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## **About This Report**

## **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.

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

#### **Report Sections**

Overview (p. 3)

Displays how average EI scores for your first-year and senior 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 2015 and 2016 participating 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, 2015). Comparisons with an effect size of at least .3 in magnitude (before rounding) are highlighted in the Overview (p. 3).

Els 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 El scores vary among your students and those in your comparison groups. The Report Builder—Institution Version and your Major Field Report (both to be released in the fall) offer valuable perspectives on internal variation and help you investigate your students' engagement

#### **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., & Gonyea, R. M. (2015). Contextualizing student engagement effect sizes: An empirical analysis. Pape Denver, CO.	r presented at the Association for Institutional Research Annual Forum,
Denver, CO.	



#### Overview

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## **Engagement Indicators: Overview**

**Engagement Indicator** 

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.

Your first-year students

compared with

8 peers

Your first-year students

compared with

Far West Public

Your first-year students

compared with

Carnegie Group

Use the following key:

**First-Year Students** 

**Your students' average** was significantly higher (p < .05) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.

 $\land$  Your students' average was significantly higher (p < .05) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.

-- No significant difference.

Theme

**Vour 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.

	Higher-Order Learning			V
Academic	Reflective & Integrative Learning	$\nabla$	$\nabla$	$\nabla$
Challenge	Learning Strategies			
	Quantitative Reasoning			
Learning with	Collaborative Learning		$\nabla$	
Peers	Discussions with Diverse Others			
Experiences	Student-Faculty Interaction	^		^
with Faculty	Effective Teaching Practices	$\nabla$	$\nabla$	$\nabla$
Campus	Quality of Interactions		lack	
Environment	Supportive Environment	$\nabla$		$\nabla$
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niors <sup>Theme</sup>	Engagement Indicator		compared with Far West Public	
	Higher-Order Learning	compared with	compared with	compared with
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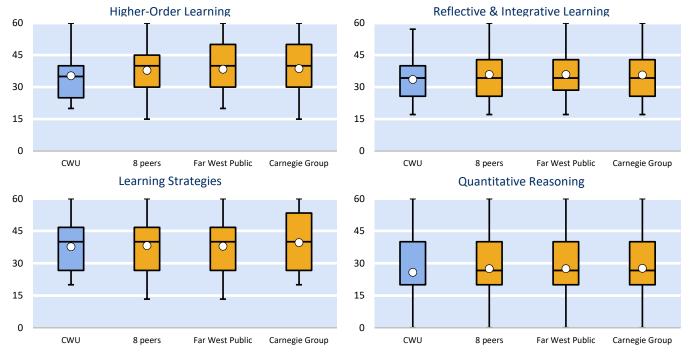
## **Academic Challenge: First-year students**

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	CWU 8 peers		Far West Public		Carnegie	•	
			Effect		Effect		Effect
Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	size	Mean	size	Mean	size
Higher-Order Learning	35.4	37.9 *	18	38.4 **	22	38.7 ***	24
Reflective & Integrative Learning	33.6	35.9 *	18	36.0 **	19	35.7 *	16
Learning Strategies	37.6	38.2	04	37.9	02	39.6	14
Quantitative Reasoning	25.8	27.5	11	27.5	11	27.7	12

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Higher-Order Learning	cwu	8 peers	Far West Public	Carnegie Group
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much coursework emphasized	%			
4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	64	-6	-5	-7
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	65	-4	-6	-6
4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	70	+3	-1	-0
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	64	-2	-4	-5
Reflective & Integrative Learning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"				
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	52	-5	-3	-2
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	48	-6	-8	-6
2c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	43	-7	-11	-10
2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	58	-5	-6	-5
2e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	62	-8	-8	-7
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	71	+6	+3	+4
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	74	-3	-2	-3
Learning Strategies				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"				
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	73	-3	-4	-6
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	63	-1	-0	-4
9c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	61	+1	+3	-3
Quantitative Reasoning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"				
Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	48	-4	-4	-4
Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	32	-6	-6	-7
6c. Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	33	-5	-5	-5

