

NSSE 2017 & 2018 Topical Modules

U.S. Summary Frequencies by Class and Carnegie Classification

Experiences with Writing

Item wording or description	Variable name	Response options	First-Year Students								Seniors							
			Doctoral		Master's		Bacc.		Total		Doctoral		Master's		Bacc.		Total	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. During the current school year, for how many writing assignments have you done the following?																		
a. Talked with a classmate, friend, or family member to develop your ideas before starting your assignment	WRI01a	No writing assignments	954	10	625	10	191	7	1,774	9	1,288	11	1,042	11	289	9	2,624	11
		Few writing assignments	2,320	23	1,555	21	615	20	4,507	22	2,826	23	2,224	22	741	22	5,819	22
		Some writing assignments	3,679	35	2,909	35	1,187	39	7,804	35	4,349	35	3,708	34	1,238	36	9,325	34
		Most writing assignments	2,705	25	2,098	25	864	27	5,685	25	2,871	23	2,675	24	916	26	6,489	23
		All writing assignments	844	8	671	10	188	7	1,705	8	1,122	9	1,008	9	242	7	2,380	9
	Total	10,502	100	7,858	100	3,045	100	21,475	100	12,456	100	10,657	100	3,426	100	26,637	100	
b. Received feedback from a classmate, friend, or family member about a draft before turning in your final assignment	WRI01b	No writing assignments	873	9	629	10	179	7	1,687	9	1,830	15	1,408	15	389	12	3,636	15
		Few writing assignments	1,988	20	1,448	19	543	18	3,994	19	3,098	25	2,435	23	859	25	6,420	24
		Some writing assignments	3,291	32	2,570	32	1,069	35	6,957	32	4,024	32	3,417	31	1,164	34	8,637	32
		Most writing assignments	3,183	30	2,344	29	981	31	6,524	29	2,527	20	2,425	22	784	22	5,756	21
		All writing assignments	1,116	10	815	11	258	9	2,194	10	928	7	901	8	217	7	2,055	8
	Total	10,451	100	7,806	100	3,030	100	21,356	100	12,407	100	10,586	100	3,413	100	26,504	100	
c. Gave feedback to a classmate about a draft or outline	WRI01c	No writing assignments	1,051	11	740	12	206	8	2,006	11	2,342	19	1,835	20	432	13	4,627	19
		Few writing assignments	2,086	20	1,585	20	604	20	4,293	20	3,314	27	2,514	24	861	25	6,712	25
		Some writing assignments	3,695	35	2,909	35	1,279	41	7,906	36	4,259	34	3,737	34	1,420	41	9,455	34
		Most writing assignments	2,867	26	2,049	24	801	26	5,735	26	1,966	16	1,948	18	603	17	4,533	17
		All writing assignments	797	7	563	8	151	6	1,512	7	569	5	588	6	110	3	1,269	5
	Total	10,496	100	7,846	100	3,041	100	21,452	100	12,450	100	10,622	100	3,426	100	26,596	100	
d. Summarized material you read, such as articles, books, or online publications	WRI01d	No writing assignments	510	5	318	5	81	3	910	5	789	7	499	5	117	4	1,405	6
		Few writing assignments	1,576	16	1,084	15	409	14	3,077	15	1,689	14	1,336	13	416	13	3,449	13
		Some writing assignments	3,759	36	2,850	35	1,176	38	7,815	36	4,031	33	3,518	33	1,203	35	8,788	33
		Most writing assignments	3,548	33	2,749	33	1,129	36	7,454	34	4,232	34	3,724	35	1,269	36	9,263	34
		All writing assignments	1,093	10	840	12	241	9	2,176	11	1,688	13	1,541	15	415	12	3,660	14
	Total	10,486	100	7,841	100	3,036	100	21,432	100	12,429	100	10,618	100	3,420	100	26,565	100	
e. Analyzed or evaluated something you read, researched, or observed	WRI01e	No writing assignments	272	3	186	3	30	1	490	3	465	4	309	3	75	3	851	4
		Few writing assignments	994	10	730	10	176	7	1,904	10	1,085	9	817	8	216	7	2,121	8
		Some writing assignments	3,077	30	2,352	30	810	27	6,264	30	3,114	25	2,699	25	816	24	6,654	25
		Most writing assignments	4,448	42	3,339	40	1,523	49	9,340	42	5,207	42	4,574	43	1,628	46	11,455	42
		All writing assignments	1,694	16	1,223	17	494	16	3,419	16	2,558	20	2,223	21	694	21	5,497	21
	Total	10,485	100	7,830	100	3,033	100	21,417	100	12,429	100	10,622	100	3,429	100	26,578	100	

