

College Senior Survey (CSS) 2014 Infographic Codebook

Opening Paragraph:

The last year of college can be stressful. 46% of women and 27% of men frequently felt overwhelmed by all they had to do. But with post-college life on the horizon, graduating seniors are ready to embrace their next set of challenges.

Infographic Item	Survey Question/Variable Name	Response Option(s) selected
<i>Graduating seniors feel prepared for life after college.</i>		
71% feel prepared for employment	14. Think about your current abilities and tell us how strong or weak you believe you are in each of the following areas: Preparedness for employment after college (SLFABL12)	Major Strength & Somewhat Strong
85% rate themselves as strong critical thinkers	14. Think about your current abilities and tell us how strong or weak you believe you are in each of the following areas: Critical thinking skills (SLFABL07)	Major Strength & Somewhat Strong
66% have high intellectual self-confidence	18. Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age. We want the most accurate estimate of how you see yourself: self-confidence (intellectual) (RATE14)	Highest 10% & Above Average
81% consider themselves highly driven to achieve	18. Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age. We want the most accurate estimate of how you see yourself: Drive to achieve (RATE06)	Highest 10% & Above Average
<i>A stable living is important...</i>		
49% consider a stable, secure future essential	28. When thinking about your career path after college, how important are the following considerations: (CARCON04)	Essential
59% think high income potential is very important	28. When thinking about your career path after college, how important are the following considerations: High income potential (CARCON02)	Essential or Very Important
<i>And so is changing the world.</i>		
51% view working for social change as integral to their careers	28. When thinking about your career path after college, how important are the following considerations: Working for social change (CARCON01)	Essential & Very Important
83% aspire to help others in difficulty	23. Indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following: Helping others who are in difficulty (GOAL08)	Essential & Very Important

<i>They recognize the help they receive from faculty.</i>		
83% felt faculty showed concern about their progress	19. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements: Faculty showed concern about my progress (INSOPN03)	Strongly Agree & Agree
57% were frequently given honest feedback on their skills and abilities	24. How often have professors at your college provided you with: Honest feedback about your skills and abilities (FACPRV06)	Frequently
49% frequently applied classroom learning to “real life” issues	24. How often have professors at your college provided you with: An opportunity to apply classroom learning to ‘real life’ issues (FACPRV12)	Frequently
80% were satisfied with their ability to find a mentor	16. Please rate your satisfaction with your college in each area: Ability to find a faculty or staff mentor (CMPSAT10)	Very Satisfied & Satisfied
<i>As well as from campus support services.</i>		
59% felt depressed at some point in their senior year	17. For the activities listed below, please indicate how often you engaged in each during the past year: Felt depressed (GENACT02)	Frequently & Occasionally
35% sought personal counseling in the past year	17. For the activities listed below, please indicate how often you engaged in each during the past year: Sought personal counseling. (GENACT09)	Frequently & Occasionally
<i>Students are ready to take on this diverse, complex world.</i>		
79% believe they are good at seeing others’ perspectives	20. Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age. We want the most accurate estimate of how you see yourself: Ability to see the world from someone else’s perspective (DIVRATE1)	Highest 10% & Above Average
81% express high tolerance for others with different beliefs	20. Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age. We want the most accurate estimate of how you see yourself: Tolerance of others with different beliefs (DIVRATE2)	Highest 10% & Above Average
83% work cooperatively with diverse people	20. Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age. We want the most accurate estimate of how you see yourself: Ability to work cooperatively with diverse people (DIVRATE5)	Highest 10% & Above Average