



NSSE 2013
Civic Engagement Module
Northern Michigan University

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Civic Engagement Module

Adapted from the Degrees of Preparation survey (American Association of State Colleges and Universities), this module asks students to assess their conflict resolution skills and examines how often they engage with local, state, national, and global issues.

Civic Engagement Comparison Group

This section summarizes how your Civic Engagement module's comparison group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default option was taken. This is followed by the resulting list of institutions represented in the 'Civic Engagement' column of this report.

Group label	Civic Engagement
Date submitted	Not applicable; comparison group not customized.
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution did not customize this comparison group; the default group (all module participants) was used.
Group description	Default comparison group

'Civic Engagement' institutions (N=62)

Auburn University at Montgomery (Montgomery, AL)	Notre Dame de Namur University (Belmont, CA)
Baylor University (Waco, TX)	Ohio Valley University (Vienna, WV)
Berry College (Mount Berry, GA)	Oregon State University (Corvallis, OR)
Butler University (Indianapolis, IN)	Paine College (Augusta, GA)
Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburgh, PA)	Portland State University (Portland, OR)
Cedar Crest College (Allentown, PA)	Prairie View A&M University (Prairie View, TX)
Chaminade University of Honolulu (Honolulu, HI)	Saint Gregory's University (Shawnee, OK)
Clafflin University (Orangeburg, SC)	Saint Louis University (Saint Louis, MO)
Clayton State University (Morrow, GA)	Saint Michael's College (Colchester, VT)
College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University, The (Saint Joseph, MN)	Salem State University (Salem, MA)
Drake University (Des Moines, IA)	Simon Fraser University (Burnaby, BC)
Emerson College (Boston, MA)	St. Olaf College (Northfield, MN)
Florida Southern College (Lakeland, FL)	Stephen F. Austin State University (Nacogdoches, TX)
Georgian Court University (Lakewood, NJ)	Temple University (Philadelphia, PA)
Houghton College (Houghton, NY)	Texas Christian University (Fort Worth, TX)
Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Metro (San Juan, PR)	Texas Woman's University (Denton, TX)
Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS)	Trinity University (San Antonio, TX)
LaGrange College (Lagrange, GA)	Tulane University of Louisiana (New Orleans, LA)
Liberty University (Lynchburg, VA)	University of Central Missouri (Warrensburg, MO)
Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (Baton Rouge, LA)	University of Connecticut (Storrs, CT)
Loyola University New Orleans (New Orleans, LA)	University of Houston-Victoria (Victoria, TX)
Marshall University (Huntington, WV)	University of La Verne (La Verne, CA)
Maryville University of Saint Louis (Saint Louis, MO)	University of Massachusetts Lowell (Lowell, MA)
McMaster University (Hamilton, ON)	University of Mississippi (University, MS)
Minot State University (Minot, ND)	University of New Hampshire (Durham, NH)
Mount Olive College (Mount Olive, NC)	University of North Carolina Wilmington (Wilmington, NC)
Naropa University (Boulder, CO)	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, The (Chattanooga, TN)
National American University-Rapid City (Rapid City, SD)	University of the Incarnate Word (San Antonio, TX)
New Jersey City University (Jersey City, NJ)	Utah Valley University (Orem, UT)
New School, The (New York, NY)	Valley City State University (Valley City, ND)

'Civic Engagement' institutions (N=62), continued

Westfield State University (Westfield, MA)

Westminster College (Fulton, MO)

