

# **REPORT OF THE RESULTS OF THE 2007 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 eleventh administration of the survey in Fall 2007.

The 2007 survey was administered to all new freshmen at BGSU main campus who enrolled in English 110, 111, and 112H classes in early September. Two thousand two hundred and ninety-nine surveys were returned. This represents 82% of the survey population (2810) and 71% of first time first year new students at BGSU's main campus (3,233). Of the 2,299 respondents, 874 students provided valid 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). The survey respondents, in general, mirror the population in terms of gender, race, and college.

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.

**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*	
Population of New Full-Time Fall 2007 Main Campus First Year Students:														
Total Number	3233	1795	1438	555	2563	115	921	711	358	670	320	87	166	
Percentage	100%	56%	44%	17%	79%	4%	28%	22%	11%	21%	10%	3%	5%	
Survey Respondents:														
Total Number	2299*	518	356	163	691	20	216	201	100	191	110	21	35	
Percentage	100%	59%	41%	19%	79%	2%	25%	23%	11%	22%	13%	2%	4%	

\* 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	HLC*	LSL	PCC	PMA	SPRING BOARD	UNIV 100	UPAS
<b>Population of New Fall 2007 Main Campus First Year Students in Different First Year Program:</b>															
Total Number	111	118	300	3162	138	289	137	161	107	102	41	465	320	786	223
<b>Survey Respondents in Different First Year Program:</b>															
Total Number	30	35	85	867	28	94	42	31	22	24	16	139	85	224	57

\* First year programs with fewer than 15 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

\* HLC: Honors Learning Community

\* LSL: Literacy Serve and Learn

\* PCC: Partners in Context & Community

\* PMA: Pre-Major Advising

\* SPRINGBOARD

\* UNIV 100

\* UPAS: The University Program for Academic Success

## SURVEY 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	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	0	5	0
Somewhat Disagree	4	4	4	4	4	3	5	2	4	4	0	3
Neutral	11	9	9	11	8	9	12	8	7	10	5	9
Somewhat Agree	41	39	39	38	39	42	35	43	41	37	38	29
Strongly Agree	44	47	47	45	48	43	49	46	47	49	52	59
<b>I have figured out how to study effectively</b>												
Strongly Disagree	3	2	4	3	2	3	3	2	2	2	5	0
Somewhat Disagree	11	13	12	19	11	12	16	11	8	14	19	14
Neutral	37	36	35	38	35	36	38	33	31	36	29	46
Somewhat Agree	40	41	41	32	43	38	37	45	47	43	43	31
Strongly Agree	9	9	10	8	9	10	7	9	12	6	5	9
<b>I am satisfied with my roommate</b>												
Strongly Disagree	4	5	3	5	4	5	3	6	3	6	6	0
Somewhat Disagree	6	6	6	4	6	7	7	4	4	8	6	0
Neutral	19	14	19	21	15	17	17	14	18	10	0	27
Somewhat Agree	22	22	22	25	21	19	22	30	22	18	22	24
Strongly Agree	50	54	50	45	55	52	51	46	52	58	67	50
<b>I am satisfied with my living accommodations</b>												
Strongly Disagree	3	3	3	4	3	3	4	2	2	4	0	3
Somewhat Disagree	8	7	10	11	7	8	11	9	7	6	0	11
Neutral	22	18	19	25	17	17	20	19	20	17	10	17
Somewhat Agree	39	41	38	27	42	38	39	38	41	39	60	37
Strongly Agree	29	32	30	34	31	34	27	32	30	35	30	31

