

2023–2024 HEDS Diversity and Equity Campus Climate Survey

This is a PDF representation of the online version of the survey. It includes all questions and response options, as well as notes (in italics) about how questions will display to survey takers.

In this survey, we will ask you about your perceptions of [Institution Name]'s climate, your perceptions of how [Institution Name] supports diversity and equity, and your experiences with discrimination and harassment at [Institution Name].

We are administering this survey to students, faculty, staff, and administrators at [Institution Name] to develop a better understanding of the extent to which our campus climate supports diversity and equity. The survey usually takes less than 15 minutes to complete.

Your participation is **voluntary**. We are grateful for your cooperation and willingness to provide information that will help us better understand [Institution Name]'s climate. We are committed to ensuring that our campus has an inclusive, engaging, and supportive environment, and your participation in this survey will help us work toward this goal.

We will ask you many questions about your identity in this survey to develop a better sense of the diversity on our campus. However, your responses are anonymous. The survey is being administered by an independent organization, the <u>Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium (HEDS)</u>. They will exclude any personal information, such as your name, email address, student or employee identification number, and your IP address, from the data they send to our institution. We have also agreed to the organization's requirements for maintaining the security and confidentiality of the data they send us.

You may stop taking the survey at any time or choose not to answer particular questions. You may also go back and change your responses. If you wish to stop taking the survey, simply leave the survey without hitting the "Submit" button at the end. We will not record your responses until you hit the "Submit" button.

The information you provide will be used to inform and improve support, policies, and practices at [Institution Name] and will not be used to investigate specific individuals. Disclosing an incident here does not constitute reporting the incident to your campus and will not result in any action, disciplinary or otherwise. Please do not include your name or accuse anyone of discrimination or harassment by name in your survey responses. If you include your name or accuse anyone by name, these names will be removed before we receive the data.

The [Institution Name] leader(s) of this survey effort [is/are] [name(s)], and [he/she/they] can be reached at [email address(es) and/or phone number(s)].

By clicking on the "Continue" button below, you indicate that you are at least 18 years old, have read and considered the above information, and agree to participate in the survey.

[Respondents see a "Continue" button.]



Campus Climate

For this survey, we define *diversity* and *equity* as follows:

- Diversity: differences among people in their race and ethnicity, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, culture, national origin, religious beliefs and identity, age, disability status, and political perspective.
- *Equity:* a commitment to working to challenge and respond to bias, harassment, and discrimination against people from diverse identities and backgrounds.

1	. Please indic	ate your le	vel of satisfa	ction with t	the following	at [Institution	Name].

	Very satisfied	Generally satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Generally dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Overall campus climate					
The campus experience/environment regarding diversity at [Institution Name]					
The extent to which you experience a sense of belonging or community at [Institution Name]					
The extent to which you feel all community members experience a sense of belonging or community at [Institution Name]					

2. Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements about [Institution Name].

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The campus environment is free from tensions related to individual or group differences.			> _		
Recruitment of historically marginalized students, faculty, and staff is an institutional priority.					
Retention of historically marginalized students, faculty, and staff is an institutional priority.					
Senior leadership demonstrates a commitment to diversity and equity on this campus.					

We will randomize the items listed in Question 3 in the electronic survey.

3. In the last year, about how often have you interacted with the following people while at [Institution Name]?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	A few times	Not at all/ not that I'm aware of
People who have a racial and/or ethnic identity other than your own					
People from a socioeconomic background other than your own					
People who have a sexual orientation other than your own					
People whose gender differs from yours					
People for whom English is not their native language					
People from a religious background other than your own					
People with a disability					
People who are undocumented immigrants					
People from a country other than your own					
People who hold a political affiliation, philosophy, or view that differs from yours					
People who are significantly older or younger than you					



We will randomize the items listed in Question 4 in the electronic survey.

4. How comfortable are you interacting with the following people?					
	Very comfortable	Somewhat comfortable	Neither comfortable nor uncomfortable	Somewhat uncomfortable	Very uncomfortable
People who have a racial and/or ethnic identity other than your own					
People from a socioeconomic background other than your own					
People who have a sexual orientation other than your own					
People whose gender differs from yours					
People for whom English is not their native language					
People from a religious background other than your own					
People with a disability					
People who are undocumented immigrants					
People from a country other than your own			-		
People who hold a political affiliation, philosophy, or view that differs from yours			0		
People who are significantly older or younger than you					
5. To what extent do you agree that div the workplace, and the overall commun	-	ipus improves	experiences and	interactions wi	thin the classroom
 ☐ Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neither agree nor disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree 					
6. Overall, how comfortable would you	be sharing y	our views on d	iversity and equi	ty at [Institutio	n Name]?
☐ Very comfortable					
☐ Somewhat comfortable					
☐ Neither comfortable nor uncomf	ortable				
□ Somewhat uncomfortable	ortable				
☐ Very uncomfortable					
O Y					



We will randomize the items listed in Question 7 in the electronic survey.

