



NATIONAL FRATERNITY AND SORORITY SCORECARD

2019-2020 AGGREGATE DATA



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Executive Summary

The National Fraternity and Sorority Scorecard (Scorecard) aggregates institutional data to create a picture of how chapters are performing on key indicators. This report is designed to attain, and benchmark select “health” markers of the fraternity and sorority experience. The Scorecard provides data on average chapter size, new member size, chapter grades, new member grades, philanthropic donations, service hours, and organizational conduct statistics. Conduct statistics are further categorized as violations relating to alcohol, hazing, organizational activity that led to sexual misconduct, and other organizational misconduct such as physical altercations. The Scorecard is a tool for campuses and organizations to use as they evaluate chapters and campuses. The Scorecard aims to present data that will enable campuses and headquarters to engage in meaningful and constructive dialogues for safer and thriving fraternities and sororities. The Piazza Center’s vision is national progress toward a safer, more successful, and sustainable fraternity and sorority experience.

This report highlights information from 88 campuses, which reflects 2,288 reporting chapters across institutions in the 2019–2020 academic year (1,252 fraternities, 1,013 sororities, and 23 co-ed organizations). These fraternities and sororities represent four governing council types: the Panhellenic Council (PHC), the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), and the Interfraternity Council (IFC). See Future Work section for reporting goals of more council types. In addition, a separate “other” category included co-ed academic chapters and professional organizations; however, that category was too small ($n=67$) to provide detailed statistics about those chapters.

The report below presents information by council type. Overall, the average chapter size was 65.7 members with an average grade point of 3.27 (note that all grade point averages in the report rely on weighted means to ensure parity across chapter sizes). The average new member class was 15.8, and the new member grade point average was 3.21.

Regarding philanthropic donations, with 56 of the 88 reporting institutions providing data, the average philanthropic donation per chapter was \$88.79 per member. With 59 of the 88 reporting institutions, the average number of service hours was 9.9 per member. As with grade point averages, philanthropic donations and service hours relied on weighted means to ensure parity across chapter sizes.

For the 2019–2020 academic year, 70 of the 88 reporting institutions were able to provide data about organizational-level violations. Scorecard data show that 56.8% of those institutions ($n=50$) reported at least one organizational-level violation at one or more fraternity or sorority chapter. Across all chapters at reporting institutions, 22.7% of the fraternities listed had at least one organizational violation ($n=188$), while 12.3% of sororities had at least one organizational violation ($n=83$). The data presented in this version of the scorecard will create a benchmark for campuses and headquarters to gauge fraternities’ and sororities’ safety, success, and suitability.

Methods

The data in this report come from our participating institutions on a volunteer basis. Institutions were invited to provide data by semester or for the 2019–2020 academic year via a Qualtrics form. When institutions provided data for the fall and spring semesters, an annual average was computed for this report. The Scorecard itself is not a survey and therefore does not follow survey methods.

The research team designated which of the four national councils each chapter in the dataset belonged to as of the 2019–2020 academic year: PHC, NPHC, MGC, or IFC. The remaining chapters were placed in a separate “other” category described above. In some cases, chapters of the same organization are classified in different councils. For example, at institutions that do not have a separate MGC, multicultural sororities may be affiliated with the campus PHC. When this occurred, the chapters were classified with the council that they most commonly attributed to in the aggregate data.

Organization of the Report

The report is organized into seven sections following this introduction. We begin by providing data from participating institutions organized by the four major national councils. We then provide aggregate summaries based on two Carnegie classifications: institution type (public versus private) and size (medium and large). Finally, the report concludes by offering the limitations of the Scorecard, plans for future developments, and our warm thank you to the participants who provided us with their institutions’ data who made this report possible.



Panhellenic Council (PHC)

Participating institutions provided data on 624 individual PHC chapters. The reporting chapters vary across categories of data based on a variety of factors, including data availability and FERPA restrictions.

