

## 2025–2026 HEDS 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 about 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 Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium (HEDS). 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 any time before you hit submit or the survey closes.

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.

from diverse identities and background	s.				
1. Please indicate your level of satisfaction wi	th the follow	wing at [Inst	itution Namel		
1.1 rease indicate your level of satisfaction wi	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]				D	
2. Please indicate your level of agreement with	h each of th	e following	statements about	[Institution N	ame].
	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 elect	ronic survev.			
3. In the last year, about how often have you				le at [Institution	on Name]? Not at all/
	Dai	ly Week	ly Monthly	A few times	not that I'm aware of
People who have a racial and/or ethnic identity othe than your own	r $\Box$				
People from a socioeconomic background other than your own	n $\square$				
People who have a sexual orientation other than you own	ır				
People whose gender differs from yours					
People for whom English is not their native languag	e 🗆				
People from a religious background other than your	own $\square$				
People with a disability					
People who are undocumented immigrants					
People from a country other than your own					

view that differs from yours

People who hold a political affiliation, philosophy, or

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 uncomforta	ıble_
People who have a racial and/or ethnic identity other than your own						4
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						
5. To what extent do you agree that div	ersity on cam	pus improves	experiences and i	interactions wi	thin the cla	ssroom
the workplace, and the overall commun			)			
☐ Strongly agree						
☐ Agree						
☐ Neither agree nor disagree						
☐ Disagree						
		7				
☐ Strongly disagree	, Y	,				
6. Overall, how comfortable would you	be sharing vo	our views on di	versity and equi	tv at [Institutio	n Namel?	
□ Very comfortable			v	·	,	
☐ Somewhat comfortable						
☐ Neither comfortable nor uncomf	ortable .					
☐ Somewhat uncomfortable	or more					
☐ Very uncomfortable						
iii very unconfrontable						



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

7. How have the following activities influen	ced your supp	ort for diversi				
	Greatly increased my support	Somewhat increased m support	y decrea	ewhat sed my port	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		1	]			
Participated in discussions, training, or activities on immigration issues						
9. What one change would you make in order to enhance the sense of community at [Institution 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 of	ften have you h	ieard some	eone mak	e an insensitiv	ve or
disparaging remark about:		Never	Rarely	Sometime	es Often	Very often
People who have a particular racial and/or ethnic	identity					
People of a particular sexual orientation	racinity					
People of a particular sexual orientation  People of a particular gender or gender identity						
People from a particular socioeconomic backgrou	ınd					
People from a particular religious background						
People with a particular disability						
People who are immigrants						
People with a particular political affiliation/view						
People of a particular age or generation						
Paople for whom English is not their notive langu						



## 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? Often Never Rarely Sometimes 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. Neither agree Strongly Strongly Agree nor disagree Disagree disagree agree 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 harassment at [Institution Name] is clear to me. 13. Have you ever been 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]? Yes No □ Unsure Respondents who selected "No" or "Unsure" for Question 13 will skip to the first question of the demographic section of the survey (Question 20).

Respondents who selected "Yes" for the question about experiencing discrimination or harassment (Question 13) will see

Questions 14 and 15.



The items listed in Question 14 are randomized in the electronic survey.

## 14. How often have you been 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] for the following reasons?

residence, or at an off-campus program/event at	ffiliated with	[Institution Na	ame] for the foll	owing reasons	s?
	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often
Because of my racial and/or ethnic identity					
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:					
Did any of these incidents of discrimination or h  Yes  No					
Respondents who selected "Yes" for Question 15 wecent experiences with discrimination or harassma	~				
arassed on the [Institution Name] campus, at an oral institution Name].  6. Please indicate which of the following forms ear. (Select all that apply)		$\mathcal{S}$			
☐ 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 ca	mpus				
☐ 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	e classroom er	vironment			
☐ Received a low performance evaluation		. , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			
☐ Denied service or access to resources					
☐ Intimidated/bullied					
☐ Threatened with physical violence					
F1 f					
☐ Feared for your physical safety					
<ul><li>☐ Feared for your physical safety</li><li>☐ Feared for your family's safety</li><li>☐ Physical violence</li></ul>					

☐ Sexual assault/harassment

☐ Other form of discrimination or harassment: \_\_



17. Did	any of these incidents of discrimination or harassment occur in the following locations? (Select 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:
_	other location.
18. Wa	s the source of the discrimination/harassment a member of the following groups? (Select all that apply)
	Students
	Faculty
	Staff
	Administration
	Local community
19. Did	you report any incident(s) to campus officials?
	Yes
	No
	ou indicated that you did not report incident(s) of discrimination/harassment that you experienced at attion Name to campus officials. We would appreciate it if you would explain why you chose not to report the at(s).
In the n choose people	raphic Information next section, we ask questions about your identity, background, and affiliation with [Institution Name]. You may not to respond to any of these questions. We use responses to these questions to develop a picture of how different experience our campus. We will not use this information to identify individuals. In addition, the organization that is stering this survey will combine the responses to many of these questions before we receive them to obscure
-	ally identifiable information.
20. Wh	at is your gender?
000	Man Woman Nonbinary, please self describe: Prefer not to respond
21 Arc	you transgender?
	Yes
	No Lieuwa
	Unsure Prefer not to respond



