

## INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

# REPORT OF THE RESULTS OF THE 2005 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 ninth administration of the survey in Fall 2005.

The 2005 survey was administered to all new freshmen at BGSU main campus who enrolled in English 110, 111, and 112H classes in the middle of September. Two thousand seven hundred and thirty-six surveys were returned. This represents 76% of first time first year new students at BGSU's main campus. Of the 2,736 respondents, 1,954 provided PID numbers, which allowed us to identify respondents' gender, ethnicity, college, as well as the first year program in which most of them are participating (see Table 1 and Table 2 below).

**Table 1. Students Characteristics - Overall And By Gender, Race, and College**

	Overall	Gender		Ethnicity			College						
		Female	Male	Minority	White	Other	A&S*	ACE*	BA*	EDHD*	HHS*	MUS*	TEC*
<b>Population of New Full-Time Fall 2005 Main Campus First Year Students:</b>													
Total Number	3585	1991	1594	652	2802	131	974	634	520	814	353	89	201
Percentage	100%	56%	44%	18%	78%	4%	27%	18%	15%	23%	10%	2%	6%
<b>Survey Respondents:</b>													
Total Number	2863*	1099	855	377	1519	58	505	357	297	445	201	38	111
Percentage	100%	56%	44%	19%	78%	3%	26%	18%	15%	23%	10%	2%	6%

\* Total survey respondents included those who reported PID numbers and those who didn't.

- \* A&S: College of Arts and Sciences
- \* ACE: Academic Enhancement
- \* BA: College of Business Administrations
- \* EDHD: College of Education and Human Development
- \* HHS: College of Health and Human Services
- \* MUS: College of Musical Arts
- \* TEC: College of Technology

**Table 2. Students Characteristics - By First Year Program\***

	ART_VILLAG	BATCH_MUS	BA_150	BGX	CHAP-MAN	CMAI	HSRC	HONORS	LSL	PCC	PMA	SMART	SPRING BOARD	UNIV_100	UNIV_131	UPAS
<b>Population of New Full-Time Fall 2005 Main Campus First Year Students in Different First Year Program:</b>																
Total Number	86	68	306	3530	170	383	148	237	140	32	419	186	332	1008	84	214
<b>Survey Respondents in Different First Year Program:</b>																
Total Number	46	27	183	1941	103	229	93	87	84	20	236	105	183	557	42	121

\* First year programs with fewer than 20 respondents were excluded.

- \* ART\_VILLAG: [Arts Village](#)
- \* BATCH\_MUS: [Batchelder Music Community](#)
- \* BA\_150
- \* BGX: [BGeXperience](#)
- \* CHAP-MAN: [Chapman Community](#)
- \* CMAI: [Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives](#)
- \* HSRC: [The Health Sciences Residential Community](#)
- \* HONORS: [University Honors Program](#)
- \* LSL: Literacy Serve and Learn
- \* PCC: [Partners in Context & Community](#)
- \* PMA: [Pre-Major Advising](#)
- \* SMART: [Students of Color Mentoring, Aiding, Retaining, and Teaching](#)
- \* SPRINGBOARD
- \* UNIV 100: a two-credit course designed to help students deal with transitional issues
- \* UNIV 131: a two-credit career and life planning course
- \* UPAS: [The University Program for Academic Success](#)

### SURVEY RESULTS

The survey results are shown on Table 3 and Table 4 below. The 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 1: OVERALL AND DIFFERENCE BY GENDER, RACE, AND COLLEGE**