Table 1a: Average Member Size for PHC Chapters

	AVERAGE MEMBER SIZE	MEDIAN MEMBER SIZE	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
ALL MEMBERS	124.9	108.0	5.0	406.0	624
NEW MEMBERS	30.2	27.0	0.0	123.0	602

Table 1b: Average Member GPA for PHC Chapters

	AVERAGE MEMBER GPA	MEDIAN MEMBER GPA	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
ALL MEMBERS	3.38	3.50	1.52	3.89	614
NEW MEMBERS	3.34	3.34	0.0	3.96	494

Table 1c: Charitable Activities for PHC Chapters

	AVERAGE PER MEMBER	MEDIAN PER MEMBER	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS	9.9	8.7	0.0	305.7	407
PHILANTHROPIC FUNDRAISING	\$105.86	\$57.29	\$0.00	\$1,682.65	362

Table 1d: Total PHC Chapters with Organizational Conduct Violations

	CHAPTERS WITH ANY VIOLATIONS	% CHAPTERS WITH VIOLATIONS	REPORTING CHAPTERS
PHC	72	16.1%	448



National Pan-hellenic Council (NPHC)

Participating institutions provided data on 283 individual NPHC chapters. The reporting chapters vary across categories of data based on a variety of factors, including data availability and FERPA restrictions.

Table 2a: Average Member Size for NPHC Chapters

	AVERAGE MEMBER SIZE	MEDIAN MEMBER SIZE	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
ALL MEMBERS	10.3	6.8	0.0	82.0	262
NEW MEMBERS	2.2	0.8	0.0	25.5	246

Table 2b: Average Member GPA for NPHC Chapters

	AVERAGE MEMBER GPA	MEDIAN MEMBER GPA	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
ALL MEMBERS	2.94	3.10	0.0	3.78	233
NEW MEMBERS	2.92	3.03	0.0	4.00	107

Table 2c: Charitable Activities for NPHC Chapters

	AVERAGE PER MEMBER	MEDIAN PER MEMBER	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS	18.1	8.4	0.0	109.2	155
PHILANTHROPIC FUNDRAISING	\$22.92	\$1.35	\$0.00	\$840.00	127

Table 2d: Total NPHC Chapters with Organizational Conduct Violations

	CHAPTERS WITH ANY VIOLATIONS	% CHAPTERS WITH VIOLATIONS	REPORTING CHAPTERS
NPHC	4	2.4%	164



Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)

Participating institutions provided data on 297 individual MGC chapters. The reporting chapters vary across categories of data based on a variety of factors, including data availability and FERPA restrictions.

Table 3a: Average Member Size for MGC Chapters

	AVERAGE MEMBER SIZE	MEDIAN MEMBER SIZE	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
ALL MEMBERS	13.3	10.8	1.0	81.0	276
NEW MEMBERS	3.1	2.0	0.0	23.0	269

Table 3b: Average Member GPA for MGC Chapters

	AVERAGE MEMBER GPA	MEDIAN MEMBER GPA	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
ALL MEMBERS	3.02	3.21	0.0	3.92	263
NEW MEMBERS	2.94	3.14	0.0	3.96	153

Table 3c: Charitable Activities for MGC Chapters

	AVERAGE PER MEMBER	MEDIAN PER MEMBER	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS	10.9	7.0	0.0	87.1	158
PHILANTHROPIC FUNDRAISING	\$44.05	\$18.72	\$0.00	\$550.00	134

Table 3d: Total MGC Chapters with Organizational Conduct Violations

	CHAPTERS WITH ANY VIOLATIONS	% CHAPTERS WITH VIOLATIONS	REPORTING CHAPTERS
MGC	14	7.2%	195



Interfraternity Council (IFC)

Participating institutions provided data on 987 individual IFC chapters. The reporting chapters vary across categories of data based on a variety of factors, including data availability and FERPA restrictions.

