

# RSCA COVID-19 Research Impacts Surveys: Summary

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## General characteristics:

- Web-based survey focused on research activity (as defined in [Policy AC23](#));
- Administered to all research-active faculty, staff, and doctoral students system-wide;
- Items:
  - Retrospective assessments of research productivity [0-100 scales]
  - Use of University resources to mitigate COVID-19 impact
  - Standard demographics (as in the [Penn State Community Survey](#))

**Characteristics by Survey**

Characteristic	Fall 2020 Survey	Fall 2021 Survey	Total
Administration Dates	12/20 - 1/21	12/21 - 1/22	-
Number of Respondents	3056	1615	4671
Graduate Student Respondents (Post-Doc Respondents)	473 (96)	246 (38)	719 (134)
MRI (2019-2020),* All Respondents	27.4	23.9	-
MRI (2019-2020),* Graduate Students	25.5	21.9	-

\*MRI = Mean Research Impact: The mean of the difference between the respondents' 2019 and 2020 self-reported research productivity scores (range: 0 to 100).