



NSSE 2023

Engagement Indicators

University of Colorado Colorado Springs

About Your Engagement Indicators Report

Engagement Indicators (EIs) provide a useful summary of the detailed information contained in your students' NSSE responses. By combining responses to related NSSE questions, each EI offers valuable information about a distinct aspect of student engagement. Ten indicators, based on three to eight survey questions each (a total of 47 survey questions), are organized into four broad themes as shown at right. The specific items within each EI are listed below, starting on page 5.

Theme	Engagement Indicator
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Higher-Order Learning Reflective & Integrative Learning Learning Strategies Quantitative Reasoning
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning Discussions with Diverse Others
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction Effective Teaching Practices
<i>Campus Environment</i>	Quality of Interactions Supportive Environment

Report Sections

Overview (p. 3)

Displays how average EI scores for your students compare with those of students at your comparison group institutions.

Theme Reports (pp. 4-13)

Detailed views of EI scores within the four themes for your students and those at comparison group institutions. Three views offer varied insights into your EI scores:

Mean Comparisons

Straightforward comparisons of average scores between your students and those at comparison group institutions, with tests of significance and effect sizes (see below).

Score Distributions

Box-and-whisker charts show the variation in scores *within* your institution and comparison groups.

Performance on Indicator Items

Responses to each item in a given EI are summarized for your institution and comparison groups.

Comparisons with High-Performing Institutions (p. 15)

Comparisons of your students' average scores on each EI with those of students at institutions whose average scores were in the top 50% and top 10% of all current- and prior-year institutions.

Detailed Statistics (pp. 16-19)

Detailed information about EI score means, distributions, and tests of statistical significance.

Interpreting Comparisons

Mean comparisons report both statistical significance and effect size. Effect size indicates the practical importance of an observed difference. For EI comparisons, NSSE research has concluded that an effect size of about .1 may be considered small, .3 medium, and .5 large (Rocconi & Gonyea, 2018). Comparisons with an effect size of at least .3 in magnitude (before rounding) are highlighted in the Overview (p. 3).

EIs vary more among students within an institution than between institutions, like many experiences and outcomes in higher education. As a result, focusing attention on average scores alone amounts to examining the tip of the iceberg. It's equally important to understand how student engagement varies within your institution. Score distributions indicate how EI scores vary among your students and those in your comparison groups. Your NSSE Tableau dashboards and Report Builder (released in the fall) offer valuable perspectives on internal variation and help you investigate your students' engagement in depth.

How Engagement Indicators are Computed

Each EI is scored on a 60-point scale. To produce an indicator score, the response set for each item is converted to a 60-point scale (e.g., Never = 0; Sometimes = 20; Often = 40; Very often = 60), and the rescaled items are averaged. Thus a score of zero means a student responded at the bottom of the scale for every item in the EI, while a score of 60 indicates responses at the top of the scale on every item.

For more information on EIs and their psychometric properties, refer to the NSSE website: nsse.indiana.edu

Rocconi, L.M., & Gonyea, R.M. (2018). Contextualizing effect sizes in the National Survey of Student Engagement: An empirical analysis. *Research & Practice in Assessment*, 13 (Summer/Fall), pp. 22-38.

Engagement Indicators: Overview

Engagement Indicators are summary measures based on sets of NSSE questions examining key dimensions of student engagement. The ten indicators are organized within four broad themes: Academic Challenge, Learning with Peers, Experiences with Faculty, and Campus Environment. The tables below compare average scores for your students with those in your comparison groups. Use the following key:

- ▲ **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.
- No significant difference.
- ▽ **Your students' average** was significantly lower ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.
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Note: It is important to interpret the direction of differences relative to your institutional context. You may not see all of these symbols in your report.

First-Year Students

<i>Theme</i>	<i>Engagement Indicator</i>	Your first-year students compared with Rocky Mt Public	Your first-year students compared with Carnegie Class	Your first-year students compared with NSSE 2022 & 2023
	Higher-Order Learning	--	▽	▽
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Reflective & Integrative Learning	▽	▽	▽
	Learning Strategies	▽	▼	▼
	Quantitative Reasoning	▽	--	--
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning	▽	▽	▽
	Discussions with Diverse Others	▽	▽	▽
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction	--	--	▽
	Effective Teaching Practices	--	--	--
<i>Campus Environment</i>	Quality of Interactions	--	--	--
	Supportive Environment	--	▽	▽

Seniors

<i>Theme</i>	<i>Engagement Indicator</i>	Your seniors compared with Rocky Mt Public	Your seniors compared with Carnegie Class	Your seniors compared with NSSE 2022 & 2023
	Higher-Order Learning	--	--	--
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Reflective & Integrative Learning	--	--	--
	Learning Strategies	△	--	--
	Quantitative Reasoning	--	--	--
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning	--	▽	--
	Discussions with Diverse Others	--	--	--
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction	--	--	--
	Effective Teaching Practices	△	△	--
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	Supportive Environment	△	--	--

