

2008 TFS INSTITUTIONAL SUMMARY

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Mercer University First-time Full-time	# Res- pondents	Your Institution			Oth Rel 4yr Coll-hi			All Oth Rel 4yr Coll		
		Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
<b>Number of Respondents</b>		180	267	447	6,473	9,013	15,486	14,220	19,902	34,122
<b>How old will you be on December 31 of this year?</b>	447									
16 or younger		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1
17		1.1	0.4	0.7	0.7	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.6	1.3
18		62.2	72.3	68.2	57.2	66.9	62.8	57.4	67.7	63.2
19		36.1	27.3	30.9	40.3	30.6	34.7	39.0	29.2	33.5
20		0.6	0.0	0.2	1.4	0.9	1.1	2.0	1.0	1.4
21 to 24		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.5
25 to 29		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
40 to 54		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
<b>Is English your native language?</b>	446									
Yes		97.2	95.1	96.0	96.2	95.3	95.7	96.1	95.9	96.0
No		2.8	4.9	4.0	3.8	4.7	4.3	3.9	4.1	4.0
<b>In what year did you graduate from high school?</b>	447									
2008		99.4	100.0	99.8	97.8	98.3	98.1	97.1	98.0	97.6
2007		0.6	0.0	0.2	1.6	1.3	1.4	2.0	1.2	1.5
2006		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.3
2005 or earlier		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.3
Did not graduate but passed G.E.D. test		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Never completed high school		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1
<b>How many miles is this college from your permanent home?</b>	438									
5 or less		0.0	1.9	1.1	3.0	2.5	2.7	4.3	4.1	4.2
6 to 10		2.3	2.7	2.5	2.5	3.2	2.9	3.5	4.9	4.3
11 to 50		10.2	9.2	9.6	15.1	15.9	15.5	19.1	20.8	20.1
51 to 100		24.9	24.9	24.9	17.0	17.2	17.1	18.9	18.9	18.9
101 to 500		54.2	52.1	53.0	40.1	38.6	39.3	37.4	33.7	35.3
Over 500		8.5	9.2	8.9	22.1	22.7	22.4	16.8	17.6	17.2
<b>What was your average grade in high school?</b>	447									
A or A+		33.9	50.2	43.6	23.7	34.4	29.8	16.9	27.9	23.1
A-		29.4	29.2	29.3	27.5	31.3	29.7	21.0	26.4	24.0
B+		17.8	10.9	13.6	21.5	18.0	19.5	19.9	19.0	19.4
B		13.3	7.5	9.8	18.5	12.5	15.0	21.6	17.0	19.0
B-		4.4	1.9	2.9	5.9	2.8	4.1	10.1	5.8	7.7
C+		1.1	0.4	0.7	2.2	0.9	1.4	6.9	2.9	4.7
C		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.2	0.4	3.4	0.9	2.0
D		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
<b>From what kind of high school did you graduate?</b>	446									
Public school (not charter or magnet)		57.8	68.8	64.3	67.7	72.1	70.2	74.3	75.5	74.9
Public charter school		3.3	1.5	2.2	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.6
Public magnet school		9.4	6.4	7.6	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.1	2.9	2.5
Private religious/parochial school		15.0	11.7	13.0	14.1	13.0	13.5	13.2	12.5	12.8
Private independent college-prep school		14.4	10.5	12.1	12.1	8.8	10.2	6.9	5.1	5.9
Home school		0.0	1.1	0.7	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.2
<b>Prior to this term, have you ever taken courses for credit at this institution?</b>	447									
No		91.7	93.6	92.8	95.8	96.8	96.4	95.5	95.8	95.7
Yes		8.3	6.4	7.2	4.2	3.2	3.6	4.5	4.2	4.3

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<b>Since leaving high school, have you ever taken courses, whether for credit or not for credit, at <u>any other</u> institution (university, 4- or 2-year college, technical, vocational, or business school)?</b>	444									
No		89.4	90.9	90.3	89.6	88.0	88.7	90.0	86.5	88.0
Yes		10.6	9.1	9.7	10.4	12.0	11.3	10.0	13.5	12.0
<b>Where do you plan to live during the fall term?</b>	446									
With my family or other relatives		3.9	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.0	3.2	6.9	7.1	7.0
Other private home, apartment, or room		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.9
College residence hall		95.0	95.9	95.5	95.2	95.9	95.6	89.5	90.5	90.1
Fraternity or sorority house		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Other campus student housing		0.6	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7	2.0	1.4	1.7
Other		0.6	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3
<b>To how many colleges other than this one did you apply for admission this year?</b>	443									
None		10.6	15.2	13.3	13.7	13.5	13.6	15.7	16.4	16.1
One		12.2	8.0	9.7	9.6	11.1	10.5	10.7	12.5	11.7
Two		18.3	16.0	16.9	13.3	13.6	13.5	14.7	16.0	15.4
Three		18.9	17.1	17.8	15.7	15.6	15.6	18.9	17.3	18.0
Four		23.3	16.0	19.0	14.7	13.7	14.1	15.1	13.3	14.1
Five		8.3	10.6	9.7	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.4	8.8	9.1
Six		5.0	9.1	7.4	7.1	7.3	7.2	5.4	5.6	5.5
Seven to ten		2.8	5.7	4.5	12.3	12.2	12.3	7.8	7.9	7.8
Eleven or more	0.6	2.3	1.6	3.7	3.2	3.4	2.3	2.1	2.2	
<b>Were you accepted by your first choice college?</b>	445									
Yes		83.9	86.8	85.6	82.2	86.2	84.5	83.8	87.5	85.9
No		16.1	13.2	14.4	17.8	13.8	15.5	16.2	12.5	14.1
<b>Is this college your:</b>	445									
First choice?		53.6	57.1	55.7	68.4	71.2	70.0	63.1	67.5	65.6
Second choice?		31.3	31.6	31.5	22.0	21.0	21.4	23.9	22.5	23.1
Third choice?		12.3	9.0	10.3	7.0	5.2	5.9	8.5	6.7	7.5
Less than third choice?		2.8	2.3	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.6	4.5	3.3	3.8
<b>Citizenship status</b>	446									
U.S. citizen		97.8	96.6	97.1	96.7	97.1	96.9	96.7	97.6	97.2
Permanent resident (green card)		1.7	1.9	1.8	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0
Neither		0.6	1.5	1.1	2.4	1.9	2.1	2.3	1.4	1.8
<b>Are your parents:</b>	446									
Both alive and living with each other?		73.9	70.3	71.7	79.6	76.2	77.6	72.7	70.0	71.1
Both alive, divorced or living apart?		22.2	27.4	25.3	17.4	20.6	19.2	23.6	26.1	25.0
One or both deceased?		3.9	2.3	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.7	4.0	3.9

