

INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

[REPORT OF THE RESULTS OF THE 2004 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 eighth administration of the survey in Fall 2004.

The 2004 survey was administered to all new freshmen at BGSU main campus who enrolled in English 110, 111, and 112H classes in early October. Two thousand nine hundred and twenty surveys were returned, resulting in a response rate of 76% (2920/3865). Of the 2,920 respondents, 1,726 provided PID numbers, which allowed us to identify respondents' gender, ethnicity, college, as well as the first year program in which some of them are participating (see Table 1 and Table 2 below).

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

	Overall	Gender		Ethnicity		A&S	ACE	BA	College			
		Female	Male	Minority	White				EDHD	HHS	MUS	TEC
Population of New Full-Time Fall 2004 Main Campus First Year Students	3865	2211	1654	497	3228	996	761	497	931	345	126	209
Percentage in Overall Population	100%	57%	43%	13%	84%	26%	20%	13%	24%	9%	3%	5%
Survey Respondents	2920*	1001	725	229	1447	430	349	230	407	163	47	100
Percentage in Survey Sample	100%	58%	42%	14%	86%	25%	20%	13%	24%	9%	3%	6%

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

Table 2. Student Characteristics (by First Year Program*)

	BATCH MUS	BA 150	BGX	CHAP- MAN	HSRC	HONORS	LSL	MAI	Q COURSE	SPRING BOARD	UNIV 100	UNIV 131	UPAS
Population of New Full-Time Fall 2004 Main Campus First Year Students	85	242	1386	154	139	299	142	301	2074	291	1000	79	242
Survey Respondents	37	139	627	60	70	79	75	130	976	130	455	34	100

* First year programs with fewer than 20 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			
	%	Female	Male	Minority	White	%	%	%	EDHD	HHS	MUS	TEC
		%	%	%	%				%	%	%	%
I am finding it easy to adjust to the University												
Strongly Disagree	1	1	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	0
Somewhat Disagree	4	5	4	3	5	6	5	4	4	3	0	4
Neutral	11	10	10	15	9	11	12	11	7	9	13	6
Somewhat Agree	41	41	42	40	42	36	42	47	45	41	43	38
Strongly Agree	43	44	42	40	44	46	41	36	43	46	41	52
I have figured out how to study effectively												
Strongly Disagree	2	2	2	4	2	3	3	2	1	1	7	4
Somewhat Disagree	14	13	13	17	12	11	17	15	13	12	11	7
Neutral	34	33	37	35	35	32	38	34	32	44	41	36
Somewhat Agree	41	42	39	33	42	46	35	39	44	35	30	43
Strongly Agree	9	10	8	11	9	9	7	11	11	8	11	10
I am satisfied with my roommate												
Strongly Disagree	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	3	4	3	9	3
Somewhat Disagree	7	8	6	10	6	8	6	4	9	6	4	6

