

Report of the Results of the 2000 New Student Transition Questionnaire

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ABSTRACT

This report describes the results of a questionnaire administered to new Fall 2000 main campus first year students. The questionnaire was designed to provide information about how well these students were becoming acclimated to college life within their first two months at BGSU. Results are provided for all respondents, females, males, students of color, students in various colleges, and students who participate in various first year programs.

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 students were becoming acclimated to college life within their first two months at the University. It was initially administered to students in first year English classes in Fall 1997. This report describes the results of the fourth administration of the survey in Fall 2000. Data were collected from 2,491 first year students in October 2000. This represents 74% of all new main campus first year students and the distribution of respondents across groups closely paralleled that of the entire population. Of the respondents, 950 provided PID numbers which allowed their survey responses to be matched with and contrasted by gender, ethnicity, college, and first year program participation. The data were analyzed by the Office of Institutional Research by calculating the percentages of respondents who provided each response to each survey item.

RESULTS

	Overall	GENDER		Students of Color	COLLEGE						
		Female	Male		A&S	BA	EDHD	HHS	MUS	TEC	ACEN
Population of New Full-Time Fall 2000 Main Campus First Year Students	3372	1931	1441	302	854	506	797	195	107	172	741
Percentage in Overall Population	100%	57%	43%	9%	25%	15%	24%	6%	3%	5%	22%
Survey Respondents	2491	520	430	82	215	168	222	77	21	50	197
Percentage in Survey Sample	100%	55%	45%	9%	23%	18%	23%	8%	2%	5%	21%

	PROGRAMS										
	BG Effect	Chapman	HSRC	Honors	LSL	PLA	Spring-board	UNIV 100	UNIV 131	UPAS	None
Population of New Full-Time Fall 2000 Main Campus First Year Students	34	183	48	236	101	23	304	670	10	228	1922
Percentage in Overall Population	1%	5%	1%	7%	3%	1%	9%	20%	0%	7%	57%
Survey Respondents	8	36	16	54	28	0	80	145	0	3	580
Percentage in Survey Sample	1%	4%	2%	6%	3%	0%	8%	15%	0%	0%	61%

	Overall	GENDER		Students of Color	COLLEGE						
		Female	Male		A&S	BA	EDHD	HHS	MUS	TEC	ACEN
I am finding it easy to adjust to the University.											
Strongly Disagree	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	0%	0%	3%
Somewhat Disagree	5%	5%	5%	7%	5%	5%	5%	8%	0%	8%	6%
Neutral	11%	8%	10%	10%	8%	8%	8%	9%	24%	8%	11%
Somewhat Agree	41%	42%	44%	46%	42%	41%	45%	38%	43%	42%	45%
Strongly Agree	39%	44%	39%	34%	44%	45%	41%	42%	29%	42%	36%
I have figured out how to study effectively											
Strongly Disagree	4%	4%	4%	6%	3%	3%	5%	8%	5%	8%	3%
Somewhat Disagree	15%	15%	16%	12%	14%	14%	13%	16%	5%	16%	22%
Neutral	32%	29%	36%	37%	34%	32%	30%	29%	33%	32%	34%
Somewhat Agree	39%	41%	38%	34%	38%	45%	43%	34%	43%	32%	36%
Strongly Agree	9%	11%	6%	11%	10%	5%	10%	13%	10%	12%	6%
I am satisfied with my roommate.											

Strongly Disagree	4%	5%	4%	5%	3%	5%	5%	7%	5%	0%	5%
Somewhat Disagree	6%	6%	6%	7%	5%	6%	5%	9%	14%	10%	6%
Neutral	16%	14%	20%	11%	16%	16%	19%	14%	10%	24%	16%
Somewhat Agree	21%	17%	22%	23%	21%	17%	18%	18%	19%	18%	22%
Strongly Agree	46%	56%	45%	52%	53%	54%	52%	49%	48%	48%	47%

I am satisfied with my living accommodations.