Academic Challenge: First-year students

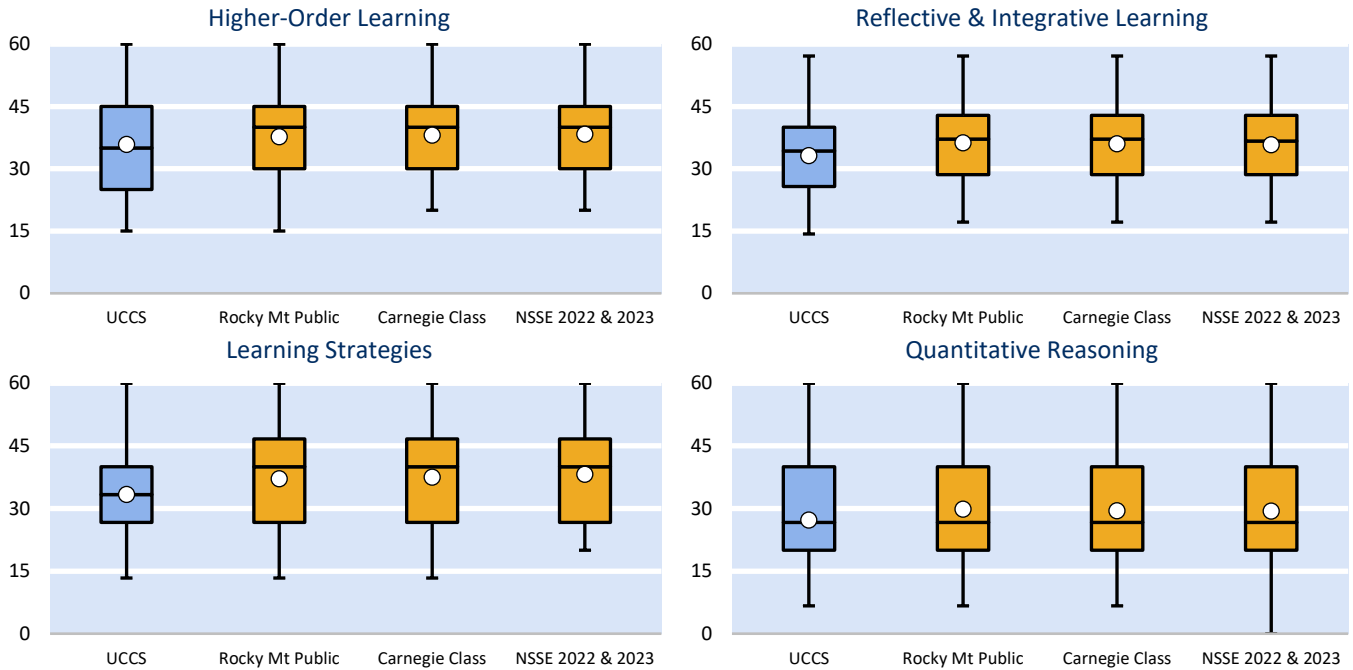
Challenging intellectual and creative work is central to student learning and collegiate quality. Colleges and universities promote student learning by challenging and supporting them to engage in various forms of deep learning. Four Engagement Indicators are part of this theme: *Higher-Order Learning*, *Reflective & Integrative Learning*, *Learning Strategies*, and *Quantitative Reasoning*. Below and on the next page are three views of your results alongside those of your comparison groups.

Mean Comparisons

Engagement Indicator	UCCS Mean	Your first-year students compared with					
		Rocky Mt Public Mean	Rocky Mt Public Effect size	Carnegie Class Mean	Carnegie Class Effect size	NSSE 2022 & 2023 Mean	NSSE 2022 & 2023 Effect size
Higher-Order Learning	35.9	37.7	-.14	38.1 *	-.17	38.3 *	-.18
Reflective & Integrative Learning	33.2	36.3 ***	-.26	36.1 ***	-.24	35.8 **	-.22
Learning Strategies	33.4	37.1 ***	-.27	37.5 ***	-.30	38.2 ***	-.35
Quantitative Reasoning	27.2	29.8 *	-.17	29.5	-.14	29.4	-.14

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Higher-Order Learning				
<i>Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much coursework emphasized...</i>				
	%			
4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	65	-5	-5	-5
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	60	-8	-9	-9
4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	60	-8	-9	-10
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	73	+2	+2	+2
Reflective & Integrative Learning				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	54	-3	-1	+0
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	42	-12	-12	-11
2c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	42	-12	-13	-12
2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	55	-11	-11	-10
2e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from their perspective	67	-6	-5	-4
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	63	-6	-4	-4
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	81	+2	+3	+3
Learning Strategies				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	63	-9	-8	-10
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	53	-10	-12	-13
9c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	51	-11	-12	-14
Quantitative Reasoning				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
6a. Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	50	-5	-4	-4
6b. Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	33	-12	-11	-11
6c. Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	40	-4	-3	-3

