

2005 CIRP PEER GROUP REPORT

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Peer Group: Emory, Furman, Rhodes, Vanderbilt, Wake Forest

Mercer University First-time Full-time	# Res- pondents			Your Institution			# Res- pondents			Your Peer Group			Oth Rel 4yr Coll-hi			All Oth Rel 4yr Coll		
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total			
<b>Number of Respondents</b>	201	320	521	2,099	2,505	4,604	7,881	11,212	19,093	12,094	17,487	29,581						
<b>In what year did you graduate from high school?</b>	513			4,526														
2005	99.0	99.7	99.4	99.2	99.5	99.4	98.2	98.9	98.6	97.5	98.5	98.1						
2004	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.6	1.4	0.8	1.1	1.7	0.9	1.3						
2003	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2						
2002 or earlier	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2						
Did not graduate but passed G.E.D. test	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2						
Never completed high school	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
<b>How old will you be on December 31 of this year?</b>	514			4,531														
16 or younger	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
17	2.5	1.9	2.1	1.2	2.2	1.7	0.9	1.5	1.2	1.0	1.8	1.5						
18	52.3	73.3	65.2	59.3	69.8	65.0	58.0	68.3	63.9	57.4	68.5	63.8						
19	44.7	24.8	32.5	38.5	27.5	32.5	39.6	29.5	33.8	39.2	28.7	33.2						
20	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.6	1.1	0.5	0.8	1.7	0.7	1.1						
21 to 24	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.4						
25 to 29	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
30 to 39	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
40 to 54	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
55 or older	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
<b>Are you: [1]</b>	519			4,572														
White/Caucasian	80.5	74.0	76.5	81.3	79.7	80.4	89.0	89.1	89.1	83.6	80.6	81.9						
African American/Black	10.0	17.6	14.6	6.1	9.0	7.7	4.9	4.6	4.7	10.8	13.7	12.5						
American Indian/Alaska Native	2.5	2.2	2.3	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.9	2.4	2.2						
Asian American/Asian	7.0	7.8	7.5	10.4	8.7	9.5	3.8	4.0	3.9	2.8	2.8	2.8						
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1.0	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6						
Mexican American/Chicano	2.0	1.3	1.5	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.8	1.5	1.6	2.2	2.5	2.4						
Puerto Rican	1.0	1.3	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8						
Other Latino	2.5	1.9	2.1	2.4	2.7	2.6	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6						
Other	2.0	3.1	2.7	1.4	2.3	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.6	2.4						
<b>What was your average grade in high school?</b>	512			4,508														
A or A+	35.0	47.0	42.4	38.9	49.9	44.9	22.2	34.9	29.5	17.5	27.8	23.4						
A-	29.4	30.5	30.1	36.2	34.7	35.4	25.3	29.9	27.9	20.0	25.8	23.3						
B+	14.2	14.9	14.6	17.9	11.6	14.5	21.5	18.8	20.0	20.1	19.8	19.9						
B	16.2	6.0	10.0	5.8	3.4	4.5	19.7	12.4	15.6	21.4	16.6	18.6						
B-	2.5	1.0	1.6	0.9	0.4	0.6	6.9	2.7	4.5	10.2	5.4	7.4						
C+	2.5	0.6	1.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.2	0.9	1.9	7.4	3.5	5.1						
C	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.2	0.7	3.3	1.2	2.1						
D	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1						
<b>How many miles is this college from your permanent home?</b>	509			4,500														
5 or less	3.1	1.3	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.0	3.7	3.2	3.4	4.7	4.6	4.7						
6 to 10	2.1	2.5	2.4	1.6	1.9	1.8	2.9	3.4	3.2	4.0	4.6	4.3						
11 to 50	14.4	14.0	14.1	8.8	8.3	8.5	16.2	15.7	15.9	18.7	20.8	19.9						
51 to 100	21.6	22.5	22.2	4.8	4.3	4.5	17.1	16.8	16.9	18.8	17.4	18.0						
101 to 500	49.0	47.3	47.9	36.7	34.3	35.4	42.1	40.9	41.4	38.1	34.9	36.2						
Over 500	9.8	12.4	11.4	46.0	49.3	47.8	17.9	20.0	19.1	15.8	17.7	16.9						
<b>Is English your native language?</b>	511			4,510														
Yes	95.9	94.9	95.3	92.9	94.2	93.6	96.8	96.5	96.6	96.9	97.2	97.1						
No	4.1	5.1	4.7	7.1	5.8	6.4	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.9						

[1] Percentages will add to more than 100.0 if any student marked more than one category.

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		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
<b>Which of the following statements applies to you?</b>	517				4,566									
I was born in the United States		93.0	94.3	93.8		91.5	92.3	92.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	95.6	96.2	95.9
I came to the United States before age 6		4.0	2.2	2.9		2.8	3.7	3.3	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.0
I came to the United States between ages 6-12		0.5	1.9	1.4		2.2	1.8	2.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7
I came to the United States after age 12		2.5	1.6	1.9		3.5	2.1	2.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.1	1.4
<b>Citizenship status</b>	517				4,570									
U.S. citizen		96.5	96.8	96.7		95.1	96.9	96.1	97.5	97.6	97.6	97.7	98.2	98.0
Permanent resident (green card)		2.0	2.5	2.3		2.6	1.5	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8
Neither		1.5	0.6	1.0		2.3	1.6	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.0	1.2
<b>What is your best estimate of your parents' total income last year?</b>														
<b>Consider income from all sources before taxes</b>	462				4,173									
Less than \$10,000		3.3	2.9	3.0		1.5	1.5	1.5	1.7	2.0	1.9	2.7	3.8	3.3
\$10,000 to \$14,999		1.6	2.1	1.9		0.5	0.7	0.6	1.1	1.7	1.4	2.3	3.5	3.0
\$15,000 to \$19,999		1.1	2.5	1.9		0.7	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.9	1.5	1.9	2.8	2.4
\$20,000 to \$24,999		2.7	2.9	2.8		1.1	1.2	1.2	2.0	2.8	2.4	3.2	4.3	3.8
\$25,000 to \$29,999		0.5	3.2	2.2		1.2	2.0	1.6	2.5	3.1	2.8	3.3	4.0	3.7
\$30,000 to \$39,999		4.9	6.4	5.8		2.6	4.0	3.3	4.9	5.9	5.5	7.1	7.7	7.4
\$40,000 to \$49,999		8.2	6.8	7.4		3.6	3.4	3.5	6.6	8.1	7.4	7.8	10.0	9.0
\$50,000 to \$59,999		7.1	7.9	7.6		5.2	4.3	4.7	9.0	9.5	9.3	10.2	10.8	10.5
\$60,000 to \$74,999		12.1	10.0	10.8		5.8	7.7	6.8	11.9	13.1	12.6	13.1	13.4	13.3
\$75,000 to \$99,999		17.0	16.4	16.7		11.7	11.3	11.5	16.8	15.5	16.1	15.9	13.8	14.7
\$100,000 to \$149,999		22.0	20.7	21.2		18.7	17.6	18.1	20.6	17.2	18.7	16.8	13.2	14.8
\$150,000 to \$199,999		7.7	7.5	7.6		12.6	11.3	11.9	8.6	7.1	7.8	6.6	5.0	5.7
\$200,000 to \$249,999		2.2	4.3	3.5		8.7	8.4	8.5	4.4	3.8	4.1	2.9	2.7	2.8
\$250,000 or more		9.3	6.4	7.6		26.1	25.8	25.9	9.0	8.2	8.6	6.2	5.0	5.5
<b>WHAT IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF FORMAL EDUCATION OBTAINED BY YOUR PARENTS?</b>														
<b>Father</b>	507				4,536									
Grammar school or less		0.0	0.6	0.4		0.5	0.3	0.4	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.5	1.5	1.5
Some high school		2.5	2.9	2.8		0.7	1.0	0.9	2.2	2.5	2.4	4.0	4.7	4.4
High school graduate		13.6	17.8	16.2		5.3	5.5	5.4	15.0	15.6	15.3	22.1	23.1	22.7
Postsecondary school other than college		3.5	5.5	4.7		1.6	1.5	1.5	3.3	3.8	3.6	3.8	4.2	4.1
Some college		13.6	16.5	15.4		5.0	6.8	6.0	13.0	13.2	13.1	15.9	16.6	16.3
College degree		35.4	29.4	31.8		29.3	29.3	29.3	32.1	31.5	31.7	28.9	27.6	28.1
Some graduate school		4.5	3.2	3.7		3.0	3.5	3.2	2.4	2.8	2.7	1.8	2.1	2.0
Graduate degree		26.8	23.9	25.0		54.6	52.2	53.3	31.2	29.7	30.3	22.0	20.0	20.9
<b>Mother</b>	514				4,543									
Grammar school or less		0.0	0.3	0.2		0.6	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.0
Some high school		3.0	1.6	2.1		0.6	0.6	0.6	1.6	1.4	1.5	2.7	3.0	2.9
High school graduate		10.1	14.2	12.6		5.6	5.6	5.6	14.3	14.9	14.6	21.1	21.2	21.2
Postsecondary school other than college		2.0	6.3	4.7		2.0	2.9	2.5	3.7	4.3	4.0	3.9	4.5	4.2
Some college		18.7	20.6	19.8		8.5	8.9	8.7	15.1	16.4	15.8	18.0	20.3	19.3
College degree		39.9	35.8	37.4		41.0	41.3	41.2	39.1	37.0	37.9	34.2	31.4	32.6
Some graduate school		3.0	3.5	3.3		4.5	5.8	5.2	3.4	3.8	3.6	2.9	2.8	2.8
Graduate degree		23.2	17.7	19.8		37.2	34.7	35.9	22.1	21.3	21.7	16.2	15.8	16.0

