

<p>West Virginia State College Student Persistence Survey Results Summer 2002</p>
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Contacts

2246 Students in Spring 01 courses, but not registered for Fall 01 term
-156 Undeliverable or Returned Addresses
2090 Surveys Mailed to Students' Residences

Responses

141 Surveys completed by students and returned (7% return rate)
89 Students did not request further follow-up
52 Students requested further follow-up to get registered

Results

Demographics

- Student's majors ran the gamut; no single major stood out as more prevalent
- Students' year in school was nearly equal with 20% from each FR, SO & JR;
- Seniors accounted for 40% of the responses; 80% of them had just graduated in May

Purpose for attending WVSC

74% Desire to Earn a College Certificate or 2yr/4yr Degree
14% To see if College is what I want
10% Transient student
7% Interested in personal/professional growth

Over all experience at WVSC

24% Very positive
50% Positive
19% Neutral
3% Negative
2% Very negative

Top Four Reasons for Not Registering

- Conflict with work and/or home
- Academic Advising difficulties
- Transferring to different school
- Could not get desired classes

Will the Students Register in the Future?

31% just completed a WVSC degree = no
44% will register ASAP
11% will register eventually
10% may or likely will not register

Correlations and Consistencies between 2001 & 2002

- Most students were degree-seeking (68% in 01 & 74% in 02)
- Top two issues identified for assistance/follow-up both years included:
 - ~ Academic Advising—who do I see? Where do I go?
 - ~ Financial Assistance—what is the hold on my account? What happened to my financial aid?
- Academic advising difficulties and conflict with work/home were top two reasons for not registering both years
- Both years yielded just a 7% return rate