

2016 College Senior Survey (CSS) Infographic Codebook

Infographic Item	Survey Question/Variable Name	Response Option(s) selected
Seniors assumed leadership roles and embraced learning outside the traditional classroom while in college. Their experiences during college have contributed to being focused on future success in graduate school, the workplace, and their communities.		
Many seniors learned outside the physical classroom...		
68% Completed a culminating experience (capstone course/project, thesis, etc.)	13. Since entering college, have you: Completed a culminating experience for your degree (e.g., capstone course/project, thesis, comp exam) (COLACT11)	Yes
34% Studied abroad	16. Since entering college, have you: Participated in study abroad (COLACT24)	Yes
41% Took an online course	13. Since entering college have you: Taken a course exclusively online (COLACT13)	Yes
...In part engaging in research.		
56% Are confident they can generate a research question	32. How confident are you that you can: Generate a research question (SCISKILLS2)	Very & Absolutely
65% Can identify what is known and not known about a problem	32. How confident are you that you can: Identify what is known and not known about a problem (SCISKILLS8)	Very & Absolutely
46% Derive satisfaction from working on a team that is doing important research	31. To what extent are the following statements true of you: I derive great personal satisfaction from working on a team that is doing important research (SCIASSOC2)	Agree Somewhat & Strongly Agree
In college, they honed their leadership skills...		
40% Participated in leadership training	16. Since entering college, have you: Participated in leadership training (COLACT25)	Yes
57% Served as a leader in an organization	16. Since entering college, have you: Been a leader in an organization (COLACT21)	Yes
76% Effectively led a group to a common purpose	24. Please indicate your agreement with the following statements: I have effectively led a group to a common purpose (INSOPN16)	Agree & Strongly Agree

...And prepared for their future careers.		
40% Joined a pre-professional or departmental club	16. Since entering college, have you: Joined a pre-professional or departmental club (COLACT15)	Yes
47% Felt faculty frequently provided them with opportunities to apply classroom learning to “real-life” issues	27. How often have professors at your college provided you with: An opportunity to apply classroom learning to “real-life” issues (FACPRV10)	Frequently
63% Are looking for careers related to their college major	35. When thinking about your career path after college, how important are the following considerations: Connection to college major (CARCON10)	Very Important & Essential
Now they are ready to become leaders in the workforce and in their communities...		
50% Aspire to become community leaders	25. Indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following: Becoming a community leader (GOAL17)	Very Important & Essential
71% Value leadership potential when deciding on their future career	35. When thinking about your career path after college, how important are the following considerations: Leadership potential (CARCON08)	Very Important & Essential
70% Are confident in their leadership abilities	34. Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age. Leadership ability (RATE07)	Above Average & Highest 10%
... And many have clearly identified their next steps.		
25% Have accepted a job offer	37. With respect to being employed after graduation, which best describes the current state of your employment plans: Accepted an offer of employment (EMPLPLAN)	EMPLPLAN=5
40% Are seeking employment, but haven’t received any offers yet	37. With respect to being employed after graduation, which best describes the current state of your employment plans: Looking but no offers yet (EMPLPLAN)	EMPLPLAN=2
16% Plan on attending graduate or professional school in the fall	38. With respect to graduate or professional school, which best describes the current state of your educational plans: Accepted and will be attending in the fall (GRADPLAN)	GRADPLAN=1

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