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Academic Challenge: Seniors

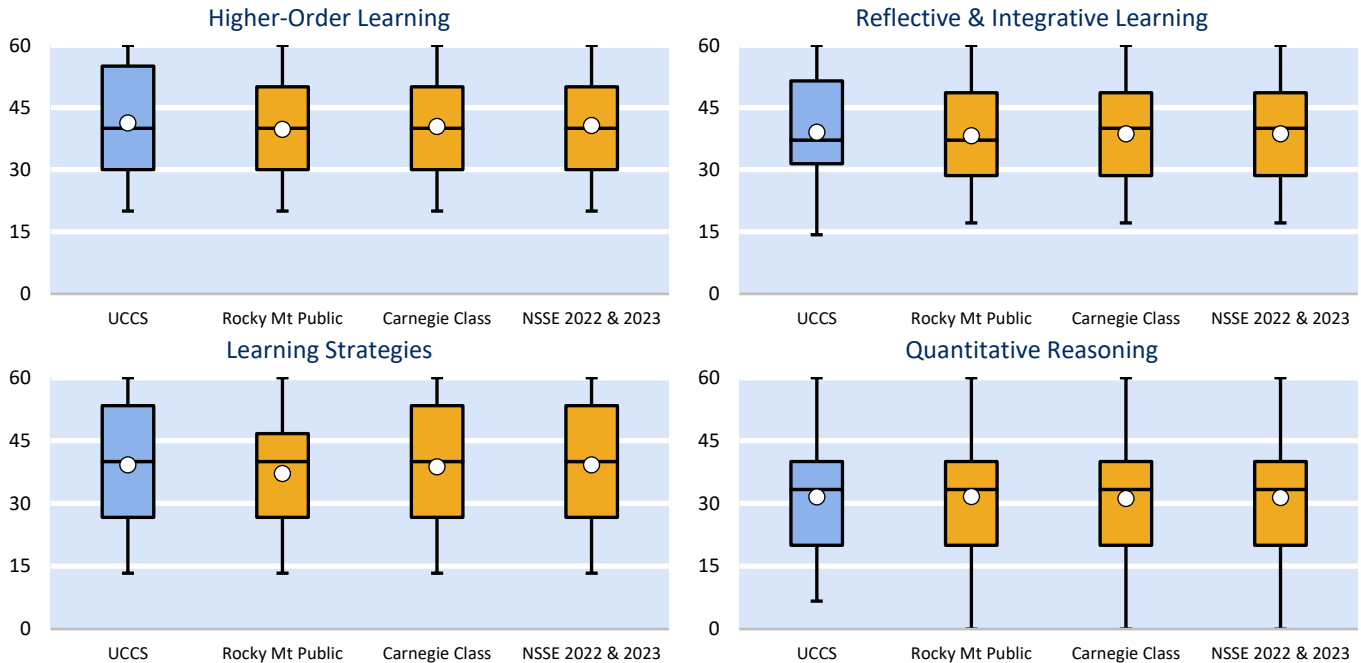
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		Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Higher-Order Learning	41.3	39.8	.11	40.4	.06	40.7	.04
Reflective & Integrative Learning	39.0	38.2	.06	38.6	.03	38.7	.03
Learning Strategies	39.2	37.1 *	.14	38.7	.03	39.2	.00
Quantitative Reasoning	31.5	31.6	.00	31.2	.02	31.4	.01

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	%			
4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	81	+3	+4	+3
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	74	-0	-1	-1
4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	69	+1	-2	-3
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	75	+3	+2	+1
Reflective & Integrative Learning				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	72	+2	+3	+4
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	56	-4	-5	-6
2c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	56	+3	+1	-0
2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	72	+6	+4	+4
2e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from their perspective	73	+2	-0	+0
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	70	-3	-2	-2
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	86	+2	+2	+2
Learning Strategies				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	75	+3	-1	-1
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	67	+7	+3	+2
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Quantitative Reasoning				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
6a. Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	61	+3	+5	+4
6b. Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	47	-1	-1	-2
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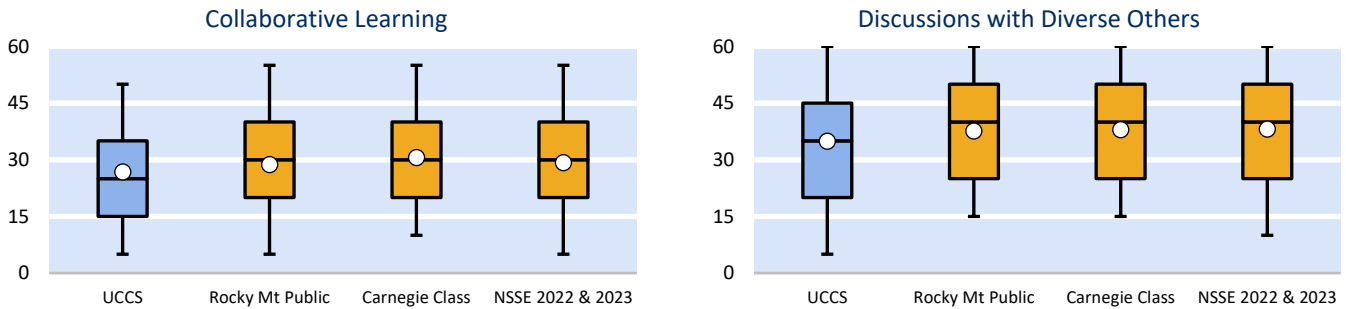
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Collaborative Learning	26.7	28.7 *	-.13	30.5 ***	-.27	29.2 *	-.17
Discussions with Diverse Others	34.9	37.6 *	-.18	37.9 **	-.20	38.1 **	-.20

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Collaborative Learning	UCCS	Percentage point difference ^a between your FY students and		
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Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...				
1b. Asked another student to help you understand course material	35	-8	-12	-9
1c. Explained course material to one or more students	41	-8	-9	-7
1d. Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	30	-8	-12	-11
1e. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	51	+4	-2	+1
Discussions with Diverse Others				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often" had discussions with...				
8a. People of races or ethnicities other than your own	63	-0	-6	-6
8b. People from economic backgrounds other than your own	63	-5	-7	-7
8c. People with religious beliefs other than your own	61	-7	-3	-4
8d. People with political views other than your own	54	-8	-4	-5

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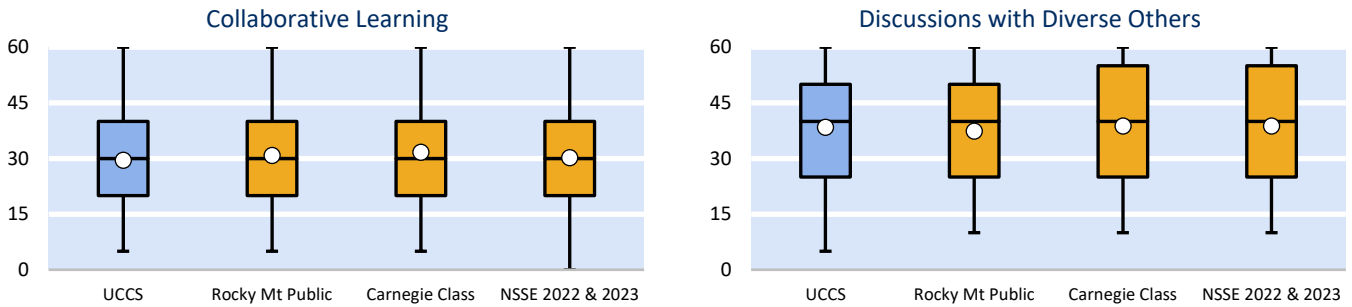
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Collaborative Learning	29.6	30.8	-.08	31.7 *	-.14	30.3	-.04
Discussions with Diverse Others	38.4	37.4	.07	38.8	-.02	38.8	-.02