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			Doctoral		Master's		Bacc.		Total		Doctoral		Master's		Bacc.		Total	
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f. Described your methods or findings related to data you collected in lab or field work, a survey project, etc.	WRI01f	No writing assignments	1,613	15	1,183	16	496	16	3,301	16	1,586	13	1,261	12	460	14	3,316	13
		Few writing assignments	2,000	19	1,605	20	646	21	4,265	20	2,152	17	1,916	18	624	18	4,716	18
		Some writing assignments	3,293	32	2,504	31	1,032	33	6,855	32	3,699	30	3,233	30	1,095	32	8,059	30
		Most writing assignments	2,722	25	1,877	23	710	24	5,326	24	3,539	28	2,988	28	961	28	7,514	28
		All writing assignments	836	8	648	9	148	5	1,635	8	1,432	11	1,211	12	287	9	2,937	11
		Total	10,464	100	7,817	100	3,032	100	21,382	100	12,408	100	10,609	100	3,427	100	26,542	100
g. Argued a position using evidence and reasoning	WRI01g	No writing assignments	620	6	465	8	104	4	1,196	7	1,055	9	807	8	200	7	2,066	8
		Few writing assignments	1,327	13	1,065	14	313	11	2,716	13	1,834	15	1,484	14	368	11	3,698	14
		Some writing assignments	3,196	31	2,494	31	930	31	6,649	31	3,880	31	3,419	32	951	27	8,287	31
		Most writing assignments	3,873	36	2,798	34	1,215	38	7,903	35	3,859	30	3,401	31	1,285	36	8,577	31
		All writing assignments	1,458	13	995	13	473	16	2,931	14	1,802	14	1,505	14	624	18	3,943	15
		Total	10,474	100	7,817	100	3,035	100	21,395	100	12,430	100	10,616	100	3,428	100	26,571	100
h. Explained in writing the meaning of numerical or statistical data	WRI01h	No writing assignments	2,488	23	1,934	26	719	24	5,168	24	2,042	16	1,700	16	617	18	4,377	16
		Few writing assignments	2,443	23	1,960	25	806	26	5,227	24	2,875	23	2,471	23	847	24	6,228	23
		Some writing assignments	2,897	28	2,133	27	943	31	5,985	28	3,821	31	3,461	33	1,048	30	8,358	32
		Most writing assignments	2,012	19	1,368	16	459	15	3,848	18	2,683	22	2,167	20	712	21	5,575	21
		All writing assignments	617	6	420	6	108	4	1,148	6	993	8	784	8	207	6	1,988	8
		Total	10,457	100	7,815	100	3,035	100	21,376	100	12,414	100	10,583	100	3,431	100	26,526	100
i. Wrote in the style and format of a specific field (engineering, history, psychology, etc.)	WRI01i	No writing assignments	1,837	17	1,313	19	400	13	3,565	17	1,402	11	1,159	12	277	9	2,845	11
		Few writing assignments	1,959	19	1,481	19	563	19	4,011	19	1,666	13	1,375	13	398	12	3,455	13
		Some writing assignments	2,931	28	2,315	28	969	31	6,237	29	2,796	23	2,453	23	778	22	6,047	23
		Most writing assignments	2,557	25	1,854	22	828	27	5,258	24	3,559	28	3,076	28	1,189	34	7,859	29
		All writing assignments	1,181	11	867	12	275	10	2,328	11	2,996	24	2,531	24	784	23	6,331	24
		Total	10,465	100	7,830	100	3,035	100	21,399	100	12,419	100	10,594	100	3,426	100	26,537	100
j. Addressed a real or imagined audience such as your classmates, a politician, non-experts, etc.	WRI01j	No writing assignments	1,586	15	1,162	16	425	14	3,186	15	1,936	16	1,600	15	487	15	4,029	16
		Few writing assignments	2,070	20	1,595	20	696	23	4,377	20	2,479	20	2,060	19	723	21	5,287	20
		Some writing assignments	3,242	31	2,525	32	978	32	6,769	32	3,925	32	3,422	32	1,078	31	8,463	32
		Most writing assignments	2,534	24	1,865	23	686	22	5,096	23	2,731	22	2,380	23	787	23	5,917	22
		All writing assignments	1,004	9	659	9	243	9	1,911	9	1,315	10	1,097	10	343	10	2,764	10
		Total	10,436	100	7,806	100	3,028	100	21,339	100	12,386	100	10,559	100	3,418	100	26,460	100