Table 4a: Average Member Size for IFC Chapters

	AVERAGE MEMBER SIZE	MEDIAN MEMBER SIZE	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
ALL MEMBERS	59.7	48.0	0.0	254.0	935
NEW MEMBERS	14.1	11.0	0.0	85.0	912

Table 4b: Average Member GPA for IFC Chapters

	AVERAGE MEMBER GPA	MEDIAN MEMBER GPA	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
ALL MEMBERS	3.15	3.25	0.0	3.91	917
NEW MEMBERS	3.05	3.12	0.0	4.00	758

Table 4c: Charitable Activities for IFC Chapters

	AVERAGE PER MEMBER	MEDIAN PER MEMBER	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS	9.4	5.2	0.0	253.2	607
PHILANTHROPIC FUNDRAISING	\$68.77	\$29.41	\$0.00	\$1,065.65	513

Table 4d: Total IFC Chapters with Organizational Conduct Violations

	CHAPTERS WITH ANY VIOLATIONS	% CHAPTERS WITH VIOLATIONS	REPORTING CHAPTERS
IFC	178	26.6%	668



Public and Private Institutions

The aggregate dataset contains 22 private, not-for-private institutions and 66 public institutions in the United States. The reporting chapters vary across categories of data based on a variety of factors, including data availability and FERPA restrictions.

Table 5a: Reporting Chapters by Council and Institution Type (based on Carnegie classification)

	PHC/PHA	NPHC	MGC	IFC	OTHER	REPORTING CHAPTERS
PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT	131	38	42	182	14	407
PUBLIC	521	246	255	806	53	1,881

Table 5b: Average Member Size by Institution Type

	AVERAGE MEMBER SIZE	MEDIAN MEMBER SIZE	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT	55.6	48.0	0.0	205.5	405
PUBLIC	68.1	43.0	0.0	406.0	1,759

Table 5c: Average New Member Size by Institution Type

	AVERAGE NEW MEMBER SIZE	MEDIAN NEW MEMBER SIZE	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT	11.4	9.0	0.0	49.5	372
PUBLIC	16.7	10.5	0.0	123.0	1,720

Table 5d: Average Member GPA by Institution Type

	AVERAGE MEMBER GPA	MEDIAN MEMBER GPA	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT	3.47	3.55	0.00	3.91	376
PUBLIC	3.23	3.37	0.00	3.92	1,712



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Table 5e: Average New Member GPA by Institution Type

	AVERAGE NEW MEMBER GPA	MEDIAN NEW MEMBER GPA	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT	3.44	3.58	0.00	4.00	289
PUBLIC	3.17	3.24	0.00	4.00	1,268

Table 5f: Average Community Service Hours Per Member by Institution Type

	AVERAGE COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS PER MEMBER	MEDIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS PER MEMBER	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT	9.3	7.4	0.0	50.0	184
PUBLIC	9.9	7.4	0.0	305.7	1,185

Table 5g: Average Philanthropic Fundraising Per Member by Institution Type

	AVERAGE PHILANTHROPIC FUNDRAISING DOLLARS PER MEMBER	MEDIAN PHILANTHROPIC FUNDRAISING DOLLARS PER MEMBER	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT	\$78.54	\$31.25	\$0.00	\$835.59	186
PUBLIC	\$90.39	\$43.92	\$0.00	\$1,682.65	985

Table 5h: Total Chapters with Organizational Conduct Violations by Institution Type

	CHAPTERS WITH ANY VIOLATIONS	% CHAPTERS WITH VIOLATIONS	REPORTING CHAPTERS
PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT	38	11.9%	319
PUBLIC	235	19.6%	1,201



Size of Institution

The aggregate dataset contains 9 small institutions, 32 medium institutions, and 47 large institutions based on Carnegie classification. The Small (n=94 chapters) category was too small to provide detailed statistics about those chapters. The reporting chapters vary across categories of data based on a variety of factors, including data availability and FERPA restrictions.

