

Greek Life Survey

Summary

About the Survey

The Greek Life Survey was administered between August 13 and September 3, 2018 to all non-University College undergraduate students who were enrolled full-time for the fall 2018 semester and had previously spent at least one fall or spring semester on campus as a full-time student. A total of 9163 students were invited to participate in the survey and 3820 responded, for a response rate of 41.6%.

Respondent Profile

Respondents were first asked if they were a member of a fraternity or sorority, with 47.6% (n = 1819) of respondents reporting that they were members of a Greek organization. Respondents were then given a series of questions about their experience in Greek life or their perception of Greek life on campus.

Respondents who reported that they were members of a fraternity or sorority were more likely to be female and less likely to be students of color than respondents who were not members of a Greek organization.

	N	Female	Students of Color
Member of a fraternity or sorority	1819	73.4%	19.7%
Not a member of a fraternity or sorority	2001	53.0%	27.7%

Respondents in a Fraternity or Sorority

Respondents who indicated that they are in a fraternity or sorority strongly believed that their experiences in a Greek organization have been beneficial to their college experience.

	N	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
My fraternity/sorority experience has helped me with my academics.	1819	3.0%	5.6%	13.6%	31.4%	46.5%
My fraternity/sorority experience has helped me feel connected to Syracuse University.	1818	1.8%	1.4%	1.8%	14.8%	80.2%
My fraternity/sorority experience has helped me make connections with other students.	1818	1.3%	0.6%	0.9%	8.5%	88.7%
My fraternity/sorority experience has helped me understand the value of serving my community through community service and/or philanthropy.	1819	2.6%	3.5%	6.2%	22.5%	65.2%
Greek-sponsored educational programming has helped me to better understand campus issues, such as sexual assault, bystander intervention, alcohol/drug use/misuse, diversity/inclusion, and mental wellness.	1815	4.7%	5.2%	10.6%	24.3%	55.2%
I feel comfortable wearing my letters in class.	1818	2.8%	5.3%	5.0%	15.8%	71.1%
I had a safe joining process.	1815	2.0%	1.8%	2.4%	7.9%	85.8%
I feel comfortable being myself with my fraternity/sorority.	1815	2.1%	2.6%	3.1%	11.7%	80.4%
Because I belong to a fraternity/sorority, I have met persons of a different cultural background than my own.	1814	3.4%	5.0%	5.2%	20.3%	66.2%
I feel comfortable confronting my peers when their behavior does not align with my values.	1816	2.6%	4.4%	7.0%	24.6%	61.3%

Respondents Not in a Fraternity or Sorority

Respondents who indicated that they are not in a fraternity or sorority generally had neutral or somewhat negative perceptions about Greek life on campus.

	N	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Overall, fraternities and sororities have a positive impact on Syracuse University.	2000	19.7%	28.6%	25.6%	18.4%	7.7%
Students who are in fraternities and sororities socialize with students who are not.	2001	11.8%	27.8%	14.0%	31.1%	15.2%
Fraternity and sorority members have a high level of community engagement.	1998	12.2%	20.7%	27.5%	27.9%	11.7%
Fraternities and sororities expect their members to respect others.	1999	21.0%	26.7%	23.8%	19.0%	9.6%
Fraternities and sororities help their members with their academics.	1998	13.7%	16.4%	43.3%	18.6%	8.1%
I feel comfortable interacting with fraternities and sororities and their members.	2000	16.2%	25.4%	17.0%	27.2%	14.2%
Fraternities and sororities encourage their members to be themselves.	1995	27.8%	25.5%	26.6%	12.4%	7.7%
Fraternities and sororities promote the health and well-being of their members.	1999	28.7%	26.6%	26.1%	12.3%	6.4%
I feel comfortable confronting my peers when their behavior does not align with my values.	1996	6.6%	12.5%	20.9%	33.8%	26.2%