

# Recommended Demographic Survey Questions (01/2024)

Educational Assessment  
Santa Clara University

When selecting demographic question for your assessment tools, consider the following:

- How is this information important to my assessment?
- What specific information do I need AND how will I analyze it?
- Am I asking these questions in an inclusive way?

**What is your year at Santa Clara University?**

- First year
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Other (please specify)

**OPTION A: Did you transfer to Santa Clara?**

- Yes
- No

**OPTION B: Did you begin college at this institution or elsewhere?**

- Started here
- Started elsewhere

**In which school is your primary major located?**

- Arts and Sciences
- Business
- Engineering
- Not sure

**Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity? (Check all that apply.)**

- Asian, Asian-American, or Pacific Islander
- Black, African-American, or African
- Indigenous, American Indian, Native American, or Alaska Native
- Latina/o/x, Chicana/o/x, or Hispanic
- Middle Eastern/North African
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White or Caucasian
- A race or ethnicity not listed here (please specify)
- I prefer not to answer

Which of the following best describes your **gender**? (Check one.)

- Agender
- Genderqueer or genderfluid
- Man
- Nonbinary/Gender non-conforming
- Trans man
- Trans woman
- Woman
- A gender not listed here (please specify)
- I prefer not to answer

Which of the following best describes your **sexual identity**? (Check one.)

- Asexual
- Bisexual
- Gay
- Heterosexual
- Lesbian
- Queer
- Questioning or unsure
- Another sexual identity (please specify)
- I prefer not to answer

**OPTION A: Do you have a disability or condition that impacts your learning, working, or living activities?**

- Yes
- No
- I prefer not to answer

**OPTION B, part 1: Do you have a disability or condition that impacts your learning, working, or living activities?**

- Yes
- No
- I prefer not to answer

**OPTION B, part 2: [If answered "yes"] Which of the following impacts your learning, working, or living activities? (Select all that apply.)**

- Sensory disability: Blind or low vision; Deaf or hard of hearing
- Physical disability: Mobility condition that affects walking; Mobility condition that does not affect walking; Speech or communication disorder; Traumatic or acquired brain injury (TBI)
- Mental health or developmental disability: Anxiety; Attention deficit or hyperactivity disorder (ADD or ADHD); Autism spectrum; Depression; Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD); Another mental health or developmental disability (schizophrenia, eating disorder, etc.)
- Another disability or condition: Chronic medical condition (asthma, diabetes, Crohn's disease, etc.); Learning disability; Intellectual disability; Disability or condition not listed

**Which best describes where you live at SCU?**

- On campus, in the residence halls/residential communities
- Alone or with friends in an apartment/house, walking or biking distance from campus
- Alone or with friends in an apartment/house, and you commute to campus by car or public transit
- With your parents or guardians in their home, walking or biking distance from campus
- With your parents or guardians in their home, and you commute to campus by car or public transit
- Currently unhoused or in transition
- Other (please specify)

**Which of the following best describes the educational experience of your parents/guardians?**

- Neither parent/guardian attended college
- Neither parent/guardian has a four-year degree but one or both attended college
- One or both parents/guardians has a four-year degree
- I prefer not to answer