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<b>During high school (grades 9-12) how many years did you study each of the following subjects? [1]</b>										
English (4 years)	442	97.2	98.1	97.7	97.3	97.9	97.7	96.7	97.2	97.0
Mathematics (3 years)	444	98.3	98.9	98.6	98.5	98.6	98.6	97.8	97.8	97.8
Foreign Language (2 years)	438	93.6	92.5	92.9	93.8	96.0	95.1	89.1	92.5	91.0
Physical Science (2 years)	443	56.2	44.9	49.4	68.3	61.0	64.1	62.9	55.3	58.6
Biological Science (2 years)	436	40.0	47.1	44.3	50.0	53.3	51.9	49.3	50.2	49.8
History/Am. Govt. (1 year)	436	98.8	99.2	99.1	99.1	98.9	99.0	98.6	98.4	98.5
Computer Science (1/2 year)	436	70.9	57.5	62.8	62.6	54.5	58.0	66.0	58.5	61.8
Arts and/or Music (1 year)	437	60.9	74.9	69.3	83.1	90.2	87.2	76.7	85.8	81.8
<b>WHAT IS THE HIGHEST ACADEMIC DREGREE THAT YOU INTEND TO OBTAIN?</b>										
<b>Highest planned</b>	400									
None		0.6	0.0	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.6	1.4	0.9	1.1
Vocational certificate		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Associate (A.A. or equivalent)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.4	1.2	0.7	0.9
Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.)		14.2	10.9	12.3	22.5	21.7	22.0	27.7	24.1	25.7
Master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.)		34.0	28.2	30.5	37.6	41.3	39.7	39.0	41.1	40.2
Ph.D. or Ed.D.		25.3	23.5	24.3	20.6	18.6	19.4	16.6	18.3	17.5
M.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.V.M.		16.7	28.2	23.5	9.4	11.5	10.6	6.8	9.2	8.1
J.D. (Law)		5.6	6.3	6.0	5.8	4.1	4.8	3.9	3.3	3.6
B.D. or M.DIV. (Divinity)		0.6	0.0	0.3	0.9	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.6
Other		3.1	2.9	3.0	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.3	1.8	2.0
<b>Highest planned at this college</b>	329									
None		1.5	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.8	1.9	1.3	1.6
Vocational certificate		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Associate (A.A. or equivalent)		1.5	0.5	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.8	2.7	2.8
Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.)		53.8	58.9	56.8	82.7	83.6	83.2	76.5	77.5	77.1
Master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.)		21.2	16.2	18.2	10.8	10.4	10.6	13.4	13.6	13.5
Ph.D. or Ed.D.		9.8	11.2	10.6	1.8	1.6	1.7	2.1	1.9	2.0
M.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.V.M.		7.6	6.6	7.0	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6
J.D. (Law)		1.5	3.6	2.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
B.D. or M.DIV. (Divinity)		0.0	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.3
Other		3.0	1.5	2.1	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.8	1.3	1.5
<b>HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE RACIAL COMPOSITION OF THE:</b>										
<b>High school I last attended</b>	443									
Completely non-White		1.1	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	1.2	2.4	2.2	2.3
Mostly non-White		11.8	10.6	11.1	6.6	7.2	6.9	9.1	9.9	9.6
Roughly half non-White		33.7	34.7	34.3	19.6	22.4	21.2	23.5	25.7	24.7
Mostly White		47.8	45.3	46.3	61.8	59.8	60.6	55.0	53.6	54.2
Completely White		5.6	7.5	6.8	10.7	9.4	10.0	9.9	8.6	9.2
<b>Neighborhood where I grew up</b>	431									
Completely non-White		1.2	3.5	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	5.3	4.7	5.0
Mostly non-White		7.0	12.7	10.4	6.0	6.2	6.1	9.0	9.0	9.0
Roughly half non-White		18.0	17.8	17.9	10.4	10.6	10.5	12.1	12.6	12.4
Mostly White		54.7	45.6	49.2	54.1	55.5	54.9	49.1	50.9	50.1
Completely White		19.2	20.5	20.0	26.7	25.1	25.8	24.4	22.8	23.5

[1] Based on the recommendations of the National Commission on Excellence in Education.

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<b>Do you have a disability?</b>										
Hearing	447	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Speech	447	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.3
Orthopedic	447	0.6	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6
Learning disability	447	2.8	1.9	2.2	5.7	4.0	4.7	5.4	4.0	4.6
Partially sighted or blind	447	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3
Health-related	447	1.7	2.2	2.0	1.2	1.8	1.5	1.3	2.0	1.7
Other	447	2.2	1.5	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.6
<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>	447									
None		15.6	15.4	15.4	13.3	13.6	13.5	19.2	19.2	19.2
Less than \$1,000		13.3	16.5	15.2	8.1	9.2	8.7	11.7	12.7	12.3
\$1,000 to 2,999		13.9	19.5	17.2	10.2	11.3	10.8	14.0	14.1	14.1
\$3,000 to 5,999		17.2	16.5	16.8	11.1	11.8	11.5	13.4	13.6	13.5
\$6,000 to 9,999		15.0	13.9	14.3	11.7	12.1	11.9	11.0	11.4	11.2
\$10,000 +		25.0	18.4	21.0	45.5	42.0	43.5	30.7	29.0	29.7
<b>My own resources (savings from work, work-study, other income)</b>	447									
None		40.6	36.7	38.3	33.9	30.1	31.7	36.4	32.9	34.4
Less than \$1,000		30.0	31.1	30.6	22.9	26.3	24.9	23.8	28.1	26.2
\$1,000 to 2,999		20.6	25.5	23.5	25.2	26.3	25.8	24.0	24.1	24.1
\$3,000 to 5,999		7.2	4.9	5.8	10.1	10.6	10.4	9.4	9.1	9.3
\$6,000 to 9,999		0.6	0.7	0.7	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.0	3.1
\$10,000 +		1.1	1.1	1.1	4.1	3.2	3.5	3.2	2.7	2.9
<b>Aid which need <u>not</u> be repaid (grants, scholarships, military funding, etc.)</b>	447									
None		5.0	4.9	4.9	20.8	15.8	18.0	19.1	13.9	16.2
Less than \$1,000		0.6	0.7	0.7	2.6	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.3
\$1,000 to 2,999		1.7	1.1	1.3	6.6	7.9	7.3	7.9	9.1	8.5
\$3,000 to 5,999		4.4	3.4	3.8	8.8	10.5	9.8	11.9	12.3	12.1
\$6,000 to 9,999		8.9	7.5	8.1	10.9	13.7	12.5	14.1	15.8	15.1
\$10,000 +		79.4	82.4	81.2	50.2	48.9	49.5	43.8	45.5	44.7
<b>Aid which <u>must</u> be repaid (loans, etc.)</b>	447									
None		45.6	40.4	42.5	45.2	40.7	42.6	39.7	36.3	37.8
Less than \$1,000		3.3	2.2	2.7	2.8	2.3	2.5	4.1	3.3	3.6
\$1,000 to 2,999		11.7	9.0	10.1	8.5	9.1	8.9	10.6	10.4	10.5
\$3,000 to 5,999		13.3	22.8	19.0	17.0	18.8	18.0	18.6	20.5	19.7
\$6,000 to 9,999		12.2	13.5	13.0	11.3	13.9	12.8	12.6	14.0	13.3
\$10,000 +		13.9	12.0	12.8	15.1	15.1	15.1	14.5	15.5	15.1
<b>Other than above</b>	447									
None		95.0	94.0	94.4	92.7	93.8	93.3	91.6	92.9	92.3
Less than \$1,000		3.3	2.2	2.7	2.5	2.1	2.3	2.9	2.5	2.7
\$1,000 to 2,999		1.7	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.3	1.9	1.5	1.7
\$3,000 to 5,999		0.0	1.5	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.2
\$6,000 to 9,999		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.7
\$10,000 +		0.0	0.7	0.4	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.4

