

2 Respondent Profile

The figures to the right compare the respondent profiles for the MCC, MCCC, and Large College cohort samples, along with the actual MCC student population from spring 2010. Demographic data for the National and Western SSI cohorts was not available.

MCC Respondent Profile

MCC respondents to the SSI were younger and more full-time than the actual student body. The 19-24 age range included 58% of SSI respondents but only comprises 48% of the total MCC student body. Also, 7% of MCC students are over 45, while only 3% of SSI respondents were in that range.

Next, the nearly inverse difference between the actual and sample enrollment status is a result of sampling technique and the in-class administration process. Unlike the CCSSE survey, SSI results are not weighted by full-time/part-time in an attempt to correct for this phenomenon.

Just over half of respondents (54%) indicated they were in their first year at MCC, while 29% were in their second year. The most popular educational goals chosen by respondents were obtaining an associate degree (43%) and transferring to another institution (38%). About one in four students reported working full-time, 39% worked part-time and 32% were not employed.

Nearly half of students reported living with a parent; 29% rent a room or apartment, and 15% said they own a house.

Comparison Cohorts' Respondent Profiles

Both the MCCC and large college cohorts were slightly more diverse and older than the MCC sample. The large college cohort had a larger share of female respondents, as well as more respondents in who were past their second year of study. Other respondent characteristics between the three groups were similar. The inverse relationship between actual population and respondent group full-time/part-time status also appears to exist in the other cohorts.

