

## 2018 Topical Module: Civic Engagement

### Profile of Participating Institutions and Respondents and All Bachelor's-Granting U.S. Institutions and Students

Topical modules are short sets of questions on a topic related to current issues in higher education and student engagement that may be appended to the core survey. The **Civic Engagement** module asks students to assess their conflict resolution skills and examines how often they engage with local, state, national, and global issues. In 2018, 40 U.S. institutions elected to append these items to the core survey. Of these, 38 belonged to one of the eight Carnegie classifications shown in the table below.<sup>a</sup>

The institutions and respondents participating in a given module are only a subset of all NSSE participating institutions and respondents. The table below displays the characteristics for module participants alongside NSSE 2018 participants as well as all bachelor's-granting U.S. institutions and students (all limited to the eight indicated Carnegie Classification categories).

	Institutions			Students		
	Civic Eng. Module	NSSE 2018	U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Civic Eng. Module	NSSE 2018	U.S. <sup>b</sup>
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
<b>Carnegie Basic Classification<sup>c</sup></b>						
R1: Doctoral Universities - Highest research activity	3	5	7	9	15	27
R2: Doctoral Universities - Higher research activity	8	8	6	23	16	14
R3: Doctoral Universities - Moderate research activity	11	8	7	6	14	10
M1: Master's Colleges and Universities - Larger programs	26	27	24	27	29	28
M2: Master's Colleges and Universities - Medium programs	29	17	13	19	10	7
M3: Master's Colleges and Universities - Smaller programs	5	8	8	2	4	3
Baccalaureate Colleges: Arts & Sciences Focus	8	16	15	4	8	4
Baccalaureate Colleges: Diverse Fields	11	11	19	10	4	5
<b>Control</b>						
Public	58	39	35	81	57	67
Private	42	61	65	19	43	33
<b>Undergraduate enrollment</b>						
Fewer than 1,000	8	12	22	1	3	2
1,000 – 2,499	18	33	32	9	14	10
2,500 – 4,999	37	23	18	25	18	11
5,000 – 9,999	24	16	14	29	20	18
10,000 – 19,999	3	9	9	4	20	24
20,000 or more	11	6	6	32	25	35

a. All numbers are unweighted and based on U.S. postsecondary institutions that award bachelor's degrees and belong to one of the eight Carnegie Classification categories in the table. Totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

b. U.S. percentages are based on the 2015 IPEDS Institutional Characteristics file.

c. For information on the Carnegie Foundation's Basic Classification, see [carnegieclassifications.iu.edu](http://carnegieclassifications.iu.edu)

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## U.S. Summary Frequencies by Class and Sex