Strongly Disagree	3%	1%	4%	6%	3%	2%	2%	3%	5%	2%	4%
Somewhat Disagree	9%	8%	10%	13%	8%	8%	9%	8%	0%	6%	11%
Neutral	19%	14%	20%	17%	18%	20%	13%	17%	19%	22%	14%
Somewhat Agree	38%	43%	41%	44%	45%	37%	41%	43%	38%	46%	45%
Strongly Agree	25%	31%	23%	20%	25%	30%	32%	29%	33%	24%	23%

I am making friends easily.

Strongly Disagree	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	3%	0%	5%	0%	2%
Somewhat Disagree	5%	5%	6%	6%	7%	6%	4%	7%	10%	14%	3%
Neutral	12%	11%	10%	9%	11%	13%	8%	13%	0%	8%	12%
Somewhat Agree	36%	35%	35%	35%	38%	35%	37%	35%	19%	32%	33%
Strongly Agree	43%	47%	47%	46%	43%	46%	49%	44%	62%	46%	50%

I am not concerned about alcohol use among students.

Strongly Disagree	7%	8%	8%	12%	7%	7%	10%	9%	24%	14%	5%
Somewhat Disagree	9%	10%	7%	11%	12%	5%	9%	9%	10%	10%	7%
Neutral	28%	33%	24%	35%	30%	27%	31%	30%	10%	20%	29%
Somewhat Agree	23%	25%	21%	22%	23%	27%	23%	22%	24%	16%	22%
Strongly Agree	30%	24%	39%	20%	28%	31%	28%	29%	24%	40%	36%

I feel lonely, left out, or isolated.

Strongly Disagree	54%	57%	56%	56%	51%	59%	59%	56%	67%	56%	57%
Somewhat Disagree	19%	20%	20%	23%	26%	19%	19%	14%	5%	26%	19%
Neutral	13%	10%	14%	15%	15%	11%	10%	10%	14%	12%	10%
Somewhat Agree	9%	10%	7%	4%	6%	8%	9%	14%	10%	6%	10%
Strongly Agree	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	4%	0%	0%	2%

I find my classes challenging.

Strongly Disagree	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	0%	5%	2%	2%
Somewhat Disagree	5%	7%	6%	7%	7%	4%	9%	8%	0%	2%	6%
Neutral	26%	25%	24%	28%	24%	22%	23%	14%	24%	28%	31%
Somewhat Agree	45%	46%	47%	40%	49%	49%	46%	46%	38%	42%	45%
Strongly Agree	20%	21%	21%	23%	18%	24%	20%	31%	24%	26%	16%

I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU.

Strongly Disagree	6%	4%	6%	1%	6%	7%	5%	4%	5%	2%	3%
Somewhat Disagree	8%	5%	10%	9%	8%	11%	5%	3%	0%	6%	9%
Neutral	22%	19%	26%	32%	26%	20%	25%	21%	19%	18%	21%
Somewhat Agree	35%	38%	36%	29%	36%	36%	39%	38%	57%	42%	33%
Strongly Agree	26%	32%	21%	28%	25%	24%	25%	34%	14%	32%	32%

It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class.

Strongly Disagree	16%	19%	12%	35%	17%	13%	16%	23%	14%	18%	15%
Somewhat Disagree	33%	35%	33%	28%	34%	35%	37%	33%	38%	30%	33%
Neutral	32%	30%	35%	24%	31%	35%	31%	26%	24%	32%	36%
Somewhat Agree	14%	12%	17%	11%	15%	14%	14%	14%	19%	16%	14%
Strongly Agree	3%	2%	3%	0%	2%	4%	2%	3%	0%	4%	3%

I am getting actively involved with my classes.

Strongly Disagree	2%	1%	2%	2%	0%	6%	2%	0%	0%	0%	2%
Somewhat Disagree	9%	9%	11%	7%	6%	10%	12%	9%	10%	8%	13%
Neutral	39%	38%	37%	31%	44%	35%	39%	40%	24%	30%	33%
Somewhat Agree	41%	45%	43%	48%	44%	46%	41%	38%	48%	52%	46%
Strongly Agree	8%	7%	7%	11%	7%	8%	7%	12%	14%	10%	4%

Faculty and staff I encounter have a good attitude toward students.

