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NSSE 2019 Topical Module Report

Civic Engagement

Illinois State University

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About This Topical Module

Adapted from a pilot survey that was developed by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, this module asks students to assess their conflict resolution skills and examines how often students have engaged with local or campus and state/national/global issues. The module complements questions on the core survey about service-learning, community service or volunteer work, and becoming an informed and active citizen. Complementary FSSE set available.

Comparison Group

This section summarizes how this module's comparison group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default option was taken. This is followed by the resulting list of institutions represented in the 'Civic Engagement' column of this report.

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| Group label | Civic Engagement |
| Date submitted | 5/6/19 |
| How was this comparison group constructed? | Your institution retained the default comparison group (all module participants). |
| Group description | All other current- and prior-year (if applicable) NSSE institutions who administered module "Civic Engagement" |

Civic Engagement (N=61)

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|--|--|
| Angelo State University (San Angelo, TX) | Ohio State University-Marion Campus (Marion, OH) |
| Arkansas Tech University (Russellville, AR) | Rocky Mountain College (Billings, MT) |
| Augsburg University (Minneapolis, MN) | Saginaw Valley State University (University Center, MI) |
| Bard College (Annandale-On-Hudson, NY) | Sam Houston State University (Huntsville, TX) |
| Bellevue University (Bellevue, NE) | Southern Connecticut State University (New Haven, CT) |
| Bemidji State University (Bemidji, MN) | Southwestern Oklahoma State University (Weatherford, OK) |
| Bennett College (Greensboro, NC) | St. Cloud State University (Saint Cloud, MN) |
| Berea College (Berea, KY) | St. John Fisher College (Rochester, NY) |
| Bryant University (Smithfield, RI) | St. Mary's University (San Antonio, TX) |
| Clayton State University (Morrow, GA) | Texas A&M University - Texarkana (Texarkana, TX) |
| Dominican University of California (San Rafael, CA) | Texas A&M University-Central Texas (Killeen, TX) |
| Drake University (Des Moines, IA) | Truman State University (Kirksville, MO) |
| Framingham State University (Framingham, MA) | Université de Hearst (Hearst, ON) |
| Frostburg State University (Frostburg, MD) | University of Houston-Victoria (Victoria, TX) |
| Hamline University (Saint Paul, MN) | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Champaign, IL) |
| Hanover College (Hanover, IN) | University of La Verne (La Verne, CA) |
| Huron University College (London, ON) | University of Nebraska at Omaha (Omaha, NE) |
| Indiana State University (Terre Haute, IN) | University of Northern Colorado (Greeley, CO) |
| Keene State College (Keene, NH) | University of Oklahoma - Norman Campus (Norman, OK) |
| La Salle University (Philadelphia, PA) | University of Pikeville (Pikeville, KY) |
| LaGrange College (Lagrange, GA) | University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (Chickasha, OK) |
| Lycoming College (Williamsport, PA) | Virginia State University (Petersburg, VA) |
| Marymount Manhattan College (New York, NY) | Virginia Wesleyan University (Virginia Beach, VA) |
| Marymount University (Arlington, VA) | Weber State University (Ogden, UT) |
| Mercyhurst University (Erie, PA) | West Virginia University (Morgantown, WV) |
| Metropolitan State University of Denver (Denver, CO) | Western Connecticut State University (Danbury, CT) |
| Minnesota State University Moorhead (Moorhead, MN) | Wheaton College (Norton, MA) |
| Missouri Southern State University (Joplin, MO) | Wichita State University (Wichita, KS) |
| Norfolk State University (Norfolk, VA) | Widener University (Chester, PA) |
| Northeastern State University (Tahlequah, OK) | Wingate University (Wingate, NC) |

Civic Engagement (N=61), continued

Winona State University (Winona, MN)

