

# Survey: 2018 Sustainability Survey

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Hello:

You were randomly selected to participate in the 2018 SDSU Sustainability Survey.

The purpose of this survey is to better understand the campus' knowledge and value of sustainability.

The survey is completely voluntary. Your participation is greatly appreciated and is important to the future of sustainability at SDSU. In addition, this survey is part of a larger report, which benchmarks sustainability efforts on campus. This survey also includes 5 questions for an Honors student's project around plastic bags.

The survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Survey results will not be reported in a manner that could identify individuals. Only aggregated results will be shared. This means your responses will be combined with all the survey responses and no identifiable information will be reported.

There are no foreseeable risks associated with this project. However, if you feel uncomfortable answering any questions, you can withdraw from the survey at any point.

*By checking the box below, you are verifying that you have read the explanation of the study and that you agree to participate. You also understand the risks of the survey and that your participation in this survey is strictly voluntary. If you do not wish to participate in this survey, simply exit the survey at any point. In addition, by checking the box, you give permission to SDSU to use responses for the STARS sustainability benchmark report and to help improve campus sustainability.*

The survey will close on Nov. 18th. Any questions or concerns may be directed to [jennifer.mclaughlin@sdstate.edu](mailto:jennifer.mclaughlin@sdstate.edu)

Thank you in advance for your participation!

I Agree

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**How important is sustainability to you?**

- Not important
- Neither not important nor important
- Important

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**How do you define sustainability?**

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**Which of the following is most environmentally beneficial?**

- Reducing consumption of goods
- Reusing goods
- Recycling goods

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**Which example of natural resource management do you prefer?**

- Government designated natural areas off limits to public use
- Science-based harvest limits based on the natural growth rate of the resources

- Allowing communities to determine how natural resources are used
- Using all the natural resources needed to maintain jobs
- None of the above (place your answer below)

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**Imagine we had to pay for all the costs associated with a product. What would that price include?**

- Cost of raw materials
- Cost of environmental damage caused by the product's production
- Cost of employee health care and wages
- Cost of raw materials and cost of environmental damage caused by the product's production
- Cost of raw materials and cost of employee health care and wages
- Cost of environmental damage caused by the product's production and cost of employee health care and wages
- Cost of raw materials, cost of environmental damage caused by the product's production, and cost of employee health care and wages
- I don't know

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**Which of the following statements about greenhouse gases is FALSE.**

- Humans would be better off without greenhouse gases
- There are many different greenhouse gases, not just carbon dioxide
- Increased greenhouse gases trap solar radiation in the atmosphere
- Greenhouse gases allow solar radiation to reach Earth, but keep it from escaping back into space
- All of the above are TRUE

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**What do you think is the most important issue for economic sustainability?**

- Distributing money and resources equally so all can obtain basic human needs
- Distributing money and resources based on what people deserve
- Maintaining growth in profits
- Balancing costs and revenue
- I don't know
- None of the above (place your answer below)

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**Indicate if you agree or disagree with the following comments about supporting your local economy.**

	Disagree	Agree
It IS NOT important to support your local economy because it does not create more local jobs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

- It IS NOT important to support your local economy because not all products are available in your community.
- It IS important to support your local economy because it reduces the transportation needed to distribute goods.
- It IS important to support your local economy because the money stays in your community
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**Which of the following are commonly considered social justice issues (select all that apply)?**

- Education
  - Health care
  - Reliable transportation
  - Clean water
  - Secure shelter
  - Access to technology
  - Good nutrition
  - Equity
  - Freedom of speech
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**What is your preferred means of helping communities that face social injustices such as low wages, poor working conditions, and lack of access to education?**

- Boycott products made in sweatshops
- Support government regulations of corporations
- Support labor unions
- Volunteer in some capacity to help communities in need
- None of the above (place your answer below)

**True or False. Climate change is real.**

- True
  - False
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**If climate change is real, what are its potential effects (select all that apply)**

- Movement/change in plant and animal habitat location
  - Severe weather events
  - Sea level decline
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Fires and droughts

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**The following questions pertain to your view of SDSU sustainability efforts.**

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**Rate SDSU's sustainability efforts**

- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Excellent

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**How important is it to you that SDSU is a leader in sustainability?**

- Not important
- Neither not important nor important
- Important

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**If you could change 5 things about SDSU tomorrow to make it more sustainable, what would they be?**

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**Are you aware of the following campus sustainability initiatives?**