Strongly Disagree	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	5%	0%	3%
Somewhat Disagree	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	0%	5%	2%	2%
Neutral	14%	12%	13%	13%	11%	14%	13%	16%	0%	8%	13%
Somewhat Agree	50%	52%	53%	43%	58%	52%	53%	39%	43%	44%	54%
Strongly Agree	29%	32%	30%	38%	27%	30%	30%	44%	43%	46%	28%

I can't find things to do on the weekends.

Strongly Disagree	44%	44%	46%	40%	43%	53%	40%	47%	38%	42%	46%
Somewhat Disagree	22%	22%	22%	22%	23%	20%	23%	20%	10%	22%	24%
Neutral	15%	14%	16%	9%	15%	14%	16%	16%	14%	14%	14%
Somewhat Agree	12%	14%	11%	21%	12%	8%	14%	14%	24%	18%	12%
Strongly Agree	5%	5%	5%	7%	7%	3%	6%	3%	10%	2%	4%

I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career.

Strongly Disagree	36%	37%	34%	39%	39%	29%	52%	47%	62%	60%	7%
Somewhat Disagree	15%	17%	17%	21%	19%	21%	19%	18%	5%	18%	91%
Neutral	16%	15%	17%	18%	16%	26%	13%	14%	14%	12%	13%
Somewhat Agree	16%	15%	17%	7%	13%	14%	9%	12%	5%	2%	33%
Strongly Agree	14%	14%	15%	12%	12%	10%	6%	8%	10%	8%	37%

I get along well with others on campus.

Strongly Disagree	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Somewhat Disagree	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	2%
Neutral	9%	7%	9%	5%	8%	9%	11%	4%	10%	2%	6%
Somewhat Agree	42%	39%	47%	45%	50%	43%	39%	34%	38%	42%	41%
Strongly Agree	44%	52%	43%	48%	41%	46%	49%	61%	48%	52%	49%

I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups.

Strongly Disagree	23%	18%	30%	10%	26%	19%	25%	16%	29%	30%	22%
Somewhat Disagree	20%	19%	22%	16%	25%	19%	19%	8%	10%	18%	23%
Neutral	31%	33%	29%	22%	29%	35%	30%	38%	38%	30%	29%
Somewhat Agree	14%	17%	14%	29%	12%	20%	15%	21%	10%	16%	15%
Strongly Agree	9%	12%	5%	23%	7%	7%	10%	17%	10%	6%	8%

I am not managing my time well.

Strongly Disagree	16%	21%	11%	26%	19%	17%	17%	23%	10%	12%	13%
Somewhat Disagree	30%	34%	30%	22%	28%	38%	33%	33%	43%	38%	27%
Neutral	25%	23%	26%	23%	23%	20%	26%	26%	10%	20%	28%
Somewhat Agree	21%	17%	27%	26%	25%	20%	17%	14%	29%	26%	25%
Strongly Agree	5%	4%	6%	4%	5%	4%	6%	3%	5%	4%	4%
I am involved with campus activities outside of class.											
Strongly Disagree	16%	15%	17%	13%	13%	19%	16%	18%	0%	10%	18%
Somewhat Disagree	16%	16%	17%	9%	17%	18%	15%	16%	10%	22%	16%
Neutral	23%	23%	20%	18%	19%	20%	25%	18%	38%	22%	20%
Somewhat Agree	25%	26%	29%	23%	34%	20%	26%	34%	19%	28%	26%
Strongly Agree	16%	18%	18%	37%	17%	21%	17%	13%	29%	18%	19%
I am having trouble keeping up with my studies.											
Strongly Disagree	14%	18%	13%	22%	18%	13%	15%	20%	19%	20%	12%
Somewhat Disagree	30%	31%	28%	29%	27%	34%	34%	27%	29%	28%	26%
Neutral	27%	24%	30%	22%	26%	24%	24%	27%	24%	22%	34%
Somewhat Agree	22%	24%	24%	23%	25%	25%	24%	23%	19%	26%	21%
Strongly Agree	5%	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	1%	5%	4%	6%
I like the social life at BGSU.											
Strongly Disagree	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	2%
Somewhat Disagree	4%	5%	4%	5%	7%	2%	4%	5%	10%	6%	3%
Neutral	17%	16%	17%	24%	18%	16%	16%	23%	24%	18%	14%
Somewhat Agree	38%	36%	40%	31%	41%	39%	35%	30%	29%	34%	42%
Strongly Agree	35%	40%	36%	37%	32%	41%	42%	40%	29%	40%	38%
I would recommend BGSU to my friends.											
Strongly Disagree	2%	1%	1%	4%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%
Somewhat Disagree	2%	2%	2%	0%	2%	1%	4%	1%	5%	2%	1%
Neutral	13%	12%	13%	22%	13%	17%	10%	14%	10%	8%	12%
Somewhat Agree	32%	29%	35%	31%	36%	30%	28%	26%	14%	38%	34%
Strongly Agree	46%	54%	47%	43%	46%	48%	56%	57%	62%	46%	48%

