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# NSSE 2020

## Engagement Indicators

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### 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](https://nsse.indiana.edu)

## 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.
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- No significant difference.
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### First-Year Students

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<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

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	Reflective & Integrative Learning	▽	▽	▽
	Learning Strategies	--	▽	▽
	Quantitative Reasoning	--	--	--
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning	▽	--	--
	Discussions with Diverse Others	▽	▽	▽
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#### Academic Challenge: First-year students

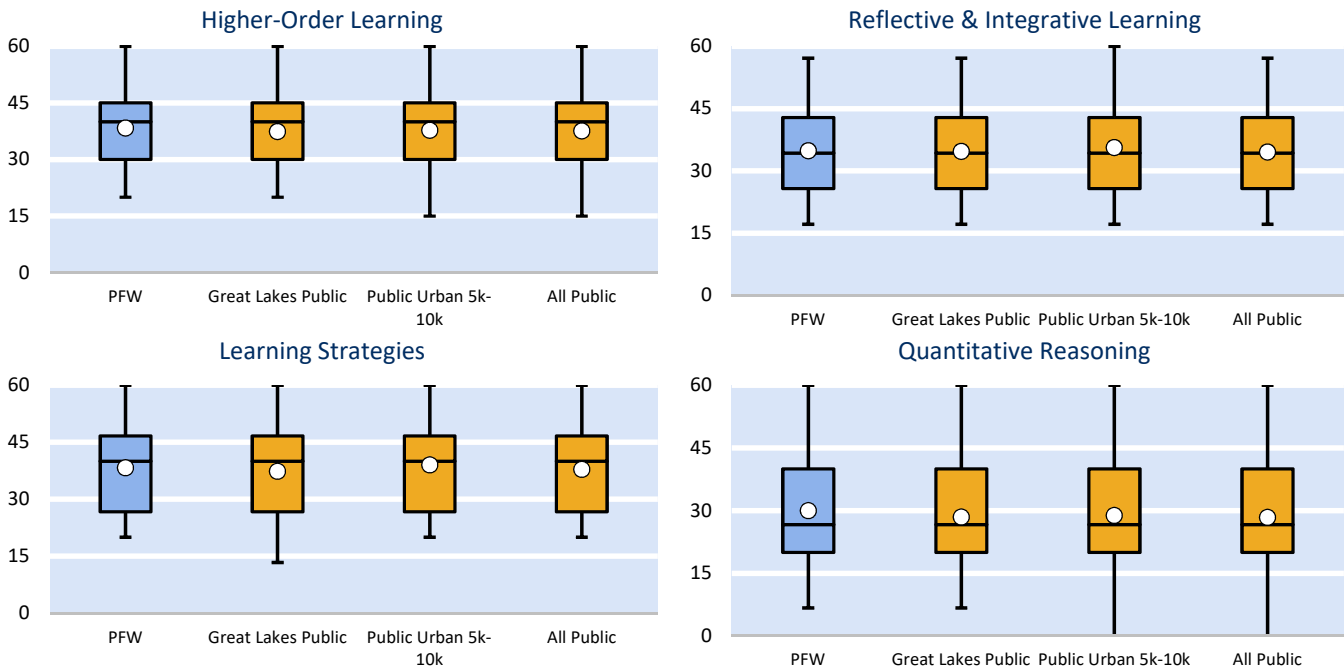
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Higher-Order Learning	38.3	37.4	.07	37.8	.04	37.6	.06
Reflective & Integrative Learning	34.9	34.7	.01	35.6	-.06	34.6	.02
Learning Strategies	38.3	37.4	.07	39.1	-.05	37.8	.04
Quantitative Reasoning	30.0	28.5 *	.10	28.9	.07	28.4 *	.10

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<b>Higher-Order Learning</b>				
<i>Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much coursework emphasized...</i>				
	%			
4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	72	+1	+6	+3
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	73	+4	+6	+5
4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	68	+1	-3	-0
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	67	-0	-3	-1
<b>Reflective &amp; Integrative Learning</b>				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	61	+9	+9	+11
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	47	-3	-4	-2
2c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	46	-3	-4	-3
2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	59	-2	-6	-2
2e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	70	+1	-2	+0
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	67	+1	-1	+1
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	78	+0	+2	+2
<b>Learning Strategies</b>				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	73	+0	-1	-0
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	68	+5	-1	+3
9c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	68	+6	+1	+5
<b>Quantitative Reasoning</b>				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
6a. Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	58	+5	+7	+5
6b. Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	43	+3	+0	+2
6c. Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	43	+2	+2	+2

