

# **REPORT OF THE RESULTS OF THE 2010 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 few weeks at BGSU. This report describes the results of the 13th administration of the survey in Fall 2010.

The 2010 survey was administered to all new freshmen at BGSU main campus who enrolled in English 110, 111, and 112H classes in September. Two thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight surveys were returned. This represents about 88% of the survey population (3,279) and 75% of first-time first-year new students at BGSU's main campus (3,841). Of the 2,868 respondents, 1,646 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*	OTHER*
Population of New Full-Time Fall 2010 Main Campus First Year Students:														
Total Number	3841	2131	1710	788	2854	199	1106	712	410	830	458	114	211	0
Percentage	100%	55%	45%	21%	74%	5%	29%	19%	11%	22%	12%	3%	5%	0%
Survey Respondents:														
Total Number	2868*	920	726	334	1245	67	444	310	181	395	192	33	75	16
Percentage	100%	56%	44%	20%	76%	4%	27%	19%	11%	24%	12%	2%	5%	1%

\* Overall survey respondents included those who reported PID numbers (1646) and those who didn't (1222).

\* 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

\* OTHER: Guest students who are not classified as first-time first-year freshmen by the Office of Admissions but participated in the survey

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

	ART_ VILLAG	BA 1500	BATCH _MUS	BGEX	BGSU 1000	Chapman	HLC	HONORS	LSL	NHSRC	OMA	PCC	PLA	PMA	SMART	UNIV 1000	UPAS
<b>Population of New Fall 2010 Main Campus First Year Students in Different First Year Program:</b>																	
Total Number	113	404	132	3761	311	193	155	201	296	73	213	70	28	369	137	488	347
<b>Survey Respondents in Different First Year Program:</b>																	
Total Number	45	173	55	1575	121	89	57	62	141	24	85	14	10	164	54	208	141
<b>Response Rate:</b>																	
Percentage	40%	43%	42%	42%	39%	46%	37%	31%	48%	33%	40%	20%	36%	44%	39%	43%	41%

\* First year programs with fewer than 10 respondents were excluded.

\* HONORS: University Honors Program

\* HLC: Honors Learning Community

\* LSL: Literacy Serve and Learn

\* NHSRC: The Natural & Health Sciences Residential Community

\* OMA: Office of Multicultural Affairs

\* PCC: Partners in Contest & Community

\* PLA: President's Leadership Academy

\* PMA: Pre Major Advising

\* SMART: Students of Color Mentoring, Aiding, Retaining, and Teaching

\* UPAS: 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	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	4	4	4	5	4	3	5	5	5	2	0	7
Neutral	12	11	14	15	11	15	13	13	10	10	3	10
Somewhat Agree	40	39	39	34	41	40	38	39	38	42	46	34
Strongly Agree	43	45	43	46	44	42	44	42	46	44	52	50
<b>I have figured out how to study effectively</b>												
Strongly Disagree	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	1	3	0	3	1
Somewhat Disagree	12	12	12	18	10	14	13	12	10	13	6	13
Neutral	39	37	41	33	41	38	46	41	38	33	27	33
Somewhat Agree	37	39	37	37	38	37	32	37	40	46	61	35
Strongly Agree	9	9	9	8	9	9	7	9	9	7	3	17
<b>I am satisfied with my roommate</b>												
Strongly Disagree	4	4	5	6	4	5	5	3	4	6	3	3
Somewhat Disagree	7	8	6	7	7	7	8	6	8	8	6	6
Neutral	18	15	16	11	17	17	13	18	14	14	12	14
Somewhat Agree	23	20	29	23	24	23	26	25	23	26	15	27
Strongly Agree	48	53	44	54	48	49	49	48	51	46	64	51
<b>I am satisfied with my living accommodations</b>												
Strongly Disagree	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	2	3	3	6	1
Somewhat Disagree	8	9	7	9	8	9	10	8	6	8	3	8
Neutral	21	20	18	18	19	21	16	19	17	21	15	21
Somewhat Agree	37	37	39	31	40	38	37	39	43	32	39	37
Strongly Agree	32	33	34	40	31	31	36	32	32	37	36	33

