

CCSSE 2008 Codebook

Please note the following for the CCSSE dataset:

- Invalid responses are coded as missing “.”

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label	Response Value
	SURVEYNO	Survey Number	
1	ENTER	Did you begin college at this college or elsewhere?	1=Started here 2=Started elsewhere
2	ENRLMENT	Thinking about this current academic term, how would you characterize your enrollment <u>at this college</u> ?	1= Less than full-time 2=Full-time
3	SRVAGAIN	Have you taken this survey in another class this term?	1=Yes 2=No

4) In your experiences at this college during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?

NOTE: All items below have the following response values:

- 1=Never**
2=Sometimes
3=Often
4=Very often

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label
4a	CLQUEST	Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions
4b	CLPRESEN	Made a class presentation
4c	REWROPAP	Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in
4d	INTEGRAT	Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources
4e	CLUNPREP	Come to class without completing readings or assignments
4f	CLASSGRP	Worked with other students on projects during class
4g	OCCGRP	Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments
4h	TUTOR	Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)
4i	COMMPROJ	Participated in a community-based project as a part of a regular course
4j	INTERNET	Used the Internet or instant messaging to work on an assignment
4k	EMAIL	Used email to communicate with an instructor
4l	FACGRADE	Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor
4m	FACPLANS	Talked about career plans with an instructor or advisor
4n	FACIDEAS	Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with instructors outside of class
4o	FACFEED	Received prompt feedback (written or oral) from instructors on your performance

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label
4p	WORKHARD	Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations
4q	FACOTH	Worked with instructors on activities other than coursework
4r	OOCIDEAS	Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.)
4s	DIVRSTUD	Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity other than your own
4t	DIFFSTUD	Had serious conversations with students who differ from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values
4u	SKIPCLAS	Skipped class

5) During the current school year, how much has your coursework at this college emphasized the following mental activities?

NOTE: All items below have the following response values:

1=Very little
2=Some
3=Quite a bit
4=Very much

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label
5a	MEMORIZE	Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your courses and readings so you can repeat them in pretty much the same form
5b	ANALYZE	Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory
5c	SYNTHESZ	Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences in new ways
5d	EVALUATE	Making judgments about the value or soundness of information, arguments, or methods
5e	APPLYING	Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations
5f	PERFORM	Using information you have read or heard to perform a new skill.

6) During the current school year, about how much reading and writing have you done at this college?

NOTE: All items below have the following response values:

- 1=None**
- 2=Between 1 and 4**
- 3=Between 5 and 10**
- 4=Between 11 and 20**
- 5=More than 20**

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label
6a	READASGN	Number of assigned textbooks, manuals, books, or book-length packs of course readings
6b	READOWN	Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment
6c	WRITEANY	Number of written papers or reports of any length

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label	Response Value
7	EXAMS	Mark the box that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current school year have challenged you to do your best work <u>at this college</u>	Responses range from 1 to 7, with scale anchors described: (1) Extremely easy (7) Extremely challenging

8) Which of the following have you done, are you doing, or do you plan to do while attending this college?

NOTE: All items below have the following response values:

- 1=I Have Not Done, Nor Plan To Do**
- 2=I Plan To Do**
- 3=I Have Done**

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label
8a	INTERN	Internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment
8b	ESL	English as a second language course
8c	DEVREAD	Developmental/remedial reading course
8d	DEVWRITE	Developmental/remedial writing course
8e	DEVMATH	Developmental/remedial math course
8f	STUDSKIL	Study skills course
8g	HONORS	Honors course
8h	ORIEN	College orientation program or course
8i	LRNCOMM	Organized learning communities (linked courses/study groups led by faculty or counselors)

9) How much does this college emphasize each of the following?

NOTE: All items below have the following response values:

- 1=Very little**
- 2=Some**
- 3=Quite a bit**
- 4=Very much**

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label
9a	ENVSCHOL	Encouraging you to spend significant amounts of time studying
9b	ENVSUPRT	Providing the support you need to help you succeed at this college
9c	ENVDIVRS	Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds
9d	ENVNACAD	Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)
9e	ENVSOCAL	Providing the support you need to thrive socially
9f	FINSUPP	Providing the financial support you need to afford your education
9g	ENVCOMP	Using computers in academic work

10) About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following?