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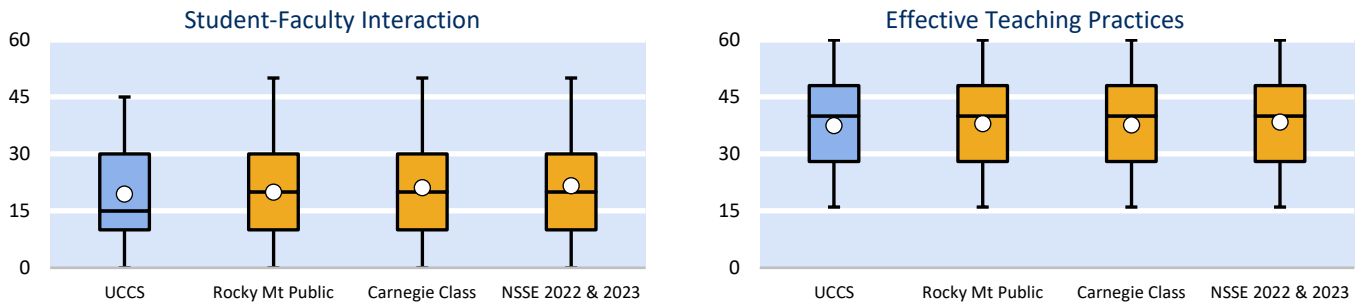
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<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
3a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member	33	-1	-3	-4
3b. Worked w/faculty on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	15	-5	-7	-8
3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	22	-2	-4	-5
3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	32	+5	+1	+0
<i>Effective Teaching Practices</i>				
<i>Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have...</i>				
5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	76	+0	+1	-0
5b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	76	+1	+4	+3
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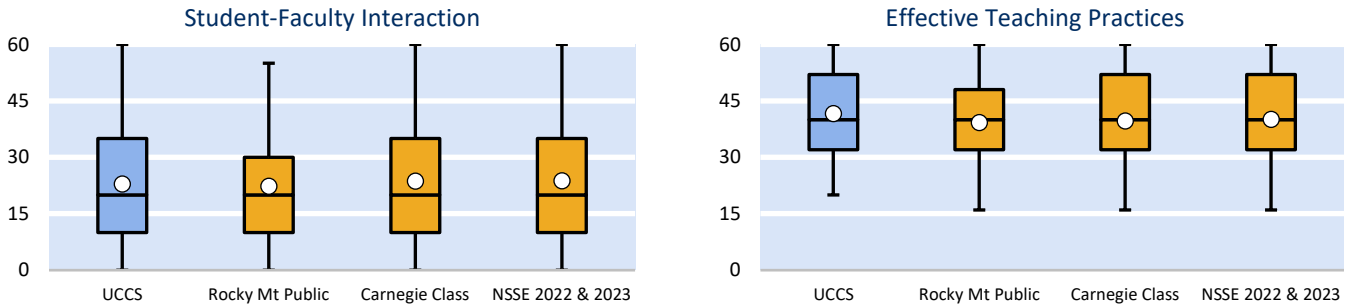
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5d. Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	69	+8	+6	+5
5e. Provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments	70	+7	+6	+5

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Campus Environment: First-year students

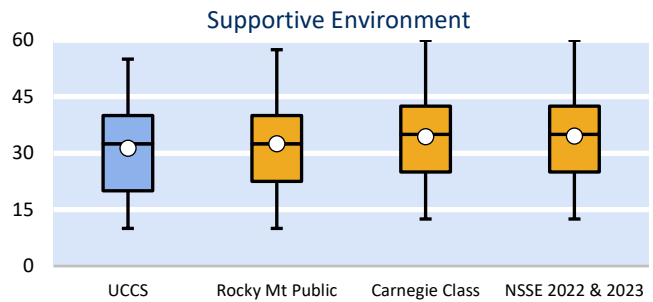
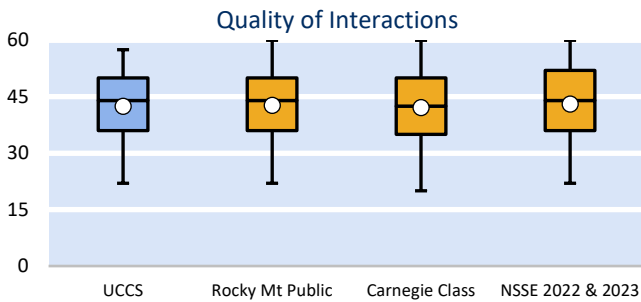
Students benefit and are more satisfied in supportive settings that cultivate positive relationships among students, faculty, and staff. Two Engagement Indicators investigate this theme: *Quality of Interactions* and *Supportive Environment*. Below are three views of your results alongside those of your comparison groups.

Mean Comparisons

Engagement Indicator	UCCS Mean	Your first-year students compared with					
		Rocky Mt Public		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2022 & 2023	
		Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Quality of Interactions	42.5	42.7	-.02	42.1	.03	43.0	-.05
Supportive Environment	31.3	32.5	-.09	34.4 **	-.23	34.6 **	-.24

Notes: Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups); Effect size: Mean difference divided by pooled standard deviation; Symbols on the Overview page are based on effect size and p before rounding: *p < .05, **p < .01, ***p < .001 (2-tailed).

