
NSSE 2020
Engagement Indicators
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About This Report

About Your Engagement Indicators Report

Engagement Indicators (EIs) provide a useful summary of the detailed information contained in your students' NSSE responses. By combining responses to related NSSE questions, each EI offers valuable information about a distinct aspect of student engagement. Ten indicators, based on three to eight survey questions each (a total of 47 survey questions), are organized into four broad themes as shown at right.

Theme	Engagement Indicator
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Higher-Order Learning Reflective & Integrative Learning Learning Strategies Quantitative Reasoning
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning Discussions with Diverse Others
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction Effective Teaching Practices
<i>Campus Environment</i>	Quality of Interactions Supportive Environment

Report Sections

Overview (p. 3)

Displays how average EI scores for your students compare with those of students at your comparison group institutions.

Theme Reports (pp. 4-13)

Detailed views of EI scores within the four themes for your students and those at comparison group institutions. Three views offer varied insights into your EI scores:

Mean Comparisons

Straightforward comparisons of average scores between your students and those at comparison group institutions, with tests of significance and effect sizes (see below).

Score Distributions

Box-and-whisker charts show the variation in scores *within* your institution and comparison groups.

Performance on Indicator Items

Responses to each item in a given EI are summarized for your institution and comparison groups.

Comparisons with High-Performing Institutions (p. 15)

Comparisons of your students' average scores on each EI with those of students at institutions whose average scores were in the top 50% and top 10% of 2019 and 2020 participating institutions.

Detailed Statistics (pp. 16-19)

Detailed information about EI score means, distributions, and tests of statistical significance.

Interpreting Comparisons

Mean comparisons report both statistical significance and effect size. Effect size indicates the practical importance of an observed difference. For EI comparisons, NSSE research has concluded that an effect size of about .1 may be considered small, .3 medium, and .5 large (Rocconi & Gonyea, 2018). Comparisons with an effect size of at least .3 in magnitude (before rounding) are highlighted in the Overview (p. 3).

EIs vary more among students within an institution than between institutions, like many experiences and outcomes in higher education. As a result, focusing attention on average scores alone amounts to examining the tip of the iceberg. It's equally important to understand how student engagement varies within your institution. Score distributions indicate how EI scores vary among your students and those in your comparison groups. The Report Builder and your *Major Field Report* (both to be released in the fall) offer valuable perspectives on internal variation and help you investigate your students' engagement in depth.

How Engagement Indicators are Computed

Each EI is scored on a 60-point scale. To produce an indicator score, the response set for each item is converted to a 60-point scale (e.g., Never = 0; Sometimes = 20; Often = 40; Very often = 60), and the rescaled items are averaged. Thus a score of zero means a student responded at the bottom of the scale for every item in the EI, while a score of 60 indicates responses at the top of the scale on every item.

For more information on EIs and their psychometric properties, refer to the NSSE website: nsse.indiana.edu

Rocconi, L.M., & Gonyea, R.M. (2018). Contextualizing effect sizes in the National Survey of Student Engagement: An empirical analysis. *Research & Practice in Assessment*, 13 (Summer/Fall), pp. 22-38.

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Overview

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Engagement Indicators: Overview

Engagement Indicators are summary measures based on sets of NSSE questions examining key dimensions of student engagement. The ten indicators are organized within four broad themes: Academic Challenge, Learning with Peers, Experiences with Faculty, and Campus Environment. The tables below compare average scores for your students with those in your comparison groups.

Use the following key:

Your students' average was significantly higher ($p < .05$) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.

Your students' average was significantly higher ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.

-- No significant difference.

Your students' average was significantly lower ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.

Your students' average was significantly lower ($p < .05$) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.