Neutral	18	14	18	16	16	17	15	19	14	8	20	23
Somewhat Agree	21	20	22	20	21	25	21	20	19	21	20	17
Strongly Agree	51	55	51	50	54	47	56	54	55	62	48	52
I am satisfied with my living accommodations												
Strongly Disagree	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	0	2
Somewhat Disagree	9	9	8	8	9	10	6	9	9	8	7	11
Neutral	21	18	20	23	18	20	20	20	18	15	26	18
Somewhat Agree	37	39	36	29	39	36	38	38	39	41	41	33
Strongly Agree	30	32	34	38	32	31	34	31	33	36	26	36
I am making friends easily												
Strongly Disagree	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	3	1	0	0	4
Somewhat Disagree	6	6	5	4	6	9	4	4	4	4	7	3
Neutral	13	12	12	15	11	12	16	11	10	11	7	13
Somewhat Agree	37	35	39	32	37	35	34	41	39	37	37	34
Strongly Agree	43	44	44	48	44	42	44	41	46	47	50	46
I am not concerned about alcohol use among students												
Strongly Disagree	6	6	5	10	5	7	5	6	5	6	13	4
Somewhat Disagree	9	10	9	8	10	13	6	8	11	7	9	9
Neutral	28	30	25	30	27	28	22	27	28	32	35	34
Somewhat Agree	25	27	24	21	27	24	32	30	27	20	15	18
Strongly Agree	32	27	37	30	31	29	35	29	29	35	28	35
I feel lonely, left out, or isolated												
Strongly Disagree	55	57	59	62	58	55	58	59	59	57	48	68
Somewhat Disagree	24	22	23	17	23	23	22	22	23	25	24	15
Neutral	12	11	11	10	11	12	10	11	11	9	15	10
Somewhat Agree	8	9	6	9	7	9	10	7	6	7	11	4
Strongly Agree	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	3
I find my classes challenging												
Strongly Disagree	2	2	3	4	2	2	2	2	3	3	0	1
Somewhat Disagree	8	7	9	10	7	9	5	8	10	5	2	11
Neutral	32	31	32	34	31	29	32	31	33	29	30	35
Somewhat Agree	44	45	45	36	46	45	45	46	43	47	54	44
Strongly Agree	14	15	12	15	14	15	16	13	12	17	13	8
I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU												
Strongly Disagree	6	5	7	8	5	6	6	7	3	7	11	6
Somewhat Disagree	10	7	13	9	10	10	13	9	7	10	9	11
Neutral	24	20	26	22	23	21	24	22	23	21	18	32
Somewhat Agree	35	36	36	28	37	35	32	36	40	33	51	34
Strongly Agree	25	32	18	33	26	28	26	27	28	29	11	16
It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class												
Strongly Disagree	24	25	22	28	23	21	24	22	25	22	35	29
Somewhat Disagree	39	41	39	40	40	41	37	43	41	43	37	37
Neutral	27	25	29	22	27	28	26	25	27	24	24	27
Somewhat Agree	8	8	8	7	8	8	10	9	6	10	4	5
Strongly Agree	2	1	3	4	2	2	3	2	1	1	0	2
I am getting actively involved with my classes												
Strongly Disagree	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	2
Somewhat Disagree	8	8	7	7	8	6	10	7	8	7	4	4
Neutral	43	43	41	48	42	37	48	50	41	41	44	39
Somewhat Agree	40	42	41	33	42	46	35	34	44	45	41	43
Strongly Agree	8	7	10	12	8	10	6	9	7	6	11	12
Faculty and staff I encounter have a good attitude toward students												
Strongly Disagree	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	3	1	1	2	0
Neutral	11	11	10	13	10	13	9	12	10	12	2	10
Somewhat Agree	48	47	48	39	48	43	52	41	51	49	50	43
Strongly Agree	39	40	40	47	39	42	38	43	37	37	46	47
I can't find things to do on weekends												
Strongly Disagree	48	48	50	37	51	43	52	47	51	54	37	53
Somewhat Disagree	24	26	23	21	25	25	25	26	23	25	28	22
Neutral	14	14	14	18	13	16	12	12	14	12	24	16
Somewhat Agree	10	9	9	13	9	12	8	12	8	6	11	4
Strongly Agree	4	4	4	11	3	4	4	3	4	3	0	5

I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career

Strongly Disagree	37	41	34	39	38	37	12	27	54	51	65	58
Somewhat Disagree	18	19	17	17	18	21	9	24	19	23	4	14
Neutral	17	12	22	16	16	17	16	25	12	11	15	16
Somewhat Agree	16	16	14	18	15	16	28	17	10	9	9	5
Strongly Agree	12	13	13	10	13	9	35	7	5	6	7	7

I get along well with others on campus

Strongly Disagree	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Somewhat Disagree	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0
Neutral	10	8	9	12	8	11	9	11	6	3	11	5
Somewhat Agree	42	40	45	38	42	42	43	43	41	44	44	41
Strongly Agree	47	51	45	50	49	47	47	44	52	54	46	52

I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups

Strongly Disagree	27	23	32	15	29	28	25	26	26	25	33	36
Somewhat Disagree	23	22	23	22	23	26	23	20	22	18	28	22
Neutral	31	29	33	29	31	30	30	33	34	23	33	32
Somewhat Agree	12	16	8	15	12	10	15	14	12	17	7	6
Strongly Agree	7	10	5	19	6	6	7	8	8	17	0	3

I am not managing my time well

Strongly Disagree	16	18	13	18	16	16	11	17	20	14	7	23
Somewhat Disagree	32	35	32	26	35	34	28	30	38	33	41	40
Neutral	28	26	30	27	27	26	31	28	24	33	28	23
Somewhat Agree	20	18	20	20	19	19	24	23	15	17	17	10
Strongly Agree	5	4	5	9	4	6	6	2	3	3	7	4

I am involved with campus activities outside of class

Strongly Disagree	14	14	15	14	15	12	15	17	15	17	5	18
Somewhat Disagree	19	20	16	15	19	18	21	19	18	18	11	14
Neutral	21	21	19	19	20	18	20	20	22	20	16	20
Somewhat Agree	28	25	33	25	29	29	30	27	26	24	46	30
Strongly Agree	18	20	18	27	18	22	15	17	19	21	23	18

I am having trouble keeping up with my studies

Strongly Disagree	14	16	13	19	14	14	10	15	18	14	9	25
Somewhat Disagree	35	37	34	29	37	38	32	34	38	31	47	38
Neutral	28	25	32	30	27	27	34	26	25	32	26	21
Somewhat Agree	19	19	19	16	19	18	18	22	18	22	17	13
Strongly Agree	4	3	3	6	2	2	6	3	2	2	2	3