**Table 3. Overall and Differences by Gender, Race, and College**

	Overall	Gender		Ethnicity		College						
		Female	Male	Minority	White	A&S	ACE	BA	EDHD	HHS	MUS	TEC
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>I am finding it easy to adjust to the University</b>												
Strongly Disagree	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	3	1
Somewhat Disagree	4	4	3	5	4	4	6	4	2	6	5	3
Neutral	11	10	11	14	10	12	13	7	8	10	8	11
Somewhat Agree	41	40	43	39	42	39	45	39	41	42	47	44
Strongly Agree	43	45	42	41	44	45	36	49	48	41	37	41
<b>I have figured out how to study effectively</b>												
Strongly Disagree	3	3	4	5	3	4	4	1	3	4	5	3
Somewhat Disagree	11	11	13	15	11	11	15	12	11	10	13	10
Neutral	36	33	37	37	35	33	40	35	34	36	16	39
Somewhat Agree	41	44	40	36	44	44	38	44	41	43	58	42
Strongly Agree	9	9	7	7	8	9	3	9	12	8	8	6
<b>I am satisfied with my roommate</b>												
Strongly Disagree	4	3	4	4	3	4	3	3	2	3	3	6
Somewhat Disagree	6	6	6	5	6	8	6	6	5	5	6	6
Neutral	18	15	16	19	15	17	16	18	11	18	8	20
Somewhat Agree	21	19	24	22	21	22	22	17	23	21	17	18
Strongly Agree	51	57	50	50	55	49	53	56	59	54	67	50
<b>I am satisfied with my living accommodations</b>												
Strongly Disagree	3	2	3	2	2	2	4	2	1	2	0	4
Somewhat Disagree	7	7	6	8	6	7	8	7	4	8	6	8
Neutral	19	16	20	16	19	18	19	20	15	17	14	23
Somewhat Agree	40	41	42	39	42	42	43	37	44	39	47	37
Strongly Agree	31	35	29	35	31	31	27	34	36	35	33	28
<b>I am making friends easily</b>												
Strongly Disagree	2	2	2	1	2	3	1	1	2	1	0	2
Somewhat Disagree	5	5	4	5	4	5	4	5	3	6	0	7
Neutral	15	13	15	11	15	15	16	13	12	14	11	14
Somewhat Agree	35	35	36	31	37	33	38	37	34	37	27	43
Strongly Agree	43	45	44	52	42	44	41	45	49	43	62	34
<b>I am not concerned about alcohol use among students</b>												
Strongly Disagree	6	6	6	7	6	6	5	7	6	6	11	5
Somewhat Disagree	9	11	7	8	9	11	8	8	9	8	21	5
Neutral	30	34	25	33	29	31	27	29	32	31	34	23
Somewhat Agree	26	25	28	21	27	26	24	26	27	24	18	36
Strongly Agree	30	25	35	32	29	27	36	31	26	32	16	32
<b>I feel lonely, left out, or isolated</b>												
Strongly Disagree	56	58	58	64	56	51	57	64	62	57	47	60
Somewhat Disagree	23	22	25	18	25	23	27	18	22	25	29	23
Neutral	11	10	10	8	10	11	9	9	9	10	16	13
Somewhat Agree	8	9	7	8	8	13	5	7	6	7	5	5
Strongly Agree	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	0
<b>I find my classes challenging</b>												
Strongly Disagree	3	2	3	6	2	3	3	2	3	1	0	4
Somewhat Disagree	10	9	9	12	8	10	5	11	10	7	8	12
Neutral	35	35	34	37	34	33	38	37	36	25	26	34
Somewhat Agree	42	43	44	37	45	42	43	42	44	48	42	41
Strongly Agree	10	11	10	7	11	11	10	9	7	20	24	10
<b>I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU</b>												
Strongly Disagree	7	5	6	6	5	7	7	6	4	6	3	5
Somewhat Disagree	10	7	14	10	10	10	7	10	12	9	19	10
Neutral	23	20	27	23	23	22	25	26	21	20	8	25