NOTE: All items below have the following response values:

- 0=None**
- 1=1-5 hours**
- 2=6-10 hours**
- 3=11-20 hours**
- 4=21-30 hours**
- 5=More than 30 hours**

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label
10a	ACADPR01	Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, rehearsing, doing homework, or other activities related to your program)
10b	PAYWORK	Working for pay
10c	COCURR01	Participating in college-sponsored activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)
10d	CAREDE01	Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)
10e	COMMUTE	Commuting to and from classes

11) Mark the box that best represents the quality of your relationships with people at this college. Your relationship with:

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label	Response Value
11a	ENVSTU	Other students	Responses range from 1 to 7, with scale anchors described as: (1) Unfriendly, unsupportive, sense of alienation (7) Friendly, supportive, sense of belonging
11b	ENVFAC	Instructors	Responses range from 1 to 7, with scale anchors described as: (1) Unavailable, unhelpful, unsympathetic (7) Available, helpful, sympathetic
11c	ENVADM	Administrative personnel and offices	Responses range from 1 to 7, with scale anchors described as: (1) Unhelpful, inconsiderate, rigid (7) Helpful, considerate, flexible

12) How much has YOUR EXPERIENCE AT THIS COLLEGE contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?

NOTE: All items below have the following response values:

- 1=Very little**
- 2=Some**
- 3=Quite a bit**
- 4=Very much**

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label
12a	GNGENLED	Acquiring a broad general education
12b	GNWORK	Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills
12c	GNWRITE	Writing clearly and effectively
12d	GNSPEAK	Speaking clearly and effectively
12e	GNANALY	Thinking critically and analytically
12f	GNSOLVE	Solving numerical problems
12g	GNCMPTS	Using computing and information technology
12h	GNOTHERS	Working effectively with others
12i	GNINQ	Learning effectively on your own
12j	GNSSELF	Understanding yourself
12k	GNDIVERS	Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds
12l	GNETHICS	Developing a personal code of values and ethics
12m	GNCOMMUN	Contributing to the welfare of your community
12n	CARGOAL	Developing clearer career goals
12o	GAINCAR	Gaining information about career opportunities

13a) Indicate how often you use the following services.

NOTE: All items below have the following response values:

0=Don't Know/N.A
1=Rarely/never
2=Sometimes
3=Often

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label
13a1	USEACAD	Frequency: Academic advising/planning
13b1	USECACOU	Frequency: Career counseling
13c1	USEJOBPL	Frequency: Job placement assistance
13d1	USETUTOR	Frequency: Peer or other tutoring
13e1	USELAB	Frequency: Skill labs (writing, math, etc.)
13f1	USECHLD	Frequency: Child care
13g1	USEFAADV	Frequency: Financial aid advising
13h1	USECOMLB	Frequency: Computer lab
13i1	USESTORG	Frequency: Student organizations
13j1	USETRCRD	Frequency: Transfer credit assistance
13k1	USEDISAB	Frequency: Services to students with disabilities

13b) Indicate how satisfied you are with the services at this college.

NOTE: All items below have the following response values:

0=N.A.
1=Not at all
2=Somewhat
3=Very

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label
13a2	SATACAD	Satisfaction: Academic advising/planning
13b2	SATCACOU	Satisfaction: Career Counseling
13c2	SATJOBPL	Satisfaction: Job placement assistance
13d2	SATTUTOR	Satisfaction: Peer or other tutoring
13e2	SATLAB	Satisfaction: Skill labs (writing, math, etc.)
13f2	SATCHLD	Satisfaction: Child care
13g2	SATFAADV	Satisfaction: Financial aid advising
13h2	SATCOMLB	Satisfaction: Computer lab
13i2	SATSTORG	Satisfaction: Student organizations
13j2	SATTRCRD	Satisfaction: Transfer credit assistance
13k2	SATDISAB	Satisfaction: Services to students with disabilities

13c) Indicate how important the services are to you.

NOTE: All items below have the following response values:

1=Not at all
2=Somewhat
3=Very

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label
13a3	IMPACAD	Importance: Academic advising/planning
13b3	IMPCACOU	Importance: Career counseling
13c3	IMPJOBPL	Importance: Job placement assistance
13d3	IMPTUTOR	Importance: Peer or other tutoring
13e3	IMPLAB	Importance: Skill labs (writing, math, etc.)
13f3	IMPCHLD	Importance: Child care
13g3	IMPFAADV	Importance: Financial aid advising
13h3	IMPCOMLB	Importance: Computer lab
13i3	IMPSTORG	Importance: Student organizations
13j3	IMPTRCRD	Importance: Transfer credit assistance
13k3	IMPDISAB	Importance: Services to students with disabilities

14) How likely is it that the following issues would cause you to withdraw from class or from this college?

