

**Community College Survey of Student Engagement - 2026 Cohort
2026 Benchmark Frequency Distributions - Main Survey**

[Weighted]
Academic Challenge (ACCHALL)

			2026 Cohort	
Item	Variable	Responses	Count	Percent
Item 4: In your experiences at this college during the current academic year, about how often have you done each of the following?				
4a. Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations [ACCHALL]	WORKHARD	Never	17,383	9.7
		Sometimes	62,623	35.0
		Often	60,678	33.9
		Very often	38,339	21.4
		Total	179,023	100.0
Item 5: During the current academic year, how much has your coursework at this college emphasized the following mental activities?				
5b. Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory [ACCHALL]	ANALYZE	Very little	6,188	3.5
		Some	38,149	21.8
		Quite a bit	73,953	42.3
		Very much	56,453	32.3
		Total	174,742	100.0
5c. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information [ACCHALL]	NEWIDEAS	Very little	7,410	4.2
		Some	39,851	22.8
		Quite a bit	70,756	40.5
		Very much	56,497	32.4
		Total	174,514	100.0
5d. Making judgements about the value or soundness of information, arguments, or methods [ACCHALL]	EVALUATE	Very little	20,158	11.5
		Some	52,233	29.9
		Quite a bit	60,218	34.5
		Very much	41,930	24.0
		Total	174,538	100.0
5e. Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations [ACCHALL]	APPLYING	Very little	13,347	7.6
		Some	46,847	26.8
		Quite a bit	62,438	35.7
		Very much	52,044	29.8
		Total	174,676	100.0
5f. Using information you have read or heard to perform a new skill [ACCHALL]	PERFORM	Very little	10,745	6.1
		Some	39,319	22.5
		Quite a bit	60,517	34.6
		Very much	64,341	36.8
		Total	174,923	100.0
Item 6: During the current academic year, how much reading and writing have you done at this college?				
6a. Number of assigned textbooks, manuals, books, or packets of course readings [ACCHALL]	ASSIGREAD	None	6,473	3.7
		1–4	81,668	47.0
		5–10	42,138	24.3
		11–20	21,242	12.2
		More than 20	22,111	12.7
		Total	173,632	100.0

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6c. Number of written papers or reports of any length [ACCHALL]	NUMPAPRRPTS	None	22,511	12.9
		1–4	63,412	36.5
		5–10	50,444	29.0
		11–20	23,137	13.3
		More than 20	14,443	8.3
		Total	173,947	100.0
Item 7				
7. Mark the response that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current academic year have challenged you to do your best work at this college [ACCHALL]	CHALNGXAM	Extremely easy	1,173	0.7
		(2)	2,807	1.6
		(3)	7,384	4.3
		(4)	30,728	17.9
		(5)	53,636	31.2
		(6)	59,595	34.7
		Extremely challenging	16,480	9.6
		Total	171,804	100.0
Item 9: How much does this college emphasize the following?				
9a. Encouraging you to spend significant amounts of time studying [ACCHALL]	ENVSCHOL	Very little	5,899	3.4
		Some	36,731	21.3
		Quite a bit	71,742	41.7
		Very much	57,679	33.5
		Total	172,050	100.0