First-Year Students

<i>Theme</i>	<i>Engagement Indicator</i>	Your first-year students compared with Plains Public	Your first-year students compared with Carnegie Class	Your first-year students compared with Small Peer
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Higher-Order Learning	--	--	--
	Reflective & Integrative Learning	--	--	--
	Learning Strategies	--	--	--
	Quantitative Reasoning	--	--	--
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning	--	--	--
	Discussions with Diverse Others	--	--	--
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction	--	--	--
	Effective Teaching Practices	--	--	--
<i>Campus Environment</i>	Quality of Interactions	--	--	--
	Supportive Environment	--	--	--

Seniors

<i>Theme</i>	<i>Engagement Indicator</i>	Your seniors compared with Plains Public	Your seniors compared with Carnegie Class	Your seniors compared with Small Peer
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Higher-Order Learning	--	--	--
	Reflective & Integrative Learning	--	--	--
	Learning Strategies	--	--	--
	Quantitative Reasoning	--	--	--
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning	--	--	--
	Discussions with Diverse Others	--	--	--
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction	--	--	--
	Effective Teaching Practices	--	--	--
<i>Campus Environment</i>	Quality of Interactions	--	--	--
	Supportive Environment	--	--	--

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Academic Challenge

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Academic Challenge: First-year students

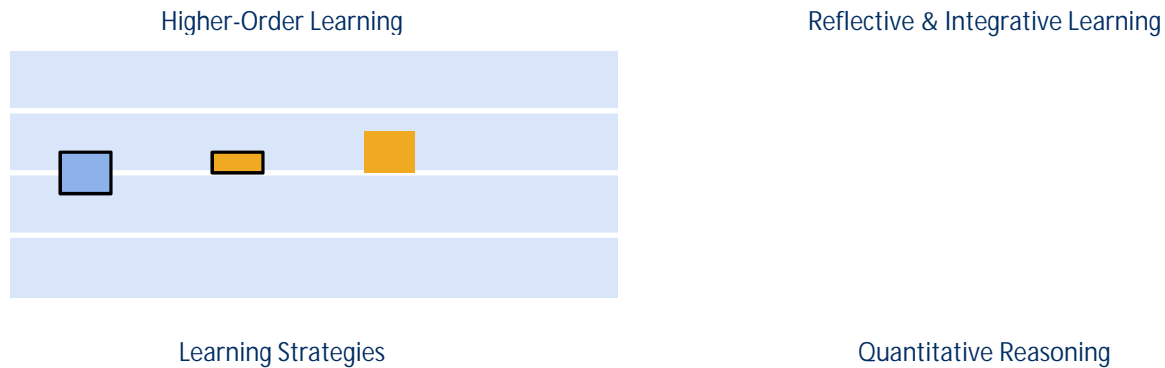
Challenging intellectual and creative work is central to student learning and collegiate quality. Colleges and universities promote student learning by challenging and supporting them to engage in various forms of deep learning. Four Engagement Indicators are part of this theme: *Higher-Order Learning*, *Reflective & Integrative Learning*, *Learning Strategies*, and *Quantitative Reasoning*. Below and on the next page are three views of your results alongside those of your comparison groups.

Mean Comparisons

Engagement Indicator	Central Missouri Mean	Your first-year students compared with					
		Plains Public		Carnegie Class		Small Peer	
		Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Higher-Order Learning	36.5	36.6	-.01	37.8	-.09	37.2	-.05
Reflective & Integrative Learning	34.0	33.9	.01	34.9	-.08	34.8	-.07
Learning Strategies	35.6	36.9	-.09	38.5 **	-.21	37.4	-.13
Quantitative Reasoning	28.4	27.8	.04	27.9	.03	28.2	.01

Notes: Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups); Effect size: Mean difference divided by pooled standard deviation; Symbols on the Overview page are based on effect size and *p* before rounding; **p* < .05, ***p* < .01, ****p* < .001 (2-tailed).

Score Distributions



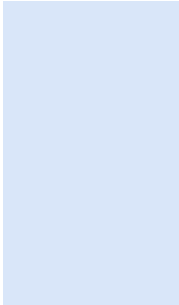
Notes: Each box-and-whiskers chart plots the 5th (bottom of lower bar), 25th (bottom of box), 50th (middle line), 75th (top of box), and 95th (top of upper bar) percentile scores. The dot represents the mean score. Refer to Detailed Statistics for your institution's sample sizes.