*2018 participant

First-Year Students

| Item wording or description | Variable name | Values ^c | Response options | Frequency Distributions ^a | | | | Statistical Comparisons ^b | | |
|---|---------------|---|------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | ISU | | Civic Engagement | | ISU | Civic Engagement | |
| | | | | Count | % | Count | % | Mean | Mean | Effect size ^d |
| 1. Select the response that best represents your ability to do the following: | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. Help people resolve their disagreements with each other | CIV01a19 | 1 | Poor | 2 | 1 | 172 | 2 | 3.8 | 3.7 | .06 |
| | | 2 | | 12 | 5 | 661 | 6 | | | |
| | | 3 | | 78 | 30 | 3,430 | 30 | | | |
| | | 4 | | 112 | 44 | 4,991 | 42 | | | |
| | | 5 | Excellent | 55 | 20 | 2,410 | 20 | | | |
| | | Total | | 259 | 100 | 11,664 | 100 | | | |
| b. Resolve conflicts that involve bias, discrimination, and prejudice | CIV01b19 | 1 | Poor | 5 | 2 | 252 | 2 | 3.6 | 3.5 | .04 |
| | | 2 | | 23 | 9 | 1,184 | 10 | | | |
| | | 3 | | 94 | 36 | 4,241 | 36 | | | |
| | | 4 | | 93 | 36 | 4,031 | 35 | | | |
| | | 5 | Excellent | 45 | 17 | 1,959 | 16 | | | |
| | | Total | | 260 | 100 | 11,667 | 100 | | | |
| c. Lead a group in which people from different backgrounds feel welcomed and included | CIV01c19 | 1 | Poor | 4 | 2 | 284 | 3 | 3.7 | 3.7 | -.02 |
| | | 2 | | 22 | 9 | 935 | 8 | | | |
| | | 3 | | 77 | 29 | 3,235 | 28 | | | |
| | | 4 | | 97 | 37 | 4,262 | 36 | | | |
| | | 5 | Excellent | 61 | 23 | 2,938 | 25 | | | |
| | | Total | | 261 | 100 | 11,654 | 100 | | | |
| d. Participate in a constructive dialogue with someone who disagrees with you | CIV01d19 | 1 | Poor | 2 | 1 | 225 | 2 | 3.7 | 3.7 | -.02 |
| | | 2 | | 20 | 8 | 916 | 8 | | | |
| | | 3 | | 80 | 31 | 3,545 | 30 | | | |
| | | 4 | | 111 | 42 | 4,558 | 39 | | | |
| | | 5 | Excellent | 48 | 18 | 2,407 | 21 | | | |
| | | Total | | 261 | 100 | 11,651 | 100 | | | |
| e. Contribute to the well-being of your community | CIV01e19 | 1 | Poor | 1 | 0 | 199 | 2 | 3.8 | 3.8 | .03 |
| | | 2 | | 21 | 9 | 715 | 7 | | | |
| | | 3 | | 62 | 24 | 3,193 | 28 | | | |
| | | 4 | | 117 | 45 | 4,689 | 39 | | | |
| | | 5 | Excellent | 59 | 22 | 2,858 | 24 | | | |
| | | Total | | 260 | 100 | 11,654 | 100 | | | |
| 2. How much does your institution emphasize the following? | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. Discussing important social, economic, or political issues with others | CIV02a19 | 1 | Very little | 20 | 8 | 1,166 | 11 | 2.5 | 2.5 | .05 |
| | | 2 | Some | 115 | 44 | 4,969 | 43 | | | |
| | | 3 | Quite a bit | 87 | 33 | 3,733 | 31 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very much | 39 | 14 | 1,756 | 15 | | | |
| | | Total | | 261 | 100 | 11,624 | 100 | | | |
| | | b. Organizing activities focused on important social, economic, or political issues | CIV02b19 | 1 | Very little | 21 | 8 | | | |
| 2 | Some | | | 107 | 42 | 4,558 | 39 | | | |
| 3 | Quite a bit | | | 91 | 34 | 3,982 | 34 | | | |
| 4 | Very much | | | 42 | 15 | 1,808 | 15 | | | |
| Total | | | | 261 | 100 | 11,594 | 100 | | | |
| c. Being an informed and active citizen | CIV02c19 | | | 1 | Very little | 14 | 6 | 908 | 8 | 2.8 |
| | | 2 | Some | 87 | 34 | 3,946 | 34 | | | |
| | | 3 | Quite a bit | 99 | 38 | 4,408 | 38 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very much | 58 | 22 | 2,342 | 20 | | | |
| | | Total | | 258 | 100 | 11,604 | 100 | | | |

