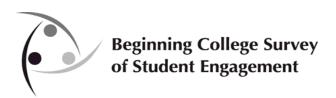
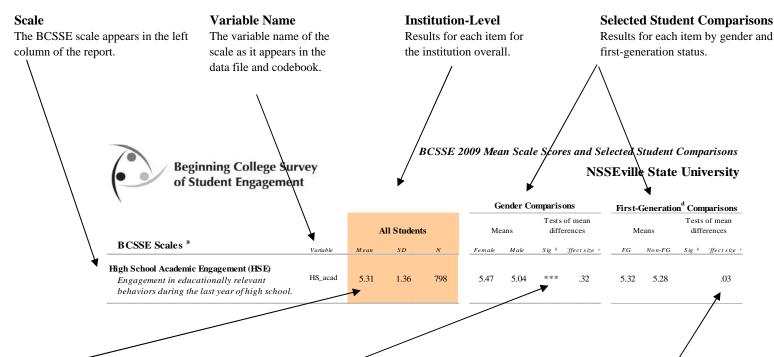


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BCSSE 2009 Mean Scale Scores and Selected Student Comparisons





#### Mean

The unweighted scale mean is reported overall for the institution, as well as by gender and firstgeneration status

#### **Statistical Significance**

Items with mean differences that are larger than would be expected by chance alone are noted with one, two, or three asterisks, referring to three significance levels (p<.05, p<.01, and p<.001). The smaller the significance level, the smaller the likelihood that the difference is due to chance. Statistical significance does not guarantee the result is substantive or important. Large sample sizes tend to generate more statistically significant results even though the magnitude of mean differences may be inconsequential. It is recommended to consult effect sizes to judge the practical meaning of the results.

#### **Effect Size**

Effect size indicates the "practical significance" of the mean difference. It is calculated by dividing the mean difference by the pooled standard deviation. In practice, an effect size of .2 is often considered small, .5 moderate, and .8 large.



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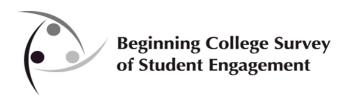
				G	Gender Comparisons			First-Generation <sup>d</sup> Comparisons				
		All Students			Means		Tests of mean differences		Means		Tests of mean differences	
BCSSE Scales <sup>a</sup>	Variable	Mean	SD	N	Female	Male	Sig b	Effect size c	FG	Non-FG	Sig b	Effect size c
High School Academic Engagement (HSE)  Engagement in educationally relevant behaviors during the last year of high school.	HS_acad	4.99	1.33	3,120	5.14	4.75	***	.29	4.98	5.00		01
Expected Academic Engagement (EAE)  Expected engagement in educationally relevant behaviors during the first year of college.	Exp_acad	5.81	1.48	3,120	5.90	5.65	***	.17	5.87	5.76	*	.08
Expected Academic Perseverance (EAP) Student certainty that they will persist in the face of academic adversity.	Acad_per	7.09	1.56	3,120	7.23	6.84	***	.25	7.18	7.02	**	.10
Expected Academic Difficulty (EAD)  Expected academic difficulty during the first year of college.	Acad_dif	4.91	1.51	3,120	4.98	4.81	**	.11	4.93	4.90		.02
Perceived Academic Preparation (PAP)  Student perception of their academic preparation.	Acad_prep	7.00	1.51	3,120	7.07	6.88	***	.13	6.96	7.05		06
Importance of Campus Environment (ICE) Student-rated importance that the institution provides a challenging and supportive environment.	Imp_env	6.86	1.70	3,120	7.09	6.49	***	.35	6.90	6.83		.04

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Scale scores are expressed in 0 (minimum) to 10 (maximum) point scales. See the following page for complete scale descriptions and component items.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> T-test results (2-tailed): \* p<.05, \*\* p<.01, \*\*\* p<.001. The smaller the significance level, the less likely that the difference is due to chance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Effect size is the mean difference divided by pooled standard deviation. It indicates the *practical* significance of the mean difference (effect size .2 is often considered small, .5 is moderate, and .8 is large).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> First generation is defined as no parent or guardian having graduated with a 4-year college degree.



### **BCSSE Scales**

The following BCSSE scales were constructed by converting the responses for each item to a 0-10 range. A mean scale score was then calculated for each student. Below is a brief description of each scale with the component BCSSE items in parentheses.

High School Academic Engagement (HSE)	Engagement in educationally relevant behaviors during the last year of high school.	hreadasg, hwrite5, hwrite5m, hacadpr, hclquest, hclprese, hfacgrad, hclassgr, hoccgrp, hrewropa, hfacidea, hoocidea				
Expected Academic Engagement (EAE)	Expected engagement in educationally relevant behaviors during the first year of college.	cacadpr, cclquest, cclprese, cfacgrad, cclassgr, coccgrp, cfacidea, coocidea				
Expected Academic Perseverance (EAP)	Student certainty that they will persist in the face of academic adversity.	cotherint, cfindinfo, ccourdis, caskinst, cfinish, cstaypos				
Expected Academic Difficulty (EAD)	Expected academic difficulty during the first year of college.	clearnma, cmantime, cgethelp, cintfac				
Perceived Academic Preparation (PAP)	Student perception of their academic preparation.	cgnwrite, cgnspeak, cgnanaly, cgnquant, cgncompt, cgnother, cgninq				
Importance of Campus Environment (ICE)	Student-rated importance that the institution provides a challenging and supportive environment.	cenvscho, cenvsupr, cenvdivr, cenvnaca, cenvsoca, cenveven				