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<b>What is your best estimate of your parents' total income last year? Consider income from all sources before taxes</b>	408									
Less than \$10,000		3.0	3.3	3.2	2.2	2.7	2.5	3.6	4.2	3.9
\$10,000 to 14,999		1.2	3.3	2.5	1.5	2.2	1.9	2.2	3.3	2.8
\$15,000 to 19,999		1.2	3.3	2.5	1.2	1.8	1.5	2.1	2.6	2.4
\$20,000 to 24,999		2.4	3.7	3.2	2.2	2.4	2.3	3.1	4.0	3.6
\$25,000 to 29,999		2.4	1.2	1.7	2.2	2.9	2.6	3.3	4.1	3.7
\$30,000 to 39,999		3.0	5.0	4.2	4.2	5.6	5.0	6.0	7.5	6.9
\$40,000 to 49,999		7.2	6.2	6.6	5.6	7.6	6.7	7.6	9.5	8.6
\$50,000 to 59,999		7.8	10.0	9.1	7.7	9.1	8.5	9.0	9.9	9.5
\$60,000 to 74,999		16.8	12.4	14.2	10.7	11.8	11.3	12.3	12.4	12.4
\$75,000 to 99,999		14.4	15.8	15.2	16.0	14.1	14.9	15.7	13.4	14.4
\$100,000 to 149,999		25.7	21.2	23.0	19.5	17.2	18.2	17.1	13.9	15.4
\$150,000 to 199,999		4.2	7.9	6.4	9.4	8.6	8.9	6.8	6.1	6.4
\$200,000 to 249,999		2.4	2.9	2.7	5.5	4.8	5.1	3.6	3.5	3.5
\$250,000 or more		8.4	3.7	5.6	12.2	9.2	10.5	7.7	5.5	6.5
<b>Do you have any concern about your ability to finance your college education?</b>	440									
None (I am confident that I will have sufficient funds)		42.0	32.2	36.1	44.3	31.7	37.1	40.9	29.7	34.6
Some (but I probably will have enough funds)		51.7	56.8	54.8	48.2	58.0	53.9	50.0	57.9	54.4
Major (not sure I will have enough funds to complete college)		6.3	11.0	9.1	7.5	10.2	9.1	9.1	12.4	11.0
<b>Your current religious preference</b>	440									
Baptist		35.2	37.9	36.8	9.5	9.7	9.6	19.4	18.5	18.9
Buddhist		0.0	0.4	0.2	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.5
Church of Christ		1.1	2.7	2.0	3.0	2.2	2.6	5.7	4.5	5.1
Eastern Orthodox		0.6	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Episcopalian		1.1	2.7	2.0	2.8	2.5	2.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Hindu		1.1	1.9	1.6	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
Jewish		0.6	0.8	0.7	2.5	1.9	2.1	1.1	1.0	1.0
LDS (Mormon)		0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Lutheran		4.5	0.4	2.0	8.9	9.4	9.2	6.4	6.4	6.4
Methodist		10.2	12.5	11.6	7.1	7.4	7.3	7.6	7.3	7.5
Muslim		0.6	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Presbyterian		4.5	3.8	4.1	5.8	5.5	5.6	4.3	4.5	4.4
Quaker		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.4
Roman Catholic		11.9	9.8	10.7	14.7	14.6	14.6	14.4	13.0	13.6
Seventh Day Adventist		0.0	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.3	1.3	1.3
United Church of Christ/Congregational		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.0	0.9
Other Christian		15.3	14.0	14.5	18.9	22.9	21.2	18.9	24.3	21.9
Other Religion		2.3	4.5	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.3	2.2	2.9	2.6
None		10.8	7.6	8.9	19.3	16.3	17.6	14.1	11.5	12.6

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<b>Father's current religious preference</b>	410									
Baptist		37.4	38.9	38.3	9.9	10.2	10.1	19.2	17.2	18.1
Buddhist		0.6	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5
Church of Christ		0.6	2.8	2.0	3.0	2.5	2.7	5.3	4.2	4.7
Eastern Orthodox		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Episcopalian		1.8	2.4	2.2	3.6	2.9	3.2	1.9	1.7	1.8
Hindu		3.1	2.0	2.4	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3
Jewish		0.0	1.6	1.0	3.2	2.8	3.0	1.7	1.4	1.5
LDS (Mormon)		0.0	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Lutheran		6.1	2.4	3.9	10.6	9.8	10.1	7.5	7.1	7.3
Methodist		11.7	9.7	10.5	8.5	7.5	7.9	7.9	7.1	7.4
Muslim		1.8	0.4	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6
Presbyterian		4.3	4.5	4.4	6.8	6.0	6.3	5.0	4.8	4.9
Quaker		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3
Roman Catholic		11.7	10.9	11.2	18.0	17.7	17.9	16.7	15.7	16.1
Seventh Day Adventist		0.0	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	1.3	1.4	1.3
United Church of Christ/Congregational		0.6	0.0	0.2	0.9	1.3	1.1	0.8	1.1	0.9
Other Christian		12.3	11.7	12.0	17.2	19.3	18.4	17.4	21.0	19.4
Other Religion		0.6	1.6	1.2	2.0	2.1	2.1	1.6	2.1	1.9
None		7.4	8.9	8.3	12.7	14.4	13.7	11.3	12.7	12.1
<b>Mother's current religious preference</b>	425									
Baptist		40.5	38.5	39.3	10.7	10.8	10.7	20.1	18.7	19.3
Buddhist		0.6	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5
Church of Christ		0.6	3.9	2.6	3.4	2.5	2.9	5.9	4.4	5.1
Eastern Orthodox		0.6	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5
Episcopalian		3.0	2.7	2.8	3.9	3.2	3.5	2.0	2.0	2.0
Hindu		3.0	1.9	2.4	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3
Jewish		1.8	0.8	1.2	2.9	2.4	2.6	1.3	1.2	1.3
LDS (Mormon)		0.0	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Lutheran		4.8	1.2	2.6	10.5	10.5	10.5	7.7	7.5	7.6
Methodist		10.1	13.2	12.0	8.9	9.0	8.9	8.3	8.4	8.4
Muslim		1.2	0.0	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5
Presbyterian		5.4	4.7	4.9	7.2	6.7	6.9	5.2	5.2	5.2
Quaker		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.4
Roman Catholic		13.7	12.1	12.7	18.7	18.5	18.6	17.3	16.1	16.6
Seventh Day Adventist		0.0	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
United Church of Christ/Congregational		0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.6	1.4	0.9	1.3	1.1
Other Christian		14.3	12.1	12.9	18.2	20.4	19.5	18.2	22.3	20.5
Other Religion		0.0	2.7	1.6	2.2	2.5	2.4	1.7	2.3	2.0
None		0.6	4.3	2.8	8.4	8.5	8.5	7.6	6.8	7.1