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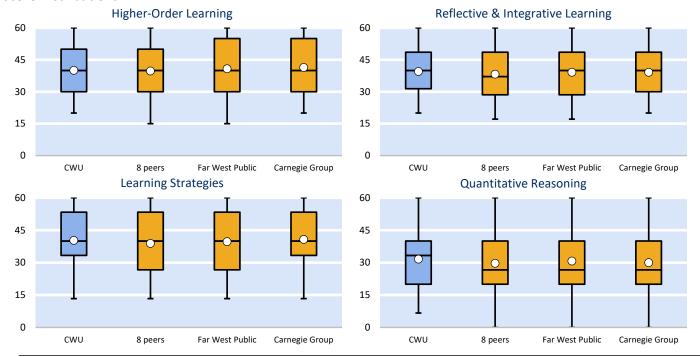
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Reflective & Integrative Learning	39.5	38.2 *	.10	39.1	.03	39.2	.03
Learning Strategies	40.2	38.8	.10	39.6	.04	40.7	03
Quantitative Reasoning	31.6	29.7 *	.12	30.7	.05	30.0	.10

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		Percentage po	int difference <sup>a</sup> between	your seniors and
Higher-Order Learning	cwu	8 peers	Far West Public	Carnegie Group
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much coursework emphasized	%			
4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	79	+2	+1	-1
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	76	+1	-1	-2
4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	70	+1	-1	-4
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	77	+8	+5	+3
Reflective & Integrative Learning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"				
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	78	+4	+6	+7
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	68	+4	+3	+2
Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course 2c. discussions or assignments	55	+2	-0	-2
2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	71	+7	+5	+3
2e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	76	+6	+4	+4
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	76	+9	+5	+5
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	82	-1	-1	-2
Learning Strategies				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"				
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	87	+7	+5	+4
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	68	+6	+5	+3
9c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	69	+6	+6	+1
Quantitative Reasoning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"				
Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	60	+5	+3	+5
Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	49	+5	+3	+3
6c. Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	50	+7	+4	+6

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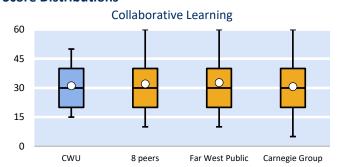
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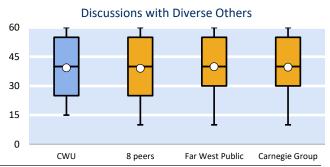
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Collaborative Learning	cwu	8 pe	eers	Far We	st Public	Carnegie Group
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"	%					
1e. Asked another student to help you understand course material	52		-0		-2	+4
1f. Explained course material to one or more students	57	+1			-1	+3
1g. Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	50	+2		+0	1	+3
1h. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	48		-4		-6	-3
Discussions with Diverse Others						
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often" had discussions with						
8a. People from a race or ethnicity other than your own	69	+1			-6	-1
8b. People from an economic background other than your own	65		-5		-6	-6
8c. People with religious beliefs other than your own	68	+3		+1	j	+2
8d. People with political views other than your own	70	+5		+7		+3

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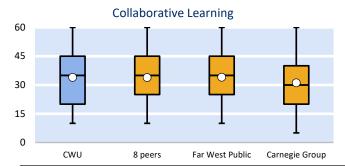
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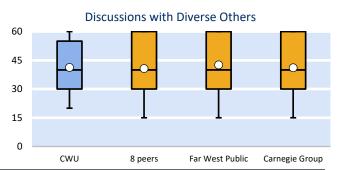
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Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"	%				
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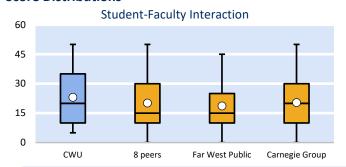
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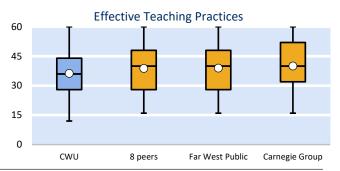
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Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"	%			
3a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member	41	+8	+12	+8
3b. Worked w/faculty on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	25	+5	+7	+6
3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	25	+1	+3	-0
3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	39	+13	+14	+10
Effective Teaching Practices				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have				
5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	73	-5	-4	-6
5b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	74	-2	-1	-4
5c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	69	-5	-5	-6
5d. Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	59	-2	-6	-8
5e. Provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments	55	-2	-5	-9