<b>I am making friends easily</b>												
Strongly Disagree	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	3	0	1
Somewhat Disagree	6	7	4	5	6	7	6	4	6	6	9	4
Neutral	15	16	12	14	14	13	15	16	13	15	12	11
Somewhat Agree	35	34	31	33	33	33	28	35	36	37	21	32
Strongly Agree	43	41	51	46	45	44	49	43	44	40	58	51
<b>I am not concerned about alcohol use among students</b>												
Strongly Disagree	6	5	5	7	5	4	5	7	5	6	3	9
Somewhat Disagree	9	10	8	6	10	15	8	6	6	7	6	11
Neutral	27	32	21	31	26	28	28	20	27	32	32	20
Somewhat Agree	25	23	29	22	27	21	26	26	29	28	22	24
Strongly Agree	33	30	38	34	33	32	34	42	33	26	38	37
<b>I feel lonely, left out, or isolated</b>												
Strongly Disagree	58	56	62	61	58	56	60	62	58	63	49	58
Somewhat Disagree	21	23	21	19	23	20	24	22	23	18	24	22
Neutral	13	13	10	11	12	15	10	11	12	9	12	13
Somewhat Agree	7	8	5	7	7	8	5	6	7	9	15	7
Strongly Agree	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	0	1
<b>I find my classes challenging</b>												
Strongly Disagree	6	5	7	4	6	7	4	10	5	3	9	6
Somewhat Disagree	11	8	14	11	11	11	15	12	10	7	9	12
Neutral	26	22	29	22	26	25	25	27	24	24	16	25
Somewhat Agree	33	35	32	30	35	33	33	25	37	38	41	38
Strongly Agree	24	30	18	32	23	25	23	27	24	28	25	19
<b>I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU</b>												
Strongly Disagree	4	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	0	4
Somewhat Disagree	14	16	12	19	12	14	12	10	17	18	6	11
Neutral	39	37	40	37	39	40	44	34	39	33	30	40
Somewhat Agree	36	37	37	32	38	35	35	46	33	39	58	38
Strongly Agree	7	7	8	6	7	7	6	7	8	6	6	7

<b>It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class</b>												
Strongly Disagree	24	29	21	31	23	25	27	20	29	28	24	11
Somewhat Disagree	38	41	37	38	40	39	39	43	38	37	42	37
Neutral	27	23	32	22	28	28	26	27	27	23	24	37
Somewhat Agree	8	6	10	8	8	7	7	10	6	11	6	14
Strongly Agree	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1
<b>I am getting actively involved with my classes</b>												
Strongly Disagree	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	7	5	6	7	5	7	7	7	5	5	6	7
Neutral	40	39	38	36	39	40	40	37	40	45	15	43
Somewhat Agree	43	44	46	42	45	40	40	46	43	42	58	37
Strongly Agree	9	11	10	14	10	12	12	9	11	8	21	14
<b>Faculty and staff I encounter have a good attitude toward students</b>												
Strongly Disagree	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	3
Somewhat Disagree	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	0	3
Neutral	10	10	9	11	9	9	9	13	9	12	9	5
Somewhat Agree	48	46	48	39	49	49	49	43	50	50	49	47
Strongly Agree	39	41	41	47	39	40	40	42	38	35	42	42
<b>I can't find things to do on weekends</b>												
Strongly Disagree	48	44	52	45	48	41	50	54	47	52	41	51
Somewhat Disagree	25	27	25	25	27	29	24	30	26	25	28	25
Neutral	15	16	13	15	14	17	16	8	16	13	13	11
Somewhat Agree	9	10	8	10	9	10	7	7	10	7	16	10
Strongly Agree	3	3	3	5	2	4	3	2	2	3	3	4
<b>I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career</b>												
Strongly Disagree	42	47	37	47	41	46	18	26	58	51	67	54
Somewhat Disagree	20	18	24	20	20	22	15	33	21	18	12	18
Neutral	17	13	18	13	16	16	18	18	12	14	7	12
Somewhat Agree	13	12	14	14	13	11	23	17	6	13	9	10
Strongly Agree	9	11	9	7	10	7	27	6	4	5	6	7