<b>I am making friends easily</b>												
Strongly Disagree	2	3	1	4	2	3	3	1	3	2	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	6	6	4	7	5	6	6	4	6	2	0	3
Neutral	15	13	14	12	14	18	12	12	11	15	19	9
Somewhat Agree	36	36	34	35	36	31	36	34	32	46	38	47
Strongly Agree	41	42	47	43	44	42	44	49	48	36	43	41
<b>I am not concerned about alcohol use among students</b>												
Strongly Disagree	7	6	7	7	6	7	4	6	7	4	5	15
Somewhat Disagree	9	9	9	9	9	12	6	7	9	6	5	24
Neutral	25	28	22	30	25	25	27	19	24	29	43	27
Somewhat Agree	28	30	30	25	31	30	29	32	31	34	24	18
Strongly Agree	32	27	33	29	29	26	35	36	29	27	24	15
<b>I feel lonely, left out, or isolated</b>												
Strongly Disagree	58	58	60	65	57	56	62	62	57	58	52	60
Somewhat Disagree	22	24	20	17	23	23	15	25	25	28	5	31
Neutral	12	10	12	7	12	12	12	4	12	9	38	3
Somewhat Agree	7	7	6	8	6	8	9	7	5	4	0	6
Strongly Agree	2	2	2	3	2	1	3	2	2	1	5	0
<b>I find my classes challenging</b>												
Strongly Disagree	4	4	3	9	2	5	3	2	5	1	0	6
Somewhat Disagree	13	13	13	17	12	16	12	10	15	8	10	14
Neutral	35	34	35	41	33	33	36	40	34	30	40	34
Somewhat Agree	39	41	41	26	44	37	43	36	39	50	40	40
Strongly Agree	9	9	9	8	9	9	7	11	7	11	10	6
<b>I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU</b>												
Strongly Disagree	6	4	6	4	5	7	5	3	4	4	0	3
Somewhat Disagree	11	8	13	9	10	11	13	12	5	6	10	17
Neutral	24	20	28	23	24	21	30	26	15	23	30	34
Somewhat Agree	34	36	36	34	36	31	31	38	46	37	30	37
Strongly Agree	24	33	17	31	26	31	22	21	30	31	30	9

<b>It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class</b>												
Strongly Disagree	25	30	22	33	25	23	26	19	31	28	33	43
Somewhat Disagree	40	40	42	38	41	39	42	44	44	36	24	34
Neutral	27	25	30	23	28	30	26	30	21	32	43	17
Somewhat Agree	6	5	5	5	5	7	6	7	4	3	0	6
Strongly Agree	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
<b>I am getting actively involved with my classes</b>												
Strongly Disagree	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	5	3
Somewhat Disagree	6	6	7	6	6	6	9	8	5	4	0	3
Neutral	38	31	34	34	31	32	36	35	31	32	15	20
Somewhat Agree	46	51	48	48	50	47	44	48	55	53	60	54
Strongly Agree	10	12	10	11	11	14	11	9	7	9	20	20
<b>Faculty and staff I encounter have a good attitude toward students</b>												
Strongly Disagree	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	0	3
Neutral	9	7	9	7	8	5	9	10	8	7	10	0
Somewhat Agree	45	47	44	44	47	52	47	43	45	41	38	31
Strongly Agree	44	45	45	48	44	42	40	46	46	49	52	66
<b>I can't find things to do on weekends</b>												
Strongly Disagree	47	48	48	35	51	43	47	55	49	50	33	50
Somewhat Disagree	26	25	29	31	26	27	24	30	27	28	38	24
Neutral	14	15	11	15	13	16	13	10	13	10	14	18
Somewhat Agree	9	9	8	12	8	10	11	2	7	9	10	6
Strongly Agree	4	4	4	7	3	4	5	3	4	4	5	3
<b>I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career</b>												
Strongly Disagree	39	47	37	44	42	41	23	32	58	54	60	66
Somewhat Disagree	23	18	24	19	21	26	12	28	20	17	25	26
Neutral	16	14	18	14	16	16	17	29	9	16	5	3
Somewhat Agree	13	13	13	17	11	13	24	7	8	9	5	6
Strongly Agree	10	9	10	7	9	5	25	4	5	5	5	0

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

<b>I like the social life at BGSU</b>												
Strongly Disagree	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	3	2	3	5	2	2	5	2	3	0	0	0
Neutral	15	13	12	19	11	15	13	11	11	11	24	0
Somewhat Agree	38	38	39	41	37	40	35	29	42	42	38	41
Strongly Agree	42	46	45	33	49	41	46	56	42	45	38	59
<b>I would recommend BGSU to my friends</b>												
Strongly Disagree	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	0	0
Neutral	11	8	9	13	8	11	9	8	8	8	10	0
Somewhat Agree	33	30	32	34	29	34	28	23	33	28	33	34
Strongly Agree	53	59	55	48	61	52	58	65	56	61	57	66
<b>The noise level on my floor does not interfere with my ability to sleep or study within my personal room</b>												
Strongly Disagree	6	5	8	6	6	7	4	5	9	5	0	6
Somewhat Disagree	9	9	10	4	10	6	11	8	12	13	0	6
Neutral	17	14	15	13	15	13	15	15	13	16	10	18
Somewhat Agree	26	25	26	22	26	22	30	26	23	25	35	24
Strongly Agree	42	48	42	55	43	52	40	46	44	42	55	47

### **Differences Between Genders:**

Female students were more likely than male students to report that “I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups” and that “I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU”.