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<b>Are your parents?</b>	517				4,562									
Both alive and living with each other		83.5	71.0	75.8		83.1	81.3	82.1	79.9	77.1	78.3	74.9	71.1	72.7
Both alive, divorced or living apart		15.0	25.2	21.3		14.6	15.8	15.3	17.6	19.8	18.8	21.9	24.8	23.6
One or both deceased		1.5	3.8	2.9		2.4	2.9	2.6	2.5	3.1	2.8	3.2	4.2	3.8
<b>Father's occupation [2]</b>	499				4,447									
Artist		1.0	0.7	0.8		1.2	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.0
Business		28.6	31.7	30.5		39.7	37.7	38.6	33.0	30.2	31.4	28.7	26.9	27.6
Business (clerical)		1.0	1.0	1.0		0.7	0.7	0.7	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.0	1.2
Clergy		2.0	3.3	2.8		1.0	1.2	1.1	2.4	2.4	2.4	3.4	3.0	3.2
College teacher		1.0	0.3	0.6		1.8	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.9	0.8	0.9
Doctor (MD or DDS)		5.6	4.3	4.8		13.4	12.5	12.9	4.9	4.2	4.5	3.0	2.4	2.6
Education (secondary)		0.5	2.0	1.4		2.2	1.7	2.0	3.7	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.0	3.3
Education (elementary)		1.0	0.7	0.8		0.3	0.2	0.3	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.0
Engineer		8.2	9.2	8.8		5.1	7.6	6.5	6.6	7.7	7.2	6.0	6.9	6.5
Farmer or forester		2.0	1.7	1.8		0.3	0.4	0.3	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.5	2.4	2.4
Health professional		2.0	2.6	2.4		1.6	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.5
Homemaker (full-time)		1.5	0.0	0.6		0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Lawyer		3.1	2.6	2.8		8.2	8.9	8.6	3.4	3.2	3.3	1.8	1.7	1.8
Military (career)		5.1	1.0	2.6		1.1	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.7	1.6
Nurse		1.0	0.3	0.6		0.2	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5
Research scientist		0.0	0.7	0.4		1.6	2.1	1.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4
Social/welfare/recreation worker		0.0	0.3	0.2		0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
Skilled trades		7.7	6.9	7.2		3.0	2.6	2.7	6.7	6.0	6.3	8.7	7.3	7.9
Semi-skilled worker		4.1	2.0	2.8		0.7	0.9	0.8	2.6	2.4	2.5	3.2	2.8	3.0
Laborer (unskilled)		1.0	1.7	1.4		1.0	0.4	0.7	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.8	3.0	2.9
Unemployed		1.5	2.0	1.8		1.0	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.8	1.6	2.0	2.9	2.5
Other		21.9	25.1	23.8		15.1	16.2	15.7	21.8	25.5	23.9	24.9	29.3	27.4
<b>Mother's occupation [2]</b>	503				4,447									
Artist		1.6	0.6	1.0		3.0	3.3	3.2	2.5	2.2	2.3	1.6	1.6	1.6
Business		13.5	21.6	18.5		16.7	16.8	16.8	15.5	15.4	15.4	15.4	15.7	15.6
Business (clerical)		4.7	4.2	4.4		2.5	2.8	2.7	4.4	4.1	4.2	5.0	5.1	5.1
Clergy		0.5	0.3	0.4		0.3	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.5
College teacher		1.0	0.6	0.8		1.5	1.3	1.4	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.6
Doctor (MD or DDS)		2.1	0.6	1.2		3.8	3.5	3.6	1.7	1.2	1.4	1.3	0.9	1.0
Education (secondary)		6.2	4.5	5.2		5.9	4.8	5.3	6.7	5.7	6.1	6.1	5.5	5.7
Education (elementary)		14.5	11.3	12.5		8.3	8.2	8.2	11.3	11.4	11.4	10.7	10.2	10.4
Engineer		1.6	1.6	1.6		1.0	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4
Farmer or forester		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Health professional		6.2	2.9	4.2		4.0	4.2	4.1	3.3	3.6	3.5	2.8	2.8	2.8
Homemaker (full-time)		14.0	15.2	14.7		16.2	19.8	18.2	10.7	13.1	12.0	9.9	11.4	10.8
Lawyer		1.6	1.0	1.2		3.2	3.2	3.2	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.7
Military (career)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Nurse		7.3	5.8	6.4		7.4	5.9	6.6	8.8	8.2	8.5	9.9	8.0	8.8
Research scientist		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.8	1.5	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Social/welfare/recreation worker		1.6	1.9	1.8		2.1	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.8
Skilled trades		1.0	0.6	0.8		1.0	0.6	0.8	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3
Semi-skilled worker		1.0	2.6	2.0		0.7	0.8	0.8	1.6	1.4	1.5	2.0	1.8	1.9
Laborer (unskilled)		0.5	0.0	0.2		0.7	0.2	0.4	1.1	0.8	0.9	1.5	1.3	1.4
Unemployed		5.7	4.8	5.2		5.7	5.6	5.7	4.6	3.6	4.0	4.9	4.4	4.6
Other		15.5	19.7	18.1		15.0	15.0	15.0	20.9	22.5	21.8	23.1	25.3	24.4

[2] Recategorization of this item from a longer list is shown in Appendix C of "The American Freshman: National Norms for Fall 2005".

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<b>PARENTS' CURRENT RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE</b>														
<b>Father</b>	487				4,310									
Baptist		35.4	36.6	36.1		11.3	11.1	11.2	11.1	9.4	10.1	17.1	16.9	17.0
Buddhist		0.0	1.0	0.6		1.1	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Church of Christ		2.1	1.7	1.8		1.5	1.1	1.3	5.2	3.8	4.4	7.4	5.6	6.3
Eastern Orthodox		0.5	0.7	0.6		0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4
Episcopalian		5.3	2.7	3.7		4.7	6.6	5.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	2.2	2.0	2.1
Hindu		2.1	4.7	3.7		2.3	1.6	1.9	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.3
Islamic		1.1	1.0	1.0		1.4	1.5	1.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.5
Jewish		0.0	0.0	0.0		12.6	9.8	11.1	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.3	1.0	1.1
LDS (Mormon)		0.0	0.3	0.2		0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Lutheran		1.6	2.3	2.1		2.8	3.2	3.0	11.5	12.0	11.8	8.2	8.2	8.2
Methodist		15.3	15.4	15.4		10.1	9.9	10.0	9.4	8.7	9.0	9.6	7.8	8.5
Presbyterian		2.1	3.0	2.7		10.0	11.4	10.8	8.4	7.8	8.0	5.9	5.8	5.8
Quaker		1.1	0.3	0.6		0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Roman Catholic		11.6	11.4	11.5		19.5	19.0	19.2	18.1	18.6	18.4	16.1	16.0	16.1
Seventh Day Adventist		0.5	0.0	0.2		0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.3	1.3	1.3
Unitarian/Universalist		0.5	0.0	0.2		0.4	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
United Church of Christ/Congregational		0.5	0.3	0.4		0.5	1.1	0.8	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.1
Other Christian		12.7	8.1	9.9		6.3	7.2	6.8	14.7	16.1	15.5	16.7	18.1	17.5
Other Religion		1.1	1.0	1.0		1.1	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.7	2.2	2.0
None		6.3	9.4	8.2		13.0	11.9	12.4	9.9	11.4	10.8	9.3	11.3	10.5
<b>Mother</b>	494				4,349									
Baptist		38.2	39.6	39.1		11.9	12.3	12.1	11.6	10.0	10.7	17.9	18.7	18.3
Buddhist		0.0	0.3	0.2		0.8	1.0	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Church of Christ		3.1	2.0	2.4		1.9	1.3	1.6	5.5	4.2	4.8	7.7	6.1	6.8
Eastern Orthodox		0.5	0.0	0.2		0.8	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4
Episcopalian		6.8	1.3	3.4		4.7	6.7	5.8	4.1	4.1	4.1	2.3	2.4	2.3
Hindu		2.1	4.3	3.4		2.2	1.5	1.8	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2
Islamic		1.0	0.7	0.8		1.3	1.2	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4
Jewish		0.5	0.3	0.4		11.8	9.6	10.6	1.5	1.3	1.4	0.9	0.7	0.8
LDS (Mormon)		0.5	0.0	0.2		0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Lutheran		0.5	3.6	2.4		3.0	2.9	3.0	11.8	12.4	12.2	8.3	8.4	8.3
Methodist		14.1	15.8	15.2		10.8	10.9	10.9	9.8	9.6	9.7	10.2	9.0	9.5
Presbyterian		2.1	4.0	3.2		10.6	12.1	11.5	8.8	8.2	8.5	6.3	6.1	6.2
Quaker		0.5	0.0	0.2		0.3	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5
Roman Catholic		13.6	12.5	13.0		21.9	21.1	21.4	18.9	19.7	19.4	16.8	16.5	16.6
Seventh Day Adventist		0.0	0.7	0.4		0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.5	1.3	1.4
Unitarian/Universalist		0.0	0.3	0.2		0.5	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3
United Church of Christ/Congregational		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.7	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.1	1.4	1.3
Other Christian		11.5	9.9	10.5		6.5	7.9	7.2	15.4	17.3	16.5	17.4	19.5	18.6
Other Religion		1.6	0.7	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.6	2.2	1.9
None		3.1	4.0	3.6		8.9	7.0	7.9	6.5	6.3	6.4	5.7	5.5	5.6
<b>From what kind of high school did you graduate?</b>														
<b>From what kind of high school did you graduate?</b>	517				4,572									
Public school (not charter or magnet)		59.8	69.5	65.8		53.8	58.2	56.2	70.9	74.7	73.0	76.1	76.7	76.4
Public charter school		1.0	1.6	1.4		0.5	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.0
Public magnet school		8.5	7.9	8.1		4.9	5.2	5.0	2.2	2.4	2.3	1.9	3.5	2.8
Private religious/parochial school		13.1	12.6	12.8		14.7	13.1	13.8	14.8	13.2	13.9	14.0	12.2	13.0
Private independent college-prep school		16.6	7.9	11.2		25.9	22.2	23.9	10.5	8.0	9.1	5.8	5.0	5.3
Home school		1.0	0.6	0.8		0.2	0.4	0.3	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.4

