

Voices of Wellness: The Mental Health Call to Action

Based on the Healthy Minds Study (Spring 2022)

In the 2023-24 academic year,

64.2%

of Valley students persisted from Fall to Spring.



Why are some students persisting, whereas others are not?

The Healthy Minds Study examined:

Mental health

Campus climate

Campus belonging

Feelings of being valued by others

Fair and equitable treatment on campus

Safety on campus

Financial stress

How are these student factors related to perceived persistence and overall satisfaction?

Student Factors

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Perceived persistence

Overall satisfaction

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Perceived persistence

Measured on a 6-point agree/disagree scale

"I am confident that I will be able to finish my degree no matter what challenges I may face.)

How are these student factors related to perceived persistence and overall satisfaction?

Student Factors

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Measured on a 6-point satisfied/dissatisfied scale

"How satisfied are you with your overall experience at your school?

Overall satisfaction

All these student factors are independently related to both perceived persistence and overall satisfaction.

Student Factors

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Fair and equitable treatment on campus

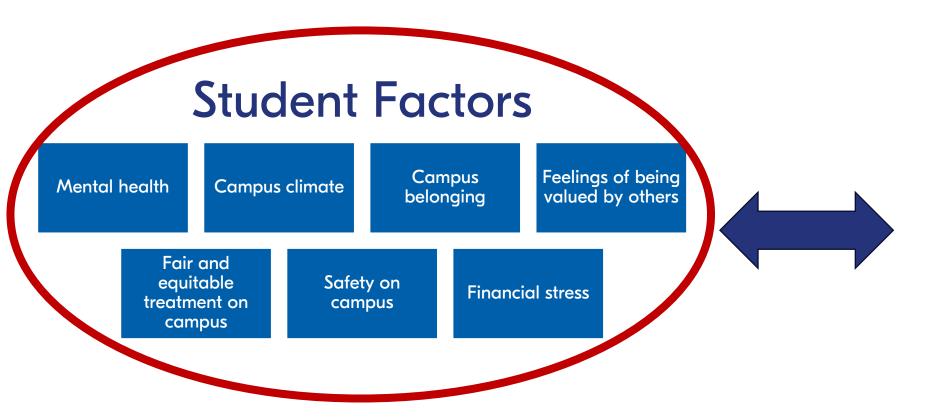
Financial stress

Perceived persistence

Overall satisfaction

Analyzed using correlations

...but how do these student factors altogether affect perceived persistence and overall satisfaction?



Perceived persistence

Overall satisfaction

Analyzed using multiple linear regressions

First, we looked at perceived persistence.

Student Factors



Mental health and campus belonging better explain students' perceived persistence.

Student Factors

Mental health

Campus climate

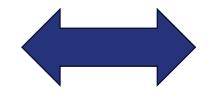
Campus belonging

Feelings of being valued by others

Fair and equitable treatment on campus

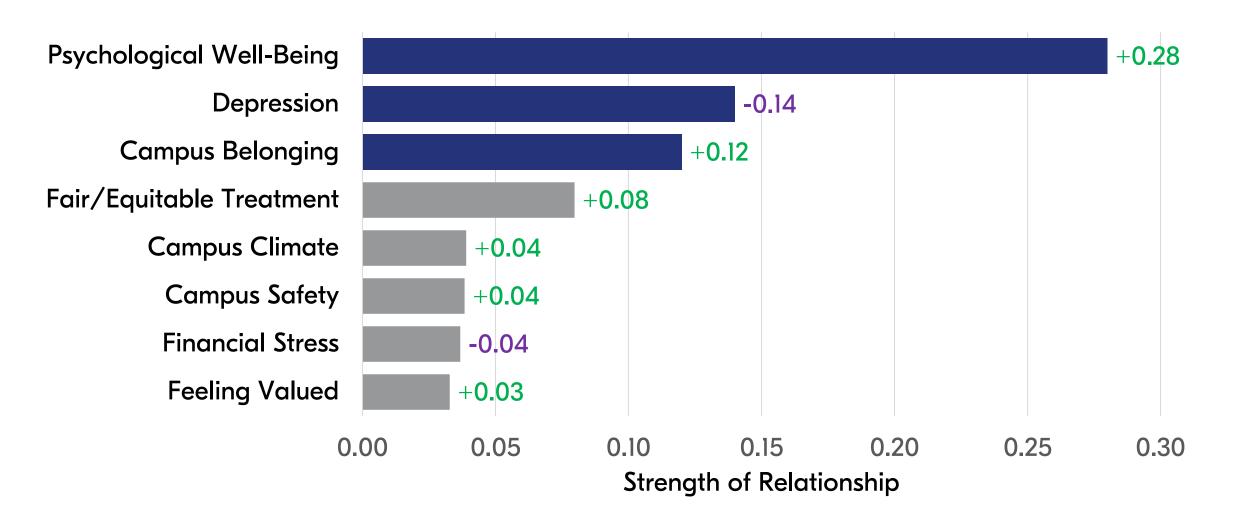
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Perceived persistence

