



**Beginning College Survey
of Student Engagement**

Kent State University

*BCSSE 2009 Mean Scale Scores
and Selected Student Comparisons*



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Interpreting the Mean Scale Scores and Selected Student Comparisons

Scale

The BCSSE scale appears in the left column of the report.

Variable Name

The variable name of the scale as it appears in the data file and codebook.

Institution-Level

Results for each item for the institution overall.

Selected Student Comparisons

Results for each item by gender and first-generation status.



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BCSSE Scales ^a	Variable	All Students			Gender Comparisons				First-Generation ^d Comparisons			
		Mean	SD	N	Means		Tests of mean differences		Means		Tests of mean differences	
					Female	Male	Sig ^b	Effect size ^c	FG	Non-FG	Sig ^b	Effect size ^c
High School Academic Engagement (HSE) <i>Engagement in educationally relevant behaviors during the last year of high school.</i>	HS_acad	5.31	1.36	798	5.47	5.04	***	.32	5.32	5.28		.03

Mean

The unweighted scale mean is reported overall for the institution, as well as by gender and first-generation status

Statistical Significance

Items with mean differences that are larger than would be expected by chance alone are noted with one, two, or three asterisks, referring to three significance levels ($p < .05$, $p < .01$, and $p < .001$). The smaller the significance level, the smaller the likelihood that the difference is due to chance. Statistical significance does not guarantee the result is substantive or important. Large sample sizes tend to generate more statistically significant results even though the magnitude of mean differences may be inconsequential. It is recommended to consult effect sizes to judge the practical meaning of the results.

Effect Size

Effect size indicates the "practical significance" of the mean difference. It is calculated by dividing the mean difference by the pooled standard deviation. In practice, an effect size of .2 is often considered small, .5 moderate, and .8 large.



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High School Academic Engagement (HSE) <i>Engagement in educationally relevant behaviors during the last year of high school.</i>	HS_acad	4.99	1.33	3,120	5.14	4.75	***	.29	4.98	5.00		-.01
Expected Academic Engagement (EAE) <i>Expected engagement in educationally relevant behaviors during the first year of college.</i>	Exp_acad	5.81	1.48	3,120	5.90	5.65	***	.17	5.87	5.76	*	.08
Expected Academic Perseverance (EAP) <i>Student certainty that they will persist in the face of academic adversity.</i>	Acad_per	7.09	1.56	3,120	7.23	6.84	***	.25	7.18	7.02	**	.10
Expected Academic Difficulty (EAD) <i>Expected academic difficulty during the first year of college.</i>	Acad_dif	4.91	1.51	3,120	4.98	4.81	**	.11	4.93	4.90		.02
Perceived Academic Preparation (PAP) <i>Student perception of their academic preparation.</i>	Acad_prep	7.00	1.51	3,120	7.07	6.88	***	.13	6.96	7.05		-.06
Importance of Campus Environment (ICE) <i>Student-rated importance that the institution provides a challenging and supportive environment.</i>	Imp_env	6.86	1.70	3,120	7.09	6.49	***	.35	6.90	6.83		.04

^a Scale scores are expressed in 0 (minimum) to 10 (maximum) point scales. See the following page for complete scale descriptions and component items.

^b T-test results (2-tailed): * p<.05, ** p<.01, *** p<.001. The smaller the significance level, the less likely that the difference is due to chance.

^c Effect size is the mean difference divided by pooled standard deviation. It indicates the *practical* significance of the mean difference (effect size .2 is often considered small, .5 is moderate, and .8 is large).

^d First generation is defined as no parent or guardian having graduated with a 4-year college degree.



BCSSE Scales

The following BCSSE scales were constructed by converting the responses for each item to a 0-10 range. A mean scale score was then calculated for each student. Below is a brief description of each scale with the component BCSSE items in parentheses.

<i>High School Academic Engagement (HSE)</i>	Engagement in educationally relevant behaviors during the last year of high school.	hreadasg, hwrite5, hwrite5m, hacadpr, hclquest, hclprese, hfacgrad, hclassgr, hoccgrp, hrewropa, hfacidea, hoocidea
<i>Expected Academic Engagement (EAE)</i>	Expected engagement in educationally relevant behaviors during the first year of college.	cacadpr, cclquest, cclprese, cfacgrad, cclassgr, coccgrp, cfacidea, coocidea
<i>Expected Academic Perseverance (EAP)</i>	Student certainty that they will persist in the face of academic adversity.	cotherint, cfindinfo, ccourdis, caskinst, cfinish, cstaypos
<i>Expected Academic Difficulty (EAD)</i>	Expected academic difficulty during the first year of college.	clearnma, cmantime, cgethelp, cintfac
<i>Perceived Academic Preparation (PAP)</i>	Student perception of their academic preparation.	cgnwrite, cgnspeak, cgnanaly, cgquant, cgncompt, cgnother, cgning
<i>Importance of Campus Environment (ICE)</i>	Student-rated importance that the institution provides a challenging and supportive environment.	cenvscho, cenvsupr, cenvdivr, cenvnaca, cenvsoca, cenveven