Somewhat Agree	37	39	38	37	38	37	38	38	40	40	41	36
Strongly Agree	23	30	16	24	24	24	24	21	24	26	30	23
<b>It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class</b>												
Strongly Disagree	25	28	23	33	24	24	20	31	26	29	18	32
Somewhat Disagree	38	39	38	34	39	38	38	39	43	34	40	30
Neutral	29	25	31	24	29	28	34	23	25	27	32	30
Somewhat Agree	7	7	7	8	7	7	7	7	5	9	8	7
Strongly Agree	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	0	1	2	3	2
<b>I am getting actively involved with my classes</b>												
Strongly Disagree	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	3	0
Somewhat Disagree	7	5	8	5	7	7	7	5	5	6	3	11
Neutral	38	36	37	32	37	32	40	44	38	29	21	34
Somewhat Agree	45	49	45	49	47	49	43	45	47	53	57	45
Strongly Agree	9	10	9	12	9	12	8	5	9	12	16	10
<b>Faculty and staff I encounter have a good attitude toward students</b>												
Strongly Disagree	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	0
Somewhat Disagree	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	0
Neutral	9	6	7	9	6	6	8	7	6	4	5	5
Somewhat Agree	47	46	50	43	49	48	47	49	46	56	50	43
Strongly Agree	42	46	41	46	44	45	44	42	47	38	40	52
	Overall	Gender		Ethnicity		College						
		Female	Male	Minority	White	A&S	ACE	BA	EDHD	HHS	MUS	TEC
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>I can't find things to do on weekends</b>												
Strongly Disagree	49	49	50	40	52	41	54	53	49	56	45	55
Somewhat Disagree	24	23	26	25	25	29	24	23	26	18	21	17
Neutral	14	14	12	16	13	14	11	14	13	12	24	15
Somewhat Agree	10	11	8	13	9	12	6	9	9	10	5	10
Strongly Agree	3	3	4	7	3	4	5	2	3	3	5	4
<b>I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career</b>												
Strongly Disagree	41	48	36	47	42	46	17	33	55	54	71	61
Somewhat Disagree	19	17	20	21	17	19	14	18	19	21	16	20
Neutral	17	12	22	14	16	13	23	26	11	11	8	13
Somewhat Agree	14	14	15	12	15	15	23	17	11	10	3	5
Strongly Agree	9	10	8	6	10	7	24	6	4	5	3	2
<b>I get along well with others on campus</b>												
Strongly Disagree	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Neutral	10	7	7	8	7	7	7	8	6	7	11	10
Somewhat Agree	44	40	48	37	45	45	45	46	40	41	40	46
Strongly Agree	46	52	44	54	47	47	48	46	53	50	50	43
<b>I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups</b>												
Strongly Disagree	22	18	27	19	22	27	19	20	21	14	21	24
Somewhat Disagree	23	20	26	18	24	23	20	27	24	15	21	29
Neutral	33	35	32	28	35	32	36	33	35	28	42	36
Somewhat Agree	14	17	12	20	13	13	16	13	14	26	8	6
Strongly Agree	8	11	5	14	6	6	9	7	6	18	8	6
	Overall	Gender		Ethnicity		College						
		Female	Male	Minority	White	A&S	ACE	BA	EDHD	HHS	MUS	TEC
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>I am not managing my time well</b>												
Strongly Disagree	19	21	14	18	18	18	13	21	20	18	16	25
Somewhat Disagree	34	34	36	31	36	32	35	33	38	40	34	33
Neutral	28	25	30	28	27	28	30	30	24	24	26	23
Somewhat Agree	15	15	15	15	15	18	16	13	13	15	21	14
Strongly Agree	5	4	5	8	4	5	7	3	5	4	3	5
<b>I am involved with campus activities outside of class</b>												
Strongly Disagree	12	11	11	10	11	9	14	12	9	11	5	13
Somewhat Disagree	17	17	17	12	19	16	18	20	15	18	16	21
Neutral	26	26	26	25	26	25	27	26	27	26	11	23
Somewhat Agree	29	30	31	33	30	31	28	29	33	27	43	30
Strongly Agree	16	17	15	20	15	19	14	13	16	19	24	14
<b>I am having trouble keeping up with my studies</b>												
Strongly Disagree	18	22	15	19	18	19	10	20	23	19	5	26
Somewhat Disagree	37	38	38	37	39	38	37	42	39	33	41	35
Neutral	28	24	30	30	26	23	33	26	25	27	30	25
Somewhat Agree	14	14	14	11	15	17	16	10	11	19	16	10
Strongly Agree	3	2	3	3	3	3	4	2	2	2	8	4
<b>I like the social life at BGSU</b>												