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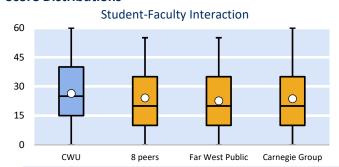
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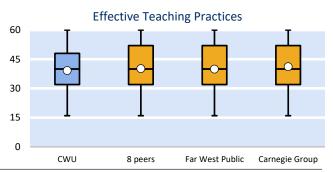
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Student-Faculty Interaction	cwu	8 pe	ers	Far Wes	st Public	Carnegi	e Group	
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"	%							
3a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member	46	+4		+8		+3		
3b. Worked w/faculty on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	31	+3		+6		+5		
3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	42	+9		+12		+9		
3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	39	+6		+8		+5		
Effective Teaching Practices								
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have								
5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	80	(	-1	(	-1		-2	
5b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	77		-3	(	-1	I	-3	
5c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	77		-3	(	-1		-2	
5d. Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	62	(	-0	+1	1	l	-2	
5e. Provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments	67	+3		+4			-1	

a. Percentage point difference = Institution percentage - Comparison group percentage. Because results are rounded to whole numbers, differences of less than 1 point may or may not display a bar. Small, but nonzero differences may be represented as +0 or -0.



### **Campus Environment**

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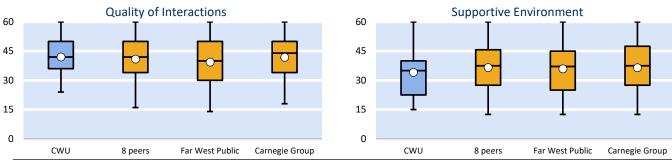
## **Campus Environment: First-year students**

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		Your first-year students compared with										
	CWU	8 p	eers	Far Wes	st Public	Carneg	ie Group					
Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size					
Quality of Interactions	42.0	40.9	.08	39.3 **	.20	41.8	.01					
Supportive Environment	34.1	36.6 *	18	35.9	13	36.4 *	16					

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 < .01 (2-tailed).

#### **Score Distributions**



Notes: Each box-and-whiskers chart plots the 5th (bottom of lower bar), 25th (bottom of box), 50th (middle line), 75th (top of box), and 95th (top of upper bar) percentile scores. The dot represents the mean score. Refer to Detailed Statistics for your institution's sample sizes.

#### **Performance on Indicator Items**

The table below displays how your students responded to each EI item, and the difference, in percentage points, between your students and those of your comparison group. Blue bars indicate how much **higher** your institution's percentage is from that of the comparison group. Orange bars indicate how much **lower** your institution's percentage is from that of the comparison group.

		Percenta	ge point	difference <sup>a</sup>	between yo	ur FY stude	nts and
Quality of Interactions	cwu	8 peei	rs	Far We	st Public	Carneg	ie Group
Percentage rating their interactions a 6 or 7 (on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent") with	%						
13a. Students	50		-3	1	-1	(	-5
13b. Academic advisors	53	+5		+10		+3	
13c. Faculty	41		-5	[	-0		-10
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	47	+2		+7		+1	)
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	41	ĺ	-2	+4			-3
Supportive Environment		,					'
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized							
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	68		-8		-6		-8
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	70		-7		-5		-7
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	59	+0		(	-1		-2
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	67		-6		-2		-4
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	67		-4		-2		-2
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	46	+1		+1	)	+1	)
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	61		-4		-1		-3
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	48		-0	(	-0		-3

Notes: Refer to your Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons report for full distributions and significance tests. Item numbering corresponds to the survey facsimile included in your Institutional Report and available on the NSSE website.

a. Percentage point difference = Institution percentage - Comparison group percentage. Because results are rounded to whole numbers, differences of less than 1 point may or may not display a bar. Small, but nonzero differences may be represented as +0 or -0.