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		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
<b>Your current religious preference</b>	507				4,485									
Baptist		38.7	37.4	37.9		10.6	11.1	10.9	10.8	9.4	10.0	17.3	18.4	17.9
Buddhist		0.0	0.3	0.2		0.9	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3
Church of Christ		2.6	1.9	2.2		1.4	1.4	1.4	5.5	4.3	4.8	8.1	6.4	7.1
Eastern Orthodox		0.5	0.0	0.2		0.7	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3
Episcopalian		7.2	2.2	4.1		4.2	6.5	5.5	3.3	3.5	3.4	1.8	2.1	2.0
Hindu		2.6	4.5	3.7		2.1	1.3	1.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2
Islamic		0.5	0.6	0.6		1.1	1.1	1.1	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4
Jewish		0.0	0.3	0.2		11.2	9.4	10.2	1.4	1.2	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.6
LDS (Mormon)		0.0	0.3	0.2		0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Lutheran		0.5	2.2	1.6		2.6	2.3	2.4	10.7	11.5	11.1	7.4	7.7	7.6
Methodist		13.4	14.1	13.8		9.5	9.9	9.7	8.5	8.5	8.5	9.0	8.2	8.5
Presbyterian		2.6	3.8	3.4		9.2	11.5	10.5	7.4	7.5	7.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
Quaker		1.0	0.0	0.4		0.3	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4
Roman Catholic		10.8	10.5	10.7		18.0	18.1	18.0	16.3	16.6	16.5	14.5	14.0	14.2
Seventh Day Adventist		0.0	0.3	0.2		0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.6	1.2	1.4
Unitarian/Universalist		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.4	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.3
United Church of Christ/Congregational		0.0	0.3	0.2		0.6	0.9	0.8	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.4	1.2
Other Christian		11.3	12.8	12.2		6.6	9.1	7.9	16.2	19.1	17.8	18.3	21.0	19.9
Other Religion		0.5	1.3	1.0		1.8	1.3	1.5	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.8	2.6
None		7.7	7.0	7.3		18.5	13.7	15.9	13.4	11.2	12.2	10.5	8.5	9.3
<b>Student rated self "above average" or "highest 10%" as compared with the average person of his/her age in:</b>														
Academic ability	515	85.9	88.0	87.2	4,545	93.8	90.9	92.2	75.2	75.4	75.3	65.1	66.0	65.6
Artistic ability	516	30.8	30.5	30.6	4,546	29.3	33.5	31.6	28.4	31.2	30.0	27.3	29.8	28.8
Computer skills	515	52.8	26.7	36.7	4,547	50.0	24.1	35.9	44.1	21.8	31.3	42.9	26.0	33.1
Cooperativeness	515	69.0	76.4	73.6	4,542	75.2	77.5	76.5	73.5	76.6	75.3	71.1	75.7	73.8
Creativity	515	62.6	59.0	60.4	4,540	59.1	58.2	58.6	57.5	58.5	58.1	55.0	55.8	55.5
Drive to achieve	515	67.2	83.6	77.3	4,541	79.5	88.0	84.1	68.7	77.3	73.6	67.6	74.4	71.5
Emotional health	515	56.6	53.0	54.4	4,540	66.9	56.3	61.1	61.5	50.1	55.0	60.4	49.1	53.8
Leadership ability	515	62.6	64.0	63.5	4,544	72.6	66.7	69.4	67.5	60.5	63.5	67.3	58.7	62.3
Mathematical ability	516	62.6	55.0	57.9	4,539	70.2	54.6	61.7	51.2	36.9	43.0	45.4	32.4	37.8
Physical health	516	55.6	45.0	49.0	4,541	73.5	56.2	64.1	69.4	47.9	57.2	69.9	45.7	55.9
Public speaking ability	515	40.4	35.3	37.3	4,538	51.4	42.4	46.5	42.9	37.2	39.6	40.0	34.9	37.1
Religiousness	515	41.9	45.4	44.1	4,533	33.0	40.6	37.1	37.4	43.6	40.9	40.8	47.5	44.7
Self-confidence (intellectual)	516	71.7	58.5	63.6	4,539	78.7	60.6	68.9	69.4	54.3	60.8	66.7	53.3	59.0
Self-confidence (social)	515	52.8	44.3	47.6	4,542	58.7	50.2	54.1	56.3	46.0	50.4	57.0	47.2	51.3
Self-understanding	514	62.9	54.6	57.8	4,536	64.5	60.6	62.4	59.1	53.4	55.9	58.1	52.0	54.6
Spirituality	513	48.5	50.2	49.5	4,533	39.9	45.9	43.2	43.4	48.2	46.2	45.4	50.8	48.5
Understanding of others	515	64.5	69.8	67.8	4,540	68.8	75.4	72.4	65.6	71.0	68.7	63.7	69.4	67.0
Writing ability	515	48.2	47.2	47.6	4,544	59.8	62.4	61.2	48.1	53.5	51.2	42.4	48.4	45.9
<b>Had you had any special tutoring or remedial work in:</b>	521				4,604									
English		7.0	4.7	5.6		4.7	3.3	4.0	6.3	4.2	5.1	7.5	5.4	6.3
Reading		4.5	2.5	3.3		3.2	2.4	2.8	5.4	3.4	4.3	6.1	4.7	5.3
Mathematics		10.4	8.1	9.0		8.9	12.8	11.0	11.9	14.7	13.4	12.5	15.6	14.3
Social Studies		2.5	2.2	2.3		2.3	1.5	1.9	3.5	2.1	2.7	4.4	3.3	3.7
Science		5.5	3.8	4.4		4.0	5.6	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.3	5.4	5.3
Foreign Language		5.5	1.6	3.1		4.0	4.0	4.0	5.9	4.4	5.1	6.2	5.3	5.6
Writing		5.5	2.5	3.6		4.2	2.7	3.4	5.3	3.4	4.2	6.0	4.2	4.9

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		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
<b>Indicate which activities you did during the past year</b>														
Attended a religious service	519	91.5	94.4	93.3	4,549	83.0	86.5	84.9	85.9	88.8	87.6	88.0	91.1	89.8
Was bored in class [3]	519	45.5	35.7	39.5	4,546	45.9	39.4	42.3	40.9	36.2	38.2	40.8	35.6	37.8
Participated in organized demonstrations	511	43.1	51.0	47.9	4,520	32.6	33.9	33.3	46.2	48.1	47.3	51.1	55.4	53.6
Tutored another student	518	71.4	70.2	70.7	4,544	66.7	72.7	70.0	48.1	57.5	53.5	44.9	54.2	50.3
Studied with other students	519	91.5	87.5	89.0	4,552	88.6	94.8	91.9	85.6	90.6	88.4	82.8	88.9	86.3
Was a guest in a teacher's home	514	33.5	30.6	31.7	4,542	32.4	32.6	32.5	31.6	31.5	31.5	30.6	30.6	30.6
Smoked cigarettes [3]	519	3.0	3.8	3.5	4,545	2.8	2.2	2.5	4.1	3.6	3.8	4.3	4.2	4.2
Drank beer	518	38.5	21.7	28.2	4,532	59.2	47.3	52.7	46.8	33.6	39.3	42.9	28.4	34.5
Drank wine or liquor	517	43.2	40.6	41.6	4,521	61.3	59.9	60.5	49.1	45.8	47.2	44.8	40.1	42.1
Felt overwhelmed by all I had to do [3]	518	15.5	38.4	29.5	4,550	15.9	39.6	28.8	17.0	38.0	29.0	17.3	37.2	28.9
Felt depressed [3]	517	5.5	8.5	7.4	4,536	3.6	5.7	4.8	5.4	7.9	6.8	5.9	9.0	7.7
Performed volunteer work	517	84.4	94.3	90.5	4,542	90.5	96.2	93.6	84.7	92.6	89.2	81.9	90.2	86.7
Played a musical instrument	517	51.8	45.6	48.0	4,542	50.9	46.4	48.5	50.0	50.4	50.2	47.8	47.1	47.4
Asked teacher for advice after class [3]	519	30.5	32.0	31.4	4,547	26.5	36.6	32.0	24.7	31.8	28.8	23.5	29.8	27.1
Voted in a student election	514	26.5	33.3	30.7	4,509	27.5	33.1	30.5	23.6	27.2	25.7	23.5	27.9	26.0
Socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group [3]	517	83.4	81.8	82.4	4,548	75.0	76.9	76.1	68.3	69.3	68.8	68.1	70.9	69.7
Came late to class	518	60.8	55.8	57.7	4,528	63.8	62.3	63.0	62.1	57.8	59.6	62.6	58.8	60.4
Used the Internet for research or homework [3]	518	76.0	86.5	82.4	4,548	83.4	87.0	85.4	76.3	85.2	81.4	71.0	82.1	77.4
Performed community service as part of a class	516	53.5	54.4	54.1	4,541	54.8	58.4	56.7	54.9	60.4	58.0	54.1	60.3	57.7
Used a personal computer [3]	518	91.0	93.4	92.5	4,545	92.3	93.5	93.0	86.3	88.7	87.6	81.4	85.6	83.8
Discussed religion [3]	516	48.7	53.9	51.9	4,537	43.2	48.1	45.9	41.3	47.8	45.0	40.0	47.9	44.6
Discussed politics [3]														
In class	518	51.0	48.7	49.6	4,547	54.5	55.3	54.9	48.1	49.4	48.8	44.6	47.0	46.0
With friends	518	37.0	32.4	34.2	4,547	43.1	38.7	40.7	33.6	30.9	32.1	28.4	26.0	27.0
With family	517	36.0	28.1	31.1	4,541	39.6	37.6	38.5	31.8	31.3	31.5	27.2	27.3	27.3
Worked on a local, state, or national political campaign	511	10.7	12.1	11.5	4,462	16.7	16.0	16.4	12.9	13.9	13.5	11.6	12.9	12.3
<b>Prior to this term, have you ever taken courses for credit at this institution?</b>														
No	517	93.5	95.0	94.4	4,563	96.7	98.3	97.5	96.8	97.4	97.1	96.3	96.7	96.5
Yes		6.5	5.0	5.6		3.3	1.7	2.5	3.2	2.6	2.9	3.7	3.3	3.5
<b>Since leaving high school, have you ever taken courses, whether for credit or not for credit, at any other institution (university, 4- or 2-year college, technical, vocational, or business school)? [4]</b>														
No	513	93.4	88.3	90.3	4,552	94.1	93.2	93.6	90.6	89.2	89.8	90.3	87.9	88.9
Yes		6.6	11.7	9.7		5.9	6.8	6.4	9.4	10.8	10.2	9.7	12.1	11.1

[3] Percentage responding "frequently" only. Results for other items in this group represent the percentage responding "frequently" or "occasionally".

[4] This item is new in its current form. It replaces a similar question in earlier years (see Question #12 in 2004), which asked in more detail about college courses taken prior to college entry.