I like the social life at BGSU

Strongly Disagree	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	0	2	0
Somewhat Disagree	4	5	2	5	3	5	4	4	2	3	2	3
Neutral	17	17	15	25	14	18	13	17	15	13	22	15
Somewhat Agree	38	34	40	33	37	35	38	38	36	37	30	41
Strongly Agree	40	43	42	36	44	39	42	39	46	48	44	41

I would recommend BGSU to my friends

Strongly Disagree	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	5	2	1	0	2
Neutral	12	11	12	20	10	15	12	12	8	9	11	10
Somewhat Agree	33	32	36	31	34	33	36	34	34	29	36	32
Strongly Agree	51	55	50	44	54	50	50	47	57	60	53	56

The noise level on my floor does not interfere with my ability to sleep or study within my personal room

Strongly Disagree	10	10	8	11	9	10	7	10	8	11	6	10
Somewhat Disagree	14	16	13	9	15	17	12	18	12	15	15	15
Neutral	21	18	20	15	19	17	20	22	19	14	22	19
Somewhat Agree	24	25	23	23	24	25	23	22	26	24	33	21
Strongly Agree	31	32	37	42	33	31	38	30	35	36	24	34

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 missed home and their friends who are not at BGSU.

Ethnicity:

Minority students were more likely than European American students to agree that they have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups. Although they were 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 more likely than European American students to indicate that the noise level on their floor interfered with their ability to sleep or study within their personal room. They were less likely to say that "I would recommend BGSU to my friends" than were European American students.

Among the students in the seven colleges, students in the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education and Human Development, College of Technology, and College of Business Administration were more likely to report that they have figured out how to study effectively than were students in College of Musical Arts, College of Health and Human Services, and Academic Enhancement. Students in the College of Academic Enhancement and College of Business Administrations were less like to indicate that they are getting actively involved with their classes than were students in the other five colleges. Health and Human Services students were most likely have taken advantages of mentoring or tutoring groups. Academic Enhance students were most likely to have difficulty deciding on a major or career. Technology students were least likely to say that they missed home and their friends who are not at BGSU.

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I am finding it easy to adjust to the University													
Strongly Disagree	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	3	2	2	1	0	1
Somewhat Disagree	0	1	5	2	1	5	7	4	4	7	6	0	8
Neutral	14	7	8	8	12	14	12	16	10	8	11	6	12
Somewhat Agree	43	51	40	35	36	33	39	39	43	48	41	41	37
Strongly Agree	43	39	47	52	51	47	43	38	41	36	41	53	42
I have figured out how to study effectively													
Strongly Disagree	8	4	2	0	1	1	0	3	2	0	3	0	1
Somewhat Disagree	14	19	13	8	11	17	7	13	13	16	14	21	12
Neutral	41	32	38	43	36	23	36	34	33	33	35	32	35
Somewhat Agree	35	39	39	38	46	48	48	36	42	40	39	35	42
Strongly Agree	3	7	9	10	6	11	9	13	10	11	10	12	9
I am satisfied with my roommate													
Strongly Disagree	5	3	3	5	4	3	4	5	4	2	3	9	4
Somewhat Disagree	11	4	7	10	3	7	13	11	7	6	9	3	9
Neutral	16	21	11	15	14	11	11	18	18	14	18	9	10
Somewhat Agree	22	22	18	20	17	21	18	17	23	22	20	28	13
Strongly Agree	46	50	62	50	61	59	54	50	48	56	50	50	64
I am satisfied with my living accommodations													
Strongly Disagree	0	1	3	5	1	1	3	2	2	1	3	0	4
Somewhat Disagree	8	7	10	9	7	4	6	5	8	8	8	12	7
Neutral	22	20	17	17	7	18	15	24	20	17	20	9	16
Somewhat Agree	49	42	40	39	46	44	49	32	37	41	37	36	39
Strongly Agree	22	31	30	31	39	33	27	36	34	34	33	42	34
I am making friends easily													
Strongly Disagree	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	2	3	2	3	3	4
Somewhat Disagree	3	1	4	3	7	10	4	4	6	6	6	0	6
Neutral	8	10	11	3	13	9	12	16	13	9	13	9	13
Somewhat Agree	38	44	38	37	34	40	48	31	36	37	34	38	35
Strongly Agree	51	45	46	57	44	41	33	47	44	47	45	50	42
I am not concerned about alcohol use among students													
Strongly Disagree	14	7	5	8	4	5	4	9	6	3	7	6	5
Somewhat Disagree	11	5	9	12	13	18	15	8	9	11	10	15	13
Neutral	32	24	27	25	33	21	27	31	29	33	28	9	29
Somewhat Agree	16	31	27	18	13	27	32	19	25	29	23	41	31
Strongly Agree	27	33	32	37	37	29	22	33	31	25	32	29	21
I feel lonely, left out, or isolated													
Strongly Disagree	46	66	61	62	53	51	49	61	57	59	55	55	54
Somewhat Disagree	24	20	22	17	27	26	27	19	22	19	23	21	20
Neutral	14	6	9	12	13	12	12	9	12	12	10	15	8
Somewhat Agree	14	7	6	8	4	9	9	10	8	8	8	9	13
Strongly Agree	3	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	1	2	2	0	5
I find my classes challenging													

