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## BCSSE 2024 - NSSE 2025 Combined Report

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UNITID	School name
110617	California State University, Sacramento

The BCSSE 2024-NSSE 2025 Combined Report summarizes the detailed information contained in your BCSSE and NSSE administrations, including survey details, cross-sectional results, longitudinal results, and participating institutions. This report is also available in your BCSSE Dashboard account. In the dashboard, you can view your institutional results and also create summary results by institutional characteristics for all other participating BCSSE-NSSE schools. Contact your BCSSE Campus Project Manager or email [bcsse@iu.edu](mailto:bcsse@iu.edu) for more information.

## Report Sections

### ***Cross-Sectional Results (pages 3 - 10)***

The cross-sectional results present item-by-item student responses and mean comparisons from your BCSSE and NSSE administrations. All respondents are included *whether they completed one or both surveys*, providing the best estimates of your students' precollege experiences and their engagement during the first year. With cross-sectional results displayed side-by-side, you can identify areas of correspondence and gaps in engagement for better understanding of the first-year student experience.

The cross-sectional results include the following sections:

1. Student expected major and first-year major, as well as student high school, expected, and actual first-year grades (all student-reported)
2. Item frequencies and means for BCSSE Scales and NSSE Engagement Indicators
3. Item frequencies and means for how students spend their time in a typical week

### ***Longitudinal Results (pages 11 - 17)***

The longitudinal results compare BCSSE and NSSE data only *for students who completed both surveys*. Means for BCSSE Scales and NSSE Engagement Indicators are grouped by expectations for grades, expectations for studying, and whether the expectations were met.

The longitudinal results include the following sections:

4. Student expected major and first-year major, as well as student high school, expected, and actual first-year grades (all student-reported)
5. BCSSE Scale and NSSE Engagement Indicator gaps
6. Gaps for how students expected to spend their time and how they actually did so in a typical week

### ***Participating Institutions (page 18)***

A complete list of institutions that participated in both BCSSE 2024 and NSSE 2025. In your BCSSE Dashboard account, summary results by institutional characteristics for all other participating BCSSE-NSSE schools are available. Contact your BCSSE Campus Project Manager or email [bcsse@iu.edu](mailto:bcsse@iu.edu) for more information.

## BCSSE Scales and NSSE Engagement Indicators

Five BCSSE Scales and their corresponding NSSE Engagement Indicators are included in the cross-sectional and longitudinal sections, providing valuable information about distinct aspects of student engagement. These include Quantitative Reasoning, Learning Strategies, Student-Faculty Interaction, Collaborative Learning, and Discussions with Diverse Others.

Each BCSSE Scale is a combination of three to four items and is constructed using the same approach as the NSSE Engagement Indicators. Each scale is scored on a range from 0 to 60. First, component items are converted to a 60-point scale (e.g., never=0, sometimes=20, often=40, and very often=60), and then averaged to create student-level scores. An institution's score is the average of the students' scores. Student-level scores for both the BCSSE Scales and NSSE indicators are included in your BCSSE-NSSE combined data file.

For more information about BCSSE, visit [bcsse.iu.edu](https://bcsse.iu.edu).

For more information about the Engagement Indicators, see your [NSSE Engagement Indicators](#) report.

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## Cross-Sectional Results

The cross-sectional results include all respondents from BCSSE and NSSE, *whether they completed one or both surveys*. Your entering first-year students completed BCSSE last summer or shortly after fall classes started, and they completed NSSE this past winter or spring. The counts in the bottom row of each table below reflect all the data available from first-year student respondents. High school, expected, and actual first-year grades, as well as expected and first-year major are all self-reported. See your the Respondent Profile in your NSSE Institutional Report and Demographic and Background Characteristics in your BCSSE dashboard reports for more details regarding the student backgrounds and profile.

The cross-sectional results include the following sections:

1. Student expected major and first-year major, as well as student high school, expected, and actual first-year grades
2. Student time use: Expectations and experiences
3. Item frequencies and means for BCSSE Scales and NSSE Engagement Indicators

Overall Counts 1,126

Count	Count
BCSSE	768
NSSE	576

### 1. Student Major and Grades

Grades	High school (BCSSE)	Expected first-year (BCSSE)	Actual first-year (NSSE)
A	49%	25%	36%
A-	11%	23%	23%
B+	16%	28%	14%
B	18%	18%	13%
B-	3%	5%	5%
C+	3%	1%	5%
C or lower	0%	0%	3%
Total %	100%	100%	100%
Count	718	700	428

