7	7	9	9	6	4	5	7	9	17	7	4	8	4	7
Neutral	22	19	31	27	31	28	31	12	40	31	25	31	36	30	39	44
Somewhat Agree	39	45	45	48	37	43	39	50	30	40	33	44	41	43	39	37
Strongly Agree	39	29	17	16	21	24	26	32	21	17	25	16	17	17	17	11
I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU																
Strongly Disagree	5	7	3	7	5	9	2	10	10	7	8	5	2	4	5	6
Somewhat Disagree	14	3	10	4	7	17	6	10	17	8	17	9	7	6	5	8
Neutral	14	19	24	21	23	30	31	20	14	24	25	22	23	22	27	24
Somewhat Agree	46	39	35	39	38	28	33	42	36	33	42	38	40	40	32	37
Strongly Agree	23	32	28	30	27	17	28	19	24	28	8	26	28	29	32	25
It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class																
Strongly Disagree	26	27	21	21	27	30	16	27	23	31	25	22	20	25	35	29
Somewhat Disagree	35	37	37	40	36	35	49	40	47	38	25	38	41	35	48	35
Neutral	26	20	28	33	27	20	26	23	21	22	50	27	26	29	13	27
Somewhat Agree	13	10	12	5	7	11	10	10	7	9	0	10	11	9	4	6
Strongly Agree	0	7	2	1	3	4	0	0	2	1	0	3	3	2	0	3
I am getting actively involved with my classes																
Strongly Disagree	0	3	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	2	0	5
Somewhat Disagree	4	0	6	10	6	4	10	3	9	6	0	8	7	9	17	11
Neutral	30	40	45	41	32	37	43	26	42	34	33	43	34	41	35	36
Somewhat Agree	39	43	46	39	48	41	39	54	44	42	50	41	50	39	39	39
Strongly Agree	26	13	2	7	12	19	8	18	5	15	17	7	7	8	9	10
Faculty and staff I encounter have a good attitude toward students																
Strongly Disagree	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	1
Somewhat Disagree	0	0	1	5	1	0	6	2	7	2	8	2	1	2	4	2
Neutral	13	3	8	12	8	6	22	5	7	9	17	11	9	14	9	8
Somewhat Agree	52	48	64	51	49	37	51	55	61	42	50	53	53	49	48	44
Strongly Agree	35	45	28	31	41	57	22	38	23	46	25	34	36	34	39	44
I can't find things to do on weekends																
Strongly Disagree	39	55	51	41	41	36	41	44	47	30	33	48	47	47	57	54
Somewhat Disagree	30	13	22	26	18	16	24	19	28	28	8	24	19	22	17	22
Neutral	8	19	12	14	18	20	20	19	19	15	25	13	19	13	17	14
Somewhat Agree	22	13	13	16	18	20	12	16	7	18	33	12	9	14	9	6
Strongly Agree	0	0	2	4	7	7	4	3	0	8	0	3	6	4	0	5
I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career																
Strongly Disagree	52	71	22	50	47	44	63	46	61	50	64	39	29	38	9	28
Somewhat Disagree	22	16	22	21	12	11	12	26	9	17	9	19	17	16	13	15
Neutral	9	0	25	8	21	20	14	9	7	18	18	14	18	12	4	21
Somewhat Agree	9	7	20	18	11	11	4	10	7	8	9	15	19	16	30	21
Strongly Agree	9	7	12	4	9	13	8	10	16	7	0	13	16	18	44	16
I get along well with others on campus																
Strongly Disagree	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	1	0	1	1	1	4	2
Neutral	0	7	7	9	9	11	10	11	16	12	17	8	9	6	4	8
Somewhat Agree	39	26	50	48	41	32	45	40	30	36	33	44	37	45	39	34
Strongly Agree	61	65	42	43	48	56	45	49	47	50	50	47	51	47	52	57

I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups

Strongly Disagree	30	36	25	23	19	9	10	37	17	19	18	26	19	24	32	9
Somewhat Disagree	9	10	37	28	20	24	20	26	26	17	18	25	21	27	23	20
Neutral	39	45	23	26	32	41	28	27	33	29	9	28	28	26	23	37
Somewhat Agree	17	7	11	13	16	15	20	7	17	15	36	13	21	15	9	16
Strongly Agree	4	3	4	10	13	11	24	4	7	21	18	8	12	8	14	18

I am not managing my time well

Strongly Disagree	9	23	16	10	13	24	20	16	28	13	8	16	18	14	17	18
Somewhat Disagree	30	30	36	37	30	28	37	33	40	27	42	36	32	38	30	39
Neutral	26	30	30	30	27	20	29	25	7	29	25	26	29	27	22	22
Somewhat Agree	22	13	15	15	21	22	14	21	21	25	25	19	17	16	30	15
Strongly Agree	13	3	2	8	9	6	0	5	5	7	0	3	4	5	0	5