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Performance on Indicator Items

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Quality of Interactions	UCCS	Percentage point difference ^a between your FY students and		
		Rocky Mt Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2022 & 2023
<i>Percentage rating their interactions a 6 or 7 (on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent") with...</i>				
13a. Students	44	-7	-7	-7
13b. Academic advisors	58	+5	+7	+3
13c. Faculty	51	-1	+2	-1
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	42	-4	-3	-6
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	46	+2	+3	-0
<i>Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized...</i>				
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	59	-9	-11	-12
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	69	+0	-2	-3
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	45	-8	-13	-14
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	56	-8	-12	-13
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	61	+0	-3	-3
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	31	-3	-7	-8
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	54	-6	-9	-8
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	42	+2	-3	-3

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Campus Environment: Seniors

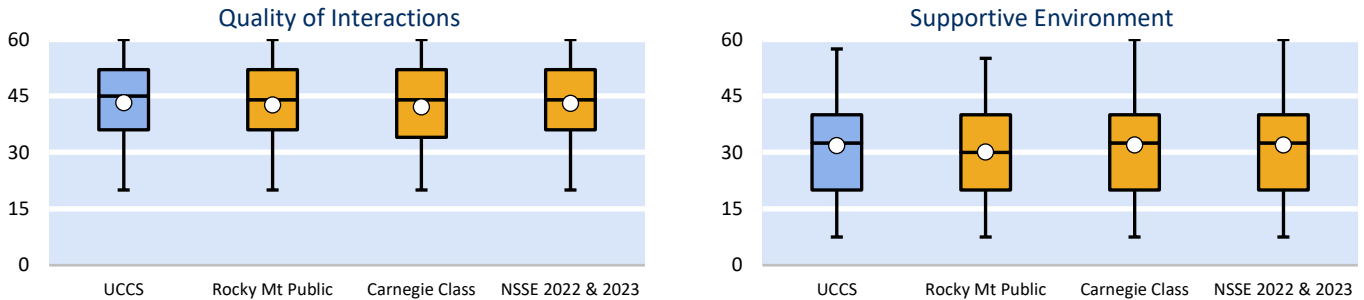
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Mean Comparisons

Engagement Indicator	UCCS Mean	Your seniors compared with					
		Rocky Mt Public		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2022 & 2023	
		Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Quality of Interactions	43.3	42.6	.05	42.2	.09	43.0	.02
Supportive Environment	31.8	30.2 *	.12	32.0	-.01	32.0	-.01

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Quality of Interactions	UCCS	Percentage point difference ^a between your seniors and		
		Rocky Mt Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2022 & 2023
<i>Percentage rating their interactions a 6 or 7 (on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent") with...</i>				
13a. Students	58	+1	+1	-0
13b. Academic advisors	50	-4	+2	-3
13c. Faculty	60	+3	+5	+3
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	49	+5	+6	+4
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	48	+4	+5	+2
<i>Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized...</i>				
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	67	+2	+1	-0
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	70	+9	+6	+6
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	51	+2	-3	-4
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	60	+2	-4	-3
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	63	+7	+4	+5
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	28	+1	-4	-5
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	53	+2	-1	-1
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	49	+12	+8	+8

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Comparisons with Top 50% and Top 10% Institutions

While NSSE’s policy is not to rank institutions (see go.iu.edu/NSSE-PnP), the results below are designed to compare the engagement of your students with those attending two groups of institutions identified by NSSE^a for their high average levels of student engagement:

- (a) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 50% of all 2022 and 2023 NSSE institutions, and
- (b) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 10% of all 2022 and 2023 NSSE institutions.

While the average scores for most institutions are below the mean for the top 50% or top 10%, your institution may show areas of distinction where your average student was as engaged as (or even more engaged than) the typical student at high-performing institutions. A check mark (✓) signifies those comparisons where your average score was at least comparable^b to that of the high-performing group. However, the presence of a check mark does not necessarily mean that your institution was a member of that group.

It should be noted that most of the variability in student engagement is within, not between, institutions. Even "high-performing" institutions have students with engagement levels below the average for all institutions.

First-Year Students		UCCS Mean	Your first-year students compared with					
			NSSE Top 50%			NSSE Top 10%		
			Mean	Effect size	✓	Mean	Effect size	✓
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Higher-Order Learning	35.9	39.5 ***	-.28		42.2 ***	-.50	
	Reflective and Integrative Learning	33.2	37.2 ***	-.34		39.8 ***	-.57	
	Learning Strategies	33.4	39.8 ***	-.46		42.8 ***	-.67	
	Quantitative Reasoning	27.2	30.7 **	-.22		33.4 ***	-.40	
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning	26.7	33.2 ***	-.47		36.5 ***	-.72	
	Discussions with Diverse Others	34.9	40.5 ***	-.38		43.6 ***	-.63	
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction	19.4	25.4 ***	-.39		29.3 ***	-.64	
	Effective Teaching Practices	37.5	40.1 **	-.20		43.3 ***	-.44	
<i>Campus Environment</i>	Quality of Interactions	42.5	45.2 **	-.24		48.1 ***	-.47	
	Supportive Environment	31.3	36.8 ***	-.42		39.6 ***	-.65	