First-Year Students

| Item wording or description | Variable name | Values ^c | Response options | Frequency Distributions ^a | | | | Statistical Comparisons ^b | | |
|--|---------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | ISU | | Civic Engagement | | ISU | Civic Engagement | |
| | | | | Count | % | Count | % | Mean | Mean | Effect size ^d |
| d. Being involved in an organization or group focused on important social, economic, or political issues | CIV02d19 | 1 | Very little | 20 | 8 | 1,293 | 12 | 2.6 | 2.6 | .08 |
| | | 2 | Some | 101 | 40 | 4,304 | 38 | | | |
| | | 3 | Quite a bit | 92 | 36 | 3,988 | 34 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very much | 48 | 17 | 2,009 | 17 | | | |
| | | Total | | 261 | 100 | 11,594 | 100 | | | |
| e. Voting in campus, local, state, or national elections | CIV02e19 | 1 | Very little | 13 | 5 | 1,072 | 10 | 3.0 | 2.8 *** | .22 |
| | | 2 | Some | 49 | 20 | 3,121 | 27 | | | |
| | | 3 | Quite a bit | 106 | 41 | 4,071 | 35 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very much | 91 | 34 | 3,329 | 29 | | | |
| | | Total | | 259 | 100 | 11,593 | 100 | | | |
| f. Encouraging free speech and expression | CIV02f19 | 1 | Very little | 7 | 3 | 753 | 7 | 3.0 | 2.9 * | .14 |
| | | 2 | Some | 53 | 22 | 2,929 | 26 | | | |
| | | 3 | Quite a bit | 120 | 45 | 4,480 | 38 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very much | 78 | 30 | 3,445 | 29 | | | |
| | | Total | | 258 | 100 | 11,607 | 100 | | | |
| 3. How much do you feel encouraged addressing important social, economic, or political issues in the following? | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. In course assignments | CIV03a19 | 1 | Very little | 23 | 9 | 1,268 | 12 | 2.5 | 2.5 | -.02 |
| | | 2 | Some | 111 | 44 | 4,516 | 39 | | | |
| | | 3 | Quite a bit | 94 | 35 | 4,054 | 35 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very much | 31 | 12 | 1,750 | 14 | | | |
| | | Total | | 259 | 100 | 11,588 | 100 | | | |
| b. In course discussions | CIV03b19 | 1 | Very little | 24 | 10 | 1,247 | 12 | 2.6 | 2.6 | .02 |
| | | 2 | Some | 93 | 36 | 4,178 | 36 | | | |
| | | 3 | Quite a bit | 109 | 42 | 4,267 | 36 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very much | 34 | 12 | 1,899 | 16 | | | |
| | | Total | | 260 | 100 | 11,591 | 100 | | | |
| c. Outside of class | CIV03c19 | 1 | Very little | 25 | 10 | 1,405 | 13 | 2.6 | 2.5 | .03 |
| | | 2 | Some | 103 | 40 | 4,402 | 39 | | | |
| | | 3 | Quite a bit | 90 | 35 | 3,851 | 32 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very much | 42 | 15 | 1,945 | 16 | | | |
| | | Total | | 260 | 100 | 11,603 | 100 | | | |
| 4. During the current school year, whether course-related or not, about how often have you done the following? | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. Informed yourself about campus or local issues | CIV04a19 | 1 | Never | 15 | 6 | 792 | 8 | 2.6 | 2.6 | .04 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 111 | 43 | 4,639 | 41 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 94 | 36 | 4,391 | 37 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 41 | 16 | 1,766 | 15 | | | |
| | | Total | | 261 | 100 | 11,588 | 100 | | | |
| b. Informed yourself about state, national, or global issues | CIV04b19 | 1 | Never | 13 | 5 | 668 | 6 | 2.8 | 2.7 | .06 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 96 | 36 | 4,293 | 36 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 91 | 36 | 4,172 | 36 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 60 | 24 | 2,438 | 22 | | | |
| | | Total | | 260 | 100 | 11,571 | 100 | | | |
| c. Discussed campus or local issues with others | CIV04c19 | 1 | Never | 25 | 10 | 1,143 | 11 | 2.4 | 2.5 | -.06 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 122 | 46 | 4,784 | 42 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 86 | 33 | 3,817 | 31 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 28 | 11 | 1,809 | 15 | | | |
| | | Total | | 261 | 100 | 11,553 | 100 | | | |

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed); Refer to the endnotes page for the key to triangle symbols.