NOTE: All items below have the following response values:

1=Not Likely
2=Somewhat Likely
3=Likely
4=Very Likely

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label
14a	WRKFULL	Working full-time
14b	CAREDEP	Caring for dependents
14c	ACADUNP	Academically unprepared
14d	LACKFIN	Lack of finances
14e	TRANSFER	Transfer to a 4-year college or university

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label	Response Value
15	FRNDSUPP	How supportive are your friends of your attending <u>this college</u> ?	1=Not very 2=Somewhat 3=Quite a bit 4=Extremely
16	FAMSUPP	How supportive is your immediate family of your attending <u>this college</u> ?	1=Not very 2=Somewhat 3=Quite a bit 4=Extremely

17) Indicate which of the following are your reasons/goals for attending this college.

NOTE: All items below have the following response values:

- 1=Not a goal**
- 2=Secondary goal**
- 3=Primary goal**

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label
17a	CERTPRGM	Complete a certificate program
17b	ASSOCDEG	Obtain an associate degree
17c	TR4YR	Transfer to a 4-year college or university
17d	OBUPSKIL	Obtain or update job-related skills
17e	SLFIMP	Self-improvement/personal enjoyment
17f	CARCHNG	Change careers

18) Indicate which of the following are sources you use to pay your tuition at this college.
(Please respond to each item)

NOTE: All items below have the following response values:

- 1=Not a source**
- 2=Minor source**
- 3=Major source**

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label
18a	OWNINC	My own income/savings
18b	PARSPINC	Parent or spouse/significant other's income/savings
18c	EMPLOYER	Employer contributions
18d	GRANTS	Grants and scholarships
18e	STULOANS	Student loans (bank, etc.)
18f	PUBASSIT	Public assistance

19) Since high school, which of the following types of schools have you attended other than the one you are now attending?

This question asks students to select all options that apply. To permit multiple responses, the question is represented in the codebook by five separate items the student either checks or does not check.

NOTE: All items below have the following response values:

- 0=No response**
- 1=Response**

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label
19a	PROPSCH	Proprietary (private) school or training program
19b	VOCTECH	Public vocational-technical school
19c	COMMCOLL	Another community or technical college
19d	FOURYEAR	4-year college or university
19e	NONESC	None

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label	Response Value
20	TAKAGAIN	When do you plan to take classes <u>at this college</u> again?	1=I will accomplish my goal(s) this term and will not be returning 2=I have no current plans to return 3=Within the next 12 months 4= Uncertain
21	GPA	At this college, in what range is your overall college grade average?	1=Pass/fail classes only 2=Do not have a GPA at this school 3=C- or lower 4=C 5=B- to C+ 6=B 7=A- to B+ 8=A
22	TIMCLASS	When do you most frequently take classes <u>at this college</u> ?	1=Day classes (morning or afternoon) 2=Evening classes 3=Weekend classes
23	TOTCHRS	How many TOTAL credit hours have you earned <u>at this college</u> , not counting the courses you are currently taking this term?	0=None 1=1 – 14 credits 2=15 – 29 credits 3=30 – 44 credits 4=45 – 60 credits 5= over 60 credits

24) At what other types of institutions are you taking classes this term?

This question asks students to select all options that apply. To permit multiple responses, the question is represented in the codebook by six separate items the student either checks or does not check.

NOTE: All items below have the following response values:

0=No response

1=Response

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label
24a	OTCLSNON	None
24b	OTCLSHS	High school
24c	OTCLSVT	Vocational/technical school
24d	OTCLSCC	Another community or technical college
24e	OTCLS4Y	4-year college/ university
24f	OTCLASS	Other