### **Differences Between Race/Ethnic Groups:**

European American students were more likely than minority students to report that “I find my classes are challenging”, “I have figured out how to study effectively”, “I like the social life at BGSU”, “I am satisfied with my living accommodations”, and “I would recommend BGSU to my friends”. Minority students, on the other hand, were more likely than their counterparts to take advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups to improve their academic performance. They were also more likely than European American students to claim that they can not find things to do on weekends and that they were not managing their time well.



### Differences Among Colleges:

Among the students in the seven colleges, Academic Enhancement students were most likely to have difficulty deciding on a major or career. Compared with the students in the five other colleges, students in the College of Musical Arts and the College of Technology were more likely to claim that they have been actively involved with their classes; students in the College of Health and Human Services and the College of Musical Arts were more likely to indicate that they were having trouble keeping up with their studies. While students in the College of Education and Human Development were most likely to report that they missed home and their friends who are not at BGSU, students in the College of Technology were least likely to say so. Technology students were also least likely to agree that they were not concerned about alcohol use among students.

## SURVEY 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	HLC	LSL	PCC	PMA	SPRING BOARD	UNIV 100	UPAS
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>I am finding it easy to adjust to the University</b>															
Strongly Disagree	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	1	0
Somewhat Disagree	3	6	5	4	4	4	2	0	0	4	0	7	5	3	2
Neutral	0	11	15	9	7	13	10	3	5	0	0	12	12	11	11
Somewhat Agree	47	40	32	39	50	44	41	45	36	58	13	35	31	40	35
Strongly Agree	50	43	48	47	39	37	48	52	59	33	88	46	52	46	53
<b>I have figured out how to study effectively</b>															
Strongly Disagree	3	3	4	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	4	2	2
Somewhat Disagree	13	20	14	12	21	18	12	10	14	13	0	19	13	14	11
Neutral	33	31	35	36	36	40	31	23	27	33	31	35	38	38	47
Somewhat Agree	30	43	41	41	43	32	50	58	46	54	63	38	37	39	32
Strongly Agree	20	3	6	9	0	7	5	10	14	0	6	6	8	7	9

<b>I am satisfied with my roommate</b>															
Strongly Disagree	10	3	6	4	4	7	5	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	4
Somewhat Disagree	0	9	5	6	7	6	7	0	0	9	6	7	10	6	6
Neutral	7	12	17	16	18	20	7	7	5	13	19	16	15	16	19
Somewhat Agree	20	27	32	22	29	18	20	23	23	13	6	25	22	20	17
Strongly Agree	63	49	40	53	43	51	61	70	73	65	69	48	51	56	56
<b>I am satisfied with my living accommodations</b>															
Strongly Disagree	0	0	1	3	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	2	2
Somewhat Disagree	7	6	10	8	7	9	7	10	9	8	0	10	11	9	13
Neutral	7	14	20	18	18	23	15	3	5	21	0	23	18	18	14
Somewhat Agree	43	46	39	40	43	27	27	63	59	38	44	37	37	38	39
Strongly Agree	43	34	30	31	25	37	51	23	27	33	56	26	31	34	32
<b>I am making friends easily</b>															
Strongly Disagree	0	3	0	2	4	6	2	0	0	8	0	3	5	1	2
Somewhat Disagree	3	3	6	5	0	9	7	0	0	8	0	7	7	6	4
Neutral	17	17	11	13	11	12	12	16	14	17	6	12	14	10	12
Somewhat Agree	23	43	33	35	22	35	37	45	36	30	6	39	29	37	30
Strongly Agree	57	34	51	44	63	38	42	39	50	35	88	39	45	45	53
<b>I am not concerned about alcohol use among students</b>															
Strongly Disagree	3	9	9	6	7	8	5	0	0	8	0	6	5	5	0
Somewhat Disagree	7	6	8	9	21	11	7	20	18	21	19	4	6	12	5
Neutral	27	15	22	25	32	28	21	30	32	21	25	26	29	27	30
Somewhat Agree	23	41	29	30	14	24	31	33	36	13	25	30	33	27	25
Strongly Agree	40	29	31	30	25	30	36	17	14	38	31	34	27	29	39
<b>I feel lonely, left out, or isolated</b>															
Strongly Disagree	53	54	62	59	59	62	60	53	62	52	75	59	52	65	68
Somewhat Disagree	27	9	25	22	22	18	26	30	24	22	19	15	24	18	12
Neutral	7	20	6	11	15	7	10	7	0	9	6	13	13	9	11
Somewhat Agree	10	11	6	7	4	11	2	10	14	13	0	12	8	7	4
Strongly Agree	3	6	1	2	0	2	2	0	0	4	0	1	4	1	5

