

HERI College Senior Survey 2019 Infographic Codebook

Graduates Balance Multiple Priorities

Seniors overcome various challenges as they progress towards graduation. Balancing academic, work, and extracurricular commitments, students engage in on-campus organizations, connect with friends on social media, meet with professors, and more. Seniors also look forward to next steps following college graduation and report satisfaction with their college experience as a foundation for meeting their future goals.

Infographic Item	Survey Question/Variable Name	Response Option(s) selected
During their senior year, not all their time was spent in class.		
79% participated in student clubs/groups	During the past year, how much time did you spend during a typical week: Participating in student clubs/groups (HPW04)	<1, 1-2, 3-5, 6-10, 11-15, 16-20, >20 (None 21.1%)
71% spent time volunteering	In the past year, how often have you: Performed volunteer or community service work (GENACT25)	Frequently 18.2% Occasionally 53.0%
53% attended religious services	In the past year, how often have you: Attended a religious service (GENACT03)	Frequently 19.5% Occasionally 33.2%
Students engaged in various academic and extracurricular activities throughout their college years.		
37% studied abroad	Since entering college, have you participated in: Study abroad (COLACT11)	Yes 36.5%
30% participated in an undergraduate research program	Since entering college, have you participated in: An undergraduate research program (COLACT16)	Yes 29.9%
20% joined a fraternity or sorority	Since entering this college, have you: Joined a fraternity or sorority (COLACT09)	Yes 19.7%

19% participated in an ethnic/racial student organization	Since entering this college, have you participated in: An ethnic/racial student organization (COLACT14)	Yes 19.1%
11% participated in a women's advocacy group	Since entering this college, have you participated in: A women's advocacy group (COLACT46)	Yes 11.4%
College was not without its challenges for the Class of 2019...		
20% were dissatisfied with their financial aid package	Please rate your satisfaction with your college in each area: Financial aid package (SATIS07)	Recoded to remove can't rate/don't know Includes Dissatisfied 12.7% Very Dissatisfied 7.0%
28% experienced food insecurity	In the past year, how often have you: Felt hungry but didn't eat because I didn't have enough money for food (GENACT42)	Frequently 8.0% Occasionally 20.4%
29% missed class due to employment	Since entering college, indicate how often you: Missed class due to employment (ACT40)	Frequently 4.1% Occasionally 25.2%
37% felt ignored or invisible because of their race/ethnicity	To what extent have you experienced the following with students from a racial/ethnic group other than your own? Felt ignored or invisible because of your race/ethnicity (ETHEXP12)	37.4% Seldom, Sometimes, Often, Very Often
...but students found ways to unwind.		
64% spent 6 or more hours per week socializing with friends in person	During the past year, how much time did you spend during a typical week: Socializing with friends in person (HPW28)	6-10 25.6% 11-15 16.7% 16-20 9.8% Over 20 11.5% (None 1.3%) (<1 3.6%) (1-2 9.1%) (3-5 22.4%)

71% spent 3 or more hours per week watching TV and online video content	During the past year, how much time did you spend during a typical week: Watching TV/online video content (e.g., Amazon, Hulu, Netflix, YouTube) (HPW24)	3-5 30.1% 6-10 22.7% 11-15 9.9% 16-20 4.4% >20 3.9% (None 3.2%) (<1 8.6%) (1-2 17.3%)
80% of students spent at least 1 hour exercising or playing sports each week	During the past year, how much time did you spend during a typical week: Exercising/sports (HPW06)	1-2 17.8% 3-5 27.7% 6-10 19.5% 11-15 6.8% 16-20 3.5% >20 4.5% (None 7.9%) (<1 12.3%)
College seniors maintain an eye towards the future...		
66% plan to complete a degree beyond the baccalaureate	Highest degree planned at any institution (DEGASP)	Master's 43.1% PhD or EdD 14.7% MD, DO, DDS etc. 8.4% Note: does not include divinity, law, or "other" options because they may include baccalaureate aspirations
55% consider it very important or essential to influence social values	Indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following: Influencing social values (GOAL15)	Very Important 36.8% Essential 18.0% (Not Important 12.3%) (Somewhat Important 32.9%)
29% consider it very important or essential to influence the political structure	Indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following: Influencing the political structure (GOAL16)	Very Important 20.2% Essential 9.2% (Not Important 32.6%) (Somewhat Important 38.0%)

...and have the preparation and plans to achieve their goals.		
83% felt satisfied with their overall college experience	Please rate your satisfaction with your college in each area: Overall college experience (CMPSAT07)	83.3% Satisfied, Very Satisfied
85% met with a counselor to discuss their career plans	Since entering college, indicate how often you: Met with an advisor/counselor about your career plans (ACT36)	Frequently 26.3% Occasionally 58.6% (Not at all 15.1%)
87% received support from professors in achieving their professional goals	How often have professors at your college provided you with: Help in achieving your professional goals (FACPRV13)	Frequently 41.4% Occasionally 45.6%
43% have already received an offer of employment	With respect to being employed after graduation, which best describes the current state of your employment plans (EMPLPLAN)	43.1% Received an offer for a position but declined, Currently considering an offer, Accepted an offer of employment
26% plan to attend graduate or professional school full time in the fall	Do you plan to do the following in fall 2019? Attend graduate/professional school full-time (PRIMPLAN03)	26.1% Yes
The College Senior Survey is designed as an exit survey for graduating seniors. The CSS focuses on a broad range of college outcomes and post-college goals and plans.		

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