



NSSE 2013
Civic Engagement Module
Marshall University

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Civic Engagement Module

Adapted from the Degrees of Preparation survey (American Association of State Colleges and Universities), this module asks students to assess their conflict resolution skills and examines how often they engage with local, state, national, and global issues.

Civic Engagement Comparison Group

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

Group label	Civic Engagement
Date submitted	7/1/13
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution retained the default comparison group (all module participants).
Group description	We wish to retain our default listing for comparison group 5.

'Civic Engagement' institutions (N=62)

Auburn University at Montgomery (Montgomery, AL)	Notre Dame de Namur University (Belmont, CA)
Baylor University (Waco, TX)	Ohio Valley University (Vienna, WV)
Berry College (Mount Berry, GA)	Oregon State University (Corvallis, OR)
Butler University (Indianapolis, IN)	Paine College (Augusta, GA)
Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburgh, PA)	Portland State University (Portland, OR)
Cedar Crest College (Allentown, PA)	Prairie View A&M University (Prairie View, TX)
Chaminade University of Honolulu (Honolulu, HI)	Saint Gregory's University (Shawnee, OK)
Clafflin University (Orangeburg, SC)	Saint Louis University (Saint Louis, MO)
Clayton State University (Morrow, GA)	Saint Michael's College (Colchester, VT)
College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University, The (Saint Joseph, MN)	Salem State University (Salem, MA)
Drake University (Des Moines, IA)	Simon Fraser University (Burnaby, BC)
Emerson College (Boston, MA)	St. Olaf College (Northfield, MN)
Florida Southern College (Lakeland, FL)	Stephen F. Austin State University (Nacogdoches, TX)
Georgian Court University (Lakewood, NJ)	Temple University (Philadelphia, PA)
Houghton College (Houghton, NY)	Texas Christian University (Fort Worth, TX)
Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Metro (San Juan, PR)	Texas Woman's University (Denton, TX)
Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS)	Trinity University (San Antonio, TX)
LaGrange College (Lagrange, GA)	Tulane University of Louisiana (New Orleans, LA)
Liberty University (Lynchburg, VA)	University of Central Missouri (Warrensburg, MO)
Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (Baton Rouge, LA)	University of Connecticut (Storrs, CT)
Loyola University New Orleans (New Orleans, LA)	University of Houston-Victoria (Victoria, TX)
Maryville University of Saint Louis (Saint Louis, MO)	University of La Verne (La Verne, CA)
McMaster University (Hamilton, ON)	University of Massachusetts Lowell (Lowell, MA)
Minot State University (Minot, ND)	University of Mississippi (University, MS)
Mount Olive College (Mount Olive, NC)	University of New Hampshire (Durham, NH)
Naropa University (Boulder, CO)	University of North Carolina Wilmington (Wilmington, NC)
National American University-Rapid City (Rapid City, SD)	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, The (Chattanooga, TN)
New Jersey City University (Jersey City, NJ)	University of the Incarnate Word (San Antonio, TX)
New School, The (New York, NY)	Utah Valley University (Orem, UT)
Northern Michigan University (Marquette, MI)	Valley City State University (Valley City, ND)

'Civic Engagement' institutions (N=62), continued

Westfield State University (Westfield, MA)

Westminster College (Fulton, MO)

