The orientation benchmarking survey assessed the impact of orientation from the student perspective. The survey was administered 01/27/2010 - 02/27/2009 to all freshman students who first enrolled in the fall of 2009. 326 students responded for a 5% sample error with 95% confidence level.

**First Year Demographics**

- 26% of first-year students are transfer students.
- 83% of first-year students currently live off campus.
- 25% of first-year students are the first in their family to attend college.
- 29% of first-year students spend zero hours each week working for pay. 33% of first-year students work under 20 hours per week.
- 90% of first-year students would still go to Weber State if they could start over again.

**Orientation Reflection**

- 72% of first-year students agree that orientation helped them know what to expect academically at WSU.
- 56% of first-year students agree that orientation helped them to know what to expect socially at WSU.
- 50% of first-year students disagree that they met new people at orientation that they are still friends with.
- 69% of first-year students agree that at orientation they learned about the different clubs and organizations they could join.
- 70% of first-year students agree that orientation was an enjoyable experience.
- 80% of first-year students agree that attending orientation was a good use of their time.
- 77% of first-year students agree that orientation gave useful information on different rules, regulations, and policies at WSU.
- 71% of first-year students agree that orientation helped them feel connected to WSU.

**Transition to WSU**

- 61% of first-year students stated that their transition from their previous school/college to WSU was very easy or somewhat easy.
- 55% of first-year students stated that their social transition from their previous school/college to WSU was very easy or somewhat easy.
56% of first-year students felt somewhat prepared for their first day of classes at WSU.

65% of first-year students did not participate in any new student opening week activities.

Overall, 83% of students felt that they have been very or somewhat successful at adjusting to the academic demands of WSU.

Overall, 57% of first-year students have been very or somewhat successful at adjusting to the social aspects of WSU.

61% who attended orientation stated this
49% who did not attend orientation stated this

Overall, 73% of first-year students felt that they have been very or somewhat successful at managing their time effectively since entering WSU.

Overall, 65% of first-year students have been very or somewhat successful at developing friendships with other students since entering WSU.

66% who attended orientation stated this
62% who did not attend orientation stated this

Overall, 65% of first-year students have been very or somewhat successful at using different student services since entering WSU.

70% who attended orientation stated this
55% who did not attend orientation stated this

Overall, 84% of first-year students felt prepared for the academic demands of their first semester at WSU.

85% who attended orientation stated this
80% who did not attend orientation stated this

Overall, 83% of first-year students thought they had the study skills to be successful their first semester at WSU.

82% who attended orientation stated this
85% who did not attend orientation stated this

Involvement
Overall, 17% of first-year students stated that since entering WSU they have taken a college course or seminar specifically designed to help students adjust to college.

23% who attended orientation stated this
5% who did not attend orientation stated this

Overall, 13% of first-year students stated that since entering WSU they have enrolled in a formal program where a group of students take two or more courses together.

14% who attended orientation stated this
11% who did not attend orientation stated this

Overall, 32% of first-year students stated that since entering WSU they have become a member of at least one student club or organization.

37% who attended orientation stated this
21% who did not attend orientation stated this

Overall, 17% of first-year students stated that they did get involved in at least one intramural group, club sports or organized fitness activity on campus this semester.

18% who attended orientation stated this
15% who did not attend orientation stated this