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		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
<b>DURING YOUR LAST YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL HOW MUCH TIME DID YOU SPEND DURING A TYPICAL WEEK DOING THE FOLLOWING?</b>														
<b>Studying/homework</b>	508				4,500									
None		3.6	1.3	2.2		1.8	0.4	1.0	3.4	0.6	1.8	4.6	1.1	2.5
Less than one hour		16.5	9.6	12.2		7.7	2.8	5.0	15.6	6.7	10.5	19.3	10.3	14.1
1 to 2 hours		17.5	15.6	16.3		13.1	7.2	9.9	22.4	16.0	18.8	27.3	21.0	23.6
3 to 5 hours		36.1	29.9	32.3		26.6	21.2	23.6	28.0	28.2	28.1	26.0	29.7	28.1
6 to 10 hours		16.0	27.1	22.8		23.5	29.4	26.7	18.5	24.8	22.1	14.4	21.2	18.4
11 to 15 hours		7.2	11.5	9.8		14.2	18.5	16.5	7.0	13.1	10.5	5.1	9.7	7.7
16 to 20 hours		1.5	3.5	2.8		8.1	12.6	10.6	2.9	6.6	5.0	2.0	4.5	3.4
Over 20 hours		1.5	1.6	1.6		5.1	7.9	6.6	2.1	3.9	3.1	1.4	2.6	2.1
<b>Socializing with friends</b>	505				4,483									
None		1.0	0.3	0.6		0.3	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.4
Less than one hour		3.1	1.6	2.2		1.2	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.6	1.4
1 to 2 hours		5.2	6.4	5.9		3.1	3.8	3.5	5.1	5.5	5.3	5.5	6.4	6.0
3 to 5 hours		19.7	22.4	21.4		13.9	16.6	15.4	16.4	19.6	18.2	17.4	19.8	18.8
6 to 10 hours		22.8	25.6	24.6		25.8	28.7	27.4	25.7	28.6	27.4	25.0	26.7	26.0
11 to 15 hours		17.1	20.8	19.4		22.2	23.1	22.7	19.6	19.5	19.5	17.8	17.9	17.9
16 to 20 hours		10.9	12.2	11.7		13.5	13.4	13.4	12.2	12.3	12.2	11.7	11.6	11.7
Over 20 hours		20.2	10.6	14.3		20.0	13.6	16.5	19.5	13.3	16.0	20.9	15.8	17.9
<b>Talking with teachers outside of class</b>	510				4,496									
None		7.7	6.3	6.9		7.7	4.2	5.8	9.9	5.6	7.4	11.0	6.8	8.5
Less than one hour		37.9	43.5	41.4		43.3	37.5	40.2	44.8	41.3	42.8	44.4	41.3	42.6
1 to 2 hours		35.9	34.3	34.9		34.6	38.7	36.8	30.6	35.1	33.2	29.1	32.8	31.2
3 to 5 hours		13.3	12.7	12.9		10.5	14.7	12.8	10.2	13.0	11.8	10.4	13.4	12.1
6 to 10 hours		3.1	2.5	2.7		2.4	3.4	3.0	2.7	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.5	3.3
11 to 15 hours		0.0	0.3	0.2		0.7	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.2
16 to 20 hours		1.0	0.0	0.4		0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Over 20 hours		1.0	0.3	0.6		0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.5
<b>Exercise or sports</b>	508				4,493									
None		4.6	3.8	4.1		1.6	3.1	2.4	2.7	4.3	3.6	3.0	6.3	4.9
Less than one hour		7.7	14.3	11.8		5.4	8.8	7.2	6.5	10.8	8.9	6.5	12.0	9.7
1 to 2 hours		21.1	20.1	20.5		9.8	14.0	12.1	11.2	16.5	14.2	10.3	17.9	14.7
3 to 5 hours		18.0	19.4	18.9		17.2	21.0	19.3	15.2	19.2	17.5	15.2	18.5	17.1
6 to 10 hours		15.5	18.8	17.5		20.9	22.5	21.8	18.4	19.1	18.8	16.7	17.2	17.0
11 to 15 hours		11.9	11.5	11.6		19.2	16.3	17.6	17.4	14.8	16.0	17.0	13.4	14.9
16 to 20 hours		6.7	6.4	6.5		11.0	7.7	9.2	12.1	8.1	9.8	11.4	7.2	9.0
Over 20 hours		14.4	5.7	9.1		15.0	6.7	10.5	16.5	7.0	11.1	20.0	7.6	12.8
<b>Partying</b>	506				4,476									
None		24.2	42.3	35.4		18.6	26.0	22.6	26.4	38.4	33.3	27.9	40.5	35.2
Less than one hour		21.6	22.1	21.9		13.0	14.8	13.9	15.9	17.9	17.0	14.9	16.1	15.6
1 to 2 hours		24.7	11.9	16.8		17.9	18.5	18.2	17.9	16.0	16.8	17.3	15.7	16.4
3 to 5 hours		14.4	10.3	11.9		23.1	21.4	22.2	17.9	14.5	15.9	17.4	14.7	15.8
6 to 10 hours		7.2	9.0	8.3		14.7	12.6	13.5	11.6	8.3	9.7	11.1	7.6	9.1
11 to 15 hours		3.6	1.3	2.2		7.4	4.6	5.9	4.7	2.9	3.7	5.3	2.7	3.8
16 to 20 hours		1.5	2.2	2.0		2.9	1.3	2.0	2.7	1.2	1.9	2.7	1.4	1.9
Over 20 hours		2.6	1.0	1.6		2.4	0.9	1.6	2.9	0.9	1.7	3.5	1.3	2.2

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		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
<b>DURING YOUR LAST YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL HOW MUCH TIME DID YOU SPEND DURING A TYPICAL WEEK DOING THE FOLLOWING?</b>														
<b>Working (for pay)</b>	509				4,486									
None		37.1	34.0	35.2		54.7	46.4	50.2	36.8	32.0	34.1	32.3	30.1	31.0
Less than one hour		4.6	1.9	2.9		3.9	3.5	3.7	4.2	2.9	3.4	3.8	2.5	3.0
1 to 2 hours		6.7	4.4	5.3		5.1	7.0	6.2	5.2	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.0	4.4
3 to 5 hours		7.2	6.0	6.5		8.0	10.4	9.3	7.9	9.0	8.5	8.1	7.7	7.9
6 to 10 hours		10.3	14.9	13.2		9.2	11.7	10.5	12.0	14.6	13.5	12.2	13.4	12.9
11 to 15 hours		9.8	11.4	10.8		7.4	9.7	8.7	10.6	13.5	12.2	10.7	13.1	12.1
16 to 20 hours		10.8	14.3	13.0		4.8	6.6	5.8	10.5	12.3	11.5	10.9	14.0	12.7
Over 20 hours		13.4	13.0	13.2		6.9	4.7	5.7	12.9	10.9	11.8	17.1	15.1	15.9
<b>Volunteer work</b>	509				4,480									
None		28.7	17.5	21.8		23.7	11.9	17.3	31.0	17.0	23.0	34.0	20.7	26.3
Less than one hour		26.2	20.7	22.8		26.9	22.5	24.5	27.9	24.0	25.7	26.1	23.5	24.6
1 to 2 hours		24.6	29.6	27.7		26.5	33.2	30.2	22.7	30.0	26.9	20.8	27.6	24.8
3 to 5 hours		13.8	20.1	17.7		13.3	20.9	17.5	10.9	17.7	14.8	10.7	15.8	13.6
6 to 10 hours		1.5	5.7	4.1		5.0	7.1	6.1	3.9	6.5	5.4	4.3	6.2	5.4
11 to 15 hours		3.1	3.8	3.5		2.1	2.6	2.4	1.7	2.3	2.0	1.8	2.5	2.2
16 to 20 hours		1.0	1.6	1.4		0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.2	1.0	0.8	1.5	1.2
Over 20 hours		1.0	1.0	1.0		1.7	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.6	2.2	2.0
<b>Student clubs/groups</b>	506				4,470									
None		23.2	7.7	13.6		15.9	7.7	11.5	31.6	15.3	22.3	37.6	19.1	26.9
Less than one hour		19.1	14.4	16.2		18.2	12.5	15.1	17.5	13.8	15.4	17.2	14.2	15.4
1 to 2 hours		26.8	36.2	32.6		30.2	32.7	31.5	24.2	29.6	27.3	21.3	27.6	25.0
3 to 5 hours		17.0	26.3	22.7		18.5	26.3	22.8	14.9	23.0	19.5	13.0	21.6	18.0
6 to 10 hours		8.2	9.3	8.9		10.1	12.0	11.1	6.3	9.9	8.4	5.9	9.1	7.8
11 to 15 hours		1.5	3.8	3.0		3.3	4.8	4.1	2.8	4.3	3.6	2.4	4.0	3.3
16 to 20 hours		1.0	1.3	1.2		1.6	2.1	1.9	1.1	2.0	1.6	1.2	2.0	1.7
Over 20 hours		3.1	1.0	1.8		2.2	1.9	2.0	1.6	2.1	1.9	1.4	2.3	1.9
<b>Watching TV</b>	509				4,482									
None		6.2	4.5	5.1		5.7	6.3	6.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	5.7	5.8	5.8
Less than one hour		12.8	15.0	14.1		12.3	15.0	13.8	12.6	16.2	14.7	12.6	15.7	14.4
1 to 2 hours		19.0	26.1	23.4		22.7	25.1	24.0	21.7	25.5	23.9	21.7	24.7	23.4
3 to 5 hours		27.2	26.1	26.5		28.4	30.4	29.5	27.6	29.2	28.5	26.5	28.0	27.4
6 to 10 hours		21.0	17.5	18.9		17.1	15.1	16.0	18.5	14.4	16.2	18.4	15.4	16.7
11 to 15 hours		8.2	6.4	7.1		7.6	4.4	5.9	6.9	4.5	5.5	7.3	5.7	6.4
16 to 20 hours		2.6	1.3	1.8		2.9	1.8	2.3	2.6	1.8	2.1	3.0	2.1	2.5
Over 20 hours		3.1	3.2	3.1		3.3	1.9	2.6	3.1	1.5	2.2	4.7	2.6	3.4
<b>Household/childcare duties</b>	510				4,481									
None		22.6	14.3	17.5		31.0	17.7	23.7	27.9	14.0	20.0	28.8	13.6	19.9
Less than one hour		25.1	21.0	22.5		24.5	27.8	26.3	23.0	23.6	23.3	22.0	21.0	21.4
1 to 2 hours		28.7	34.0	32.0		27.2	32.8	30.2	28.7	34.0	31.7	27.7	32.5	30.5
3 to 5 hours		16.9	21.9	20.0		12.5	15.4	14.1	14.2	19.4	17.1	14.0	20.3	17.7
6 to 10 hours		3.6	6.0	5.1		3.1	4.1	3.7	4.0	5.7	5.0	4.4	7.1	6.0
11 to 15 hours		1.0	1.3	1.2		0.9	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.8	2.4	2.1
16 to 20 hours		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.2	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.6	1.2	0.9
Over 20 hours		2.1	1.6	1.8		0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.8	2.0	1.5

