# NATIONAL COLLEGE HEALTH ASSESSMENT - FALL 2014 <br> EXECUTIVE SUMMARY 

## INTRODUCTION

The ACHA-National College Health Assessment II (ACHANCHA II) is a national research survey organized by the American College Health Association (ACHA) to assist colleges in collecting data about their students' habits, behaviors, and perceptions on health topics. More information on the survey and instrument is available here: http://www.achancha.org.

This Executive Summary highlights results of the survey for University of California Los Angeles in Fall 2014. Four thousand undergraduate students and two thousand graduate students were sampled and invited to participate in the survey. Tthe overall response rate was $22 \%$, yielding 1,341. In the sample, female, Asian and white students were slightly over represented. Graduate and professional students were more likely to respond with a higher response rate of 29\%. (see Demographics Box).

Overall, the results were generally positive. Of students surveyed 54\% described their health as very good or excellent, and when the "good" category is also included the percentage jumps to $86 \%$. Students do, however, report some impediments to their academic performance, with the most common being stress (see Page 2).

## General Health (N=1,341)



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| DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS |  |  |
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|  | CAMPUS <br> Fall 2014 <br> $(\mathrm{N}=29,633)$ | NCHA <br> Sample <br> $(\mathrm{n}=1,341)$ |
| AVERAGE AGE | 20 | 23.1 |
| GENDER |  |  |
| Women | $56 \%$ | $66 \%$ |
| Men | $44 \%$ | $33 \%$ |
| RACE/ETHNICITY |  |  |
| African American / Black | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| American Indian / Alaskan | $<1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Asian / Pacific Islander | $34 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| Hispanic | $19 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| White | $27 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| Others/Unknown | $3 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| International | $13 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| YEAR IN SCHOOL |  |  |
| 1st year | $20 \%$ | $<1 \%$ |
| 2nd year | $19 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| 3rd year | $29 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| 4th year | $26 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| 5th year or more | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Graduate or professional | $28 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
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## LIFE CHALLENGES IN PAST YEAR



Students reporting experiencing challenges within the last 12 months that are difficult to handle ( $n=1,341$ )

## LEVEL OF STRESS IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS ( $\mathrm{N}=1,341$ )




USE OF UNIVERSITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
Students who have received services in the past $\mathbf{2 4 \%}$ Students who would consider in the future $77 \%$

## RECEIVED MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN LIFETIME

## 34\% from counselor/therapist/psychologist

12\% from psychiatrist
11\% from other medical provider
$6 \%$ from clergy

## STUDENTS REPORTING EXPERIENCING THE FOLLOWING WITHIN THE LAST 12 MONTHS ( $\mathrm{n}=\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3 4 1}$ )




## SUBSTANCE USE (ACTUAL vs. PERCIEVED)

Students' perception of the substance use of their peers is much higher than the actual use.

*All Other drugs include: cocaine, methamphetamine, other amphetamines, sedatives, hallucinogens, anabolic steroids, opiates, inhalants, MDMA and other club drugs; Other tobacco products include: tobacco from a water pipe, cigars, little cigars, clove cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco

45\%

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES AND NUTRITION

\% Reporting "mostly or always" in the last 12 months*
98\% Wear a seatbelt when riding in a car
23\% Wear a helmet when riding a bicycle
11\% Wear a helmet when riding a motorcycle
5\% Wear a helmet when inline skating
\% Reporting "somewhat safe" or "very safe"
99\% On UCLA campus (daytime)
85\% On UCLA campus (nighttime)
97\% In the community surrounding UCLA (daytime)
66\% In the community surrounding UCLA (nighttime)