First-Year Students

Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Frequency Distributions ^a				Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				Marshall		Civic Engagement		Marshall	Civic Engagement	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
1. Select the response that best represents your ability to do the following:										
a. Help people resolve their disagreements with each other	CIV01a	1	Poor	2	1	166	1	5.2	5.2	.00
		2		7	2	321	2			
		3		16	6	1,002	7			
		4		35	17	2,670	16			
		5		72	31	4,995	30			
		6		67	27	4,693	28			
		7	Excellent	36	15	2,423	15			
		Total		235	100	16,270	100			
b. Resolve conflicts that involve bias, discrimination, and prejudice	CIV01b	1	Poor	3	1	236	2	5.0	4.9	.09
		2		8	3	547	4			
		3		27	11	1,400	9			
		4		50	21	3,504	22			
		5		52	22	5,047	30			
		6		59	26	3,618	22			
		7	Excellent	35	16	1,863	12			
		Total		234	100	16,215	100			
c. Lead a group where people from different backgrounds feel welcomed and included	CIV01c	1	Poor	9	4	299	2	5.0	5.1	-.09
		2		8	4	481	3			
		3		15	6	1,153	7			
		4		50	22	2,917	18			
		5		52	22	4,104	25			
		6		57	23	4,293	26			
		7	Excellent	43	19	2,955	18			
		Total		234	100	16,202	100			
d. Contribute to the well-being of your community	CIV01d	1	Poor	2	1	199	2	5.2	5.3	-.04
		2		5	2	296	2			
		3		11	5	840	5			
		4		53	24	2,494	16			
		5		46	20	4,198	26			
		6		68	28	4,960	30			
		7	Excellent	48	20	3,192	19			
		Total		233	100	16,179	100			
2. During the current school year, whether course-related or not, about how often have you done the following?										
a. Informed yourself about local or campus issues	CIV02a	1	Never	22	9	1,373	9	2.5	2.5	-.05
		2	Sometimes	96	42	6,863	42			
		3	Often	88	37	5,708	35			
		4	Very often	28	12	2,305	14			
		Total		234	100	16,249	100			
b. Informed yourself about state, national, or global issues	CIV02b	1	Never	16	6	1,009	6	2.6	2.7	-.07
		2	Sometimes	103	43	6,335	38			
		3	Often	80	34	5,734	35			
		4	Very often	36	18	3,146	21			
		Total		235	100	16,224	100			

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed)

First-Year Students

Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Frequency Distributions ^a				Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				Marshall		Civic Engagement		Marshall	Civic Engagement	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
c. Discussed local or campus issues with others	CIV02c	1	Never	27	11	1,936	12	2.5	2.5	-.02
		2	Sometimes	102	45	6,723	42			
		3	Often	75	30	5,350	32			
		4	Very often	31	13	2,208	14			
		Total		235	100	16,217	100			
d. Discussed state, national, or global issues with others	CIV02d	1	Never	23	10	1,605	10	2.6	2.6	.01
		2	Sometimes	94	38	6,767	41			
		3	Often	83	37	5,134	32			
		4	Very often	33	14	2,685	17			
		Total		233	100	16,191	100			
e. Raised awareness about local or campus issues	CIV02e	1	Never	102	44	7,259	45	1.8	1.8	-.01
		2	Sometimes	93	39	5,840	35			
		3	Often	27	11	2,269	14			
		4	Very often	13	6	843	5			
		Total		235	100	16,211	100			
f. Raised awareness about state, national, or global issues	CIV02f	1	Never	104	44	6,800	42	1.8	1.9	-.06
		2	Sometimes	87	36	5,844	36			
		3	Often	32	15	2,436	15			
		4	Very often	12	5	1,124	7			
		Total		235	100	16,204	100			
g. Asked others to address local or campus issues	CIV02g	1	Never	125	51	8,488	53	1.7	1.7	-.04
		2	Sometimes	77	35	4,993	30			
		3	Often	25	10	1,955	12			
		4	Very often	7	3	768	5			
		Total		234	100	16,204	100			
h. Asked others to address state, national, or global issues	CIV02h	1	Never	127	53	8,575	53	1.7	1.7	-.02
		2	Sometimes	71	31	4,771	29			
		3	Often	29	12	1,956	12			
		4	Very often	8	4	851	5			
		Total		235	100	16,153	100			
i. Organized others to work on local or campus issues	CIV02i	1	Never	164	68	10,650	66	1.4	1.5	-.09
		2	Sometimes	45	22	3,407	21			
		3	Often	23	9	1,508	10			
		4	Very often	2	1	582	4			
		Total		234	100	16,147	100			
j. Organized others to work on state, national, or global issues	CIV02j	1	Never	165	68	10,842	68	1.4	1.5	-.04
		2	Sometimes	45	22	3,266	20			
		3	Often	19	8	1,357	9			
		4	Very often	4	2	556	3			
		Total		233	100	16,021	100			

