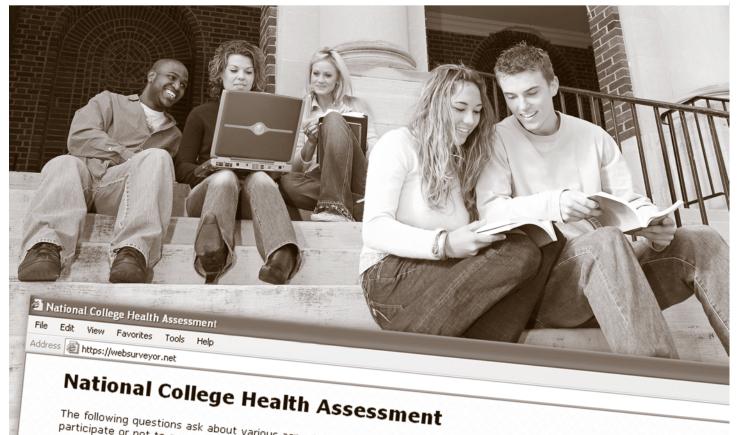


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The first 10 questions ask about health, health education, and safety

1) Considering your age, how would you describe your general health?

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2) On which of the following health topics have you received information from your college months? (Select all that apply)







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The ACHA-NCHA supports the health of the campus community by fulfilling the academic mission, supporting short- and long-term healthy behaviors, and gaining a current profile of health trends within the campus community.

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Introduction

Health issues and health-related costs can have a major impact upon the quality of student and academic life at institutions of higher education. The ACHA-National College Health Assessment (ACHA-NCHA) is a national research survey organized by the American College Health Association (ACHA) to assist college health service providers, health educators, counselors, and administrators in collecting data about their students' habits, behaviors, and perceptions on the most prevalent health topics.

ACHA initiated the survey in 1998; the survey now provides the largest known comprehensive data set on the health of college students, providing the college health and higher education fields with a vast spectrum of research on student health.

For additional information about the survey's development, design, and methodology, email E. Victor Leino, PhD (vleino@acha.org), Mary Hoban, PhD, CHES (mhoban@acha.org), or visit www.acha-ncha.org.

ACHA, the nation's principal advocate and leadership organization for college and university health, represents a diverse membership that provides and supports the delivery of health care and prevention and wellness services for the nation's 17 million college students. For more information about the association's programs and services, visit www.acha.org.

This Executive Summary highlights results of the ACHA-NCHA Fall 2007 survey for a Reference Group consisting of 20,507 respondents.

Possible Uses of the ACHA-NCHA

The following are possible uses of the ACHA-NCHA findings:

- o Determine priority health issues among student populations.
- o Provide prevalence rates and formulate baseline data for tracking trends.
- o Measure progress and effectiveness of intervention strategies.
- o Support institutional policies and local laws that affect the health of a campus community.
- o Create individual reports, information campaigns, research projects to educate both campus and community partners.
- o Distribute risk factor information about the student population through summary reports that focus on specific health topics or problem areas.
- o Monitor prevalence and care for specific chronic disease groups.
- o Monitor acute illness and prevention efforts.
- o Provide group or cohort-specific estimates.
- o Assess the correlation between one characteristic or behavior and another in a given population.
- o Identify students' level of self-knowledge about health protection practices and illnesses.
- o Identify students' perceptions about peer behavior.
- o Assess the impact of health and behavior factors on academic performance.
- o Track the progress of selected objectives in Healthy Campus 2000 and Healthy Campus 2010 for ongoing and future tracking.

Note on use of data:

Missing values have been excluded from analysis. Students responding "not applicable" were excluded from several analyses, which are specifically noted throughout this document. All response categories were included, including "don't know" or "0" unless otherwise noted.

Findings

A. General Health of College Students

57.7 % of students surveyed (62.2 % male and 55.5 % female) described their health as very good or excellent.