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

<b>I like the social life at BGSU</b>												
Strongly Disagree	1	2	1	2	1	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
Somewhat Disagree	3	3	2	2	2	4	2	3	1	2	0	6
Neutral	18	18	16	18	16	20	17	16	14	17	24	7
Somewhat Agree	38	39	38	38	39	37	37	36	41	42	52	45
Strongly Agree	40	38	42	40	41	38	45	43	42	38	24	40
<b>I would recommend BGSU to my friends</b>												
Strongly Disagree	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	3	3
Somewhat Disagree	2	2	2	4	2	3	3	2	1	0	1	1
Neutral	12	13	10	14	10	13	8	12	10	15	8	8
Somewhat Agree	33	32	35	31	34	37	33	34	32	33	27	27
Strongly Agree	51	53	52	50	53	46	57	50	56	50	61	61
<b>The noise level on my floor does not interfere with my ability to sleep or study within my personal room</b>												
Strongly Disagree	9	10	7	9	9	9	9	7	10	7	10	10
Somewhat Disagree	13	15	11	13	13	14	14	8	15	16	3	3
Neutral	21	20	20	16	21	19	20	25	18	18	23	23
Somewhat Agree	24	24	25	21	25	22	24	25	29	22	20	20
Strongly Agree	33	31	37	40	32	36	34	35	29	37	45	45

Compared with the respondents in 2009, 2010 survey respondents were more likely to report that “I find my classes challenging” (46% agreed or somewhat agreed in 2009 vs. 57% in 2010), but less likely to say that “I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU” (55% in 2009 agreed or somewhat agreed vs. 43% in 2010).



Among the 2010 respondents,

- Females and minority students were more likely than males and European-American students to claim that their classes are challenging;
- Females and the respondents in the College of Business Administration and the College of Health and Human Services were more likely than males and the students in the five other colleges to point out that they have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups to improve their academic performance;
- Male students were more likely than female students to indicate that “I am making friends easily”, “I am not concerned about alcohol use among students, and “the noise level on my floor does not interfere with my ability to sleep or study within my personal room”;
- While minority students were less likely than European-American students to agree that “I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU”, they were more likely to disagree that “I have figured out how to study effectively”;
- Among the respondents in the seven colleges:
  - Musical Arts students were most likely to say that “I have figured out how to study effectively” and “I am involved with campus activities outside of class”;
  - Academic Enhancement students were most likely to feel that they had difficulty to decide a major or career.

