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	USF		Jesuit		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2008	
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR
Response Rate[a]								
Overall	27%		40%		28%		33%	
By class	25%	28%	40%	40%	26%	31%	31%	35%
NSSE sample size[b]	1,313	1,439	11,466	13,020	35,923	33,363	588,368	562,024
Sampling Error[c]								
Overall	3.1%		0.8%		0.6%		0.1%	
By class	4.7%	4.2%	1.1%	1.0%	0.9%	0.8%	0.2%	0.2%
Number of respondents[b]	329	401	4,595	5,241	9,453	10,210	182,871	194,511
Total population	1,313	1,439	12,408	13,020	47,260	40,324	767,700	753,736
Student Characteristics[d]								
Mode of Completion								
Paper	0%	0%	15%	0%	1%	1%	2%	3%
Web	100%	100%	85%	100%	99%	99%	98%	97%
Class Level[e]	45%	55%	51%	49%	48%	52%	49%	51%
Enrollment Status[e]								
Full-time	99%	79%	98%	89%	94%	85%	95%	85%
Less than full-time	1%	21%	2%	11%	6%	15%	5%	15%
Gender[e]								
Female	67%	70%	65%	66%	67%	66%	64%	64%
Male	33%	30%	35%	34%	33%	34%	36%	36%
Race/Ethnicity								
Am. Indian/Native American	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	29%	27%	7%	7%	7%	5%	6%	5%
Black/African American	3%	4%	4%	4%	12%	15%	7%	7%
White (non-Hispanic)	35%	41%	71%	72%	64%	61%	70%	71%
Mexican/Mexican American	6%	4%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%
Puerto Rican	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	4%	4%	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%
Multiracial	7%	7%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%
Other	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%
I prefer not to respond	10%	9%	6%	7%	6%	7%	6%	7%
International Student	10%	9%	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Place of Residence								
On-campus	91%	8%	84%	24%	68%	14%	72%	21%
Off-campus	9%	92%	16%	76%	32%	86%	28%	79%
Transfer Status								
Transfer students	6%	47%	4%	29%	10%	42%	9%	41%
Age								
Non-traditional (24 or older)	0%	29%	2%	20%	9%	36%	6%	32%
Traditional (less than 24)	100%	71%	98%	80%	91%	64%	94%	68%

[a] Response rate (number of respondents divided by sample size) is adjusted for non-deliverable mailing addresses, students for whom contact information was not available, and other students who were sampled yet unavailable during the survey administration.

[b] This report is based on information from all randomly selected students for both your institution and your comparison institutions. Targeted and locally administered oversamples (i.e., non-randomly selected students) are not included in this report.

[c] Sampling error is an estimate of the margin by which the *true* score for your institution on a given item could differ from the reported score. To interpret the sampling error, assume that 60% of your students reply "very often" to a particular item. If the sampling error is +/-5%, then the true population value is most likely between 55% and 65%.

[d] Percent of total respondents within each category. These results are *not* weighted.

[e] Institution-reported data. This information was used to weight your Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.