	No	Yes
Student Sustainability Council	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Committee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainability is part of IMAGINE 2023	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainability related courses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainability website	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainability Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter pages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recycling program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation Engineer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainability Specialist	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13 LEED certified buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	No	Yes
Office of Diversity, Inclusion, Equity & Access	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Multicultural Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
American Indian Student Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Programs to prepare and financially assist low-income students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Sustainability pledge	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Food Recovery Network	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainability newsletter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Collegian articles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Book recycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainability study abroad programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	No	Yes
Aramark to-go boxes, cups, mugs, and reusable bags	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
STARS benchmark report	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water bottle refill stations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ink & toner cartridge recycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Move-out donation program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainability minor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tree Campus USA	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bee Campus USA	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fall 2018 sustainability events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**How often do you utilize/partake in/reference the following resources?**

	Never	Sometimes	Frequently	N/A
Sustainability related courses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainability website	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainability social media pages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recycling program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainability newsletter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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**How helpful are the following resources to you?**

	Not helpful	Somewhat helpful	Helpful	N/A
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**The following questions pertain to you and how you live out sustainability in regards to transportation, plastic bags, and volunteering.**

**What is your primary means of transportation to get to and from campus during the SUMMER (mid-May to mid-Aug) months? If you live on campus, indicate your primary means of transportation to get around campus.**

- I am not on campus during the summer (mid-May to mid-Aug)
- Walk
- Bike
- Carpool
- Public transportation
- Motorcycle/moped
- Drive by yourself (excludes motorcycles/mopeds)
- Other non-motorized means (i.e. skateboards, longboards, scooters)

**What is your primary means of transportation to get to and from campus during the ACADEMIC (mid-Aug to mid-May) year? If you live on campus indicate your primary means of transportation to get around campus.**

- I am not on campus during the academic year (mid-Aug to mid-May)
  - Walk
  - Bike
  - Carpool
  - Public transportation
  - Motorcycle/moped
  - Drive by yourself (excludes motorcycles/mopeds)
  - Other non-motorized means (i.e. skateboards, longboards, scooters)
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**How far do you live from campus?**

- I live on campus
  - Less than 1 mile
  - Between 1 and 2 miles
  - Between 2 and 3 miles
  - Between 3 and 4 miles
  - Between 4 and 5 miles
  - More than 5 miles but less than 10 miles
  - More than 10 miles
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**17. How often do you use reusable grocery bags when shopping?**

- Never
  - Sometimes
  - Always
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**On average how many plastic bags do you use in 1 trip to the grocery store?**

- 1 - 5
  - 6 - 10
  - 11 - 15
  - 15+
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**How do you dispose of your plastic bags?**

- Recycle them
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- Throw them away
- Keep them for another purpose
- Other

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**What is the biggest barrier to using reusable bags?**

- I do not have reusable bags
- Remembering the bags
- Cost of bags
- Other

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**If you had access to reusable bags, straws, and water bottles would you be more likely to use them over disposable bags, straws, and bottles?**

- Yes
- No

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**On average how many hours a week do you volunteer**

- 0 hours
- 1-2 hours
- 2-3 hours
- 3-4 hours
- 4-5 hours
- 5+ hours

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**The following questions are demographic questions.**

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**What is your gender identity?**

- Man
- Woman
- Prefer not to answer
- Other

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**What is your country of origin?**

- United States of America

- International
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**\* What is your primary role at SDSU?**

- Student
  - Faculty
  - Staff
  - Administrator
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**How long have you attended SDSU?**

- 1 year or less
  - 2 years
  - 3 years
  - 4 years
  - 5 years
  - 6 or more years
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**What degree level are you currently enrolled in?**

- Associates
  - Bachelors
  - Masters
  - PhD
  - Professional
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**\* What academic college are you currently enrolled in (select all that apply)?**

- Agriculture, Food, & Environmental Sciences (natural resource management, plant science, dairy science...)
  - Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences (English, political science, art, psychology, architecture...)
  - Natural Sciences (biology, geography, physics, chemistry...)
  - Nursing
  - Pharmacy and Allied Health
  - Engineering (mechanical, civil, ag engineering, construction management...)
  - Education and Human Sciences (dietetics, athletic training, fashion design, counseling...)
  - Undecided/Exploratory Studies
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**How long have you been working at SDSU?**

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- 1 year or less
  - 2 years
  - 3 years
  - 4 years
  - 5 years
  - 6 years or more
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**Which department do you currently work for?**

- Admissions
- Agriculture, Food, & Environmental Sciences
- Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
- Athletics
- Education and Human Sciences
- Engineering
- Facilities & Services
- Finance & Business
- Financial Aid
- Graduate School
- Human Resources
- IT
- Library
- Natural Sciences
- Nursing
- Pharmacy and Allied Health
- Research & Economic Development
- Residential Life
- SD Art Museum/Ag Museum
- SDSU Extension
- Student Affairs
- Union
- University Marketing
- Other

**If you'd like to add any comments, concerns, resources you find helpful, or ideas about sustainability at SDSU, please do so here.**