

REPORT OF THE RESULTS OF THE 2008 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 twelfth administration of the survey in Fall 2008.

The 2008 survey was administered to all new freshmen at BGSU main campus who enrolled in English 110, 111, and 112H classes on September and October. Two thousand three hundred and forty-seven surveys were returned. This represents 85% of the survey population (2,748) and 76% of first time first year new students at BGSU's main campus (3,098). Of the 2,347 respondents, 1,341 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*	EAP*	HHS*	MUS*	TEC*
Population of New Full-Time Fall 2008 Main Campus First Year Students:													
Total Number	3098	1700	1398	484	2516	98	874	551	392	714	283	99	185
Percentage	100%	55%	45%	16%	81%	3%	28%	18%	13%	23%	9%	3%	6%
Survey Respondents:													
Total Number	2347	719	622	211	1088	42	359	246	186	312	124	31	72
Percentage	100%	54%	46%	16%	81%	3%	27%	19%	14%	24%	9%	2%	5%

* 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	HONORS	HLC	LSL	NHSRC	PCC	PLA	PMA	SMART	SPRINGBOARD	UNIV 100	UPAS
Population of New Fall 2008 Main Campus First Year Students in Different First Year Program:																	
Total Number	122	136	344	3047	126	213	125	83	57	143	69	29	322	146	315	656	223
Survey Respondents in Different First Year Program:																	
Total Number	48	53	158	1296	50	76	51	35	25	72	23	15	133	54	149	280	106

* 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
- * HONORS: University Honors Program
- * HLC: Honors Learning Community
- * LSL: Literacy Serve and Learn
- * NHSRC: The Natural & Health Sciences Residential Community
- * PCC: Partners in Context & Community
- * PLA: President's Leadership Academy
- * PMA: Pre-Major Advising
- * SMART: Students of Color Mentoring, Aiding, Retaining, and Teaching
- * 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
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I am finding it easy to adjust to the University												
Strongly Disagree	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	3	2	3	1
Somewhat Disagree	5	6	3	4	5	5	4	2	5	5	0	6
Neutral	13	12	13	15	12	15	16	9	11	12	16	11
Somewhat Agree	41	38	44	36	42	39	40	49	40	39	36	44
Strongly Agree	40	43	38	42	40	40	40	38	42	42	45	38
I have figured out how to study effectively												
Strongly Disagree	2	2	2	4	2	1	5	1	1	2	0	4
Somewhat Disagree	14	14	12	16	13	16	10	16	9	16	16	14
Neutral	37	36	40	41	37	39	42	38	41	32	29	29
Somewhat Agree	38	39	37	30	40	36	33	41	40	40	48	40
Strongly Agree	9	8	9	9	9	9	10	5	9	10	7	13
I am satisfied with my roommate												
Strongly Disagree	5	5	3	4	4	4	6	3	5	2	7	4
Somewhat Disagree	6	7	5	7	6	7	8	3	6	6	3	7
Neutral	17	17	16	17	17	19	16	16	14	15	3	23
Somewhat Agree	23	17	27	18	22	20	20	27	20	24	30	23
Strongly Agree	49	53	49	54	51	50	51	51	55	53	57	43
I am satisfied with my living accommodations												
Strongly Disagree	4	3	4	3	3	4	4	3	2	3	3	1
Somewhat Disagree	7	8	5	8	6	10	6	4	6	5	3	4
Neutral	20	19	19	16	19	16	19	18	18	18	30	26
Somewhat Agree	36	32	37	32	35	33	37	39	33	33	33	34
Strongly Agree	34	39	36	41	37	37	34	37	41	42	30	34

