

CSUSM

Kickstart Survey

In Fall 2023, CSUSM administered the 'Kickstart' survey which gathered information from incoming freshmen about their prior academic experiences as well as their expectations for the upcoming semester at CSUSM

EXPECTED HOURS PER WEEK TO STUDY AND PREPARE FOR CLASS...

High School **Experience**

First Year at **CSUSM**





...AND TO PARTICIPATE IN **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.**

High School Experience

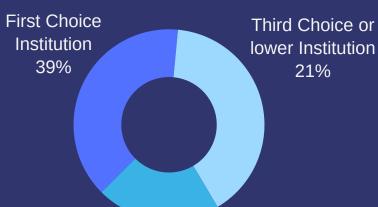
First Year at **CSUSM**





STUDENTS INDICATE IF CSUSM WAS THEIR FIRST CHOICE INSTITUTION

21%



Second Choice Institution 40%



Expected Academic Perseverance Students rated their certainty at least an X on a scale from 1= Not at all certain to 6= Very certain











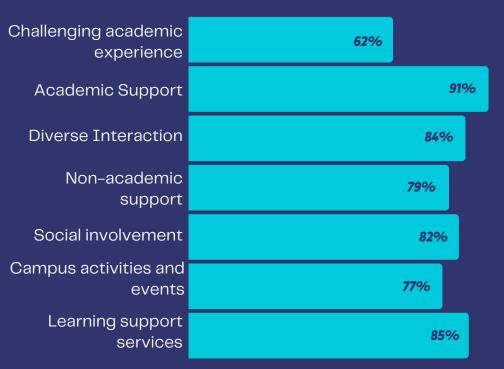
...study even when ...find additional there are other interesting things when material

information is challenging. ...participate in ...ask course discussion, even when they don't feel like it.

instructors for help when struggling.

...finish despite challenges. ...stay positive, even after doing poorly on a test.

CAMPUS CHARACTERISTICS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT



CONCERNS ABOUT THE UPCOMING **SCHOOL YEAR...**

- 42% anticipate feeling homesick
- 60% anticipate feeling lonely
- 77% have concerns about maintaining positive mental health
- 85% are worried about avoiding mental or emotional exhaustion
- 80% have concerns about sleeping well

The Kickstart Survey was administered from August 28 to September 11, 2023 with a response rate of 32.4% for newly admitted first-year students (N= 900). Questions? Contact survey@csusm.edu