



## FAQs

### What is the NACCC?

The National Assessment of Collegiate Campus Climates (the “NACCC”) is a national quantitative survey on campus racial climate created by the USC Race and Equity Center, specifically designed for community colleges and 4-year institutions.

### Why is NACCC Participation Important?

Every week, *Inside Higher Ed*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, and other news outlets report on racial incidents on campuses across the United States. The NACCC is so important because these issues are so pervasive. To effectively address them, institutional leaders must have better information and more guidance that is informed by data collected from their campus communities.

### How is the NACCC unique among campus climate surveys?

The NACCC focuses exclusively on campus racial climate, or the extent to which race matters on campus. The NACCC survey is based on more than a decade of our Center’s qualitative work and crafted by race, equity, and inclusion experts on the NACCC Advisory Panel who worked together to identify the most salient survey content areas and questions today in the field of campus racial climate.

### How long is the NACCC survey?

Given that respondent burden and general survey fatigue is always of concern, the focus on campus racial climate allows the NACCC to cover this topic in-depth, while maintaining the survey length at approximately 15 minutes.

## What is the basis for the NACCC?

The NACCC survey content is based on more than a decade of the Race and Equity Center's qualitative climate studies at colleges and universities across the country. In addition, college and university presidents and provosts, campus diversity and inclusion officers, race and equity content faculty and experts, postsecondary institution membership association directors, institutional researchers, and survey methodologists comprise the NACCC Advisory Panel. This group consults with NACCC survey team on best practices for the content, methodology, and administration of the NACCC survey, as well as the best ways to engage colleges and universities with their NACCC results. Race, equity, and inclusion experts on the NACCC Advisory Panel worked together to identify the most salient survey content areas and questions today in the field of campus racial climate.

## What topics are included in the NACCC?

The NACCC includes the following six content areas essential to understanding racial climate on campus, plus demographic information: mattering and affirmation, cross-racial engagement, encounters with racial stress, racial learning and literacy, appraisals of institutional commitment, and impact of external environments.

## Who is eligible to participate in the NACCC?

The NACCC is open to any community college or 4-year institution in the United States. All students and employees at participating colleges and universities can be invited to complete the NACCC survey.

## Is the survey legitimate?

Your college or university signs an agreement with the USC Race and Equity Center to participate and the NACCC keeps individual participant responses under strictest confidence. The NACCC survey team will not provide your college or university, or anyone, with individual identifiers such as names, IDs, or email addresses. Summary reports with aggregated data will be created and will include no personally identifying information.

## **I am nervous about providing my true feelings about race on campus in the survey.**

Your feelings are completely understandable. However, all of the information you provide will be kept confidential and your individual data will only be accessible to NACCC survey administrators who are under strict confidentiality requirements. For the sake of improving their campus climate, we want participants to express their honest and true feelings about race on their campus. Your honesty is tremendously important to helping your campus administrators understand the actual experiences of everyone on campus.

## **Why should I take my time to complete yet another survey?**

By completing this survey, you are an active participant in inspiring change on your campus. Your voice matters! As a participant, you know your campus better than anyone. Without your input, important aspects of campus life may be unintentionally ignored. But with your answers, college and university leaders will receive valuable information that they can use to improve the racial climate on your campus and the experiences of everyone.

## **I still have more questions.**

For other questions about the NACCC, contact us at [nacccsrv@usc.edu](mailto:nacccsrv@usc.edu).