NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) and StudentVoice developed the civic engagement survey instrument as part of NASPA’s Assessment and Knowledge Consortium. This survey was administered at WSU 3/7/2011-3/28/2011. Information was gathered from 221 students, which results in a 6.6% sample error at a 95% confidence level. For additional information about this survey or to see the complete survey instrument, please contact Student Affairs Assessment and Research at jessicaoyler1@weber.edu

Quick Facts
- 19% of students report taking a Community Based Learning Class at some point.
- 31% of students attended a formal discussion or lecture related to a particular social issue or concern (compared to 42% nationally).
- 59% of students are active in social/advocacy issues (compared to 59% nationally).
- 86% of students are registered to vote (compared to 75% nationally).
- 18% of students report being involved in at least one intramural group, club sport, or organized fitness activity (compared to 35% nationally).
- 33% of students reported being a member of at least one club or organization this semester (compared to 63% nationally).

Participation in Service and Volunteerism

During the spring of 2011,
- 29% of students reported that they participated in a course that required volunteer hours (compared to 18% nationally).
- 36% of students participated in a course that involved collaborations with a community organization in order to complete a project or research (compared to 30% nationally).
- 50% of WSU students participated in a service-oriented group (compared to 51% nationally).

During the fall of 2010,
- 33% of students worked for a non-profit or some other public service company (compared to 32% nationally).
- 47% of students participated in a one-time service project or event (e.g., day of service, volunteering at soup kitchen) (compared to 48% nationally).
- 75% of students donated money, food, or goods to any groups or associations, either locally or nationally (compared to 69% nationally).

Retention Stats
- 94% of students would still go to WSU if they could start over again (compared to 83% nationally).
- 94% of students plan to be enrolled at WSU next semester (or plan to graduate at the end of this semester) (compared to 96% nationally).
Student Beliefs

- 89% of students believe that being able to interact with individuals with different backgrounds and perspectives will help them after college (compared to 90% nationally).
- 71% of students often connect what they are learning in their courses to the programs and activities they are involved in (compared to 70% nationally).
- 74% of students plan to be an active part of the community in which they live after college (compared to 73% nationally).

Benefits of Civic Engagement

Of those students who participated in volunteer/service work:

- 62% of students say that this experience helped them learn about people with different backgrounds and perspectives (compared to 71% nationally).
- 67% of students say that this experience taught them how to collaborate with others (compared to 72% nationally).
- 65% say that this experience helped them to tailor their communication style to effectively express, listen, and adapt to others (compared to 67% nationally).
- 68% say that this experience made it easier to see things from other people’s perspectives (compared to 68% nationally).
- 65% say that this experience provided them with “real-life” experiences for the skills they learned in the classroom (compared to 63% nationally).
- 67% say that this experience helped the students to formulate their own thoughts and ideas related to a particular topic or issue (compared to 66% nationally).
- 71% say that this experience improved their leadership skills (compared to 64% nationally).
- 63% say that this experience has shown them how they can take on a larger role in helping communities face challenges (compared to 64% nationally).