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		Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
<b>During the past year, student "frequently" or "occasionally":</b>										
Attended a religious service	445	83.9	90.2	87.6	80.5	84.8	83.0	83.1	87.7	85.7
Was bored in class [2]	445	41.9	37.6	39.3	40.3	34.9	37.2	40.5	34.7	37.2
Participated in political demonstrations	445	21.2	20.7	20.9	27.4	26.8	27.0	26.4	25.4	25.8
Tutored another student	445	67.8	67.5	67.6	51.8	57.0	54.8	48.2	55.1	52.1
Studied with other students	446	84.4	90.2	87.9	86.1	91.1	89.0	84.1	89.3	87.0
Was a guest in a teacher's home	445	27.4	24.4	25.6	30.1	28.2	29.0	28.8	27.2	27.9
Smoked cigarettes [2]	445	2.8	2.6	2.7	4.0	3.1	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.5
Drank beer	445	32.4	18.0	23.8	44.3	29.3	35.7	39.2	24.0	30.6
Drank wine or liquor	442	34.8	31.4	32.8	44.8	39.2	41.6	39.3	33.8	36.2
Felt overwhelmed by all I had to do [2]	445	16.8	36.5	28.5	17.9	40.0	30.6	18.1	38.4	29.5
Felt depressed [2]	444	8.4	6.4	7.2	5.3	7.5	6.6	5.2	8.6	7.1
Performed volunteer work	443	80.3	91.3	86.9	86.1	92.0	89.5	82.8	89.7	86.7
Played a musical instrument	444	48.9	40.6	43.9	55.3	51.9	53.3	47.8	46.7	47.2
Asked a teacher for advice after class [2]	444	23.0	25.6	24.5	29.3	33.2	31.5	26.1	31.8	29.3
Voted in a student election [2]	436	18.6	24.2	22.0	22.4	23.7	23.2	21.0	24.4	22.9
Socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group [2]	445	74.9	75.6	75.3	66.2	65.4	65.8	66.9	67.5	67.2
Came late to class	444	55.0	57.6	56.5	60.8	55.7	57.8	60.5	55.6	57.8
Used the Internet: [2]										
For research or homework	444	68.0	82.0	76.4	71.2	82.4	77.7	66.1	79.5	73.6
To read news sites	445	45.3	40.6	42.5	48.0	38.6	42.6	42.2	36.9	39.2
To read blogs	442	24.2	22.0	22.9	23.1	26.0	24.7	22.0	26.9	24.7
To blog	441	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.6	16.3	14.7	13.3	17.7	15.8
Performed community service as part of a class	446	53.3	59.4	57.0	59.5	62.4	61.2	57.3	62.4	60.2
Discussed religion [2]	444	36.9	46.0	42.3	38.9	43.4	41.5	34.7	42.5	39.1
Discussed politics [2]	443	37.6	37.4	37.5	41.7	37.8	39.5	34.3	32.8	33.4
Worked on a local, state or national political campaign	446	7.8	11.3	9.9	13.9	12.9	13.3	12.5	11.0	11.6
<b>Student rated self "above average" or "highest 10%" as compared with the average person of his/her age in:</b>										
Academic ability	444	87.7	83.8	85.4	77.6	74.5	75.8	65.5	65.3	65.4
Artistic ability	446	26.7	27.4	27.1	33.0	35.8	34.6	28.8	30.7	29.9
Computer skills	446	51.7	32.3	40.1	43.6	23.6	32.1	41.3	27.3	33.4
Cooperativeness	444	74.4	76.5	75.7	72.6	75.2	74.1	71.9	74.0	73.1
Creativity	446	52.2	57.9	55.6	59.3	57.8	58.5	56.0	55.7	55.8
Drive to achieve	444	68.9	87.9	80.2	70.2	77.3	74.3	71.1	75.8	73.7
Emotional health	445	60.9	49.2	53.9	60.9	48.0	53.5	61.5	47.2	53.5
Leadership ability	445	57.5	58.6	58.2	67.2	58.5	62.2	66.5	57.8	61.6
Mathematical ability	445	71.5	50.0	58.7	51.1	36.2	42.5	45.5	33.6	38.8
Physical health	446	63.9	40.2	49.8	67.5	46.4	55.4	70.2	45.4	56.2
Popularity	445	43.0	25.9	32.8	45.9	28.5	35.9	48.9	29.7	38.1
Public speaking ability	445	38.5	31.2	34.2	46.0	36.0	40.2	40.8	33.0	36.4
Self-confidence (intellectual)	444	77.1	62.3	68.2	69.6	53.8	60.5	67.4	52.4	59.0
Self-confidence (social)	446	53.9	44.0	48.0	55.0	43.5	48.4	58.6	45.7	51.3
Self-understanding	443	65.4	56.8	60.3	63.5	54.6	58.4	61.9	53.6	57.2
Spirituality	446	44.4	51.9	48.9	44.0	46.5	45.4	45.3	48.8	47.3
Understanding of others	446	63.3	68.0	66.1	66.2	69.8	68.3	64.1	67.7	66.1
Writing ability	445	41.1	47.5	44.9	49.3	53.3	51.6	41.4	48.4	45.3

[2] Percentage responding "frequently" only.