7. How have the following activities influen	ced your suppor Greatly increased my support	Somewhat increased my support	and equity? Somewhat decreased my support	Greatly decreased my support	Have not engaged in this activity
Performed community service					
Engaged in discussions or activities concerning political issues					
Attended presentations, performances, or art exhibits related to diversity					
Participated in discussions, training, or activities on racial/ethnic issues					
Participated in discussions, training, or activities on gender issues and/or gender identity issues					
Participated in discussions, training, or activities on sexual orientation issues					
Participated in discussions, training, or activities on socioeconomic status issues					
Participated in discussions, training, or activities on religious diversity issues					
Participated in discussions, training, or activities on disability issues			Ø		
Participated in discussions, training, or activities on immigration issues					
3. What one word or sentence would you us	se to describe th	e sense of comm	nunity you feel	at [Institution N	Name]?
9. What one change would you make in ord	er to enhance th	ne sense of com	munity at [Inst	itution Name]?	



Experiences with Discrimination and Harassment

We will randomize the items listed in Question 10 in the electronic survey.

10. During your time at [Institution Name], about how often have you heard someone make an insensitive or disparaging remark about:

Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often
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	Never	Never Rarely	Never Rarely Sometimes	

11. If you heard someone make an insensitive or disparaging remark, about how often was the source of that remark a member of the following groups?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often
Students					
Faculty					
Staff					
Administration					
Local community					

For this survey, we define *discrimination* and *harassment* as follows:

- *Discrimination:* the unfavorable treatment of a person based on that person's race, ethnicity, national origin, socioeconomic status, age, perceived or actual physical or mental disability, pregnancy, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, creed, religion, or political beliefs.
- *Harassment:* a form of discrimination consisting of physical or verbal conduct that denigrates or shows hostility toward an individual because of their race, ethnicity, national origin, socioeconomic status, age, perceived or actual physical or mental disability, pregnancy, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, creed, religion, or political beliefs. Harassment occurs when the conduct is sufficiently severe and/or pervasive that it alters the terms or conditions of employment or substantially limits the ability of a student to participate in or benefit from the college's educational and/or social programs.

12. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following items.

	Strongly		Neither agree		Strongly
	agree	Agree	nor disagree	Disagree	disagree
If I experienced or observed an act of discrimination or					
harassment while at [Institution Name], I know whom to					
contact to report the incident.					
The process for reporting acts of discrimination or harassment					
at [Institution Name] is clear to me.					
The process for investigating acts of discrimination or		П	П		П
harassment at [Institution Name] is clear to me.		_	_	_	_

13. Hav	e you ever been discriminated against or harassed on the [Institution Name] campus, at an off-campus
residen	ce, or at an off-campus program/event affiliated with [Institution Name]?
	Yes
	No
	Unsure



Respondents who selected "No" for Question 13 wing (Question 21). Respondents who selected "Unsure" 13A, they will skip to Question 21. 13A. In responding to the previous question, you discrimination or harassment at [Institution Name).	for the previous	us question v	will see Question 13	3A. After the	ey see Question ve experienced
Respondents who selected "Yes" for the question ab	oout experienci	ing discrimin	nation or harassmer	ıt (Question	ı 13) will see
Questions 14 and 15.					
The items listed in Question 14 are randomized in the		•			r
14. How often have you been discriminated again				-	-
residence, or at an off-campus program/event aff	1			_	
Because of my racial and/or ethnic identity	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often □
Because of my sexual orientation					
Because of my gender or gender identity					
Because of my socioeconomic background					
Because of my religious background					
Because of my disability					
Because I am an immigrant					
Because of my political affiliation/views					
Because of my age or generation					
Because of my physical appearance					
Because of some other aspect of my identity:					
15. You indicated that you have experienced disc Did any of these incidents of discrimination or ha ☐ Yes ☐ No					



Respondents who selected "Yes" for Question 15 will see Questions 16-19 which ask them to provide details about their recent experiences with discrimination or harassment. Respondents who selected "No" will skip to Question 20.

For the next several questions, please consider all instances in the past year in which you were discriminated against or harassed on the [Institution Name] campus, at an off-campus residence, or at an off-campus program/event affiliated with [Institution Name].