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Strongly Disagree	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	2	2	4	8	5
Neutral	16	14	13	16	13	15	13	14	13	10	16	14
Somewhat Agree	38	37	41	42	38	40	39	42	37	37	34	36
Strongly Agree	42	44	43	36	45	40	44	41	47	48	42	45
	Overall	Gender		Ethnicity		College						
		Female	Male	Minority	White	A&S	ACE	BA	EDHD	HHS	MUS	TEC
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I would recommend BGSU to my friends												
Strongly Disagree	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	2	2	3	4	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	5
Neutral	10	9	8	12	8	11	11	9	6	6	16	4
Somewhat Agree	33	30	34	36	31	32	32	35	29	32	32	35
Strongly Agree	54	59	54	48	59	54	54	55	63	60	50	57
The noise level on my floor does not interfere with my ability to sleep or study within my personal room												
Strongly Disagree	6	5	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6
Somewhat Disagree	10	12	8	6	11	12	10	8	9	13	19	7
Neutral	17	15	16	16	16	14	15	19	12	20	14	19
Somewhat Agree	27	26	29	24	29	29	28	26	29	24	19	25
Strongly Agree	40	43	40	49	39	39	42	42	45	37	42	44

**Gender:**

Females missed home and their friends who are not at BGSU more than did males. They, however, were more likely to take greater advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups than were males. They were also more likely than their counterparts to feel that they have figured out how to study effectively.

**Ethnicity:**

European American students were more likely than minority students to report that their classes are challenging and that they have figured out how to study effectively. Minority students, on the other hands, were more likely than their counterparts to taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups to help out with their study. Although minority students were more likely than European American students to claim that they are 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.

**College:**

Students in the College of Education and Human Development and College of Musical Arts were more satisfied with their roommate and living accommodations than were students in the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Academic Enhancement, College of Business Administration, College of Health and Human Services, and College of Technology. Students in the College of Health and Human Services and College of Musical Arts feel more challenged by their class than were students in the five other colleges. While Musical Arts students were most likely to say that they are actively involved with their classes and that they have figured out how to study effectively, Health and Human Services students were most likely to claim that they have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups. Academic Enhancement students were most likely to have difficulty deciding on a major or career among the students in the seven colleges.

**RESULTS 2. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN RESPONDENTS IN DIFFERENT FIRST YEAR PROGRAMS**

**Table 4. Differences Between Respondents in Different First Year Programs**

	ART_VILLAG	BATCH_MUS	BA_150	BGX	CHAP_MAN	CMAI	HSRC	HONORS	LSL	PCC	PMA	SMART	SPRING_BOARD	UNIV_100	UNIV_131	UPAS
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I am finding it easy to adjust to the University																
Strongly Disagree	0	4	1	1	1	1	3	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
Somewhat Disagree	9	0	3	4	5	5	8	2	5	0	7	5	5	3	10	3
Neutral	11	7	6	10	5	11	5	10	5	0	12	12	8	12	21	15
Somewhat Agree	41	56	41	41	44	38	42	35	37	40	45	41	44	43	38	44
Strongly Agree	39	33	50	44	46	46	42	53	51	60	35	41	42	40	31	38
I have figured out how to study effectively																
Strongly Disagree	2	7	2	3	6	4	7	2	0	15	4	8	3	3	0	4
Somewhat Disagree	20	15	14	12	10	12	7	8	11	5	15	14	13	12	19	13
Neutral	37	22	34	35	28	40	46	14	33	25	41	33	32	37	38	39
Somewhat Agree	39	48	44	42	50	36	30	56	48	40	37	41	45	41	38	39
Strongly Agree	2	7	6	8	7	8	11	20	8	15	3	4	6	7	5	4
I am satisfied with my roommate																
Strongly Disagree	7	0	3	3	3	5	4	4	2	0	3	5	5	4	5	3
Somewhat Disagree	9	15	6	6	8	3	10	5	4	0	6	6	5	7	7	6
Neutral	17	4	18	15	16	19	15	9	7	10	15	18	17	15	20	18
Somewhat Agree	15	15	14	21	27	23	17	28	23	25	21	17	21	23	10	24
Strongly Agree	52	65	59	54	47	50	54	54	64	65	56	55	52	51	59	49
I am satisfied with my living accommodations																
Strongly Disagree	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	3	2	2	2	5	5
Somewhat Disagree	7	11	6	7	7	7	9	5	5	0	10	7	7	8	2	5
Neutral	13	22	15	18	16	15	10	11	13	15	15	19	19	19	22	25
Somewhat Agree	41	37	45	42	45	43	38	43	39	50	49	38	38	43	46	32
Strongly Agree	37	30	32	32	31	35	40	41	43	35	24	34	34	28	24	33