Major	Count
BCSSE	
Arts & Humanities	6%
Biological Science, Agriculture, & Natural Resources	9%
Business	12%
Communications, Media, & Public Relations	2%
Education	3%
Engineering	11%
Health Professions	22%
Other majors	8%
Physical Science, Mathematics, & Computer Science	9%
Social Sciences	7%
Social Service Professions	4%
Undecided/Undeclared	7%

Major	Count
NSSE	
Arts & Humanities	7%
Biological Science, Agriculture, & Natural Resources	8%
Business	13%
Communications, Media, & Public Relations	2%
Education	1%
Engineering	10%
Health Professions	30%
Other majors	1%
Physical Science, Mathematics, & Computer Science	6%
Social Sciences	11%
Social Service Professions	11%
Undecided/Undeclared	1%

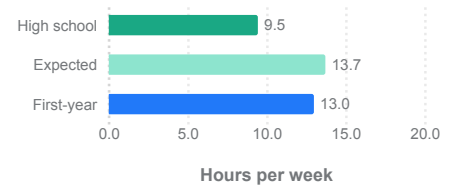
### 2. Student Time Use: Expectations and Experiences

(See the [BCSSE](#) and [NSSE](#) websites for more details regarding these items.)

#### Hours in a typical 7-day week preparing for class

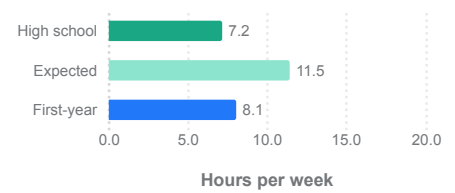
	Count	0	1-5	6-10	11-15	16+	Total
a. High school (BCSSE)	762	1%	35%	31%	16%	16%	100%
b. Expected (BCSSE)	753	0%	13%	26%	24%	36%	100%
c. First-year (NSSE)	440	0%	15%	25%	27%	33%	100%

#### Mean hours per week



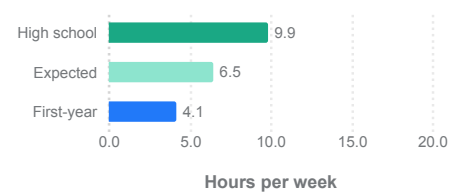
#### Hours in a typical 7-day week working for pay

	Count	0	1-5	6-10	11-15	16+	Total
a. High school (BCSSE)	755	50%	10%	10%	7%	23%	100%
b. Expected (BCSSE)	751	24%	9%	13%	16%	37%	100%
c. First-year (NSSE)	439	56%	4%	7%	6%	23%	100%



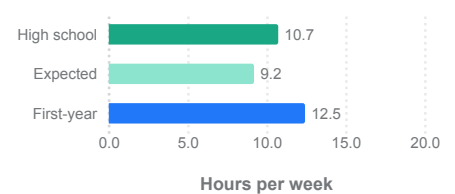
#### Hours in a typical 7-day week participating in co-curricular activities

	Count	0	1-5	6-10	11-15	16+	Total
a. High school (BCSSE)	757	15%	28%	21%	14%	22%	100%
b. Expected (BCSSE)	751	20%	38%	22%	11%	9%	100%
c. First-year (NSSE)	437	49%	26%	10%	8%	7%	100%



#### Hours in a typical 7-day week relaxing and socializing

	Count	0	1-5	6-10	11-15	16+	Total
a. High school (BCSSE)	759	1%	33%	29%	13%	23%	100%
b. Expected (BCSSE)	752	2%	35%	30%	18%	15%	100%
c. First-year (NSSE)	439	2%	21%	25%	22%	30%	100%



### 3. Item Frequencies and Means for BCSSE Scales and NSSE Engagement Indicators

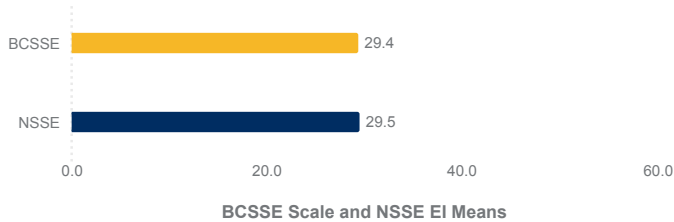
#### BCSSE Scales

(See the [BCSSE Scales and Psychometric Report](#) for additional information.)

#### NSSE Engagement Indicators

(See [NSSE Engagement Indicators](#) for additional information.)