### **Campus Environment**

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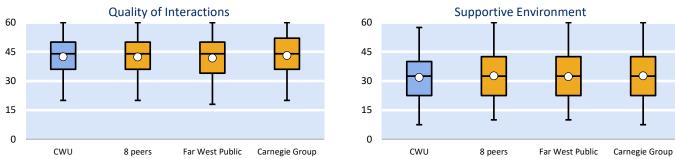
## **Campus Environment: Seniors**

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Mean Comparisons				Your seniors co	mpared with		
Engagement Indicator	CWU	8	peers Effect	Far W	est Public Effect	Carne	gie Group Effect
	Mean	Mean	size	Mean	size	Mean	size
Quality of Interactions	42.5	42.4	.01	41.8	.06	43.1	05
Supportive Environment	31.8	32.7	06	32.3	03	32.7	06

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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		Percer	ntage poi	int difference	<sup>a</sup> between	your seniors	s and
Quality of Interactions	cwu	8 pee	ers	Far We	st Public	Carneg	ie Group
Percentage rating their interactions a 6 or 7 (on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent") with	%						
13a. Students	58	[	-3		-3		-4
13b. Academic advisors	49	(	-1	+1			-5
13c. Faculty	59	+2		+3			-2
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	41		-2	(	-1		-4
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	42	Ĺ	-1	+2			-3
Supportive Environment		,					1
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized							
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	70	(	-0	+1	)		-2
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	67	+1		+3	)		-0
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	50		-2		-4		-5
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	66	(	-0	+3	)	+1	)
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	57		-8		-4		-3
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	32	+0		+1			-1
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	52	E	-0	I	-0	+0	
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	42		-1		-1		-3

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# Comparisons with High-Performing Institutions Central Washington University

## Comparisons with Top 50% and Top 10% Institutions

While NSSE's policy is not to rank institutions (see nsse.indiana.edu/html/position\_policies.cfm), the results below are designed to compare the engagement of your students with those attending two groups of institutions identified by NSSE<sup>a</sup> for their high average levels of student engagement:

- (a) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 50% of all 2015 and 2016 NSSE institutions, and
- (b) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 10% of all 2015 and 2016 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 ( $\checkmark$ ) signifies those comparisons where your average score was at least comparable 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		Your first-year students compared with								
		cwu	NSSE 7	Гор 50%	NSSE T	Top 10%					
Theme	Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	Effect size ✓	Mean	Effect size	$\checkmark$				
	Higher-Order Learning	35.4	40.5 ***	38	42.7 ***	53					
Academic	Reflective and Integrative Learning	33.6	37.4 ***	30	39.5 ***	46					
Challenge	Learning Strategies	37.6	41.2 **	25	43.7 ***	43					
	Quantitative Reasoning	25.8	29.4 **	23	31.3 ***	34					
Learning	Collaborative Learning	31.1	35.2 ***	30	37.3 ***	46					
with Peers	Discussions with Diverse Others	39.3	42.7 **	22	44.3 ***	33					
Experiences	Student-Faculty Interaction	23.1	23.8	05 ✓	26.9 ***	24					
with Faculty	Effective Teaching Practices	36.3	41.6 ***	39	43.8 ***	55					
Campus	Quality of Interactions	42.0	44.1 *	18	45.9 ***	32					
Environment	Supportive Environment	34.1	39.2 ***	38	40.9 ***	51					
Seniors				Your seniors co	mpared with						
		cwu	NSSE 7	Гор 50%	NSSE T	Top 10%					
Theme	Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	Effect size ✓	Mean	Effect size	$\checkmark$				
	Higher-Order Learning	40.1	43.1 ***	22	44.7 ***	34					
Academic	Reflective and Integrative Learning	39.5	41.0 *	12	42.9 ***	27					
Challenge	Learning Strategies	40.2	42.2 **	14	44.5 ***	30					
	Quantitative Reasoning	31.6	31.8	01 ✓	33.2	09	✓				
Learning	Collaborative Learning	33.9	35.8 *	13	37.9 ***	29					
with Peers	Discussions with Diverse Others	41.3	43.3 **	13	45.1 ***	24					
Experiences	Student-Faculty Interaction	26.3	29.6 ***	20	33.0 ***	41					
with Faculty	Effective Teaching Practices	39.1	42.7 ***	26	44.5 ***	40					
Campus	Quality of Interactions	42.5	45.3 ***	25	46.9 ***	37					
Environment	Supportive Environment	31.8	35.7 ***	28	38.1 ***	45					