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label	Response Value
25	OTHINST	How many classes are you <i>presently</i> taking at OTHER institutions?	1=None 2=1 class 3=2 classes 4=3 classes 5=4 classes or more
26	RECOMMEN	Would you recommend this college to a friend or family member?	1=Yes 2=No
27	ENTIREXP	How would you evaluate your entire educational experience <u>at this college</u> ?	1=Poor 2=Fair 3=Good 4=Excellent
28	HAVKID	Do you have children who live with you?	1=Yes 2=No
29	AGENEW	Mark your age group	1=Under 18 2=18 to 19 3=20 to 21 4=22 to 24 5=25 to 29 6=30 to 39 7=40 to 49 8=50 to 64 9=65+
30	SEX	Your sex	1=Male 2=Female
31	MARRY	Are you married?	1=Yes 2=No
32	ENGFIRST	Is English your native (first) language?	1=Yes 2=No
33	INTERNAT	Are you an international student or foreign national?	1=Yes 2=No
34	RERACE	What is your racial identification? (Mark only one)	1=American Indian or other Native American 2=Asian, Asian American or Pacific Islander 3=Native Hawaiian 4=Black or African American, Non-Hispanic 5=White, Non-Hispanic 6=Hispanic, Latino, Spanish 7=Other
35	HIACCRED	What is the highest academic credential you have earned?	1=None 2=High school diploma or GED 3=Vocational/technical certificate 4= Associate degree 5= Bachelor's degree 6= Master's/doctoral/professional degree

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label	Response Value
36m	MOTHED	Highest level of education: mother	1=Not a high school graduate 2=High school diploma or GED 3=Some college, did not complete degree 4=Associate degree 5=Bachelor's degree 6=Master's/1 st professional degree 7=Doctorate degree 8=Unknown
36f	FATHED	Highest level of education: father	1=Not a high school graduate 2=High school diploma or GED 3=Some college, did not complete degree 4=Associate degree 5=Bachelor's degree 6=Master's/1 st professional degree 7=Doctorate degree 8=Unknown
37	MAJOR	Using the list provided (see <i>CCSSE Program Code Sheet p.15</i>), please write the code indicating your major	
38	STID	*Student Identification Number	

* Please see cover letter

The items below contain course level data from the Course Master Data File:

Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label	Response Value
psample	Record in primary sample	0=False 1=True
in	Survey number in range for packet	0=False 1=True
sdate	Course start date	
edate	Course end date	
timegrp	Administration Time Group	1=Morning (Before Noon) 2=Afternoon (Noon to 4:59) 3=Evening (5:00 or later)
camploc	Campus location	
secno	Section number	
courseno	Course number	
courname	Course full name	
bldg	Building	
room	Room	
meetdays	Class meeting days	
instrnam	Instructor name	
depart	Department	
actenrol	Actual enrollment	
stime	Class start time	
etime	Class end time	

The items below refer to derived CCSSE variables:

Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label	Response Value
credit	Credit hours completed	1=Students with 0-29 Credits 2=Students with 30 or More Credits
stud_age_class	Traditional/Nontraditional age students	1=Traditional Age Student (24 and younger) 2=Nontraditional Age Student (25 and older)
developmental	Developmental/Nondevelopmental coursework	1=Nondevelopmental 2=Developmental
generation	First-Generation/Not First-Generation Students	1=First-Generation (neither parent attended college) 2=Not First-Generation (at least one parent attended college)
credential	Credential/Noncredential seeking	1=Noncredential Seeking 2=Credential Seeking

The items below contain course level data from the class information sheet:

Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label	Response Value
SRVADMN	Survey administered by	1=Faculty 2=Survey Administrator
FACFTPT	Faculty member's status	1=Full-time 2=Part-time
NUMSTU	Number of students in attendance	
ADMNTIME	Total administration time: <i>in minutes</i>	
ADMNDATE	Administration date	
SPNEEDS	How many students in this class have special needs?	
SEMHR	Number of credit hours taught this semester by faculty member teaching this class: Semester system hours	
QRTHRS	Number of credit hours taught this semester by faculty member teaching this class: Quarter system hours	

The items below are calculated weights and benchmarks:

Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label
iweight	Institutional weight based on part-time/full-time enrollment
actcoll	Active and collaborative learning benchmark score (rescaled from 0 to 1)
stueff	Student effort benchmark score (rescaled from 0 to 1)
acchall	Academic challenge benchmark score (rescaled from 0 to 1)
stufac	Student-faculty interaction benchmark score (rescaled from 0 to 1)
support	Support for learners benchmark score (rescaled from 0 to 1)

The items below are standardized benchmarks:

Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label
actcoll_std	Standardized active and collaborative learning benchmark score (mean of 50)
stueff_std	Standardized student effort benchmark score (mean of 50)
acchall_std	Standardized academic challenge benchmark score (mean of 50)
stufac_std	Standardized student-faculty interaction benchmark score (mean of 50)
support_std	Standardized support for learners benchmark score (mean of 50)

The items below refer to the CCSSE Supplemental Questions:

Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label	Response Value
1	COLLQ385	Have you submitted the form for financial aid known as the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to pay for your expenses <u>at this college</u> ?	A= Yes B= No C= Don't recall D= Don't know what it is

If you answered “B” (No) to question #1, please continue to question #2; otherwise, please skip to question #4.