##### Quantitative Reasoning ⓘ



##### Quantitative Reasoning ⓘ

Scale and EI	Count	Mean	StDev
BCSSE Scale	701	29.4	15.06
NSSE Engagement Indicator	471	29.5	15.13

##### BCSSE - During the coming school year, about how often do you expect to do the following?

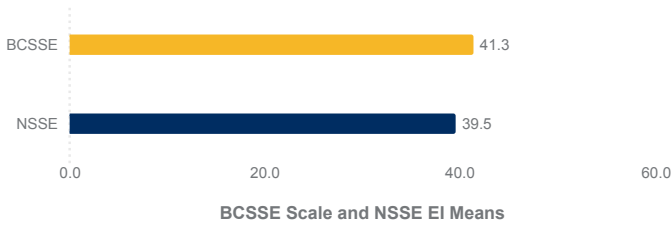
Items	Count	Mean	StDev	Very often	Often	Sometimes	Never	Total
a. Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	760	2.7	0.86	18%	37%	37%	8%	100%
b. Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	761	2.4	0.91	13%	32%	39%	16%	100%
c. Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	756	2.3	0.90	11%	28%	43%	18%	100%

##### NSSE - During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?

Items	Count	Mean	StDev	Very often	Often	Sometimes	Never	Total
a. Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	479	2.6	0.86	17%	38%	37%	8%	100%
b. Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	473	2.4	0.92	14%	31%	39%	16%	100%
c. Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	474	2.3	0.89	10%	32%	39%	19%	100%

### 3. Item Frequencies and Means for BCSSE Scales and NSSE Engagement Indicators *(continued)*

Learning Strategies ⓘ



Learning Strategies ⓘ

Scale and EI	Count	Mean	StDev
BCSSE Scale	704	41.3	12.29
NSSE Engagement Indicator	460	39.5	13.66

BCSSE - During your last year of high school, about how often did you do the following?

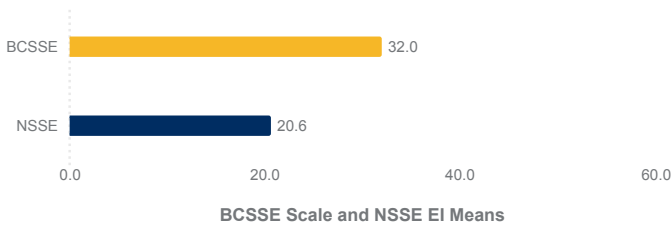
Items	Count	Mean	StDev	Very often	Often	Sometimes	Never	Total
a. Identified key information from reading assignments	761	3.2	0.72	40%	45%	14%	1%	100%
b. Reviewed your notes after class	760	3.0	0.83	32%	40%	25%	3%	100%
c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	762	2.9	0.85	30%	38%	29%	3%	100%

NSSE - During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?

Items	Count	Mean	StDev	Very often	Often	Sometimes	Never	Total
a. Identified key information from reading assignments	466	3.0	0.74	27%	49%	23%	1%	100%
b. Reviewed your notes after class	461	3.0	0.86	34%	36%	27%	3%	100%
c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	465	2.9	0.85	28%	39%	29%	4%	100%

### 3. Item Frequencies and Means for BCSSE Scales and NSSE Engagement Indicators *(continued)*

Student-Faculty Interaction ⓘ



Student-Faculty Interaction ⓘ

Scale and EI	Count	Mean	StDev
BCSSE scale	705	32.0	13.97
NSSE Engagement Indicator	514	20.6	15.38

BCSSE - During the coming school year, about how often do you expect to do the following?

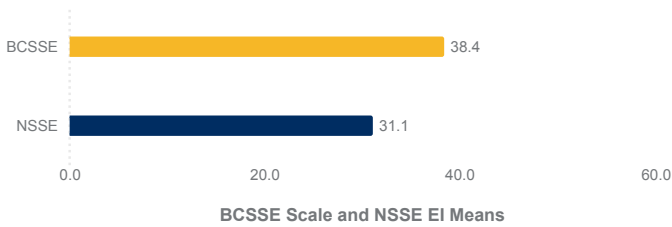
Items	Count	Mean	StDev	Very often	Often	Sometimes	Never	Total
a. Talk about career plans with a faculty member	752	2.7	0.85	21%	36%	37%	5%	100%
b. Work with a faculty member on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	751	2.4	0.86	13%	30%	45%	12%	100%
c. Discuss course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	750	2.5	0.86	14%	30%	46%	11%	100%
d. Discuss your academic performance with a faculty member	751	2.7	0.82	18%	38%	39%	5%	100%

NSSE - During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?

