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Greetings from the FAEIS team at Virginia Tech. If you are not familiar with this important project from USDA/CSREES, click here to read about FAEIS and why it is important to you.

FAEIS 2009 Surveys Are Open

The 2009 FAEIS Surveys are open for data entry, with the following components:

- Student Enrollments by Discipline - Fall, 2009
- Degrees Awarded - 2008/2009
- Placement of Graduates - 2008/2009
- Annual Faculty Survey
- International Programs

Click here to see the status of your 2009 student surveys

Triennial FAEIS Evaluation Results

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Triennial FAEIS Evaluation! The purpose of the FAEIS Triennial Evaluation is to conduct a comprehensive assessment of FAEIS once every three years in order to improve the usability of the information provided by FAEIS, monitor progress towards goals and plan for the future.

We had a 35% response rate with 396 respondents. Some of the results of the survey are included below. For a look at the entire report, go to this link on the FAEIS website.

Is FAEIS collecting data from the institutions which you consider your peers?

Does not apply 1%
Do not know 30%
No 3%
Yes 66%

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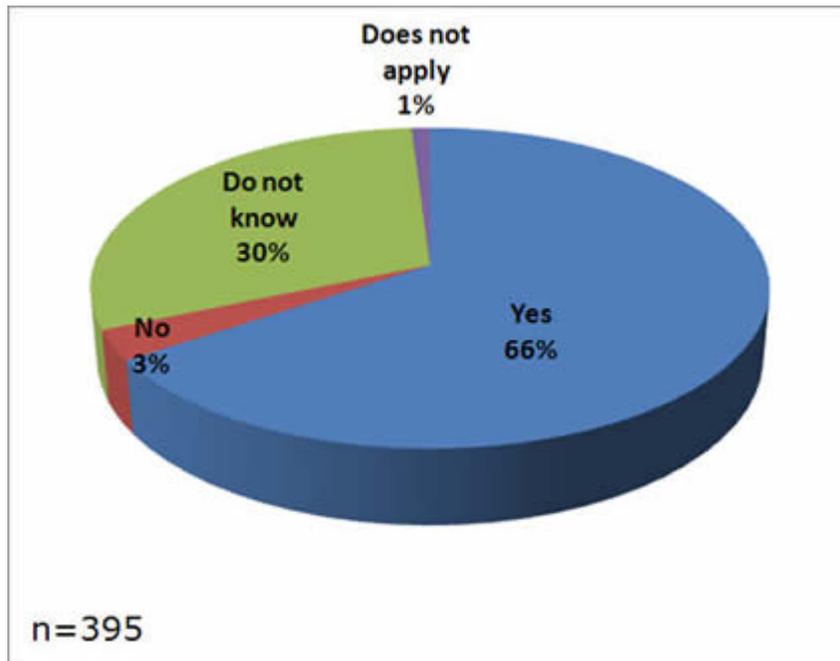
Only 3% of the respondents felt that FAEIS was not collecting data from their peer institutions.

For which of the following purposes have you used FAEIS data and/or reports?

	Percentage
Fundraising	2.8%
Other	3.3%
Recruiting faculty	5.9%
Student job placements	6.1%
Decisions related to hiring faculty and staff	9.2%
Recruiting students	10.4%
Decisions on academic program offerings	13.2%
Trend analysis	37.2%
Institutional benchmarking/peer analysis	38.7%
Have not used FAEIS data	45.0%