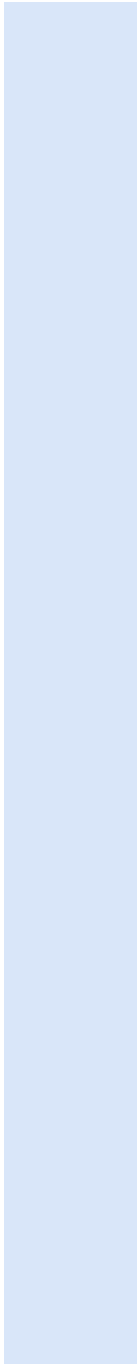
Academic Challenge: Seniors

Mean Comparisons

Engagement Indicator
Higher-Order Learning
Reflective & Integrative Learning



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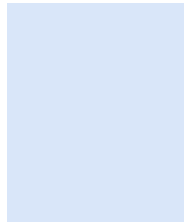
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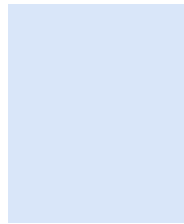
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Experiences with Faculty: First-year students

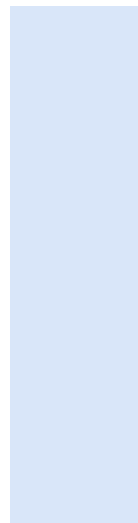
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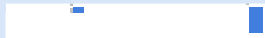
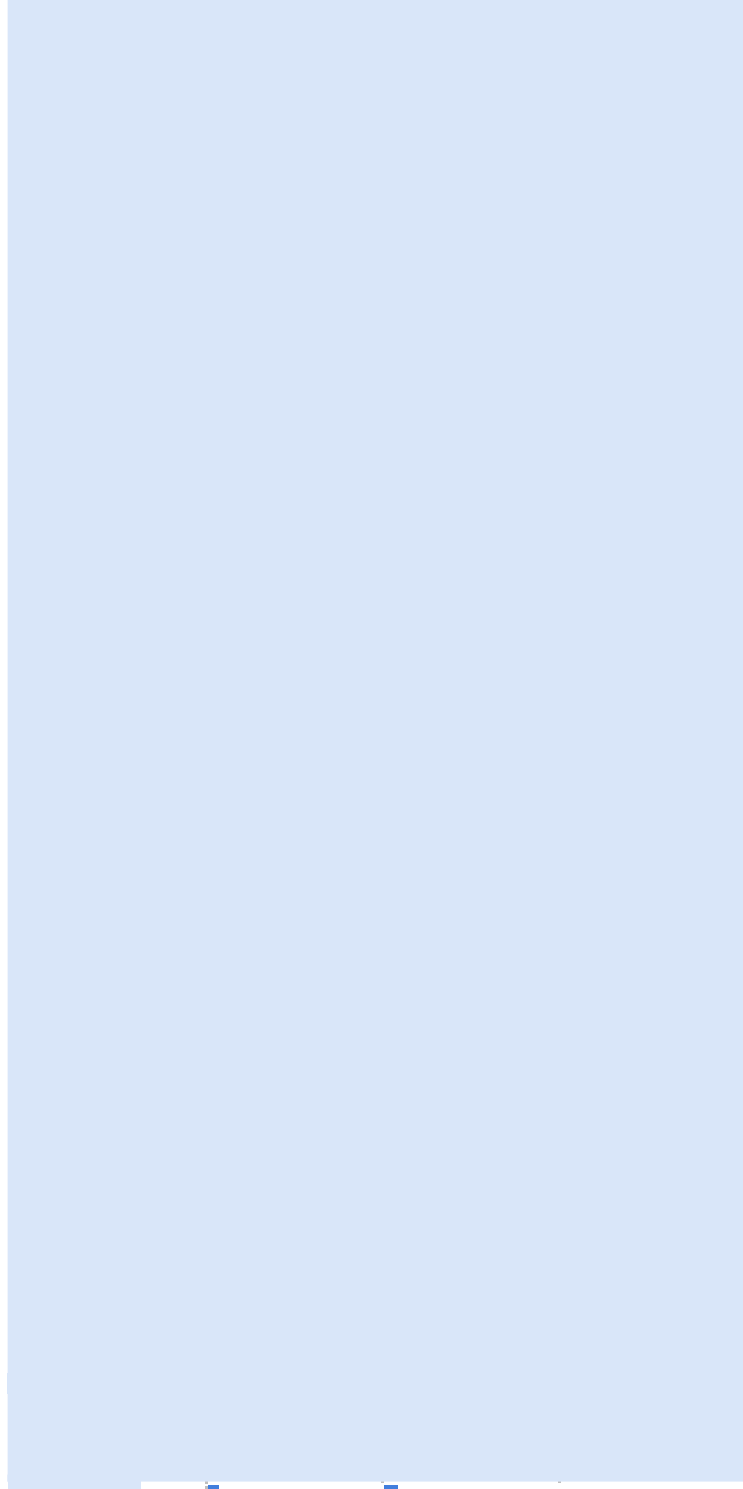
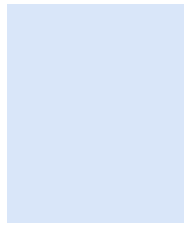
Engagement Indicator
Student-Faculty Interaction
Effective Teaching Practices

