

## Aspects of Highest Student Engagement

Benchmark scores provide a manageable starting point for reviewing and understanding SENSE data. One way to dig more deeply into the benchmark scores is to analyze those items that contribute to the overall benchmark score. This section features the five items across all benchmarks (excluding those for which means are not calculated) on which the college scored most favorably and the five items on which the college scored least favorably relative to the 2017 SENSE Cohort.

The items highlighted on pages 4 and 5 reflect the largest differences in mean scores between the institution and the 2017 SENSE Cohort. While examining these data, keep in mind that the selected items may not be those that are most closely aligned with the college's goals; thus, it is important to review all institutional reports on the SENSE online reporting system at www.ccese.org.

Figure 2 displays the aggregated frequencies for the items on which the college performed most favorably relative to the 2017 SENSE Cohort. For instance, $54.5 \%$ of Hartnell College students, compared with $48.1 \%$ of other students in the cohort, responded strongly agree or agree on Item 18f. It is important to note that some colleges' highest scores might be lower than the cohort mean.
Figure 2


## Aspects of Lowest Student Engagement

Figure 3 displays the aggregated frequencies for the items on which the college performed least favorably relative to the 2017 SENSE Cohort. For instance, $53.3 \%$ of Hartnell College students, compared with $67.2 \%$ of other students in the cohort, responded strongly agree or agree on Item 18d. It is important to note that some colleges' lowest scores might be higher than the cohort mean.

Figure 3


Table 2

| Benchmark | Item <br> Number |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Item |  |  |
| Clear Academic Plan and Pathway | 18 d | Able to meet with an academic advisor at times convenient for me |
| Engaged Learning | 19 a | Frequency: Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions |
| Engaged Learning | 19 m | Frequency: Discussed an assignment or grade with an instructor |
| Engaged Learning | $20 f 2$ | Frequency: Used writing, math, or other skill lab |
| Engaged Learning | 20 h 2 | Frequency: Used computer lab |

Notes:
For Item(s) 18, strongly agree and agree responses are combined.
For Item(s) 19, except 19c, 19d, 19f, and 19s, once, two or three times, and four or more times responses are combined.
For Item(s) 20, once, two or three times, and four or more times responses are combined.

## Academic and Student Support Services

The bar charts across pages 6 and 7 display frequency results for five items related to academic and student support services. Figure 4 focuses on whether or not faculty communicated information regarding these services to students by the end of the third week of the academic term. Figures 4-12 focus on whether or not students knew about specific support services, and if so, how often they reported using those services by the end of the

Figure 7: Did you know about career counseling services?


Figure 9: Did you know about face-to-face tutoring services?


Figure 11: Did you know about writing, math, or other skill lab services?

Figure 8: If so, how often did you use career counseling services?


Figure 10: If so, how often did you use face-to-face tutoring services?


Figure 12: If so, how often did you use writing, math, or other skill lab services?


## Academic Goal Setting and Planning

Most community colleges have academic and goal setting policies that are intended to help all students start right. Yet, often these policies, even when they are ostensibly mandatory, might not be implemented in ways that ensure success for all students. The disaggregated data below illustrate the student experience with academic goal setting and planning at your college. Nationally, more than $60 \%$ of community college students are enrolled less than full time. Thus, while looking at these data, it is important to consider the institution's enrollment patterns. Are all of your entering students starting right?
Figure 13


Table 3

|  | 18e |  | 18f |  | 18 g |  | 18 h |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Response | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time |
| Strongly agree | $27.3 \%$ | $21.9 \%$ | $28.2 \%$ | $20.7 \%$ | $31.4 \%$ | $25.2 \%$ | $8.8 \%$ | $9.6 \%$ |
| Agree | $37.6 \%$ | $30.7 \%$ | $36.1 \%$ | $27.4 \%$ | $40.2 \%$ | $33.3 \%$ | $20.1 \%$ |  |