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			Doctoral		Master's		Bacc.		Total		Doctoral		Master's		Bacc.		Total	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
2. During the current school year, for how many of your writing assignments have your instructors done the following?																		
a. Provided clear instructions describing what they wanted you to do	WRI02a	No writing assignments	180	2	128	2	22	1	330	2	323	3	228	2	50	2	601	3
		Few writing assignments	730	7	524	7	144	5	1,402	7	806	7	555	5	132	4	1,499	6
		Some writing assignments	2,211	21	1,754	21	598	20	4,573	21	2,474	20	2,002	18	607	18	5,100	19
		Most writing assignments	4,571	44	3,411	41	1,608	51	9,621	43	5,506	44	4,884	44	1,786	51	12,226	45
		All writing assignments	2,755	26	1,995	30	666	23	5,440	27	3,311	26	2,934	29	846	25	7,115	28
		Total	10,447	100	7,812	100	3,038	100	21,366	100	12,420	100	10,603	100	3,421	100	26,541	100
b. Explained in advance what they wanted you to learn	WRI02b	No writing assignments	352	3	238	3	79	3	670	3	521	4	366	4	100	3	987	4
		Few writing assignments	1,200	12	814	10	387	12	2,408	11	1,363	11	989	9	426	12	2,786	10
		Some writing assignments	2,783	27	2,136	25	905	29	5,840	26	3,131	25	2,678	25	923	26	6,754	25
		Most writing assignments	3,642	35	2,792	34	1,133	37	7,593	35	4,181	34	3,792	35	1,292	37	9,308	34
		All writing assignments	2,471	24	1,826	28	533	19	4,849	25	3,196	25	2,758	28	681	21	6,659	26
		Total	10,448	100	7,806	100	3,037	100	21,360	100	12,392	100	10,583	100	3,422	100	26,494	100
c. Explained in advance the criteria they would use to grade your assignment	WRI02c	No writing assignments	236	2	160	3	35	1	431	2	331	3	248	3	72	3	651	3
		Few writing assignments	736	7	533	7	252	8	1,524	7	784	7	587	5	221	7	1,597	6
		Some writing assignments	2,177	21	1,706	20	699	22	4,595	21	2,114	18	1,857	17	646	18	4,633	17
		Most writing assignments	3,677	35	2,873	34	1,243	40	7,823	35	4,361	35	3,869	35	1,441	41	9,709	35
		All writing assignments	3,631	35	2,538	37	809	28	7,001	35	4,820	38	4,035	40	1,045	32	9,938	38
		Total	10,457	100	7,810	100	3,038	100	21,374	100	12,410	100	10,596	100	3,425	100	26,528	100

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U.S. Summary Means and Standard Deviations by Class and Carnegie Classification

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		Doctoral		Master's		Bacc.		Total		Doctoral		Master's		Bacc.		Total	
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
1. During the current school year, for how many writing assignments have you done the following?																	
a. Talked with a classmate, friend, or family member to develop your ideas before starting your assignment	WRI01a	2.98	1.08	3.05	1.11	3.07	1.01	3.02	1.08	2.95	1.11	2.98	1.13	3.00	1.07	2.97	1.12
b. Received feedback from a classmate, friend, or family member about a draft before turning in your final assignment	WRI01b	3.12	1.11	3.13	1.14	3.18	1.04	3.13	1.11	2.79	1.15	2.86	1.17	2.86	1.10	2.82	1.15
c. Gave feedback to a classmate about a draft or outline	WRI01c	3.00	1.09	2.96	1.11	3.01	1.00	2.98	1.09	2.60	1.10	2.66	1.14	2.72	1.01	2.63	1.11
d. Summarized material you read, such as articles, books, or online publications	WRI01d	3.27	1.01	3.33	1.02	3.33	.93	3.30	1.00	3.32	1.08	3.42	1.05	3.41	.99	3.37	1.06
e. Analyzed or evaluated something you read, researched, or observed	WRI01e	3.58	.96	3.58	.98	3.72	.86	3.59	.96	3.64	1.03	3.71	.99	3.75	.95	3.68	1.01
f. Described your methods or findings related to data you collected in lab or field work, a survey project, etc.	WRI01f	2.91	1.17	2.89	1.20	2.81	1.13	2.89	1.18	3.07	1.19	3.09	1.19	3.00	1.17	3.07	1.19
g. Argued a position using evidence and reasoning	WRI01g	3.37	1.07	3.31	1.10	3.50	1.02	3.36	1.08	3.26	1.15	3.29	1.12	3.49	1.11	3.29	1.13
h. Explained in writing the meaning of numerical or statistical data	WRI01h	2.61	1.20	2.51	1.21	2.50	1.13	2.56	1.20	2.83	1.18	2.81	1.16	2.73	1.17	2.81	1.17
i. Wrote in the style and format of a specific field (engineering, history, psychology, etc.)	WRI01i	2.94	1.25	2.91	1.28	3.01	1.18	2.94	1.25	3.41	1.29	3.39	1.30	3.51	1.21	3.41	1.28
j. Addressed a real or imagined audience such as your classmates, a politician, non-experts, etc.	WRI01j	2.92	1.19	2.90	1.19	2.89	1.16	2.91	1.19	2.90	1.21	2.93	1.20	2.92	1.20	2.91	1.21
2. During the current school year, for how many of your writing assignments have your instructors done the following?																	
a. Provided clear instructions describing what they wanted you to do	WRI02a	3.85	.95	3.89	.97	3.90	.85	3.87	.95	3.84	.98	3.93	.95	3.93	.88	3.89	.96
b. Explained in advance what they wanted you to learn	WRI02b	3.64	1.07	3.74	1.07	3.56	1.03	3.67	1.07	3.64	1.11	3.74	1.08	3.60	1.05	3.68	1.09
c. Explained in advance the criteria they would use to grade your assignment	WRI02c	3.93	1.02	3.96	1.03	3.85	.97	3.93	1.02	3.98	1.04	4.04	1.01	3.92	.99	4.00	1.03

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