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About This Consortium Report

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Comparison Group

This section summarizes how your consortium 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 'Kentucky System' column of this report.

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| Group label | Kentucky System |
| 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 consortium participants) was used. |
| Group description | Default comparison group |

Kentucky System (N=6)

Kentucky State University (Frankfort, KY)
Morehead State University (Morehead, KY)
Murray State University (Murray, KY)
Northern Kentucky University (Highland Heights, KY)
University of Kentucky (Lexington, KY)
University of Louisville (Louisville, KY)

First-Year Students

| Item wording or description | Variable name | Values ^c | Response options | Frequency Distributions ^a | | | | Statistical Comparisons ^b | | |
|--|---------------|---------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | EKU | | Kentucky System | | EKU | Kentucky System | Effect size ^d |
| | | | | Count | % | Count | % | Mean | Mean | |
| 1. What is the primary reason that you have taken an online course or would consider taking an online course? | | | | | | | | | | |
| | KYS1501 | — | I have not taken an online course and am not considering taking one. | 254 | 59 | 1,278 | 55 | | | |
| | | — | A course I wanted or needed to take was not offered on campus. | 33 | 7 | 175 | 8 | | | |
| | | — | All on-campus sections of a class I wanted or needed were full. | 27 | 6 | 135 | 5 | | | |
| | | — | I was unable to come to campus because of a personal situation or disability. | 3 | 1 | 23 | 1 | | | |
| | | — | I thought that online courses would be easier academically. | 11 | 3 | 125 | 5 | | | |
| | | — | Taking online courses allowed a flexible schedule so that I could work. | 46 | 10 | 289 | 12 | | | |
| | | — | Taking online courses allowed a flexible schedule so that I could take care of family responsibilities. | 16 | 3 | 55 | 2 | | | |
| | | — | Online courses eliminated my commute to a campus. | 15 | 4 | 75 | 3 | | | |
| | | — | Some other reason. | 27 | 6 | 187 | 8 | | | |
| | | | Total | 432 | 100 | 2,342 | 100 | | | |
| 2. How long is your commute to the primary campus you attend? | | | | | | | | | | |
| | KYS1502 | 1 | I live on campus | 279 | 63 | 1,502 | 62 | 10.9 | 8.9 * | .13 |
| | | 2 | 1 - 15 minutes | 48 | 12 | 292 | 13 | | | |
| | | 3 | 16 - 30 minutes | 42 | 9 | 332 | 15 | | | |
| | | 4 | 31 - 45 minutes | 32 | 8 | 113 | 5 | | | |
| | | 5 | 46 - 60 minutes | 15 | 3 | 72 | 3 | | | |
| | | 6 | More than an hour | 19 | 5 | 38 | 1 | | | |
| | | | Total | 435 | 100 | 2,349 | 100 | | | |

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First-Year Students

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| | | | | EKU | | Kentucky System | | EKU | Kentucky System | |
| | | | | Count | % | Count | % | Mean | Mean | Effect size ^d |
| 3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. My family considers a college education to be important for my future success. | KYS1503a | 1 | Strongly disagree | 3 | 1 | 14 | 0 | 4.7 | 4.7 | -.03 |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 3 | 1 | 9 | 0 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 20 | 4 | 93 | 4 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 58 | 14 | 339 | 15 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 351 | 80 | 1,891 | 80 | | | |
| | | Total | | 435 | 100 | 2,346 | 100 | | | |
| b. I consider a college education to be important for my future success. | KYS1503b | 1 | Strongly disagree | 2 | 1 | 13 | 0 | 4.8 | 4.7 * | .13 △ |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 1 | 0 | 15 | 1 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 10 | 2 | 96 | 5 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 51 | 13 | 346 | 15 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 367 | 84 | 1,866 | 79 | | | |
| | | Total | | 431 | 100 | 2,336 | 100 | | | |
| c. I am concerned about my ability to pay for college expenses. | KYS1503c | 1 | Strongly disagree | 27 | 7 | 126 | 5 | 3.7 | 3.8 | -.06 |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 53 | 13 | 246 | 11 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 86 | 19 | 469 | 21 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 115 | 27 | 610 | 26 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 154 | 34 | 879 | 37 | | | |
| | | Total | | 435 | 100 | 2,330 | 100 | | | |
| 4. What is your primary source of funds used to pay for college? | | | | | | | | | | |
| | KYS1504 | — | Financial aid (grants, student loans, work study) | 212 | 49 | 949 | 39 | | | |
| | | — | Private loans | 17 | 4 | 107 | 5 | | | |
| | | — | Scholarships | 100 | 23 | 615 | 27 | | | |
| | | — | Support from parents, guardians, or spouse | 82 | 18 | 557 | 24 | | | |
| | | — | Personal income or savings | 26 | 7 | 116 | 5 | | | |
| | | Total | | 437 | 100 | 2,344 | 100 | | | |
| 5. Have you accumulated credit card debt to help cover the cost of college expenses? | | | | | | | | | | |
| | KYS1505 | — | No, I do not use credit cards. | 345 | 79 | 1,811 | 76 | | | |
| | | — | No, I use credit cards but pay the balance off every month. | 56 | 13 | 332 | 15 | | | |
| | | — | Yes, I have an average balance between \$1 and \$500. | 19 | 5 | 91 | 4 | | | |
| | | — | Yes, I have an average balance between \$501 and \$1,000. | 9 | 2 | 44 | 2 | | | |
| | | — | Yes, I have an average balance over \$1,000. | 7 | 1 | 51 | 2 | | | |
| | | Total | | 436 | 100 | 2,329 | 100 | | | |