16. Plea	se indicate which of the following forms of discrimination or harassment you have experienced in the past
year. (C	Check all that apply)
	Stared at
	Deliberately ignored, isolated, left out, or excluded
	Singled out as the "resident authority"
	Racial/ethnic profiling
	Graffiti or other forms of vandalism on campus
	Derogatory written comments
	Derogatory remarks
	Derogatory posts on social media
	Derogatory phone calls
	Derogatory/unsolicited e-mails
	Received a poor grade because of a hostile classroom environment
	Received a low performance evaluation
	Denied service or access to resources
	Intimidated/bullied
	Threatened with physical violence
	Feared for your physical safety
	Feared for your family's safety
	Physical violence
	Sexual assault/harassment
	Other form of discrimination or harassment:
_	any of these incidents of discrimination or harassment occur in the following locations? (Check all that apply)
	In a classroom
	In a departmental office or conference room
	In an individual faculty or staff member's office
	In on-campus housing/residences
	At a house or residence off-campus
	At a program/event affiliated with or sponsored by [Institution Name]
	At a dining hall, recreational space, or athletic facility
	Via the internet or social media
	During a virtual meeting or class via Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Meet, etc.
	Other location:
18. Was	s the source of the discrimination/harassment a member of the following groups? (Check all that apply)
Ы.	Students
	Faculty
	Staff
	Administration
	Local community



19. Did you report any incident(s) to campus officials? ☐ Yes
□ No
Respondents who selected "No" for the previous question will see Question 19A. 19A. You indicated that you did not report incident(s) of discrimination/harassment that you experienced at [Institution Name] to campus officials. We would appreciate it if you would explain why you chose not to report the incident(s).
All respondents who selected "Yes" for the question about experiencing discrimination or harassment (Question 13), regardless of whether it occurred in the last year, will see Question 20, which is the last question in this section of the surve
20. If there is any other information that you would like to provide about your experiences with discrimination or
harassment at [Institution Name], please use the box below.
Demographic Information
In the next section, we ask questions about your identity, background, and affiliation with [Institution Name]. You may
choose not to respond to any of these questions. We use responses to these questions to develop a picture of how different
people experience our campus. We will not use this information to identify individuals. In addition, the organization that is
administering this survey will combine the responses to many of these questions before we receive them to obscure
potentially identifiable information.
21. What is your gender?
□ Man
□ Woman
□ Non-binary, please self describe:
☐ Prefer not to respond
22. Are you transgender?
□ Yes
□ No
□ Unsure
☐ Prefer not to respond
23. What is your current age?
☐ Younger than 18
□ 18–24
□ 25–34
□ 35–44
□ 45–54
□ 55–64
□ 65 or older
☐ Prefer not to respond



24. Wh	ich term best describes your sexual orientation? (Select one)	
	Asexual		
	Bisexual		
	Gay		
	Lesbian		
	Pansexual		
	Queer		
	Questioning		
	Straight (Heterosexual)		
	Prefer to self describe:		
	Prefer not to respond		
25 Wh	at is your religious affiliation? (Select one)		
			Lutheran
	Agnostic		
	Atheist		Methodist
	Baptist		Muslim
	Buddhist		Nondenominational Christian
	Catholic		Orthodox Christian
	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints		Other Christian
	Episcopalian		Presbyterian
	Hindu		Spiritual, but not religious
	Jehovah's Witness		Other religion:
	Jewish		Prefer not to respond
26. Hov	w would you characterize your political views?		
	Far left		
	Liberal		
	Middle-of-the-road		
	Conservative		
	Far right		
	Prefer not to respond		
27. Are	you now or have you ever served with the U.S. Armed Ford	es?	
	Yes		
	No		
	Prefer not to respond		
28. Do	you currently have a physical or mental impairment that su	bsta	ntially limits one or more major life activities
	seeing, hearing, learning, interacting with others, walking,		•
	Yes		
	Temporary disability		
_	No		
	Prefer not to respond		
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29. Wh	at is your citizenship status?		
	U.S. citizen		
	U.S. permanent resident but not a U.S. citizen		
	Not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident		
	Prefer not to respond		
30. Wh	ich of the following racial or ethnic categories applies to you	ır id	lentity? (Check all that apply)
	African		Middle Eastern
	African American/Black		Native American/American Indian
	Alaska Native		Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
	Asian		South Asian
	Asian American		Southeast Asian
	Caribbean/West Indian		White
	Hispanic or Latino/a		Some other race or ethnicity:
	Latin American		Prefer not to respond
31. Wh	at is the highest level of education completed by either of yo	ur p	parents (or those who raised you)?
	Did not finish high school	•	
	High school diploma or G.E.D.		
	Attended college but did not complete degree	7	
	Associate's degree (A.A., A.S., etc.)		
	Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.)		Y
	Master's degree (M.A., M.B.A., M.S., etc.)	•	
	Doctoral or professional degree (Ph.D., J.D., M.D., etc.)		
	Prefer not to respond		
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_	at is your primary role at [Institution Name]?		
	Undergraduate Student		
	Graduate Student (Masters/Doctoral/Professional)		
	Faculty		
	Staff		
	Administrator		
	Other role:		
	Prefer not to respond		
Respon	dents who selected "Undergraduate Student" or "Graduate Stu	ıden	t" in Question 32 will see Questions 33 and 34.
33. Hov	w do you attend classes at [Institution Name]?		
	Primarily or entirely on campus		
	Primarily or entirely online		
	Split between on campus and online		
	Prefer not to respond		