First-Year Students

| Item wording or description | Variable name | Values ^c | Response options | Frequency Distributions ^a | | | | Statistical Comparisons ^b | | |
|--|---------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | ISU | | Civic Engagement | | ISU | Civic Engagement | |
| | | | | Count | % | Count | % | Mean | Mean | Effect size ^d |
| d. Discussed state, national, or global issues with others | CIV04d19 | 1 | Never | 17 | 6 | 1,042 | 9 | 2.6 | 2.6 | .03 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 113 | 43 | 4,725 | 40 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 86 | 33 | 3,746 | 32 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 45 | 17 | 2,063 | 18 | | | |
| | | Total | | 261 | 100 | 11,576 | 100 | | | |
| e. Raised awareness about campus or local issues | CIV04e19 | 1 | Never | 111 | 42 | 4,319 | 39 | 1.9 | 1.9 | -.05 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 87 | 34 | 4,338 | 37 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 49 | 19 | 1,997 | 17 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 14 | 5 | 902 | 7 | | | |
| | | Total | | 261 | 100 | 11,556 | 100 | | | |
| f. Raised awareness about state, national, or global issues | CIV04f19 | 1 | Never | 102 | 39 | 4,089 | 36 | 1.9 | 2.0 | -.06 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 92 | 35 | 4,360 | 37 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 47 | 18 | 2,074 | 18 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 20 | 7 | 1,036 | 9 | | | |
| | | Total | | 261 | 100 | 11,559 | 100 | | | |
| g. Asked others to address campus or local issues | CIV04g19 | 1 | Never | 121 | 46 | 5,200 | 47 | 1.8 | 1.8 | -.02 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 88 | 35 | 3,820 | 32 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 36 | 14 | 1,754 | 15 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 14 | 5 | 768 | 6 | | | |
| | | Total | | 259 | 100 | 11,542 | 100 | | | |
| h. Asked others to address state, national, or global issues | CIV04h19 | 1 | Never | 119 | 45 | 5,234 | 46 | 1.8 | 1.8 | .01 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 85 | 34 | 3,764 | 32 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 35 | 13 | 1,742 | 15 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 20 | 7 | 806 | 7 | | | |
| | | Total | | 259 | 100 | 11,546 | 100 | | | |
| i. Organized others to work on campus or local issues | CIV04i19 | 1 | Never | 155 | 60 | 6,870 | 60 | 1.6 | 1.6 | .00 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 61 | 24 | 2,789 | 24 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 30 | 12 | 1,291 | 11 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 11 | 4 | 573 | 5 | | | |
| | | Total | | 257 | 100 | 11,523 | 100 | | | |
| j. Organized others to work on state, national, or global issues | CIV04j19 | 1 | Never | 155 | 59 | 7,051 | 62 | 1.6 | 1.6 | .05 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 61 | 25 | 2,655 | 23 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 29 | 12 | 1,193 | 10 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 12 | 5 | 544 | 5 | | | |
| | | Total | | 257 | 100 | 11,443 | 100 | | | |

5. Think about the experiences you may have had with campus, local, state, national, or global issues. What about these experiences has been most meaningful to you?

This final question asked students to respond in an open text box. Comments were recorded for 123 first-year students and 164 seniors. Responses are provided in your "NSSE19 Student Comments" report and in a separate SPSS data file.

These open-ended responses appear exactly as respondents entered them and may not be suitable for distribution without prior review.

Seniors

| Item wording or description | Variable name | Values ^c | Response options | Frequency Distributions ^a | | | | Statistical Comparisons ^b | | |
|---|---------------|---|------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | ISU | | Civic Engagement | | ISU | Civic Engagement | |
| | | | | Count | % | Count | % | Mean | Mean | Effect size ^d |
| 1. Select the response that best represents your ability to do the following: | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. Help people resolve their disagreements with each other | CIV01a19 | 1 | Poor | 4 | 1 | 170 | 1 | 3.9 | 3.9 | .06 |
| | | 2 | | 15 | 4 | 600 | 4 | | | |
| | | 3 | | 88 | 21 | 3,693 | 26 | | | |
| | | 4 | | 221 | 52 | 6,745 | 45 | | | |
| | | 5 | Excellent | 91 | 22 | 3,352 | 23 | | | |
| | | Total | | 419 | 100 | 14,560 | 100 | | | |
| b. Resolve conflicts that involve bias, discrimination, and prejudice | CIV01b19 | 1 | Poor | 5 | 1 | 264 | 2 | 3.6 | 3.6 | .00 |
| | | 2 | | 39 | 9 | 1,245 | 8 | | | |
| | | 3 | | 133 | 32 | 4,899 | 33 | | | |
| | | 4 | | 176 | 42 | 5,581 | 38 | | | |
| | | 5 | Excellent | 65 | 16 | 2,572 | 18 | | | |
| | | Total | | 418 | 100 | 14,561 | 100 | | | |
| c. Lead a group in which people from different backgrounds feel welcomed and included | CIV01c19 | 1 | Poor | 7 | 2 | 212 | 2 | 4.0 | 4.0 | .03 |
| | | 2 | | 14 | 3 | 697 | 5 | | | |
| | | 3 | | 76 | 18 | 3,026 | 21 | | | |
| | | 4 | | 195 | 46 | 5,894 | 40 | | | |
| | | 5 | Excellent | 127 | 31 | 4,737 | 33 | | | |
| | | Total | | 419 | 100 | 14,566 | 100 | | | |
| d. Participate in a constructive dialogue with someone who disagrees with you | CIV01d19 | 1 | Poor | 8 | 2 | 162 | 1 | 3.9 | 3.9 | -.03 |
| | | 2 | | 16 | 4 | 726 | 5 | | | |
| | | 3 | | 107 | 25 | 3,609 | 25 | | | |
| | | 4 | | 190 | 45 | 6,457 | 44 | | | |
| | | 5 | Excellent | 96 | 24 | 3,604 | 26 | | | |
| | | Total | | 417 | 100 | 14,558 | 100 | | | |
| e. Contribute to the well-being of your community | CIV01e19 | 1 | Poor | 4 | 1 | 167 | 1 | 4.0 | 3.9 | .09 |
| | | 2 | | 14 | 3 | 640 | 5 | | | |
| | | 3 | | 85 | 21 | 3,249 | 23 | | | |
| | | 4 | | 180 | 42 | 6,038 | 41 | | | |
| | | 5 | Excellent | 136 | 33 | 4,472 | 30 | | | |
| | | Total | | 419 | 100 | 14,566 | 100 | | | |
| 2. How much does your institution emphasize the following? | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. Discussing important social, economic, or political issues with others | CIV02a19 | 1 | Very little | 45 | 11 | 1,683 | 12 | 2.4 | 2.5 | -.06 |
| | | 2 | Some | 201 | 48 | 6,262 | 43 | | | |
| | | 3 | Quite a bit | 117 | 28 | 4,293 | 29 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very much | 55 | 13 | 2,282 | 16 | | | |
| | | Total | | 418 | 100 | 14,520 | 100 | | | |
| | | b. Organizing activities focused on important social, economic, or political issues | CIV02b19 | 1 | Very little | 40 | 10 | | | |
| 2 | Some | | | 192 | 46 | 5,945 | 41 | | | |
| 3 | Quite a bit | | | 145 | 35 | 4,536 | 31 | | | |
| 4 | Very much | | | 40 | 9 | 2,103 | 14 | | | |
| Total | | | | 417 | 100 | 14,502 | 100 | | | |
| c. Being an informed and active citizen | CIV02c19 | | | 1 | Very little | 32 | 8 | 1,446 | 11 | 2.7 |
| | | 2 | Some | 143 | 35 | 5,260 | 36 | | | |
| | | 3 | Quite a bit | 164 | 39 | 4,953 | 33 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very much | 79 | 18 | 2,832 | 20 | | | |
| | | Total | | 418 | 100 | 14,491 | 100 | | | |