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 < .01 (2-tailed).

- a. Precision-weighted means (produced by Hierarchical Linear Modeling) were used to determine the top 50% and top 10% institutions for each Engagement Indicator from all NSSE 2015 and 2016 institutions, separately for first-year and senior students. 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 significant and positive, or non-significant with an effect size > -.10.



# Detailed Statistics<sup>a</sup> Central Washington University

## **Detailed Statistics: First-Year Students**

	Mea	n statist	ics	Percentile <sup>d</sup> scores					Comparison results			
									Deg. of	Mean		Effect
A 1	Mean	SD <sup>b</sup>	SEM <sup>c</sup>	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	freedom <sup>e</sup>	diff.	Sig. <sup>f</sup>	size <sup>g</sup>
Academic Challenge												
Higher-Order Learning				•								
CWU (N = 182)	35.4	12.6	.93	20	25	35	40	60	•••			400
8 peers	37.9	13.9	.23	15	30	40	45	60	204	-2.5	.010	180
Far West Public	38.4	13.8	.14	20	30	40	50	60	189	-3.1	.001	224
Carnegie Group	38.7	13.8	.07	15	30	40	50	60	183	-3.4	.000	244
Top 50%	40.5	13.6	.05	20	30	40	50	60	75,686	-5.1	.000	378
Top 10%	42.7	13.7	.11	20	35	40	55	60	186	-7.3	.000	534
Reflective & Integrative Learnin	g											
CWU $(N = 188)$	33.6	11.7	.85	17	26	34	40	57				
8 peers	35.9	12.6	.21	17	26	34	43	60	3,959	-2.3	.015	182
Far West Public	36.0	12.4	.12	17	29	34	43	60	10,596	-2.4	.010	190
Carnegie Group	35.7	12.6	.06	17	26	34	43	60	45,886	-2.1	.025	164
Top 50%	37.4	12.5	.04	17	29	37	46	60	79,563	-3.8	.000	302
Top 10%	39.5	12.8	.10	20	31	40	49	60	193	-5.9	.000	463
Learning Strategies												
CWU (N = 166)	37.6	14.1	1.09	20	27	40	47	60				
8 peers	38.2	14.0	.24	13	27	40	47	60	3,483	6	.608	041
Far West Public	37.9	13.9	.15	13	27	40	47	60	9,305	3	.818	018
Carnegie Group	39.6	14.2	.07	20	27	40	53	60	40,190	-1.9	.079	137
Top 50%	41.2	14.1	.05	20	33	40	53	60	66,439	-3.5	.001	250
Top 10%	43.7	14.3	.11	20	33	47	60	60	17,190	-6.1	.000	429
Quantitative Reasoning												
CWU (N = 182)	25.8	14.8	1.10	0	20	20	40	60				
8 peers	27.5	15.9	.26	0	20	27	40	60	3,807	-1.7	.156	108
Far West Public	27.5	15.8	.16	0	20	27	40	60	10,219	-1.7	.144	109
Carnegie Group	27.7	16.3	.08	0	20	27	40	60	183	-1.9	.090	115
Top 50%	29.4	16.1	.05	0	20	27	40	60	182	-3.7	.001	227
Top 10%	31.3	16.1	.03	0	20	33	40	60	185	-5.7 -5.5	.000	340
Learning with Peers  Collaborative Learning												
CWU (N = 190)	31.1	11.3	.82	15	20	30	40	50				
8 peers	32.1	13.9	.22	10	20	30	40	60	217	-1.0	.234	074
Far West Public	32.8	13.8	.13	10	20	30	40	60	199	-1.7	.045	122
Carnegie Group	30.8	14.9	.07	5	20	30	40	60	199	-1.7 .4	.667	.024
Top 50% Top 10%	35.2 37.3	13.8 13.6	.05 .10	15 15	25 25	35 40	45 45	60 60	190 194	-4.1 -6.2	.000	299 457
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Discussions with Diverse Others												
CWU (N = 165)	39.3	15.8	1.23	15	25	40	55	60	_			
8 peers	39.1	16.1	.28	10	25	40	55	60	3,525	.3	.843	.016
Far West Public	39.9	16.4	.17	10	30	40	55	60	9,414	6	.654	035
Carnegie Group	39.7	16.3	.08	10	30	40	55	60	40,724	3	.783	021
Top 50%	42.7	15.2	.05	20	35	40	60	60	77,584	-3.3	.005	219