<b>I find my classes challenging</b>															
Strongly Disagree	0	0	1	3	0	10	5	0	0	8	7	3	2	4	2
Somewhat Disagree	21	6	13	13	18	19	5	10	14	17	13	9	14	13	17
Neutral	24	43	30	34	50	42	36	30	24	29	33	35	35	32	41
Somewhat Agree	48	46	48	41	29	22	38	50	62	42	47	45	41	40	35
Strongly Agree	7	6	8	9	4	8	17	10	0	4	0	8	7	11	6
<b>I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU</b>															
Strongly Disagree	10	0	4	4	4	3	5	0	5	4	0	5	0	4	4
Somewhat Disagree	10	9	11	10	18	7	7	20	24	4	7	14	9	9	11
Neutral	10	32	29	23	25	22	15	17	24	8	20	28	29	21	33
Somewhat Agree	30	32	43	36	46	37	29	47	38	50	47	36	37	36	21
Strongly Agree	40	27	14	27	7	30	44	17	10	33	27	17	25	30	32
<b>It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class</b>															
Strongly Disagree	23	20	0	27	32	30	31	29	32	33	50	24	25	29	29
Somewhat Disagree	40	37	24	41	32	43	26	42	41	42	50	42	40	36	43
Neutral	27	40	41	27	29	22	36	26	27	21	0	27	31	28	25
Somewhat Agree	10	3	27	5	7	5	5	3	0	0	0	6	5	6	4
Strongly Agree	0	0	8	1	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	1	0	1	0
<b>I am getting actively involved with my classes</b>															
Strongly Disagree	0	0	0	1	4	2	0	0	0	4	6	1	4	1	2
Somewhat Disagree	3	6	9	6	0	4	2	3	5	0	13	10	6	8	7
Neutral	23	38	31	32	29	28	37	23	19	33	19	38	25	28	33
Somewhat Agree	53	44	48	50	46	54	54	50	52	63	56	39	55	51	51
Strongly Agree	20	12	12	11	21	12	7	23	24	0	6	12	11	12	7
<b>Faculty and staff I encounter have a good attitude toward students</b>															
Strongly Disagree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Somewhat Disagree	4	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	5	4	0	2	0	2	2
Neutral	4	6	15	8	0	5	14	10	18	8	0	10	7	4	7
Somewhat Agree	36	46	40	46	46	43	33	39	27	42	25	49	48	43	42
Strongly Agree	57	49	46	45	54	51	50	48	50	46	75	38	45	51	47

<b>I can't find things to do on weekends</b>															
Strongly Disagree	47	26	57	48	37	36	36	39	41	46	63	47	50	55	51
Somewhat Disagree	30	34	27	27	30	30	31	36	32	29	25	23	27	24	25
Neutral	17	26	10	13	15	15	19	13	9	8	6	14	8	10	11
Somewhat Agree	7	11	2	9	11	13	10	13	18	13	0	12	11	7	9
Strongly Agree	0	3	4	4	7	6	5	0	0	4	6	4	4	5	5
<b>I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career</b>															
Strongly Disagree	33	53	28	43	43	43	52	48	35	48	81	13	40	39	44
Somewhat Disagree	30	15	24	21	18	23	19	24	30	22	19	9	17	16	19
Neutral	23	12	32	15	11	15	17	10	15	9	0	18	15	13	14
Somewhat Agree	7	15	13	12	18	14	7	3	0	13	0	27	15	19	18
Strongly Agree	7	6	4	9	11	5	5	14	20	9	0	33	13	12	5
<b>I get along well with others on campus</b>															
Strongly Disagree	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	5	0	0	1	1	0	2
Neutral	3	11	13	8	7	12	7	3	5	4	0	9	12	6	7
Somewhat Agree	40	49	46	44	50	47	41	55	46	44	19	44	33	41	38
Strongly Agree	57	40	41	48	43	39	52	39	46	52	81	46	54	53	54
<b>I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups</b>															
Strongly Disagree	10	30	18	21	21	14	12	27	29	25	25	24	15	17	7
Somewhat Disagree	20	15	18	25	25	20	15	40	43	33	13	36	28	22	13
Neutral	50	39	41	36	43	33	34	30	24	29	44	28	38	36	31
Somewhat Agree	17	6	12	13	11	23	20	3	5	8	6	8	16	17	33
Strongly Agree	3	9	12	6	0	11	20	0	0	4	13	4	4	9	16
<b>I am not managing my time well</b>															
Strongly Disagree	13	17	19	19	11	18	29	26	18	21	31	15	20	19	11
Somewhat Disagree	50	26	44	36	39	31	29	36	36	38	19	33	32	37	38
Neutral	13	40	22	25	29	26	24	19	23	33	31	30	30	23	43
Somewhat Agree	23	11	11	16	21	22	19	19	23	8	19	20	18	17	5
Strongly Agree	0	6	5	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	4