Within the last 12 months, college students reported experiencing:

Allergy problems:	51.0 %	Repetitive stress injury:	7.4 %
Anorexia:	1.8 %	Seasonal affective disorder:	6.8 %
Anxiety disorder:	13.1 %	Substance abuse problem:	3.6 %
Asthma:	12.1 %	Back pain:	49.4 %
Bulimia:	2.0 %	Broken bone/fracture:	5.5 %
Chronic fatigue syndrome:	3.4 %	Bronchitis:	7.9 %
Depression:	18.9 %	Chlamydia:	0.9 %
Diabetes:	1.5 %	Ear infection:	11.5 %
Endometriosis:	1.3 %	Gonorrhea:	0.3 %
Genital herpes:	1.0 %	Mononucleosis:	2.2 %
Genital warts/HPV:	2.3 %	Pelvic inflammatory disease:	0.4 %
Hepatitis B or C:	0.5 %	Sinus infection:	32.6 %
High blood pressure:	6.3 %	Strep throat:	15.5 %
High cholesterol:	4.4 %	Tuberculosis:	0.4 %
HIV infection:	0.3 %		

 $^{82.9\,}$ % of college students ($79.0\,$ % male, $86.9\,$ % female) experienced one or more of the above conditions within the last $12\,$ months.

B. Preventive Health

Preventive health practices among college students:

- 68.7 % reported being vaccinated against hepatitis B.
- 52.8 % reported being vaccinated against meningococcal disease.
- 52.7 % reported being vaccinated against varicella (chicken pox).
- 77.1 % reported being vaccinated with measles, mumps, rubella (2 shots).
- 29.2 % reported being vaccinated against the flu in the last year.
- 76.3 % reported having a dental exam and cleaning in the last year.
- 42.1 % of males students reported that they performed testicular self exam in the last month.
- 46.5 % of female students reported that they performed breast self exam in the last month.
- 55.8 % of females reported having a routine gynecological exam in the last year.
- 87.9 % reported having their blood pressure checked in the last 2 years.
- 43.8 % reported having cholesterol checked in the last 5 years.
- 18.8 % reported using sunscreen daily.

College students reported the following behaviors within the last 12 months:

Percent (%)	N/A, didn't drive, ride, or skate within the last 12 months	Never	Rarely or sometimes	Mostly or always	Mostly or always (N/A responses not included)*
Wore a seatbelt	0.4	0.4	5.0	94.2	94.6
Wore a helmet when riding					
a bicycle	50.8	20.9	11.6	16.7	33.9
Wore a helmet when riding					
a motorcycle	80.1	2.2	1.9	15.9	79.8
Wore a helmet when inline					
skating	82.7	9.8	3.0	4.4	25.5

^{*} Students responding "N/A, didn't drive, ride, or skate within the last 12 months" were excluded from this analysis.

C. Academic Impacts

Within the last 12 months students reported the following factors affecting their individual academic performance, i.e. received an incomplete, dropped a course, received a lower grade in a class, on an exam, or on an important project (listed alphabetically):

Alcohol use:	6.2 %	Eating disorder/problem:	1.3 %
Allergies:	5.2 %	HIV infection:	0.2 %
Assault (physical):	0.7 %	Injury:	4.1 %
Assault (sexual):	0.9 %	Internet use/computer games:	15.1 %
Attention deficit disorder:	7.0 %	Learning disability:	4.0 %
Cold/flu/sore throat:	24.8 %	Mononucleosis:	1.4 %
Concern for a troubled		Pregnancy (yours or partner's)	1.4 %
friend or family member:	18.1 %	Relationship difficulty:	15.5 %
Chronic illness:	3.2 %	Sexually transmitted disease:	0.5 %
Chronic pain:	3.8 %	Sinus infection/ear infection/	
Death of a friend/family member:	9.8 %	bronchitis/strep throat:	9.4 %
Depression/anxiety disorder/seasonal		Sleep difficulties:	25.4 %
affective disorder:	15.5 %	Stress:	32.9 %
Drug use:	2.1 %		