# Detailed Statistics<sup>a</sup> Central Washington University

## **Detailed Statistics: First-Year Students**

	Mea	n statist	ics		Perce	ntile <sup>d</sup> sco	ores		Comparison results			
		h							Deg. of	Mean		Effec
	Mean	SD <sup>b</sup>	SEM <sup>c</sup>	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	freedom <sup>e</sup>	diff.	Sig. <sup>f</sup>	size
Top 10%	44.3	15.1	.10	20	35	45	60	60	24,058	-5.0	.000	330
Experiences with Faculty												
Student-Faculty Interaction												
CWU $(N = 183)$	23.1	14.6	1.08	5	10	20	35	50				
8 peers	20.2	15.2	.25	0	10	15	30	50	3,867	3.0	.010	.19:
Far West Public	18.7	14.6	.14	0	10	15	25	45	10,346	4.4	.000	.30
Carnegie Group	20.4	14.8	.07	0	10	20	30	50	44,752	2.7	.014	.18
Top 50%	23.8	15.0	.07	0	15	20	35	55	53,260	7	.532	046
Top 10%	26.9	16.0	.17	5	15	25	40	60	191	-3.8	.001	23′
Effective Teaching Practices												
CWU $(N = 183)$	36.3	13.4	.99	12	28	36	44	60				
8 peers	38.8	13.3	.22	16	28	40	48	60	3,851	-2.5	.013	188
Far West Public	39.0	13.4	.13	16	28	40	48	60	10,335	-2.7	.007	200
Carnegie Group	40.1	13.5	.06	16	32	40	52	60	44,854	-3.7	.000	27
Top 50%	41.6	13.4	.05	20	32	40	52	60	66,971	-5.2	.000	389
Top 10%	43.8	13.5	.11	20	36	44	56	60	14,121	-7.5	.000	553
Campus Environment												
Quality of Interactions												
CWU $(N = 167)$	42.0	11.0	.85	24	36	42	50	60				
8 peers	40.9	12.9	.23	16	34	42	50	60	190	1.1	.221	.084
Far West Public	39.3	13.3	.14	14	30	40	50	60	175	2.7	.002	.199
Carnegie Group	41.8	12.8	.07	18	34	44	50	60	168	.1	.895	.00
Top 50%	44.1	11.8	.05	22	38	46	52	60	56,264	-2.1	.021	17
Top 10%	45.9	12.1	.11	22	40	48	56	60	12,103	-3.9	.000	32
Supportive Environment												
CWU $(N = 164)$	34.1	13.2	1.04	15	23	35	40	60				
8 peers	36.6	13.9	.25	13	28	38	46	60	3,268	-2.5	.027	178
Far West Public	35.9	13.9	.15	13	25	37	45	60	8,693	-1.8	.108	12
Carnegie Group	36.4	14.2	.07	13	28	38	48	60	37,443	-2.3	.036	16
Top 50%	39.2	13.3	.05	18	30	40	50	60	64,442	-5.1	.000	380
Top 10%	40.9	13.3	.10	20	33	40	53	60	16,171	-6.8	.000	51



