

# 2023 Annual Survey Preliminary Report: Clubs/Groups Involvement

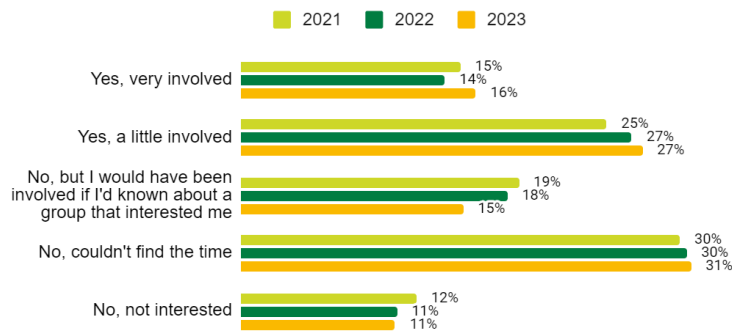
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## Overview

The most recent Annual Survey (n=2,668) ran in November and December 2023. This document focuses on the standard clubs/groups involvement question: *"The UASU supports a diverse ecosystem of clubs and other student groups. BearsDen lists almost 400 of them. Have you been involved in student groups this semester?"* All three surveys ran at the same time of year and had 2500-4000 responses.

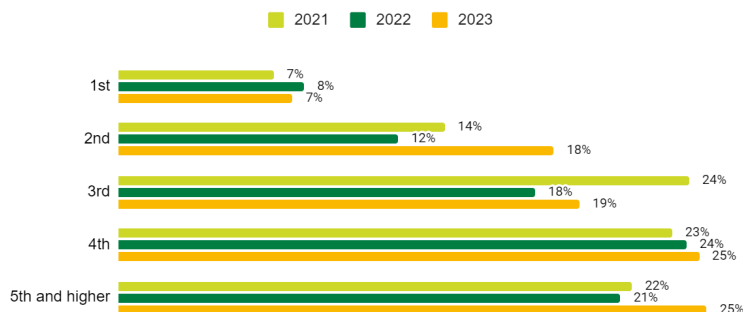


Over 40% were involved in clubs/groups for the third year in a row. Cross-tabulations revealed significantly improved involvement among disabled students, Indigenous students, and second-year students, and completely transformed numbers specific to Middle Eastern and North African students. There are strong implications for the growth and regrowth of student civil society and engagement.

## Year of Study

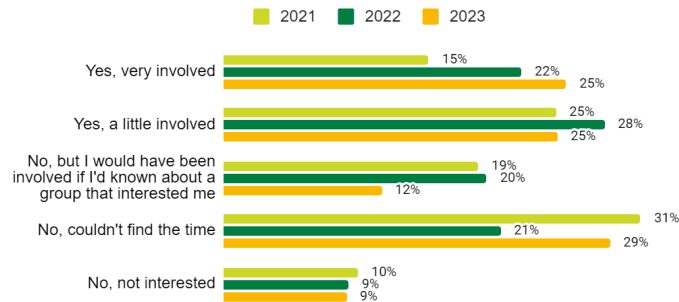
Last year, a falloff among second- and third-year students provoked concern. In Fall 2023, the third-year rate partially rebounded. The second-year rate increased by 50%.

Rates of being 'very involved' in clubs and student groups by year of study



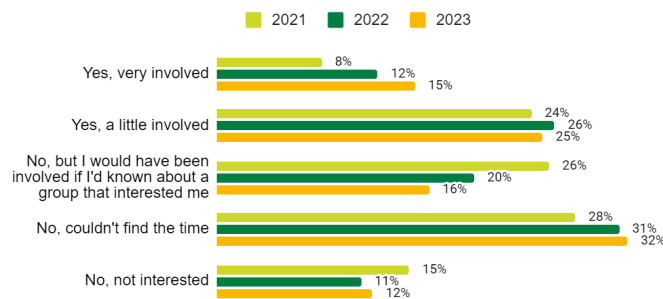
## Disability

Disabled students face a variety of individual barriers to involvement, so tracking their involvement in student clubs/groups is vital. For the second year in a row, disabled students were much more likely than other students to be very involved.



## Indigenous Students

First Nations, Métis, and/or Inuit students saw a similar increase in club/group involvement; FNMI students' rate of 'very involved' almost doubled in two years.



## Middle Eastern and/or North African Students

By far the largest shift in this question centred on students who self-identified as Middle Eastern and/or North African (MENA). Their 'very involved' rate doubled, their 'a little involved' rate rose sharply again, and their disinterest rate halved.