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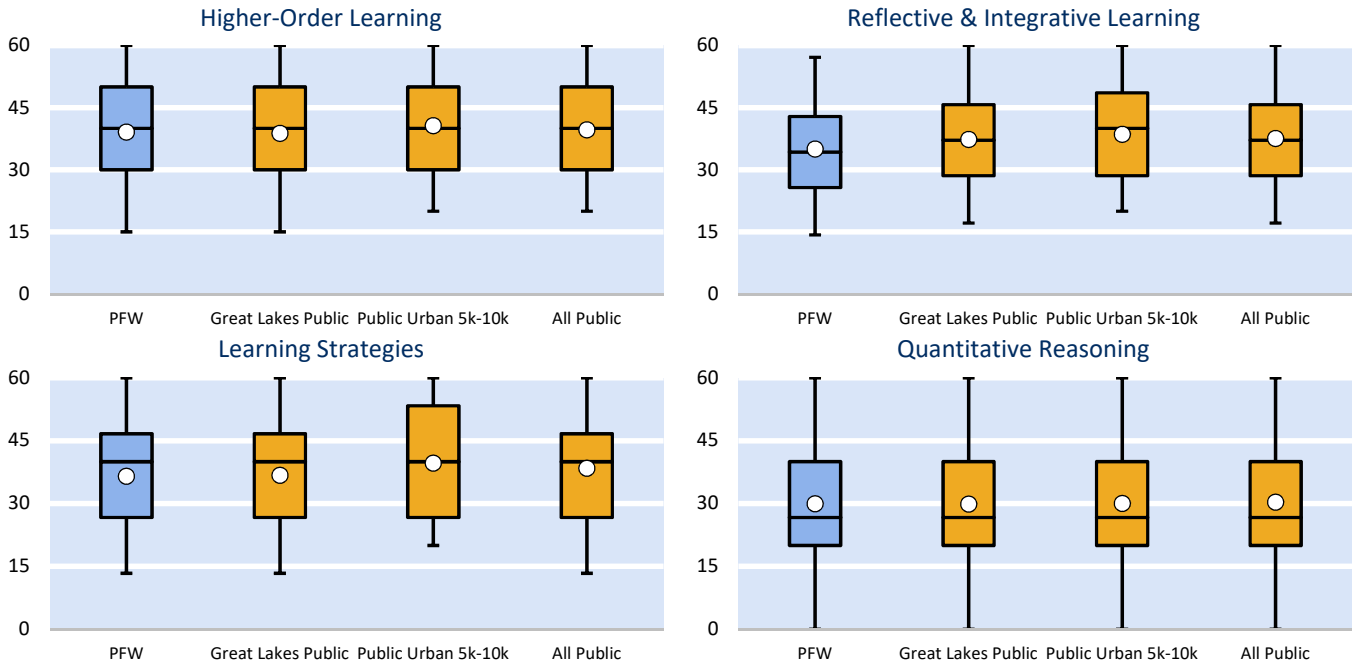
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Reflective & Integrative Learning	35.1	37.3 ***	-.18	38.5 ***	-.28	37.6 ***	-.20
Learning Strategies	36.5	36.7	-.01	39.6 ***	-.22	38.4 **	-.13
Quantitative Reasoning	29.9	29.9	.01	30.0	.00	30.3	-.02

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<i>Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much coursework emphasized...</i>				
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4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	79	+2	+2	+3
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	73	+0	-2	-1
4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	70	+3	-5	+0
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	71	+2	-3	-0
<b>Reflective &amp; Integrative Learning</b>				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	68	-1	+0	+0
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	52	-7	-10	-7
2c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	45	-5	-11	-5
2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	61	-3	-6	-4
2e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	69	-2	-5	-3
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	65	-5	-6	-6
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	80	-2	-3	-2
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9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	70	-4	-9	-5
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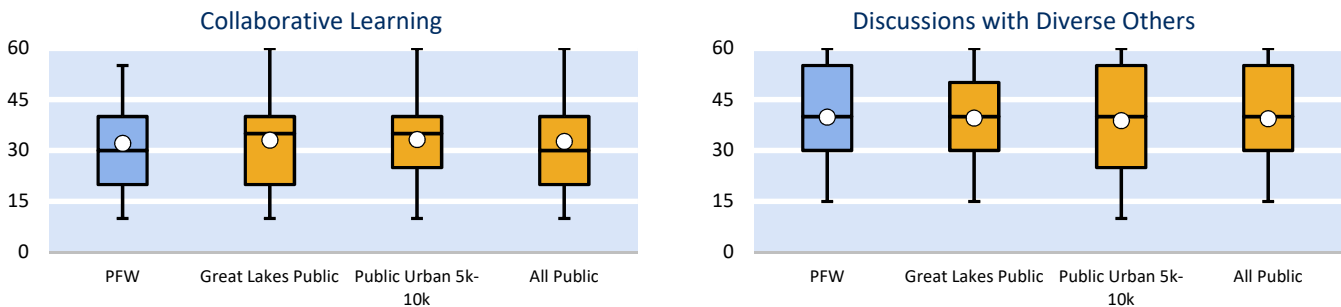
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<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
1e. Asked another student to help you understand course material	51	-3	-2	-2
1f. Explained course material to one or more students	57	-4	-1	-1
1g. Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	46	-4	-6	-4
1h. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	58	+3	+0	+3
<b>Discussions with Diverse Others</b>				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often" had discussions with...</i>				
8a. People of a race or ethnicity other than your own	71	+2	+2	+1
8b. People from an economic background other than your own	71	-1	+1	-0
8c. People with religious beliefs other than your own	69	+1	+4	+3
8d. People with political views other than your own	68	+2	+4	+5