Items	Count	Mean	StDev	Very often	Often	Sometimes	Never	Total
a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member	528	2.3	0.94	14%	20%	46%	20%	100%
b. Worked with a faculty member on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	522	1.8	0.92	7%	13%	30%	50%	100%
c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	519	2.0	0.97	9%	19%	32%	40%	100%
d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	519	2.1	0.92	9%	20%	42%	29%	100%

### 3. Item Frequencies and Means for BCSSE Scales and NSSE Engagement Indicators *(continued)*

Collaboration with Peers ⓘ



Collaboration with Peers ⓘ

Scale and EI	Count	Mean	StDev
BCSSE scale	706	38.4	12.14
NSSE Engagement Indicator	548	31.1	13.94

BCSSE - During the coming school year, about how often do you expect to do the following?

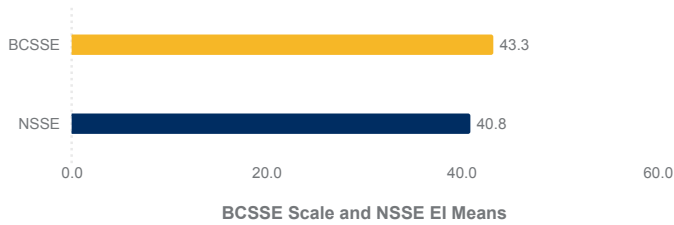
Items	Count	Mean	StDev	Very often	Often	Sometimes	Never	Total
a. Ask another student to help you understand course material	753	2.8	0.76	22%	42%	35%	1%	100%
b. Explain course material to one or more students	751	2.7	0.77	17%	40%	41%	2%	100%
c. Prepare for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	752	3.0	0.80	32%	42%	24%	2%	100%
d. Work with other students on course projects or assignments	752	3.1	0.75	33%	44%	22%	1%	100%

NSSE - During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?

Items	Count	Mean	StDev	Very often	Often	Sometimes	Never	Total
a. Ask another student to help you understand course material	567	2.5	0.87	16%	31%	43%	10%	100%
b. Explain course material to one or more students	562	2.5	0.84	15%	34%	44%	8%	100%
c. Prepare for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	558	2.3	0.95	14%	27%	39%	20%	100%
d. Work with other students on course projects or assignments	561	2.8	0.83	22%	40%	33%	5%	100%

### 3. Item Frequencies and Means for BCSSE Scales and NSSE Engagement Indicators *(continued)*

Discussions with Diverse Others ⓘ



Discussions with Diverse Others ⓘ

Scale and EI	Count	Mean	StDev
BCSSE scale	704	43.3	14.00
NSSE Engagement Indicator	465	40.8	14.46

BCSSE - During the coming school year, about how often do you expect to have discussions with people from the following groups?

Items	Count	Mean	StDev	Very often	Often	Sometimes	Never	Total
a. People of a race or ethnicity other than your own	751	3.3	0.77	50%	37%	11%	3%	100%
b. People from an economic background other than your own	748	3.3	0.78	46%	38%	14%	2%	100%
c. People with religious beliefs other than your own	750	3.2	0.83	42%	38%	17%	3%	100%
d. People with political views other than your own	750	3.0	0.88	33%	37%	25%	5%	100%
e. People with sexual orientations other than your own*	749	3.1	0.89	39%	36%	19%	5%	100%
f. People from countries other than your own*	750	3.1	0.83	36%	39%	23%	3%	100%

### 3. Item Frequencies and Means for BCSSE Scales and NSSE Engagement Indicators *(continued)*

NSSE - During the current school year, about how often have you had discussions with people from the following groups?

Items	Count	Mean	StDev	Very often	Often	Sometimes	Never	Total
a. People of a race or ethnicity other than your own	472	3.3	0.82	47%	33%	18%	2%	100%
b. People from an economic background other than your own	469	3.1	0.82	38%	38%	22%	2%	100%
c. People with religious beliefs other than your own	469	3.0	0.86	37%	33%	27%	3%	100%
d. People with political views other than your own	468	2.8	0.96	27%	30%	33%	10%	100%
e. People with sexual orientations other than your own*	468	2.8	0.96	30%	31%	29%	9%	100%
f. People from countries other than your own*	467	2.8	0.92	28%	28%	37%	6%	100%

\* Not included in the EI scale score

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## Longitudinal Results

The longitudinal results compare BCSSE and NSSE data only *for students who completed both surveys*. Means for BCSSE Scales and NSSE Engagement Indicators are grouped by expectations for grades, expectations for studying, and whether the expectations were met. High school, expected, and actual first-year grades, as well as expected and first-year major are all self-reported. The student backgrounds and profile can be further investigated using your BCSSE-NSSE longitudinal data file.