D. Violence

Within the last 12 months, college students reported experiencing:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
A physical fight	15.0	4.5	8.3
Being physically assaulted (non-sexually)	6.0	3.3	4.3
Verbal threats for sex against their will	2.7	3.8	3.5
Sexual touching against their will	4.0	8.3	6.9
Attempted sexual penetration against their will	1.3	3.6	2.8
Sexual penetration against their will	0.9	2.1	1.7
An emotionally abusive relationship	10.4	16.0	14.1
A physically abusive relationship	1.9	2.6	2.4
A sexually abusive relationship	1.5	2.1	2.0

E. Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use

Thirty day prevalence - substance use reported by college students (male, female, total):

Alcohol

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Never used	24.7	21.4	22.8
Used, but not in the last 30 days	13.2	16.7	15.4
Used 1-9 days	44.3	49.9	47.7
Used 10-29 days	16.6	11.8	13.4
Used all 30 days	1.3	0.3	0.7

Cigarette

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Never used	63.9	66.4	65.6
Used, but not in the last 30 days	15.4	15.8	15.5
Used 1-9 days	10.3	8.2	8.9
Used 10-29 days	4.5	3.9	4.1
Used all 30 days	5.9	5.8	5.9

Marijuana

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Never used	65.6	70.5	68.8
Used, but not in the last 30 days	18.4	18.8	18.5
Used 1-9 days	9.9	7.6	8.4
Used 10-29 days	4.0	2.5	3.0
Used all 30 days	2.2	0.6	1.2

Reported use versus perceived use - reported use for all students within the past 30 days compared with how often students perceived the typical student on campus used substances within the same time period:

		Never Used one or more days Used daily		Used one or more days		U sed daily
	Reported	Perception of Typical	Reported	Perception of Typical	Reported	Perception of
Percent (%)	Use (total)	Use	Use (total)	Use	Use	Typical Use
					(total)	
Alcohol	22.8	4.8	61.1	54.6	0.7	40.6
Cigarettes	65.6	12.0	13.0	46.2	5.9	41.8
Marijuana	68.8	20.0	11.4	57.7	1.2	22.3

■ 4.6 % of college students reported driving after having 5 or more drinks in the last 30 days.*

^{*}Students responding "N/A, don't drive" were excluded from this analysis.

Estimated BAC (Blood Alcohol Concentration) of college students: This is an estimated figure based on the reported number of drinks consumed during the last time all students (including non-drinkers) "partied" or socialized, their approximate time of consumption, sex, and the average rate of ethanol metabolisim.

Estimated BAC	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
< .08		69.6	68.6	69.0
< .10		75.8	75.5	75.6
Mean		0.06	0.07	0.06
Median		0.03	0.04	0.04
Std Dev		0.09	0.09	0.09

Reported number of drinks consumed the last time students "partied" or socialized:

Number of drinks	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
<= 4		54.9	70.6	65.1
<= 5 <= 6		62.3	79.7	73.6
<= 6		69.2	86.4	80.3
Mean		5.04	3.26	3.88
Median		4.00	3.00	3.00
Std Dev		5.67	3.44	4.45

Reported number of times college students consumed five or more drinks in a sitting within the last two weeks:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
None	58.1	70.9	66.5
1-2 times	23.4	19.7	20.9
3-5 times	14.0	7.5	9.8
6 or more times	4.5	1.8	2.8

College students reported doing the following when they "partied" or socialized during the last 12 months:*

When at a party or when going out	usually or always		
	Percent (%)		
alternate non-alcoholic with alcoholic beverages:	33.6		
determine in advance not to exceed a set number of drinks:	43.4		
choose not to drink alcohol:	29.5		
use a designated driver:	80.6		
eat before and/or during drinking:	81.2		
have a friend let you know when you have had enough:	31.4		
keep track of how many drinks being consumed:	66.4		
pace drinks to one or fewer an hour:	34.0		
avoid drinking games:	42.1		
drink an alcoholic look-alike:	8.5		

^{*}Students responding "N/A, don't drink" were excluded from this analysis.