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<b>Student rated self "above average" or "highest 10%" as compared with the average person of his/her age in:</b>										
Ability to see the world from someone else's perspective	445	67.0	64.7	65.6	67.2	67.3	67.3	60.6	62.0	61.4
Tolerance of others with different beliefs	444	77.5	73.3	75.0	72.7	74.5	73.7	66.0	68.6	67.4
Openness to having my own views challenged	445	61.5	50.8	55.1	60.4	54.4	56.9	56.7	51.8	53.9
Ability to discuss and negotiate controversial issues	445	69.3	58.3	62.7	69.5	57.6	62.7	64.1	54.0	58.4
Ability to work cooperatively with diverse people	444	82.6	73.7	77.3	78.3	78.8	78.6	74.5	75.4	75.0
<b>WHAT IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF FORMAL EDUCATION OBTAINED BY YOUR PARENTS?</b>										
<b>Father</b>	435									
Grammar school or less		2.3	0.8	1.4	1.8	1.5	1.7	3.4	2.8	3.0
Some high school		2.3	3.8	3.2	1.9	2.5	2.3	4.5	5.2	4.9
High school graduate		15.4	15.0	15.2	12.6	14.8	13.9	21.7	22.1	22.0
Postsecondary school other than college		5.7	5.8	5.7	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.6	4.1	3.9
Some college		13.1	17.7	15.9	11.4	13.6	12.6	14.7	15.7	15.2
College degree		27.4	31.9	30.1	32.1	30.7	31.3	28.2	27.3	27.7
Some graduate school		3.4	3.8	3.7	2.7	3.2	3.0	2.1	2.5	2.3
Graduate degree		30.3	21.2	24.8	34.2	29.8	31.7	21.8	20.4	21.0
<b>Mother</b>	442									
Grammar school or less		1.1	0.8	0.9	1.6	1.4	1.5	2.9	2.7	2.8
Some high school		1.7	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.4	2.8	3.0	2.9
High school graduate		11.9	14.7	13.6	11.7	12.4	12.1	19.6	18.6	19.0
Postsecondary school other than college		4.0	4.9	4.5	3.0	3.8	3.4	3.6	4.1	3.9
Some college		14.2	16.5	15.6	14.4	15.9	15.3	17.5	19.2	18.5
College degree		40.3	33.5	36.2	38.2	37.1	37.6	33.2	32.8	33.0
Some graduate school		4.0	3.4	3.6	4.3	3.9	4.0	3.0	2.7	2.8
Graduate degree		22.7	25.2	24.2	25.6	24.0	24.7	17.4	16.9	17.1
<b>During the past year, did you "frequently":</b>										
Ask questions in class	444	48.0	55.5	52.5	54.5	59.9	57.6	48.6	57.6	53.7
Support your opinions with a logical argument	445	61.5	59.4	60.2	64.6	57.1	60.3	54.3	52.3	53.2
Seek solutions to problems and explain them to others	441	55.9	58.0	57.1	52.4	53.6	53.1	44.4	50.0	47.5
Revise your papers to improve your writing	445	38.0	60.9	51.7	42.0	61.2	53.0	36.2	58.0	48.5
Evaluate the quality or reliability of information you received	444	45.5	38.7	41.4	39.4	38.8	39.1	32.3	35.9	34.3
Take a risk because you feel you have more to gain	443	37.6	30.2	33.2	42.4	34.3	37.8	42.6	34.9	38.3
Seek alternative solutions to a problem	445	49.2	42.9	45.4	44.8	42.6	43.5	41.3	42.0	41.7
Look up scientific research articles and resources	442	26.0	17.7	21.0	24.1	20.7	22.1	19.6	19.4	19.5
Explore topics on your own, even though it was not required for a class	442	33.9	26.8	29.6	36.5	30.2	32.9	28.9	27.1	27.9
Accept mistakes as part of the learning process	445	49.7	44.4	46.5	49.3	49.3	49.3	46.6	50.4	48.8
Seek feedback on your academic work	445	39.1	55.6	49.0	42.5	55.6	50.0	38.7	52.5	46.5
Take notes during class	444	51.1	83.5	70.5	51.3	80.9	68.3	50.8	79.5	67.0

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<b>Your probable career occupation</b>	430									
Accountant or actuary		1.7	2.0	1.9	2.4	1.4	1.9	3.0	2.0	2.4
Actor or entertainer		0.0	0.8	0.5	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.4
Architect or urban planner		0.6	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.4
Artist		0.0	0.8	0.5	1.7	2.5	2.2	1.6	2.3	2.0
Business (clerical)		0.0	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.7
Business executive (management, administrator)		6.9	3.9	5.1	9.2	4.4	6.4	9.4	4.6	6.7
Business owner or proprietor		0.0	1.6	0.9	4.0	1.4	2.5	5.3	1.9	3.3
Business salesperson or buyer		0.0	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.6	1.0	0.6	0.7
Clergy (minister, priest)		0.0	0.4	0.2	1.3	0.4	0.8	1.9	0.4	1.0
Clergy (other religious)		0.6	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Clinical psychologist		0.0	2.0	1.2	0.7	2.0	1.4	0.5	2.2	1.5
College administrator/staff		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
College teacher		2.9	0.4	1.4	1.2	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.7
Computer programmer or analyst		1.1	0.4	0.7	2.2	0.2	1.1	2.4	0.4	1.3
Conservationist or forester		0.0	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3
Dentist (including orthodontist)		2.3	0.8	1.4	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0
Dietitian or nutritionist		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.4
Engineer		34.3	4.3	16.5	7.0	1.2	3.7	4.9	0.7	2.5
Farmer or rancher		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.3
Foreign service worker (including diplomat)		0.0	0.8	0.5	0.9	2.0	1.5	0.5	1.2	0.9
Homemaker (full-time)		0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2
Interior decorator (including designer)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.3
Lab technician or hygienist		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Law enforcement officer		0.6	0.0	0.2	0.9	0.3	0.5	2.5	0.6	1.4
Lawyer (attorney) or judge		5.7	6.3	6.0	4.4	3.5	3.9	3.0	3.1	3.1
Military service (career)		0.6	0.0	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.4
Musician (performer, composer)		0.6	2.0	1.4	5.0	3.1	3.9	3.8	2.3	3.0
Nurse		0.0	2.4	1.4	0.6	5.1	3.2	1.3	7.5	4.8
Optometrist		0.6	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3
Pharmacist		6.3	13.7	10.7	0.9	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.8	1.6
Physician		10.3	20.8	16.5	7.1	8.2	7.7	5.3	6.1	5.7
Policymaker/Government		1.1	0.4	0.7	1.9	1.0	1.4	1.1	0.7	0.9
School counselor		0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.5
School principal or superintendent		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Scientific researcher		1.1	1.6	1.4	2.6	2.8	2.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Social, welfare, or recreation worker		0.0	1.2	0.7	0.4	1.8	1.2	0.5	2.2	1.5
Therapist (physical, occupational, speech)		0.0	3.5	2.1	2.1	4.0	3.2	3.0	4.7	4.0
Teacher or administrator (elementary)		0.6	3.1	2.1	0.9	5.8	3.7	1.7	9.1	5.9
Teacher or administrator (secondary)		1.1	1.2	1.2	5.0	4.8	4.9	7.0	5.7	6.3
Veterinarian		0.0	1.2	0.7	0.5	1.7	1.2	0.4	2.0	1.3
Writer or journalist		1.1	3.1	2.3	3.2	4.7	4.1	2.2	3.8	3.1
Skilled trades		0.6	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3
Laborer (unskilled)		0.6	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.3
Semi-skilled worker		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Unemployed		1.7	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.6	1.2	1.4
Other		5.1	8.2	7.0	7.3	9.4	8.5	8.9	10.5	9.8
Undecided		12.0	9.0	10.2	16.7	17.0	16.9	15.1	13.1	14.0