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed); Refer to the Endnotes page for key to triangle symbols.

First-Year Students

| Item wording or description | Variable name | Values ^c | Response options | Frequency Distributions ^a | | | | Statistical Comparisons ^b | | |
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| | | | | EKU | | Kentucky System | | EKU | Kentucky System | |
| | | | | Count | % | Count | % | Mean | Mean | Effect size ^d |
| 6. Which statement best describes your experience with addressing real community problems? | | | | | | | | | | |
| | KYS1506 | — | I have been given the opportunity to address real community problems as part of a course. | 72 | 17 | 501 | 22 | | | |
| | | — | I have been given the opportunity to address real community problems outside of class. | 102 | 24 | 555 | 24 | | | |
| | | — | I have been given the opportunity to address real community problems both as a part of a course and outside of class. | 80 | 18 | 505 | 21 | | | |
| | | — | I was not given the opportunity to address real community problems at my current university. | 179 | 41 | 765 | 33 | | | |
| | | | Total | 433 | 100 | 2,326 | 100 | | | |
| 7. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. My institution fosters an environment where racial and ethnic diversity is respected. | KYS1507a | 1 | Strongly disagree | 4 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 4.4 | 4.3 | .02 |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 4 | 1 | 40 | 2 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 47 | 12 | 245 | 11 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 158 | 36 | 845 | 37 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 217 | 51 | 1,199 | 50 | | | |
| | | | Total | 430 | 100 | 2,339 | 100 | | | |
| b. My institution fosters an environment where persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities are respected. | KYS1507b | 1 | Strongly disagree | 3 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | -.01 |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 10 | 2 | 33 | 1 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 56 | 13 | 284 | 13 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 153 | 35 | 871 | 38 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 210 | 49 | 1,137 | 47 | | | |
| | | | Total | 432 | 100 | 2,334 | 100 | | | |
| c. My institution fosters an environment where people of different ages are respected. | KYS1507c | 1 | Strongly disagree | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4.4 | 4.3 | .09 |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 1 | 0 | 33 | 1 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 40 | 10 | 261 | 12 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 170 | 39 | 897 | 39 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 218 | 51 | 1,140 | 48 | | | |
| | | | Total | 432 | 100 | 2,335 | 100 | | | |
| d. My institution fosters an environment where people of different religions are respected. | KYS1507d | 1 | Strongly disagree | 4 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 4.3 | 4.3 | .01 |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 8 | 2 | 40 | 2 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 48 | 12 | 285 | 13 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 171 | 39 | 873 | 38 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 197 | 47 | 1,118 | 47 | | | |
| | | | Total | 428 | 100 | 2,329 | 100 | | | |

