

(CDSJ) Student Life Survey (S03-D)

Item-by-Item Responses Weighted Proportionally to Reflect Actual Undergraduate Population with Regard to Race/Ethnicity

(Note: for UNWEIGHTED comparison by racial/ethnic groups see item-by-item results by racial/ethnic group)

Sample response rates and actual sample sizes are as follows: Native American (67.5%, n=27); African-American (72.5%, n=111); Asian (71%, n=103); Latino/a (79%, n=117); White (67.6%, n=413)

Hello, is this _____? My name is _____ and I'm calling you tonight for Project Pulse of the Student Assessment, Research and Evaluation Office at UMass. We are conducting a survey focusing on classroom experiences and other student life issues. All of your responses are completely confidential. Feel free to ask questions at any time.

First, I need to know whether you are a first-year student, sophomore, junior or senior.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 First-year	193	25.2	25.2	25.2
	2 Sophomore	199	26.0	26.0	51.2
	3 Junior	173	22.6	22.6	73.8
	4 Senior	201	26.2	26.2	100.0
	Total	765	100.0	100.0	

Were you a student here at UMass last semester?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Yes	765	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you have a job or jobs on campus?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Yes	233	30.5	30.5	30.5
	2 No	532	69.5	69.5	100.0
	Total	765	100.0	100.0	

How many on-campus jobs do you have? (if have a job or jobs)

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 One	208	89.3	89.3	89.3
	2 Two	22	9.5	9.5	98.7
	3 Three	3	1.3	1.3	100.0
	Total	233	100.0	100.0	

(if one job) The next few questions pertain to your experiences at your campus job during this academic year. Please indicate whether or not you experienced each of the following in your immediate work environment during this academic year.

(if more than one job) The next few questions pertain to your experiences at your primary campus job during this academic year. Please indicate whether or not you experienced each of the following in your immediate work environment during this academic year.

Unfair treatment because of your gender? (if have a job or jobs)

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Yes	5	2.3	2.3	2.3
	2 No	228	97.7	97.7	100.0
	Total	233	100.0	100.0	

Unfair treatment because of your religion? (if have a job or jobs)

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	2 No	233	100.0	100.0	100.0

Unfair treatment because of your race or ethnicity? (if have a job or jobs)

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Yes	5	2.1	2.1	2.1
	2 No	227	97.5	97.5	99.6
	3 Don't know	1	.4	.4	100.0
	Total	233	100.0	100.0	

Unfair treatment because of a disability you have? (if have a job or jobs)

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	2 No	233	100.0	100.0	100.0

Next, I am going to read some statements that describe different things you may personally experience at UMass. Please tell me how often each of the following happens to you at UMass.

You are targeted unfairly or singled out unfairly by course instructors because of your race or ethnicity.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Almost daily	1	.2	.2	.2
	2 A few times per week	1	.1	.1	.3
	3 A few times per month	4	.5	.5	.8
	4 A few times per semester	23	3.1	3.1	3.8
	5 Never	731	95.6	96.2	100.0
	Total	761	99.4	100.0	
Missing	6 Don't know/Refused	4	.6		
Total		765	100.0		

You are targeted unfairly or singled out unfairly by course instructors because of gender.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Almost daily	1	.1	.1	.1
	2 A few times per week	5	.7	.7	.7
	3 A few times per month	4	.6	.6	1.3
	4 A few times per semester	60	7.9	7.9	9.1
	5 Never	694	90.7	90.9	100.0
	Total	763	99.8	100.0	
Missing	6 Don't know/Refused	2	.2		
Total		765	100.0		

Other students making derogatory comments to you in the classroom because of your race or ethnicity.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Almost daily	1	.2	.2	.2
	2 A few times per week	2	.2	.2	.4
	3 A few times per month	5	.7	.7	1.1
	4 A few times per semester	25	3.3	3.3	4.5
	5 Never	730	95.5	95.5	100.0
	Total	764	99.9	100.0	
Missing	6 Don't know/Refused	1	.1		
Total		765	100.0		

Other students making derogatory comments to you in the classroom because of your gender.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Almost daily	1	.1	.1	.1
	2 A few times per week	2	.3	.3	.4
	3 A few times per month	7	.9	.9	1.3
	4 A few times per semester	40	5.2	5.2	6.5
	5 Never	715	93.4	93.5	100.0
	Total	764	99.9	100.0	
Missing	6 Don't know/Refused	1	.1		
Total		765	100.0		

