



The Vital Link to a Brighter Future

North Dakota University System Needs Assessment Survey

American College Testing (ACT)

Survey Data

- Total number of individuals contacted by email: 20,826
- Approximate number of individuals with valid email: 19,800 (approximately)
- Total number of individuals logged into the survey: 4,459
- Individuals providing any valid responses: 3,877
- Residents of North Dakota: 2,968
- Non-Residents of North Dakota: 813
- Individuals not indicating what state they reside in: 96
- Individuals providing less than 25.25% responses to questions: 288
- Total individuals included in the data set for processing: 2,776

ACT Adult Learner Needs Assessment Survey (ALNAS) Summary Report

- Background Information
- Educational Plans and Preferences
- Personal and Educational Needs
- Additional Questions

Background Information

(2,776)

- Age Distribution from 19 to 62 and over
- 40% were 45 and older
- 72% were female
- 35% currently enrolled in courses
- 17% have not been enrolled in ten years
- 52% are planning to continue their education

Educational Plans and Preferences

1. To become better educated and informed
2. **For general self-improvement**
3. To improve my income
4. **For personal satisfaction or happiness**
5. To meet job requirements or improve job skills
6. To obtain a higher degree
7. To obtain or maintain a certification
8. To learn a new occupation
9. To learn how to solve personal or community problems
10. To meet new people

Additional Questions

15. Before you entered college, how important was the distance from your home in your choice to enroll in a particular program of study at a particular college?

Very Important

40.50%

Moderately Important

26.35%

Slightly Important

17.23%

Not At All Important

15.92%

Additional Questions

17. Has the distance from your home ever limited the types of college-level courses you were able to take?

Yes, but only for one or a few courses I wished to take.

17.78%

Yes, for several courses I wished to take.

12.76%

Yes, for many courses I wished to take.

8.91%

No

60.55%

Additional Questions

18. If a course you wished to take for your training or educational program was offered only online, how likely is it that you would register for that course?

Very Likely

45.50%

Somewhat Likely

35.32%

Somewhat Unlikely

7.19%

Very Unlikely

7.73%

Not Sure

4.26%

Additional Questions

22. (If you are not enrolled in the program of study that was your first choice before college, what role did the distance from your home play in your decision not to enroll in that program?

Major Role

18.45%

Moderate Role

11.07%

Minor Role

8.82%

No Role At All

61.66%

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