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First-Year Students

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| | | | | EKU | | Kentucky System | | EKU | Kentucky System | |
| | | | | Count | % | Count | % | Mean | Mean | Effect size ^d |
| 8. How often have you done the following? | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. Asked a librarian for help (in person, email, chat, etc.). | KYS1508a | 1 | Never | 173 | 40 | 1,195 | 51 | 1.8 | 1.7 *** | .19 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 178 | 41 | 837 | 35 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 62 | 14 | 183 | 8 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 19 | 4 | 117 | 5 | | | |
| | | Total | | 432 | 100 | 2,332 | 100 | | | |
| b. Participated in an instruction session led by a librarian or other library staff member. | KYS1508b | 1 | Never | 177 | 43 | 1,165 | 52 | 1.8 | 1.7 ** | .16 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 176 | 39 | 856 | 36 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 64 | 15 | 179 | 8 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 13 | 3 | 110 | 5 | | | |
| | | Total | | 430 | 100 | 2,310 | 100 | | | |
| c. Gone to a campus library to do academic research. | KYS1508c | 1 | Never | 95 | 23 | 480 | 21 | 2.4 | 2.4 | .02 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 139 | 33 | 867 | 37 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 110 | 26 | 563 | 25 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 85 | 19 | 417 | 17 | | | |
| | | Total | | 429 | 100 | 2,327 | 100 | | | |
| d. Used your institution's web-based library resources in completing class assignments. | KYS1508d | 1 | Never | 65 | 15 | 347 | 15 | 2.5 | 2.5 | .03 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 149 | 36 | 860 | 38 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 130 | 30 | 669 | 29 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 88 | 19 | 447 | 18 | | | |
| | | Total | | 432 | 100 | 2,323 | 100 | | | |
| e. Participated in an online library tutorial. | KYS1508e | 1 | Never | 255 | 60 | 1,335 | 57 | 1.6 | 1.6 | -.08 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 113 | 27 | 652 | 28 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 48 | 11 | 199 | 9 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 11 | 3 | 130 | 6 | | | |
| | | Total | | 427 | 100 | 2,316 | 100 | | | |
| 9. Do you plan to attend graduate/professional school? | | | | | | | | | | |
| | KYS1509 | — | Yes, I plan to attend graduate or professional school in Kentucky | 84 | 20 | 355 | 15 | 1.6 | 1.6 | -.08 |
| | | — | Yes, I plan to attend graduate or professional school outside of Kentucky | 177 | 39 | 823 | 35 | | | |
| | | — | No, I do not plan to attend graduate or professional school | 40 | 9 | 430 | 18 | | | |
| | | — | Undecided | 128 | 32 | 731 | 32 | | | |
| | | Total | | 429 | 100 | 2,339 | 100 | | | |

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First-Year Students

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| | | | | EKU | | Kentucky System | | EKU | Kentucky System | |
| | | | | Count | % | Count | % | Mean | Mean | Effect size ^d |
| 10. Select the response that most closely describes where you plan to live and work after completing your bachelor's degree. | | | | | | | | | | |
| | KYS1510 | — | I plan to live and work or continue my education in Kentucky. | 218 | 47 | 902 | 37 | | | |
| | | — | I plan to live in Kentucky, but work or continue my education in another state. | 16 | 4 | 131 | 6 | | | |
| | | — | I plan to work or continue my education in Kentucky, but live in another state. | 37 | 9 | 162 | 7 | | | |
| | | — | I do not plan to work, continue my education, or live in Kentucky. | 54 | 13 | 353 | 15 | | | |
| | | — | Don't know/Unsure | 106 | 27 | 783 | 35 | | | |
| | | | Total | 431 | 100 | 2,331 | 100 | | | |
| 11. Some students take longer than four years to complete their degree requirements. | | | | | | | | | | |
| If you have taken longer than four years or anticipate taking more than four years to complete your degree, what was/is the primary reason? | | | | | | | | | | |
| | KYS1511 | — | Work obligations limited my enrollment. | 286 | 66 | 1,528 | 65 | | | |
| | | — | Family obligations limited my enrollment. | 13 | 3 | 81 | 4 | | | |
| | | — | Tuition and other costs of attendance limited my enrollment. | 9 | 2 | 56 | 3 | | | |
| | | — | A decision to change majors added to my requirements. | 21 | 4 | 112 | 5 | | | |
| | | — | Required course(s) was/were not offered when needed. | 39 | 9 | 209 | 9 | | | |
| | | — | I lost credits upon transferring. | 17 | 4 | 89 | 4 | | | |
| | | — | Poor academic performance slowed my progress. | 6 | 1 | 19 | 1 | | | |
| | | — | I was required to take developmental coursework. | 17 | 4 | 147 | 6 | | | |
| | | — | I do not anticipate taking longer than four years to graduate. | 20 | 5 | 81 | 3 | | | |
| | | | Total | 428 | 100 | 2,322 | 100 | | | |