How often do you hear course instructors stereotyping, making negative remarks about or telling jokes that put down members of your racial or ethnic group?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	2 A few times per week	4	.6	.6	.6
	3 A few times per month	8	1.0	1.0	1.6
	4 A few times per semester	114	14.9	14.9	16.5
	5 Never	637	83.3	83.5	100.0
	Total	763	99.8	100.0	
Missing	6 Don't know/Refused	2	.2		
Total		765	100.0		

How often do you hear course instructors stereotyping, making negative remarks about or telling jokes that put down people of your gender?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	2 A few times per week	7	1.0	1.0	1.0
	3 A few times per month	13	1.7	1.7	2.7
	4 A few times per semester	158	20.6	20.7	23.3
	5 Never	586	76.7	76.7	100.0
	Total	765	100.0	100.0	
Missing	6 Don't know/Refused	0	.0		
Total		765	100.0		

Next, I'm going to read you a list of skill areas. Please indicate how helpful your UMass courses have been in developing your abilities in each area.

Developing your ability to work cooperatively with diverse people. Have your UMass courses been

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Very helpful	123	16.1	16.1	16.1
	2 Somewhat helpful	503	65.8	66.1	82.2
	3 Not too helpful	94	12.3	12.4	94.6
	4 Not at all helpful	41	5.4	5.4	100.0
	Total	762	99.6	100.0	
Missing	5 Don't know/Refused	3	.4		
Total		765	100.0		

Developing your understanding of people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds. Have your UMass courses been

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Very helpful	161	21.1	21.3	21.3
	2 Somewhat helpful	432	56.5	57.1	78.4
	3 Not too helpful	122	15.9	16.1	94.5
	4 Not at all helpful	42	5.4	5.5	100.0
	Total	757	98.9	100.0	
Missing	5 Don't know/Refused	8	1.1		
Total		765	100.0		

Developing your openness to having your views challenged. Have your UMass courses been

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Very helpful	228	29.8	30.2	30.2
	2 Somewhat helpful	430	56.2	56.9	87.1
	3 Not too helpful	69	9.1	9.2	96.3
	4 Not at all helpful	28	3.7	3.7	100.0
	Total	756	98.8	100.0	
Missing	5 Don't know/Refused	9	1.2		
Total		765	100.0		

Developing your ability to see the world from someone else's perspective. Have your UMass courses been

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Very helpful	228	29.8	30.2	30.2
	2 Somewhat helpful	392	51.2	51.9	82.2
	3 Not too helpful	111	14.5	14.7	96.9
	4 Not at all helpful	24	3.1	3.1	100.0
	Total	755	98.6	100.0	
Missing	5 Don't know/Refused	10	1.4		
Total		765	100.0		

Developing your knowledge about the cultural backgrounds of others. Have your UMass courses been

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Very helpful	187	24.5	24.7	24.7
	2 Somewhat helpful	398	52.1	52.7	77.4
	3 Not too helpful	139	18.2	18.4	95.9
	4 Not at all helpful	31	4.1	4.1	100.0
	Total	756	98.8	100.0	
Missing	5 Don't know/Refused	9	1.2		
Total		765	100.0		

Developing your ability to work effectively in a group. Have your UMass courses been

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Very helpful	266	34.8	35.0	35.0
	2 Somewhat helpful	351	45.8	46.0	81.0
	3 Not too helpful	118	15.4	15.5	96.5
	4 Not at all helpful	27	3.5	3.5	100.0
	Total	761	99.5	100.0	
Missing	0	2	.2		
	5 Don't know/Refused	2	.3		
	Total	4	.5		
Total		765	100.0		

Next, please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

Overall, students at UMass are socially and culturally diverse.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Agree strongly	269	35.2	35.3	35.3
	2 Agree somewhat	360	47.1	47.3	82.6
	3 Disagree somewhat	100	13.1	13.2	95.8
	4 Disagree strongly	32	4.2	4.2	100.0
	Total	762	99.6	100.0	
Missing	0	3	.4		
Total		765	100.0		