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed); Refer to the endnotes page for the key to triangle symbols.

Seniors

| Item wording or description | Variable name | Values ^c | Response options | Frequency Distributions ^a | | | | Statistical Comparisons ^b | | |
|--|---------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|------------------|----|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | ISU | | Civic Engagement | | ISU | Civic Engagement | |
| | | | | Count | % | Count | % | Mean | Mean | Effect size ^d |
| d. Being involved in an organization or group focused on important social, economic, or political issues | CIV02d19 | 1 | Very little | 43 | 11 | 2,049 | 15 | 2.5 | 2.5 | .07 |
| | | 2 | Some | 170 | 41 | 5,742 | 40 | | | |
| | | 3 | Quite a bit | 142 | 34 | 4,488 | 30 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very much | 63 | 15 | 2,216 | 15 | | | |
| | | Total | 418 | 100 | 14,495 | 100 | | | | |
| e. Voting in campus, local, state, or national elections | CIV02e19 | 1 | Very little | 25 | 6 | 1,719 | 12 | 2.9 | 2.7 *** | .21 |
| | | 2 | Some | 109 | 27 | 4,354 | 29 | | | |
| | | 3 | Quite a bit | 150 | 36 | 4,805 | 34 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very much | 134 | 32 | 3,612 | 25 | | | |
| | | Total | 418 | 100 | 14,490 | 100 | | | | |
| f. Encouraging free speech and expression | CIV02f19 | 1 | Very little | 19 | 5 | 1,226 | 9 | 3.0 | 2.8 ** | .16 |
| | | 2 | Some | 108 | 26 | 4,040 | 27 | | | |
| | | 3 | Quite a bit | 158 | 37 | 5,414 | 37 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very much | 133 | 32 | 3,828 | 27 | | | |
| | | Total | 418 | 100 | 14,508 | 100 | | | | |
| 3. How much do you feel encouraged addressing important social, economic, or political issues in the following? | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. In course assignments | CIV03a19 | 1 | Very little | 57 | 14 | 2,016 | 16 | 2.5 | 2.5 | .00 |
| | | 2 | Some | 160 | 38 | 5,283 | 36 | | | |
| | | 3 | Quite a bit | 127 | 30 | 4,588 | 31 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very much | 74 | 18 | 2,623 | 18 | | | |
| | | Total | 418 | 100 | 14,510 | 100 | | | | |
| b. In course discussions | CIV03b19 | 1 | Very little | 53 | 13 | 1,871 | 14 | 2.6 | 2.6 | .02 |
| | | 2 | Some | 138 | 33 | 4,790 | 33 | | | |
| | | 3 | Quite a bit | 146 | 35 | 4,944 | 33 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very much | 80 | 19 | 2,886 | 20 | | | |
| | | Total | 417 | 100 | 14,491 | 100 | | | | |
| c. Outside of class | CIV03c19 | 1 | Very little | 47 | 12 | 1,876 | 14 | 2.5 | 2.6 | -.02 |
| | | 2 | Some | 163 | 39 | 5,171 | 36 | | | |
| | | 3 | Quite a bit | 142 | 33 | 4,761 | 32 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very much | 65 | 16 | 2,681 | 19 | | | |
| | | Total | 417 | 100 | 14,489 | 100 | | | | |
| 4. During the current school year, whether course-related or not, about how often have you done the following? | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. Informed yourself about campus or local issues | CIV04a19 | 1 | Never | 31 | 8 | 1,153 | 8 | 2.5 | 2.6 | -.08 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 184 | 44 | 5,753 | 40 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 147 | 34 | 4,931 | 33 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 56 | 14 | 2,652 | 18 | | | |
| | | Total | 418 | 100 | 14,489 | 100 | | | | |
| b. Informed yourself about state, national, or global issues | CIV04b19 | 1 | Never | 15 | 4 | 573 | 4 | 2.9 | 2.9 | -.04 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 137 | 32 | 4,440 | 30 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 153 | 37 | 5,292 | 36 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 112 | 28 | 4,188 | 30 | | | |
| | | Total | 417 | 100 | 14,493 | 100 | | | | |
| c. Discussed campus or local issues with others | CIV04c19 | 1 | Never | 40 | 10 | 1,589 | 12 | 2.5 | 2.5 | -.07 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 192 | 46 | 5,892 | 42 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 135 | 32 | 4,432 | 29 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 48 | 12 | 2,562 | 17 | | | |
| | | Total | 415 | 100 | 14,475 | 100 | | | | |