■ 96.8 % of college students reported usually doing or always doing one or more of the above behaviors when drinking alcohol during the last 12 months.*

College students who drank alcohol reported the following consequences occurring in the last 12 months as a result of their own drinking:*

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Being physically injured	15.5	15.0	15.3
Physically injured another person	6.7	2.7	4.1
Being involved in a fight	10.3	4.4	6.5
Doing something they later regretted	33.4	29.8	31.1
Forgetting where they were or what they had done	29.6	24.3	26.2
Having someone use force or threat of force to have sex	0.9	1.8	1.5
with them			
Having unprotected sex	17.0	12.7	14.2

^{*}Students responding "N/A, don't drink" were excluded from this analysis.

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F. Sexual Behavior

College students reported the following within the last 12 months:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Having had no sexual partner	32.1	30.9	31.4
Having had 1 sexual partner	41.6	47.5	45.3
Having had 2 sexual partners	10.0	10.1	10.1
Having had 3 sexual partners	6.0	5.0	5.3
Having had 4 or more sexual partners	10.4	6.4	7.9

Number of partners among students reporting to have at least one sexual partner within the last 12 months:*

Mean	2.45	1.80	2.05
Median	1.00	1.00	1.00
Std Dev	4.76	2.77	3.73

^{*}Only students reporting to have at least one sexual partner are included in these

Oral sex within the past 30 days Percent	%) M	ale	Female	Total
Never did this sexual	29	9.8	32.0	31.3
Have not done this during the last 30	26	5.9	25.5	26.0
Did this 1 or more times	43	3.3	42.5	42.7

Vaginal sex within the past 30 days Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Never did this sexual	32.1	31.7	31.9
Have not done this during the last 30	21.7	17.2	18.7
Did this 1 or more times	46.2	51.0	49.4

Anal sex within the past 30 days	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Never did this sexual		70.7	77.7	75.2
Have not done this during the last 30		22.8	18.1	19.7
Did this 1 or more times		6.5	4.2	5.1

Type of sexual behavior	Percent (%)	Oral	Vaginal	Anal
Sexually active students reported				
Using a condom within the last 30 days (mostly	or or	4.4	49.1	24.7
always)*				
Using a condom the last time they had sex**		4.6	50.3	25.1

^{*}Students responding "Never did this sexual activity" or "Have not done this during the last thirty days" were excluded from the analysis.

Reported means of birth control used among college students or their partners to prevent pregnancy the last time they had vaginal intercourse:

Percen	t (%)	Male	Female	Total
Birth control pills		33.9	35.2	34.2
Depo Provera (shots)		1.1	1.4	1.3
Norplant (implant)		0.6	0.4	0.5
Condoms		38.8	34.6	35.8
Diaphragm, cervical cap, sponge		0.6	0.4	0.4
Spermicide		3.5	2.0	2.5
Fertility awareness		2.4	2.5	2.4
Withdrawal		14.5	16.5	15.6
Other method		4.4	7.3	6.2
Nothing		6.9	5.9	6.3

■ 11.7 % of sexually active college students reported using (or reported their partner used) emergency contraception ("morning after pill") within the last 12 months (male: 10.3 %; female: 12.4 %).*

■ 2.6 % of college students who had vaginal intercourse within the last 12 months reported experiencing an unintentional pregnancy or got someone pregnant within the last 12 months. (male: 2.8 %; female: 2.5 %).**

^{**}Students responding "Never did this sexual activity" were excluded from the analysis.

^{*}Students responding "Not sexually active" were excluded from the analysis.

^{**}Students responding "Have not had vaginal intercourse within the last 12 months" were excluded from the analysis.

G. Nutrition and Exercise

Within the last 30 days, college students reported:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Exercising to lose weight	44.0	58.7	53.1
Dieting to lose weight	22.4	40.7	34.0
Vomiting or taking laxatives to lose weight	0.7	2.8	2.1
Taking diet pills to lose weight	2.0	4.6	3.7
Doing none of the above	50.1	33.1	38.6

College students reported usually eating the following number of servings of fruits and vegetables:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Don't eat fruits and vegetables	5.0	2.9	3.7
1 or 2 per day	63.3	59.5	60.8
3-4 per day	25.5	31.1	29.1
5 or more per day	6.2	6.5	6.4