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| | | | | EKU | | Kentucky System | | EKU | Kentucky System | |
| | | | | Count | % | Count | % | Mean | Mean | Effect size ^d |
| 12. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding technology? | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. My use of technology has contributed to my understanding of course content. | KYS1512a | 1 | Strongly disagree | 5 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 4.2 | 4.2 | -.06 |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 11 | 3 | 45 | 2 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 62 | 14 | 295 | 13 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 166 | 38 | 979 | 42 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 187 | 44 | 1,005 | 43 | | | |
| | | Total | | 431 | 100 | 2,335 | 100 | | | |
| b. My use of technology has contributed to the development of important skills. | KYS1512b | 1 | Strongly disagree | 5 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 4.1 | 4.1 | -.04 |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 13 | 3 | 58 | 3 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 80 | 18 | 416 | 18 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 163 | 38 | 948 | 41 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 170 | 40 | 890 | 39 | | | |
| | | Total | | 431 | 100 | 2,324 | 100 | | | |
| c. My use of technology has contributed to learning, studying, or completing coursework on my own. | KYS1512c | 1 | Strongly disagree | 3 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | .02 |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 8 | 2 | 32 | 2 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 38 | 9 | 242 | 11 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 161 | 38 | 919 | 39 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 218 | 50 | 1,131 | 48 | | | |
| | | Total | | 428 | 100 | 2,332 | 100 | | | |
| d. My use of technology has contributed to learning, studying, or completing coursework with other students. | KYS15012d | 1 | Strongly disagree | 5 | 1 | 17 | 1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | .00 |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 17 | 4 | 87 | 4 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 71 | 17 | 378 | 17 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 159 | 37 | 931 | 40 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 176 | 41 | 907 | 39 | | | |
| | | Total | | 428 | 100 | 2,320 | 100 | | | |
| e. My use of technology has distracted me from completing my coursework. | KYS1512e | 1 | Strongly disagree | 35 | 9 | 90 | 4 | 3.4 | 3.6 ** | -.18 ▽ |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 61 | 15 | 300 | 13 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 107 | 24 | 552 | 24 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 122 | 27 | 804 | 35 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 102 | 24 | 577 | 25 | | | |
| | | Total | | 427 | 100 | 2,323 | 100 | | | |

Seniors

| Item wording or description | Variable name | Values ^c | Response options | Frequency Distributions ^a | | | | Statistical Comparisons ^b | | |
|--|---------------|---------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | EKU | | Kentucky System | | EKU | Kentucky System | Effect size ^d |
| | | | | Count | % | Count | % | Mean | Mean | |
| 1. What is the primary reason that you have taken an online course or would consider taking an online course? | | | | | | | | | | |
| | KYS1501 | — | I have not taken an online course and am not considering taking one. | 70 | 18 | 717 | 21 | | | |
| | | — | A course I wanted or needed to take was not offered on campus. | 55 | 15 | 521 | 14 | | | |
| | | — | All on-campus sections of a class I wanted or needed were full. | 21 | 5 | 186 | 5 | | | |
| | | — | I was unable to come to campus because of a personal situation or disability. | 6 | 2 | 58 | 2 | | | |
| | | — | I thought that online courses would be easier academically. | 13 | 3 | 188 | 6 | | | |
| | | — | Taking online courses allowed a flexible schedule so that I could work. | 96 | 27 | 1,085 | 31 | | | |
| | | — | Taking online courses allowed a flexible schedule so that I could take care of family responsibilities. | 36 | 10 | 277 | 7 | | | |
| | | — | Online courses eliminated my commute to a campus. | 30 | 9 | 224 | 7 | | | |
| | | — | Some other reason. | 41 | 11 | 255 | 7 | | | |
| | | | Total | 368 | 100 | 3,511 | 100 | | | |
| 2. How long is your commute to the primary campus you attend? | | | | | | | | | | |
| | KYS1502 | 1 | I live on campus | 51 | 13 | 287 | 7 | 25.7 | 20.8 *** | .25 |
| | | 2 | 1 - 15 minutes | 154 | 40 | 1,526 | 43 | | | |
| | | 3 | 16 - 30 minutes | 48 | 13 | 918 | 28 | | | |
| | | 4 | 31 - 45 minutes | 28 | 8 | 328 | 9 | | | |
| | | 5 | 46 - 60 minutes | 32 | 9 | 214 | 6 | | | |
| | | 6 | More than an hour | 56 | 17 | 237 | 6 | | | |
| | | | Total | 369 | 100 | 3,510 | 100 | | | |