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		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
<b>DURING YOUR LAST YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL</b>														
<b>HOW MUCH TIME DID YOU SPEND DURING A TYPICAL WEEK DOING THE FOLLOWING?</b>														
<b>Reading for pleasure</b>	509				4,483									
None		21.0	18.8	19.6		19.4	14.0	16.4	28.5	14.7	20.6	35.4	18.0	25.3
Less than one hour		32.3	22.6	26.3		26.5	24.6	25.5	25.6	25.0	25.2	25.0	24.4	24.6
1 to 2 hours		23.1	26.4	25.1		27.5	31.4	29.6	21.7	27.0	24.7	19.2	25.5	22.9
3 to 5 hours		12.8	21.0	17.9		17.0	19.6	18.4	14.5	20.0	17.7	11.9	18.6	15.8
6 to 10 hours		6.2	8.0	7.3		6.0	7.2	6.6	6.1	8.5	7.4	5.0	7.7	6.6
11 to 15 hours		2.1	1.6	1.8		1.9	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.6	2.3	2.0	2.8	2.5
16 to 20 hours		1.0	0.3	0.6		0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.4	1.1
Over 20 hours		1.5	1.3	1.4		0.8	0.4	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.6	1.3
<b>Playing video/computer games</b>	509				4,485									
None		15.9	52.5	38.5		20.8	71.3	48.3	17.9	62.8	43.6	16.8	59.1	41.3
Less than one hour		15.9	22.3	19.8		22.0	17.4	19.5	19.3	21.3	20.5	18.2	22.2	20.5
1 to 2 hours		22.6	13.4	16.9		22.5	6.8	13.9	21.8	9.2	14.6	22.3	10.8	15.6
3 to 5 hours		19.0	8.3	12.4		18.9	2.5	9.9	20.0	4.0	10.8	19.9	4.6	11.0
6 to 10 hours		13.8	2.2	6.7		8.8	1.3	4.7	10.7	1.6	5.5	11.3	1.9	5.8
11 to 15 hours		4.6	0.6	2.2		3.6	0.4	1.8	4.9	0.6	2.5	5.4	0.8	2.7
16 to 20 hours		3.1	0.3	1.4		1.3	0.4	0.8	2.3	0.2	1.1	2.2	0.3	1.1
Over 20 hours		5.1	0.3	2.2		2.2	0.0	1.0	3.1	0.2	1.5	3.8	0.3	1.8
<b>Prayer/meditation</b>	508				4,483									
None		15.9	12.5	13.8		35.9	30.2	32.8	28.2	23.7	25.6	24.0	19.2	21.2
Less than one hour		40.5	39.9	40.2		36.4	35.6	35.9	36.9	34.8	35.7	37.4	33.7	35.2
1 to 2 hours		26.7	25.9	26.2		19.3	22.9	21.3	21.9	26.9	24.8	23.1	27.9	25.9
3 to 5 hours		10.3	16.3	14.0		5.2	8.1	6.8	8.4	10.2	9.5	9.8	12.3	11.3
6 to 10 hours		5.1	1.9	3.1		1.7	2.4	2.1	2.8	2.7	2.7	3.4	4.0	3.8
11 to 15 hours		0.5	1.3	1.0		0.8	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.1
16 to 20 hours		0.0	0.3	0.2		0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5
Over 20 hours		1.0	1.9	1.6		0.4	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.1
<b>Did your high school require community service for graduation?</b>	518				4,563									
No		75.4	79.3	77.8		58.4	59.7	59.1	67.8	67.9	67.9	71.3	70.2	70.6
Yes		24.6	20.7	22.2		41.6	40.3	40.9	32.2	32.1	32.1	28.7	29.8	29.4
<b>Do you feel you will need any special tutoring or remedial work in:</b>	521				4,604									
English		8.5	12.2	10.7		8.2	5.6	6.8	10.1	6.5	8.0	12.9	8.1	10.1
Reading		2.0	3.4	2.9		4.3	2.0	3.0	4.7	2.5	3.5	6.0	3.2	4.4
Mathematics		19.4	20.0	19.8		11.2	16.7	14.2	17.7	22.5	20.4	22.3	27.4	25.2
Social Studies		4.5	3.8	4.0		2.6	1.7	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	3.6	3.2	3.4
Science		11.9	20.3	17.1		8.0	11.1	9.7	8.0	11.7	10.1	9.5	13.8	12.0
Foreign Language		10.0	9.4	9.6		12.8	10.8	11.7	14.7	12.7	13.6	15.3	13.8	14.5
Writing		8.5	17.8	14.2		10.0	8.9	9.4	12.7	10.5	11.4	13.3	11.5	12.3

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		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
<b>WHAT IS THE HIGHEST ACADEMIC DEGREE THAT YOU INTEND TO OBTAIN:</b>														
<b>At any college</b>	445				4,073									
None		0.6	0.4	0.4		0.2	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.6	1.0	0.7	0.8
Vocational certificate		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Associate (A.A. or equivalent)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.7
Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.)		17.5	9.1	12.4		7.4	7.3	7.3	22.0	19.5	20.6	29.7	25.1	27.0
Master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.)		30.4	30.7	30.6		33.1	33.2	33.1	38.9	42.3	40.9	38.0	41.4	40.0
Ph.D. or Ed.D.		17.5	24.5	21.8		21.3	20.3	20.8	18.0	18.0	18.0	15.4	16.4	15.9
M.D., D.O., D.D.S., or D.V.M.		19.3	22.6	21.3		22.9	25.1	24.1	10.9	12.2	11.6	8.0	9.7	9.0
J.D. (Law)		10.5	6.9	8.3		13.4	12.4	12.8	6.4	5.1	5.7	4.1	4.2	4.2
B.D. or M.DIV. (Divinity)		0.0	0.7	0.4		0.3	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.6	0.7	1.1	0.5	0.8
Other		4.1	5.1	4.7		1.3	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.8	1.3	1.5
<b>At this college</b>	340				3,328									
None		1.6	1.9	1.8		0.5	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.4	0.9	1.1
Vocational certificate		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3
Associate (A.A. or equivalent)		0.8	0.5	0.6		0.3	0.4	0.3	1.3	1.5	1.4	2.3	1.8	2.0
Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.)		57.0	61.8	60.0		75.9	79.9	78.2	82.6	84.4	83.6	78.7	81.7	80.5
Master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.)		25.8	12.7	17.6		13.5	11.9	12.7	11.2	9.6	10.3	13.1	11.9	12.4
Ph.D. or Ed.D.		3.9	8.5	6.8		2.6	2.2	2.4	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5
M.D., D.O., D.D.S., or D.V.M.		3.9	6.6	5.6		4.5	3.6	4.0	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4
J.D. (Law)		3.9	2.4	2.9		1.6	1.0	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
B.D. or M.DIV. (Divinity)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Other		3.1	5.7	4.7		0.7	0.3	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.9	1.2
<b>Reasons noted as "very important" in deciding to go to college</b>														
My parents wanted me to go	515	43.1	49.1	46.8	4,540	35.4	39.1	37.4	35.6	41.6	39.0	39.8	44.6	42.6
I could not find a job	512	6.2	3.8	4.7	4,526	3.3	2.2	2.7	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.7	5.3	5.1
Wanted to get away from home	511	26.0	24.1	24.9	4,532	21.9	20.5	21.1	21.4	20.3	20.7	22.5	21.5	21.9
To be able to get a better job	508	73.1	69.2	70.7	4,525	68.7	65.0	66.7	67.7	67.5	67.6	68.8	69.5	69.2
To gain a general education and appreciation of ideas	514	60.7	71.4	67.3	4,543	69.9	83.3	77.2	60.7	74.2	68.4	55.2	69.7	63.7
There was nothing better to do	507	6.3	3.5	4.5	4,500	5.1	3.1	4.0	4.1	2.4	3.1	4.8	2.9	3.7
To make me a more cultured person	515	36.5	49.7	44.7	4,536	49.7	65.5	58.3	37.1	53.3	46.4	32.3	46.9	40.8
To be able to make more money	511	75.5	65.7	69.5	4,514	68.0	57.9	62.5	65.9	56.7	60.7	67.6	61.3	63.9
To learn more about things that interest me	515	74.6	78.6	77.1	4,538	79.6	88.8	84.6	74.3	84.2	80.0	70.3	81.0	76.5
To prepare myself for graduate or professional school	513	65.1	73.6	70.4	4,539	72.5	75.4	74.1	52.8	60.1	57.0	46.8	57.0	52.7
A mentor/role model encouraged me to go	513	14.9	15.1	15.0	4,526	12.4	11.2	11.7	13.7	14.8	14.3	16.7	18.6	17.8
To get training for a specific career	514	74.1	73.2	73.5	4,527	47.4	51.5	49.6	58.4	64.6	62.0	64.6	74.2	70.2
To find my purpose in life	515	42.6	52.8	48.9	4,532	42.2	49.8	46.3	43.6	55.6	50.5	46.1	58.7	53.4

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<b>Is this college your:</b>	518				4,564									
First choice		69.0	71.1	70.3		68.6	69.9	69.3	77.3	78.5	78.0	72.6	74.7	73.8
Second choice		23.5	19.8	21.2		19.8	19.2	19.5	16.5	15.9	16.1	18.9	18.3	18.6
Third choice		5.5	5.3	5.4		7.1	6.8	6.9	3.9	3.5	3.7	5.2	4.5	4.8
Less than third choice		2.0	3.8	3.1		4.6	4.1	4.3	2.3	2.1	2.2	3.3	2.5	2.8
<b>To how many colleges other than this one did you apply for admission this year?</b>	513				4,578									
None		12.1	14.6	13.6		16.8	15.4	16.0	15.8	16.6	16.3	19.0	19.0	19.0
One		15.1	14.6	14.8		5.8	6.3	6.1	11.8	12.2	12.0	12.0	13.9	13.1
Two		16.1	18.2	17.3		7.0	8.5	7.8	15.8	16.1	16.0	16.0	16.7	16.4
Three		25.1	23.2	24.0		10.4	9.7	10.0	18.3	17.5	17.9	19.3	18.2	18.7
Four		13.1	11.8	12.3		11.4	11.6	11.5	13.6	13.2	13.4	12.8	12.3	12.5
Five		9.0	8.6	8.8		10.4	10.6	10.5	9.5	8.5	8.9	8.8	7.6	8.1
Six		4.0	3.5	3.7		10.5	10.6	10.5	6.1	5.8	5.9	5.0	4.9	4.9
Seven to ten		4.0	4.1	4.1		20.4	21.2	20.9	7.3	8.5	8.0	5.5	6.0	5.8
Eleven or more		1.5	1.3	1.4		7.3	6.2	6.7	1.9	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.5
<b>Reasons noted as "very important" in influencing student's decision to attend this particular college</b>														
My relatives wanted me to come here	511	8.3	10.7	9.8	4,513	7.6	8.2	7.9	8.8	9.4	9.2	10.5	12.0	11.4
My teacher advised me	508	6.3	3.5	4.5	4,500	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.0	4.2	4.8	4.9	4.8
This college has a very good academic reputation	511	70.1	73.8	72.4	4,523	87.8	88.9	88.4	63.0	71.1	67.7	51.2	64.0	58.6
This college has a good reputation for its social activities	510	21.9	21.4	21.6	4,512	40.3	38.6	39.3	31.7	33.3	32.6	29.3	32.5	31.2
I was offered financial assistance	512	75.3	75.8	75.6	4,498	34.6	40.0	37.6	49.6	58.4	54.6	50.9	60.1	56.2
The cost of attending this college	508	21.5	22.7	22.2	4,499	14.0	16.7	15.5	16.6	21.9	19.7	19.1	25.0	22.6
High school guidance counselor advised me	508	8.4	2.2	4.5	4,501	9.3	6.8	7.9	6.8	5.4	6.0	6.5	6.0	6.2
Private college counselor advised me	507	4.2	2.2	3.0	4,490	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.2	3.5	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.1
I wanted to live near home	511	9.8	13.5	12.1	4,502	5.6	7.6	6.7	10.3	15.2	13.1	13.1	20.1	17.2
Not offered aid by first choice	505	12.2	12.0	12.1	4,476	4.9	5.9	5.5	4.9	6.3	5.7	5.4	7.2	6.5
This college's graduates gain admission to top graduate/professional schools	505	40.2	48.7	45.5	4,505	58.8	60.8	59.9	34.0	40.1	37.5	25.4	34.2	30.5
This college's graduates get good jobs	505	59.6	64.0	62.4	4,481	68.5	69.3	68.9	51.6	58.0	55.2	44.6	55.9	51.2
I was attracted by the religious affiliation/orientation of the college	506	16.8	19.3	18.4	4,491	3.9	6.8	5.5	17.2	25.7	22.1	22.2	32.0	27.9
I wanted to go to a school about the size of this college	509	49.5	57.4	54.4	4,510	51.6	64.2	58.5	47.2	65.6	57.8	43.1	63.2	54.8
Rankings in national magazines	506	15.3	19.3	17.8	4,506	41.9	41.7	41.8	16.3	18.1	17.4	11.3	14.1	12.9
Information from a website	506	12.0	17.1	15.2	4,466	16.1	22.9	19.8	11.6	17.3	14.9	10.2	17.3	14.3
I was admitted through an Early Action or Early Decision program	505	16.0	28.4	23.8	4,489	29.0	31.5	30.3	12.4	18.3	15.8	8.8	13.0	11.3
A visit to the campus	509	40.6	53.0	48.3	4,509	59.3	68.6	64.3	47.6	60.9	55.2	42.5	55.9	50.3