First-Year Students

Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Frequency Distributions ^a				Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				NMU		Civic Engagement		NMU	Civic Engagement	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
1. Select the response that best represents your ability to do the following:										
a. Help people resolve their disagreements with each other	CIV01a	1	Poor	3	2	165	1	5.1	5.2	-.03
		2		6	3	322	2			
		3		14	8	1,004	7			
		4		24	11	2,681	16			
		5		65	34	5,002	30			
		6		66	30	4,694	28			
		7	Excellent	24	13	2,435	15			
		Total		202	100	16,303	100			
b. Resolve conflicts that involve bias, discrimination, and prejudice	CIV01b	1	Poor	3	2	236	2	4.8	4.9	-.03
		2		7	4	548	4			
		3		18	10	1,409	9			
		4		45	22	3,509	22			
		5		62	31	5,037	30			
		6		45	20	3,632	22			
		7	Excellent	20	11	1,878	12			
		Total		200	100	16,249	100			
c. Lead a group where people from different backgrounds feel welcomed and included	CIV01c	1	Poor	5	3	303	2	5.1	5.1	.00
		2		5	3	484	3			
		3		8	4	1,160	8			
		4		45	21	2,922	18			
		5		55	26	4,101	25			
		6		55	29	4,295	26			
		7	Excellent	28	15	2,970	18			
		Total		201	100	16,235	100			
d. Contribute to the well being of your community	CIV01d	1	Poor	5	3	196	2	5.3	5.3	.01
		2		1	0	300	2			
		3		5	3	846	5			
		4		36	18	2,511	16			
		5		54	27	4,190	26			
		6		64	30	4,964	30			
		7	Excellent	35	19	3,205	19			
		Total		200	100	16,212	100			
2. During the current school year, whether course-related or not, about how often have you done the following?										
a. Informed yourself about local or campus issues	CIV02a	1	Never	9	4	1,386	9	2.7	2.5 *	.14
		2	Sometimes	81	39	6,878	42			
		3	Often	81	42	5,715	35			
		4	Very often	31	14	2,302	14			
		Total		202	100	16,281	100			
b. Informed yourself about state, national, or global issues	CIV02b	1	Never	17	8	1,008	6	2.6	2.7	-.12
		2	Sometimes	91	42	6,347	38			
		3	Often	63	32	5,751	35			
		4	Very often	29	18	3,153	21			
		Total		200	100	16,259	100			

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed)

First-Year Students

Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Frequency Distributions ^a				Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				NMU		Civic Engagement		NMU	Civic Engagement	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
c. Discussed local or campus issues with others	CIV02c	1	Never	18	9	1,945	12	2.5	2.5	.08
		2	Sometimes	83	42	6,742	42			
		3	Often	74	37	5,351	32			
		4	Very often	23	13	2,216	14			
		Total		198	100	16,254	100			
d. Discussed state, national, or global issues with others	CIV02d	1	Never	31	15	1,597	10	2.5	2.6	-.10
		2	Sometimes	80	38	6,781	41			
		3	Often	67	34	5,150	32			
		4	Very often	22	13	2,696	17			
		Total		200	100	16,224	100			
e. Raised awareness about local or campus issues	CIV02e	1	Never	87	42	7,274	45	1.8	1.8	-.02
		2	Sometimes	81	41	5,852	35			
		3	Often	28	15	2,268	14			
		4	Very often	5	3	851	5			
		Total		201	100	16,245	100			
f. Raised awareness about state, national, or global issues	CIV02f	1	Never	97	46	6,807	42	1.8	1.9	-.06
		2	Sometimes	63	31	5,868	36			
		3	Often	33	18	2,435	15			
		4	Very often	8	5	1,128	7			
		Total		201	100	16,238	100			
g. Asked others to address local or campus issues	CIV02g	1	Never	108	51	8,505	53	1.7	1.7	-.04
		2	Sometimes	66	35	5,004	30			
		3	Often	22	11	1,958	12			
		4	Very often	4	3	771	5			
		Total		200	100	16,238	100			
h. Asked others to address state, national, or global issues	CIV02h	1	Never	118	56	8,584	53	1.7	1.7	-.04
		2	Sometimes	51	27	4,791	29			
		3	Often	22	13	1,963	12			
		4	Very often	7	5	852	5			
		Total		198	100	16,190	100			
i. Organized others to work on local or campus issues	CIV02i	1	Never	137	67	10,677	66	1.5	1.5	-.05
		2	Sometimes	39	21	3,413	21			
		3	Often	18	9	1,513	10			
		4	Very often	5	3	579	4			
		Total		199	100	16,182	100			
j. Organized others to work on state, national, or global issues	CIV02j	1	Never	140	69	10,867	68	1.4	1.5	-.04
		2	Sometimes	37	20	3,274	20			
		3	Often	15	8	1,361	9			
		4	Very often	5	3	555	3			
		Total		197	100	16,057	100			

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed)