College students reported the following behaviors within the past 7 days

Participated in vigorous exercise for 20 minutes (or 30 minutes moderate exercise)

P	ercent (%)	Male	Female	Total
0 days		23.8	30.2	28.1
1-2 days		32.3	32.2	32.3
3-5 days		34.6	31.0	32.0
6+ days		9.3	6.7	7.6

Exercising to strengthen muscles	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
0 days		35.5	45.8	42.3
1-2 days		27.2	29.2	28.6
3-5 days		30.1	21.5	24.4
6+ days		7.2	3.4	4.8

Getting enough sleep

to feel rested in the morning	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
0 days		10.8	12.6	12.1
1-2 days		26.6	28.3	27.8
3-5 days		48.1	45.6	46.2
6+ days		14.5	13.5	13.8

Estimated average Body Mass Index (BMI): This figure incorporates reported height, and weight to form a general indicator of physical health.

BMI	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
< 18.5 Underweight		2.9	5.8	4.8
18.5-24.9 Healthy Weight		53.3	61.3	58.6
25-29.9 Overweight		29.1	19.7	22.9
30-34.9 Class I Obesity		9.7	7.4	8.2
35-39.9 Class II Obesity		3.3	3.4	3.4
>= 40 Class III Obesity		1.6	2.4	2.1

Mean	25.25	24.34	24.65
Median	24.33	22.91	23.44
Std Dev	5.11	5.61	5.46

H. Depression

Students reported experiencing the following within the last 12 months:

Feeling overwhelmed by all they had to do

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Never		14.5	5.0	8.4
1-10 times		65.7	63.9	64.5
11+ times		19.9	31.2	27.1

Feeling exhausted (not from physical activity)

rercent (%)			
Never	17.8	7.6	11.2
1-10 times	62.3	65.5	64.4
11+ times	19.9	26.9	24.3

Feeling very sad

Percent (%)			
Never	32.5	18.6	23.5
1-10 times	57.0	67.0	63.5
11+ times	10.5	14.4	13.0

Feeling things were hopeless

Percent (%)			
Never	45.2	34.8	38.5
1-10 times	45.9	54.9	51.7
11+ times	8.9	10.3	9.8

Feeling so depressed it was difficult to function

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Never		62.1	54.0	56.8
1-10 times		31.5	38.6	36.2
11+ times		6.4	7.4	7.0

Seriously considering attempting suicide

Percent (%)			
Never	90.0	89.7	89.7
1-10 times	9.0	9.3	9.3
11+ times	1.0	1.0	1.0

Attempting suicide

Percent (%)			
Never	98.2	98.2	98.2
1-10 times	1.5	1.6	1.7
11+ times	0.2	0.1	0.2

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total	
College students reported diagnosed with depression		10.9	18.8	16.0	

Of those students reporting ever having been diagnosed with depression in the item above...

Diagnosed with depression in the last 12 months	34.2	40.4	39.2
Currently in therapy for depression	17.3	25.8	24.2
Currently taking medication for depression	27.5	37.9	35.8

