

Stop Out Survey
Spring 2022

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Survey Overview

In January 2022 DASA Assessment emailed a survey to students who were enrolled at NC State during the fall 2021 semester but did not re-enroll for spring 2022 semester. Students leave college for a variety of reasons, and the Stop Out Survey seeks to gain a better understanding of why our students decide to dis-enroll and provide any resources that may be needed to help a student become re-enrolled. This is the first semester that the survey was administered in the spring. The spring survey was shortened in hopes of increasing the response rate.

The spring 2022 Stop Out population consisted of 723 students. The survey was administered January 11-28, 2022. Approximately 15.5% (N=112) of the students in the population submitted a complete or partial response.

The questions provided students with a list of reasons why they may have decided to leave. Students were asked to rate the effect of each particular reason on their decision to not enroll. They were also provided space to share reasons that may not have been on the pre-populated list. Students were asked to name any office or person on campus they may have reached out to for assistance with their decision. Other factors were addressed as well, including employment status while at NC State, future plans to continue their postsecondary education, and overall experience while enrolled.

Highlights

Representativeness

Female students were overrepresented at 58.0% of respondents but only 41.2% of the Stop Out population. Differences between the sample and survey population with respect to race/ethnicity and college were all <5%, with the exception of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences which was overrepresented. Survey respondents were disproportionately in good academic standing (71.4%) compared to the population (57.4%).

Reasons for Dis-enrolling

Students were asked to indicate the reasons they dis-enrolled from NC State for the spring 2022 semester (Table 9). **The most common reasons for not enrolling were: life events (e.g., family, health, military obligations), the stress of school work, and lack of friends or social networks on campus.**

Future Plans

49.6% of respondents "strongly" or "somewhat" agreed that they planned to return to NC State. 76.1% of respondents "strongly" or "somewhat" agreed that they could succeed at NC State (Table 10). Finally, in most cases a smaller percent of students received help when they were considering dis-enrolling than requested it (Table 11).

Table 1: Gender Demographics

Gender	Survey Respondents		Survey Population		Undergraduate Population	
	%	N	%	N	%	N
Male	42.0%	47	58.8%	425	50.9%	13478
Female	58.0%	65	41.2%	298	49.1%	13027
Total	100.0%	112	100.0%	723	100.0%	26505

Note: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place

Table 2: Race/Ethnicity Demographics

Race/Ethnicity	Survey Respondents		Survey Population		Undergraduate Population	
	%	N	%	N	%	N
Nonresident Alien	1.8%	2	5.1%	37	3.2%	838
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	0.9%	1	2.2%	16	2.9%	768
Hispanics of Any Race	15.2%	17	12.3%	89	7.4%	1970
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.9%	1	0.8%	6	0.4%	103
Asian	3.6%	4	6.9%	50	8.4%	2214
Black or African American	7.1%	8	8.7%	63	6.0%	1599
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.9%	1	0.3%	2	0.1%	19
White	61.6%	69	57.5%	416	67.4%	17863
Two or More Races	8.0%	9	6.1%	44	4.3%	1131
Total	100.0%	112	100.0%	723	100.0%	26505

Note: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place

Table 3: College Demographics

College	Survey Respondents		Survey Population		Undergraduate Population	
	%	N	%	N	%	N
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences	18.8%	21	11.8%	85	11.3%	2982
College of Education	3.6%	4	3.6%	26	2.3%	618
College of Humanities and Social Sciences	13.4%	15	17.7%	128	14.3%	3792
College of Natural Resources	4.5%	5	5.5%	40	5.9%	1567
College of Engineering	22.3%	25	25.9%	187	26.6%	7044
College of Sciences	12.5%	14	10.9%	79	11.7%	3107
College of Design	2.7%	3	2.5%	18	2.3%	614
Poole College of Management	6.2%	7	11.6%	84	13.6%	3611
Wilson College of Textiles	2.7%	3	1.7%	12	2.9%	764
University College	13.4%	15	8.9%	64	4.6%	1218
Other	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	4.5%	1188
Total	100.0%	112	100.0%	723	100.0%	26505