The longitudinal results include the following sections:

1. Student expected major and first-year major, as well as student high school, expected, and actual first-year grades
2. BCSSE and NSSE Engagement Indicator means and group frequencies
3. BCSSE Scale and NSSE Engagement Indicator gaps
4. Gaps for how students expected to spend their time and how they actually did so in a typical week

### Overall Counts

Count	Count
BCSSE	218
NSSE	218

## 1. Student Majors and Grades

Grades	High school (BCSSE)	Expected first-year (BCSSE)	Actual first-year (NSSE)
Metrics			
A	56%	27%	41%
A-	13%	22%	25%
B+	13%	27%	12%
B	13%	18%	11%
B-	1%	5%	3%
C+	3%	0%	7%
C or lower	0%	0%	2%
Total %	100%	100%	100%
Count	202	207	179

Major	Count
BCSSE	
Arts & Humanities	3%
Biological Science, Agriculture, & Natural Resources	10%
Business	11%
Communications, Media, & Public Relations	2%
Education	3%
Engineering	9%
Health Professions	26%
Other majors	10%
Physical Science, Mathematics, & Computer Science	6%
Social Sciences	7%
Social Service Professions	7%
Undecided/Undeclared	6%

Major	Count
NSSE	
Arts & Humanities	7%
Biological Science, Agriculture, & Natural Resources	8%
Business	14%
Communications, Media, & Public Relations	2%
Education	1%
Engineering	9%
Health Professions	31%
Physical Science, Mathematics, & Computer Science	5%
Social Sciences	11%
Social Service Professions	12%
Undecided/Undeclared	1%

### 2. Interpreting BCSSE Scale and NSSE Engagement Indicators

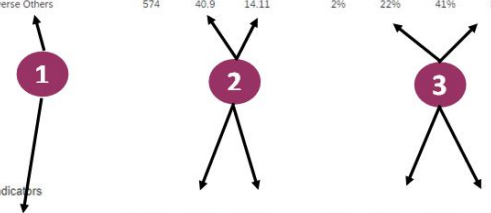
The sample results below are a guide to interpret the results on page 13.

1. **Scale and Engagement Indicators:** This table reports your longitudinal results for BCSSE Scales and NSSE Engagement Indicators (EI).
2. **BCSSE Scales and NSSE Engagement Indicator Means:** The counts, means, and standard deviations for each scale and engagement indicator. Scores for both the BCSSE Scales and NSSE Engagement Indicators range from 0 to 60, with increasing values indicating increasing expected engagement (BCSSE) and actual engagement (NSSE).
3. **BCSSE Scale and NSSE Engagement Indicators Groupings:** BCSSE and NSSE respondents are assigned to one of four groups (0-15, 16-30, etc.) based on their BCSSE Scale and NSSE Engagement Indicator scores.

BCSSE Scales									
BCSSE_Scales	Count	Mean	StDev	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	Total %	
a. Quantitative Reasoning	582	27.0	14.31	22%	36%	32%	9%	100%	
b. Learning Strategies	584	35.7	13.74	7%	28%	41%	25%	100%	
c. Collaborative Learning	576	33.1	12.13	5%	44%	38%	12%	100%	
d. Student-Faculty Interaction	576	28.5	13.02	15%	49%	28%	8%	100%	
e. Discussions with Diverse Others	574	40.9	14.11	2%	22%	41%	35%	100%	

NSSE Engagement Indicators									
NSSE_EIs	Count	Mean	StDev	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	Total %	
Quantitative Reasoning	578	32.5	16.29	12%	34%	36%	18%	100%	
Learning Strategies	575	38.6	14.54	3%	23%	45%	29%	100%	
Collaborative Learning	650	31.0	16.83	17%	37%	29%	16%	100%	
Student-Faculty Interaction	607	26.3	16.79	31%	34%	24%	12%	100%	
Discussions with Diverse Others	578	38.3	16.47	8%	26%	38%	29%	100%	

### 2. BCSSE Scale and NSSE Engagement Indicators

#### BCSSE Scales

BCSSE_Scales	Count	Mean	StDev	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	Total %
a. Quantitative Reasoning	205	30.5	14.97	17%	34%	30%	20%	100%
b. Learning Strategies	207	40.4	12.47	4%	16%	38%	42%	100%
c. Collaborative Learning	207	37.4	11.90	2%	36%	41%	21%	100%
d. Student-Faculty Interaction	207	30.6	13.75	14%	47%	26%	13%	100%
e. Discussions with Diverse Others	207	44.0	14.08	3%	14%	36%	47%	100%