## SURVEY RESULTS 2: DIFFERENCES BETWEEN RESPONDENTS IN DIFFERENT FIRST YEAR PROGRAMS

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

	ART_ VILLAG	BA 1500	BATCH _MUS	BGEX	BGSU 1000	Chapman	HLC	HONORS	LSL	NHSRC	OMA	PCC	PLA	PMA	SMART	UNIV 1000	UPAS
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>I am finding it easy to adjust to the University</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	8	1	0	0	1	0	1	1
Somewhat Disagree	5	5	2	4	7	6	4	3	6	0	8	0	0	6	6	4	4
Neutral	2	13	9	12	11	13	5	10	11	4	12	0	30	9	15	13	16
Somewhat Agree	43	40	39	39	41	34	35	36	34	38	32	43	30	41	33	40	34
Strongly Agree	50	42	48	44	41	48	56	51	48	50	47	57	40	44	46	42	45
<b>I have figured out how to study effectively</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	0	1	2	2	1	2	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	2	4	3	3
Somewhat Disagree	11	12	9	12	16	10	14	12	9	8	27	14	10	12	15	12	14
Neutral	29	41	38	39	32	44	23	23	46	54	33	43	30	45	39	44	48
Somewhat Agree	44	37	40	38	43	34	50	50	32	33	27	36	50	34	35	32	28
Strongly Agree	16	8	11	9	8	10	13	15	9	4	9	7	10	7	7	9	6
<b>I am satisfied with my roommate</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	4	4	4	4	5	9	0	2	4	4	12	14	10	3	9	4	6
Somewhat Disagree	11	6	4	7	7	3	2	3	7	4	5	7	30	8	7	5	8
Neutral	13	17	17	15	17	8	13	12	9	4	12	0	0	11	9	10	15
Somewhat Agree	16	25	15	24	23	29	18	23	28	25	20	29	30	31	22	29	22
Strongly Agree	56	48	61	49	48	51	68	61	52	63	51	50	30	48	52	51	50
<b>I am satisfied with my living accommodations</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	2	2	7	2	3	0	2	3	4	4	4	7	10	1	2	3	1
Somewhat Disagree	9	8	6	8	6	7	7	5	7	4	16	0	10	9	13	9	11
Neutral	9	20	11	19	16	17	11	12	16	0	16	14	50	17	20	17	16
Somewhat Agree	40	40	38	38	41	40	50	49	40	42	29	43	30	39	32	42	35
Strongly Agree	40	31	38	33	34	36	30	31	33	50	36	36	0	35	33	30	37

<b>I am making friends easily</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	4	1	0	2	3	2	4	2	2	4	5	0	0	1	4	1	3
Somewhat Disagree	9	5	6	6	3	5	4	8	10	4	4	0	0	7	4	6	4
Neutral	11	16	19	14	7	9	4	8	15	8	18	14	20	15	15	9	15
Somewhat Agree	16	36	26	33	27	31	35	29	29	33	21	14	40	31	28	34	25
Strongly Agree	60	42	50	45	60	53	54	53	45	50	52	71	40	47	49	50	52
<b>I am not concerned about alcohol use among students</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	7	6	8	5	6	6	7	10	5	8	5	8	11	3	14	5	7
Somewhat Disagree	13	6	2	9	5	6	12	15	7	25	11	8	11	9	10	7	7
Neutral	24	21	26	27	34	26	44	42	22	29	38	31	33	31	33	32	25
Somewhat Agree	27	25	19	26	23	28	12	11	32	17	19	23	22	28	14	22	23
Strongly Agree	29	42	45	33	33	35	25	23	35	21	27	31	22	29	31	33	39
<b>I feel lonely, left out, or isolated</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	49	61	57	59	64	65	54	53	55	50	57	50	70	55	59	66	65
Somewhat Disagree	23	22	24	22	21	17	29	27	23	21	18	29	30	26	19	18	22
Neutral	9	11	7	12	8	7	13	10	12	21	17	7	0	10	15	10	9
Somewhat Agree	16	5	11	7	6	9	5	10	7	8	7	14	0	7	6	6	2
Strongly Agree	2	1	0	2	2	2	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	3	2	1	2
<b>I find my classes challenging</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	5	8	9	5	5	5	7	5	4	4	4	7	0	6	6	4	2
Somewhat Disagree	12	12	9	11	11	8	9	7	4	4	5	21	30	11	17	10	18
Neutral	21	26	17	25	22	24	20	20	26	38	23	21	30	28	23	26	22
Somewhat Agree	35	26	41	34	34	37	36	39	36	29	39	29	40	33	25	41	33
Strongly Agree	28	28	24	25	28	27	29	30	31	25	30	21	0	22	29	18	25
<b>I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	7	4	0	4	3	5	7	5	2	4	7	7	0	4	11	2	4
Somewhat Disagree	20	10	14	14	13	6	6	3	15	22	21	14	10	11	19	11	14
Neutral	38	34	31	39	41	49	24	20	43	30	38	43	70	43	37	48	43
Somewhat Agree	36	45	48	36	36	36	47	51	31	39	27	29	10	38	26	29	31
Strongly Agree	0	7	8	7	7	5	16	21	9	4	6	7	10	4	7	10	7