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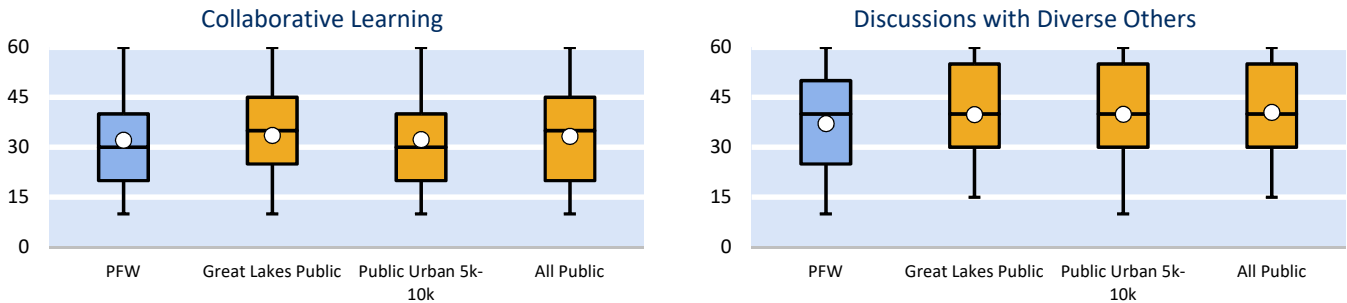
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1e. Asked another student to help you understand course material	39	-9	-2	-7
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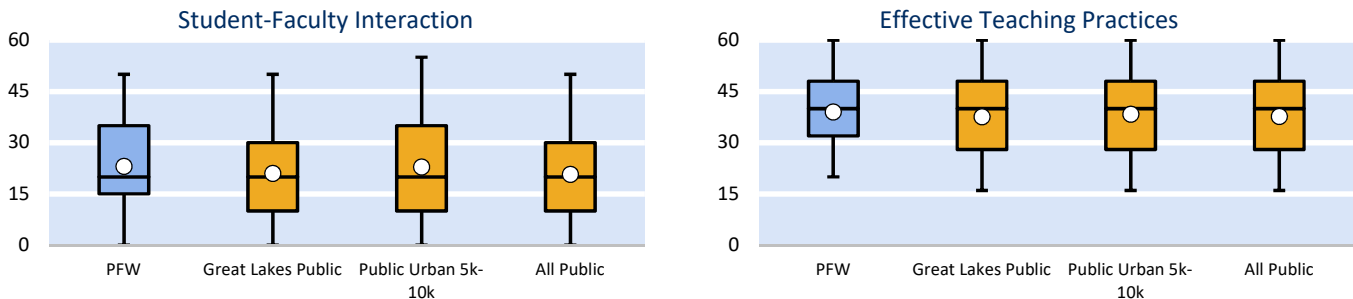
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3b. Worked w/faculty on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	23	+3	-1	+3
3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	32	+7	+3	+7
3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	35	+8	-1	+6
<i>Effective Teaching Practices</i>				
<i>Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have...</i>				
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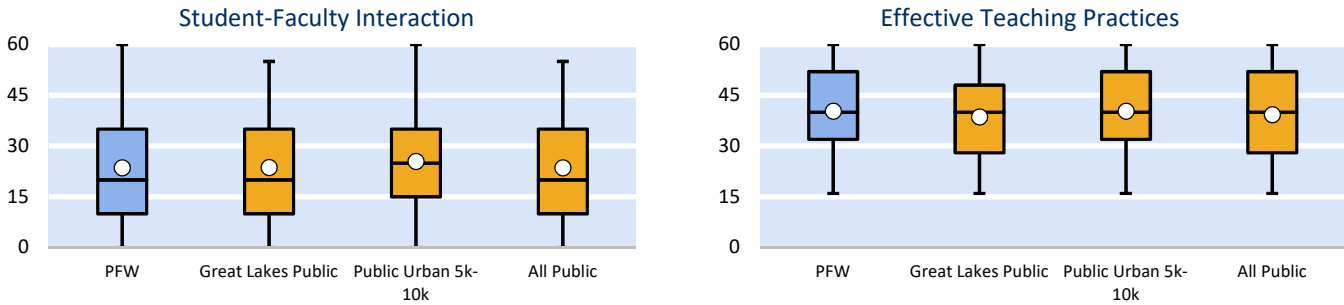
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3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	32	+3	-7	-0
<i>Effective Teaching Practices</i>				
<i>Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have...</i>				
5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	81	+3	+1	+2
5b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	77	+0	+2	+1
5c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	78	+1	+2	+1
5d. Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	62	+5	-4	+2
5e. Provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments	68	+8	+2	+5

Notes: Refer to your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report for full distributions and significance tests. Item numbering corresponds to the survey facsimile available on the NSSE website.