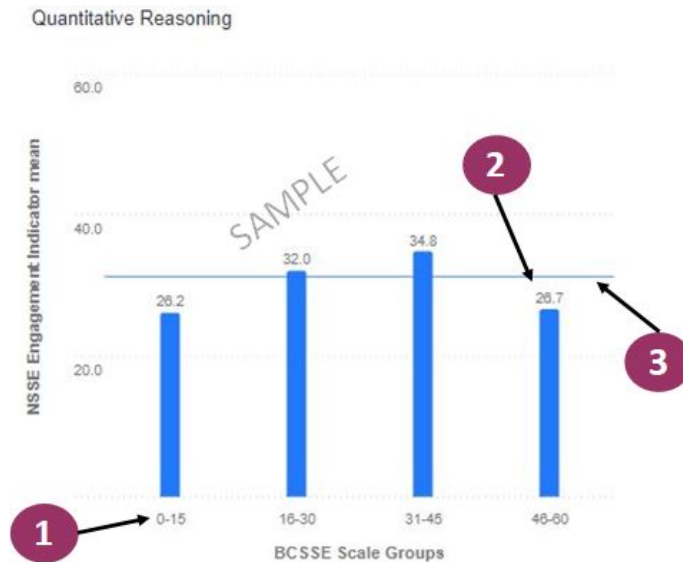
#### NSSE Engagement Indicators

NSSE_EIs	Count	Mean	StDev	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	Total %
a. Quantitative Reasoning	185	30.1	14.72	17%	32%	34%	17%	100%
b. Learning Strategies	180	38.9	13.62	2%	28%	32%	38%	100%
c. Collaborative Learning	209	32.2	14.99	19%	35%	26%	20%	100%
d. Student-Faculty Interaction	196	20.6	15.28	51%	29%	13%	8%	100%
e. Discussions with Diverse Others	183	41.9	14.82	4%	21%	35%	40%	100%

### Interpreting BCSSE Scale and NSSE Engagement Indicator Gaps

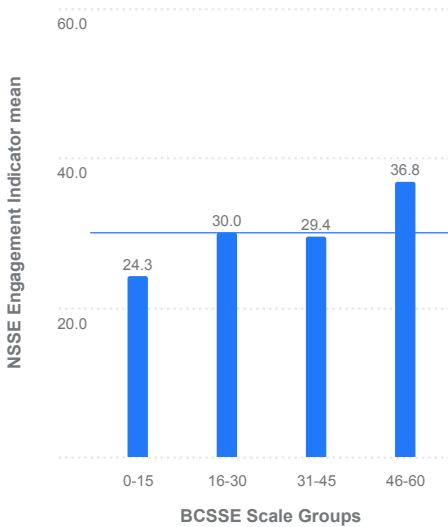
The sample results below are a guide to interpret the results on page 15.

- BCSSE Scale Groupings:** BCSSE respondents are assigned to one of four groups (0-15, 16-30, etc.) based on their BCSSE Scale scores. BCSSE Scales are scored from 0 to 60, with increasing values indicating increasing engagement.
- NSSE Engagement Indicator Means:** The columns display the NSSE EI mean for each BCSSE group. The graph reveals potential gaps between BCSSE Scale scores and NSSE EI scores. For instance, in the sample below, entering first-year students with high school Quantitative Reasoning scores between 46-60 averaged 26.7 on NSSE months later, below the overall mean.
- Overall NSSE Engagement Indicator Mean:** The horizontal line represents the mean EI score for all longitudinal respondents from your institution.