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Seniors

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| | | | | EKU | | Kentucky System | | EKU | Kentucky System | |
| | | | | Count | % | Count | % | Mean | Mean | Effect size ^d |
| 3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. My family considers a college education to be important for my future success. | KYS1503a | 1 | Strongly disagree | 5 | 1 | 18 | 1 | 4.5 | 4.6 * | -0.16 ▽ |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 5 | 1 | 36 | 1 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 27 | 7 | 191 | 6 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 72 | 22 | 639 | 19 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 261 | 68 | 2,604 | 74 | | | |
| | | Total | | 370 | 100 | 3,488 | 100 | | | |
| b. I consider a college education to be important for my future success. | KYS1503b | 1 | Strongly disagree | 1 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 4.8 | 4.7 * | .10 △ |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 4 | 2 | 130 | 4 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 56 | 18 | 542 | 16 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 309 | 80 | 2,782 | 79 | | | |
| | | Total | | 370 | 100 | 3,483 | 100 | | | |
| c. I am concerned about my ability to pay for college expenses. | KYS1503c | 1 | Strongly disagree | 32 | 8 | 294 | 9 | 3.9 | 3.7 | .09 |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 37 | 10 | 408 | 12 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 50 | 13 | 531 | 15 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 90 | 25 | 821 | 24 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 160 | 44 | 1,418 | 40 | | | |
| | | Total | | 369 | 100 | 3,472 | 100 | | | |
| 4. What is your primary source of funds used to pay for college? | | | | | | | | | | |
| KYS1504 | — | Financial aid (grants, student loans, work study) | 210 | 57 | 1,726 | 48 | | | | |
| | — | Private loans | 19 | 5 | 177 | 5 | | | | |
| | — | Scholarships | 60 | 15 | 751 | 22 | | | | |
| | — | Support from parents, guardians, or spouse | 48 | 12 | 562 | 17 | | | | |
| | — | Personal income or savings | 32 | 11 | 282 | 9 | | | | |
| | Total | | 369 | 100 | 3,498 | 100 | | | | |
| 5. Have you accumulated credit card debt to help cover the cost of college expenses? | | | | | | | | | | |
| KYS1505 | — | No, I do not use credit cards. | 198 | 53 | 1,753 | 50 | | | | |
| | — | No, I use credit cards but pay the balance off every month. | 70 | 19 | 856 | 25 | | | | |
| | — | Yes, I have an average balance between \$1 and \$500. | 29 | 8 | 267 | 8 | | | | |
| | — | Yes, I have an average balance between \$501 and \$1,000. | 29 | 8 | 213 | 6 | | | | |
| | — | Yes, I have an average balance over \$1,000. | 43 | 13 | 413 | 12 | | | | |
| | Total | | 369 | 100 | 3,502 | 100 | | | | |

Seniors

| Item wording or description | Variable name | Values ^c | Response options | Frequency Distributions ^a | | | | Statistical Comparisons ^b | | |
|--|---------------|---------------------|---|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | EKU | | Kentucky System | | EKU | Kentucky System | |
| | | | | Count | % | Count | % | Mean | Mean | Effect size ^d |
| 6. Which statement best describes your experience with addressing real community problems? | | | | | | | | | | |
| | KYS1506 | — | I have been given the opportunity to address real community problems as part of a course. | 105 | 28 | 852 | 24 | | | |
| | | — | I have been given the opportunity to address real community problems outside of class. | 72 | 20 | 774 | 23 | | | |
| | | — | I have been given the opportunity to address real community problems both as a part of a course and outside of class. | 93 | 26 | 930 | 26 | | | |
| | | — | I was not given the opportunity to address real community problems at my current university. | 94 | 26 | 918 | 27 | | | |
| | | | Total | 364 | 100 | 3,474 | 100 | | | |
| 7. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. My institution fosters an environment where racial and ethnic diversity is respected. | KYS1507a | 1 | Strongly disagree | 7 | 2 | 31 | 1 | 4.3 | 4.2 | .05 |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 9 | 2 | 90 | 3 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 41 | 12 | 437 | 13 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 138 | 38 | 1,403 | 41 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 175 | 46 | 1,514 | 43 | | | |
| | | | Total | 370 | 100 | 3,475 | 100 | | | |
| b. My institution fosters an environment where persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities are respected. | KYS1507b | 1 | Strongly disagree | 9 | 2 | 25 | 1 | 4.2 | 4.2 | -.03 |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 15 | 4 | 75 | 2 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 49 | 13 | 528 | 16 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 134 | 38 | 1,369 | 40 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 162 | 43 | 1,474 | 41 | | | |
| | | | Total | 369 | 100 | 3,471 | 100 | | | |
| c. My institution fosters an environment where people of different ages are respected. | KYS1507c | 1 | Strongly disagree | 2 | 0 | 24 | 1 | 4.3 | 4.2 * | .14 |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 9 | 3 | 98 | 3 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 40 | 11 | 461 | 14 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 136 | 38 | 1,435 | 42 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 183 | 48 | 1,455 | 41 | | | |
| | | | Total | 370 | 100 | 3,473 | 100 | | | |
| d. My institution fosters an environment where people of different religions are respected. | KYS1507d | 1 | Strongly disagree | 8 | 2 | 33 | 1 | 4.2 | 4.1 | .08 |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 10 | 3 | 113 | 3 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 43 | 12 | 540 | 16 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 142 | 40 | 1,394 | 41 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 165 | 43 | 1,372 | 39 | | | |
| | | | Total | 368 | 100 | 3,452 | 100 | | | |

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed); Refer to the Endnotes page for key to triangle symbols.