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		Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
<b>Your father's occupation [3]</b>	426									
Artist		0.0	0.4	0.2	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.2	1.3	1.3
Business		28.9	27.7	28.2	29.8	28.0	28.8	26.7	24.9	25.7
Business (clerical)		0.6	1.6	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.3
Clergy		2.3	0.8	1.4	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.8
College teacher		2.3	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.0	0.9	1.0
Doctor (MD or DDS)		4.0	3.6	3.8	5.0	4.5	4.7	2.9	2.6	2.7
Education (secondary)		3.5	2.4	2.8	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.3	2.7	2.9
Education (elementary)		1.2	0.0	0.5	1.1	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.9
Engineer		8.7	8.7	8.7	7.0	8.1	7.6	6.4	7.1	6.8
Farmer or forester		1.2	2.0	1.6	1.9	2.2	2.1	1.8	2.4	2.2
Health professional		2.3	3.2	2.8	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.4
Homemaker (full-time)		0.0	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Lawyer		1.2	2.0	1.6	4.2	3.4	3.8	2.2	1.9	2.0
Military (career)		3.5	4.7	4.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.5
Nurse		0.6	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
Research scientist		0.6	0.4	0.5	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.5
Social/welfare/rec worker		0.0	2.4	1.4	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6
Skilled worker		6.4	6.7	6.6	5.8	5.4	5.6	7.7	6.7	7.1
Semi-skilled worker		1.7	2.8	2.3	2.1	1.9	2.0	3.0	2.5	2.7
Unskilled worker		2.3	0.8	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.8	3.0	2.7	2.9
Unemployed		1.7	2.4	2.1	1.5	2.1	1.9	2.8	3.1	3.0
Other		27.2	26.1	26.5	23.4	26.8	25.4	27.8	31.7	30.0
<b>Your mother's occupation [3]</b>	436									
Artist		0.6	0.8	0.7	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.1	1.9	2.0
Business		16.4	16.6	16.5	14.1	15.2	14.7	15.2	15.5	15.4
Business (clerical)		1.7	3.1	2.5	3.8	3.5	3.6	4.2	4.2	4.2
Clergy		0.0	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.7
College teacher		0.6	0.0	0.2	1.1	1.3	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.7
Doctor (MD or DDS)		3.4	1.2	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.4	1.2	1.3
Education (secondary)		5.6	5.8	5.7	6.3	5.3	5.7	5.6	4.9	5.2
Education (elementary)		9.6	13.5	11.9	9.9	9.5	9.6	9.5	8.7	9.1
Engineer		0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.5
Farmer or forester		0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Health professional		4.5	5.0	4.8	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.2	3.2	3.2
Homemaker (full-time)		7.3	5.4	6.2	9.5	12.1	11.0	7.7	10.1	9.1
Lawyer		1.1	1.2	1.1	1.7	1.2	1.4	0.9	0.7	0.8
Military (career)		1.7	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
Nurse		6.8	11.2	9.4	8.2	7.9	8.0	8.9	8.5	8.7
Research scientist		0.0	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
Social/welfare/rec worker		2.8	3.5	3.2	2.1	2.3	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.9
Skilled worker		3.4	0.4	1.6	1.5	0.8	1.1	1.7	1.2	1.4
Semi-skilled worker		6.2	1.2	3.2	1.8	1.0	1.3	1.9	1.4	1.6
Unskilled worker		1.7	1.2	1.4	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.4
Unemployed		7.3	6.6	6.9	6.1	4.8	5.3	6.1	6.1	6.1
Other		18.1	22.0	20.4	21.4	23.4	22.6	25.2	26.6	26.0
<b>How would you characterize your political views?</b>	436									
Far left		4.0	2.3	3.0	4.8	3.4	4.0	3.2	2.5	2.8
Liberal		14.8	20.8	18.3	26.4	31.8	29.5	19.9	24.5	22.5
Middle-of-the-road		43.8	42.7	43.1	38.5	36.5	37.4	43.8	40.9	42.2
Conservative		33.5	31.9	32.6	27.5	26.8	27.1	29.8	29.9	29.8
Far right		4.0	2.3	3.0	2.8	1.6	2.1	3.3	2.3	2.7

[3] Recategorization of this item from a longer list is shown in Appendix C of "The American Freshman".

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		Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
<b>Student agrees "strongly" or "somewhat:"</b>										
There is too much concern in the courts for the rights of criminals	433	60.0	56.6	58.0	56.4	51.5	53.6	62.8	56.4	59.2
Abortion should be legal	439	48.6	43.9	45.8	54.2	50.4	52.0	45.4	42.4	43.7
The death penalty should be abolished	440	22.0	37.6	31.4	36.0	44.0	40.6	30.1	36.3	33.6
Marijuana should be legalized	436	37.9	26.7	31.2	45.6	33.1	38.4	40.5	28.7	33.8
It is important to have laws prohibiting homosexual relationships	438	36.4	24.0	29.0	31.3	24.2	27.2	42.8	30.7	36.0
Racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in America	437	28.6	18.3	22.4	24.7	16.2	19.8	27.6	17.8	22.1
Realistically, an individual can do little to bring about changes in our society	435	25.7	21.5	23.2	27.3	19.6	22.9	31.8	23.5	27.1
Wealthy people should pay a larger share of taxes than they do now	435	49.1	49.6	49.4	57.6	59.8	58.9	57.5	59.3	58.5
Same-sex couples should have the right to legal marital status	439	42.9	54.9	50.1	55.0	62.0	59.0	44.5	54.7	50.2
Affirmative action in college admissions should be abolished	423	52.4	46.6	48.9	52.9	45.1	48.5	48.3	40.2	43.8
Federal military spending should be increased	433	38.2	34.2	35.8	29.5	22.7	25.6	35.5	28.9	31.8
The federal government should do more to control the sale of handguns	436	58.3	72.0	66.5	61.3	76.4	69.9	59.9	75.2	68.5
Only volunteers should serve in the armed forces	435	59.5	60.3	60.0	65.5	68.7	67.3	61.2	64.0	62.8
The federal government is not doing enough to control environmental pollution	437	70.9	74.4	73.0	74.0	79.5	77.2	70.7	76.3	73.8
A national health care plan is needed to cover everybody's medical costs	434	45.9	56.9	52.5	60.5	68.3	65.0	62.8	69.3	66.4
Undocumented immigrants should be denied access to public education	435	58.3	50.4	53.6	50.3	41.3	45.2	54.0	45.4	49.2
Through hard work, everybody can succeed in American society	437	80.3	77.3	78.5	75.2	72.8	73.8	78.9	77.8	78.3
Dissent is a critical component of the political process	412	63.3	59.3	60.9	69.2	62.2	65.3	62.3	57.1	59.5
Colleges have the right to ban extreme speakers from campus	427	47.6	45.1	46.1	47.0	42.2	44.2	48.9	45.2	46.8
Students from disadvantaged social backgrounds should be given preferential treatment in college admissions	434	35.1	31.9	33.2	40.6	36.3	38.1	44.1	39.7	41.7
The federal government should raise taxes to reduce the deficit	432	38.7	20.5	27.8	37.0	27.6	31.6	30.0	22.1	25.6
Addressing global warming should be a federal priority	437	63.8	69.2	67.0	67.7	72.4	70.4	63.7	68.8	66.6