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### Campus Environment: First-year students

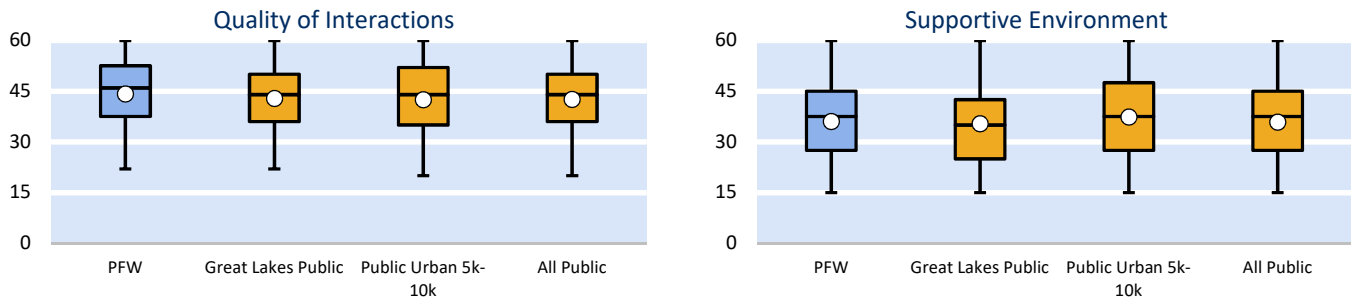
Students benefit and are more satisfied in supportive settings that cultivate positive relationships among students, faculty, and staff. Two Engagement Indicators investigate this theme: *Quality of Interactions* and *Supportive Environment*. Below are three views of your results alongside those of your comparison groups.

#### Mean Comparisons

Engagement Indicator	PFW Mean	Your first-year students compared with					
		Great Lakes Public		Public Urban 5k-10k		All Public	
		Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Quality of Interactions	44.2	42.9 *	.11	42.5 **	.14	42.6 **	.14
Supportive Environment	36.0	35.4	.05	37.4 *	-.09	35.9	.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



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#### Performance on Indicator Items

The table below displays how your students responded to each EI item, and the difference, in percentage points, between your students and those of your comparison group. Blue bars indicate how much higher your institution's percentage is from that of the comparison group. Dark red bars indicate how much lower your institution's percentage is from that of the comparison group.

Quality of Interactions	PFW	Percentage point difference <sup>a</sup> between your FY students and		
		Great Lakes Public	Public Urban 5k-10k	All Public
<i>Percentage rating their interactions a 6 or 7 (on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent") with...</i>				
	%			
13a. Students	51	+0	+0	-1
13b. Academic advisors	59	+5	+8	+7
13c. Faculty	56	+6	+5	+7
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	49	+2	+3	+2
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	52	+7	+6	+8
<i>Supportive Environment</i>				
<i>Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized...</i>				
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	74	-0	+2	+0
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	75	-1	-1	-1
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	63	+3	-1	+2
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	76	+4	+4	+5
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	66	-2	-5	-3
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	44	+6	-3	+2
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	63	+0	-5	-1
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	47	+3	-9	+0

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### Campus Environment: Seniors

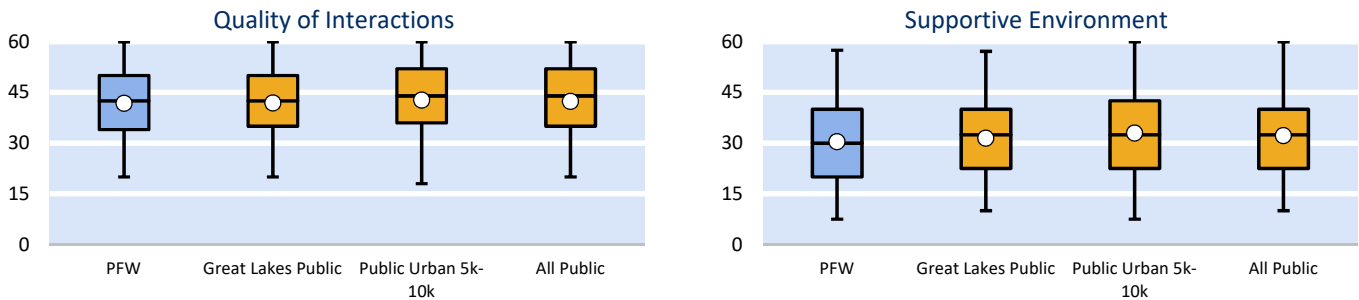
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#### Mean Comparisons

Engagement Indicator	PFW Mean	Your seniors compared with					
		Great Lakes Public		Public Urban 5k-10k		All Public	
		Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Quality of Interactions	41.8	41.9	.00	42.8	-.07	42.4	-.04
Supportive Environment	30.5	31.5	-.08	33.0 ***	-.17	32.3 *	-.12

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).

