

2025 CLIMATE SURVEY RESULTS

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE OVERALL

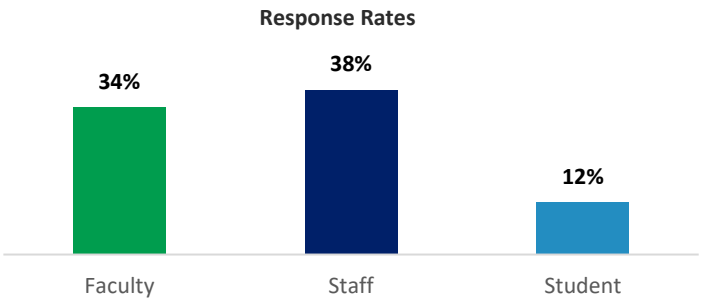
PROCESS

The University of Tennessee System (UT) partnered with Gallup to develop and distribute the 2025 Campus Climate Survey. The survey was administered via web Jan. 27-Feb. 25, 2025, to currently enrolled students and full- and part-time faculty and staff at UT Knoxville, UT Chattanooga, UT Southern, UT Martin, UT Health Science Center, and the UT System administration office. Participants received survey invitations and up to seven reminder emails from Gallup. In total, there were 11,965 surveys completed.

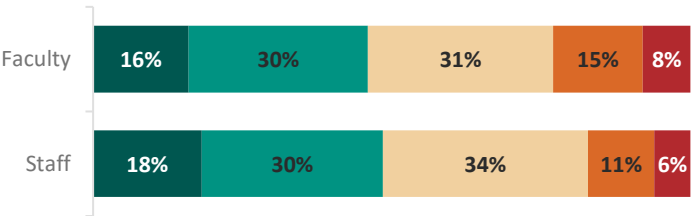
KEY TAKEAWAYS

RESPONSE RATE

The UT System saw a high response rate from faculty, staff and students, with 34% of faculty, 38% of staff and 12% of students, surpassing Gallup’s average student response rate of 5%.



[Campus] is committed to creating an environment in which [faculty/staff] can express their political, social, and/or cultural opinions freely on campus.

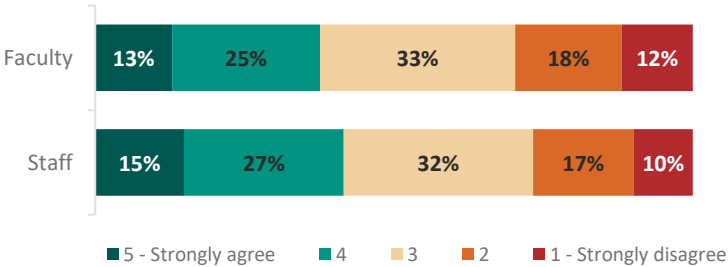


FACULTY/STAFF

77% of faculty and 82% of staff provided a positive or neutral response to the UT System’s commitment to creating an environment of free expression.

70% of faculty and 74% of staff provided a positive or neutral response regarding their comfort sharing their personal opinions on campus.

At [campus] I feel comfortable sharing my political, social, and/or cultural opinions freely, when in appropriate settings.



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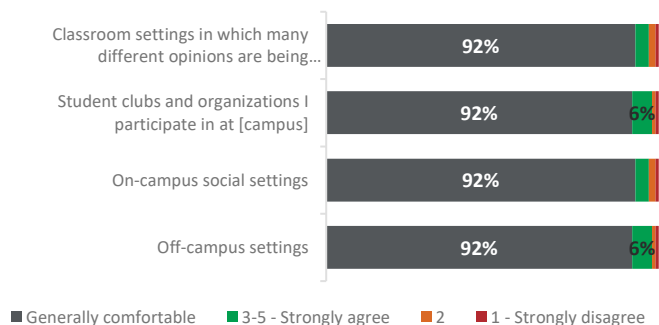
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STUDENTS

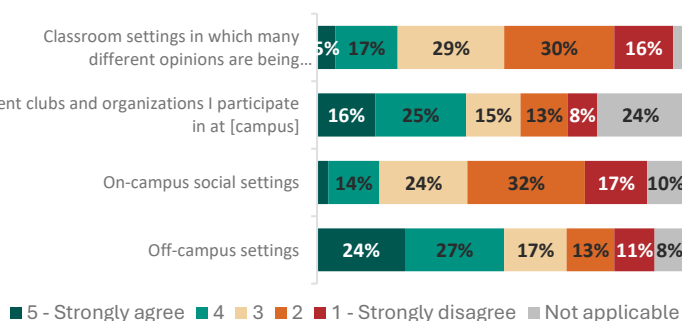
96% of UT System students provided a positive or neutral response regarding their exposure to different views on their campus, while 94% provided a positive or neutral response to their campus being committed to free expression.

92% of UT System students provided a positive or neutral response to being able to express their opinions freely on campus. Those who reported being uncomfortable sharing their opinions mostly cited discomfort in the classroom and on-campus social settings.

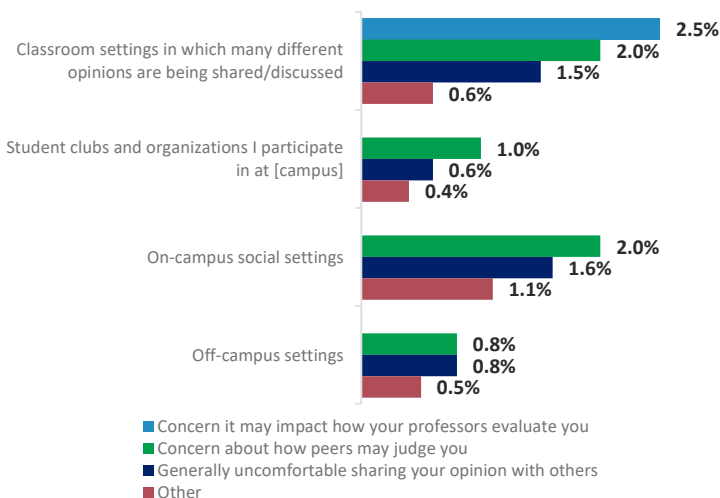
I feel comfortable sharing my opinions freely in:
(Total adjusted percentage across all UT System students)



I feel comfortable sharing my opinions freely in:
(Among 8% of UT System students not comfortable sharing their opinions freely)



Which of the following describes why you feel uncomfortable sharing your opinions freely in ____?
(Total adjusted percentage across all UT System students)



[Campus] is committed to creating an environment in which students can express their opinions freely on campus.



At [campus], I can express my opinions freely.



At [campus], I often have the opportunity to interact with people with different views.



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