Table 6a: Reporting Chapters by Council and Institution Size (based on Carnegie classification)

	PHC/PHA	NPHC	MGC	IFC	OTHER	REPORTING CHAPTERS
MEDIUM	154	72	29	214	27	496
LARGE	460	209	264	727	38	1,698

Table 6b: Average Member Size by Institution Size

	AVERAGE MEMBER SIZE	MEDIAN MEMBER SIZE	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
MEDIUM	39.9	30.5	0.0	205.5	491
LARGE	74.6	52.0	0.0	406.0	1,579

Table 6c: Average New Member Size by Institution Size

	AVERAGE NEW MEMBER SIZE	MEDIAN NEW MEMBER SIZE	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
MEDIUM	10.1	8.0	0.0	58.0	481
LARGE	17.8	12.0	0.0	123.0	1,532

Table 6d: Average Member GPA by Institution Size

	AVERAGE MEMBER GPA	MEDIAN MEMBER GPA	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
MEDIUM	3.29	3.38	1.08	3.78	471
LARGE	3.26	3.39	0.00	3.92	1,524



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Table 6e: Average New Member GPA by Institution Size

	AVERAGE NEW MEMBER GPA	MEDIAN NEW MEMBER GPA	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
MEDIUM	3.16	3.26	0.00	4.00	333
LARGE	3.21	3.27	0.00	4.00	1,156

Table 6f: Average Community Service Hours Per Member by Institution Size

	AVERAGE COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS PER MEMBER	MEDIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS PER MEMBER	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
MEDIUM	15.5	11.3	0.0	253.2	249
LARGE	8.9	6.7	0.0	305.7	1,065

Table 6g: Average Philanthropic Fundraising Per Member by Institution Size

	AVERAGE PHILANTHROPIC FUNDRAISING DOLLARS PER MEMBER	MEDIAN PHILANTHROPIC FUNDRAISING DOLLARS PER MEMBER	MIN	MAX	REPORTING CHAPTERS
MEDIUM	\$70.82	\$38.87	\$0.00	\$1,682.65	227
LARGE	\$90.69	\$42.21	\$0.00	\$1,060.27	890

Table 6h: Total Chapters with Organizational Conduct Violations by Institution Size

	CHAPTERS WITH ANY VIOLATIONS	% CHAPTERS WITH VIOLATIONS	REPORTING CHAPTERS
MEDIUM	50	12.8%	391
LARGE	219	20.7%	1,057



Study Limitations

This study is limited by the available data from the existing, self-reported campus data and the number of campuses that have reported data by semester. As the Scorecard is an evolving instrument, there is an ongoing opportunity to refine questions, gain participation, and produce trend data.

The COVID-19 pandemic also impacted the data available for this report. Colleges and universities varied in their responses and protocols during the pandemic; some institutions limited or altered the scope of allowed activities for their students. Additionally, some campuses did not collect, or track, select categories of data included in this report (e.g., service hours).

Future Work

The research team sees a possibility in creating trend data and additional chapter health markers. In particular, we would like to review whether the initial findings hold steady over three years. Second, we would like to investigate other variables that may be stronger determinants of the health of a chapter. Adding new variables such as persistence/retention rates and more nuanced conduct reports may shed light on chapter/community outcomes. To this end, the Piazza Center has launched a study of conduct accountability models and definitions to help capture campus student organization/fraternity and sorority conduct definitions. Furthermore, the Piazza Center is committed to exploring practices that may improve chapter outcomes among National Pan-Hellenic Council, National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations, National Multicultural Greek Council, and National Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Panhellenic Association. Once a critical mass of institutions is reached, reporting on more council types will be possible.

In spring 2022, the Piazza Center held focus groups to expand the data included in the Scorecard. Beginning with the 2021–2022 data collection, participating institutions will be able to report:

- Chapter closings
- Recruitment structure/timing
- Cumulative GPAs (chapter and new member)
- Recruitment semester
- COVID violations
- Percentage of students involved in student groups besides FSL

As Scorecard participation increases, the Piazza Center hopes to publish semester and annual reports.

The Piazza Center is conducting other research to establish more consistent terminology to include in future collection and reports. If your institution or organization wants to participate or has ideas to enhance the project, please contact the Piazza Center via email at piazzacenter@psu.edu.

Conclusion

The Scorecard is a longitudinal project that will help track national trends in fraternity/sorority life. The Piazza Center thanks all the institutions that submitted their data for this report. For a complete list of participating institutions, visit studentaffairs.psu.edu/piazza-center/national-scorecard.



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