	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>I am making friends easily</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	4	0	2	2	1	1	3	0	1	5	1	0	1	1	2	1	
Somewhat Disagree	2	0	3	5	4	4	3	1	2	0	5	7	2	4	22	2	
Neutral	9	15	14	14	9	11	9	15	18	0	18	10	13	16	15	13	
Somewhat Agree	30	26	36	36	27	31	35	33	43	20	42	29	40	35	39	31	
Strongly Agree	54	59	45	45	60	53	50	51	36	75	34	54	44	44	22	53	
<b>I am not concerned about alcohol use among students</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	7	15	6	6	7	7	2	4	7	5	5	11	6	6	2	5	
Somewhat Disagree	2	11	8	9	6	10	9	14	10	5	10	11	7	8	14	4	
Neutral	52	52	27	30	35	34	29	32	33	21	27	38	35	27	24	27	
Somewhat Agree	20	15	25	26	35	19	28	22	25	32	24	18	22	27	33	24	
Strongly Agree	20	7	34	29	18	31	32	28	25	37	33	23	31	31	26	40	
<b>I feel lonely, left out, or isolated</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	48	41	67	58	67	66	56	59	57	65	55	73	59	56	33	60	
Somewhat Disagree	28	41	18	23	19	16	24	26	34	25	28	15	25	23	36	25	
Neutral	11	15	7	10	8	8	9	13	4	0	9	6	8	11	12	8	
Somewhat Agree	9	4	7	8	5	9	10	1	6	10	6	7	7	9	14	4	
Strongly Agree	4	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	2	1	5	3	
<b>I find my classes challenging</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	0	0	2	3	2	5	1	1	0	0	1	7	4	3	0	7	
Somewhat Disagree	7	7	8	9	12	11	10	4	17	15	5	11	5	8	12	7	
Neutral	33	19	39	35	39	35	24	20	38	15	36	36	31	36	48	43	
Somewhat Agree	50	52	41	43	42	40	48	50	37	50	47	42	49	44	31	37	
Strongly Agree	11	22	10	11	6	9	17	25	8	20	11	5	11	9	10	7	
	ART VILLAG	BATCH MUS	BA 150	BGX	CHAP MAN	CMAI	HSRC	HONORS	LSL	PCC	PMA	SMART	SPRING BOARD	UNIV 100	UNIV 131	UPAS	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	7	0	4	6	4	6	3	5	7	10	4	5	4	5	5	12	
Somewhat Disagree	9	11	10	10	8	9	8	14	12	0	8	9	7	9	7	5	
Neutral	13	15	29	23	26	25	18	15	25	25	26	22	22	22	26	22	
Somewhat Agree	39	44	39	38	31	36	45	47	36	50	37	43	43	38	36	39	
Strongly Agree	33	30	19	24	31	24	26	19	20	15	25	22	23	26	26	23	
<b>It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	17	15	25	26	26	36	19	40	36	10	18	36	27	23	26	24	
Somewhat Disagree	39	44	38	38	33	36	41	35	38	30	39	37	39	38	36	34	
Neutral	33	26	29	28	35	22	27	23	21	40	35	22	28	29	33	32	
Somewhat Agree	11	15	7	7	5	6	12	1	5	20	6	5	5	8	5	9	
Strongly Agree	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	1	
<b>I am getting actively involved with my classes</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	
Somewhat Disagree	7	8	6	6	4	5	7	2	5	5	9	5	6	7	5	5	
Neutral	30	15	49	37	31	29	39	21	39	20	39	35	29	36	55	42	
Somewhat Agree	52	62	40	47	57	53	43	51	46	70	45	44	53	49	33	38	
Strongly Agree	11	15	5	10	6	13	12	26	10	5	6	14	12	9	7	12	
<b>Faculty and staff I encounter have a good attitude toward students</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Somewhat Disagree	0	4	2	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	4	1	1	0	2	
Neutral	4	0	6	6	1	8	7	2	6	5	9	13	7	6	5	6	
Somewhat Agree	39	63	51	48	42	41	50	43	36	50	49	37	48	48	54	43	
Strongly Agree	57	33	40	44	55	49	42	55	58	45	41	47	45	45	42	48	
	ART VILLAG	BATCH MUS	BA 150	BGX	CHAP MAN	CMAI	HSRC	HONORS	LSL	PCC	PMA	SMART	SPRING BOARD	UNIV 100	UNIV 131	UPAS	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>I can't find things to do on weekends</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	28	37	54	50	44	38	50	45	46	60	53	30	48	50	41	58	
Somewhat Disagree	37	33	23	24	13	25	25	36	29	20	28	28	26	24	24	18	
Neutral	20	19	12	13	20	16	12	11	13	15	12	15	12	11	21	9	
Somewhat Agree	11	4	8	9	18	15	11	8	10	5	5	18	13	11	12	7	
Strongly Agree	4	7	3	4	6	6	2	0	2	0	3	10	2	4	2	7	
<b>I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	42	74	27	43	46	50	51	49	63	65	6	55	50	42	10	38	
Somewhat Disagree	11	15	16	18	23	20	20	12	17	10	12	19	14	20	10	17	
Neutral	16	7	24	16	16	14	9	12	5	15	21	13	13	15	22	26	
Somewhat Agree	24	4	25	14	11	11	15	14	8	5	28	10	17	13	27	12	
Strongly Agree	7	0	8	9	5	6	5	13	7	5	33	3	7	11	32	8	
<b>I get along well with others on campus</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Somewhat Disagree	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	