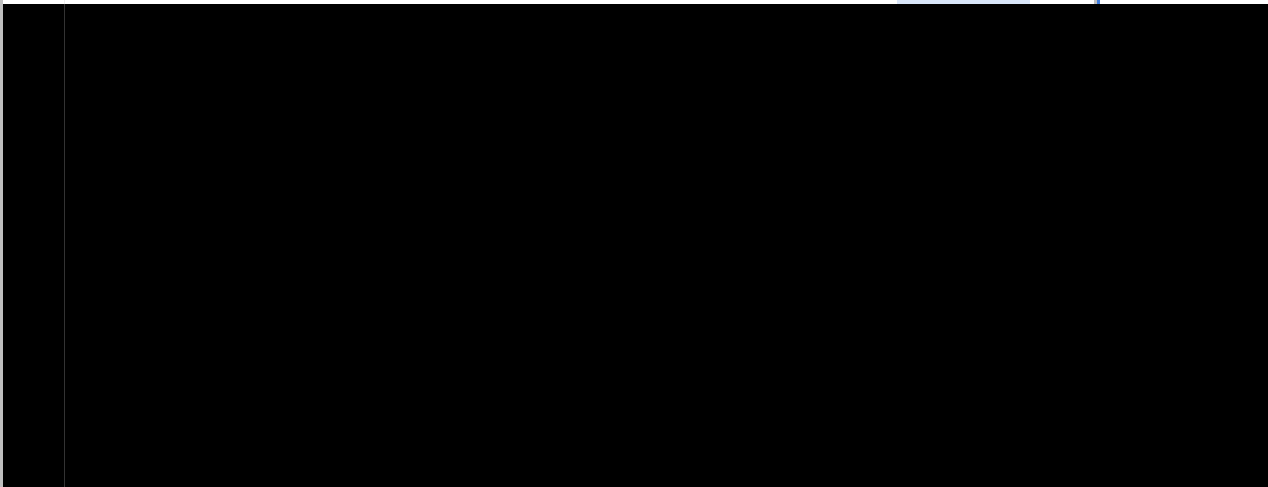
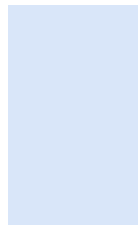
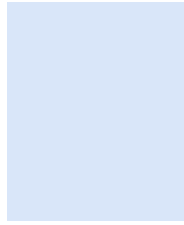


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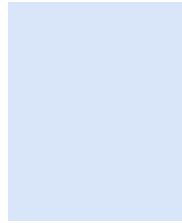