I am making friends easily												
Strongly Disagree	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	3	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	5	6	3	4	5	5	3	3	6	5	7	7
Neutral	16	19	14	14	17	21	17	14	17	12	16	9
Somewhat Agree	35	31	36	35	33	28	35	39	31	40	29	38
Strongly Agree	42	42	46	46	43	45	43	44	45	40	48	47
I am not concerned about alcohol use among students												
Strongly Disagree	8	9	5	11	6	8	6	4	9	8	3	6
Somewhat Disagree	10	13	7	9	11	12	10	6	12	10	13	4
Neutral	28	31	26	26	29	32	32	26	27	26	19	22
Somewhat Agree	25	24	25	20	25	23	19	25	25	26	39	33
Strongly Agree	30	24	37	34	29	25	33	39	27	30	26	35
I feel lonely, left out, or isolated												
Strongly Disagree	56	53	61	63	56	49	63	64	55	54	58	70
Somewhat Disagree	21	22	19	16	22	22	19	18	22	22	16	15
Neutral	13	13	12	11	12	17	10	11	12	10	16	8
Somewhat Agree	9	11	7	9	9	10	8	5	10	12	10	7
Strongly Agree	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	3	0	0
I find my classes challenging												
Strongly Disagree	3	4	3	9	2	5	4	2	2	3	7	3
Somewhat Disagree	12	11	12	14	11	14	13	10	11	9	3	10
Neutral	33	33	34	38	32	26	36	40	37	32	32	33
Somewhat Agree	42	43	43	32	45	47	39	39	43	44	42	47
Strongly Agree	10	10	8	8	9	9	9	9	8	12	16	7
I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU												
Strongly Disagree	6	4	7	8	5	7	7	4	5	3	7	7
Somewhat Disagree	9	7	11	9	8	8	9	13	6	9	7	8
Neutral	24	20	29	22	24	20	22	28	25	22	30	35
Somewhat Agree	35	36	34	33	36	37	33	35	36	30	43	33
Strongly Agree	26	33	20	28	27	29	29	20	28	37	13	17

It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class												
Strongly Disagree	25	28	23	35	25	28	27	23	26	22	29	28
Somewhat Disagree	37	40	37	29	41	40	34	41	39	39	45	38
Neutral	27	23	27	26	24	19	27	27	27	30	19	24
Somewhat Agree	9	7	10	7	9	10	12	6	7	8	7	8
Strongly Agree	2	1	3	4	2	3	0	3	2	2	0	3
I am getting actively involved with my classes												
Strongly Disagree	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	3
Somewhat Disagree	8	6	6	6	6	6	7	6	5	8	13	4
Neutral	38	35	37	37	35	30	41	42	37	33	26	32
Somewhat Agree	43	45	47	35	48	48	42	47	44	46	42	54
Strongly Agree	10	13	9	21	10	15	8	5	13	13	19	7
Faculty and staff I encounter have a good attitude toward students												
Strongly Disagree	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	0	0	1
Somewhat Disagree	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	3	0	0
Neutral	10	8	9	10	8	8	11	9	7	10	7	10
Somewhat Agree	49	49	48	39	50	47	46	51	51	48	52	49
Strongly Agree	38	41	40	50	39	43	42	37	40	40	42	40
I can't find things to do on weekends												
Strongly Disagree	49	51	48	44	51	46	51	55	47	49	45	57
Somewhat Disagree	23	22	24	20	24	25	22	22	22	22	26	24
Neutral	15	14	16	22	13	16	15	10	15	18	10	14
Somewhat Agree	9	10	8	10	9	10	8	9	11	7	19	3
Strongly Agree	4	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	3	0	3
I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career												
Strongly Disagree	42	45	42	44	43	44	24	30	61	42	65	58
Somewhat Disagree	20	20	20	20	20	19	13	30	21	22	16	21
Neutral	15	12	17	14	14	15	19	22	7	13	7	11
Somewhat Agree	13	12	12	15	12	13	19	14	6	18	0	1
Strongly Agree	10	11	10	7	11	9	26	5	5	7	13	9