34. Wh	ich of the following best describes where you are currently living?
	Dormitory or other campus housing (not a fraternity or sorority house)
	Fraternity or sorority house (including college-owned housing)
	Residence (house, apartment, etc.) within walking distance to the institution
	Residence (house, apartment, etc.) <i>farther than</i> walking distance to the institution
	None of the above
	Prefer not to respond
Respon	dents at 4-year institutions who selected "Undergraduate Student" in Question 32 will see Question 35. at is your current academic classification? Freshman/First Year Sophomore Junior Senior Other academic classification: Prefer not to respond
	dents at 2-year institutions who selected "Undergraduate Student" in Question 32 will see Questions 36 and 37. w many credits did you enroll in at the beginning of this semester? Less than 12 12 or more
	Prefer not to respond
37. Hov	w many total academic terms have you been enrolled at [Institution Name]?
	This is my first academic term
	This is my second academic term
	This is my third or fourth academic term
	This is my fifth or sixth academic term
	I have been enrolled more than six academic terms
	Prefer not to respond
Rasnon	dents who selected "Undergraduate Student" for Question 32 will see Question 38.
-	w often did you have a drink containing alcohol in the past year?
	Never
	Monthly or less
	2-4 times a month
	2-3 times a week
	4 or more times a week Prefer not to respond
ш	Fieler not to respond
Dagnan	dente who colored "Monthly on loss" "2 4 times a month" "2 2 times a week" on "4 on mone times a week" in
	dents who selected "Monthly or less", "2-4 times a month", "2-3 times a week", or "4 or more times a week" in
~	on 38 will see Questions 39 and 40.
	ypical alcohol drink size is 12 ounces of beer, 8-9 ounces of malt liquor, 5 ounces of wine, or 1.5 ounces of hard
iiquor.	How many drinks did you have on a typical day when you were drinking in the past year? 1 or 2
占	3 or 4
	5 or 6
	7 to 9
	10 or more



40. Hov	w often did you have five or more drinks on one occasion in the past year?
	Never
	Less than monthly Monthly
	Weekly
	Daily or almost daily
_	dents who selected "Faculty," "Staff," or "Administrator" in Question 32 will see Questions 41, 42, and 43. v do you work at [Institution Name]?
41.110 ,	Primarily or entirely on campus
	Primarily or entirely remotely
	Split between on campus and remotely
	Prefer not to respond
42. Hov	v long have you worked at [Institution Name]?
	Less than 1 year
	1–4 years
	5–9 years
	10 or more years
	Prefer not to respond
43. Are	you a part-time or full-time employee at [Institution Name]?
	Part-time
	Full-time
	Prefer not to respond
Respon	dents who selected "Faculty" in Question 32 will see Questions 44 and 45.
44. Wh	ich of the following best describes your academic rank?
	Professor
	Associate Professor
	Assistant Professor
	Lecturer/Instructor/Adjunct
	Prefer not to respond
45. Wh	ich of the following best describes your primary area of teaching?
	Biological Sciences
	Business and Management
	Communications
	Education
	Engineering
	Fine and Performing Arts
	Health Sciences
	Humanities
þ	Physical Sciences, Mathematics, and Computer Science
	Social Sciences
	Other academic areas
	Prefer not to respond