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		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>	435									
None		3.4	0.8	1.8	2.4	0.5	1.3	3.5	0.8	2.0
Less than one hour		11.5	8.0	9.4	11.4	4.8	7.6	15.1	7.1	10.6
1 to 2 hours		24.1	15.3	18.9	20.8	14.4	17.1	26.1	19.1	22.2
3 to 5 hours		27.6	29.9	29.0	29.4	27.8	28.5	28.2	30.5	29.5
6 to 10 hours		22.4	22.6	22.5	20.4	25.0	23.1	16.3	22.0	19.5
11 to 15 hours		9.2	15.3	12.9	8.7	14.4	12.0	6.1	11.1	8.9
16 to 20 hours		1.7	4.6	3.4	3.8	8.0	6.2	2.6	5.6	4.3
Over 20 hours		0.0	3.4	2.1	3.2	5.2	4.3	2.1	3.7	3.0
<b>Socializing with friends</b>	433									
None		0.6	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3
Less than one hour		1.7	4.2	3.2	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.6
1 to 2 hours		9.9	7.7	8.5	5.8	6.3	6.1	5.9	6.9	6.5
3 to 5 hours		22.1	23.0	22.6	18.0	20.9	19.7	18.2	21.2	19.9
6 to 10 hours		29.7	27.2	28.2	27.5	28.5	28.1	25.8	27.5	26.7
11 to 15 hours		16.9	16.9	16.9	19.1	19.8	19.5	18.9	18.5	18.7
16 to 20 hours		6.4	12.3	9.9	11.8	11.7	11.8	11.2	11.2	11.2
Over 20 hours		12.8	8.8	10.4	16.0	11.2	13.2	17.9	12.9	15.1
<b>Talking with teachers outside of class</b>	434									
None		8.7	8.0	8.3	9.2	5.7	7.2	11.1	6.7	8.6
Less than one hour		45.3	36.6	40.1	39.8	38.7	39.2	41.1	39.4	40.2
1 to 2 hours		32.0	38.5	35.9	34.3	36.9	35.8	31.4	34.2	33.0
3 to 5 hours		9.9	10.7	10.4	12.0	13.4	12.8	10.9	13.6	12.4
6 to 10 hours		2.9	4.6	3.9	2.9	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.7	3.6
11 to 15 hours		0.6	1.5	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.2
16 to 20 hours		0.6	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Over 20 hours		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.6
<b>Exercise or sports</b>	436									
None		4.6	6.9	6.0	3.3	4.6	4.0	2.7	5.9	4.5
Less than one hour		8.6	11.5	10.3	6.4	9.9	8.4	5.1	10.4	8.1
1 to 2 hours		13.8	19.5	17.2	13.1	16.2	14.9	10.3	16.6	13.8
3 to 5 hours		16.1	20.6	18.8	15.8	20.7	18.6	14.5	19.0	17.0
6 to 10 hours		23.0	17.2	19.5	17.6	18.8	18.3	17.3	17.6	17.5
11 to 15 hours		15.5	10.3	12.4	16.1	14.1	15.0	16.2	13.5	14.6
16 to 20 hours		6.3	7.3	6.9	11.4	8.8	9.9	12.5	8.5	10.2
Over 20 hours		12.1	6.9	8.9	16.3	6.9	10.9	21.4	8.5	14.1
<b>Partying</b>	435									
None		34.1	41.6	38.6	29.9	43.4	37.7	28.7	44.0	37.3
Less than one hour		17.9	20.6	19.5	16.8	16.4	16.6	15.1	15.3	15.2
1 to 2 hours		22.0	14.1	17.2	17.8	16.4	17.0	17.3	15.5	16.3
3 to 5 hours		14.5	12.6	13.3	17.3	13.7	15.2	17.5	14.1	15.6
6 to 10 hours		6.9	8.4	7.8	10.8	6.2	8.2	11.0	6.3	8.3
11 to 15 hours		1.2	1.9	1.6	3.7	2.1	2.8	5.0	2.7	3.7
16 to 20 hours		0.0	0.8	0.5	1.8	1.1	1.4	2.3	1.0	1.6
Over 20 hours		3.5	0.0	1.4	2.0	0.7	1.3	3.1	1.0	1.9