22. Wh	at is your current age?		
	Younger than 18		
	18–24		
	25–34		
	35–44		
	45–54		
	55–64		
	65 or older		
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	Prefer not to respond		
23. Wh	ich term best describes your sexual orientation? (Select one)		
	Asexual	,	
	Bisexual		
	Gay		<b>X</b> ' <b>X )</b> '
	Lesbian		
	Pansexual		
	Queer		
	Questioning		
	Straight (Heterosexual)		
	Prefer to self describe:		
	Prefer not to respond		
24 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
25 Hox	wwould you characterize your political views?		
	Far left		
	Liberal Nilling Colons I		
	Conservative		
	Far right		
	Other political view:		
	Prefer not to respond		
	you now or have you ever served with the U.S. Armed Force	es?	
	Yes		
	No		
	Prefer not to respond		



-	ou currently have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities
such as se	eeing, hearing, learning, interacting with others, walking, etc.?
	Yes
	Temporary disability
	No
□ F	Prefer not to respond
	t 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
<b>29.</b> What	t is your race and/or ethnicity? (Select all that apply)
	American Indian or Alaska Native
	For example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat
7	Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, Maya, etc.
$\Box$ A	Asian
	For example, Chinese, Asian Indian, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese, Pakistani, Hmong, Afghan, etc.
	Black or African American
	For example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, Trinidadian and Tobagonian, Ghanaian,
	Congolese, etc.
	Hispanic or Latino For example, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Salvadoran, Cuban, Dominican, Guatemalan, Colombian, Honduran, Spaniard, etc.
	Middle Eastern or North African
	For example, Lebanese, Iranian, Egyptian, Syrian, Iraqi, Israeli, Moroccan, Yemeni, Kurdish, Palestinian, etc.
	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
	For example, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, Chuukese, Palauan, Tahitian, etc.
	White
F	For example, English, German, Irish, Italian, Polish, Scottish, French, Swedish, Norwegian, etc.
	Some other race or ethnicity:
	Prefer not to respond
30. What	is the highest level of education completed by either of your parents or those who raised you?
	Did not finish high school
	High school diploma or GED
	Attended college but did not complete degree
	Associate's degree (AA, AS, etc.)
	Bachelor's degree (BA, BS, etc.)
	Master's degree (MA, MBA, MS, etc.)
	Doctoral or professional degree (PhD, JD, MD, etc.)
	Prefer not to respond
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31. Wh	at is your primary role at [Institution Name]?
	Undergraduate Student
	Graduate Student (Masters/Doctoral/Professional)
	Faculty
	Staff
	Administrator
	Other role:
	Prefer not to respond
Resnon	dents who selected "Undergraduate Student" or "Graduate Student" in Question 31 will see Questions 32 and 33.
-	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
	Telef not to respond
33. 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.) farther than walking distance to the institution
	None of the above
	Prefer not to respond
Resnon	dents at 4-year institutions who selected "Undergraduate Student" in Question 31 will see Question 34.
_	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 31 will see Questions 35 and 36.  w many credits did you enroll in at the beginning of this semester?
	Less than 12
	12 or more
	Prefer not to respond
_	Trefer not to respond
36. Hov	w many total academic terms (semesters, quarters, trimesters) 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



All respondents who selected "Undergraduate Student" for Question 31 will see Question 37.
37. Have you ever received a Pell Grant during your time at college?
□ Yes
□ No □ Profer not to recoond
□ Prefer not to respond
Respondents who selected "Faculty," "Staff," or "Administrator" in Question 31 will see Questions 38, 39, and 40.
38. How do you work at [Institution Name]?
☐ Primarily or entirely on campus
☐ Primarily or entirely remotely
☐ Split between on campus and remotely
☐ Prefer not to respond
39. How 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
40. Are you a part-time or full-time employee at [Institution Name]?
□ Part-time
□ Full-time
□ Prefer not to respond
Respondents who selected "Faculty" in Question 31 will see Questions 41 and 42.
41. Which of the following best describes your academic rank?
□ Professor
☐ Associate Professor
☐ Assistant Professor
☐ Lecturer/Instructor/Adjunct
□ Prefer not to respond
42. Which 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
☐ Physical Sciences, Mathematics, and Computer Science
□ Social Sciences
☐ Other academic areas
☐ Prefer not to respond



Respondents who selected "Staff" or "Administrator" in Question 31 will see Question 43.

43. Which category best describes your primary role?

☐ Hourly (non-exempt)

□ Salaried (exempt)□ Prefer not to respond

[If your institution chooses to add supplemental questions they will be inserted here, preceded by this statement. You may customize this introduction.]

The following questions were provided by [Institution Name], so they can get a better picture of your experiences on campus. Of course, like the rest of the survey, you may choose to skip any of these questions.

To submit your answers, please click on the "Submit" button below. 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 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.