<b>It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	34	19	30	26	25	21	22	28	28	25	34	36	20	24	32	26	30
Somewhat Disagree	25	42	35	39	43	51	51	41	35	38	29	36	70	42	37	39	36
Neutral	27	27	28	27	26	26	16	18	29	25	32	29	10	27	19	26	23
Somewhat Agree	7	11	7	8	6	2	11	12	7	13	5	0	0	6	13	7	10
Strongly Agree	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
<b>I am getting actively involved with my classes</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	2	1	0	1	0	1	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	1
Somewhat Disagree	0	8	2	6	8	1	0	0	6	0	10	0	0	6	4	6	9
Neutral	20	36	33	38	35	38	23	19	44	42	32	29	20	39	39	37	41
Somewhat Agree	53	47	50	45	40	47	50	57	36	42	42	50	60	47	35	47	31
Strongly Agree	24	8	15	11	17	12	23	24	14	17	16	21	20	7	20	9	17
<b>Faculty and staff I encounter have a good attitude toward students</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	2	1	1
Somewhat Disagree	0	2	0	1	2	2	0	0	2	13	2	0	0	1	2	1	1
Neutral	7	13	7	10	11	8	7	3	10	4	6	14	20	6	9	12	14
Somewhat Agree	44	43	43	47	42	51	46	50	54	42	35	21	70	57	30	45	40
Strongly Agree	47	42	50	41	45	38	47	47	33	42	55	64	10	36	57	40	45
<b>I can't find things to do on weekends</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	44	54	51	47	55	47	38	39	46	25	44	50	30	48	43	52	54
Somewhat Disagree	24	29	27	27	22	23	38	36	30	25	21	21	40	28	19	27	19
Neutral	16	8	13	15	12	18	13	15	14	25	13	0	10	14	20	12	17
Somewhat Agree	11	7	9	9	6	9	6	8	7	17	14	29	10	7	9	7	7
Strongly Agree	4	2	0	3	5	3	6	2	3	8	7	0	10	4	9	3	3
<b>I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	36	27	46	43	41	53	52	51	53	67	48	100	60	5	59	37	33
Somewhat Disagree	29	34	23	21	17	18	20	16	21	0	21	0	10	11	11	18	19
Neutral	16	17	12	15	18	17	9	10	17	13	14	0	30	15	17	15	22
Somewhat Agree	16	16	10	12	13	8	11	15	7	17	8	0	0	29	7	14	15
Strongly Agree	4	6	10	10	13	3	7	8	3	4	8	0	0	40	6	15	12

<b>I get along well with others on campus</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Somewhat Disagree	4	1	4	2	2	5	0	0	3	4	1	0	0	1	2	2	2
Neutral	9	9	7	8	5	9	5	8	11	4	11	7	0	4	9	4	14
Somewhat Agree	44	49	33	44	40	38	34	37	41	46	33	36	67	44	47	41	38
Strongly Agree	42	40	54	46	52	47	61	55	43	46	55	57	33	51	42	52	46
<b>I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	24	12	11	19	21	18	20	19	17	17	18	18	0	15	6	17	17
Somewhat Disagree	24	23	32	24	29	19	25	23	23	17	20	20	10	38	22	22	27
Neutral	40	35	32	34	31	37	34	32	40	25	33	33	10	34	22	30	36
Somewhat Agree	9	19	15	15	13	16	14	15	15	33	18	18	60	8	28	19	12
Strongly Agree	2	11	11	8	6	10	7	11	6	8	12	12	20	6	22	12	9
<b>I am not managing my time well</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	20	14	17	19	18	25	20	19	24	25	20	14	40	16	20	22	22
Somewhat Disagree	47	44	41	38	42	30	39	42	40	38	34	36	40	37	28	37	31
Neutral	27	27	28	26	23	24	23	21	21	29	29	43	20	29	35	26	28
Somewhat Agree	4	13	13	14	15	15	13	15	14	8	13	7	0	14	15	14	15
Strongly Agree	2	3	2	3	2	7	5	3	1	0	4	0	0	4	2	2	4
<b>I am involved with campus activities outside of class</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	11	9	7	10	10	10	9	2	9	4	12	0	0	13	6	8	17
Somewhat Disagree	4	18	13	16	18	14	4	5	16	8	15	21	0	17	7	15	19
Neutral	16	23	16	22	25	14	11	7	26	21	17	7	10	21	19	23	23
Somewhat Agree	44	34	46	34	28	43	41	47	32	38	31	36	50	32	44	35	27
Strongly Agree	24	16	18	18	19	20	36	40	16	29	26	36	40	17	24	19	14
<b>I am having trouble keeping up with my studies</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	16	16	18	16	18	15	16	19	16	17	18	21	20	10	20	16	15
Somewhat Disagree	49	42	38	40	38	40	46	47	42	42	42	14	60	40	44	36	30
Neutral	16	22	29	26	23	30	20	18	29	33	19	29	10	27	19	30	37
Somewhat Agree	20	17	15	16	18	12	13	11	11	8	18	29	10	18	15	16	14
Strongly Agree	0	2	0	2	3	2	6	5	1	0	4	7	0	4	2	3	4

