



FAQs

Race/Ethnicity Pilot Survey

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Race/Ethnicity Pilot Survey?

The Race/Ethnicity Pilot Survey is a stand-alone online survey that will be piloted during the 2022 administration of the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE). The purpose of this pilot survey is to help colleges understand their students' experiences with racism, inclusion, and belonging.

2. How can colleges participate in the pilot survey?

Colleges that are participating in CCSSE 2022 (either online or paper-and-pencil) can elect to participate free of charge in the pilot during CCSSE registration. The Race/Ethnicity Pilot Survey Institutional Membership and Agreement Form must be signed by the college president. Colleges will not be able to participate in the pilot survey without presidential consent.

3. Who should receive the pilot survey?

The pilot survey should be shared with all students enrolled in credit-bearing classes, including developmental education. The pilot survey should not be shared with incarcerated students, as they may not be exposed to the full breadth of the community college student experience. Dual enrollment students should also not be invited to participate in the pilot survey as most are under the age of 18 and many may not be exposed to the full breadth of the community college student experience. Colleges should communicate with eligible students in advance of the pilot survey being sent and throughout the administration process. CCCSE will provide communication templates for these targeted messages.

4. How will the pilot survey be sent to students?

CCCSE will provide the college contact the pilot survey link. Each student will need a unique access code to enter the survey. On the first day of the administration window, the pilot survey link should be sent to students via email, LMS, text, or any mechanism through which the survey link can be shared with survey-eligible students. CCCSE will provide a sample pilot survey invitation.

If a college participates in the online version of CCSSE 2022, the same access code instructions should be used for the Race/Ethnicity Pilot Survey.

5. When should the pilot survey be administered?

The pilot survey can be administered at any time after the majority of CCSSE responses have been collected. The pilot survey deadline is June 1, 2022. Colleges should make every effort possible to avoid overlap between the CCSSE and Race/Ethnicity Pilot administration windows. CCCSE recommends sending the pilot survey invitation to students as soon as possible after the pilot survey opens and sending students reminders throughout the administration window. CCCSE will provide a responder tool that the college contact can use throughout the pilot survey administration process. The tool will list access codes that have been used so that the college contact can match unused access codes with students who have not responded to the pilot survey and send them targeted reminder messages. CCCSE will provide reminder message templates to the college contact.

6. What type of reporting will colleges receive?

On June 30, 2022, colleges will receive access to a raw data file of responses. The data file will not include associated access codes to protect student confidentiality.

On August 15, 2022, colleges will receive access to several frequency reports: all student responses, student responses disaggregated by race/ethnicity, student responses disaggregated by age, student responses disaggregated by gender identity, and student responses disaggregated by sexual orientation.

7. Why aren't there any "Not applicable" response options on the pilot survey?

Any item on the pilot survey can be skipped if respondents don't think they have the knowledge or experience to respond to the item.

8. Will this survey of this kind continue to be offered again in the future?

This is CCCSE's intention. As this is a pilot administration, CCCSE welcomes feedback on the pilot survey content. Please email info@cccse.org with feedback.