I get along well with others on campus												
Strongly Disagree	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Somewhat Disagree	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	6	7	1
Neutral	10	8	10	6	9	9	9	6	9	9	10	14
Somewhat Agree	44	41	46	36	44	42	41	51	41	41	40	43
Strongly Agree	43	49	43	55	45	48	48	41	49	44	43	40
I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups												
Strongly Disagree	20	19	22	15	21	23	16	17	20	16	33	26
Somewhat Disagree	23	21	24	21	23	26	21	24	20	16	20	22
Neutral	32	31	35	26	34	29	37	30	35	31	33	40
Somewhat Agree	16	19	13	19	15	13	17	21	16	24	7	7
Strongly Agree	9	12	6	19	7	9	10	8	8	13	7	4
I am not managing my time well												
Strongly Disagree	17	19	17	18	18	20	15	13	22	16	16	25
Somewhat Disagree	33	35	32	26	35	29	33	37	38	37	32	31
Neutral	28	25	30	26	27	26	32	31	24	28	32	21
Somewhat Agree	18	17	18	25	16	21	17	18	15	16	16	14
Strongly Agree	4	4	3	5	3	5	4	2	2	3	3	10
I am involved with campus activities outside of class												
Strongly Disagree	10	9	10	13	9	9	9	10	8	11	10	13
Somewhat Disagree	18	17	18	18	18	18	21	18	15	17	16	14
Neutral	23	20	23	20	22	18	28	24	23	17	3	25
Somewhat Agree	30	31	30	25	32	32	27	32	30	36	32	31
Strongly Agree	19	23	19	24	20	24	16	16	24	20	39	18
I am having trouble keeping up with my studies												
Strongly Disagree	14	16	11	13	13	13	13	8	17	10	16	17
Somewhat Disagree	36	37	38	36	38	34	33	40	41	43	39	39
Neutral	30	28	32	30	30	30	34	31	28	28	36	22
Somewhat Agree	17	18	16	17	17	20	18	19	14	17	10	14
Strongly Agree	3	2	3	4	2	3	3	2	1	2	0	8

I like the social life at BGSU												
Strongly Disagree	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	2	2	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	4	4	2	4	3	3	3	3	4	2	7	4
Neutral	18	17	16	21	16	17	18	13	16	17	16	14
Somewhat Agree	37	35	38	32	37	37	33	39	38	36	32	36
Strongly Agree	41	43	42	43	43	42	44	45	41	43	45	46
I would recommend BGSU to my friends												
Strongly Disagree	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	2	0	3	0
Somewhat Disagree	3	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	1
Neutral	11	10	10	15	9	11	13	10	6	11	7	7
Somewhat Agree	34	30	36	31	33	33	32	36	30	39	29	29
Strongly Agree	51	57	51	52	55	53	51	52	60	48	58	63
The noise level on my floor does not interfere with my ability to sleep or study within my personal room												
Strongly Disagree	10	10	10	5	9	9	9	7	8	9	17	10
Somewhat Disagree	12	13	12	9	12	13	12	12	13	11	7	6
Neutral	19	17	19	17	19	19	17	23	17	19	7	19
Somewhat Agree	25	25	25	26	26	23	26	23	26	27	47	29
Strongly Agree	35	35	35	43	34	37	36	36	36	34	23	36

Differences Between Genders:

Male students were less likely to be concerned about alcohol use among students than were female students. Female students were more likely than their counterparts to take advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups. They were also more likely than males to say 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 challenging" and that "I have figured out how to study effectively". 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 were not managing their time well.

Differences Among Colleges:

Among the students in the seven colleges, Academic Enhancement students were most likely to point out that they have difficulty deciding on a major or career. Health and Human Development students were most likely to say that they have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups. Musical Arts students were mostly likely to indicate that they have involved with campus activities outside of class and were satisfied with their roommates. They were also least likely to complain that they were having trouble keeping up with their studies.

Compared with the students in other five colleges, students in Academic Enhancement and the College of Business Administration were less likely to report that they have been actively involved with their classes. While students in the College of Health and Human Services, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education and Human Development, and Academic Enhancement were more likely to agree that they missed home and their friends who are not at BGSU, students in the other three colleges were more likely to say 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	HONORS	HLC	LSL	NHSRC	PCC	PLA	PMA	SMART	SPRING BOARD	UNIV 100	UPAS
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I am finding it easy to adjust to the University																	
Strongly Disagree	0	4	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	4	0	1
Somewhat Disagree	2	4	3	5	10	5	8	9	4	1	4	0	5	6	7	7	4
Neutral	10	11	10	13	12	17	6	12	20	10	0	0	16	15	12	16	16
Somewhat Agree	42	38	47	41	26	34	36	35	48	38	44	33	42	30	44	37	39
Strongly Agree	46	43	37	40	52	42	50	44	28	48	52	67	37	48	33	40	40
I have figured out how to study effectively																	
Strongly Disagree	2	2	1	2	6	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	4	3	2	8
Somewhat Disagree	17	9	17	13	16	16	14	17	4	18	9	7	9	17	14	12	11