Seniors		UCCS Mean	Your seniors compared with					
			NSSE Top 50%			NSSE Top 10%		
			Mean	Effect size	✓	Mean	Effect size	✓
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Higher-Order Learning	41.3	42.1	-.06	✓	44.7 ***	-.27	
	Reflective and Integrative Learning	39.0	40.6 *	-.13		43.1 ***	-.34	
	Learning Strategies	39.2	41.0 *	-.12		43.6 ***	-.31	
	Quantitative Reasoning	31.5	32.7	-.07	✓	36.3 ***	-.29	
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning	29.6	34.7 ***	-.36		38.1 ***	-.62	
	Discussions with Diverse Others	38.4	41.1 **	-.17		43.9 ***	-.37	
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction	22.9	29.6 ***	-.41		34.3 ***	-.72	
	Effective Teaching Practices	41.5	42.1	-.04	✓	44.7 ***	-.24	
<i>Campus Environment</i>	Quality of Interactions	43.3	45.4 **	-.18		47.9 ***	-.37	
	Supportive Environment	31.8	34.5 **	-.19		37.7 ***	-.42	

Notes: Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups); Effect size: Mean difference divided by the pooled standard deviation; *p < .05, **p < .01, ***p < .001 (2-tailed).

a. Precision-weighted means were used to determine the top 50% and top 10% institutions for each Engagement Indicator from all current- and prior-year institutions, separately by class. Using this method, Engagement Indicator scores of institutions with relatively large standard errors were adjusted toward the mean of all students, while those with smaller standard errors received smaller corrections. As a result, schools with less stable data—even those with high average scores—may not be among the top scorers. NSSE does not publish the names of the top 50% and top 10% institutions because of our commitment not to release institutional results and our policy against ranking institutions.

b. Check marks are assigned to comparisons that are either positive or non-significant with an effect size > -.10.

Detailed Statistics: First-Year Students

	Mean statistics			Percentile ^d scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD ^b	SE ^c	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom ^e	Mean diff.	Sig. ^f	Effect size ^g
Academic Challenge												
Higher-Order Learning												
UCCS (N = 197)	35.9	12.9	.92	15	25	35	45	60				
Rocky Mt Public	37.7	13.1	.18	15	30	40	45	60	5,475	-1.8	.054	-.140
Carnegie Class	38.1	13.2	.10	20	30	40	45	60	18,811	-2.2	.018	-.169
NSSE 2022 & 2023	38.3	13.3	.04	20	30	40	45	60	104,375	-2.4	.011	-.181
Top 50%	39.5	13.2	.05	20	30	40	50	60	67,240	-3.6	.000	-.277
Top 10%	42.2	12.8	.14	20	35	40	55	60	8,327	-6.3	.000	-.497
Reflective & Integrative Learning												
UCCS (N = 210)	33.2	12.0	.82	14	26	34	40	57				
Rocky Mt Public	36.3	12.1	.16	17	29	37	43	57	5,925	-3.1	.000	-.258
Carnegie Class	36.1	12.0	.08	17	29	37	43	57	20,451	-2.9	.001	-.238
NSSE 2022 & 2023	35.8	12.2	.04	17	29	37	43	57	114,165	-2.6	.002	-.216
Top 50%	37.2	12.0	.05	20	29	37	46	60	63,183	-4.1	.000	-.339
Top 10%	39.8	11.8	.13	20	31	40	49	60	8,398	-6.7	.000	-.566
Learning Strategies												
UCCS (N = 179)	33.4	13.4	1.00	13	27	33	40	60				
Rocky Mt Public	37.1	13.9	.20	13	27	40	47	60	5,119	-3.7	.000	-.268
Carnegie Class	37.5	13.8	.10	13	27	40	47	60	17,438	-4.2	.000	-.302
NSSE 2022 & 2023	38.2	13.9	.04	20	27	40	47	60	96,161	-4.8	.000	-.346
Top 50%	39.8	13.9	.06	20	27	40	53	60	54,054	-6.4	.000	-.461
Top 10%	42.8	14.0	.13	20	33	40	60	60	11,410	-9.4	.000	-.672
Quantitative Reasoning												
UCCS (N = 183)	27.2	14.9	1.10	7	20	27	40	60				
Rocky Mt Public	29.8	15.1	.21	7	20	27	40	60	5,174	-2.6	.022	-.172
Carnegie Class	29.5	15.4	.12	7	20	27	40	60	17,735	-2.2	.052	-.144
NSSE 2022 & 2023	29.4	15.5	.05	0	20	27	40	60	97,853	-2.2	.059	-.140
Top 50%	30.7	15.3	.06	7	20	27	40	60	65,744	-3.4	.003	-.223
Top 10%	33.4	15.4	.15	7	20	33	40	60	10,703	-6.2	.000	-.400
Learning with Peers												
Collaborative Learning												
UCCS (N = 229)	26.7	13.8	.91	5	15	25	35	50				
Rocky Mt Public	28.7	14.7	.19	5	20	30	40	55	6,299	-1.9	.049	-.132
Carnegie Class	30.5	14.1	.10	10	20	30	40	55	22,096	-3.8	.000	-.270
NSSE 2022 & 2023	29.2	15.0	.04	5	20	30	40	55	124,238	-2.5	.012	-.166
Top 50%	33.2	13.9	.05	10	25	35	40	60	73,637	-6.5	.000	-.467
Top 10%	36.5	13.7	.11	15	25	35	45	60	14,950	-9.8	.000	-.717
Discussions with Diverse Others												
UCCS (N = 179)	34.9	16.5	1.23	5	20	35	45	60				
Rocky Mt Public	37.6	15.3	.22	15	25	40	50	60	5,140	-2.7	.019	-.179
Carnegie Class	37.9	15.4	.12	15	25	40	50	60	17,574	-3.1	.008	-.198
NSSE 2022 & 2023	38.1	15.8	.05	10	25	40	50	60	96,871	-3.2	.006	-.204
Top 50%	40.5	14.8	.06	20	30	40	55	60	179	-5.6	.000	-.381
Top 10%	43.6	13.9	.17	20	35	40	60	60	184	-8.7	.000	-.628

