

**Illinois State University**  
BCSSE 2015 Administration & Background Information

**ABOUT THE BEGINNING COLLEGE SURVEY OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (BCSSE)**

The purpose of the BCSSE is to measure entering first-year students' pre-college academic and co-curricular experiences and attitudes and expectations for their first year of college.

High School Experiences

- Writing (7)
- Time spent preparing for class, working, co-curricular activities, etc. (8)
- Time spent on assigned reading (9)
- Frequency preparing for class, engagement with academic activities, etc. (10)
- Co-curricular involvement (11)
- High school curriculum challenge (12)

First-Year Expectations

- Expected engagement with writing (19)
- Expected time spent preparing for class, working, co-curricular activities, etc. (13)
- Expected time spent on assigned reading (14)
- Expected amount of interaction and collaboration with peers and faculty (15)
- Expected discussions with diverse others (16)
- Expected time spent on academic preparation (17)
- Expected academic, social, and financial difficulty during first year of college (18)
- Student perception of academic preparation (20)
- Importance placed on campus environment (22)
- Expected grades for first semester (24)

**ENGAGEMENT SURVEY COHORT MODEL AT ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY**

Cohort	Year & Semester of Administration													
	2006 summer	2007 spring	2008 n/a	2009 summer	2010 spring	2011 spring	2012 summer	2013 spring	2014 spring	2015 summer	2016 spring	2017 n/a	2018 summer	2016 spring
<b>Cohort 1</b>	BCSSE	NSSE-FY			NSSE-SR									
<b>Cohort 2</b>				BCSSE	NSSE-FY			NSSE-SR						
<b>Cohort 3</b>							BCSSE	NSSE-FY			NSSE-SR			
<b>Cohort 4</b>										BCSSE	NSSE-FY			NSSE-SR
<b>Cohort 5</b>													BCSSE	NSSE-FY

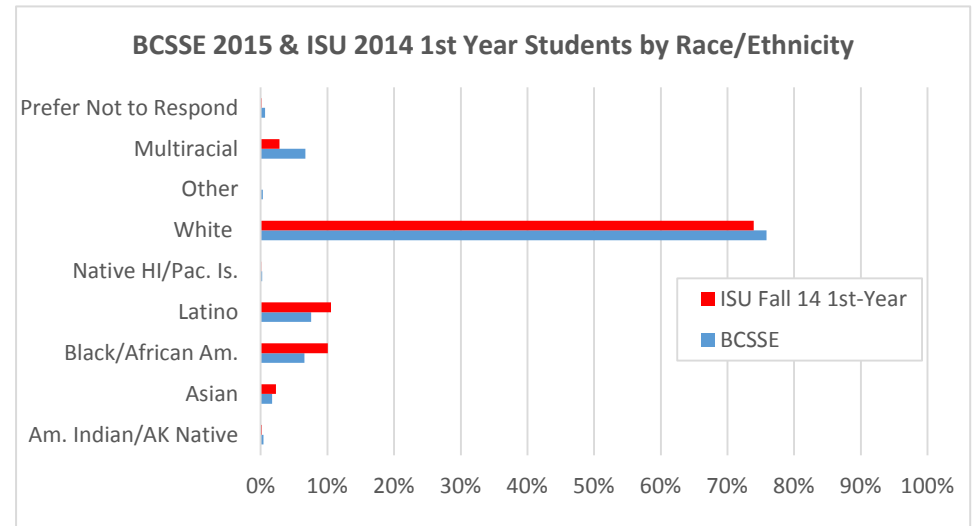
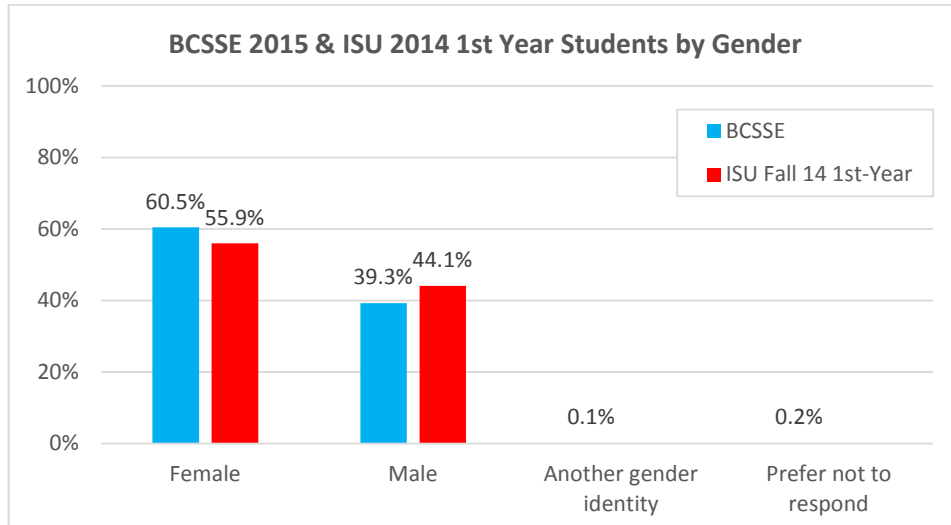
*Survey Acronym Definitions*

- BCSSE Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement
- FSSE Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (spring 08, 11, 14, & 17)
- FSSE-G Faculty Graduate Student Survey of Student Engagement
- NSSE National Survey of Student Engagement

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### BCSSE 2015 & ISU Fall 2014 First-Year Student Comparisons<sup>1</sup>



### HIGH SCHOOL BACKGROUND INFORMATION FROM BCSSE

- 63% report taking at least one AP course in high school.
- 45% took at least one college-level course in high school.
- Over 90% earned at least a “C” in Algebra II.
- 60% report being first-generation.
- 30% report never working for pay during their senior year.
- Student involvement (very much or quite a bit):
  - Athletics: 59%
  - Community Service: 40%
  - Academic/Honor clubs: 29%
  - Performing or visual arts: 28%
  - Religious: 12%
  - Student Govt.: 11%
  - Vocational: 9%
  - Student publications: 8%

### 2015 ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

2,251 surveys completed. Surveys administered to incoming first-year students at ISU during Preview in summer 2015.

98% graduated high school in 2015.

Students who completed the summer 2015 BCSSE will have the opportunity to complete the NSSE in spring 2016 and 2019, as the fifth engagement survey cohort (see the table on reverse side of this document).

<sup>1</sup> ISU Data: Planning, Research, & Policy Analysis, Fall 2014 Census Day Report, [http://prpa.illinoisstate.edu/data\\_center/student/Fall2014EnrOn%20-%20Updated%20-%202009.29.2015.pdf](http://prpa.illinoisstate.edu/data_center/student/Fall2014EnrOn%20-%20Updated%20-%202009.29.2015.pdf). “Another gender identity” not included in ISU definitions. BCSSE categories “prefer not to respond” and “multiracial” also includes “no response” and “2 or more races,” respectively, from ISU definitions. Race/ethnicity chart also does not include Non-resident students.