



# 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. 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 *SENSE* 2022 (either online or paper-and-pencil) can elect to participate free of charge in the pilot during the data verification process in early June. 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 that are at least 18 years old. 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 Campus Contact the pilot survey link. 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.

#### 5. When should the pilot survey be administered?

The pilot survey can be administered at any time after the majority of *SENSE* responses have been collected. The pilot survey deadline is December 15, 2022. Colleges should make every effort possible to avoid overlap between the *SENSE* and Race/Ethnicity Pilot administration

windows. CCCSE recommends sending the pilot survey invitation soon after *SENSE* has concluded and sending students reminders throughout the administration window. CCCSE will provide a responder tool that the Campus Contact can use throughout the pilot survey administration process. The tool will list access codes that have been used so that the Campus 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 Campus Contact.

## **6. What type of reporting will colleges receive?**

On January 30, 2023, colleges will receive a preliminary raw data file of responses. (Please note that as this is an early data release, the data in this file will not have been verified.) This file will not include access codes to protect student confidentiality.

On March 15, 2023, colleges will receive access to several frequency reports: one all-student report and four breakouts reports for race/ethnicity, age, gender identity, and sexual orientation. A verified raw data file will also be available for download at this time.

## **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](mailto:info@cccse.org) with feedback.