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Quality of Interactions	PFW	Percentage point difference <sup>a</sup> between your seniors and		
		Great Lakes Public	Public Urban 5k-10k	All Public
<i>Percentage rating their interactions a 6 or 7 (on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent") with...</i>				
13a. Students	53	-4	-5	-6
13b. Academic advisors	48	-1	-4	-2
13c. Faculty	56	+3	-2	+1
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	42	+0	-3	-2
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	44	+3	-1	+1
<i>Supportive Environment</i>				
<i>Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized...</i>				
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	70	+3	+2	+2
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	64	+0	-2	-1
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	52	+0	-4	-3
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	59	-6	-6	-6
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	52	-7	-9	-9
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	30	+2	-5	-2
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	46	-8	-9	-7
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	37	-2	-9	-3

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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](http://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<sup>a</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> 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		PFW Mean	Your first-year students compared with					
			NSSE Top 50%			NSSE Top 10%		
Theme	Engagement Indicator		Mean	Effect size	✓	Mean	Effect size	✓
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Higher-Order Learning	38.3	39.3	-.08	✓	41.4 ***	-.24	
	Reflective and Integrative Learning	34.9	36.7 ***	-.15		39.0 ***	-.35	
	Learning Strategies	38.3	39.9 **	-.11		42.3 ***	-.28	
	Quantitative Reasoning	30.0	29.4	.04	✓	31.4 *	-.09	
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning	32.1	35.2 ***	-.23		37.4 ***	-.39	
	Discussions with Diverse Others	39.8	41.5 *	-.11		43.6 ***	-.26	
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction	23.0	24.5 *	-.10		28.1 ***	-.33	
	Effective Teaching Practices	38.9	40.5 **	-.12		42.3 ***	-.24	
<i>Campus Environment</i>	Quality of Interactions	44.2	45.2	-.09	✓	47.2 ***	-.26	
	Supportive Environment	36.0	37.9 **	-.14		40.0 ***	-.31	
Seniors		PFW Mean	Your seniors compared with					
Theme	Engagement Indicator		NSSE Top 50%			NSSE Top 10%		
			Mean	Effect size	✓	Mean	Effect size	✓
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Higher-Order Learning	39.1	41.7 ***	-.19		43.2 ***	-.30	
	Reflective and Integrative Learning	35.1	39.8 ***	-.39		41.8 ***	-.56	
	Learning Strategies	36.5	40.7 ***	-.29		42.7 ***	-.43	
	Quantitative Reasoning	29.9	31.4	-.09	✓	33.4 ***	-.22	
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning	32.1	35.9 ***	-.27		38.4 ***	-.46	
	Discussions with Diverse Others	37.2	42.1 ***	-.31		43.8 ***	-.43	
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction	23.5	29.7 ***	-.39		33.2 ***	-.61	
	Effective Teaching Practices	40.2	41.8 *	-.11		43.7 ***	-.26	
<i>Campus Environment</i>	Quality of Interactions	41.8	45.2 ***	-.29		47.4 ***	-.46	
	Supportive Environment	30.5	34.6 ***	-.29		36.8 ***	-.45	

Notes: Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups); Effect size: Mean difference divided by the pooled standard deviation; \*p < .05, \*\*p < .01, \*\*\*p < .001 (2-tailed).

a. Precision-weighted means (produced by Hierarchical Linear Modeling) were used to determine the top 50% and top 10% institutions for each Engagement Indicator from all NSSE 2019 and 2020 institutions, separately by class. Using this method, Engagement Indicator scores of institutions with relatively large standard errors were adjusted toward the mean of all students, while those with smaller standard errors received smaller corrections. As a result, schools with less stable data—even those with high average scores—may not be among the top scorers. NSSE does not publish the names of the top 50% and top 10% institutions because of our commitment not to release institutional results and our policy against ranking institutions.

b. Check marks are assigned to comparisons that are either significant and positive, or non-significant with an effect size > -.10.