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Seniors

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				Marshall		Civic Engagement		Marshall	Civic Engagement	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
1. Select the response that best represents your ability to do the following:										
a. Help people resolve their disagreements with each other	CIV01a	1	Poor	1	0	174	1	5.3	5.4	-.04
		2		10	3	340	1			
		3		21	6	1,185	5			
		4		45	13	3,616	14			
		5		99	28	8,604	30			
		6		115	32	9,384	32			
		7	Excellent	61	18	5,085	17			
		Total		352	100	28,388	100			
b. Resolve conflicts that involve bias, discrimination, and prejudice	CIV01b	1	Poor	2	1	264	1	5.1	5.1	.00
		2		11	3	620	2			
		3		24	7	1,838	7			
		4		66	18	5,187	19			
		5		114	32	8,961	31			
		6		82	23	7,526	26			
		7	Excellent	51	16	3,922	14			
		Total		350	100	28,318	100			
c. Lead a group where people from different backgrounds feel welcomed and included	CIV01c	1	Poor	2	0	265	1	5.4	5.5	-.05
		2		11	3	464	2			
		3		22	6	1,238	5			
		4		46	13	3,593	13			
		5		89	24	6,631	23			
		6		93	26	9,229	32			
		7	Excellent	87	26	6,904	24			
		Total		350	100	28,324	100			
d. Contribute to the well-being of your community	CIV01d	1	Poor	4	1	216	1	5.5	5.5	.02
		2		6	2	356	1			
		3		15	5	1,004	4			
		4		44	13	3,346	13			
		5		73	21	6,775	24			
		6		109	30	9,455	32			
		7	Excellent	95	28	7,080	24			
		Total		346	100	28,232	100			
2. During the current school year, whether course-related or not, about how often have you done the following?										
a. Informed yourself about local or campus issues	CIV02a	1	Never	32	9	3,390	11	2.7	2.5 *	.14
		2	Sometimes	131	36	11,423	41			
		3	Often	122	35	8,994	32			
		4	Very often	66	20	4,545	16			
		Total		351	100	28,352	100			
b. Informed yourself about state, national, or global issues	CIV02b	1	Never	10	3	1,058	4	3.0	3.0	.02
		2	Sometimes	103	29	8,277	29			
		3	Often	134	38	10,273	36			
		4	Very often	103	31	8,710	31			
		Total		350	100	28,318	100			

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Seniors

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				Marshall		Civic Engagement		Marshall	Civic Engagement	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
c. Discussed local or campus issues with others	CIV02c	1	Never	35	10	4,582	14	2.6	2.5 *	.12
		2	Sometimes	137	38	10,957	40			
		3	Often	125	36	8,315	29			
		4	Very often	52	16	4,439	16			
		Total		349	100	28,293	100			
d. Discussed state, national, or global issues with others	CIV02d	1	Never	19	5	1,728	6	2.8	2.8	.04
		2	Sometimes	117	33	9,620	34			
		3	Often	128	37	9,738	34			
		4	Very often	84	25	7,201	25			
		Total		348	100	28,287	100			
e. Raised awareness about local or campus issues	CIV02e	1	Never	129	36	12,344	43	2.0	1.9 ***	.18
		2	Sometimes	124	35	10,027	36			
		3	Often	66	20	3,986	14			
		4	Very often	31	9	1,951	7			
		Total		350	100	28,308	100			
f. Raised awareness about state, national, or global issues	CIV02f	1	Never	116	32	9,501	34	2.1	2.1	.05
		2	Sometimes	127	36	10,375	37			
		3	Often	73	23	5,327	19			
		4	Very often	34	10	3,071	11			
		Total		350	100	28,274	100			
g. Asked others to address local or campus issues	CIV02g	1	Never	167	47	14,848	52	1.9	1.7 **	.18
		2	Sometimes	93	27	8,578	31			
		3	Often	60	18	3,275	12			
		4	Very often	26	8	1,537	6			
		Total		346	100	28,238	100			
h. Asked others to address state, national, or global issues	CIV02h	1	Never	164	45	13,225	48	1.9	1.8	.08
		2	Sometimes	103	30	8,971	32			
		3	Often	52	15	3,917	14			
		4	Very often	30	9	2,075	7			
		Total		349	100	28,188	100			
i. Organized others to work on local or campus issues	CIV02i	1	Never	203	56	18,286	65	1.7	1.5 ***	.22
		2	Sometimes	71	21	5,977	21			
		3	Often	49	15	2,559	9			
		4	Very often	24	7	1,360	5			
		Total		347	100	28,182	100			
j. Organized others to work on state, national, or global issues	CIV02j	1	Never	226	63	18,184	65	1.6	1.5	.11
		2	Sometimes	67	20	6,097	21			
		3	Often	31	10	2,395	8			
		4	Very often	25	8	1,350	5			
		Total		349	100	28,026	100			