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<b>Your probable career occupation</b>	503				4,375									
Accountant or actuary		1.0	0.3	0.6		1.5	1.5	1.5	2.6	1.5	2.0	3.2	1.9	2.5
Actor or entertainer		1.0	1.6	1.4		0.5	0.8	0.6	1.6	1.8	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.1
Architect or urban planner		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.4	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.4
Artist		0.5	0.7	0.6		0.3	0.7	0.5	1.1	2.1	1.7	1.2	2.0	1.7
Business (clerical)		0.5	0.0	0.2		0.7	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6
Business executive (management, administrator)		6.1	4.6	5.2		15.0	7.0	10.6	10.3	4.7	7.1	9.9	4.6	6.8
Business owner or proprietor		3.6	0.3	1.6		5.5	1.9	3.5	4.9	1.5	3.0	5.8	1.8	3.5
Business salesperson or buyer		0.5	0.3	0.4		0.7	0.5	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9
Clergy (minister, priest)		1.5	0.0	0.6		0.4	0.2	0.3	1.3	0.6	0.9	3.0	0.6	1.6
Clergy (other religious)		0.5	0.3	0.4		0.0	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.8
Clinical psychologist		0.5	1.6	1.2		1.0	2.7	1.9	0.9	2.7	1.9	0.8	2.7	1.9
College administrator/staff		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
College teacher		0.5	1.0	0.8		1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.7
Computer programmer or analyst		4.1	0.0	1.6		1.0	0.0	0.4	2.6	0.2	1.2	3.1	0.4	1.5
Conservationist or forester		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Dentist (including orthodontist)		2.6	1.3	1.8		1.9	1.1	1.5	1.6	0.8	1.2	1.4	0.9	1.1
Dietitian or nutritionist		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3
Engineer		23.5	5.5	12.5		6.0	2.6	4.1	6.0	0.8	3.0	3.9	0.5	1.9
Farmer or rancher		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.3
Foreign service worker (including diplomat)		0.5	1.0	0.8		1.4	2.2	1.8	1.0	2.1	1.6	0.5	1.1	0.9
Homemaker (full-time)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2
Interior decorator (including designer)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.4	0.1	1.0	0.6
Lab technician or hygienist		0.0	0.3	0.2		0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Law enforcement officer		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.0	0.1	1.0	0.2	0.6	2.4	0.4	1.3
Lawyer (attorney) or judge		9.7	4.2	6.4		9.3	9.0	9.1	4.9	4.0	4.4	3.5	3.5	3.5
Military service (career)		1.0	0.3	0.6		0.6	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.3
Musician (performer, composer)		1.5	2.9	2.4		2.0	1.3	1.6	2.9	1.7	2.2	2.9	1.8	2.3
Nurse		0.0	1.0	0.6		0.1	0.9	0.5	0.4	4.3	2.6	0.7	6.5	4.1
Optometrist		0.5	0.0	0.2		0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Pharmacist		8.7	20.5	15.9		0.5	1.1	0.8	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.2
Physician		10.2	16.3	13.9		18.8	19.7	19.3	8.0	8.0	8.0	5.4	5.9	5.7
Policymaker/Government		0.0	1.3	0.8		2.2	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.2	1.5	1.1	0.8	0.9
School counselor		0.5	0.0	0.2		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.4
School principal or superintendent		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Scientific researcher		1.5	1.0	1.2		2.4	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.2	2.4	1.6	1.4	1.5
Social, welfare, or recreation worker		0.0	0.7	0.4		0.2	0.7	0.5	0.3	1.5	1.0	0.3	1.8	1.2
Therapist (physical, occupational, speech)		0.0	1.6	1.0		0.5	1.9	1.2	2.2	4.2	3.3	2.6	4.0	3.4
Teacher or administrator (elementary)		0.0	3.3	2.0		0.2	2.1	1.2	1.1	8.5	5.3	1.7	11.0	7.1
Teacher or administrator (secondary)		2.6	3.6	3.2		1.4	2.2	1.8	6.1	6.3	6.2	7.4	6.6	6.9
Veterinarian		0.5	0.7	0.6		0.3	1.3	0.8	0.6	1.6	1.2	0.5	1.5	1.1
Writer or journalist		1.0	3.3	2.4		1.9	3.7	2.9	2.7	4.2	3.6	2.0	3.6	2.9
Skilled trades		0.5	0.3	0.4		0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.3
Laborer (unskilled)		0.0	0.3	0.2		0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.3
Semi-skilled worker		0.5	0.0	0.2		0.2	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.3
Unemployed		1.5	1.6	1.6		0.8	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.4	1.4
Other		2.6	6.5	5.0		3.2	3.9	3.6	5.8	7.7	6.9	7.9	10.1	9.2
Undecided		10.2	11.7	11.1		17.7	21.4	19.7	16.0	17.3	16.8	14.6	13.1	13.8

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<b>STUDENT'S PROBABLE MAJOR</b>	500				4,434									
<b>Arts and Humanities</b>														
Art, fine and applied		0.0	0.3	0.2		0.2	1.3	0.8	1.2	2.9	2.2	1.5	3.0	2.4
English (language & literature)		0.5	3.9	2.6		1.9	5.0	3.6	2.3	4.2	3.4	1.4	2.8	2.2
History		1.0	1.0	1.0		4.1	2.7	3.3	2.6	1.7	2.1	2.3	1.3	1.7
Journalism		2.1	2.3	2.2		0.8	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.8	1.6	1.2	2.1	1.7
Language and Literature (except English)		0.0	0.7	0.4		0.9	1.8	1.4	0.8	1.7	1.3	0.4	1.0	0.7
Music		2.1	3.6	3.0		2.2	2.0	2.1	3.4	2.2	2.7	3.3	2.4	2.8
Philosophy		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.7	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.3
Speech		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Theater or Drama		0.0	1.3	0.8		0.2	0.5	0.4	1.3	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.9	1.8
Theology or Religion		1.0	0.3	0.6		0.1	0.3	0.2	1.6	1.0	1.3	3.2	1.3	2.1
Other Arts and Humanities		0.5	0.7	0.6		0.3	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.9
<b>Biological Science</b>														
Biology (general)		8.8	8.2	8.4		9.2	9.8	9.5	5.9	6.2	6.0	4.5	5.1	4.8
Biochemistry or Biophysics		0.5	1.6	1.2		1.9	1.7	1.8	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.9
Botany		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Environmental Science		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.5
Marine (Life) Science		0.0	0.3	0.2		0.1	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3
Microbiology or Bacteriology		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.5	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Zoology		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3
Other Biological Science		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.5	1.1	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4
<b>Business</b>														
Accounting		1.5	0.7	1.0		2.0	1.4	1.7	2.6	1.5	2.0	3.2	2.1	2.6
Business Administration (general)		5.7	2.6	3.8		7.8	3.6	5.5	6.4	2.3	4.0	7.5	2.8	4.7
Finance		1.5	0.3	0.8		4.2	1.1	2.5	2.1	0.4	1.1	1.7	0.4	0.9
International Business		0.5	1.0	0.8		2.6	2.4	2.5	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.4
Marketing		3.6	1.3	2.2		1.9	2.6	2.3	2.6	2.3	2.4	2.7	2.0	2.3
Management		3.1	1.6	2.2		3.7	1.4	2.5	5.5	1.5	3.2	6.6	1.7	3.7
Secretarial Studies		0.5	0.0	0.2		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Business		1.0	1.0	1.0		1.0	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.6	1.1	0.6	0.8
<b>Education</b>														
Business Education		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Elementary Education		0.0	2.6	1.6		0.1	2.3	1.3	0.9	7.4	4.6	1.4	9.7	6.3
Music or Art Education		0.5	0.3	0.4		0.2	0.4	0.3	1.1	1.7	1.4	0.9	1.5	1.3
Physical Education or Recreation		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.2	0.1	0.2	1.3	0.5	0.9	3.1	0.7	1.7
Secondary Education		1.0	1.6	1.4		0.6	0.7	0.7	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.8	3.6	3.6
Special Education		0.0	0.3	0.2		0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.2	1.2	0.8
Other Education		0.0	0.7	0.4		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.4
<b>Engineering</b>														
Aeronautical or Astronautical Engineering		0.5	0.0	0.2		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2
Civil Engineering		1.0	0.3	0.6		0.9	0.5	0.7	1.1	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.3
Chemical Engineering		0.5	0.0	0.2		1.3	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Computer Engineering		6.7	1.0	3.2		0.8	0.0	0.4	1.1	0.1	0.5	0.9	0.1	0.4
Electrical or Electronic Engineering		6.2	1.0	3.0		0.4	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.3
Industrial Engineering		1.5	0.0	0.6		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Mechanical Engineering		6.2	1.6	3.4		2.9	0.4	1.5	2.3	0.2	1.1	1.3	0.1	0.6
Other Engineering		10.3	3.6	6.2		2.9	2.0	2.4	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.3

