

Texas A&M University
Division of Student Affairs
Student Leader Profile

The Department of Student Activities within the Division of Student Affairs oversees the recognition of over 1,000 student organizations. As part of the formal recognition process, organizations must provide basic information on at least two leaders who fill certain roles within the organization: the chief officer and treasurer. Although there may be other elected positions within the organization, all organizations are required to provide information the names of these leaders. For this analysis, we compiled a list of all recognized student organizations' chief officers and treasurers (identified together in this document as "leaders") from Fall 2010 to Spring 2016. Because many students are leaders for more than one organization and/or for multiple consecutive or nonconsecutive years, we then narrowed the analysis to all unique leaders' most recent leadership position. The profile below provides a sense of who participates as student leaders in recognized student organizations and allows for comparisons to be made across organization type (sponsored, registered, or affiliated). In all, there were 8,126 unique student leaders identified in the 2010-2016 time frame. In the table below, percentages were rounded to the nearest whole number, so they may not sum to 100%.

Demographic Characteristics

The majority of student leaders are male, and almost two-thirds are white. About two-thirds of student leaders (67%) are continuing generation college students, which is a slightly larger than the percentage of Texas A&M (College Station) continuing generation students (a figure which has decreased since 2010 and is currently around 62%). As one would likely expect, most student leaders are upperclassmen, with about two-thirds senior students. The colleges that had the largest percentages of student leaders were Engineering (24%), Liberal Arts (16%), Business (16%), and Agriculture (15%). However, when you look across the organization type, there are notable differences. In particular, while Business students make up 16% of leaders overall, they make up 22% of leaders of sponsored organizations. Similarly, Liberal Arts students make up 16% of leaders overall, but 21% of sponsored organization leaders. In terms of ethnicity, white students represent 62% of the overall student leaders, but 70% of leaders in sponsored organizations.

	Overall (n=8,126)	Sponsored (n=350)	Registered (n=4,914)	Affiliated (n=2,846)
Sex				
Male	53%	60%	49%	60%
Female	47%	40%	52%	40%
Race/Ethnicity				
2 or more/excluding Black	2%	1%	2%	2%
American Indian Only	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Asian Only	7%	3%	8%	6%
Black only + 2 or more/1 Black	4%	9%	4%	4%
Hispanic or Latino of any race	17%	12%	18%	16%
International	7%	5%	10%	3%
Native Hawaiian Only	<1%	0%	<1%	<1%
Unknown	<1%	0%	<1%	<1%
White Only	62%	70%	58%	68%
First Generation Status				
Continuing Generation	67%	73%	64%	71%
First Generation	23%	21%	23%	21%
Unknown	11%	6%	13%	7%

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Classification				
Freshman	<1%	0%	<1%	1%
Sophomore	5%	2%	4%	6%
Junior	13%	10%	12%	15%
Senior	62%	77%	58%	68%
Masters	9%	7%	12%	5%
Doctoral	7%	4%	10%	3%
Other	3%	<1%	4%	3%
College				
Agriculture	15%	11%	16%	13%
Architecture	4%	2%	5%	3%
Bush	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Business	16%	22%	12%	20%
Education	9%	9%	9%	8%
Engineering	24%	24%	25%	23%
General Studies	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Geosciences	3%	1%	3%	2%
Health Center	<1%	0%	<1%	<1%
Liberal Arts	16%	21%	15%	17%
Medicine	<1%	0%	<1%	<1%
Nursing	<1%	0%	<1%	<1%
Pharmacy	<1%	0%	<1%	<1%
Qatar	<1%	0%	<1%	0%
Rural Public Health	<1%	0%	<1%	<1%
School of Law	1%	0%	2%	<1%
Science	6%	4%	6%	5%
Veterinary Medicine	5%	4%	5%	6%
Average GPR				
	3.25	3.21	3.29	3.19

Table 1: Student Leaders' Demographic Characteristics