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed); Refer to the endnotes page for the key to triangle symbols.

Seniors

| Item wording or description | Variable name | Values ^c | Response options | Frequency Distributions ^a | | | | Statistical Comparisons ^b | | |
|--|---------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | ISU | | Civic Engagement | | ISU | Civic Engagement | |
| | | | | Count | % | Count | % | Mean | Mean | Effect size ^d |
| d. Discussed state, national, or global issues with others | CIV04d19 | 1 | Never | 24 | 6 | 883 | 6 | 2.7 | 2.7 | -.03 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 162 | 38 | 5,354 | 37 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 147 | 35 | 4,867 | 33 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 84 | 21 | 3,381 | 24 | | | |
| | | Total | | 417 | 100 | 14,485 | 100 | | | |
| e. Raised awareness about campus or local issues | CIV04e19 | 1 | Never | 147 | 35 | 5,071 | 36 | 2.0 | 2.0 | -.02 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 165 | 40 | 5,555 | 38 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 70 | 17 | 2,471 | 16 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 34 | 8 | 1,378 | 10 | | | |
| | | Total | | 416 | 100 | 14,475 | 100 | | | |
| f. Raised awareness about state, national, or global issues | CIV04f19 | 1 | Never | 131 | 31 | 4,343 | 30 | 2.1 | 2.1 | -.03 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 167 | 40 | 5,662 | 39 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 74 | 18 | 2,829 | 19 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 45 | 11 | 1,640 | 12 | | | |
| | | Total | | 417 | 100 | 14,474 | 100 | | | |
| g. Asked others to address campus or local issues | CIV04g19 | 1 | Never | 188 | 45 | 6,504 | 46 | 1.8 | 1.8 | .02 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 140 | 34 | 4,869 | 33 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 61 | 15 | 2,043 | 14 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 27 | 6 | 1,053 | 7 | | | |
| | | Total | | 416 | 100 | 14,469 | 100 | | | |
| h. Asked others to address state, national, or global issues | CIV04h19 | 1 | Never | 171 | 41 | 6,212 | 44 | 1.9 | 1.9 | .06 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 142 | 34 | 4,917 | 33 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 72 | 18 | 2,171 | 15 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 32 | 8 | 1,158 | 8 | | | |
| | | Total | | 417 | 100 | 14,458 | 100 | | | |
| i. Organized others to work on campus or local issues | CIV04i19 | 1 | Never | 232 | 56 | 8,639 | 61 | 1.7 | 1.6 | .08 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 108 | 26 | 3,452 | 23 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 53 | 13 | 1,532 | 10 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 22 | 5 | 805 | 6 | | | |
| | | Total | | 415 | 100 | 14,428 | 100 | | | |
| j. Organized others to work on state, national, or global issues | CIV04j19 | 1 | Never | 235 | 56 | 8,794 | 63 | 1.7 | 1.6 | .09 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 108 | 26 | 3,419 | 23 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 53 | 13 | 1,351 | 9 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 20 | 5 | 748 | 5 | | | |
| | | Total | | 416 | 100 | 14,312 | 100 | | | |

5. Think about the experiences you may have had with campus, local, state, national, or global issues. What about these experiences has been most meaningful to you?

This final question asked students to respond in an open text box. Comments were recorded for 123 first-year students and 164 seniors. Responses are provided in your "NSSE19 Student Comments" report and in a separate SPSS data file.