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<b>STUDENT'S PROBABLE MAJOR</b>														
<b>Physical Science</b>														
Astronomy		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Atmospheric Science (incl. Meteorology)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Chemistry		2.1	1.3	1.6		2.4	2.9	2.7	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.2	0.9	1.0
Earth Science		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Marine Science (incl. Oceanography)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Mathematics		1.0	1.0	1.0		1.1	1.1	1.1	1.3	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8
Physics		0.0	0.0	0.0		1.9	0.4	1.1	1.6	0.3	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.5
Statistics		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Physical Science		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<b>Professional</b>														
Architecture or Urban Planning		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2
Family & Consumer Sciences		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2
Health Technology (medical, dental, laboratory)		0.0	1.0	0.6		0.8	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5
Library or Archival Science		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine		5.2	10.5	8.4		7.7	8.7	8.3	5.1	6.0	5.6	3.7	5.0	4.5
Nursing		0.0	0.3	0.2		0.0	0.6	0.4	0.5	4.2	2.6	0.6	6.6	4.1
Pharmacy		7.7	20.6	15.6		0.1	0.5	0.3	0.8	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.9
Therapy (occupational, physical, speech)		0.0	1.0	0.6		0.2	0.8	0.5	1.8	3.3	2.7	2.0	2.8	2.5
Other Professional		0.5	0.0	0.2		0.2	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.7
<b>Social Science</b>														
Anthropology		0.0	0.3	0.2		0.3	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2
Economics		0.5	0.0	0.2		4.4	1.1	2.6	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.3
Ethnic Studies		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Geography		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Political Science (gov't, international relations)		4.6	3.6	4.0		8.1	8.4	8.3	4.9	4.5	4.6	3.0	3.1	3.1
Psychology		1.5	4.6	3.4		2.7	7.9	5.5	3.2	6.7	5.2	2.7	7.1	5.3
Social Work		0.0	0.7	0.4		0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	1.1	0.7	0.3	1.5	1.0
Sociology		0.5	0.0	0.2		0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6
Women's Studies		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Social Science		0.0	0.3	0.2		0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4
<b>Technical</b>														
Building Trades		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Data Processing or Computer Programming		1.0	0.0	0.4		0.1	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.1	0.4	1.2	0.1	0.6
Drafting or Design		0.5	0.0	0.2		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.3
Electronics		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Mechanics		0.5	0.0	0.2		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1
Other Technical		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1
<b>Other Fields</b>														
Agriculture		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2
Communications		1.0	0.0	0.4		0.9	1.9	1.5	1.5	2.8	2.2	1.9	2.6	2.3
Computer Science		1.5	0.0	0.6		0.8	0.0	0.4	1.8	0.1	0.8	1.9	0.3	0.9
Forestry		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
Kinesiology		0.0	0.3	0.2		0.2	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.1	0.7	0.8
Law Enforcement		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.1	0.1	1.0	0.3	0.6	2.3	0.8	1.4
Military Science		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Field		0.0	0.7	0.4		0.5	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	2.0	2.2	2.1
Undecided		3.1	8.2	6.2		7.7	9.9	8.9	6.5	9.1	8.0	6.2	6.9	6.6

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		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
<b>Where do you plan to live during the fall term?</b>	519				4,589									
With my family or other relatives		7.0	5.7	6.2		1.1	1.3	1.2	4.8	3.5	4.0	7.7	8.1	8.0
Other private home, apartment, or room		0.0	0.6	0.4		0.0	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.6
College residence hall		92.5	92.5	92.5		98.3	98.0	98.1	93.6	95.3	94.6	90.2	90.2	90.2
Fraternity or sorority house		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Other campus student housing		0.5	1.3	1.0		0.5	0.4	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.1
Other		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
<b>Objectives considered to be "essential" or "very important":</b>														
Becoming accomplished in one of the performing arts (acting, dancing, etc.)	506	14.3	18.7	17.0	4,451	12.7	16.4	14.7	16.1	19.0	17.8	16.5	19.2	18.1
Becoming an authority in my field	503	58.0	63.9	61.6	4,439	65.1	64.1	64.5	58.4	53.1	55.3	58.9	55.0	56.7
Obtaining recognition from my colleagues for contributions to my special field	502	48.5	48.4	48.4	4,450	53.3	50.6	51.8	49.4	46.0	47.5	49.5	46.9	48.0
Influencing the political structure	502	26.3	16.6	20.3	4,443	26.4	20.6	23.2	23.0	18.1	20.2	22.7	18.7	20.3
Influencing social values	502	37.8	40.1	39.2	4,436	37.5	41.4	39.6	40.4	45.5	43.3	41.5	47.7	45.1
Raising a family	501	80.1	75.1	77.0	4,448	81.5	78.7	80.0	77.9	77.8	77.9	78.6	78.9	78.8
Having administrative responsibility for the work of others	499	35.4	36.5	36.1	4,426	42.2	34.9	38.3	38.3	30.5	33.8	39.9	33.3	36.1
Being very well off financially	504	73.3	72.5	72.8	4,447	73.1	64.7	68.5	67.1	57.5	61.6	69.2	62.9	65.5
Helping others who are in difficulty	504	63.6	73.1	69.4	4,449	67.2	75.4	71.7	62.0	74.9	69.4	62.2	75.3	69.8
Making a theoretical contribution to science	503	22.2	19.7	20.7	4,440	21.8	18.4	19.9	18.5	13.8	15.8	17.3	13.5	15.1
Writing original works (poems, novels, short stories, etc.)	506	17.3	18.1	17.8	4,438	14.3	13.8	14.0	16.8	15.9	16.3	16.5	15.7	16.0
Creating artistic work (painting, sculpture, decorating, etc.)	505	11.8	12.9	12.5	4,432	9.9	13.2	11.7	13.1	16.9	15.3	14.2	16.6	15.6
Becoming successful in a business of my own	503	44.0	38.7	40.8	4,438	46.6	32.0	38.6	40.9	29.2	34.2	43.6	34.4	38.3
Becoming involved in programs to clean up the environment	501	16.1	18.5	17.6	4,432	20.6	18.9	19.7	18.8	21.0	20.1	18.2	19.4	18.9
Developing a meaningful philosophy of life	504	46.9	49.4	48.4	4,436	57.2	55.0	56.0	49.2	49.0	49.1	45.2	45.6	45.5
Participating in a community action program	501	18.8	27.2	24.0	4,427	26.7	36.6	32.1	22.5	32.4	28.2	22.4	30.2	27.0
Helping to promote racial understanding	502	31.6	38.5	35.9	4,439	35.0	37.5	36.4	30.7	34.0	32.6	30.4	33.8	32.4
Keeping up to date with political affairs	504	41.2	37.4	38.9	4,436	53.4	50.7	52.0	40.6	36.9	38.5	36.6	32.2	34.1
Becoming a community leader	504	34.5	35.8	35.3	4,442	44.5	43.6	44.0	36.8	35.4	36.0	36.6	34.2	35.2
Integrating spirituality into my life	505	52.8	56.1	54.9	4,445	44.8	52.8	49.2	48.7	56.8	53.4	52.6	61.9	58.0
Improving my understanding of other countries and cultures	503	45.1	51.6	49.1	4,441	55.6	70.7	63.9	47.8	60.4	55.0	42.9	54.3	49.6

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		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total		
<b>HOW MUCH OF YOUR FIRST YEAR'S EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES (ROOM, BOARD, TUITION, AND FEES) DO YOU EXPECT TO COVER FROM:</b>																
<b>Family resources (parents, relatives, spouse, etc.)</b>	521			4,604												
None		19.9	15.0	16.9		12.0	9.3	10.5		15.2	13.8	14.4		22.7	20.3	21.3
Less than \$1,000		11.4	15.6	14.0		4.8	5.3	5.1		7.4	8.0	7.7		10.4	12.7	11.8
\$1,000 - 2,999		17.9	18.1	18.0		5.9	6.2	6.1		9.8	10.7	10.3		13.3	13.5	13.4
\$3,000 - 5,999		15.9	14.1	14.8		6.1	7.4	6.8		11.8	12.5	12.2		12.8	12.7	12.8
\$6,000 - 9,999		14.9	15.0	15.0		6.1	7.0	6.6		12.5	13.4	13.0		11.5	12.1	11.9
\$10,000 +		19.9	22.2	21.3		65.3	64.8	65.0		43.3	41.5	42.3		29.4	28.5	28.9
<b>My own resources (savings from work, work-study, other income)</b>	521			4,604												
None		48.8	42.5	44.9		54.1	54.9	54.5		40.4	36.7	38.3		43.1	39.7	41.1
Less than \$1,000		29.4	35.9	33.4		20.1	21.1	20.6		23.4	26.3	25.0		24.2	28.4	26.6
\$1,000 - 2,999		14.9	17.5	16.5		18.3	17.6	17.9		21.8	23.5	22.8		20.7	21.0	20.9
\$3,000 - 5,999		5.0	2.5	3.5		4.4	3.9	4.1		8.5	8.1	8.3		7.4	6.6	6.9
\$6,000 - 9,999		0.5	0.9	0.8		1.1	1.4	1.3		3.3	2.9	3.1		2.6	2.2	2.4
\$10,000 +		1.5	0.6	1.0		2.0	1.2	1.5		2.7	2.5	2.6		2.0	2.1	2.0
<b>Aid which need <u>not</u> be repaid (grants, scholarships, military funding, etc.)</b>	521			4,604												
None		10.9	9.7	10.2		42.6	40.4	41.4		23.8	18.1	20.6		23.7	17.6	20.2
Less than \$1,000		1.0	1.6	1.3		3.1	3.1	3.1		3.1	3.3	3.2		3.3	4.1	3.8
\$1,000 - 2,999		3.0	2.5	2.7		5.8	5.6	5.7		7.9	9.5	8.8		9.9	11.1	10.6
\$3,000 - 5,999		7.0	5.3	6.0		5.5	6.4	6.0		11.5	11.8	11.7		13.8	15.1	14.6
\$6,000 - 9,999		12.4	12.5	12.5		4.8	5.5	5.2		15.4	17.4	16.5		15.4	17.1	16.4
\$10,000 +		65.7	68.4	67.4		38.1	39.0	38.6		38.2	40.0	39.2		33.7	35.0	34.4
<b>Aid which <u>must</u> be repaid (loans, etc.)</b>	521			4,604												
None		50.2	43.1	45.9		66.7	63.6	65.1		45.4	40.8	42.8		41.0	36.5	38.4
Less than \$1,000		2.0	3.1	2.7		2.0	1.8	1.9		3.0	2.6	2.7		3.7	3.3	3.5
\$1,000 - 2,999		13.9	19.7	17.5		9.2	11.6	10.5		13.7	15.1	14.5		15.1	16.5	15.9
\$3,000 - 5,999		13.4	13.4	13.4		7.5	8.3	8.0		13.8	15.6	14.8		14.7	15.9	15.4
\$6,000 - 9,999		10.4	11.3	10.9		5.7	6.1	5.9		10.9	12.1	11.6		11.6	13.5	12.7
\$10,000 +		10.0	9.4	9.6		8.8	8.5	8.6		13.2	13.9	13.6		13.9	14.3	14.1
<b>Other than above</b>	521			4,604												
None		94.0	94.1	94.0		96.5	96.9	96.7		94.1	95.4	94.8		92.8	94.4	93.7
Less than \$1,000		3.0	2.5	2.7		1.1	0.8	1.0		2.4	1.6	1.9		2.5	2.0	2.2
\$1,000 - 2,999		1.5	1.3	1.3		0.9	0.8	0.8		1.3	1.0	1.1		1.8	1.4	1.6
\$3,000 - 5,999		1.0	0.3	0.6		0.2	0.4	0.3		0.8	0.6	0.7		1.1	0.7	0.9
\$6,000 - 9,999		0.0	0.6	0.4		0.3	0.3	0.3		0.5	0.4	0.5		0.7	0.5	0.6
\$10,000 +		0.5	1.3	1.0		1.0	0.8	0.9		1.0	1.0	1.0		1.1	1.0	1.0
<b>Do you have any concern about your ability to finance your college education?</b>																
None (I am confident that I will have sufficient funds)	507			4,493												
Some (but I probably will have enough funds)		39.2	34.8	36.5		57.8	48.1	52.5		40.3	29.4	34.1		38.4	26.9	31.7
Major (not sure I will have enough funds to complete college)		50.5	50.5	50.5		37.3	45.4	41.7		50.7	57.2	54.4		50.7	56.6	54.1
		10.3	14.7	13.0		5.0	6.5	5.8		9.0	13.5	11.6		10.9	16.5	14.1