<b>I am involved with campus activities outside of class</b>															
Strongly Disagree	0	14	5	8	7	17	10	0	0	4	0	6	10	5	13
Somewhat Disagree	10	17	17	18	11	13	18	3	0	21	0	18	17	16	28
Neutral	20	17	27	28	29	21	25	16	18	38	25	33	24	29	24
Somewhat Agree	47	29	38	32	43	40	32	52	41	33	31	33	31	32	24
Strongly Agree	23	23	14	16	11	10	15	29	41	4	44	11	18	18	11
<b>I am having trouble keeping up with my studies</b>															
Strongly Disagree	13	23	13	17	7	26	32	23	24	17	38	15	21	18	24
Somewhat Disagree	53	23	41	40	52	32	27	47	43	48	50	35	35	38	36
Neutral	20	37	35	25	22	24	24	20	19	26	13	32	28	26	31
Somewhat Agree	13	9	6	15	11	14	15	10	14	9	0	15	16	16	9
Strongly Agree	0	9	5	2	7	3	2	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	0
<b>I like the social life at BGSU</b>															
Strongly Disagree	0	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2
Somewhat Disagree	0	0	1	3	4	3	5	3	5	5	0	7	4	3	2
Neutral	3	23	10	12	4	25	7	10	10	36	13	10	12	10	22
Somewhat Agree	40	46	32	38	37	37	34	48	40	36	20	39	39	36	27
Strongly Agree	57	29	56	45	56	33	54	38	45	23	67	44	45	50	47
<b>I would recommend BGSU to my friends</b>															
Strongly Disagree	0	0	1	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	4
Somewhat Disagree	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	9	0	4	1	2	2
Neutral	3	11	6	8	7	14	17	10	5	9	6	9	11	7	11
Somewhat Agree	30	43	27	31	22	33	14	38	40	36	19	31	39	26	20
Strongly Agree	67	46	64	58	67	48	67	52	55	46	75	55	49	63	63
<b>The noise level on my floor does not interfere with my ability to sleep or study within my personal room</b>															
Strongly Disagree	3	0	5	6	11	5	10	0	0	13	13	4	2	7	6
Somewhat Disagree	17	3	11	9	4	5	2	3	0	13	6	10	4	11	13
Neutral	13	6	17	14	7	14	12	3	0	8	0	16	23	10	14
Somewhat Agree	20	23	29	25	32	24	20	35	29	17	19	32	24	24	22
Strongly Agree	47	69	39	46	46	52	56	59	71	50	63	38	46	48	46

Statistically significant differences in responses among students in various first year programs could not be determined due to overlap in program participation. Group differences are instead simply reported where a substantially larger portion of students in one or more programs agreed or disagreed with a given item than did students in other groups (see Table 5 below).

**Table 5. Group Difference in Responses among Students in Various First Year Programs**

	ART_ VILLAG	BATCH _MUS	BA 150	BGX	CHAP MAN	CMAI	HSRC	HONORS	HLC	LSL	PCC	PMA	SPRING BOARD	UNIV 100	UPAS
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		%	%	%	%	%	%
I am not concerned about alcohol use among students					-										
It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class			+												
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	+							+	+		+				
The noise level on my floor does not interfere with my ability to sleep or study within my personal room		+						+	+						

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 2007 new freshmen seem to be becoming academically and socially integrated into college life during their first a few weeks at BGSU. Although 58% of the survey respondents indicated that they missed their home and friends who are not at BGSU, the majority of them did report that it was easy for them to adjust to the University (85%), and that they got along well with others on campus (90%), made new friends easily (77%), and didn't feel lonely, left out, or isolated (80%). 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 members 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 that they liked the social life at BGSU. Eighty-six percent of the survey respondents would recommend BGSU to their friends.

Forty-eight percent of the new freshmen found their classes challenging and yet only 18% of them have taken the advantages of mentoring or tutoring groups. Nearly half or more of them reported that they have figured out how to study effectively and that they were actively involved with their classes. About a quarter or less of them, however, still had trouble or difficulty keeping up with their studies (16%), managing their time (19%), 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 in terms of gender, race and college, only 874 respondents (27% of the first time, first year freshmen) provided valid 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.