Campus Environment: Seniors

Mean Comparisons

Engagement Indicator
 Quality of Interactions
 Supportive Environment



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Score Distributions

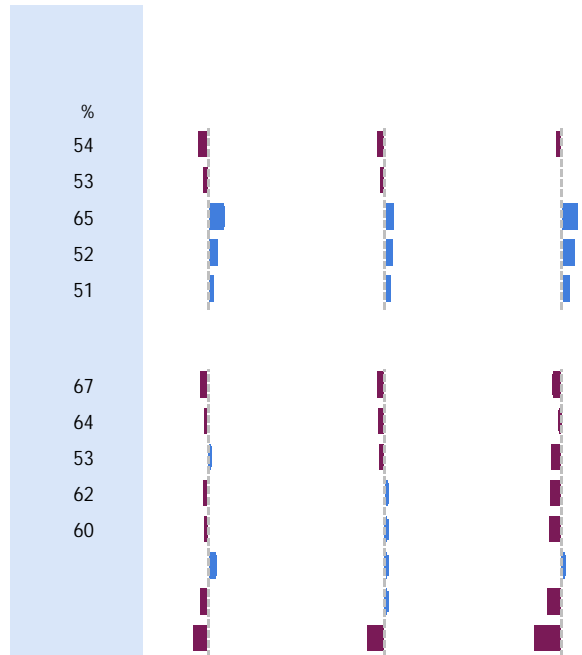
Performance on Indicator Items

Quality of Interactions

- 13a. Students
- 13b. Academic advisors
- 13c. Faculty
- 13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)
- 13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)

Supportive Environment

- 14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically
- 14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)
- 14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)
- 14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially
- 14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)



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Comparisons with Top 50% and Top 10% Institutions

While NSSE's policy is not to rank institutions (see go.iu.edu/NSSE-PnP), the results below are designed to compare the engagement of your students with those attending two groups of institutions identified by NSSE^a for their high average levels of student engagement:

- (a) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 50% of all 2019 and 2020 NSSE institutions, and
- (b) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 10% of all 2019 and 2020 NSSE institutions.

While the average scores for most institutions are below the mean for the top 50% or top 10%, your institution may show areas of distinction where your average student was as engaged as (or even more engaged than) the typical student at high-performing institutions. A check mark (✓) signifies those comparisons where your average score was at least comparable^b to that of the high-performing group. However, the presence of a check mark does not necessarily mean that your institution was a member of that group.

It should be noted that most of the variability in student engagement is within, not between, institutions. Even "high-performing" institutions have students with engagement levels below the average for all institutions.

First-Year Students

Theme	Engagement Indicator	Score	Effect size
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Higher-Order Learning	39.3 **	***
	Reflective and Integrative Learning	36.7 ***	***
	Learning Strategies	39.9 ***	***
	Quantitative Reasoning		31.4 **
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning	***	***
	Discussions with Diverse Others	**	***
	Student-Faculty Interaction	24.5	***
	Effective Teaching Practices	**	***
	Quality of Interactions	**	***
	Supportive Environment	***	***

Seniors

Theme	Engagement Indicator	Score	Effect size
	Higher-Order Learning	***	***
	Reflective and Integrative Learning	***	***
	Learning Strategies		***
	Quantitative Reasoning		***
	Collaborative Learning	***	***
	Discussions with Diverse Others	**	***
	Student-Faculty Interaction	***	***
	Effective Teaching Practices		**
	Quality of Interactions		***
	Supportive Environment	***	***

Detailed Statistics: First-Year Students

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>SD^b</i>	<i>SE^c</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>50th</i>	<i>75th</i>	<i>95th</i>	<i>Deg. of freedom^e</i>	<i>Mean diff.</i>	<i>Sig.^f</i>	<i>Effect size^g</i>
Academic Challenge												
Higher-Order Learning												
Central Missouri (N = 234)	36.5	13.4	.87	15	25	35	45	60				
Plains Public	36.6	12.7	.13	20	30	35	45	60	9,500	-.1	.891	-.009
Carnegie Class	37.8	13.3	.07	20	30	40	45	60	39,605	-1.2	.152	-.094

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Detailed Statistics: First-Year Students

Mean statistics			Percentile ^d scores					Comparison results			
<i>Mean</i>	<i>SD^b</i>	<i>SE^c</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>50th</i>	<i>75th</i>	<i>95th</i>	<i>Deg. of freedom^e</i>	<i>Mean diff.</i>	<i>Sig.^f</i>	<i>Effect size^g</i>

Detailed Statistics: Seniors

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