I am not concerned about alcohol use among students		-																
I feel lonely, left out, or isolated																		+
I find my classes challenging		+						+		+								
It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class																		+
I am getting actively involved with my classes		+						+		+								
I can't find things to do on weekends								+	+									+
I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career																		+
I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups																		+
I am involved with campus activities outside of class																		+
I am having trouble keeping up with my studies	+	+																
I would recommend BGSU to my friends																		+

Note for Table 5:

The plus sign (+) indicates that there is a substantially larger portion of students in one or more programs who were **more likely to agree** with a given item than were students in other programs.

The minus sign (-) indicates that there is a substantially larger portion of students in one or more programs who were **less likely to agree** with a given item than were students in other programs.

## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Most Fall 2005 new freshmen seem to be becoming academically and socially integrated into college life during their first a few weeks at BGSU. Although 60% of them feel that they missed their home and their friends who are not at BGSU, the majority of them indicated that it was easy for them to adjust to the University and that they got along well with others on campus, made new friends easily, and didn't feel lonely, left out, or isolated. Two out of three of them pointed out that they were satisfied with their roommates as well as their living accommodations and were not bothered by the noise level on their residence hall floor. Most of them 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. More than seventy percent of them agreed that they can find things to do on weekends and they liked the social life at BGSU. Eighty-seven percent of them would recommend BGSU to their friends.

Fifty-two percent of the survey respondents found their classes challenging and yet only 22% 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 or less of them, however, still had trouble or difficulty keeping up with their studies (17%), managing their time (20%), and deciding a major or a career (23%).

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 1954 (55% 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.