# Detailed Statistics<sup>a</sup> Central Washington University

## **Detailed Statistics: First-Year Students**

Mea	n statist	ics		Perce	ntile <sup>d</sup> sco	ores		Со	Comparison results			
			<u> </u>					Deg. of	Mean		Effect	
Mean	SD b	SEM <sup>c</sup>	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	freedom <sup>e</sup>	diff.	Sig. <sup>f</sup>	size <sup>g</sup>	

- 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 SEM) 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.

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**Detailed Statistics: Seniors** 

	Mea	n statist	ics	Percentile <sup>d</sup> scores				Comparison results				
	Mean	SD <sup>b</sup>	SEM <sup>c</sup>	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom <sup>e</sup>	Mean diff.	Sig. <sup>f</sup>	Effect size <sup>9</sup>
Academic Challenge									-			
Higher-Order Learning												
CWU (N = 394)	40.1	13.4	.68	20	30	40	50	60				
8 peers	39.7	14.2	.21	15	30	40	50	60	474	.3	.641	.023
Far West Public	40.8	14.3	.11	15	30	40	55	60	415	7	.277	052
Carnegie Group	41.4	14.1	.06	20	30	40	55	60	399	-1.3	.050	094
Top 50%	43.1	13.8	.05	20	35	40	55	60	397	-3.1	.000	222
Top 10%	44.7	13.7	.09	20	40	45	60	60	407	-4.6	.000	336
Reflective & Integrative Learni	ng											
CWU $(N = 409)$	39.5	12.0	.60	20	31	40	49	60				
8 peers	38.2	13.1	.19	17	29	37	49	60	496	1.3	.046	.096
Far West Public	39.1	13.1	.10	17	29	40	49	60	432	.4	.526	.029
Carnegie Group	39.2	13.0	.05	20	30	40	49	60	414	.3	.566	.026
Top 50%	41.0	12.7	.05	20	31	40	51	60	412	-1.5	.014	117
Top 10%	42.9	12.5	.09	20	34	43	54	60	427	-3.4	.000	270
Learning Strategies												
CWU (N = 383)	40.2	13.4	.69	13	33	40	53	60				
8 peers	38.8	14.7	.23	13	27	40	53	60	470	1.4	.051	.097
Far West Public	39.6	14.7	.12	13	27	40	53	60	406	.6	.399	.040
Carnegie Group	40.7	14.7	.06	13	33	40	53	60	389	5	.487	033
Top 50%	42.2	14.5	.05	20	33	40	60	60	386	-2.0	.004	139
Top 10%	44.5	14.2	.09	20	33	47	60	60	396	-4.2	.000	298
Quantitative Reasoning												
CWU (N = 403)	31.6	16.2	.81	7	20	33	40	60				
8 peers	29.7	16.9	.25	0	20	27	40	60	4,932	1.9	.026	.116
Far West Public	30.7	16.9	.13	0	20	27	40	60	16,509	.9	.289	.054
Carnegie Group	30.0	17.1	.07	0	20	27	40	60	56,850	1.6	.056	.095
Top 50%	31.8	16.9	.05	0	20	33	40	60	114,249	1	.873	008
Top 10%	33.2	16.8	.09	0	20	33	47	60	31,885	-1.6	.059	095
earning with Peers												
Collaborative Learning												
CWU $(N = 407)$	33.9	15.2	.75	10	20	35	45	60				
8 peers	33.9	14.0	.20	10	25	35	45	60	467	.0	.954	.003
Far West Public	34.0	14.2	.11	10	25	35	45	60	424	1	.913	006
Carnegie Group	31.1	15.3	.06	5	20	30	40	60	59,573	2.8	.000	.185
Top 50%	35.8	13.9	.04	15	25	35	45	60	409	-1.9	.014	134
Top 10%	37.9	13.7	.09	15	30	40	50	60	419	-3.9	.000	287
Discussions with Diverse Other	rs											
CWU (N = 381)	41.3	14.9	.76	20	30	40	55	60				
8 peers	40.7	15.8	.24	15	30	40	60	60	4,592	.6	.464	.039
Far West Public	42.6	16.2	.13	15	30	40	60	60	403	-1.3	.099	079
Carnegie Group	41.1	16.4	.07	15	30	40	60	60	387	.2	.781	.013
Top 50%	43.3	15.9	.05	1.5	50	45	60	60	383	-2.0	.009	126