#### Detailed Statistics: First-Year Students

	Mean statistics			Percentile <sup>d</sup> scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD <sup>b</sup>	SE <sup>c</sup>	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom <sup>e</sup>	Mean diff.	Sig. <sup>f</sup>	Effect size <sup>g</sup>
<b>Academic Challenge</b>												
<b>Higher-Order Learning</b>												
PFW (N = 540)	38.3	13.0	.56	20	30	40	45	60				
Great Lakes Public	37.4	12.8	.07	20	30	40	45	60	36,972	.9	.092	.073
Public Urban 5k-10k	37.8	13.6	.18	15	30	40	45	60	6,523	.6	.354	.042
All Public	37.6	13.3	.04	15	30	40	45	60	123,032	.8	.174	.059
Top 50%	39.3	13.1	.03	20	30	40	50	60	181,918	-1.0	.080	-.075
Top 10%	41.4	12.8	.07	20	35	40	50	60	35,404	-3.0	.000	-.238
<b>Reflective &amp; Integrative Learning</b>												
PFW (N = 576)	34.9	11.8	.49	17	26	34	43	57				
Great Lakes Public	34.7	11.8	.06	17	26	34	43	57	40,039	.1	.781	.012
Public Urban 5k-10k	35.6	12.3	.15	17	26	34	43	60	7,046	-.7	.170	-.060
All Public	34.6	12.0	.03	17	26	34	43	57	135,007	.3	.569	.024
Top 50%	36.7	11.8	.03	17	29	37	46	57	178,208	-1.8	.000	-.154
Top 10%	39.0	11.7	.07	20	31	40	49	60	28,469	-4.1	.000	-.349
<b>Learning Strategies</b>												
PFW (N = 514)	38.3	13.2	.58	20	27	40	47	60				
Great Lakes Public	37.4	13.7	.07	13	27	40	47	60	530	.9	.108	.069
Public Urban 5k-10k	39.1	13.8	.19	20	27	40	47	60	6,095	-.7	.242	-.054
All Public	37.8	13.8	.04	20	27	40	47	60	518	.5	.388	.036
Top 50%	39.9	13.7	.04	20	33	40	53	60	154,186	-1.6	.009	-.115
Top 10%	42.3	14.1	.08	20	33	40	53	60	531	-4.0	.000	-.282
<b>Quantitative Reasoning</b>												
PFW (N = 519)	30.0	15.1	.66	7	20	27	40	60				
Great Lakes Public	28.5	14.9	.08	7	20	27	40	60	35,569	1.5	.020	.103
Public Urban 5k-10k	28.9	15.5	.21	0	20	27	40	60	6,227	1.1	.110	.073
All Public	28.4	15.2	.04	0	20	27	40	60	117,489	1.6	.019	.103
Top 50%	29.4	15.2	.03	7	20	27	40	60	200,531	.6	.400	.037
Top 10%	31.4	15.3	.07	7	20	33	40	60	42,823	-1.4	.039	-.091
<b>Learning with Peers</b>												
<b>Collaborative Learning</b>												
PFW (N = 611)	32.1	13.3	.54	10	20	30	40	55				
Great Lakes Public	33.0	14.0	.07	10	20	35	40	60	630	-.9	.091	-.065
Public Urban 5k-10k	33.2	13.9	.17	10	25	35	40	60	7,684	-1.1	.049	-.083
All Public	32.6	14.1	.04	10	20	30	40	60	616	-.5	.325	-.038
Top 50%	35.2	13.7	.03	15	25	35	45	60	231,851	-3.1	.000	-.225
Top 10%	37.4	13.5	.06	15	30	40	45	60	49,030	-5.3	.000	-.392
<b>Discussions with Diverse Others</b>												
PFW (N = 520)	39.8	15.6	.69	15	30	40	55	60				
Great Lakes Public	39.5	14.8	.08	15	30	40	50	60	35,206	.4	.593	.024
Public Urban 5k-10k	38.7	16.4	.22	10	25	40	55	60	628	1.1	.133	.066
All Public	39.4	15.6	.05	15	30	40	55	60	116,298	.5	.493	.030
Top 50%	41.5	15.0	.03	20	30	40	55	60	205,366	-1.6	.013	-.109
Top 10%	43.6	14.5	.07	20	35	45	60	60	43,037	-3.8	.000	-.260



#### Detailed Statistics: First-Year Students

	Mean statistics			Percentile <sup>d</sup> scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD <sup>b</sup>	SE <sup>c</sup>	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom <sup>e</sup>	Mean diff.	Sig. <sup>f</sup>	Effect size <sup>g</sup>
<b>Experiences with Faculty</b>												
<b>Student-Faculty Interaction</b>												
PFW (N = 558)	23.0	14.5	.62	0	15	20	35	50				
Great Lakes Public	21.0	14.2	.07	0	10	20	30	50	38,267	2.1	.001	.144
Public Urban 5k-10k	22.8	15.5	.20	0	10	20	35	55	677	.2	.758	.013
All Public	20.7	14.6	.04	0	10	20	30	50	128,232	2.3	.000	.158
Top 50%	24.5	14.7	.04	5	15	20	35	55	117,460	-1.5	.018	-.100
Top 10%	28.1	15.5	.12	5	15	25	40	60	603	-5.1	.000	-.331
<b>Effective Teaching Practices</b>												
PFW (N = 535)	38.9	12.7	.55	20	32	40	48	60				
Great Lakes Public	37.6	12.7	.07	16	28	40	48	60	36,785	1.3	.015	.106
Public Urban 5k-10k	38.3	13.9	.18	16	28	40	48	60	654	.6	.319	.042
All Public	37.6	13.2	.04	16	28	40	48	60	122,262	1.3	.021	.100
Top 50%	40.5	13.2	.04	20	32	40	52	60	133,142	-1.6	.005	-.122
Top 10%	42.3	14.1	.07	16	32	44	56	60	554	-3.3	.000	-.237
<b>Campus Environment</b>												
<b>Quality of Interactions</b>												
PFW (N = 480)	44.2	12.1	.55	22	38	46	53	60				
Great Lakes Public	42.9	11.3	.06	22	36	44	50	60	492	1.3	.022	.114
Public Urban 5k-10k	42.5	12.6	.17	20	35	44	52	60	5,757	1.7	.004	.136
All Public	42.6	11.8	.04	20	36	44	50	60	107,669	1.6	.003	.135
Top 50%	45.2	11.2	.03	24	38	46	54	60	482	-1.0	.070	-.090
Top 10%	47.2	11.6	.07	25	40	50	58	60	30,426	-3.0	.000	-.261
<b>Supportive Environment</b>												
PFW (N = 506)	36.0	13.6	.61	15	28	38	45	60				
Great Lakes Public	35.4	13.0	.07	15	25	35	43	60	33,944	.6	.279	.049
Public Urban 5k-10k	37.4	14.2	.19	15	28	38	48	60	5,906	-1.3	.044	-.094
All Public	35.9	13.5	.04	15	28	38	45	60	111,346	.1	.828	.010
Top 50%	37.9	13.1	.03	18	30	38	48	60	150,649	-1.8	.002	-.141
Top 10%	40.0	12.9	.08	18	33	40	50	60	522	-4.0	.000	-.309

a. Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institutional size for comparison groups).

b. Standard deviation is a measure of the amount the individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.

c. Standard error of the mean, used to compute a confidence interval (CI) around the sample mean. For example, the 95% CI (equal to the sample mean +/- 1.96 x SE) is the range that is 95% likely to contain the true population mean.

d. A percentile is the point in the distribution of student-level EI scores at or below which a given percentage of EI scores fall.

e. Degrees of freedom used to compute the *t*-tests. Values vary from the total Ns due to weighting and whether equal variances were assumed.

f. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between the mean of your institution and that of the comparison group occurred by chance.

g. Effect size is the mean difference divided by the pooled standard deviation.

#### Detailed Statistics: Seniors

	Mean statistics			Percentile <sup>d</sup> scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD <sup>b</sup>	SE <sup>c</sup>	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom <sup>e</sup>	Mean diff.	Sig. <sup>f</sup>	Effect size <sup>g</sup>
<b>Academic Challenge</b>												
<b>Higher-Order Learning</b>												
PFW (N = 439)	39.1	13.8	.66	15	30	40	50	60				
Great Lakes Public	38.8	13.5	.07	15	30	40	50	60	42,916	.3	.658	.021
Public Urban 5k-10k	40.7	13.7	.17	20	30	40	50	60	6,728	-1.6	.022	-.113
All Public	39.7	13.7	.03	20	30	40	50	60	155,406	-.6	.386	-.041
Top 50%	41.7	13.4	.03	20	35	40	55	60	161,810	-2.6	.000	-.193
Top 10%	43.2	13.3	.07	20	35	40	55	60	39,678	-4.0	.000	-.304
<b>Reflective &amp; Integrative Learning</b>												
PFW (N = 461)	35.1	12.5	.58	14	26	34	43	57				
Great Lakes Public	37.3	12.3	.06	17	29	37	46	60	45,530	-2.3	.000	-.184
Public Urban 5k-10k	38.5	12.6	.15	20	29	40	49	60	7,107	-3.5	.000	-.278
All Public	37.6	12.6	.03	17	29	37	46	60	166,142	-2.5	.000	-.202
Top 50%	39.8	12.2	.03	20	31	40	49	60	160,696	-4.8	.000	-.391
Top 10%	41.8	12.0	.07	20	34	40	51	60	26,303	-6.7	.000	-.557
<b>Learning Strategies</b>												
PFW (N = 422)	36.5	14.4	.70	13	27	40	47	60				
Great Lakes Public	36.7	14.5	.07	13	27	40	47	60	40,883	-.2	.762	-.015
Public Urban 5k-10k	39.6	14.4	.18	20	27	40	53	60	6,462	-3.1	.000	-.218
All Public	38.4	14.7	.04	13	27	40	47	60	147,866	-1.9	.007	-.131
Top 50%	40.7	14.5	.03	20	33	40	53	60	179,220	-4.2	.000	-.290
Top 10%	42.7	14.4	.06	20	33	40	60	60	57,968	-6.2	.000	-.429
<b>Quantitative Reasoning</b>												
PFW (N = 433)	29.9	16.3	.78	0	20	27	40	60				
Great Lakes Public	29.9	15.9	.08	0	20	27	40	60	41,493	.1	.912	.005
Public Urban 5k-10k	30.0	16.4	.21	0	20	27	40	60	6,544	-.1	.928	-.004
All Public	30.3	16.2	.04	0	20	27	40	60	149,959	-.3	.675	-.020
Top 50%	31.4	16.1	.03	0	20	33	40	60	228,644	-1.5	.057	-.091
Top 10%	33.4	15.9	.07	7	20	33	40	60	45,179	-3.4	.000	-.215
<b>Learning with Peers</b>												
<b>Collaborative Learning</b>												
PFW (N = 468)	32.1	14.7	.68	10	20	30	40	60				
Great Lakes Public	33.6	14.6	.07	10	25	35	45	60	47,834	-1.5	.033	-.099
Public Urban 5k-10k	32.4	14.7	.18	10	20	30	40	60	7,390	-.2	.757	-.015
All Public	33.3	14.9	.04	10	20	35	45	60	175,528	-1.2	.091	-.078
Top 50%	35.9	14.0	.03	15	25	35	45	60	469	-3.8	.000	-.272
Top 10%	38.4	13.6	.07	15	30	40	50	60	477	-6.3	.000	-.460
<b>Discussions with Diverse Others</b>												
PFW (N = 427)	37.2	15.8	.77	10	25	40	50	60				
Great Lakes Public	39.8	15.3	.08	15	30	40	55	60	41,081	-2.7	.000	-.174
Public Urban 5k-10k	39.9	16.2	.21	10	30	40	55	60	6,512	-2.8	.001	-.170
All Public	40.5	15.9	.04	15	30	40	55	60	148,707	-3.3	.000	-.210
Top 50%	42.1	15.5	.03	15	30	40	60	60	227,714	-4.9	.000	-.315
Top 10%	43.8	15.3	.06	20	35	45	60	60	57,482	-6.6	.000	-.432

