

2011 Profile of Weber State University College Students

The Profile of Today's College Students is an extensive instrument examining student characteristics and beliefs. Because of the length, the survey is divided into the following sections: academic integrity, academic involvement, campus involvement, diversity, future aspirations, health and wellness, media and communication, and student opinions. Each student received a random selection of sections. This survey was administered 11/21/2011-12/12/2011. 623 students responded for a 3.86% sample error with a 95% confidence level.

Student Demographics

85% of students identify as White; 5% of students identify as Hispanic; 1% identify as African-American; 1% identify as Native American; 4% identify as Asian/Pacific Islander; 2% of students did not respond to this question

19% of students speak two languages fluently; 3% speak 3 or more fluently

8% of students were born outside of the U.S.; 14% say their parents were born outside the U.S.; 20% say their grandparents were born outside of the U.S.

64% of students identify as LDS; 6% as Catholic

99% of students identify as heterosexual

31% of students have children that they support financially

52% of students live off campus with their spouse/partner/children; 32% live with their parents; 12% live alone or with friends; 3.5% live on campus; >1% have other living arrangements

81% of students personally contribute to funding their education. 51% receive Pell Grants; 32% receive academic scholarships; and 51% of students receive loans.

82% of students plan to be enrolled at WSU next semester; 7% of students are graduating or this is not applicable.

Students and Technology

94% of students own a desktop or laptop. 83% of students own a laptop computer; 49% own a desktop computer.

99% of students have a cell phone. 58% of those have smart phones (with internet access). 19% of students use their smart phone to access the internet most often.

91% of students have an online social network profile. 86% of those students are using Facebook.

66% have used a website to rate their professor.

84% of students use the on-campus computer labs.

Students' Engagement

71% of students are registered to vote.

88% of students read an online newspaper; 45% of students occasionally to always read the Signpost.

34% of students would like to be more involved in campus activities.

55% of students want to find out about campus events via email; 49% through websites; 44% through Facebook, and 40% through flyers.

15% of students are a member of at least one student club or organization this semester.

Students and Diversity

78% of students believe that WSU is diverse.

40% of students believe that they personally add to the diversity on campus.

25% of students take advantage of the opportunities provided by WSU to learn about diversity-related issues.

83% of students would feel comfortable reporting an act of discrimination or harassment that they witnessed.

95% of students say WSU is welcoming. 93% say WSU is respectful.

57% of students say that the course offerings, events, and activities at WSU reflect the lives, perceptions, and contributions of people from diverse backgrounds.

Students' Work & Debt

87% of students work for pay during the academic year; 20% of students work more than one job

59% of students work more than 20 hours per week; 15% work 41+

45% of students work *primarily* to pay for some/ all of their college and personal expenses; 42% work *primarily* to support themselves or their family

14% of students indicate that their yearly family income is less than \$25K

31% of students have two or more credit cards

7% of students have over \$5K in credit card debt

Safety

79% of students feel very or extremely safe on campus overall.

7% of students say there are areas on campus where they do not feel safe.

46% of students say they have a plan if there is a natural disaster on campus.

13% of students carry mace or pepper spray to defend themselves on campus.

15% of students have seen or know of a student (including themselves) who has possessed a gun on campus.