Seniors

| Item wording or description | Variable name | Values ^c | Response options | Frequency Distributions ^a | | | | Statistical Comparisons ^b | | |
|---|---------------|---------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | EKU | | Kentucky System | | EKU | Kentucky System | |
| | | | | Count | % | Count | % | Mean | Mean | Effect size ^d |
| 8. How often have you done the following? | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. Asked a librarian for help (in person, email, chat, etc.). | KYS1508a | 1 | Never | 114 | 31 | 1,452 | 43 | 1.9 | 1.7 *** | .21 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 190 | 52 | 1,546 | 44 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 46 | 12 | 328 | 9 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 20 | 6 | 154 | 4 | | | |
| | | Total | | 370 | 100 | 3,480 | 100 | | | |
| b. Participated in an instruction session led by a librarian or other library staff member. | KYS1508b | 1 | Never | 144 | 40 | 1,917 | 57 | 1.8 | 1.6 *** | .31 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 170 | 46 | 1,170 | 33 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 32 | 8 | 241 | 7 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 22 | 6 | 126 | 3 | | | |
| | | Total | | 368 | 100 | 3,454 | 100 | | | |
| c. Gone to a campus library to do academic research. | KYS1508c | 1 | Never | 70 | 21 | 827 | 24 | 2.4 | 2.3 ** | .18 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 129 | 36 | 1,387 | 40 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 86 | 22 | 722 | 21 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 83 | 21 | 522 | 15 | | | |
| | | Total | | 368 | 100 | 3,458 | 100 | | | |
| d. Used your institution's web-based library resources in completing class assignments. | KYS1508d | 1 | Never | 19 | 5 | 481 | 15 | 3.1 | 2.7 *** | .42 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 76 | 23 | 1,097 | 32 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 116 | 32 | 926 | 26 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 158 | 40 | 962 | 27 | | | |
| | | Total | | 369 | 100 | 3,466 | 100 | | | |
| e. Participated in an online library tutorial. | KYS1508e | 1 | Never | 184 | 48 | 2,238 | 66 | 1.7 | 1.5 *** | .34 |
| | | 2 | Sometimes | 129 | 36 | 881 | 25 | | | |
| | | 3 | Often | 34 | 9 | 193 | 6 | | | |
| | | 4 | Very often | 22 | 6 | 137 | 4 | | | |
| | | Total | | 369 | 100 | 3,449 | 100 | | | |
| 9. Do you plan to attend graduate/professional school? | | | | | | | | | | |
| | KYS1509 | — | Yes, I plan to attend graduate or professional school in Kentucky | 56 | 16 | 559 | 16 | 1.7 | 1.5 *** | .34 |
| | | — | Yes, I plan to attend graduate or professional school outside of Kentucky | 161 | 41 | 1,312 | 37 | | | |
| | | — | No, I do not plan to attend graduate or professional school | 65 | 18 | 692 | 20 | | | |
| | | — | Undecided | 88 | 25 | 930 | 27 | | | |
| | | Total | | 370 | 100 | 3,493 | 100 | | | |

Seniors

| Item wording or description | Variable name | Values ^c | Response options | Frequency Distributions ^a | | | | Statistical Comparisons ^b | | |
|--|---------------|---------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | EKU | | Kentucky System | | EKU | Kentucky System | Effect size ^d |
| | | | | Count | % | Count | % | Mean | Mean | |
| 10. Select the response that most closely describes where you plan to live and work after completing your bachelor's degree. | | | | | | | | | | |
| | KYS1510 | — | I plan to live and work or continue my education in Kentucky. | 196 | 52 | 1,613 | 46 | | | |
| | | — | I plan to live in Kentucky, but work or continue my education in another state. | 21 | 6 | 186 | 5 | | | |
| | | — | I plan to work or continue my education in Kentucky, but live in another state. | 19 | 6 | 181 | 5 | | | |
| | | — | I do not plan to work, continue my education, or live in Kentucky. | 65 | 18 | 665 | 19 | | | |
| | | — | Don't know/Unsure | 68 | 19 | 846 | 25 | | | |
| | | | Total | 369 | 100 | 3,491 | 100 | | | |
| 11. Some students take longer than four years to complete their degree requirements. | | | | | | | | | | |
| If you have taken longer than four years or anticipate taking more than four years to complete your degree, what was/is the primary reason? | | | | | | | | | | |
| | KYS1511 | — | Work obligations limited my enrollment. | 136 | 35 | 1,329 | 38 | | | |
| | | — | Family obligations limited my enrollment. | 28 | 9 | 409 | 13 | | | |
| | | — | Tuition and other costs of attendance limited my enrollment. | 31 | 9 | 283 | 8 | | | |
| | | — | A decision to change majors added to my requirements. | 14 | 5 | 136 | 4 | | | |
| | | — | Required course(s) was/were not offered when needed. | 70 | 18 | 666 | 19 | | | |
| | | — | I lost credits upon transferring. | 31 | 9 | 229 | 7 | | | |
| | | — | Poor academic performance slowed my progress. | 13 | 4 | 176 | 5 | | | |
| | | — | I was required to take developmental coursework. | 25 | 7 | 178 | 5 | | | |
| | | — | I do not anticipate taking longer than four years to graduate. | 16 | 5 | 68 | 2 | | | |
| | | | Total | 364 | 100 | 3,474 | 100 | | | |