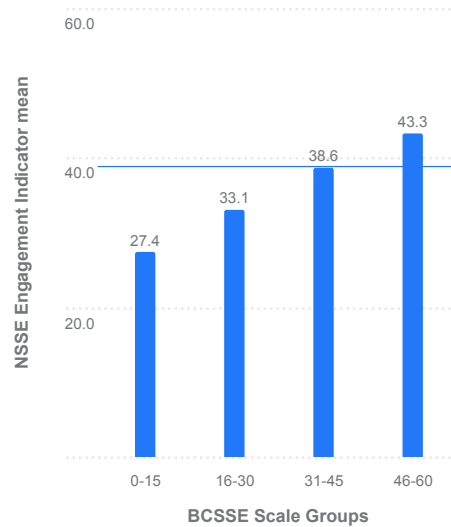


## Interpreting BCSSE Scale and NSSE Engagement Indicator Gaps

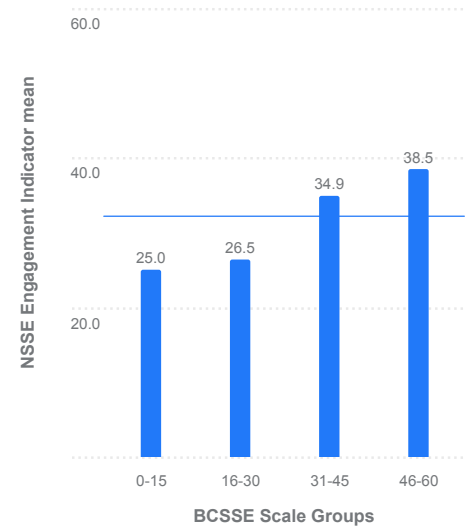
Quantitative Reasoning



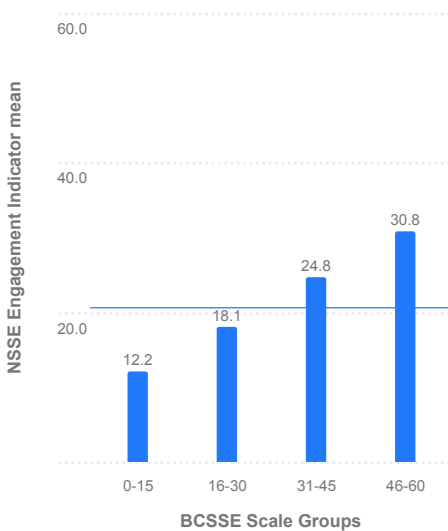
Learning Strategies



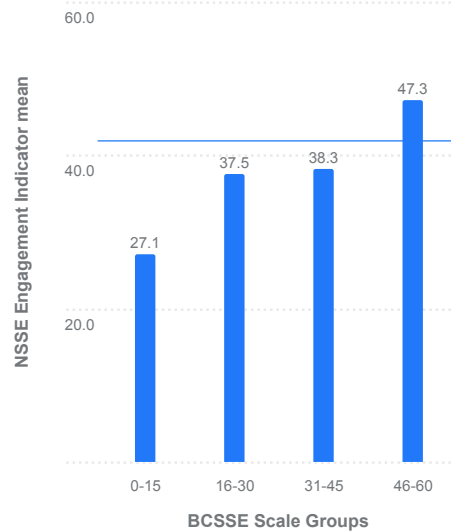
Collaborative Learning



Student-Faculty Interaction



Discussions with Diverse Others



### Interpreting Student Time Use: Expectations and Experiences

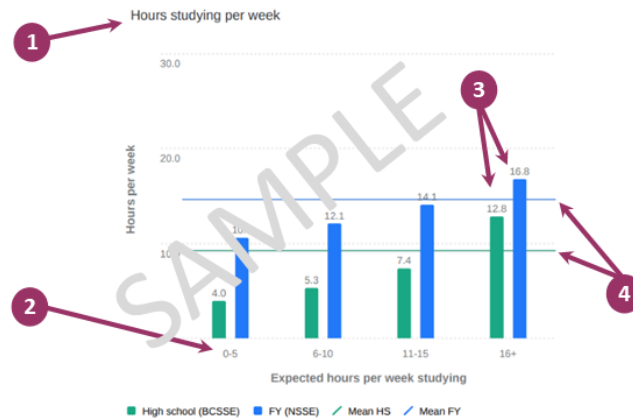
The sample results below are a guide to interpret the results on page 17.

**1. Student Time Use Activity:** These graphs include the items that indicate how students expected to and spent their time in a typical week. The counts for each group (0-5, 6-10, etc.) can be found in the BCSSE Dashboard, the online version of these reports.

**2. BCSSE Expected Hours Groupings:** BCSSE respondents are organized into one of four groups (0-5, 6-10, etc.) based on their expected hours per week in the activity.

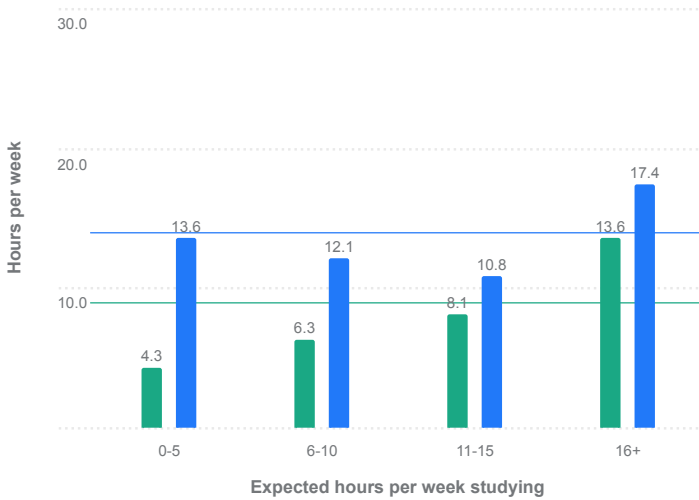
**3. High School and First-Year Mean Hours per Week:** The columns display the high school (BCSSE) and first-year (NSSE) mean for hours week in each activity. The graph reveals potential gaps between high school and first-year means with expected hours per week. For instance, in the sample below, entering first-year students who expected to study 16 or more hours per week during their first year studied an average of 12.8 hours per week in high school, well above the overall high school average (green line). These students also studied an average of 16.8 hours per week during during the first year, higher than the overall first-year average (blue line). Students in this group on average met their expectation of studying 16 or more hours per week.