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		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
<b>Student estimates chances are "very good" that he/she will</b>														
Change major field	507	6.2	11.2	9.3	4,448	16.8	22.5	19.9	12.7	16.6	15.0	11.5	12.8	12.2
Change career choice	504	8.8	12.2	10.9	4,447	19.2	25.4	22.6	13.5	18.4	16.3	10.9	13.5	12.4
Participate in student government	504	7.3	10.0	8.9	4,450	8.2	10.0	9.1	6.2	8.6	7.6	6.2	9.1	7.9
Get a job to help pay for college expenses	500	38.2	42.4	40.8	4,447	26.0	33.3	30.0	39.5	53.3	47.4	38.2	53.9	47.4
Work full-time while attending college	504	4.2	4.5	4.4	4,441	1.7	1.0	1.3	2.9	3.3	3.1	3.3	5.4	4.5
Join a social fraternity or sorority	502	15.6	23.2	20.3	4,445	18.9	31.8	25.9	8.0	11.0	9.7	7.3	12.4	10.2
Play varsity/intercollegiate athletics	503	19.2	15.2	16.7	4,446	19.4	12.2	15.5	35.4	20.0	26.6	38.5	20.2	27.9
Make at least "B" average	506	63.7	70.6	68.0	4,443	73.1	67.5	70.0	62.8	65.6	64.4	57.8	64.1	61.5
Participate in student protests or demonstrations	503	5.2	5.5	5.4	4,439	7.1	6.5	6.8	6.2	7.3	6.8	5.2	6.3	5.8
Transfer to another college before graduating	504	3.6	8.3	6.5	4,440	2.1	1.7	1.9	5.0	4.7	4.8	7.4	7.3	7.3
Be satisfied with your college	504	49.7	57.2	54.4	4,436	68.4	71.3	70.0	53.4	64.1	59.5	47.2	60.6	55.0
Participate in volunteer or community service work	503	17.7	41.8	32.6	4,437	32.7	57.5	46.2	25.5	49.3	39.2	21.7	43.3	34.3
Seek personal counseling	503	8.3	7.7	8.0	4,441	5.6	7.8	6.8	5.3	7.7	6.7	5.7	8.2	7.1
Communicate regularly with your professors	504	36.8	46.3	42.7	4,441	43.3	53.3	48.8	36.8	47.9	43.2	31.8	44.4	39.2
Socialize with someone of another racial/ethnic group	502	71.2	79.4	76.3	4,450	74.1	81.6	78.2	62.4	73.1	68.5	59.0	70.8	65.9
Participate in student clubs/groups	504	38.5	57.4	50.2	4,443	57.2	74.2	66.5	37.9	58.8	49.9	31.0	53.5	44.1
Strengthen your religious beliefs/convictions	504	33.2	48.6	42.7	4,444	26.7	39.1	33.5	32.0	46.3	40.2	35.2	50.5	44.1
Participate in a study abroad program	503	17.2	28.9	24.5	4,445	40.9	64.1	53.6	29.3	50.5	41.5	19.8	35.1	28.7
<b>Do you give the Higher Education Research Institute (HERI) permission to include your ID number should your college request the data for additional research analyses?</b>														
Yes	483	69.5	64.9	66.7	4,194	65.2	67.2	66.3	71.4	73.1	72.4	68.3	69.6	69.1
No		30.5	35.1	33.3		34.8	32.8	33.7	28.6	26.9	27.6	31.7	30.4	30.9
<b>How would you characterize your political views?</b>														
Far left	509	1.5	1.6	1.6	4,522	2.9	2.5	2.7	3.3	2.9	3.1	3.1	2.3	2.6
Liberal		13.8	22.6	19.3		26.5	32.4	29.7	21.8	25.7	24.0	17.6	21.7	20.0
Middle-of-the-road		43.6	36.6	39.3		36.6	34.7	35.6	39.1	38.8	38.9	42.2	41.0	41.5
Conservative		36.4	37.6	37.1		31.1	29.0	30.0	32.8	31.3	31.9	33.4	33.1	33.3
Far right		4.6	1.6	2.8		3.0	1.3	2.1	2.9	1.3	2.0	3.8	1.8	2.6
<b>Student agrees "strongly" or "somewhat"</b>														
There is too much concern in the courts for the rights of criminals	502	70.6	66.9	68.3	4,438	53.6	48.2	50.7	60.7	55.5	57.8	64.5	58.2	60.9
Abortion should be legal	512	37.9	46.5	43.2	4,501	63.0	62.6	62.8	48.1	48.1	48.1	41.3	40.9	41.1
The death penalty should be abolished	508	16.8	28.8	24.2	4,486	34.6	43.9	39.7	29.7	38.2	34.5	25.4	33.2	29.9
Marijuana should be legalized	508	36.0	22.5	27.8	4,476	44.3	35.4	39.5	37.4	27.8	31.9	33.8	25.3	28.8
It is important to have laws prohibiting homosexual relationships	509	33.5	26.6	29.3	4,484	25.7	17.9	21.5	37.2	25.4	30.5	47.9	33.6	39.6
Racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in America	511	31.5	19.1	23.9	4,494	23.4	14.7	18.6	24.1	15.8	19.4	27.2	17.6	21.6

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Peer Group: Emory, Furman, Rhodes, Vanderbilt, Wake Forest

Mercer University First-time Full-time	# Res- pondents	Your Institution			# Res- pondents	Your Peer Group			Oth Rel 4yr Coll-hi			All Oth Rel 4yr Coll		
		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
<b>Student agrees "strongly" or "somewhat"</b>														
Realistically, an individual can do little to bring about changes in our society	511	28.9	18.2	22.3	4,486	26.0	18.2	21.7	26.6	19.1	22.3	28.3	21.5	24.4
Wealthy people should pay a larger share of taxes than they do now	508	48.5	50.3	49.6	4,472	44.9	44.9	44.9	55.5	58.4	57.1	54.9	57.5	56.4
Colleges should prohibit racist/sexist speech on campus	506	55.9	67.8	63.2	4,470	54.0	64.8	59.8	55.9	65.7	61.5	59.3	66.6	63.6
Same-sex couples should have the right to legal marital status	507	40.1	50.0	46.2	4,469	57.3	64.1	61.0	45.7	56.7	52.0	36.3	47.4	42.8
Affirmative action in college admissions should be abolished	493	62.0	47.2	52.9	4,426	64.0	56.9	60.1	55.7	48.4	51.6	50.8	42.0	45.8
The activities of married women are best confined to the home and family	510	28.6	15.0	20.2	4,483	21.7	8.3	14.4	23.9	11.5	16.8	28.5	16.4	21.5
Federal military spending should be increased	502	50.5	36.9	42.2	4,433	36.2	29.8	32.8	39.0	30.9	34.4	43.2	35.3	38.7
If two people really like each other, it's all right for them to have sex even if they've known each other for only a very short time	506	33.2	20.0	25.1	4,474	58.0	32.5	44.1	46.1	25.4	34.3	45.0	22.6	32.0
The federal government should do more to control the sale of handguns	503	63.9	81.6	74.8	4,472	72.7	84.7	79.3	68.7	82.8	76.7	66.7	81.8	75.4
Only volunteers should serve in the armed forces	505	52.6	58.8	56.4	4,474	67.9	66.2	67.0	61.6	62.3	62.0	59.0	60.0	59.6
The federal government is not doing enough to control environmental pollution	507	64.6	79.2	73.6	4,460	75.4	83.5	79.8	73.0	80.7	77.4	69.7	76.9	73.9
A national health care plan is needed to cover everybody's medical costs	500	57.8	65.9	62.8	4,449	56.2	66.3	61.7	65.1	72.7	69.4	67.0	73.2	70.6
Grading in the high schools has become too easy	504	56.9	62.8	60.5	4,471	58.8	48.9	53.4	56.4	54.1	55.1	52.9	50.5	51.5
Undocumented immigrants should be denied access to public education	502	64.4	45.8	53.0	4,451	49.5	38.2	43.3	50.4	36.1	42.2	52.6	39.5	45.0
Through hard work, everybody can succeed in American society [5]	507	82.5	80.8	81.5	4,489	75.8	69.7	72.5	77.1	75.0	75.9	80.1	79.5	79.8
Dissent is a critical component of the political process [5]	477	65.4	66.4	66.0	4,340	81.2	78.1	79.5	68.6	63.3	65.6	64.0	59.1	61.2

[5] This item included for the first time in 2005.