Neutral	38	38	39	39	32	47	22	20	52	34	26	20	43	42	46	41	42
Somewhat Agree	33	43	39	38	38	21	55	54	40	35	52	47	37	19	32	38	30
Strongly Agree	10	8	4	9	8	12	10	9	4	10	13	27	9	19	5	8	10
I am satisfied with my roommate																	
Strongly Disagree	0	4	4	4	4	4	2	3	12	1	0	7	9	0	3	5	2
Somewhat Disagree	20	8	3	6	10	7	6	6	4	10	0	13	6	8	6	7	10
Neutral	2	8	14	16	8	20	20	20	16	15	13	7	15	21	18	15	16
Somewhat Agree	24	21	30	22	34	22	14	9	24	22	13	7	22	25	24	22	17
Strongly Agree	54	60	50	52	44	47	58	63	44	52	74	67	48	47	50	51	55
I am satisfied with my living accommodations																	
Strongly Disagree	2	0	3	3	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	3	7
Somewhat Disagree	2	4	5	6	6	8	6	6	4	11	0	7	5	9	8	4	8
Neutral	17	15	17	18	16	19	22	26	24	11	26	7	18	19	23	15	19
Somewhat Agree	38	34	39	35	37	32	36	37	56	29	39	33	42	26	25	42	31
Strongly Agree	40	47	37	37	41	38	34	31	16	49	35	53	32	43	40	36	35
I am making friends easily																	
Strongly Disagree	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0
Somewhat Disagree	6	4	2	5	2	3	8	6	8	4	0	0	4	0	5	4	3
Neutral	15	23	16	17	14	12	14	6	16	7	22	13	17	21	19	14	18
Somewhat Agree	23	34	40	33	28	36	40	41	40	39	22	27	38	30	33	35	33
Strongly Agree	55	40	41	44	56	49	38	47	36	49	57	60	39	49	42	47	47
I am not concerned about alcohol use among students																	
Strongly Disagree	8	11	3	7	6	5	10	9	0	11	9	7	5	6	7	7	6
Somewhat Disagree	10	8	7	10	16	7	22	27	21	9	9	0	12	12	11	9	10
Neutral	33	25	26	29	16	29	24	24	21	27	26	43	38	23	27	33	23
Somewhat Agree	33	28	24	24	18	26	28	29	38	33	39	21	21	21	16	24	17
Strongly Agree	15	28	40	30	44	33	16	12	21	20	17	29	24	39	39	26	45
I feel lonely, left out, or isolated																	
Strongly Disagree	55	51	64	57	56	58	45	46	60	54	70	53	56	68	60	56	71
Somewhat Disagree	28	25	19	20	20	13	20	23	28	30	26	13	24	11	19	21	13
Neutral	6	13	12	12	12	17	22	17	8	6	4	13	8	13	14	12	11