### Civic Engagement

#### First-Year Students

#### Seniors

Item wording or description	Variable name	Response options	Female		Male		Total		Female		Male		Total	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
<b>1. Select the response that best represents your ability to do the following:</b>														
a. Help people resolve their disagreements with each other	CIV01a	1 Poor	54	1	46	3	100	2	57	1	52	2	109	1
		2	103	2	56	3	159	2	89	1	60	2	149	2
		3	359	7	164	8	523	7	314	5	216	7	530	6
		4	1,113	21	481	22	1,594	22	1,179	17	521	17	1,700	17
		5	1,677	32	659	30	2,336	32	2,185	32	876	29	3,061	30
		6	1,102	21	433	19	1,535	20	1,823	27	736	25	2,559	26
		7 Excellent	764	15	312	15	1,076	15	1,196	18	553	19	1,749	18
Total		5,172	100	2,151	100	7,323	100	6,843	100	3,014	100	9,857	100	
b. Resolve conflicts that involve bias, discrimination, and prejudice	CIV01b	1 Poor	85	2	56	3	141	2	74	1	76	3	150	2
		2	182	4	63	3	245	3	168	3	94	3	262	3
		3	511	10	238	11	749	10	526	8	261	8	787	8
		4	1,332	25	533	24	1,865	25	1,470	21	661	21	2,131	21
		5	1,550	30	619	29	2,169	30	2,175	31	814	27	2,989	30
		6	850	16	357	16	1,207	16	1,478	22	641	21	2,119	22
		7 Excellent	653	13	283	13	936	13	938	14	470	16	1,408	15
Total		5,163	100	2,149	100	7,312	100	6,829	100	3,017	100	9,846	100	
c. Lead a group where people from different backgrounds feel welcomed and included	CIV01c	1 Poor	96	2	60	3	156	3	70	1	57	2	127	1
		2	154	3	73	3	227	3	112	2	71	2	183	2
		3	438	8	205	9	643	9	305	4	187	6	492	5
		4	1,005	19	441	20	1,446	19	992	14	444	15	1,436	14
		5	1,358	26	529	25	1,887	25	1,679	24	714	23	2,393	24
		6	1,148	22	428	20	1,576	21	1,941	29	750	25	2,691	27
		7 Excellent	973	19	406	19	1,379	19	1,728	25	788	26	2,516	26
Total		5,172	100	2,142	100	7,314	100	6,827	100	3,011	100	9,838	100	
d. Contribute to the well-being of your community	CIV01d	1 Poor	63	1	51	3	114	2	53	1	58	2	111	1
		2	103	2	62	3	165	2	92	1	63	2	155	2
		3	317	6	182	9	499	7	305	4	189	6	494	5
		4	1,028	20	490	22	1,518	21	994	14	534	17	1,528	16
		5	1,553	30	575	27	2,128	29	1,806	26	716	23	2,522	25
		6	1,167	22	443	20	1,610	22	1,894	28	764	26	2,658	27
		7 Excellent	929	19	338	16	1,267	17	1,691	25	689	23	2,380	24
Total		5,160	100	2,141	100	7,301	100	6,835	100	3,013	100	9,848	100	
<b>2. During the current school year, whether course-related or not, about how often have you done the following?</b>														
a. Informed yourself about local or campus issues	CIV02a	Never	465	9	215	11	680	10	822	12	413	14	1,235	13
		Sometimes	2,504	48	1,082	50	3,586	49	3,315	48	1,365	45	4,680	47
		Often	1,611	31	631	28	2,242	30	1,824	27	877	29	2,701	28
		Very often	570	11	216	10	786	11	868	13	360	12	1,228	12
		Total	5,150	100	2,144	100	7,294	100	6,829	100	3,015	100	9,844	100
b. Informed yourself about state, national, or global issues	CIV02b	Never	381	8	143	7	524	7	323	5	145	5	468	5
		Sometimes	2,124	41	748	35	2,872	39	2,411	35	797	26	3,208	31
		Often	1,748	34	773	36	2,521	35	2,424	35	1,097	36	3,521	36
		Very often	891	17	472	22	1,363	19	1,672	25	968	33	2,640	28
		Total	5,144	100	2,136	100	7,280	100	6,830	100	3,007	100	9,837	100
c. Discussed local or campus issues with others	CIV02c	Never	641	13	332	16	973	14	1,036	16	477	16	1,513	16
		Sometimes	2,268	44	974	46	3,242	45	2,932	43	1,290	43	4,222	43
		Often	1,617	31	613	28	2,230	30	1,900	27	819	27	2,719	27
		Very often	619	12	220	10	839	11	956	14	419	14	1,375	14
		Total	5,145	100	2,139	100	7,284	100	6,824	100	3,005	100	9,829	100

Note: Results weighted by institution-reported sex, enrollment status, and institution size. Counts are not weighted.

# NSSE 2018 Topical Modules

## U.S. Summary Frequencies by Class and Sex

### Civic Engagement

Item wording or description	Variable name	Response options	First-Year Students						Seniors					
			Female		Male		Total		Female		Male		Total	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
d. Discussed state, national, or global issues with others	CIV02d	Never	571	12	223	11	794	11	498	8	246	9	744	8
		Sometimes	2,190	43	842	39	3,032	41	2,647	39	1,025	35	3,672	37
		Often	1,576	30	671	31	2,247	31	2,237	33	986	32	3,223	32
		Very often	805	15	400	19	1,205	17	1,443	21	749	25	2,192	23
		Total	5,142	100	2,136	100	7,278	100	6,825	100	3,006	100	9,831	100
e. Raised awareness about local or campus issues	CIV02e	Never	2,068	41	880	42	2,948	41	2,658	40	1,175	40	3,833	40
		Sometimes	1,994	38	814	37	2,808	38	2,597	37	1,113	37	3,710	37
		Often	771	15	327	15	1,098	15	1,028	15	495	16	1,523	16
		Very often	308	6	115	6	423	6	537	8	226	7	763	8
		Total	5,141	100	2,136	100	7,277	100	6,820	100	3,009	100	9,829	100
f. Raised awareness about state, national, or global issues	CIV02f	Never	1,901	37	778	37	2,679	37	2,116	32	911	31	3,027	31
		Sometimes	2,004	39	793	36	2,797	38	2,698	39	1,108	37	3,806	38
		Often	864	17	385	18	1,249	17	1,269	18	639	21	1,908	20
		Very often	378	7	180	9	558	8	729	11	347	11	1,076	11
		Total	5,147	100	2,136	100	7,283	100	6,812	100	3,005	100	9,817	100
g. Asked others to address local or campus issues	CIV02g	Never	2,414	47	1,045	49	3,459	48	3,275	49	1,403	47	4,678	48
		Sometimes	1,791	34	706	32	2,497	34	2,279	33	988	32	3,267	33
		Often	685	13	276	13	961	13	852	12	448	15	1,300	13
		Very often	259	5	108	5	367	5	407	6	172	6	579	6
		Total	5,149	100	2,135	100	7,284	100	6,813	100	3,011	100	9,824	100
h. Asked others to address state, national, or global issues	CIV02h	Never	2,417	48	1,010	48	3,427	48	3,017	45	1,326	45	4,343	45
		Sometimes	1,735	33	685	31	2,420	33	2,319	34	954	31	3,273	33
		Often	699	14	286	14	985	14	971	14	506	17	1,477	15
		Very often	289	6	144	7	433	6	495	7	220	7	715	7
		Total	5,140	100	2,125	100	7,265	100	6,802	100	3,006	100	9,808	100
i. Organized others to work on local or campus issues	CIV02i	Never	3,256	64	1,340	63	4,596	64	4,272	64	1,835	62	6,107	63
		Sometimes	1,235	24	497	23	1,732	23	1,618	23	695	23	2,313	23
		Often	454	9	213	10	667	9	577	8	319	10	896	9
		Very often	194	4	82	4	276	4	336	5	148	5	484	5
		Total	5,139	100	2,132	100	7,271	100	6,803	100	2,997	100	9,800	100
j. Organized others to work on state, national, or global issues	CIV02j	Never	3,303	65	1,375	64	4,678	65	4,287	64	1,828	62	6,115	63
		Sometimes	1,183	23	476	23	1,659	23	1,616	24	695	23	2,311	23
		Often	419	8	193	9	612	9	527	8	317	11	844	9
		Very often	179	4	75	4	254	4	319	5	142	5	461	5
		Total	5,084	100	2,119	100	7,203	100	6,749	100	2,982	100	9,731	100