Psychological well-being is especially related to students' perceived persistence.



Mental health, campus climate, campus belonging, feelings of being valued, and safety on campus better explain students' overall satisfaction.

Student Factors

Mental health

Campus climate

Campus belonging

Feeling valued



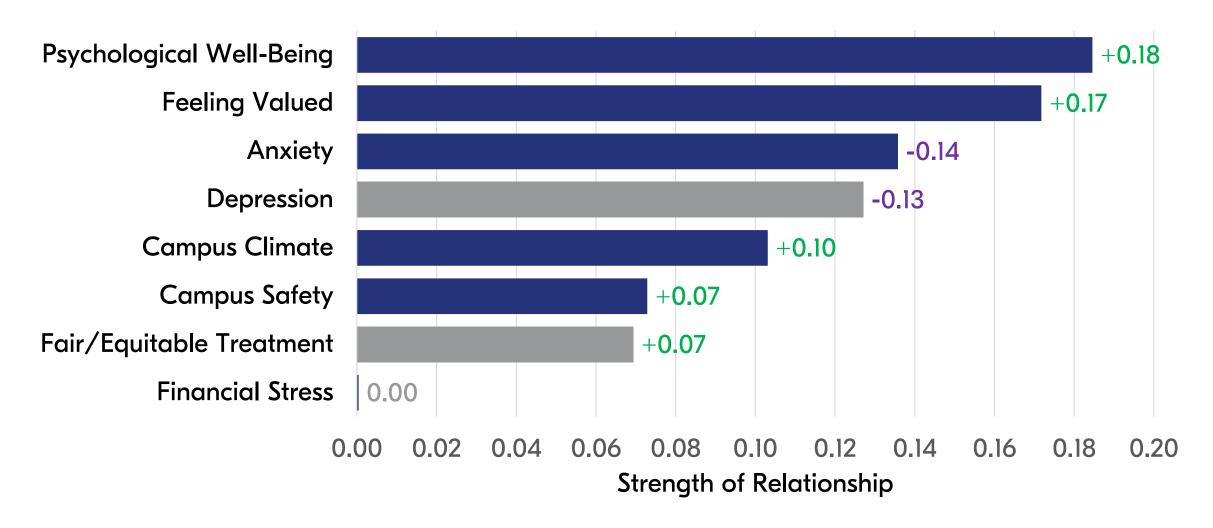
Overall satisfaction

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Although factors affecting overall satisfaction are more nuanced, <u>psychological</u> well-being is still particularly influential.



Prevalence of Mental Health Issues

For every 100 students...

45

Moderate to severe **depression** 37

Moderate to severe anxiety

32

At risk of eating disorder

21

Non-suicidal self-injury behaviors

13

Had suicidal ideation

When measuring psychological well-being,



of Valley students are not flourishing.

Call to Action

01

Enhance mental health support.

02

Foster a more positive campus climate.

03

Implement more transparent and equitable practices.

04

Alleviate financial stress.

Specific groups of students may need targeted support.

	Greater depression or anxiety	Lower belonging	Lower perceived persistence	Lower overall satisfaction
LGBQ+	X	X	X	X
Lower Income	X	X	X	X
Non-cisgender	X	X	X	
Younger	X	Χ		
Disability	X		X	
Non-white	X			X
Black	(included)	X		(included)
Asian	(included)	X		(included)