<b>I like the social life at BGSU</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	2	1	0	1	3	1	4	2	5	4	6	0	0	1	2	2	0
Somewhat Disagree	2	3	0	2	2	3	2	2	1	0	2	7	0	0	2	1	3
Neutral	21	16	20	16	13	15	13	18	14	4	18	0	20	15	19	14	18
Somewhat Agree	32	36	37	39	34	37	44	45	38	57	38	14	70	42	46	36	31
Strongly Agree	43	44	43	41	50	44	38	34	42	35	36	79	10	42	32	47	49
<b>I would recommend BGSU to my friends</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Somewhat Disagree	2	2	4	2	3	0	4	2	2	0	6	0	0	4	2	2	1
Neutral	11	13	9	11	8	8	9	16	15	8	13	7	22	6	17	10	9
Somewhat Agree	36	34	25	33	30	26	33	36	25	29	33	21	56	36	31	30	29
Strongly Agree	50	50	62	53	60	64	54	47	57	58	48	71	22	54	50	56	61
<b>The noise level on my floor does not interfere with my ability to sleep or study within my personal room</b>																	
Strongly Disagree	2	8	4	9	7	5	9	12	12	8	13	0	10	8	11	13	9
Somewhat Disagree	20	9	9	14	13	20	16	13	15	25	13	21	30	15	13	12	13
Neutral	16	25	6	20	18	17	5	3	11	13	17	29	30	17	24	22	22
Somewhat Agree	18	24	34	24	20	25	20	26	30	17	13	7	30	29	19	25	18
Strongly Agree	44	34	42	34	41	34	50	46	31	38	45	43	0	32	33	29	37

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	BA 1500	BATCH _MUS	BGeX	BGSU 1000	CHAPMAN	HLC	HONORS	LSL	NHSRC	OMA	PCC	PLA	PMA	SMART	UNIV 1000	UPAS
I have figured out how to study effectively	+						+	+			-		+				
I am satisfied with my roommate/living accommodations													-				
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							+	+									
I am getting actively involved with my classes	+						+	+				+	+				
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 noise level on my floor does not interfere with my ability to sleep or study within my personal room													-				

*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 2010 new freshmen seem to be becoming academically and socially integrated into college life during their first a few weeks at BGSU. Although 43% 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 (83%), and that they got along well with others on campus (87%), made new friends easily (78%), and didn't feel lonely, left out, or isolated (79%). Two out of three 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-four percent of the survey respondents would recommend BGSU to their friends.

Fifty-seven percent of the new freshmen found their classes challenging and yet only 22% of them have taken the advantages of mentoring or tutoring groups. One out of two claimed that they have figured out how to study effectively and were actively involved with their classes. Some of them, however, still had trouble or difficulty keeping up with their studies (19%), managing their time (19%), and deciding a major or a career (22%).

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 1646 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.