

National Survey of Student Engagement

- Core Objectives of NSSE
 - Refocus the national discourse about college quality on teaching and learning
 - Provide institutions with diagnostic, actionable information that can inform efforts to improve the quality of undergraduate education
- First administered in 2000
- Established with a grant from The Pew Charitable Trusts
- Sponsored by Indiana University Bloomington
- Surveys first-year and senior students' participation in programs and activities at an institution
- Has been used by over 1500 bachelor's-granting colleges and universities
- 716 institutions participated in 2014
- Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA) mandates the survey to be taken at least every three years at all participating institutions
- Updated in 2013 to enhance the content and information received and remain relevant
 - A quarter of the questions are new, about half had major or minor modifications made to them
 - **Topical Modules**- Institutions can append short sets of questions on designated topics for more in depth information in certain sections
- Administration of NSSE
 - Institutions must provide file containing student data and contact information for first-year and senior students
 - Institutions must also develop campaigns and materials to encourage students to participate in the survey
 - NSSE helps guide institutions through survey processes, including invitations, follow-up messages, and delivery of the online survey
 - NSSE also delivers customized reports, data files, and additional resources for institutional improvement efforts
- Reports received by a participating institution
 - **Customized Institutional Report**- Presents responses by class year and provides some statistical comparisons
 - **Engagement Indicators**- Compares institution's scores to comparison institutions

- **Specialized Summary Reports-** Executive Snapshot, Major Field, and The Student Experience in Brief reports
- **Student Data File**
- **Annual Results**
- Results should be shared with President, board, and institutional researchers to develop progressive ideas
- Results used to identify and improve on issues and successes in the undergraduate experience at institutions
- Utilize the results to create workshops and presentations about moving forward
- Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement (BCSSE) provides more data in regards to first-year students and their experiences
- Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (FSSE) provides information on faculty's perceptions about student engagement