

College Senior Survey (CSS) 2015 Infographic Codebook

Today's college seniors embrace diversity and are eager to share their voice with their community. Whether it's graduate school or employment opportunities, the Class of 2015 is ready to take the next step.

Infographic Item	Survey Question/Variable Name	Response Option(s) selected
Seniors are looking forward to their careers...		
66% Participated in an internship program	Since entering this college have you: Participated in an internship program (COLACT22)	Yes
34% Spent 3+ hours per week on career planning	During the past year, how much time did you spend during a typical week doing the following activities?: Career planning (job searches, internships, etc.) (HPW11)	3 to 5 hours 6 to 10 hours 11 to 15 hours 16 to 20 hours Over 20 hours
57% Were satisfied with career-related resources	Please rate your satisfaction with your college in each area: Career-related resources and support (SATIS11)	Very Satisfied & Satisfied
76% Believed coursework was relevant to their future career	Please rate your satisfaction with your college in each area: Relevance of coursework to future career plans (CMPSAT05)	Very Satisfied & Satisfied
...Though financial pressures may influence their plans.		
27% Missed class due to employment	Since entering college, indicate how often you: Missed class due to employment (ACT09)	Frequently & Occasionally
35% Worked 6+ hours per week off campus	During the past year, how much time did you spend during a typical week doing the following activities?: Working (for pay) off campus (HPW06)	6 to 10 hours 11 to 15 hours 16 to 20 hours Over 20 hours
31% Helped support their family financially	For the activities listed below, please indicate how often you engaged in each during the past year. Contributed money to help support my family (GENACT12)	Frequently & Occasionally
37% Received over \$10,000 in loans their senior year	How much of the past year's educational expenses (room, board, tuition, and fees) were covered from each of the following sources? Aid which must be repaid (loans, etc.) (AID4)	\$10,000 to \$14,999 \$15,000 or more
76% Chose their particular career to help pay off debt	When thinking about your career path after college, how important are the following considerations: Ability to pay off debt (CARCON10)	Essential & Very Important
Research programs provide a chance to enhance knowledge and networks...		
36% Strongly agree that their college improved their research abilities	Please indicate your agreement with each of the following statements. This institution has contributed to my: Ability to conduct research (SLFABL12)	Strongly Agree

41% Worked on a professor's research project	How many months since entering college (including summer) did you work on a professor's research project? (RESEARCH)	RESEARCH 1-3 months, 4-6 months 7-12 months, 13-24 months 24+ months
26% Participated in an undergraduate research program	Since entering this college have you: Participated in: An undergraduate research program (COLACT27)	Yes
...And are associated with the likelihood of pursuing graduate school opportunities.		
38% Of research program participants plan to attend graduate school in the fall 21% Of students who did not participate in a research program plan to attend graduate school in the fall	Do you plan to do the following in fall 2015?: Attend graduate/professional school full-time (PRIMPLAN03) by Since entering this college have you: Participated in: An undergraduate research program (COLACT27)	1. PRIMPLAN03=Yes COLACT27=Yes 2. PRIMPLAN03=Yes COLACT27=No
The college experience promotes diversity...		
54% Took an ethnic studies class	Since entering this college have you: Taken an ethnic studies course (COLACT03)	Yes
37% Attended a racial/cultural awareness workshop	Since entering this college have you: Attended a racial/cultural awareness workshop (COLACT16)	Yes
40% Had meaningful discussions about race outside of class	To what extent have you experienced the following with students from a racial/ethnic group other than your own?: Had meaningful and honest discussions about race/ethnic relations outside of class (ETHEXP02)	Very Often & Often
51% Feel it's very important to promote racial understanding	Indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following: Helping to promote racial understanding (GOAL13)	Essential & Very Important
...And helps transform students into engaged citizens.		
58% Challenged a professor's ideas in class	Since entering college, indicate how often you: Challenged a professor's ideas in class (ACT16)	Frequently & Occasionally
24% Demonstrated for a cause	Since entering college, indicate how often you: Demonstrated for a cause (e.g., boycott, rally, protest (ACT15)	Frequently & Occasionally
79% Of registered students voted in an election	Since entering this college have you: Voted in a national, state, or local election (COLACT21) by Are you registered to vote? (VOTE)	Among students who responded "Yes" to VOTE; COLACT21=Yes
66% Are interested in seeking information about social and political issues	Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements: I am interested in seeking information about current social and political issues (INSOPN14)	Strongly Agree & Agree