Note: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place

Table 4: **Grade Level Demographics**

Grade Level	Survey Respondents		Survey Population		Undergraduate Population	
	%	N	%	N	%	N
First Year Undergraduate	17.0%	19	16.5%	119	16.4%	4356
Second Year Undergraduate	26.8%	30	22.3%	161	19.9%	5277
Third Year Undergraduate	23.2%	26	28.2%	204	25.8%	6830
Fourth Year Undergraduate	33.0%	37	33.1%	239	32.1%	8512
Fifth Year or More	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.1%	24
Unclassified	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	5.7%	1506
Total	100.0%	112	100.0%	723	100.0%	26505

Note: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place

Table 5: **First Generation Status Demographics**

First Generation Status	Survey Respondents		Survey Population	
	%	N	%	N
First Generation	25.0%	28	27.0%	195
Not First Generation	55.4%	62	58.9%	426
Unknown	19.6%	22	14.1%	102
Total	100.0%	112	100.0%	723

Note: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place

Table 6: **Rural Status Demographics**

Rural Status	Survey Respondents		Survey Population	
	%	N	%	N
Out of State or International	12.5%	14	14.2%	103
Rural	38.4%	43	33.3%	241
Urban	49.1%	55	52.4%	379
Total	100.0%	112	100.0%	723

Note: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place

Table 7: **Academic Standing**

Academic Standing	Survey Respondents		Survey Population	
	%	N	%	N
Good Standing	71.4%	80	57.4%	415
Academic Warning	16.1%	18	25.9%	187
Contractual Readmit	0.0%	0	0.1%	1
Suspended	12.5%	14	16.6%	120
Total	100.0%	112	100.0%	723

Note: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place

Table 8: **Grade Point Average**

GPA	Survey Respondents	Survey Non-Respondents
Minimum	0.0	0.0
1st Quartile	0.9	0.2
Median	2.4	2.4
Mean	2.2	1.6
3rd Quartile	3.5	2.8
Max	4.0	4.0

Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place

Note 2: Survey respondents participated in the Stop Out survey, Survey non-respondents did not

Table 9: I Dis-enrolled From NC State For The Following Reasons:

I Dis-enrolled From NC State For The Following Reasons:	Mean Rating	4. Strongly Agree	3. Agree	2. Disagree	1. Strongly Disagree	N
Wanted to Continue My Education at Another Institution	2.2	16.4%	25.5%	20.9%	37.3%	110
Desired Major Not Offered at NC State	1.7	7.3%	7.3%	30.0%	55.5%	110
Desired Major Program Not Strong Enough at NC State	1.8	6.4%	10.9%	37.3%	45.5%	110
Not Sure What I Want to Study	1.9	9.1%	15.5%	30.0%	45.5%	110
Not Making Enough Progress Toward Degree	2.1	6.4%	26.6%	35.8%	31.2%	109
Unhappy With My Academic Performance at NC State	2.4	17.3%	36.4%	19.1%	27.3%	110
Stress of School Work	2.7	29.1%	26.4%	25.5%	19.1%	110
Desired Courses Were Unavailable	2.1	11.8%	18.2%	38.2%	31.8%	110
Did Not Feel Encouraged By Instructors	2.3	19.3%	19.3%	35.8%	25.7%	109
Did Not Receive Enough Academic Support at NC State	2.3	15.5%	21.8%	43.6%	19.1%	110
Struggled to Pay For My Education	2.1	12.1%	19.6%	39.3%	29.0%	107
Concerned With Student Loan Debt	2.3	18.7%	15.0%	40.2%	26.2%	107
Financial Aid Package Was Not Enough	2.2	11.2%	19.6%	43.0%	26.2%	107
Needed to Work More	2.4	19.6%	26.2%	33.6%	20.6%	107
Lack of Friends or Social Support Networks On Campus	2.5	26.2%	23.4%	20.6%	29.9%	107
Disliked The Social Environment On Campus	2.3	19.6%	22.4%	29.9%	28.0%	107
Lack of Involvement Opportunities that Interest Me	2.1	10.3%	23.4%	36.4%	29.9%	107
Difficulties With Being a Commuter Student	1.9	13.1%	13.1%	28.0%	45.8%	107
Not Enough Support For Students With My Identity (e.g., Race, Sexual Orientation)	1.7	6.5%	8.4%	38.3%	46.7%	107
Life Events (e.g., Family, Health, Military Obligations)	2.8	32.7%	29.0%	20.6%	17.8%	107