Seniors

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				NMU		Civic Engagement		NMU	Civic Engagement	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
1. Select the response that best represents your ability to do the following:										
a. Help people resolve their disagreements with each other	CIV01a	1	Poor	1	0	174	1	5.4	5.4	.05
		2		3	1	347	1			
		3		14	6	1,192	5			
		4		34	12	3,627	14			
		5		79	28	8,624	30			
		6		87	32	9,412	32			
		7	Excellent	57	20	5,089	17			
		Total		275	100	28,465	100			
b. Resolve conflicts that involve bias, discrimination, and prejudice	CIV01b	1	Poor	1	0	265	1	5.1	5.1	.02
		2		7	3	624	2			
		3		20	8	1,842	7			
		4		60	22	5,193	19			
		5		70	25	9,005	32			
		6		73	26	7,535	26			
		7	Excellent	44	16	3,929	14			
		Total		275	100	28,393	100			
c. Lead a group where people from different backgrounds feel welcomed and included	CIV01c	1	Poor	2	1	265	1	5.5	5.5	-.02
		2		6	2	469	2			
		3		14	5	1,246	5			
		4		38	13	3,601	13			
		5		64	24	6,656	23			
		6		82	31	9,240	32			
		7	Excellent	67	24	6,924	24			
		Total		273	100	28,401	100			
d. Contribute to the well being of your community	CIV01d	1	Poor	4	2	216	1	5.5	5.5	-.01
		2		4	1	358	1			
		3		10	4	1,009	4			
		4		38	14	3,352	13			
		5		61	22	6,787	24			
		6		85	31	9,479	32			
		7	Excellent	72	25	7,103	24			
		Total		274	100	28,304	100			
2. During the current school year, whether course-related or not, about how often have you done the following?										
a. Informed yourself about local or campus issues	CIV02a	1	Never	12	5	3,410	11	2.7	2.5 **	.19
		2	Sometimes	111	40	11,443	41			
		3	Often	96	35	9,020	32			
		4	Very often	54	20	4,557	16			
		Total		273	100	28,430	100			
b. Informed yourself about state, national, or global issues	CIV02b	1	Never	6	2	1,062	4	2.9	3.0	-.07
		2	Sometimes	97	35	8,283	29			
		3	Often	96	34	10,311	36			
		4	Very often	74	28	8,739	31			
		Total		273	100	28,395	100			

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Seniors

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				NMU		Civic Engagement		NMU	Civic Engagement	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
c. Discussed local or campus issues with others	CIV02c	1	Never	22	8	4,595	14	2.6	2.5 **	.18
		2	Sometimes	108	39	10,986	40			
		3	Often	93	34	8,347	30			
		4	Very often	50	19	4,441	16			
		Total		273	100	28,369	100			
d. Discussed state, national, or global issues with others	CIV02d	1	Never	15	6	1,732	6	2.8	2.8	-.02
		2	Sometimes	97	35	9,640	34			
		3	Often	99	36	9,767	34			
		4	Very often	62	23	7,223	25			
		Total		273	100	28,362	100			
e. Raised awareness about local or campus issues	CIV02e	1	Never	100	37	12,373	43	2.0	1.9 *	.13
		2	Sometimes	105	38	10,046	36			
		3	Often	46	17	4,006	14			
		4	Very often	23	8	1,959	7			
		Total		274	100	28,384	100			
f. Raised awareness about state, national, or global issues	CIV02f	1	Never	89	32	9,528	34	2.0	2.1	-.02
		2	Sometimes	115	42	10,387	37			
		3	Often	44	17	5,356	19			
		4	Very often	25	9	3,080	11			
		Total		273	100	28,351	100			
g. Asked others to address local or campus issues	CIV02g	1	Never	135	50	14,880	52	1.8	1.7	.06
		2	Sometimes	86	31	8,585	31			
		3	Often	32	12	3,303	12			
		4	Very often	19	7	1,544	6			
		Total		272	100	28,312	100			
h. Asked others to address state, national, or global issues	CIV02h	1	Never	129	47	13,260	48	1.8	1.8	-.05
		2	Sometimes	99	36	8,975	32			
		3	Often	32	12	3,937	14			
		4	Very often	14	5	2,091	7			
		Total		274	100	28,263	100			
i. Organized others to work on local or campus issues	CIV02i	1	Never	161	59	18,328	65	1.7	1.5 *	.13
		2	Sometimes	68	26	5,980	21			
		3	Often	19	7	2,589	9			
		4	Very often	23	8	1,361	5			
		Total		271	100	28,258	100			
j. Organized others to work on state, national, or global issues	CIV02j	1	Never	181	65	18,229	65	1.6	1.5	.03
		2	Sometimes	53	20	6,111	21			
		3	Often	23	9	2,403	8			
		4	Very often	15	6	1,360	5			
		Total		272	100	28,103	100			

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed)

