

Executive Summary: Withdrawal Survey Fall 2022

Each term, students who are enrolled during the previous term who do not return for the following semester will be contacted and asked to complete a *UWSP Enrollment Survey*.

- For fall 2022, this includes 664 first year and transfer students from all campuses
- Total number of surveys recorded – 149 (22%)

Gender Identity of Respondents:

	OVERALL	URM STUDENTS	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS (FALL 21 OR LATER)	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
FEMALE	58%	65%	59%	56%	68%	55%
MALE	40%	35%	39%	42%	28%	43%
NON-BINARY/TRANS	2%	0%	2%	2%	4%	2%

Racial/Ethnic Identity of Respondents:

	OVERALL	URM STUDENTS	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
WHITE/EURO AMER	85%		87%	85%	79%	85%
URM IDENTITIES	14%		11%	15%	17%	14%
PREFER NOT TO ANS	1%		2%	0%	4%	1%

Other Identities of Respondents:

	OVERALL	URM STUDENTS	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
FIRST-GENERATION	22%	25%	15%	24%	24%	23%
IND W/A DISABILITY	7%	0%	9%	10%	6%	5%
NON-TRADITIONAL	7%	10%	0%	11%	20%	13%
VET OR CHILD/SPOUSE	6%	10%	4%	6%	10%	10%
HONORS PARTICIPANT	5%	10%	6%	4%	6%	3%
A PARENT	5%	5%	0%	10%	16%	9%
STUDENT ATHLETE	4%	5%	8%	3%	0%	1%

Campus of Enrollment:

	OVERALL	URM STUDENTS	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
STEVENS POINT	84%	83%	81%	89%	86%	70%
WAUSAU	12%	17%	15%	9%	11%	24%
MARSHFIELD	3%	0%	4%	2%	3%	6%

Student Type:

	OVERALL	URM STUDENTS	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
FIRST YEAR	78%	65%		72%		64%
TRANSFER	22%	35%		28%		36%

Of the 22% who TRANSFERRED TO UWSP, they transferred FROM:

	OVERALL	URM STUDENTS	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
IN-STATE, 2-YEAR	52%	60%		53%		60%
IN-STATE, 4-YEAR	26%	20%		20%		24%
OUT-OF-STATE, 4-YR	13%	20%		13%		8%
OUT-OF-STATE, 2-YR	10%	0%		13%		8%

The first term of enrollment of respondents:

	OVERALL	URM STUDENTS	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
FALL 2021	52%	50%	99%		33%	38%
FALL 2020	23%	19%		48%	15%	20%
FALL 2019	8%	19%		19%	15%	13%
SPRING 2021	5%	13%		11%	11%	8%
SPRING 2022	3%	0%	1%		11%	2%
SPRING 2020	3%	0%		7%	11%	7%
FALL 2018	3%	0%		6%	0%	5%
A TERM PRIOR TO FALL 2018	2%	0%		6%	0%	5%
SPRING 2019	2%	0%		4%	4%	2%

NOTE: This survey defines an “upper class” student as having begun their studies in Spring 2021 or earlier.

Cumulative GPA of Respondents:

	OVERALL	URM STUDENTS	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
2.50 – 2.99	26%	19%	22%	28%	33%	27%
3.00 – 3.49	23%	19%	32%	15%	19%	21%
3.50 – 4.00	19%	19%	10%	25%	30%	18%
2.00 – 2.49	16%	19%	18%	15%	11%	18%
1.50 – 1.99	7%	6%	4%	9%	7%	13%
1.00 – 1.49	6%	13%	8%	4%	0%	0%
0.00 – 0.49	2%	6%	4%	2%	0%	2%
0.50 – 0.99	2%	0%	2%	2%	0%	2%
PERCENT BELOW 2.0	17%	25%	18%	17%	7%	17%

Areas of Study of Respondents who had a major declared:

- Business Administration – 7%
- Wildlife Ecology Mgt – 6%
- Psychology – 5%
- Biology – 4%
- Interior Architecture – 4%

Respondents attending full time or part time:

	OVERALL	URM STUDENTS	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
FULL TIME	88%	94%	98%	81%	59%	79%
PART TIME	12%	6%	2%	19%	41%	21%

Where respondents lived during their last semester of enrollment:

	OVERALL	URM STUDENTS	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
ON CAMPUS	56%	50%	72%	43%	15%	
OFF CAMPUS W/FAMILY	25%	19%	22%	30%	52%	57%
OFF CAMPUS W/FRIENDS OR ALONE	19%	31%	6%	26%	33%	43%

How students classified their TYPE of withdrawal:

	OVERALL	URM	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
Permanent Withdrawal	67%	70%	82%	51%	37%	45%
Leave of Absence	13%	10%	6%	23%	33%	20%
Term Withdrawal	11%	10%	8%	11%	26%	23%
Academic Suspension	9%	10%	4%	15%	4%	13%

NOTE: a Leave of Absence involves multiple terms away, to distinguish this from a (single) Term Withdrawal.

If students indicated a Permanent Withdrawal from UWSP, they were asked if they plan to transfer:

	OVERALL	URM	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
YES – Immediately	68%	80%	71%	67%	67%	72%
NO	14%	10%	15%	15%	11%	12%
NOT SURE	10%	0%	5%	15%	22%	16%
YES - Eventually	8%	10%	10%	4%	0%	0%

If students indicated that they WILL or MAY transfer, did they know which institution they would be attending?

	OVERALL	URM	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
YES	89%	89%	94%	78%	75%	82%
NO	11%	11%	6%	22%	25%	18%

Participants identify all of the factors that impacted their decision to leave the university. These factors are clustered into five core categories.

Here are the TOP THREE FACTORS in each category with the largest IMPACT INDEX, which is defined as the percentage of individuals who selected the item AND rated the impact of this factor as “A GREAT DEAL” or “CONSIDERABLE” on their decision to stop out or leave the university:

Academic Issues

	OVERALL	URM STUDENTS	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
I needed to do better in my courses	23%	38%	26%	28%	23%	27%
I needed to manage my time better	20%			24%	15%	24%
Too difficult to focus on my studies	19%	31%	23%			20%
Unsure of academic or career goals		25%		20%	17%	
I needed better academic support			24%			

Financial Situation

	OVERALL	URM STUDENTS	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
I need more money for living expenses	23%	44%	16%	29%	35%	36%
I need to work full time to pay tuition and fees, so that I can return to school	12%	13%	4%	11%	23%	14%
I need more money to support my family (incl parents, siblings)	9%	19%			19%	16%
I received a job offer I wanted to pursue			9%			
I need to work full time to pay off my univ bill, so that I can return to school				13%		

Personal Factors

	OVERALL	URM STUDENTS	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
I have changed my career plans	27%		28%	29%	15%	18%
I need a break from school	19%	25%	14%	23%	23%	22%
I want to attend a univ closer to home	19%	31%	19%	17%		
Have family issues that need attention		25%			15%	15%

Physical/Mental Health Concerns

	OVERALL	URM STUDENTS	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
I am struggling with anxiety, depression, other mental hlth concerns	38%	31%	42%	36%	31%	32%
I found it difficult to schedule an appt w/mental health prof on campus	9%	25%	16%	6%	4%	6%
I am suffering from a physical illness or injury	6%		7%	6%	8%	6%
I found it difficult to schedule an appt w/medical prof on campus		25%				

Social Experience

	OVERALL	URM STUDENTS	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
I felt lonely/isolated	27%	19%	41%	19%	11%	15%
I felt like I didn't belong at the univ	23%	13%	34%	13%	12%	
Not enough things to do on campus	17%		32%			
Having problems with my roommate		25%				
Treated poorly by faculty/staff member		13%				
It was too difficult to make friends				11%		7%
UWSP did not meet my expectations for what college should be like					12%	6%