Somewhat Agree	9	11	5	9	10	11	12	14	4	9	0	20	11	6	5	10	4
Strongly Agree	2	0	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	1
I find my classes challenging																	
Strongly Disagree	4	6	1	3	8	8	2	3	0	6	0	13	3	21	5	4	5
Somewhat Disagree	19	8	10	12	8	13	2	6	12	9	18	20	11	9	12	11	14
Neutral	21	30	37	33	38	34	20	17	24	32	27	27	30	32	32	33	43
Somewhat Agree	49	43	43	43	40	36	49	46	64	46	46	33	47	32	42	44	29
Strongly Agree	6	13	10	9	6	9	28	29	0	7	9	7	8	6	10	9	10
I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU																	
Strongly Disagree	6	2	3	5	6	8	8	9	0	1	0	13	5	8	6	6	11
Somewhat Disagree	10	10	11	9	14	13	10	9	8	9	9	20	10	6	8	10	9
Neutral	25	31	28	23	20	20	16	14	16	28	35	20	21	15	17	23	21
Somewhat Agree	33	33	36	35	34	40	45	43	48	23	44	33	31	38	32	37	35
Strongly Agree	25	25	21	27	26	20	22	26	28	39	13	13	34	34	38	25	25
It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class																	
Strongly Disagree	32	28	24	26	20	27	30	35	8	30	22	36	24	47	29	26	30
Somewhat Disagree	36	40	40	39	38	32	36	38	60	37	35	21	36	28	38	37	33
Neutral	21	25	27	25	34	27	26	18	32	27	30	7	27	11	22	25	27
Somewhat Agree	9	8	6	9	8	9	6	6	0	7	13	14	14	8	10	10	9
Strongly Agree	2	0	3	2	0	5	2	3	0	0	0	21	0	6	1	3	1
I am getting actively involved with my classes																	
Strongly Disagree	0	0	1	1	2	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
Somewhat Disagree	2	2	6	6	2	1	2	3	4	7	0	7	5	4	8	7	11
Neutral	25	36	39	36	32	40	18	23	32	32	26	0	44	28	37	34	39
Somewhat Agree	50	57	49	46	48	34	53	51	60	41	65	47	43	41	48	46	40
Strongly Agree	23	6	4	11	16	22	28	20	4	20	9	47	6	28	8	13	11
Faculty and staff I encounter have a good attitude toward students																	
Strongly Disagree	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	4	7	0	0	1	1	2
Somewhat Disagree	0	0	3	1	4	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	2
Neutral	9	9	8	8	0	3	2	3	4	6	4	0	8	4	9	8	12
Somewhat Agree	55	49	53	49	40	41	51	51	64	49	52	27	55	43	47	50	35

Strongly Agree	36	42	36	40	54	54	47	43	28	44	39	67	36	54	41	40	49
I can't find things to do on weekends																	
Strongly Disagree	47	34	56	50	56	45	43	43	32	54	44	53	49	33	51	51	54
Somewhat Disagree	28	34	22	23	22	18	22	20	36	21	26	7	28	15	21	25	17
Neutral	9	19	8	14	6	18	14	20	16	13	22	20	15	28	16	14	13
Somewhat Agree	8	11	9	9	16	13	18	17	8	10	9	20	7	15	7	9	10
Strongly Agree	8	2	5	4	0	5	4	0	8	3	0	0	2	9	6	1	6
I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career																	
Strongly Disagree	54	53	29	44	46	49	59	57	52	49	70	57	11	46	39	36	39
Somewhat Disagree	17	21	27	20	16	19	16	20	32	24	13	0	8	17	17	19	19
Neutral	13	9	22	14	14	13	12	14	4	11	9	7	24	17	15	14	14
Somewhat Agree	6	9	13	12	16	11	4	3	4	7	4	7	20	12	14	16	17
Strongly Agree	10	8	9	10	8	8	10	6	8	9	4	29	38	8	16	16	10
I get along well with others on campus																	
Strongly Disagree	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	2	4	1	2	2	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	2	1	1	2
Neutral	11	11	7	9	4	4	4	6	4	9	13	7	9	4	6	10	9
Somewhat Agree	30	36	52	43	46	42	46	46	60	39	39	7	46	42	50	41	35
Strongly Agree	57	47	40	46	48	50	50	49	36	49	48	86	44	53	43	47	54
I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups																	
Strongly Disagree	19	17	17	20	20	16	24	20	12	13	22	7	15	12	15	14	17
Somewhat Disagree	32	36	26	23	28	23	28	29	32	9	26	7	25	15	17	20	16
Neutral	34	36	28	33	34	27	26	23	36	37	9	33	37	17	36	38	38
Somewhat Agree	4	8	19	16	14	20	12	14	16	30	39	20	16	19	20	19	15
Strongly Agree	11	4	9	9	4	15	12	14	4	13	4	33	8	37	12	10	14
I am not managing my time well																	
Strongly Disagree	26	21	12	18	12	16	26	23	16	24	26	27	16	19	17	16	12
Somewhat Disagree	19	30	35	34	44	23	33	43	52	34	30	20	27	17	33	35	40
Neutral	32	28	32	27	26	27	14	9	24	16	17	27	35	28	26	26	28
Somewhat Agree	17	21	18	17	16	31	24	23	8	20	26	20	20	34	18	18	15
Strongly Agree	6	0	3	4	2	4	4	3	0	6	0	7	2	2	6	4	6