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Seniors

| Item wording or description | Variable name | Values ^c | Response options | Frequency Distributions ^a | | | | Statistical Comparisons ^b | | |
|--|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | EKU | | Kentucky System | | EKU | Kentucky System | |
| | | | | Count | % | Count | % | Mean | Mean | Effect size ^d |
| 12. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding technology? | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. My use of technology has contributed to my understanding of course content. | KYS1512a | 1 | Strongly disagree | 0 | 0 | 26 | 1 | 4.3 | 4.3 | .08 |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 3 | 1 | 86 | 2 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 36 | 10 | 364 | 11 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 158 | 44 | 1,438 | 41 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 173 | 45 | 1,577 | 45 | | | |
| | | Total | | 370 | 100 | 3,491 | 100 | | | |
| b. My use of technology has contributed to the development of important skills. | KYS1512b | 1 | Strongly disagree | 0 | 0 | 27 | 1 | 4.3 | 4.2 * | .11 |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 5 | 1 | 80 | 2 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 31 | 8 | 415 | 12 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 162 | 46 | 1,426 | 41 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 171 | 45 | 1,540 | 44 | | | |
| | | Total | | 369 | 100 | 3,488 | 100 | | | |
| c. My use of technology has contributed to learning, studying, or completing coursework on my own. | KYS1512c | 1 | Strongly disagree | 0 | 0 | 22 | 1 | 4.4 | 4.4 | .05 |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 1 | 0 | 42 | 1 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 22 | 6 | 281 | 8 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 160 | 45 | 1,322 | 38 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 187 | 49 | 1,812 | 52 | | | |
| | | Total | | 370 | 100 | 3,479 | 100 | | | |
| d. My use of technology has contributed to learning, studying, or completing coursework with other students. | KYS15012d | 1 | Strongly disagree | 3 | 1 | 43 | 1 | 4.3 | 4.2 * | .12 |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 7 | 2 | 102 | 3 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 37 | 10 | 447 | 13 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 143 | 41 | 1,370 | 40 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 179 | 46 | 1,512 | 43 | | | |
| | | Total | | 369 | 100 | 3,474 | 100 | | | |
| e. My use of technology has distracted me from completing my coursework. | KYS1512e | 1 | Strongly disagree | 44 | 12 | 318 | 9 | 3.2 | 3.5 *** | -.20 |
| | | 2 | Disagree | 79 | 23 | 560 | 16 | | | |
| | | 3 | Neutral | 65 | 17 | 625 | 18 | | | |
| | | 4 | Agree | 102 | 28 | 1,131 | 32 | | | |
| | | 5 | Strongly Agree | 78 | 20 | 842 | 24 | | | |
| | | Total | | 368 | 100 | 3,476 | 100 | | | |

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed); Refer to the Endnotes page for key to triangle symbols.