In my classes at UMass, I do not have opportunities to interact with students of different races and ethnicities.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Agree strongly	38	5.0	5.0	5.0
	2 Agree somewhat	134	17.5	17.6	22.6
	3 Disagree somewhat	269	35.2	35.3	57.9
	4 Disagree strongly	321	41.9	42.1	100.0
	Total	762	99.6	100.0	
Missing	0	3	.4		
	5 Don't know/Refused	0	.0		
	Total	3	.4		
Total		765	100.0		

There is a lot of racial tension on the University campus.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Agree strongly	19	2.5	2.5	2.5
	2 Agree somewhat	170	22.2	22.8	25.4
	3 Disagree somewhat	331	43.2	44.4	69.8
	4 Disagree strongly	225	29.4	30.2	100.0
	Total	744	97.3	100.0	
Missing	0	3	.4		
	5 Don't know/Refused	17	2.3		
	Total	21	2.7		
Total		765	100.0		

I have had at least one class at UMass that included intensive conversations among students with different backgrounds and beliefs.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Agree strongly	374	48.8	49.1	49.1
	2 Agree somewhat	240	31.4	31.6	80.7
	3 Disagree somewhat	92	12.1	12.1	92.8
	4 Disagree strongly	55	7.1	7.2	100.0
	Total	761	99.5	100.0	
Missing	0	3	.4		
	5 Don't know/Refused	1	.1		
	Total	4	.5		
Total		765	100.0		

In classes at UMass, I have had the opportunity to learn about different racial-ethnic groups in a non-threatening way.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Agree strongly	378	49.5	50.2	50.2
	2 Agree somewhat	297	38.9	39.4	89.6
	3 Disagree somewhat	54	7.1	7.2	96.9
	4 Disagree strongly	24	3.1	3.1	100.0
	Total	754	98.6	100.0	
Missing	0	5	.6		
	5 Don't know/Refused	6	.8		
	Total	11	1.4		
Total		765	100.0		

Emphasizing diversity contributes to tension on campus.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Agree strongly	49	6.4	6.6	6.6
	2 Agree somewhat	198	25.9	26.8	33.4
	3 Disagree somewhat	267	34.8	36.0	69.4
	4 Disagree strongly	226	29.6	30.6	100.0
	Total	740	96.8	100.0	
Missing	0	6	.8		
	5 Don't know/Refused	18	2.4		
	Total	25	3.2		
Total		765	100.0		

I have felt excluded or silenced in class because of a personal characteristic such as my race, gender, disability, social class, or sexual orientation.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Agree strongly	19	2.5	2.5	2.5
	2 Agree somewhat	60	7.8	7.9	10.4
	3 Disagree somewhat	132	17.3	17.5	27.9
	4 Disagree strongly	546	71.3	72.1	100.0
	Total	757	98.9	100.0	
Missing	0	6	.8		
	5 Don't know/Refused	2	.2		
	Total	8	1.1		
Total		765	100.0		

Prejudice and acts of bigotry are not tolerated on this campus.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Agree strongly	299	39.1	40.3	40.3
	2 Agree somewhat	277	36.3	37.4	77.7
	3 Disagree somewhat	143	18.7	19.3	96.9
	4 Disagree strongly	23	3.0	3.1	100.0
	Total	742	97.0	100.0	
Missing	0	6	.8		
	5 Don't know/Refused	16	2.2		
	Total	23	3.0		
Total		765	100.0		

In your experience at UMass during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?

Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Never	40	5.2	5.2	5.2
	2 Sometimes	319	41.7	42.1	47.4
	3 Often	249	32.6	33.0	80.3
	4 Very often	149	19.5	19.7	100.0
	Total	757	98.9	100.0	
Missing	0	8	1.1		
Total		765	100.0		

Had serious conversations with students who differ from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Never	32	4.1	4.2	4.2
	2 Sometimes	218	28.5	28.9	33.0
	3 Often	250	32.7	33.0	66.1
	4 Very often	257	33.5	33.9	100.0
	Total	757	98.9	100.0	
Missing	0	8	1.1		
Total		765	100.0		

The term “racial profiling” is used to describe the unfair targeting or singling-out of people on the basis of their race or ethnicity by police officers or student security guards.