First-Year Students

Variable name	N		Mean		Standard error ^f		Standard deviation ^g		DF ^h	Sig. ⁱ	Effect size ^d
	NMU	Civic Engagement	NMU	Civic Engagement	NMU	Civic Engagement	NMU	Civic Engagement			
CIV01a	198	5.1	5.2	.09	.01	1.3	1.3	16,145	.714	-.03	
CIV01b	197	4.8	4.9	.10	.01	1.4	1.4	16,095	.644	-.03	
CIV01c	198	5.1	5.1	.10	.01	1.4	1.4	16,082	.960	.00	
CIV01d	197	5.3	5.3	.09	.01	1.3	1.3	16,059	.853	.01	
CIV02a	198	2.7	2.5	.05	.01	0.8	0.8	203	.032	.14	
CIV02b	196	2.6	2.7	.06	.01	0.9	0.9	16,094	.096	-.12	
CIV02c	195	2.5	2.5	.06	.01	0.8	0.9	16,091	.296	.08	
CIV02d	196	2.5	2.6	.06	.01	0.9	0.9	16,069	.155	-.10	
CIV02e	198	1.8	1.8	.06	.01	0.8	0.9	16,089	.809	-.02	
CIV02f	198	1.8	1.9	.06	.01	0.9	0.9	16,070	.412	-.06	
CIV02g	197	1.7	1.7	.06	.01	0.8	0.9	16,074	.541	-.04	
CIV02h	195	1.7	1.7	.06	.01	0.9	0.9	16,024	.607	-.04	
CIV02i	196	1.5	1.5	.06	.01	0.8	0.8	16,012	.527	-.05	
CIV02j	195	1.4	1.5	.06	.01	0.8	0.8	15,912	.590	-.04	

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed)

Seniors

Variable name	N		Mean		Standard error ^f		Standard deviation ^g		DF ^h	Sig. ⁱ	Effect size ^d
	NMU	Civic Engagement	NMU	Civic Engagement	NMU	Civic Engagement	NMU	Civic Engagement			
CIV01a	274	5.4	5.4	.07	.01	1.2	1.2	28,641	.366	.05	
CIV01b	274	5.1	5.1	.08	.01	1.3	1.3	28,564	.756	.02	
CIV01c	272	5.5	5.5	.08	.01	1.3	1.3	28,571	.763	-.02	
CIV01d	273	5.5	5.5	.08	.01	1.3	1.3	28,471	.809	-.01	
CIV02a	272	2.7	2.5	.05	.01	0.8	0.9	28,596	.002	.19	
CIV02b	272	2.9	3.0	.05	.01	0.8	0.9	28,563	.244	-.07	
CIV02c	272	2.6	2.5	.05	.01	0.9	0.9	28,553	.003	.18	
CIV02d	272	2.8	2.8	.05	.01	0.9	0.9	28,541	.701	-.02	
CIV02e	273	2.0	1.9	.06	.01	0.9	0.9	28,555	.033	.13	
CIV02f	272	2.0	2.1	.06	.01	0.9	1.0	276	.671	-.02	
CIV02g	271	1.8	1.7	.06	.01	0.9	0.9	28,487	.294	.06	
CIV02h	273	1.8	1.8	.05	.01	0.9	0.9	28,423	.452	-.05	
CIV02i	270	1.7	1.5	.06	.01	0.9	0.9	273	.049	.13	
CIV02j	271	1.6	1.5	.05	.01	0.9	0.8	28,272	.575	.03	

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed)

Endnotes

- a. Column percentages are weighted by gender and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups). Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. Counts are unweighted; column percentages cannot be replicated from counts.
- b. All statistics are weighted by gender and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups). Unless otherwise noted, statistical comparisons are two-tailed independent t-tests. Items with categorical response sets are left blank.
- c. These are the values used to calculate means. For the majority of items, these values match the codes in the data file and codebook.
- d. Effect size for independent t-tests uses Cohen's *d*.
- e. Statistics are weighted by gender and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups). Categorical items are not listed.
- f. The 95% confidence interval for the population mean is equal to the sample mean plus or minus 1.96 times the standard error of the mean.
- g. A measure of the amount individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.
- h. Degrees of freedom used to compute the t-tests. Values differ from Ns due to weighting and whether equal variances were assumed.
- i. Statistical comparisons are two-tailed independent t-tests. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between your students' mean and that of the comparison group is due to chance.