First-Year Students

| Variable name | N | Mean | | Standard error ^f | | Standard deviation ^g | | DF ^h | Sig. ⁱ | Effect size ^d |
|---------------|-----|-------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| | | EKU | Kentucky System | EKU | Kentucky System | EKU | Kentucky System | | | |
| KYS1502 | 432 | 10.90 | 8.91 | .91 | .33 | 18.85 | 15.06 | 547 | .040 | .13 |
| KYS1503a | 432 | 4.72 | 4.74 | .03 | .01 | 0.64 | 0.59 | 2,574 | .542 | -.03 |
| KYS1503b | 428 | 4.79 | 4.71 | .03 | .01 | 0.55 | 0.62 | 670 | .010 | .13 |
| KYS1503c | 432 | 3.70 | 3.78 | .06 | .03 | 1.24 | 1.20 | 2,558 | .222 | -.06 |
| KYS1507a | 427 | 4.36 | 4.34 | .04 | .02 | 0.77 | 0.78 | 2,560 | .708 | .02 |
| KYS1507b | 428 | 4.30 | 4.30 | .04 | .02 | 0.83 | 0.78 | 2,557 | .889 | -.01 |
| KYS1507c | 428 | 4.39 | 4.33 | .03 | .02 | 0.71 | 0.74 | 2,559 | .086 | .09 |
| KYS1507d | 424 | 4.29 | 4.29 | .04 | .02 | 0.80 | 0.80 | 2,550 | .920 | .01 |
| KYS1508a | 430 | 1.83 | 1.68 | .04 | .02 | 0.83 | 0.84 | 2,555 | .000 | .19 |
| KYS1508b | 428 | 1.79 | 1.66 | .04 | .02 | 0.81 | 0.82 | 2,532 | .003 | .16 |
| KYS1508c | 427 | 2.40 | 2.39 | .05 | .02 | 1.03 | 1.00 | 2,552 | .735 | .02 |
| KYS1508d | 430 | 2.53 | 2.50 | .05 | .02 | 0.97 | 0.96 | 2,550 | .623 | .03 |
| KYS1508e | 425 | 1.57 | 1.64 | .04 | .02 | 0.79 | 0.88 | 649 | .100 | -.08 |
| KYS1512a | 428 | 4.20 | 4.25 | .04 | .02 | 0.88 | 0.79 | 573 | .314 | -.06 |
| KYS1512b | 428 | 4.11 | 4.15 | .04 | .02 | 0.91 | 0.83 | 2,549 | .416 | -.04 |
| KYS1512c | 425 | 4.35 | 4.34 | .04 | .02 | 0.79 | 0.75 | 2,554 | .750 | .02 |
| KYS1512d | 426 | 4.12 | 4.12 | .04 | .02 | 0.92 | 0.86 | 2,543 | .957 | .00 |
| KYS1512e | 424 | 3.43 | 3.63 | .06 | .02 | 1.25 | 1.11 | 563 | .002 | -.18 |

Seniors

| Variable name | N | Mean | | Standard error ^f | | Standard deviation ^g | | DF ^h | Sig. ⁱ | Effect size ^d |
|---------------|-----|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| | EKU | EKU | Kentucky System | EKU | Kentucky System | EKU | Kentucky System | | | |
| | | Comparisons with: Kentucky System | | | | | | | | |
| KYS1502 | 371 | 25.69 | 20.81 | 1.27 | .36 | 24.47 | 18.28 | 433 | .000 | .25 |
| KYS1503a | 373 | 4.53 | 4.64 | .04 | .01 | 0.81 | 0.69 | 457 | .013 | -.16 |
| KYS1503b | 373 | 4.78 | 4.72 | .02 | .01 | 0.48 | 0.61 | 567 | .031 | .10 |
| KYS1503c | 372 | 3.86 | 3.73 | .07 | .03 | 1.30 | 1.33 | 2,860 | .090 | .09 |
| KYS1507a | 373 | 4.25 | 4.21 | .04 | .02 | 0.87 | 0.84 | 2,861 | .370 | .05 |
| KYS1507b | 372 | 4.16 | 4.19 | .05 | .02 | 0.94 | 0.84 | 2,858 | .535 | -.03 |
| KYS1507c | 373 | 4.31 | 4.19 | .04 | .02 | 0.80 | 0.84 | 2,860 | .011 | .14 |
| KYS1507d | 371 | 4.20 | 4.13 | .05 | .02 | 0.90 | 0.87 | 2,844 | .148 | .08 |
| KYS1508a | 373 | 1.92 | 1.75 | .04 | .02 | 0.80 | 0.79 | 487 | .000 | .21 |
| KYS1508b | 371 | 1.80 | 1.56 | .04 | .02 | 0.82 | 0.76 | 2,846 | .000 | .31 |
| KYS1508c | 371 | 2.43 | 2.26 | .05 | .02 | 1.04 | 0.99 | 474 | .003 | .18 |
| KYS1508d | 372 | 3.08 | 2.65 | .05 | .02 | 0.91 | 1.03 | 523 | .000 | .42 |
| KYS1508e | 372 | 1.74 | 1.47 | .05 | .02 | 0.87 | 0.76 | 462 | .000 | .34 |
| KYS1512a | 373 | 4.34 | 4.27 | .04 | .02 | 0.69 | 0.80 | 538 | .093 | .08 |
| KYS1512b | 372 | 4.34 | 4.25 | .04 | .02 | 0.69 | 0.81 | 538 | .022 | .11 |
| KYS1512c | 373 | 4.42 | 4.39 | .03 | .01 | 0.62 | 0.75 | 548 | .327 | .05 |
| KYS1512d | 372 | 4.30 | 4.20 | .04 | .02 | 0.79 | 0.87 | 2,859 | .031 | .12 |
| KYS1512e | 371 | 3.22 | 3.47 | .07 | .03 | 1.32 | 1.27 | 476 | .001 | -.20 |