Demographics and Student Characteristics

■ Age:			■ Students describe themse	elves as:
Average age:	22.60 years		Heterosexual:	94.0 %
Median:	20.00 years		Gay/Lesbian:	1.6 %
Std Dev:	7.33 years		Bisexual:	2.5 %
			Transgendered:	0.2 %
18 - 20 years:		53.0 %	Unsure:	1.8 %
21 - 24 years:		28.5 %		
25 - 29 years:		8.1 %	■ Housing:	
30+ years:		10.4 %	Campus residence:	35.7 %
			Fraternity or sorority:	1.7 %
■ Sex*			Other university:	2.8 %
Female:		63.3 %	Off-campus:	34.2 %
Male:		33.1 %	Parent/guardian's:	18.7 %
			Other:	6.8 %
■ Student statu	s:			
1st year undergr	aduate:	29.0 %	■ Hours of paid work per v	week:
2nd year underg	raduate:	19.8 %	0 hours:	39.4 %
3rd year undergr	raduate:	19.2 %	1-9 hours:	15.9 %
4th year undergo	raduate:	16.4 %	10-19 hours:	17.0 %
5th year or more	e undergraduate:	7.2 %	20-29 hours:	13.7 %
Graduate or prof	fessional:	6.4 %	30-39 hours:	5.9 %
Adult special or	other:	2.1 %	40 hours:	4.8 %
			More than 40 hours:	3.3 %
Full-time studen	t:	90.9 %		
			■ Hours of volunteer work	per week:
■ Relationship	status:		0 hours:	63.8 %
Single:		54.0 %	1-9 hours:	33.0 %
Married/domest	ic partner:	11.6 %	10-19 hours:	2.3 %
Engaged or com	mitted dating		20-29 hours:	0.5 %
relationship:		32.4 %	30-39 hours:	0.1 %
Separated:		0.5 %	40 hours:	0.1 %
Divorced:		1.3 %	More than 40 hours:	0.1 %
Widowed:		0.2 %		
			■ Have any kind of health insurance	
Students describe themselves as:		(including prepaid plans, such as HMOs):		
White:		75.2 %	Yes:	83.8 %
Black – not Hisp	panic:	4.7 %	Unsure:	6.4 %
Hispanic or Lati		6.9 %		
Asian or Pacific	Islander:	9.3 %		
American Indian	n or Alaskan Native:	1.6 %		
Other:		3.9 %		

^{*} Cases where sex is missing are included in the calulation of percentages for this variable

Demographics of Participating Colleges/Universities

Forty-eight postsecondary institutions self-selected to participate in the Fall 2007 ACHA National College Health Assessment and 23,044 surveys were completed by students on these campuses. For the purpose of forming the Reference Group, only those institutions that surveyed all students, or used a random sampling technique are included in the analysis, yielding a final data set consisting of 20,507 students and 39 schools. Demographic characteristics of the 39 campuses follow:

Demographical Characteristics of the 39 Postsecondary Institutions Included in the Fall 2007 ACHA-NCHA Reference Group.		
Campus Characteristic	n	
Type of Institution		
Public	22	
Private	17	
2-year	2	
4-year	37	
Location of Campus		
Northeast (CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT)	13	
Midwest (IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, WI)	6	
South (AL, AR, DE, DC, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, OK, SC,	9	
TN, TX, VA, WV)		
West (AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY)	10	
Outside US	1	
Campus Size		
< 2,500 students	9	
2,500 – 4,999 students	6	
5,000 – 9,999 students	6	
10,000 – 19,999 students	13	
20,000 students or more	5	
Campus Setting		
Very large city (population over 500,000)	5	
Large city (population 250,000-499,999)	4	
Small city (population 50,000-249,999)	9	
Large town (population 10,000 – 49,999)	15	
Small town (population 2,500-9,999)	5	
Rural community (population under 2,500)	1	
Carnegie Classification		
Associates Colleges	3	
Baccalaureate Colleges	10	
Masters Colleges and Universities	12	
Research Institutions	12	
Special Focus Institutions	1	
Miscellaneous/Not Classified	1	

Demographical Characteristics of the 39 Postsecondary Institutions Included in the Fall 2007 ACHA-NCHA Reference Group.		
Campus Characteristic		
ACHA Membership Status		
Institutional Member	34	
Nonmember	5	
Religious Affiliation		
No	33	
Yes	6	
<u>If yes:</u>		
Catholic	4	
Protestant or Other Christian	2	
Postsecondary Minority Institution (US Department of Education)		
No	38	
Yes	1	
*If yes:		
Postsecondary Minority Institution	0	
Historically Black College or University (HBCU)	0	
High Hispanic Enrollment	1	
Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI)	0	
Indian Tribally Controlled College or University	0	
Alaska Native-Serving Institution	0	
Native Hawaiian-Serving Institution	0	
*institutions may hold more than one type of minority status		

	All Spring 2007 Institutions	Paper Survey Administration	Web Survey Administration
Number of institutions	39	9	30
Number of students	30,507	3,947	16,560
Mean response proportion	31%	63%	21%
Median response proportion	25%	82%	21%