

**University of Massachusetts - Amherst**  
**2008 National Survey of Student Engagement**  
**Student Characteristics: Respondent and Population Comparison**

<b>Response Rate:</b>	<b>First Year</b>	<b>Senior</b>	<b>All</b>
NSSE Sample	4189	3717	7906
Number of Respondents	1533	1105	2638
Response Rate	37%	30%	33%

\*NSSE sample size and response rate are adjusted for non-deliverable addresses.

**Demographics:**

	First Year		Senior		All	
	NSSE Sample	NSSE Respondents	NSSE Sample	NSSE Respondents	NSSE Sample	NSSE Respondents
	<i>N= 4189</i>	<i>N=1533</i>	<i>N=3717</i>	<i>N=1105</i>	<i>N=7906</i>	<i>N=2638</i>
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>						
African American/Black	4.9%	4.4%	4.0%	3.2%	4.5%	3.9%
American Indian/Native American	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%
Asian American/Pacific Islander	9.0%	10.0%	6.9%	6.4%	8.1%	8.5%
Caucasian/White	71.6%	71.4%	76.1%	76.4%	73.8%	73.5%
Hispanic	4.2%	3.2%	3.1%	3.1%	3.7%	3.2%
International	0.6%	0.7%	1.2%	1.0%	0.9%	0.8%
Unknown	9.1%	9.9%	8.3%	9.5%	8.8%	9.7%
<b>Gender</b>						
Male	47.2%	39.2%	50.9%	43.8%	48.9%	41.1%
Female	52.8%	60.8%	49.1%	56.2%	51.1%	58.9%
<b>Commonwealth College</b>						
Yes	19.4%	24.3%	16.3%	27.7%	16.4%	25.7%
No	80.6%	75.7%	83.7%	72.3%	83.6%	74.3%
<b>School/College</b>						
ENG	6.6%	6.9%	8.0%	9.1%	7.3%	7.9%
HFA	10.3%	10.7%	13.9%	17.0%	12.0%	13.3%
NRE	4.7%	5.2%	9.3%	8.2%	6.9%	6.4%
NSM	13.4%	12.9%	9.8%	9.6%	11.7%	11.5%
NUR	1.6%	2.0%	3.2%	3.4%	2.4%	2.5%
OTH	32.3%	29.9%	2.1%	1.8%	18.1%	18.1%
PUB	3.0%	3.7%	4.6%	6.2%	3.8%	4.7%
SBS	16.6%	17.5%	28.6%	26.1%	22.2%	21.1%
SOM	11.5%	11.4%	20.6%	18.6%	15.8%	14.4%
<b>Mean SAT</b>						
Verbal	564	571	565	582	564	575
Math	579	584	580	594	579	588