I am involved with campus activities outside of class																	
Strongly Disagree	4	8	10	9	2	10	0	0	0	11	0	13	8	8	10	6	10
Somewhat Disagree	9	17	20	18	20	16	12	9	24	19	4	0	21	9	21	16	24
Neutral	11	17	24	22	28	14	12	14	24	13	22	7	30	21	23	25	25
Somewhat Agree	36	32	31	31	36	35	47	49	44	34	44	20	24	34	28	30	29
Strongly Agree	40	26	16	21	14	26	29	29	8	23	30	60	17	28	19	23	13
I am having trouble keeping up with my studies																	
Strongly Disagree	10	17	8	13	16	16	14	17	4	21	17	7	12	20	14	15	13
Somewhat Disagree	33	45	41	38	48	29	33	31	60	34	48	43	31	30	33	38	35
Neutral	33	23	30	30	20	28	33	31	24	21	26	21	38	22	29	27	29
Somewhat Agree	21	15	20	17	14	23	18	17	8	24	9	14	16	20	22	17	20
Strongly Agree	2	0	2	2	2	4	2	3	4	0	0	14	2	7	3	3	3
I like the social life at BGSU																	
Strongly Disagree	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	1	0
Somewhat Disagree	2	2	3	3	4	4	4	3	0	1	0	0	2	4	3	2	5
Neutral	15	15	15	16	16	17	20	11	20	11	26	0	19	15	21	15	17
Somewhat Agree	35	42	36	36	22	29	39	40	56	35	17	47	35	34	33	35	29
Strongly Agree	48	42	47	43	57	49	37	46	24	51	57	53	41	47	41	46	50
I would recommend BGSU to my friends																	
Strongly Disagree	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	3	0	3
Somewhat Disagree	0	0	3	2	2	1	6	6	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	3	2
Neutral	10	6	8	10	4	14	10	9	4	7	9	7	14	8	14	9	11
Somewhat Agree	25	30	35	33	31	27	31	34	60	33	9	40	32	32	28	29	29
Strongly Agree	65	62	55	55	63	57	53	51	36	58	78	53	49	60	54	58	55
The noise level on my floor does not interfere with my ability to sleep or study within my personal room																	
Strongly Disagree	2	8	7	8	8	3	4	0	4	6	5	7	9	8	10	7	10
Somewhat Disagree	6	11	14	12	10	11	4	3	4	20	9	7	18	4	13	10	6
Neutral	15	13	25	18	6	16	18	20	12	13	23	21	18	12	12	14	15
Somewhat Agree	33	34	20	26	41	26	30	26	52	21	32	14	27	31	29	31	25
Strongly Agree	44	34	33	36	35	44	44	51	28	40	32	50	29	46	36	38	45

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	CHAPMAN	CMAI	HONORS	HLC	LSL	NHSRC	PCC	PLA	PMA	SMART	SPRING BOARD	UNIV 100	UPAS
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		%	%	%	%	%	%		
I have figured out how to study effectively							+	+			+	+					
I am not concerned about alcohol use among students							-	-									
I find my classes challenging							+	+									
I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU												-					
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	+						+	+			+	+					
I am having trouble keeping up with my studies												+					

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 2008 new freshmen seem to be becoming academically and socially integrated into college life during their first few weeks at BGSU. Although 61% 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 (81%), and that they got along well with others on campus (87%), made new friends easily (77%), and didn't feel lonely, left out, or isolated (77%). 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-five percent of the survey respondents would recommend BGSU to their friends.

Fifty-one percent of the new freshmen found their classes challenging and yet only 25% 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 (20%), managing their time (22%), 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 1341 respondents (43% 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.