

**IDEA Student Ratings of Instruction Report Messages:
Number of Responses and Response Rate
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One of the following messages will appear on Page 1 of the IDEA Report based on the number of responses:

<10	The number of students responding is so low that your results are unreliable; re-rating by the same students could produce substantially different results.
10-14	The number of students responding is so low that your results have only marginal reliability; re-rating by the same students could result in some significant changes.
15-24	Your results are considered fairly reliable; it is unlikely that re-rating by the same students would produce more than a moderate change in your report.
25-39	Your results are considered reliable; re-rating by the same students would be unlikely to produce a report resulting in different conclusion.
>40	Your results are considered highly reliable; re-rating by the same students would give essentially the same results as those given in this report.

One of the following messages will always appear based on the percentage of students responding:

<50%	The percentage of enrollees who provided ratings is so low that results can not be considered as representative of the class as a whole.
50-64%	The percentage of enrollees who provided ratings is undesirably low; results may not be representative of the class as a whole.
65-74%	The percentage of enrollees who provided ratings is considered acceptable; results are probably representative of the class as a whole.
75%+	The percentage of enrollees who provided ratings is high; results can be considered representative of the class as a whole.