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed)

First-Year Students

Variable name	N	Mean		Standard error ^f		Standard deviation ^g		DF ^h	Sig. ⁱ	Effect size ^d
	Marshall	Marshall	Civic Engagement	Marshall	Civic Engagement	Marshall	Civic Engagement	Comparisons with: Civic Engagement		
CIV01a	235	5.2	5.2	.08	.01	1.3	1.3	14,063	.967	.00
CIV01b	234	5.0	4.9	.09	.01	1.4	1.4	14,019	.153	.09
CIV01c	234	5.0	5.1	.10	.01	1.6	1.4	14,007	.177	-.09
CIV01d	234	5.2	5.3	.09	.01	1.3	1.3	13,988	.514	-.04
CIV02a	234	2.5	2.5	.05	.01	0.8	0.8	14,037	.457	-.05
CIV02b	235	2.6	2.7	.05	.01	0.8	0.9	14,018	.271	-.07
CIV02c	235	2.5	2.5	.06	.01	0.9	0.9	14,016	.764	-.02
CIV02d	233	2.6	2.6	.06	.01	0.9	0.9	13,996	.872	.01
CIV02e	235	1.8	1.8	.06	.01	0.9	0.9	14,014	.908	-.01
CIV02f	235	1.8	1.9	.06	.01	0.9	0.9	13,997	.370	-.06
CIV02g	234	1.7	1.7	.05	.01	0.8	0.9	14,001	.510	-.04
CIV02h	235	1.7	1.7	.05	.01	0.8	0.9	13,957	.743	-.02
CIV02i	234	1.4	1.5	.05	.01	0.7	0.8	244	.099	-.09
CIV02j	234	1.4	1.5	.05	.01	0.7	0.8	13,859	.551	-.04

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Seniors

Variable name	N	Mean		Standard error ^f		Standard deviation ^g		DF ^h	Sig. ⁱ	Effect size ^d
	Marshall	Marshall	Civic Engagement	Marshall	Civic Engagement	Marshall	Civic Engagement	Comparisons with: Civic Engagement		
CIV01a	352	5.3	5.4	.07	.01	1.3	1.2	22,410	.449	-.04
CIV01b	350	5.1	5.1	.07	.01	1.3	1.3	22,350	.928	.00
CIV01c	350	5.4	5.5	.07	.01	1.4	1.3	22,355	.377	-.05
CIV01d	346	5.5	5.5	.07	.01	1.4	1.3	22,277	.733	.02
CIV02a	351	2.7	2.5	.05	.01	0.9	0.9	22,375	.011	.14
CIV02b	350	3.0	3.0	.04	.01	0.8	0.9	22,349	.747	.02
CIV02c	349	2.6	2.5	.05	.01	0.9	0.9	22,341	.025	.12
CIV02d	348	2.8	2.8	.05	.01	0.9	0.9	22,332	.488	.04
CIV02e	350	2.0	1.9	.05	.01	1.0	0.9	22,343	.001	.18
CIV02f	350	2.1	2.1	.05	.01	1.0	1.0	22,317	.358	.05
CIV02g	346	1.9	1.7	.05	.01	1.0	0.9	354	.003	.18
CIV02h	349	1.9	1.8	.05	.01	1.0	0.9	22,240	.124	.08
CIV02i	347	1.7	1.5	.05	.01	1.0	0.9	354	.000	.22
CIV02j	349	1.6	1.5	.05	.01	0.9	0.8	357	.070	.11

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed)

Endnotes

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