Gender:

Females were more satisfied with their roommates and living accommodations, but missed home and friends more than males. They were also more concerned about alcohol use among students. Females have taken greater advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups and reported managing their time better than males. Males found it more difficult to get in touch with faculty or staff outside of class.

Ethnicity:

Students of color reported having an easier time getting in touch with faculty or staff outside of class than did other students, but did not take advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups as much as other students. Students of color were not as involved with campus activities outside of class as other students and were not as likely to recommend BGSU to friends as other students.

College:

Students in the College of Musical Arts did not find it as easy to adjust to the University as students in other colleges. Students in the Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Education and Human Development, Health and Human Services, and Musical Arts were more concerned about alcohol use among students than those in colleges. Students in the Colleges of Business Administration and Health and Human Services reported more often that they found their classes challenging, while students in the Colleges of Academic Enhancement and Musical Arts reported significantly less often that they found their classes to be challenging. Students in the Colleges of Musical Arts and Technology were more actively involved in their classes than those in other colleges. As might be expected, students in the College of Academic Enhancement reported having considerably more difficulty deciding upon a major than other colleges.

	PROGRAMS								
	BG Effect	Chapman	HSRC	Honors	LSL	Spring-board	UNIV 100	UPAS	None
I am finding it easy to adjust to the University.									
Strongly Disagree	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	2%	0%	2%
Somewhat Disagree	0%	0%	6%	7%	4%	6%	6%	0%	6%
Neutral	0%	17%	6%	7%	4%	8%	10%	0%	9%
Somewhat Agree	75%	42%	44%	30%	61%	45%	46%	33%	42%
Strongly Agree	25%	42%	44%	56%	32%	38%	37%	67%	42%
I have figured out how to study effectively									
Strongly Disagree	0%	3%	0%	9%	0%	4%	6%	0%	4%
Somewhat Disagree	13%	25%	13%	7%	0%	24%	18%	0%	15%
Neutral	13%	28%	44%	32%	25%	28%	32%	33%	33%
Somewhat Agree	50%	28%	31%	37%	64%	38%	34%	67%	41%
Strongly Agree	25%	17%	13%	13%	11%	8%	11%	0%	7%
I am satisfied with my roommate.									
Strongly Disagree	0%	8%	0%	6%	4%	6%	3%	0%	4%
Somewhat Disagree	0%	6%	19%	4%	11%	5%	8%	33%	5%
Neutral	13%	11%	6%	9%	11%	13%	22%	0%	18%
Somewhat Agree	0%	17%	31%	19%	21%	18%	17%	0%	21%
Strongly Agree	50%	58%	44%	61%	50%	58%	48%	67%	49%
I am satisfied with my living accommodations.									
Strongly Disagree	0%	8%	13%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	3%
Somewhat Disagree	0%	11%	6%	6%	18%	13%	10%	33%	8%
Neutral	13%	14%	19%	7%	4%	16%	17%	33%	18%
Somewhat Agree	13%	39%	56%	54%	43%	36%	43%	0%	42%
Strongly Agree	50%	28%	6%	32%	29%	33%	28%	33%	26%
I am making friends easily.									
Strongly Disagree	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%
Somewhat Disagree	0%	0%	6%	7%	4%	0%	8%	0%	6%