2	COLLQ386	If you did <u>not</u> fill out the form for financial aid (FAFSA), what was the <u>main reason</u> you did not? Mark only one response.	A= Did not want to provide sensitive, personal information (such as tax or immigration information) B= The form was too complex/complicated to fill out C= Did not think I would qualify for financial aid D= Did not need any financial aid E= Other
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If you answered “C” (Did not think I would qualify for financial aid) to question #2, please continue to question #3; otherwise, please skip to question #4.

3	COLLQ387	If you did <u>not</u> fill out the form for financial aid (FAFSA) because you thought that you would not qualify for financial aid, what was the <u>main reason</u> you thought you would not receive any financial aid? Mark only one response.	A= My income and/or family's income or savings are too much for me to qualify for financial aid B= I would not qualify for financial aid due to the number of credit hours I am taking C= I would not qualify for financial aid due to poor grades D= Someone told me I would not be eligible E= Other
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Item #	Variable Name	Item Description/Variable Label	Response Value
4	COLLQ388	Did you receive (or have you been <i>notified</i> that you will receive) ANY TYPE of financial aid (scholarships, grants, loans) to help pay for college? Mark only one response.	A= Did not receive any type of financial aid B= Received or will receive scholarship(s) and/or grant(s) (money that DOES NOT have to be paid back) C= Received or will receive loan(s) (money that DOES have to be paid back) D= Received or will receive both scholarship(s)/grant(s) and loans E= Don't know yet whether I will receive any financial aid
5	COLLQ389	Which ONE of the following BEST describes the source from which you originally learned about the process for applying for financial aid to help pay for college? Mark only one response.	A= Parents or other family members B= High school counselor or teacher C= College employee/staff member D= Friend or other student E= Did not learn about the financial aid application process

CCSSE Program Code Sheet

- 01 = Agriculture
- 02 = Allied Health Professions & Related Sciences (nursing, physical therapy, dental, EMT, veterinary, etc.)
- 03 = Architecture & Related Programs (city/urban, community/regional planning, etc.)
- 04 = Biological Sciences/Life Sciences (biology, biochemistry, botany, zoology, etc.)
- 05 = Business Management & Administrative Services (accounting, business admin., marketing, management, real estate, etc.)
- 06 = Communications (advertising, journalism, television/radio, etc.)
- 07 = Computer & Information Sciences
- 08 = Conservation & Renewable Natural Resources (fishing, forestry, wildlife, etc.)
- 09 = Construction Trades (masonry, carpentry, plumbing & pipe fitters, etc.)
- 10 = Education
- 11 = Engineering Technologies/Technicians
- 12 = English Language & Literature/Letters (composition, creative writing, etc.)
- 13 = Foreign Languages & Literatures (French, Spanish, etc.)
- 14 = History
- 15 = Law & Legal Studies
- 16 = Liberal Arts & Sciences, General Studies & Humanities
- 17 = Mathematics
- 18 = Technicians & Repairers (A/C, heating & refrigeration, auto body, electrical/electronic equipment, etc.)
- 19 = Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies (international relations, ecology, environmental studies, etc.)
- 20 = Parks, Recreation, Leisure & Fitness Studies
- 21 = Personal & Miscellaneous Services (gaming & sports, cosmetic, culinary, etc.)
- 22 = Physical Sciences (astronomy, chemistry, geology, physics, etc.)
- 23 = Precision Production Trades (drafting, graphic, precious metal worker, etc.)
- 24 = Protective Services (criminal justice & corrections, fire protection, etc.)
- 25 = Psychology
- 26 = Public Administration & Services (public policy, social work, etc.)
- 27 = Science Technologies (biological technology, nuclear & industrial radiological technology, etc.)
- 28 = Social Sciences & History (anthropology, archeology, economics, geography, history, political science, sociology, etc.)
- 29 = Transportation & Materials Moving Workers (air, vehicle, & water workers, etc.)
- 30 = Visual & Performing Arts (art, music, theater, dance, etc.)
- 31 = Vocational Home Economics (child care/guidance worker & manager, clothing, apparel, & textile worker, housekeeping, etc.)
- 32 = University transfer
- 33 = Undecided
- 34 = Other
- 35 = Not applicable