To what extent do you think that racial profiling is a problem at UMass?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 To a very little extent	167	21.8	24.2	24.2
	2 To a little extent	239	31.2	34.6	58.8
	3 To some extent	233	30.5	33.8	92.6
	4 To a great extent	37	4.9	5.4	98.0
	5 To a very great extent	14	1.8	2.0	100.0
	Total	690	90.2	100.0	
Missing	0	8	1.1		
	6 Don't know/Refused	67	8.7		
	Total	75	9.8		
Total		765	100.0		

Have you, personally, ever experienced racial profiling on campus?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Yes	48	6.2	6.3	6.3
	2 No	688	90.0	91.2	97.5
	3 Not sure	19	2.5	2.5	100.0
	Total	755	98.7	100.0	
Missing	0	10	1.3		
	4 Refused	0	.0		
	Total	10	1.3		
Total		765	100.0		

The last set of questions asks for demographic information. This information allows us to compare difference, if any, among groups.

Are you a member of a Registered Student Organization - or RSO?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Yes	188	24.6	25.0	25.0
	2 No	563	73.6	75.0	100.0
	Total	751	98.2	100.0	
Missing	0	10	1.3		
	3 Don't know/Refused	4	.5		
	Total	14	1.8		
Total		765	100.0		

Did you enter UMass as a Freshman or Transfer Student?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Freshman	614	80.3	81.5	81.5
	2 Transfer	139	18.2	18.5	100.0
	Total	753	98.5	100.0	
Missing	0	10	1.3		
	3 Don't know/Refused	2	.2		
	Total	12	1.5		
Total		765	100.0		

Have you declared a major?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Yes	641	83.8	84.9	84.9
	2 No	114	14.9	15.1	100.0
	Total	755	98.7	100.0	
Missing	0	10	1.3		
Total		765	100.0		

Do you live on campus or off campus?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 On	499	65.2	66.2	66.2
	2 Off	255	33.3	33.8	100.0
	Total	753	98.5	100.0	
Missing	0	10	1.3		
	3 Refused	2	.2		
	Total	12	1.5		
Total		765	100.0		

What is your residential area? (if live on campus)

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Northeast	52	6.8	10.4	10.4
	2 Sylvan	42	5.5	8.4	18.8
	3 Orchard Hill	81	10.6	16.3	35.1
	4 Central	96	12.5	19.2	54.3
	5 Southwest	228	29.8	45.7	100.0
	Total	499	65.2	100.0	
Missing	0	266	34.8		
Total		765	100.0		

Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Bi-racial or Multi-racial	16	2.1	2.1	2.1
	2 Cape Verdean	2	.3	.3	2.4
	3 Latino or Hispanic or Chicano	25	3.3	3.3	5.7
	4 White or Caucasian	617	80.6	81.7	87.5
	5 Asian-American or Pacific Islander	52	6.8	6.9	94.4
	6 African-American or Black	28	3.7	3.7	98.1
	7 Native American, N. or S. American Indian, or Alaskan Native	2	.2	.3	98.3
	8 Other	12	1.6	1.6	99.9
	9	1	.1	.1	100.0
	Total	755	98.7	100.0	
Missing	0	10	1.3		
Total		765	100.0		

NOTE: REMEMBER, THESE FREQUENCIES ARE AFTER PROPORTIONAL WEIGHTING

What is your age?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	17	0	.0	.0	.0
	18	86	11.2	11.4	11.4
	19	167	21.9	22.1	33.6
	20	184	24.0	24.4	57.9
	21	154	20.2	20.4	78.3
	22	92	12.1	12.2	90.6
	23	25	3.2	3.3	93.8
	24	13	1.7	1.7	95.5
	25	6	.8	.9	96.4
	26	7	.9	.9	97.2
	27	3	.4	.5	97.7
	28	2	.2	.2	97.9
	29	0	.0	.0	97.9
	30	2	.2	.2	98.1
	31	2	.2	.2	98.3
	32	1	.1	.1	98.5
	33	5	.6	.6	99.1
	35	0	.0	.0	99.1
	44	3	.4	.4	99.5
	46	0	.0	.0	99.6
48	2	.2	.2	99.8	
58	2	.2	.2	100.0	
60	0	.0	.0	100.0	
Total		755	98.7	100.0	
Missing	0	10	1.3		
Total		765	100.0		

Sex

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Female	396	51.7	51.9	51.9
	2 Male	367	48.0	48.1	100.0
	Total	763	99.7	100.0	
Missing	3 Unknown	2	.3		
Total		765	100.0		