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## 2011 Your First College Year Survey

CIRP Longitudinal Construct Reports
First-time, Full-time Freshman

## College of Charleston

comparison group 1: Public 4yr Colleges
comparison group 2: Public/Private Universities, Public 4yr Colleges

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How to Read the CIRP Longitudinal Construct Reports ..... H1
All Respondents
a. Habits of Mind ..... 1Ab. Pluralistic Orientation
c. Social Agency$\underline{1 C}$
d. Academic Self-Concept ..... 1D
e. Social Self-Concep ..... 1E
Men
. Habits of Mind
b. Pluralistic Orientation ..... 2A
c. Social Agency ..... $\underline{2 \mathrm{C}}$
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c. Social Agency ..... 3 C
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Mean - The arithmetic mean is computed for each CIRP Construct. The CIRP Freshman Survey Constructs and the non-longitudinal YFCY Constructs have been scaled oo mean of 50 and a standard deviation of 10 . The tandard deviation of 10 . The ongitudinal YFCY construct cores have been adjusted pwards or downwards from a mean of 50 during the IRT coring process depending on scoring process depending on population, the standard eviation remains 10

Mean Charts - Provide a visual display of relevant construct scores for your institution and two comparison roups. The $Y$-axis is defined by the highest and lowest possible construct score. M cores are represented by circles. The numbers at the to and bottom of the vertica/line are values for the 75th a did 25th percentile.

## tatistical Significance -

 Uses t-test to examine the difference between the mean onstruct score on the mean reshman Survey and YFCY Constructs with mean ifferences that are larger than ould be expected by chance noted with one, two, or ree stars, which correspon the three standard levels of significance (*p<.05, **p<.01, and $\left.{ }^{* * *} p<.001\right)$. Statistical significance measures the extent to which a difference is occurring by chance, not the xtent to which a difference is extent to which a diference is important. Large sample sizes roups) tend to generate statistical significance even though the magnitude of the ifference may be small and ot practically significant. In order to provide additional context to statisticalsignificance, effect sizes are provided.

The scores for the longitudinal CIRP Constructs were derived using IRT methods specifically designed to measure within-person change, allowing institutions to measure change among their student population over time as well as to compare the change in their student population to that of their comparison groups. Th top portion of this report shows comparative information based on the mean score of a construct and the bottom portion shows the information based on the percentage of students who score in the high, average and low score groups for the construct.


Comp 1 - The first comparison group is based on your institution's type and control.

Comp 2 - The second comparison group is based on a similar grouping of institution by type and control.

## Standard Deviation -

 Measures the variability around the mean. A small standard deviation indicates that the responses for the construc end to be very close to the mean, whereas a large standard deviation indicates that the responses are spread over a larger range of response options.Effect Size - Determines the practical significance of the mean difference between the TFS and the YFCY. It is calculated by dividing the mean differences between the TFS and the YFCY by the standard deviation of the YFCY. Generally, an effect size of .2 is considered small, .5 medium, and .8 large. A positive effect size indicates YFCY is greater than the TFS; a negative sign indicates that the construct score of the YFCY is smaller than the TFS

Survey Items and Estimation "Weights" - The survey tems used in the creation of the CIRP Construct are presented in the order in which they contribute to th construct along with the estimation weights generated in IRT. Items that tap into a trait more effectively are given greater weight in the estimation process.

Percentage Charts - Provide a visual display of the construct score group percentages for your institution and two comparison groups. The cut-off points for the groups are based on the scaled mean score from the CIRP Freshman Survey. "Low" represents students who scored one-half of a standard deviation below the mean (less than 45). "Average" represents students who scored within one-half of a standard deviation of the mean (45 to 55). "High" represents students who scored onehalf standard deviation or more above mean (higher than 55).


Note: Significance * $p<.05,{ }^{* *} p<.01,{ }^{* * *} p<.001$

| COOPERATIVE INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH P at the HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH INSTIT <br> College of Charleston | 2010 CIRP Freshman Survey / 2011 Your First College Year Survey Pluralistic Orientation <br> CIRP Longitudinal Construct Report <br> All Respondents |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Your Institution |  |  | Comp Group 1 |  |  | Comp Group 2 |  |  |
|  | TFS | YFCY | Change | TFS | YFCY | Change | TFS | YFCY | Change |
| Longitudinal Mean Report <br> Total (n) <br> Mean <br> Standard Deviation <br> Significance <br> Effect Size | $\begin{array}{r} 177 \\ 49.7 \\ 8.94 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 177 \\ 51.1 \\ 10.40 \\ \\ -0.13 \end{array}$ | $1.4$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,785 \\ 49.1 \\ 9.58 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,785 \\ 50.2 \\ 10.57 \\ * * * \\ -0.11 \end{array}$ | 1.1 | $\begin{array}{r} 6,191 \\ 50.7 \\ 9.49 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,191 \\ 51.0 \\ 10.47 \\ * \\ -0.04 \end{array}$ | 0.4 |
| 25th percentile 75th percentile | $\begin{aligned} & 43.0 \\ & 54.9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 45.4 \\ & 57.7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.4 \\ & 2.8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 42.4 \\ & 54.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 42.6 \\ & 56.9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.2 \\ & 2.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 43.9 \\ & 57.0 \end{aligned}$ | 43.8 57.6 | $\begin{array}{r} -0.1 \\ 0.6 \end{array}$ |
| The population mean at the end of the first year increased by 0.6 . |  | ur Institutio <br> 49.7 |  |  | mp Group <br> 49.1 | 6.9 <br> 50.2 <br> 2.6 <br> FCY | 2.7 <br> 6.6 | mp Group <br> 50.7 |  |
| Longitudinal Percentage Report Total (n) <br> High Construct Score Group <br> Average Construct Score Group <br> Low Construct Score Group <br> Significance (based on High Score Group) | $\begin{array}{r} 177 \\ 24.3 \% \\ 45.2 \% \\ 30.5 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 177 \\ 29.4 \% \\ 46.3 \% \\ 24.3 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.1 \% \\ 1.1 \% \\ -6.2 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,785 \\ 24.0 \% \\ 41.0 \% \\ 35.0 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1,785 \\ 28.5 \% \\ 41.1 \% \\ 30.4 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4.5 \% \\ 0.1 \% \\ -4.6 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 6,191 \\ 30.1 \% \\ 41.7 \% \\ 28.2 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 6,191 \\ 30.5 \% \\ 42.4 \% \\ 27.1 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.4 \% \\ 0.7 \% \\ -1.1 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| Survey items and estimation 'weights': <br> Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age: <br> * Tolerance of others with different beliefs (3.01) <br> * Ability to work cooperatively with diverse people (2.74) <br> * Ability to discuss and negotiate controversial issues (2.57) <br> * Openness to having my own views challenged (2.44) <br> * Ability to see the world from someone else's perspective (2.43) |  | Institutio <br> Score Gro |  |  | mp Group Score Gr | $.5 \%$ <br> CY |  | np Group <br> Score Group | $30.5 \%$ <br> YFCY |






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