



NSSE Respondent Profile

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) is a program that annually collects and analyzes information from a number of four-year colleges and universities. The program gathers information about first-year (freshmen or transfers) and senior participation in learning as well as personal development events and programs provided by the institution.

The Respondent Profile is a section of the NSSE survey that asks the randomly selected or census-administered group of students about demographic information, including race and ethnicity, gender identity, majors, enrollment status, level of education, and several more not listed above. Students also have the choice to select “I prefer not to respond” to questions that they would not want to answer. The purpose is to provide institutions with tools to examine similarities and differences among students on campus and compare results to comparison institutions.

How Would You Describe Yourself?

Question 33 in the NSSE Respondent Profile asks seniors how they would describe their race and ethnicity. Over the years, the diversity of race and ethnicity list offerings to students has grown; it now includes American Indian or Alaskan Native and Middle Eastern or North African. Students are allowed to choose more than one race or ethnicity in the survey.

The race and ethnicity profile at WTAMU is expansive with 3 of the 4 years including a variety of diverse communities on campus. While each student population has consistent numbers, WTAMU has an ethnically rich environment that provides stellar education and support opportunities for students.

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Seniors at WTAMU	2019	2020	2021	2022	4-year average
American Indian or Alaska Native	1%	4%	2%	2%	3%
Asian	1%	5%	3%	4%	3%
Black or African American	5%	8%	5%	6%	6%
Hispanic or Latina/o	34%	25%	30%	29%	30%
Middle Eastern or N. African	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Islander	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%
White	66%	67%	65%	69%	67%
Another race or ethnicity	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%
I prefer not to respond	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%

What is Your Gender Identity?

Question 30 in the NSSE Respondent Profile asks seniors to detail their gender identity. The answer choices have stayed consistent throughout the years with man, woman, and another gender identity answer choices offered.

While each population remains relatively consistent throughout the years, the trends seem to show slight changes. Women have the highest population averaging 57.82%, however, the population is decreasing and has its lowest percentage in 2022. On the other hand, the populations of men and other gender identities are slowly increasing and have their highest populations in 2022.

Seniors at WTAMU	2019	2020	2021	2022	4-year average
Man	38%	39%	42%	43%	40%
Woman	61%	60%	56%	54%	58%
Another gender identity	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%
I prefer not to respond	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%

Response Rate

From 2019 to 2022, the average rate of response from seniors at WTAMU was 21%, with an average senior participation of 415 students, which is not shown in the displays.

While the resulting numbers may have been low due to a low average response rate, the satisfaction with student experiences at WTAMU and the probability of those attending the institution again are high.

Senior Participation	2019	2020	2021	2022	4-year average
Response Rate	15%	26%	20%	22%	21%
Respondent Count	269	453	535	403	415