These open-ended responses appear exactly as respondents entered them and may not be suitable for distribution without prior review.

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed); Refer to the endnotes page for the key to triangle symbols.

First-Year Students

| Variable name | N | Mean | | Standard error ^f | | Standard deviation ^g | | DF ^h | Sig. ⁱ | Effect size ^d |
|---------------|-----|------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| | ISU | ISU | Civic Engagement | ISU | Civic Engagement | ISU | Civic Engagement | | | |
| CIV01a19 | 259 | 3.78 | 3.73 | .053 | .011 | 0.86 | 0.91 | 6,601 | .381 | .06 |
| CIV01b19 | 260 | 3.56 | 3.52 | .059 | .012 | 0.95 | 0.96 | 6,601 | .580 | .04 |
| CIV01c19 | 261 | 3.70 | 3.73 | .061 | .013 | 0.98 | 1.01 | 6,585 | .695 | -.02 |
| CIV01d19 | 261 | 3.68 | 3.69 | .055 | .012 | 0.90 | 0.96 | 6,592 | .803 | -.02 |
| CIV01e19 | 259 | 3.79 | 3.76 | .056 | .012 | 0.91 | 0.96 | 6,593 | .634 | .03 |
| CIV02a19 | 261 | 2.54 | 2.50 | .052 | .011 | 0.83 | 0.87 | 6,575 | .456 | .05 |
| CIV02b19 | 261 | 2.57 | 2.53 | .053 | .011 | 0.85 | 0.88 | 6,561 | .524 | .04 |
| CIV02c19 | 258 | 2.76 | 2.69 | .054 | .011 | 0.86 | 0.88 | 6,563 | .194 | .08 |
| CIV02d19 | 261 | 2.62 | 2.55 | .053 | .011 | 0.86 | 0.91 | 6,560 | .229 | .08 |
| CIV02e19 | 258 | 3.04 | 2.83 | .054 | .012 | 0.86 | 0.95 | 284 | .000 | .22 |
| CIV02f19 | 257 | 3.02 | 2.89 | .050 | .011 | 0.80 | 0.90 | 284 | .013 | .14 |
| CIV03a19 | 259 | 2.49 | 2.51 | .051 | .011 | 0.82 | 0.88 | 283 | .709 | -.02 |
| CIV03b19 | 260 | 2.57 | 2.55 | .052 | .011 | 0.83 | 0.89 | 284 | .772 | .02 |
| CIV03c19 | 260 | 2.55 | 2.52 | .054 | .011 | 0.87 | 0.91 | 6,564 | .604 | .03 |
| CIV04a19 | 261 | 2.62 | 2.58 | .051 | .010 | 0.82 | 0.83 | 6,559 | .518 | .04 |
| CIV04b19 | 259 | 2.79 | 2.74 | .053 | .011 | 0.86 | 0.86 | 6,549 | .385 | .06 |
| CIV04c19 | 261 | 2.44 | 2.49 | .050 | .011 | 0.81 | 0.88 | 285 | .327 | -.06 |
| CIV04d19 | 261 | 2.61 | 2.59 | .052 | .011 | 0.84 | 0.89 | 6,550 | .660 | .03 |
| CIV04e19 | 261 | 1.87 | 1.92 | .056 | .012 | 0.90 | 0.92 | 6,536 | .423 | -.05 |
| CIV04f19 | 261 | 1.94 | 2.00 | .058 | .012 | 0.93 | 0.95 | 6,541 | .358 | -.06 |
| CIV04g19 | 259 | 1.78 | 1.80 | .054 | .011 | 0.87 | 0.91 | 6,531 | .790 | -.02 |
| CIV04h19 | 259 | 1.84 | 1.83 | .057 | .012 | 0.93 | 0.93 | 6,535 | .842 | .01 |
| CIV04i19 | 257 | 1.60 | 1.60 | .053 | .011 | 0.85 | 0.86 | 6,516 | .981 | .00 |
| CIV04j19 | 257 | 1.61 | 1.57 | .054 | .011 | 0.86 | 0.85 | 6,468 | .445 | .05 |