Detailed Statistics: First-Year Students

	Mean statistics			Percentile ^d scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD ^b	SE ^c	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom ^e	Mean diff.	Sig. ^f	Effect size ^g
Experiences with Faculty												
Student-Faculty Interaction												
UCCS (N = 200)	19.4	14.3	1.01	0	10	15	30	45				
Rocky Mt Public	19.9	14.6	.20	0	10	20	30	50	5,689	-.5	.633	-.034
Carnegie Class	21.0	15.1	.11	0	10	20	30	50	19,538	-1.6	.128	-.108
NSSE 2022 & 2023	21.6	15.1	.05	0	10	20	30	50	108,854	-2.2	.042	-.144
Top 50%	25.4	15.3	.08	5	15	25	35	60	36,192	-5.9	.000	-.389
Top 10%	29.3	15.3	.21	5	20	25	40	60	218	-9.9	.000	-.644
Effective Teaching Practices												
UCCS (N = 195)	37.5	13.1	.94	16	28	40	48	60				
Rocky Mt Public	38.0	13.2	.18	16	28	40	48	60	5,440	-.5	.612	-.037
Carnegie Class	37.6	13.2	.10	16	28	40	48	60	18,763	-.2	.859	-.013
NSSE 2022 & 2023	38.4	13.3	.04	16	28	40	48	60	103,934	-.9	.348	-.067
Top 50%	40.1	13.5	.06	16	32	40	52	60	46,617	-2.7	.006	-.197
Top 10%	43.3	13.3	.17	20	36	44	56	60	6,235	-5.8	.000	-.435
Campus Environment												
Quality of Interactions												
UCCS (N = 161)	42.5	10.6	.84	22	36	44	50	58				
Rocky Mt Public	42.7	11.5	.17	22	36	44	50	60	4,620	-.2	.809	-.019
Carnegie Class	42.1	11.7	.09	20	35	43	50	60	16,166	.4	.697	.031
NSSE 2022 & 2023	43.0	11.8	.04	22	36	44	52	60	88,530	-.5	.564	-.046
Top 50%	45.2	11.5	.06	24	38	46	54	60	37,213	-2.8	.002	-.241
Top 10%	48.1	12.1	.15	24	42	50	60	60	7,066	-5.6	.000	-.468
Supportive Environment												
UCCS (N = 171)	31.3	13.5	1.03	10	20	33	40	55				
Rocky Mt Public	32.5	13.3	.19	10	23	33	40	58	4,976	-1.2	.249	-.090
Carnegie Class	34.4	13.4	.10	13	25	35	43	60	16,892	-3.1	.003	-.230
NSSE 2022 & 2023	34.6	13.5	.04	13	25	35	43	60	93,021	-3.2	.002	-.240
Top 50%	36.8	13.1	.06	15	28	38	45	60	40,678	-5.4	.000	-.416
Top 10%	39.6	12.8	.18	20	30	40	50	60	4,952	-8.3	.000	-.649

a. Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institutional size for comparison groups).

b. Standard deviation is a measure of the amount the individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.

c. Standard error of the mean, used to compute a confidence interval (CI) around the sample mean. For example, the 95% CI (equal to the sample mean +/- 1.96 x SE) is the range that is 95% likely to contain the true population mean.

d. A percentile is the point in the distribution of student-level EI scores at or below which a given percentage of EI scores fall.

e. Degrees of freedom used to compute the t-tests. Values vary from the total Ns due to weighting and whether equal variances were assumed.

f. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between the mean of your institution and that of the comparison group occurred by chance.

g. Effect size is the mean difference divided by the pooled standard deviation.