_	dents who selected "Staff" or "Administrator" is ich category best describes your primary role Hourly (non-exempt) Salaried (exempt) Prefer not to respond		'2 will see Qi	uestion 46	i.		4	
[Option	al Module for Undergraduate Students]					,		
Below we ask a few additional questions about specific aspects of your identity and your experiences. We appreciate you taking the time to answer them. Thank you.								
in your	day-to-day life as a student at [Institution Na	Never	Less than once a year	A few times a year	A few times a month	At least once a week	Almost every day	
You are	e treated with less courtesy than other people are.							
You are	e treated with less respect than other people are.							
You re	ceive poorer service than other people in campus dining facilities, or the bookstore.							
	act as if they think you are not smart.							
	act as if they are afraid of you.		46					
	act as if they think you are dishonest.							
	act as if they're better than you are. e called names or insulted.							
	e threatened or harassed.							
Respond will see	dents who selected "A few times a year" or morthe following question.	e frequently	to one or mo	re of the s				
What d	o you think is the main reason for these expe	riences? (Cl	neck all that	apply)				
	My racial and/or ethnic identity							
	My sexual orientation							
	My gender/gender identity							
	My gender expression							
	My identity as non-binary and/or transgender							
	My socioeconomic background							
	My religious background							
	My disability							
	I am an immigrant							
	My political affiliation/views							
	My age or generation							
	My physical appearance							
	Some other aspect of my identity:							



Respondents who identify as a racial/ethnic minority in the Demographic Information section of the survey (i.e., respondents who select anything other than "White" only or "Prefer not to respond" in Question 30) will see the following question.

In your day-to-day life as a student at [Institution Name], how often do the following things happen to you in your online interactions?

	Never	Less than once a year	A few times a year	A few times a month	At least once a week	Almost every day
People make you feel intellectually inferior on the Internet because of your race/ethnicity.					_	
You feel excluded by others on the Internet because of your race/ethnicity.						
You feel that your opinions or contributions are minimized or dismissed on the Internet because of your race/ethnicity.						
You are made to feel like the way you communicate on the Internet is inferior because of your race/ethnicity.						
People on the Internet assume that you will behave aggressively because of your race/ethnicity.						
You are singled out by moderators or authority figures on the Internet because of your race/ethnicity.						
People on the Internet act as if all of the people in your race/ethnicity are alike.						
People on the Internet deny that people of your race/ethnicity face extra obstacles.						
People on the Internet hold sexual stereotypes about you because of your racial/ethnic background.						

Respondents who identify as a gender/sexual minority in the Demographic Information section of the survey (i.e., respondents who select "Non-binary" in Question 21, "Yes" in Question 22, and/or anything other than "Straight (Heterosexual)" in Question 24) will see the following question.

In your day-to-day life as a student at [Institution Name], how often do the following things happen to you?

	Never	Less than once a year	A few times a year	A few times a month	At least once a week	Almost every day
You are treated unfairly by strangers because you are an LGBTQ+ individual.						
You are treated unfairly by people in service jobs on campus (e.g., dining facilities, bookstore, registrar, financial services) because you are an LGBTQ+ individual.						
You are verbally insulted because you are an LGBTQ+ individual.						
You are made fun of, picked on, pushed, shoved, hit, or threatened with harm because you are an LGBTQ+ individual.						
You are called heterosexist or transphobic names like dyke, lezzie, faggot, queer, tranny, or other names.						
You are denied a job, an honor, an award, an opportunity to do research with a faculty member, an internship, or other such recognition of good work that you deserve because you are an LGBTQ+ individual.						
You are treated unfairly by professors, staff, or administrators because you are an LGBTQ+ individual.						
You are treated unfairly by your boss or supervisor because you are an LGBTQ+ individual.						
You are rejected by friends because you are an LGBTQ+ individual.						



To submit your answers, please click on the "Submit" button below. We will not record your responses until you click this button. Your name will not be connected in any way with your survey responses.

[The following language appears after respondents click the "Submit" button.] Thank you for participating in the Diversity and Equity Campus Climate Survey.

The information you have given us is anonymous. Your name is not connected in any way with your responses to this survey, and any identifying information from the computer on which you took the survey was removed before we received the data.

We deeply appreciate your cooperation and willingness to provide information that will help us improve the policies and tools we use to create a diverse, equitable, and supportive environment at [Institution Name].

The [Institution Name] leader(s) of this survey effort [is/are] [name(s)], and [he/she/they] can be reached at [email address(es) and/or phone number(s)]. He/She/They can answer additional questions you may have about the survey.

If you would like to report an incident of discrimination or harassment that you have not previously reported, please go to [URL for website that describes the Institution's reporting procedures] to learn how to make a report. [OPTIONAL:] For additional resources related to diversity and equity, please visit: [Institutions provide list of organizations and/or resources.]

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS SURVEY.