



Response rates, taught survey, 2028 onwards

The StudentSurvey.ie Steering Group has agreed an approach to the calculation of response rates in taught StudentSurvey.ie from 2028 onwards (meeting 10 June 2026). This is set out as follows:

- Any student who responds to five questions or more is considered a survey respondent, for the purposes of the calculation of response rates.
- Any student who responds to four questions or fewer is not considered a survey respondent, for the purposes of the calculation of response rates.

Institutions should note though that the institutional datafile, as supplied by the survey contractor, will include all responses from students, including from those who responded to four questions or fewer.

This means that the number of students in the datafile will likely exceed the number of students included in the calculation of the response rate for each institution.

Example

Institution X has a population of 10,000 students. In StudentSurvey.ie, 4,000 students respond to at least one question in the survey. However, 300 of those students respond to fewer than five questions in the survey.

- Institution X's datafile will contain all 4,000 respondents.
- Institution X's response rate is calculated as $3,700 / 10,000$ which is 37%.

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