Note: Results weighted by institution-reported sex, enrollment status, and institution size. Counts are not weighted.

# NSSE 2018 Topical Modules

## U.S. Summary Means and Standard Deviations by Class and Sex

### Civic Engagement

Item wording or description	Variable name	First-Year Students						Seniors					
		Female		Male		Total		Female		Male		Total	
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
<b>1. Select the response that best represents your ability to do the following:</b>													
a. Help people resolve their disagreements with each other	CIV01a	5.06	1.29	4.93	1.40	5.00	1.34	5.29	1.23	5.17	1.38	5.24	1.29
b. Resolve conflicts that involve bias, discrimination, and prejudice	CIV01b	4.80	1.38	4.76	1.45	4.78	1.41	5.01	1.30	4.95	1.45	4.98	1.37
c. Lead a group where people from different backgrounds feel welcomed and included	CIV01c	5.08	1.45	4.97	1.54	5.03	1.49	5.47	1.31	5.37	1.45	5.43	1.37
d. Contribute to the well-being of your community	CIV01d	5.15	1.34	4.93	1.45	5.06	1.39	5.47	1.28	5.27	1.44	5.39	1.35
<b>2. During the current school year, whether course-related or not, about how often have you done the following?</b>													
a. Informed yourself about local or campus issues	CIV02a	2.44	.81	2.39	.81	2.42	.81	2.40	.86	2.38	.87	2.39	.87
b. Informed yourself about state, national, or global issues	CIV02b	2.61	.86	2.73	.88	2.66	.87	2.80	.87	2.96	.89	2.86	.88
c. Discussed local or campus issues with others	CIV02c	2.42	.86	2.32	.86	2.38	.86	2.40	.91	2.38	.92	2.39	.91
d. Discussed state, national, or global issues with others	CIV02d	2.50	.89	2.58	.92	2.53	.90	2.67	.89	2.73	.93	2.70	.91
e. Raised awareness about local or campus issues	CIV02e	1.87	.88	1.85	.88	1.86	.88	1.91	.93	1.91	.92	1.91	.92
f. Raised awareness about state, national, or global issues	CIV02f	1.94	.91	1.99	.95	1.96	.93	2.09	.96	2.13	.98	2.10	.97
g. Asked others to address local or campus issues	CIV02g	1.76	.87	1.74	.88	1.75	.87	1.76	.89	1.78	.89	1.77	.89
h. Asked others to address state, national, or global issues	CIV02h	1.77	.88	1.80	.93	1.79	.90	1.84	.93	1.86	.94	1.85	.93
i. Organized others to work on local or campus issues	CIV02i	1.52	.80	1.55	.84	1.53	.82	1.54	.84	1.58	.86	1.56	.85
j. Organized others to work on state, national, or global issues	CIV02j	1.50	.79	1.52	.81	1.51	.80	1.53	.82	1.58	.86	1.55	.84

Notes: Results weighted by sex, enrollment status, and institution size. See codebook for variable ranges. Categorical items are not listed.

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