Respondents are asked to indicate which overall category was the **PRIMARY** reason for leaving UWSP:

	OVERALL	URM STUDENTS	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
Personal Factors	35%	47%	28%	40%	44%	43%
Academic Experience	22%	20%	17%	28%	8%	21%
Physical/Mental Health	19%	27%	26%	12%	12%	11%
Financial Situation	12%	7%	7%	14%	36%	23%
Social/Interpersonal	12%	0%	22%	6%	0%	2%

Here are the FIVE items across all categories with the largest IMPACT INDEXES for each population of students:

	OVERALL	URM STUDENTS	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
Struggling with anxiety, depression, or other mental health concerns	38%	31%	42%	36%	31%	32%
I felt lonely/isolated	27%		41%			
I have changed my career plans	27%			29%		
I needed to do better in my courses	23%	38%		28%	23%	27%
I felt like I didn't belong at the university	23%		34%			
I needed more money to cover my living expenses	23%	44%		29%	35%	36%
I found it too difficult to focus on my studies		31%				
I want to attend a university closer to home		31%				
There weren't enough things to do on campus			32%			
UWSP did not meet my expectations for what college should be like			28%			
I needed to manage my time more effectively				24%		24%
I need to work full time to pay tuition/fees so I can return to school					23%	
I need a break from school					23%	22%

Here are the percentages of different populations of students who NEVER did each of the following activities while enrolled:

	OVERALL	URM STUDENTS	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
Attended athletic events	64%	80%	47%	76%	76%	78%
Met with their academic advisor	4%	7%	4%	2%	4%	4%
Met with a career advisor	55%	60%	60%	48%	68%	66%
Met with a faculty member	28%	40%	29%	32%	36%	34%
Received academic coaching or tutoring	64%	60%	56%	72%	80%	70%
Utilized campus recreation facilities	55%	73%	40%	64%	88%	76%
Used the library	29%	33%	24%	32%	40%	34%
Utilized Student Health Services	57%	40%	51%	54%	80%	72%
Utilized the Counseling Center	74%	73%	69%	76%	92%	82%
Visited a university office for support	64%	60%	69%	62%	56%	62%

Here are the five most frequently cited involvement areas for different populations of students:

	OVERALL	URM	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
Campus activities or event attendance	29%	15%	49%	11%	29%	21%
On-campus employment	21%	31%	26%	18%	10%	18%
An academic or professional organization	19%	15%	11%	23%	29%	29%
Intramurals	11%	15%		14%		15%
Events/Activities in my College	11%		17%		14%	
Cultural Centers: Multicultural, Native American, Queer		15%				
Registered Student Organizations			11%	9%		12%
Club Sports			11%		10%	12%
NONE	27%	15%	14%	34%	48%	41%

Here are the percentages of students who indicated they were MODERATELY OR VERY SATISFIED with the university:

- Overall: 58%
- URM: 66%
- First Year Students: 44%
- Upper Class Students: 76%
- Transfer Students: 68%
- Commuter Students: 70%

Here are the percentages of students who indicated they felt VERY OR EXTREMELY SUPPORTED at UWSP:

- Overall: 34%
- URM: 47%
- First Year Students: 27%
- Upper Class Students: 42%
- Transfer Students: 32%
- Commuter Students: 48%

If they could do it all over again, here is what these students said they would do:

	OVERALL	URM	FIRST-YEAR FYS STUDENTS	UPPER CLASS STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	COMMUTER STUDENTS
Enroll at UWSP	46%	60%	34%	58%	68%	68%
Enroll at a different four-year university	25%	20%	32%	18%	16%	12%
Enroll at a Tech or 2-year institution	19%	7%	20%	18%	8%	10%
Not attend college at all	9%	13%	14%	6%	8%	10%