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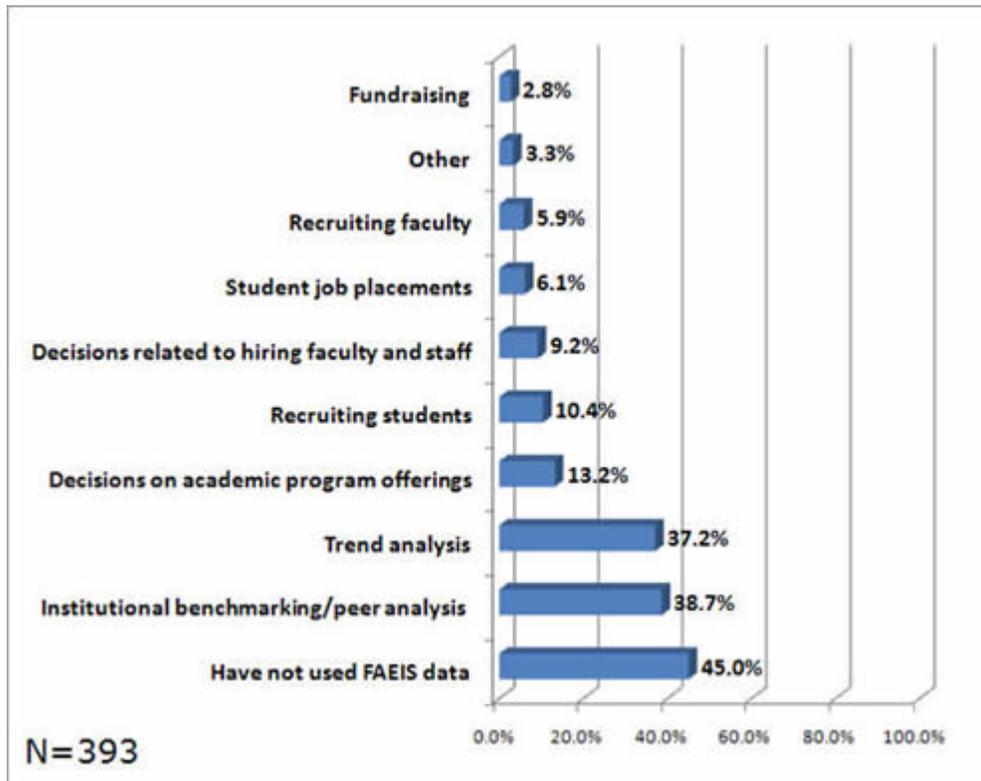
The most common uses of FAEIS data was for institutional benchmarking / peer analysis and trend analysis. The large percentage of respondents that indicated that they have not used FAEIS data is particularly reflective of the large number (40%) of respondents that only do data entry. However, the FAEIS team recognizes that we also need to help institutions recognize the many ways FAEIS data can be useful to them.

How would you rate the support you received from the Help Desk?

Figure 15. Respondent Ratings of FAEIS Help Desk

Do not know 2.6%

Poor 0.7%

Fair 5.2%

Good 29.4%

Excellent 62.1%

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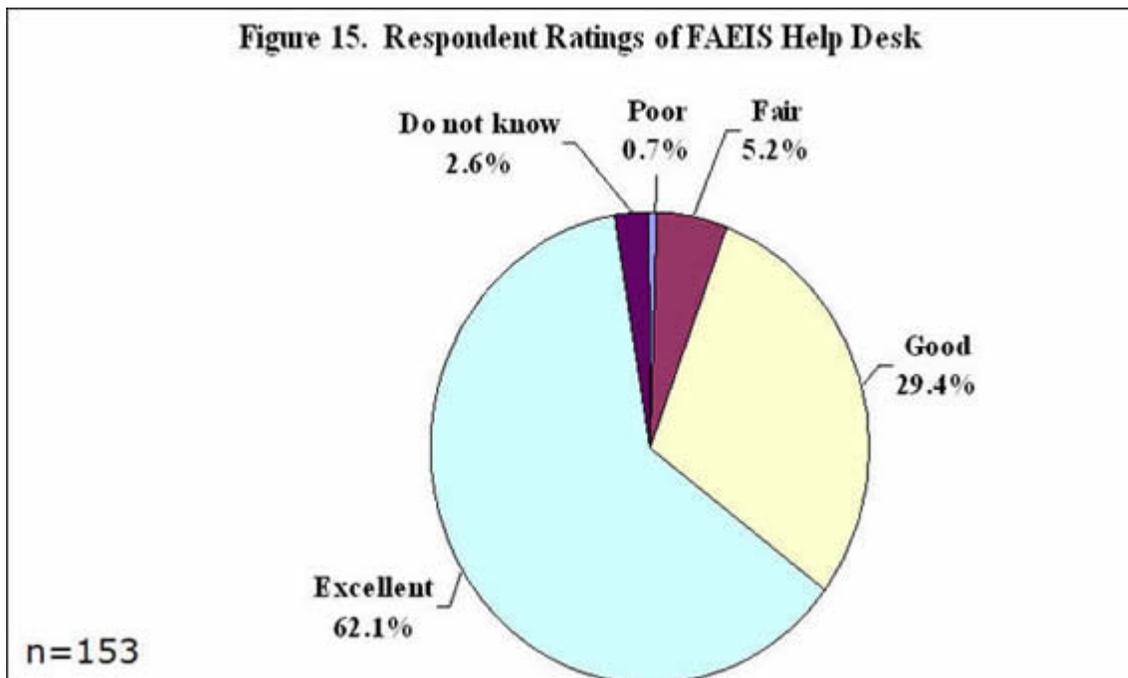
A large majority (91.5%) of the respondents indicated that the support they received from the FAEIS Help Desk was excellent or good. The FAEIS team welcomes your inquiries and would like to help you in any way. Please contact us by email (faeis@vt.edu) or by phone (540-231-4941).

Have a question?

Ask FAEIS

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