Detailed Statistics: Seniors

	Mean statistics			Percentile ^d scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD ^b	SE ^c	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom ^e	Mean diff.	Sig. ^f	Effect size ^g
Academic Challenge												
Higher-Order Learning												
UCCS (N = 320)	41.3	14.1	.79	20	30	40	55	60				
Rocky Mt Public	39.8	13.7	.18	20	30	40	50	60	6,078	1.5	.059	.108
Carnegie Class	40.4	13.8	.10	20	30	40	50	60	21,198	.9	.273	.062
NSSE 2022 & 2023	40.7	13.8	.04	20	30	40	50	60	117,439	.6	.444	.043
Top 50%	42.1	13.7	.06	20	35	40	55	60	54,546	-.8	.291	-.059
Top 10%	44.7	12.8	.18	20	40	45	60	60	352	-3.5	.000	-.268
Reflective & Integrative Learning												
UCCS (N = 335)	39.0	13.8	.75	14	31	37	51	60				
Rocky Mt Public	38.2	12.9	.17	17	29	37	49	60	6,404	.8	.247	.065
Carnegie Class	38.6	12.9	.09	17	29	40	49	60	343	.4	.620	.029
NSSE 2022 & 2023	38.7	12.9	.04	17	29	40	49	60	336	.3	.646	.027
Top 50%	40.6	12.5	.06	20	31	40	51	60	338	-1.6	.038	-.126
Top 10%	43.1	11.8	.17	23	34	43	54	60	368	-4.1	.000	-.339
Learning Strategies												
UCCS (N = 298)	39.2	15.4	.89	13	27	40	53	60				
Rocky Mt Public	37.1	14.6	.20	13	27	40	47	60	5,763	2.1	.016	.144
Carnegie Class	38.7	14.5	.10	13	27	40	53	60	20,093	.5	.586	.032
NSSE 2022 & 2023	39.2	14.6	.04	13	27	40	53	60	110,438	.0	.964	.003
Top 50%	41.0	14.5	.06	20	33	40	53	60	58,429	-1.8	.036	-.121
Top 10%	43.6	14.1	.15	20	33	40	60	60	8,789	-4.4	.000	-.309
Quantitative Reasoning												
UCCS (N = 307)	31.5	16.0	.91	7	20	33	40	60				
Rocky Mt Public	31.6	16.4	.22	0	20	33	40	60	5,842	.0	.971	-.002
Carnegie Class	31.2	16.5	.12	0	20	33	40	60	20,295	.4	.704	.022
NSSE 2022 & 2023	31.4	16.6	.05	0	20	33	40	60	111,954	.1	.876	.009
Top 50%	32.7	16.5	.06	7	20	33	40	60	68,682	-1.1	.227	-.069
Top 10%	36.3	16.2	.22	7	20	40	47	60	5,813	-4.7	.000	-.292
Learning with Peers												
Collaborative Learning												
UCCS (N = 346)	29.6	15.0	.81	5	20	30	40	60				
Rocky Mt Public	30.8	15.4	.19	5	20	30	40	60	6,652	-1.3	.138	-.082
Carnegie Class	31.7	15.3	.10	5	20	30	40	60	23,473	-2.1	.011	-.138
NSSE 2022 & 2023	30.3	16.0	.04	0	20	30	40	60	131,776	-.7	.419	-.044
Top 50%	34.7	14.2	.06	10	25	35	45	60	55,229	-5.2	.000	-.363
Top 10%	38.1	13.6	.16	15	30	40	50	60	372	-8.6	.000	-.624
Discussions with Diverse Others												
UCCS (N = 299)	38.4	16.4	.95	5	25	40	50	60				
Rocky Mt Public	37.4	15.4	.21	10	25	40	50	60	5,788	1.0	.259	.067
Carnegie Class	38.8	16.0	.11	10	25	40	55	60	20,185	-.3	.721	-.021
NSSE 2022 & 2023	38.8	16.2	.05	10	25	40	55	60	110,996	-.4	.683	-.024
Top 50%	41.1	15.6	.06	15	30	40	55	60	60,653	-2.6	.004	-.169
Top 10%	43.9	14.8	.18	20	35	45	60	60	6,721	-5.5	.000	-.371

Detailed Statistics: Seniors

	Mean statistics			Percentile ^d scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD ^b	SE ^c	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom ^e	Mean diff.	Sig. ^f	Effect size ^g
Experiences with Faculty												
Student-Faculty Interaction												
UCCS (N = 323)	22.9	15.6	.87	0	10	20	35	60				
Rocky Mt Public	22.3	15.8	.21	0	10	20	30	55	6,237	.6	.518	.037
Carnegie Class	23.6	16.4	.11	0	10	20	35	60	21,784	-.7	.442	-.043
NSSE 2022 & 2023	23.7	16.5	.05	0	10	20	35	60	121,052	-.9	.349	-.052
Top 50%	29.6	16.2	.10	5	20	30	40	60	26,640	-6.7	.000	-.413
Top 10%	34.3	15.8	.29	10	20	35	45	60	3,319	-11.4	.000	-.719
Effective Teaching Practices												
UCCS (N = 316)	41.5	13.7	.77	20	32	40	52	60				
Rocky Mt Public	39.2	13.7	.18	16	32	40	48	60	6,077	2.3	.003	.171
Carnegie Class	39.7	14.0	.10	16	32	40	52	60	21,183	1.9	.017	.135
NSSE 2022 & 2023	40.0	14.1	.04	16	32	40	52	60	117,223	1.5	.057	.107
Top 50%	42.1	13.8	.07	20	32	40	56	60	40,492	-.6	.445	-.043
Top 10%	44.7	13.4	.17	20	36	44	56	60	6,645	-3.2	.000	-.235
Campus Environment												
Quality of Interactions												
UCCS (N = 270)	43.3	12.7	.77	20	36	45	52	60				
Rocky Mt Public	42.6	12.2	.17	20	36	44	52	60	5,236	.6	.416	.051
Carnegie Class	42.2	12.4	.09	20	34	44	52	60	18,360	1.1	.149	.088
NSSE 2022 & 2023	43.0	12.4	.04	20	36	44	52	60	100,564	.2	.784	.017
Top 50%	45.4	12.1	.06	22	38	48	55	60	43,521	-2.1	.004	-.176
Top 10%	47.9	12.5	.12	22	40	50	60	60	11,051	-4.6	.000	-.370
Supportive Environment												
UCCS (N = 294)	31.8	14.3	.83	8	20	33	40	58				
Rocky Mt Public	30.2	13.9	.19	8	20	30	40	55	5,660	1.7	.045	.120
Carnegie Class	32.0	14.3	.10	8	20	33	40	60	19,696	-.1	.877	-.009
NSSE 2022 & 2023	32.0	14.5	.04	8	20	33	40	60	107,836	-.1	.862	-.010
Top 50%	34.5	14.3	.07	10	25	35	45	60	40,151	-2.7	.001	-.190
Top 10%	37.7	13.9	.23	15	28	38	48	60	4,121	-5.8	.000	-.419

a. Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institutional size for comparison groups).

b. Standard deviation is a measure of the amount the individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.

c. Standard error of the mean, used to compute a confidence interval (CI) around the sample mean. For example, the 95% CI (equal to the sample mean +/- 1.96 x SE) is the range that is 95% likely to contain the true population mean.

d. A percentile is the point in the distribution of student-level EI scores at or below which a given percentage of EI scores fall.

e. Degrees of freedom used to compute the t-tests. Values vary from the total Ns due to weighting and whether equal variances were assumed.

f. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between the mean of your institution and that of the comparison group occurred by chance.

g. Effect size is the mean difference divided by the pooled standard deviation.