Note: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place

Table 10: Please Indicate If You Agree or Disagree With The Following Statements:

Please Indicate If You Agree or Disagree With The Following Statements:	Mean Rating	4. Strongly Agree	3. Somewhat Agree	2. Somewhat Disagree	1. Strongly Disagree	N
When I First Enrolled at NC State, I Intended to Complete a Degree From NC State	3.7	71.4%	27.6%	0.0%	1.0%	105
I Plan to Return to NC State	2.6	28.6%	21.0%	29.5%	21.0%	105
I Could Succeed at NC State	3.1	39.0%	37.1%	17.1%	6.7%	105

Note: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place

Table 11: **When You Were Considering Dis-Enrolling From NC State, Did You Seek and/or Receive Help From Any of The Following? (Select All that Apply)**

	I Sought Out Help		I Received Help	
	%	N	%	N
University Counseling Center	20.5%	23	8.9%	10
Your Academic Advisor	47.3%	53	51.8%	58
Financial Aid	25.0%	28	16.1%	18
Pack Essentials	9.8%	11	4.5%	5
Student Leaders e.g. RA Village Mentor Student Organization Members	11.6%	13	8.9%	10
Other Faculty or Staff On Campus	20.5%	23	14.3%	16

Note: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place

Note: 'Select All that Apply' percentages calculated out of the number of total survey respondents

Table 12: **If You Plan to Return, In Which Semester Will You Enroll?**

If You Plan to Return, In Which Semester Will You Enroll?	%	N
Not Sure	24.5%	12
Summer 2022	16.3%	8
Fall 2022	51.0%	25
After Fall 2022	8.2%	4

Note: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place

Table 13: **Were You Employed In Fall 2021 While Still a Student at NC State?**

Were You Employed In Fall 2021 While Still a Student at NC State?	%	N
Yes	47.6%	49
No	52.4%	54

Note: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place

Table 14: If You Were Employed During The Fall 2021 Semester While Still a Student, How Many Hours a Week Did You Work On Campus?

If You Were Employed During The Fall 2021 Semester While Still a Student, How Many Hours a Week Did You Work On Campus?	%	N
None On Campus	72.9%	35
10 Hours or Fewer	12.5%	6
11-19	8.3%	4
20-29	0.0%	0
30 or More Hours	6.2%	3

Note: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place

Table 15: If You Were Employed During The Fall 2021 Semester While Still a Student, How Many Hours a Week Did You Work Off Campus?

If You Were Employed During The Fall 2021 Semester While Still a Student, How Many Hours a Week Did You Work Off Campus?	%	N
None Off Campus	14.6%	7
10 Hours or Fewer	4.2%	2
11-19	20.8%	10
20-29	27.1%	13
30 or More Hours	33.3%	16

Note: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place

Table 16: How do You Identify In Terms of Your Gender? (Select All that Apply)

How do You Identify In Terms of Your Gender? (Select All that Apply)	%	N
Man	33.0%	37
Woman	52.7%	59
Cisgender	12.5%	14
Transgender	0.0%	0
Agender	0.9%	1
Gender Fluid	0.9%	1
Genderqueer	0.0%	0
Non-Binary	0.9%	1
Two Spirit	0.0%	0
Uncertain or Questioning	1.8%	2
I Identify Using a Different Term	0.0%	0
Prefer Not to Answer	0.9%	1

Note: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place

Note: 'Select All that Apply' percentages calculated out of the number of total survey respondents

Table 17: How do You Identify In Terms of Your Sexual Orientation? (Select All that Apply)

How do You Identify In Terms of Your Sexual Orientation? (Select All that Apply)	%	N
Heterosexual or Straight	61.6%	69
Gay	2.3%	3
Lesbian	3.6%	4
Bisexual or Pansexual	10.7%	12
Asexual	1.8%	2
Uncertain or Questioning	1.8%	2
I Identify Using a Different Term	0.9%	1
Prefer Not to Answer	1.8%	2

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