Neutral	25%	14%	6%	9%	7%	11%	14%	0%	10%
Somewhat Agree	50%	25%	6%	39%	46%	28%	31%	33%	38%
Strongly Agree	13%	58%	81%	44%	43%	59%	46%	67%	45%
I am not concerned about alcohol use among students.									
Strongly Disagree	38%	3%	19%	13%	7%	3%	8%	0%	8%
Somewhat Disagree	13%	11%	0%	17%	7%	4%	8%	0%	9%
Neutral	50%	39%	31%	30%	43%	35%	27%	33%	26%
Somewhat Agree	0%	17%	13%	19%	18%	25%	27%	33%	23%
Strongly Agree	0%	31%	38%	20%	25%	33%	30%	33%	32%
I feel lonely, left out, or isolated.									
Strongly Disagree	50%	56%	56%	56%	61%	68%	54%	67%	56%
Somewhat Disagree	13%	19%	19%	24%	21%	18%	18%	0%	21%
Neutral	25%	22%	13%	11%	4%	9%	14%	0%	11%
Somewhat Agree	13%	3%	0%	6%	11%	5%	12%	0%	9%
Strongly Agree	0%	0%	13%	4%	0%	1%	2%	0%	2%
I find my classes challenging.									
Strongly Disagree	0%	0%	0%	2%	4%	1%	1%	33%	1%
Somewhat Disagree	0%	3%	13%	7%	14%	4%	9%	0%	6%
Neutral	13%	25%	25%	11%	18%	26%	30%	33%	24%
Somewhat Agree	75%	58%	38%	43%	43%	53%	43%	0%	47%
Strongly Agree	13%	14%	25%	35%	21%	16%	17%	33%	21%
I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU.									
Strongly Disagree	13%	6%	6%	7%	4%	1%	3%	0%	6%
Somewhat Disagree	13%	8%	13%	7%	7%	10%	6%	0%	7%
Neutral	25%	33%	19%	19%	18%	30%	21%	0%	22%
Somewhat Agree	25%	31%	44%	44%	32%	30%	41%	33%	37%
Strongly Agree	13%	19%	13%	22%	39%	29%	28%	67%	27%
It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class.									
Strongly Disagree	25%	11%	38%	28%	11%	21%	15%	0%	15%
Somewhat Disagree	25%	42%	25%	41%	36%	31%	31%	33%	35%
Neutral	38%	33%	25%	20%	32%	35%	39%	0%	31%
Somewhat Agree	13%	11%	6%	7%	21%	9%	13%	67%	16%
Strongly Agree	0%	0%	6%	2%	0%	3%	2%	0%	3%
I am getting actively involved with my classes.									
Strongly Disagree	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Somewhat Disagree	11%	0%	0%	9%	7%	5%	13%	0%	10%
Neutral	33%	33%	31%	22%	43%	36%	39%	33%	39%
Somewhat Agree	88%	42%	38%	57%	46%	48%	38%	67%	43%
Strongly Agree	13%	8%	25%	11%	4%	11%	8%	0%	5%
Faculty and staff I encounter have a good attitude toward students.									
Strongly Disagree	13%	3%	0%	2%	4%	3%	2%	0%	1%
Somewhat Disagree	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	0%	2%	0%	3%