I am involved with campus activities outside of class

Strongly Disagree	17	7	12	14	11	6	12	7	14	14	0	15	15	14	30	19
Somewhat Disagree	22	7	18	21	13	15	20	9	19	18	8	21	17	20	17	21
Neutral	22	13	31	20	18	24	18	21	30	16	17	21	19	22	22	20
Somewhat Agree	17	23	28	28	29	29	35	40	14	26	25	26	28	23	22	22
Strongly Agree	22	50	13	18	29	27	16	23	23	26	50	18	21	22	9	18

I am having trouble keeping up with my studies

Strongly Disagree	9	29	13	12	10	15	18	13	21	15	0	15	16	12	9	15
Somewhat Disagree	35	36	31	35	32	24	37	38	40	35	73	34	34	34	52	34
Neutral	22	23	27	29	32	33	24	27	14	28	18	27	27	27	17	28
Somewhat Agree	35	10	24	19	22	27	20	17	21	19	9	21	19	23	22	21
Strongly Agree	0	3	5	5	5	2	2	5	5	3	0	3	4	4	0	2

I like the social life at BGSU

Strongly Disagree	0	3	2	3	1	0	0	5	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	4	0	4	4	3	4	2	3	5	6	18	4	5	5	9	2
Neutral	17	19	13	14	18	16	28	15	14	24	27	17	16	16	17	15
Somewhat Agree	39	32	41	41	39	42	37	47	47	40	27	38	48	38	39	41
Strongly Agree	39	45	41	38	40	38	33	31	33	30	27	40	30	40	35	43

I would recommend BGSU to my friends

Strongly Disagree	0	3	1	2	1	2	0	0	5	1	8	1	1	1	4	1
Somewhat Disagree	0	0	5	2	1	2	0	4	0	4	0	2	1	1	0	0
Neutral	13	10	8	10	13	6	16	11	12	14	8	10	16	12	9	8
Somewhat Agree	26	30	40	33	32	29	30	43	35	32	50	33	36	30	48	32
Strongly Agree	61	57	47	54	54	62	54	42	49	50	33	54	46	56	39	60

Among the respondents in sixteen first year programs,

- › students in Arts Village, Honors, and the BATCH_MUS programs were more likely to feel that their classes were challenging;
- › Arts Village students were most likely to have trouble keeping up with their studies. They were also least likely to feel that it was easy for them to adjust to the University;
- › students in Honors and LSL programs were more likely to report that they have figured out how to study effectively;
- › students in Honors, PLA, and Arts Village programs were more likely to get actively involved with their classes;
- › students in PLA and the BATCH_MUS programs were more likely to be involved with campus activities outside of class;
- › students in PLA and HSRC programs were more likely to take advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups; They were, however, less likely to feel that the faculty and staff they encountered had a good attitude toward students;
- › students in PLA and the UNIV 131 programs were less concerned about alcohol use among students;
- › LSL students were least likely to report that they got along well with others on campus;
- › PLA students were most likely to report that they can't find things to do on weekends; They were also least likely to indicate that they liked the social life at BGSU.
- › UNIV 131 students were most likely to have difficulty deciding on a major or career.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Most main campus new freshmen seem to be becoming academically and socially integrated into college life during their first six weeks at BGSU. The majority of the respondents indicated that it was easy for them to adjust to the University and that they were satisfied with their roommates as well as their living accommodations. Although most of them feel that they missed their home and their friends who are not at BGSU, but the majority of them indicated that they got along well with others on campus, made new friends easily at BGSU, and didn't feel lonely, left out, or isolated. Seventy percent or more of them reported that they can find things to do on weekends and that they liked the social life at BGSU. Eighty-five percent of them would recommend BGSU to their friends.

Most respondents found their classes challenging and about half of them were actively involved with their classes as well as campus activities outside of class. The majority of them feel that the faculty and staff they encountered had a good attitude toward students and it's easy for them to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class. Some of them (less than 30% of the respondents), however, still had trouble keeping up with their studies, and had difficulty managing their time as well as figuring out how to study effectively.

The results also tend to reveal some substantial differences across student groups. Caution is to be advised in interpreting the results due to (1) of the total 2,751 new students responded to the survey (78% of the first year student class), only 1780 of them (51% of the first year class) provided PID numbers which allowed for group comparisons to be made; (2) respondents who live in Offenhauer West were under represented.

The Office of Institutional Research welcomes feedback concerning this and other studies and how they can continue to be improved.

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