**4. Overall High School and First-Year Mean:** The horizontal green line line represents the mean hours per week studying in high school and the blue line represents the mean hours per week studying during their first year for your respondents.

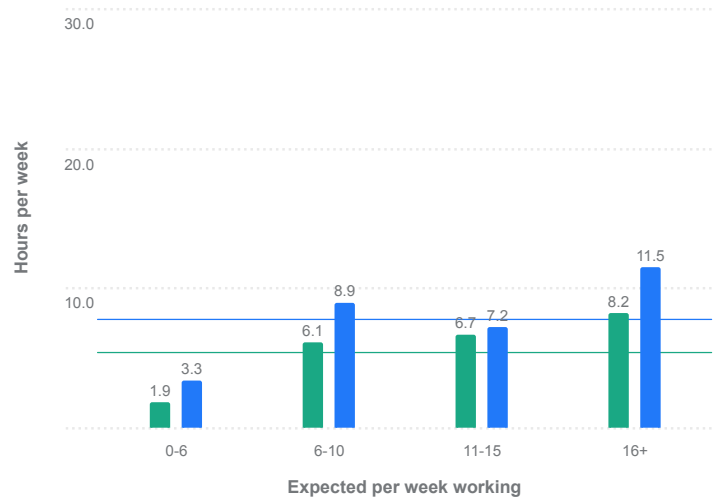


### 3. Student Time Use: Expectations and Experiences

Hours studying per week



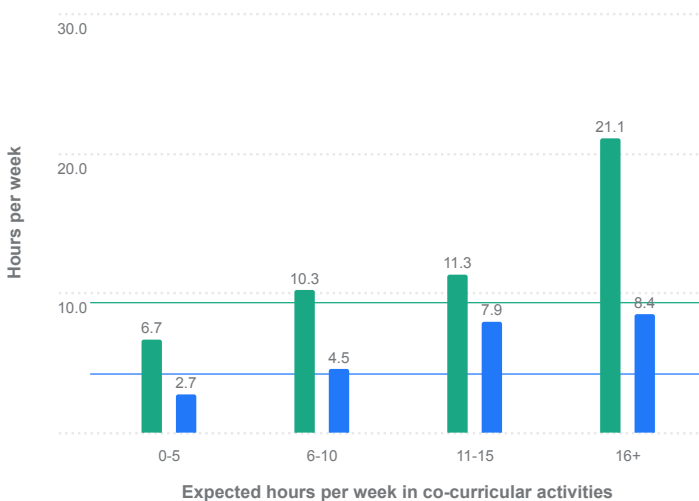
Hours working per week



■ High school (BCSSE) ■ FY (NSSE) / Mean HS / Mean FY

■ High school (BCSSE) ■ FY (NSSE) / Mean HS / Mean FY

Hours in co-curricular activities per week



Hours relaxing/socializing per week



■ High school (BCSSE) ■ FY (NSSE) / Mean HS / Mean FY

■ High school (BCSSE) ■ FY (NSSE) / Mean HS / Mean FY

Below is the list of institutions that participated in both BCSSE 2024 and NSSE 2025. In your BCSSE Dashboard account, summary results by institutional characteristics for all other participating BCSSE-NSSE schools are available. Contact your BCSSE Campus Project Manager or email [bcsse@iu.edu](mailto:bcsse@iu.edu) for more information.

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Holy Cross College at Notre Dame, IN  
Goucher College  
Emmanuel College  
Northwood University  
Concordia College at Moorhead  
Saint Anselm College  
Catawba College  
Susquehanna University  
University of South Carolina Beaufort

### Masters - Granting Universities

California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo  
California State University, Chico  
California State University, Sacramento  
Mount Saint Mary's University  
Clayton State University  
Grace College  
Bentley University  
Northern Michigan University  
Northwest Missouri State University  
Rocky Mountain College  
St. Bonaventure University  
Fayetteville State University  
Salve Regina University  
Southern Adventist University  
California State University-Channel Islands

### Doctorate - Granting Universities

The University of Alabama in Huntsville  
Florida A&M University  
University of North Florida  
Mercer University  
Indiana State University  
Northern Kentucky University  
University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
Suffolk University  
Central Michigan University  
University of Missouri-St. Louis  
Missouri State University  
Wake Forest University  
Pacific University  
Gwynedd Mercy University  
La Salle University  
The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
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