Neutral	0%	8%	13%	6%	25%	9%	16%	33%	12%
Somewhat Agree	38%	56%	25%	52%	43%	54%	52%	0%	54%
Strongly Agree	50%	33%	63%	41%	25%	35%	27%	67%	30%
I can't find things to do on the weekends.									
Strongly Disagree	50%	44%	69%	41%	39%	54%	45%	33%	43%
Somewhat Disagree	13%	17%	13%	19%	29%	19%	23%	33%	23%
Neutral	25%	14%	6%	17%	21%	19%	12%	33%	14%
Somewhat Agree	0%	11%	6%	15%	7%	6%	14%	0%	14%
Strongly Agree	0%	14%	0%	9%	4%	1%	6%	0%	5%
I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career.									
Strongly Disagree	50%	28%	50%	48%	43%	26%	29%	33%	38%
Somewhat Disagree	25%	14%	13%	9%	18%	11%	17%	33%	19%
Neutral	13%	11%	19%	13%	21%	20%	15%	0%	16%
Somewhat Agree	13%	14%	6%	11%	11%	18%	21%	0%	15%
Strongly Agree	0%	25%	6%	19%	7%	25%	19%	33%	12%
I get along well with others on campus.									
Strongly Disagree	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Somewhat Disagree	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%
Neutral	25%	11%	6%	0%	4%	5%	9%	0%	8%
Somewhat Agree	25%	36%	38%	46%	39%	40%	41%	67%	43%
Strongly Agree	50%	47%	56%	52%	54%	53%	47%	33%	47%
I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups.									
Strongly Disagree	13%	17%	0%	19%	7%	25%	19%	33%	27%
Somewhat Disagree	13%	19%	19%	19%	14%	11%	29%	33%	19%
Neutral	25%	36%	19%	39%	43%	33%	24%	0%	32%
Somewhat Agree	0%	14%	44%	17%	29%	16%	20%	0%	13%
Strongly Agree	50%	14%	19%	7%	7%	15%	6%	33%	7%
I am not managing my time well.									
Strongly Disagree	63%	19%	25%	17%	14%	13%	16%	33%	16%
Somewhat Disagree	13%	11%	38%	46%	39%	35%	29%	0%	32%
Neutral	25%	25%	6%	13%	29%	29%	24%	33%	25%
Somewhat Agree	0%	28%	31%	17%	14%	19%	25%	33%	22%
Strongly Agree	0%	14%	0%	6%	0%	4%	6%	0%	4%
I am involved with campus activities outside of class.									
Strongly Disagree	25%	3%	0%	4%	18%	16%	19%	33%	17%
Somewhat Disagree	25%	3%	0%	17%	21%	19%	12%	33%	18%
Neutral	25%	31%	25%	19%	29%	24%	21%	0%	21%
Somewhat Agree	13%	22%	44%	41%	18%	23%	30%	0%	27%
Strongly Agree	13%	39%	31%	20%	14%	18%	17%	33%	17%
I am having trouble keeping up with my studies.									
Strongly Disagree	38%	11%	31%	22%	18%	14%	15%	33%	15%
Somewhat Disagree	25%	28%	13%	32%	43%	29%	29%	33%	30%

Neutral	25%	33%	25%	20%	14%	34%	23%	0%	27%
Somewhat Agree	13%	19%	31%	22%	25%	20%	28%	33%	24%
Strongly Agree	0%	6%	0%	2%	0%	4%	5%	0%	4%
I like the social life at BGSU.									
Strongly Disagree	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	2%	0%	1%
Somewhat Disagree	0%	3%	0%	4%	4%	3%	4%	0%	5%
Neutral	25%	11%	6%	15%	21%	10%	20%	0%	17%
Somewhat Agree	38%	42%	31%	41%	50%	40%	35%	67%	37%
Strongly Agree	13%	44%	56%	39%	25%	46%	39%	33%	37%
I would recommend BGSU to my friends.									
Strongly Disagree	13%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%
Somewhat Disagree	0%	0%	6%	2%	4%	1%	2%	0%	2%
Neutral	25%	11%	0%	9%	1%	13%	13%	33%	13%
Somewhat Agree	0%	31%	19%	37%	32%	24%	33%	0%	33%
Strongly Agree	50%	50%	69%	48%	50%	61%	48%	67%	49%

Program:

Students in the Chapman, Honors, and Springboard programs were more satisfied with their roommates than students in other programs, while students in the BG Effect program were not as satisfied. Students in the Honors program were more satisfied with their living accommodations than students in other programs, while students in the UPAS program were not as satisfied. Students in Literacy Serve and Learn, Springboard and UPAS reported making friends most easily, while students in the BG Effect program reported having the most difficulty. Additionally, students in the Chapman and Springboard programs felt the least lonely, left out, or isolated. On average students in the Springboard and UNIV 100 programs had more difficulty deciding on a major or choosing a career than students in other programs, while students in the BG Effect and Health Sciences Residential Community had less difficulty. Students in the BG Effect and HSRC programs reported taking advantage of mentoring and tutoring groups more so than students in other programs.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The survey results show that, in the main, most respondents seem to be becoming academically and socially integrated into college life during their first two months at BGSU. The results also tend to reveal few 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, the number of participants from the first year programs remains quite small. It should also be emphasized that while 2,491 total new students responded to the survey (74% of the first year student class), only 950 (28% of the first year class) provided PID numbers which 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.