Seniors

| Variable name | N | Mean | | Standard error ^f | | Standard deviation ^g | | DF ^h | Sig. ⁱ | Effect size ^d |
|---------------|-----|------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| | | ISU | Civic Engagement | ISU | Civic Engagement | ISU | Civic Engagement | | | |
| CIV01a19 | 419 | 3.91 | 3.86 | .040 | .008 | 0.81 | 0.86 | 454 | .200 | .06 |
| CIV01b19 | 419 | 3.62 | 3.62 | .044 | .009 | 0.90 | 0.94 | 12,006 | .946 | .00 |
| CIV01c19 | 419 | 4.01 | 3.98 | .043 | .009 | 0.88 | 0.93 | 453 | .573 | .03 |
| CIV01d19 | 418 | 3.86 | 3.88 | .044 | .008 | 0.89 | 0.89 | 12,003 | .575 | -.03 |
| CIV01e19 | 419 | 4.02 | 3.94 | .043 | .009 | 0.87 | 0.92 | 12,013 | .061 | .09 |
| CIV02a19 | 419 | 2.43 | 2.48 | .042 | .008 | 0.85 | 0.90 | 452 | .199 | -.06 |
| CIV02b19 | 417 | 2.43 | 2.45 | .039 | .008 | 0.79 | 0.90 | 457 | .490 | -.03 |
| CIV02c19 | 419 | 2.67 | 2.62 | .042 | .009 | 0.86 | 0.92 | 452 | .204 | .06 |
| CIV02d19 | 419 | 2.53 | 2.46 | .042 | .009 | 0.87 | 0.92 | 11,946 | .139 | .07 |
| CIV02e19 | 419 | 2.93 | 2.72 | .044 | .009 | 0.91 | 0.97 | 453 | .000 | .21 |
| CIV02f19 | 419 | 2.96 | 2.82 | .043 | .009 | 0.88 | 0.93 | 452 | .001 | .16 |
| CIV03a19 | 419 | 2.51 | 2.51 | .046 | .009 | 0.94 | 0.96 | 11,953 | .989 | .00 |
| CIV03b19 | 417 | 2.60 | 2.58 | .046 | .009 | 0.94 | 0.96 | 11,939 | .649 | .02 |
| CIV03c19 | 418 | 2.54 | 2.56 | .044 | .009 | 0.89 | 0.94 | 11,932 | .666 | -.02 |
| CIV04a19 | 418 | 2.54 | 2.62 | .041 | .008 | 0.83 | 0.88 | 452 | .086 | -.08 |
| CIV04b19 | 417 | 2.89 | 2.93 | .042 | .008 | 0.86 | 0.87 | 11,934 | .398 | -.04 |
| CIV04c19 | 415 | 2.46 | 2.52 | .040 | .008 | 0.82 | 0.91 | 451 | .132 | -.07 |
| CIV04d19 | 417 | 2.72 | 2.75 | .042 | .008 | 0.86 | 0.89 | 11,927 | .484 | -.03 |
| CIV04e19 | 416 | 1.98 | 1.99 | .045 | .009 | 0.92 | 0.95 | 11,915 | .757 | -.02 |
| CIV04f19 | 417 | 2.09 | 2.12 | .047 | .009 | 0.96 | 0.97 | 11,924 | .500 | -.03 |
| CIV04g19 | 417 | 1.83 | 1.82 | .045 | .009 | 0.91 | 0.93 | 11,912 | .737 | .02 |
| CIV04h19 | 417 | 1.92 | 1.87 | .046 | .009 | 0.94 | 0.94 | 11,905 | .236 | .06 |
| CIV04i19 | 415 | 1.68 | 1.60 | .044 | .008 | 0.89 | 0.89 | 11,878 | .094 | .08 |
| CIV04j19 | 416 | 1.66 | 1.58 | .043 | .008 | 0.87 | 0.87 | 11,775 | .062 | .09 |

See the endnotes on the last page of this report.

Endnotes

- a. Column percentages are weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups). Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. Counts are unweighted; column percentages cannot be replicated from counts.
- b. All statistics are weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups). Unless otherwise noted, statistical comparisons are two-tailed independent t -tests. Items with categorical response sets are left blank.
- c. These are the values used to calculate means. For the majority of items, these values match the codes in the data file and codebook.
- d. Effect size for independent t -tests uses Cohen's d ; z -tests use Cohen's h .
- e. Statistics are weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups). Categorical items are not listed.
- f. The 95% confidence interval for the population mean is equal to the sample mean plus or minus 1.96 times the standard error of the mean.
- g. A measure of the amount individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.
- h. Degrees of freedom used to compute the t -tests. Values differ from N s due to weighting and whether equal variances were assumed.
- i. Statistical comparisons are two-tailed independent t -tests or z -tests. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between your students' mean and that of the students in the comparison group is due to chance.
- j. Statistical comparison uses z -test to compare the proportion who responded (depending on the item) "Done or in progress" or "Yes" with all who responded otherwise.
- k. Mean represents the proportion who responded (depending on the item) "Done or in progress" or "Yes."

Key to symbols:

- ▲ **Your students' average** was significantly higher ($p < .05$) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.
- △ **Your students' average** was significantly higher ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.
- ▽ **Your students' average** was significantly lower ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.
- ▼ **Your students' average** was significantly lower ($p < .05$) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.

Note: It is important to interpret the direction of differences relative to item wording and your institutional context.