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	Mea	ics		Perce	ntile <sup>d</sup> sco	ores	Comparison results					
									Deg. of	Mean		Effec
	Mean	SD b	SEM <sup>c</sup>	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	freedom <sup>e</sup>	diff.	Sig. <sup>f</sup>	size <sup>9</sup>
Top 10%	45.1	15.8	.09	20	35	50	60	60	390	-3.8	.000	238
Experiences with Faculty												
Student-Faculty Interaction												
CWU $(N = 399)$	26.3	17.4	.87	0	15	25	40	60				
8 peers	24.1	16.0	.24	0	10	20	35	55	459	2.2	.013	.139
Far West Public	22.6	16.0	.13	0	10	20	35	55	415	3.8	.000	.234
Carnegie Group	23.6	16.6	.07	0	10	20	35	60	57,051	2.7	.001	.162
Top 50%	29.6	16.1	.08	5	20	30	40	60	405	-3.2	.000	201
Top 10%	33.0	16.3	.19	5	20	30	45	60	7,597	-6.7	.000	410
Effective Teaching Practices												
CWU $(N = 406)$	39.1	13.1	.65	16	32	40	48	60				
8 peers	40.2	13.4	.20	16	32	40	52	60	4,968	-1.0	.141	076
Far West Public	39.9	13.9	.11	16	32	40	52	60	16,661	7	.290	053
Carnegie Group	41.1	14.0	.06	16	32	40	52	60	411	-2.0	.002	142
Top 50%	42.7	13.7	.05	20	32	44	56	60	410	-3.6	.000	261
Top 10%	44.5	13.4	.11	20	36	44	56	60	15,408	-5.4	.000	400
Campus Environment												
Quality of Interactions												
CWU $(N = 369)$	42.5	11.4	.59	20	36	44	50	60				
8 peers	42.4	11.7	.19	20	36	44	50	60	4,378	.1	.866	.009
Far West Public	41.8	12.3	.10	18	34	44	50	60	14,567	.7	.281	.057
Carnegie Group	43.1	12.2	.05	20	36	44	52	60	50,373	6	.326	051
Top 50%	45.3	11.5	.05	24	40	48	54	60	62,099	-2.8	.000	248
Top 10%	46.9	11.9	.08	24	40	50	56	60	19,931	-4.4	.000	371
Supportive Environment												
CWU $(N = 379)$	31.8	13.6	.70	8	23	33	40	58				
8 peers	32.7	14.1	.22	10	23	33	43	60	4,334	8	.282	058
Far West Public	32.3	14.5	.12	10	23	33	43	60	401	4	.528	031
Carnegie Group	32.7	14.7	.07	8	23	33	43	60	385	8	.235	057
Top 50%	35.7	13.9	.05	13	25	35	45	60	67,154	-3.9	.000	278
Top 10%	38.1	13.9	.12	15	28	40	48	60	13,642	-6.2	.000	449



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Mean statistics				Percei	ntile <sup>d</sup> sco	ores	C	Comparison results				
								Deg. of	Mean		Effect	
Mean	SD b	SEM <sup>c</sup>	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	freedom <sup>e</sup>	diff.	Sig. <sup>f</sup>	size <sup>g</sup>	

- 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 SEM) 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.

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