Interpreting the Frequency Distributions Report

Sample
The Frequency Distributions report is based on information from all randomly selected students for both CU-Boulder and AAU peers. Targeted oversamples and other non-randomly selected students are not included in this report.

Class
Frequency distributions are reported separately for first-year students and seniors. Institution-reported class ranks are used.

Variables
The items from the NSSE survey appear in the left column in the same order and wording as they appear on the instrument.

Variable Names
The name of each variable appears in the first column.

Response Options
Response options appear in the second column just as they appear on the instrument.

Count
The Count column represents the actual number of students who responded to the particular option in each question. Counts are unweighted.

Column Percentage (%)
This column represents the weighted percentage of students responding to the particular option in each question.

Weighting
Weights adjusting for gender, enrollment status, and institutional size are applied to the percentage column (%) of this report. Weights are computed separately for first-year students and seniors. Weighted results present a more accurate representation of your institution and comparison group students. Only the column percents are weighted. The counts are the actual number of respondents. Because the counts are unweighted and the column percentages are weighted, you will not be able to calculate the column percent directly from the count numbers. For more information about weighting, please visit the NSSE Web site at www.nsse.iub.edu/html/2006_inst_report.htm.