#### Detailed Statistics: Seniors

	Mean statistics			Percentile <sup>d</sup> scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD <sup>b</sup>	SE <sup>c</sup>	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom <sup>e</sup>	Mean diff.	Sig. <sup>f</sup>	Effect size <sup>g</sup>
<b>Experiences with Faculty</b>												
<b>Student-Faculty Interaction</b>												
PFW (N = 450)	23.5	15.7	.74	0	10	20	35	60				
Great Lakes Public	23.6	15.7	.08	0	10	20	35	55	44,019	-.1	.915	-.005
Public Urban 5k-10k	25.4	16.6	.21	0	15	25	35	60	521	-1.9	.012	-.117
All Public	23.5	16.1	.04	0	10	20	35	55	160,442	.0	.976	.001
Top 50%	29.7	15.9	.05	5	20	30	40	60	85,339	-6.1	.000	-.387
Top 10%	33.2	16.0	.13	10	20	35	45	60	15,045	-9.7	.000	-.609
<b>Effective Teaching Practices</b>												
PFW (N = 443)	40.2	13.6	.65	16	32	40	52	60				
Great Lakes Public	38.5	13.4	.07	16	28	40	48	60	42,810	1.7	.008	.127
Public Urban 5k-10k	40.3	14.3	.18	16	32	40	52	60	6,757	.0	.953	-.003
All Public	39.2	13.9	.04	16	28	40	52	60	154,991	1.0	.125	.073
Top 50%	41.8	13.7	.04	20	32	40	52	60	137,698	-1.5	.019	-.112
Top 10%	43.7	13.4	.08	20	36	44	56	60	30,667	-3.5	.000	-.258
<b>Campus Environment</b>												
<b>Quality of Interactions</b>												
PFW (N = 386)	41.8	12.2	.62	20	34	43	50	60				
Great Lakes Public	41.9	11.7	.06	20	35	43	50	60	37,902	.0	.935	-.004
Public Urban 5k-10k	42.8	12.5	.17	18	36	44	52	60	6,062	-.9	.157	-.075
All Public	42.4	12.3	.03	20	35	44	52	60	136,774	-.5	.399	-.043
Top 50%	45.2	11.7	.03	24	38	48	54	60	145,707	-3.4	.000	-.290
Top 10%	47.4	12.0	.06	24	40	50	58	60	46,867	-5.5	.000	-.461
<b>Supportive Environment</b>												
PFW (N = 421)	30.5	13.4	.66	8	20	30	40	58				
Great Lakes Public	31.5	13.6	.07	10	23	33	40	57	39,930	-1.0	.121	-.076
Public Urban 5k-10k	33.0	14.6	.19	8	23	33	43	60	493	-2.5	.000	-.173
All Public	32.3	14.2	.04	10	23	33	40	60	143,877	-1.8	.011	-.124
Top 50%	34.6	14.0	.04	13	25	35	45	60	151,840	-4.1	.000	-.294
Top 10%	36.8	14.1	.09	13	28	38	48	60	27,529	-6.3	.000	-.448

a. Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institutional size for comparison groups).

b. Standard deviation is a measure of the amount the individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.

c. Standard error of the mean, used to compute a confidence interval (CI) around the sample mean. For example, the 95% CI (equal to the sample mean +/- 1.96 x SE) is the range that is 95% likely to contain the true population mean.

d. A percentile is the point in the distribution of student-level EI scores at or below which a given percentage of EI scores fall.

e. Degrees of freedom used to compute the *t*-tests. Values vary from the total Ns due to weighting and whether equal variances were assumed.

f. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between the mean of your institution and that of the comparison group occurred by chance.

g. Effect size is the mean difference divided by the pooled standard deviation.