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

Somewhat Disagree	32	29	33	27	39	30	52	25	34	35	35	18	31
Neutral	30	32	29	30	32	22	19	31	27	26	25	27	28
Somewhat Agree	22	23	17	18	17	23	11	17	19	19	19	29	22
Strongly Agree	3	2	4	3	3	5	1	7	4	5	5	6	2
I am involved with campus activities outside of class													
Strongly Disagree	6	18	15	10	17	10	16	12	15	13	16	24	15
Somewhat Disagree	11	19	18	14	19	13	16	12	19	19	20	9	22
Neutral	14	22	21	17	16	13	24	22	19	21	23	18	23
Somewhat Agree	46	26	31	43	26	31	28	26	27	32	24	29	25
Strongly Agree	23	15	16	16	22	33	15	28	20	15	18	21	15
I am having trouble keeping up with my studies													
Strongly Disagree	11	13	15	17	6	18	18	18	14	13	16	21	11
Somewhat Disagree	38	35	36	24	43	35	35	34	36	40	35	27	48
Neutral	27	25	28	38	31	18	26	29	28	23	27	26	19
Somewhat Agree	22	22	18	19	17	28	19	15	18	23	19	24	21
Strongly Agree	3	6	3	2	3	1	3	5	3	2	3	3	1
I like the social life at BGSU													
Strongly Disagree	3	2	1	2	0	1	0	2	2	1	2	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	3	1	3	2	4	7	7	5	4	2	5	3	8
Neutral	22	10	13	12	19	18	21	25	17	13	16	18	9
Somewhat Agree	32	43	37	43	37	38	35	38	37	39	33	29	37
Strongly Agree	41	45	47	42	40	36	37	30	40	45	43	50	46
I would recommend BGSU to my friends													
Strongly Disagree	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	0
Somewhat Disagree	0	1	2	2	1	1	3	4	2	1	3	0	1
Neutral	8	6	10	9	13	12	8	23	12	13	13	3	11
Somewhat Agree	35	37	31	29	31	40	34	31	35	31	29	39	38
Strongly Agree	57	54	57	59	53	47	55	42	50	54	54	55	50
The noise level on my floor does not interfere with my ability to sleep or study within my personal room													
Strongly Disagree	5	8	13	10	15	4	8	9	7	9	10	9	6
Somewhat Disagree	16	19	14	9	16	17	17	10	15	18	16	18	23
Neutral	24	20	16	17	17	19	18	17	20	15	19	9	17
Somewhat Agree	30	22	25	17	25	19	24	27	25	23	26	18	32
Strongly Agree	24	32	31	47	28	41	33	36	34	35	30	46	23

Among the respondents in thirteen first year programs,

- › students in MAI were most likely to report that they can't find things to do on weekends;
- › students in LSL were least likely to report that they are having difficulty deciding on a major or career;
- › students in the HSRC and MAI programs were more likely to have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups;
- › students in the Honors program were most likely to say that their classes are challenging;

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The questionnaire results show that 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. Most of them reported that they were not concerned about alcohol use among students and were not bothered by the noise level on their residence hall floor. Although 60% of them feel that they missed their home and their friends who are not at BGSU, the majority of them claimed that they got along well with others on campus, made new friends easily at BGSU, and didn't feel lonely, left out, or isolated. More than seventy percent of them agreed that they can find things to do on weekends and that they liked the social life at BGSU. The majority of them also feel that the faculty and staff they encountered at BGSU had a good attitude toward students and it's easy for them to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class. Eighty-four percent of them would recommend BGSU to their friends.

Fifty eight percent of the survey respondents found their classes challenging and yet only 19% of them have taken the advantages of mentoring or tutoring groups. About half of the respondents reported that they have figured out how to study effectively and that they were actively involved with their classes as well as campus activities outside of class. About a quarter of them, however, still had trouble or difficulty keeping up with their studies (23%), managing their time (25%), and deciding a major or a career (28%).

The survey results also tend to reveal some 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 1726 (59% 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.

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