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<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>	434									
None		39.9	38.7	39.2	39.1	35.3	36.9	33.5	32.4	32.9
Less than one hour		5.2	4.6	4.8	4.4	2.8	3.5	4.1	2.5	3.2
1 to 2 hours		5.8	7.3	6.7	5.9	4.7	5.2	5.4	4.1	4.7
3 to 5 hours		6.4	5.7	6.0	8.2	9.3	8.8	8.7	8.3	8.5
6 to 10 hours		8.7	10.0	9.4	11.7	14.3	13.2	12.6	13.4	13.1
11 to 15 hours		11.0	13.0	12.2	10.3	13.3	12.0	10.7	13.3	12.2
16 to 20 hours		13.3	13.8	13.6	9.0	11.2	10.3	10.2	12.9	11.7
Over 20 hours		9.8	6.9	8.1	11.3	9.2	10.1	14.8	13.1	13.9
<b>Volunteer work</b>	434									
None		30.1	16.1	21.7	27.7	17.0	21.5	31.9	20.0	25.2
Less than one hour		17.9	19.5	18.9	25.9	23.0	24.2	24.1	21.6	22.7
1 to 2 hours		28.3	31.4	30.2	24.4	30.1	27.7	22.4	28.0	25.6
3 to 5 hours		12.7	19.5	16.8	12.6	17.5	15.4	11.9	16.9	14.7
6 to 10 hours		4.0	8.4	6.7	5.3	6.8	6.1	5.0	7.1	6.2
11 to 15 hours		1.7	3.8	3.0	1.7	2.7	2.3	1.9	2.9	2.5
16 to 20 hours		0.6	0.0	0.2	0.7	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.2
Over 20 hours		4.6	1.1	2.5	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.0
<b>Student clubs/groups</b>	433									
None		28.1	9.5	16.9	31.9	17.8	23.8	38.1	21.8	28.9
Less than one hour		16.4	15.6	15.9	14.9	13.2	13.9	15.8	13.4	14.5
1 to 2 hours		21.1	30.9	27.0	23.5	28.0	26.1	20.7	27.1	24.3
3 to 5 hours		18.1	25.2	22.4	16.0	22.1	19.5	13.4	20.2	17.2
6 to 10 hours		7.0	11.1	9.5	7.3	9.8	8.7	6.1	9.3	7.9
11 to 15 hours		4.1	3.8	3.9	3.4	4.6	4.1	2.7	4.1	3.5
16 to 20 hours		1.2	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.9	1.7	1.2	1.8	1.5
Over 20 hours		4.1	1.9	2.8	1.6	2.6	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.1
<b>Watching TV</b>	436									
None		6.9	3.4	4.8	7.9	7.8	7.8	6.3	6.8	6.6
Less than one hour		12.6	16.0	14.7	12.6	15.6	14.3	12.1	15.6	14.0
1 to 2 hours		19.5	23.7	22.0	22.1	25.7	24.1	21.8	25.8	24.0
3 to 5 hours		31.0	34.0	32.8	28.1	29.0	28.6	26.8	28.1	27.5
6 to 10 hours		14.9	16.0	15.6	17.2	14.7	15.8	17.7	14.9	16.1
11 to 15 hours		7.5	4.6	5.7	6.3	4.2	5.1	7.8	4.7	6.0
16 to 20 hours		4.6	1.1	2.5	2.8	1.6	2.1	3.1	2.0	2.5
Over 20 hours		2.9	1.1	1.8	3.0	1.3	2.0	4.5	2.3	3.3
<b>Household/childcare duties</b>	435									
None		19.0	7.3	12.0	26.4	13.7	19.1	26.7	12.6	18.8
Less than one hour		21.8	21.1	21.4	20.9	20.9	20.9	19.9	18.4	19.1
1 to 2 hours		36.8	31.8	33.8	30.0	34.5	32.6	27.8	32.8	30.6
3 to 5 hours		17.2	26.8	23.0	15.7	20.1	18.2	16.4	21.7	19.4
6 to 10 hours		3.4	6.1	5.1	4.3	6.6	5.6	5.2	7.8	6.7
11 to 15 hours		0.0	3.4	2.1	1.6	2.1	1.9	1.9	3.1	2.5
16 to 20 hours		0.6	1.9	1.4	0.3	1.0	0.7	0.7	1.4	1.1
Over 20 hours		1.1	1.5	1.4	0.8	1.1	1.0	1.3	2.1	1.8

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<b>DURING YOUR LAST YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL, HOW MUCH TIME DID YOU SPEND DURING A TYPICAL WEEK DOING THE FOLLOWING?</b>										
<b>Reading for pleasure</b>	437									
None		32.0	15.6	22.2	26.7	14.1	19.4	35.9	18.3	26.0
Less than one hour		18.3	21.4	20.1	23.3	21.5	22.3	23.6	21.7	22.5
1 to 2 hours		21.7	26.3	24.5	22.8	27.5	25.5	19.2	24.8	22.4
3 to 5 hours		20.6	21.8	21.3	15.0	20.3	18.1	11.8	18.7	15.7
6 to 10 hours		5.1	10.3	8.2	7.5	10.1	9.0	5.6	9.4	7.8
11 to 15 hours		1.1	1.9	1.6	2.8	4.0	3.5	2.0	3.8	3.0
16 to 20 hours		0.0	1.5	0.9	0.9	1.3	1.1	0.8	1.5	1.2
Over 20 hours		1.1	1.1	1.1	0.8	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.7	1.4
<b>Playing video/computer games</b>	437									
None		16.0	57.6	41.0	18.7	61.3	43.2	17.1	57.6	40.0
Less than one hour		13.1	21.4	18.1	17.6	21.0	19.6	18.0	22.1	20.3
1 to 2 hours		22.9	9.5	14.9	21.6	10.1	15.0	21.8	11.3	15.9
3 to 5 hours		21.7	9.2	14.2	19.7	4.6	11.0	19.8	5.1	11.5
6 to 10 hours		10.3	2.3	5.5	12.0	1.8	6.1	11.8	2.2	6.4
11 to 15 hours		6.9	0.0	2.7	5.3	0.7	2.7	5.5	0.9	2.9
16 to 20 hours		2.3	0.0	0.9	1.9	0.2	1.0	2.2	0.3	1.2
Over 20 hours		6.9	0.0	2.7	3.1	0.3	1.5	3.6	0.5	1.9
<b>Online social networks (MySpace, Facebook, etc.)</b>	437									
None		14.3	10.3	11.9	10.8	7.3	8.8	12.1	8.7	10.2
Less than one hour		16.6	13.7	14.9	18.3	13.4	15.5	18.2	14.1	15.9
1 to 2 hours		28.0	29.4	28.8	29.1	27.7	28.3	27.1	26.3	26.6
3 to 5 hours		21.7	30.5	27.0	23.3	30.0	27.2	21.7	27.4	24.9
6 to 10 hours		10.9	10.7	10.8	10.3	13.5	12.2	10.8	13.2	12.1
11 to 15 hours		3.4	3.4	3.4	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.7	5.0	4.9
16 to 20 hours		1.7	1.1	1.4	1.8	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.2
Over 20 hours		3.4	0.8	1.8	2.1	1.9	2.0	3.3	2.9	3.1
<b>Are you: [4]</b>	437									
White/Caucasian		76.0	71.4	73.2	88.0	88.0	88.0	79.6	79.9	79.8
African American/Black		14.3	23.3	19.7	5.1	4.8	4.9	14.2	13.7	13.9
American Indian/Alaska Native		2.3	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.6	2.6
Asian American/Asian		7.4	5.0	5.9	4.6	4.7	4.7	3.2	3.3	3.3
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander		1.1	0.0	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7
Mexican American/Chicano		0.6	0.8	0.7	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.9	2.8
Puerto Rican		1.1	0.0	0.5	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.1
Other Latino		2.9	1.9	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.5
Other		4.0	1.9	2.7	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.4

[4] 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
<b>Reasons noted as "very important" in influencing student's decision to attend this particular college</b>										
My parents wanted me to come here	435	14.5	17.9	16.6	12.2	13.3	12.8	15.7	16.8	16.3
My relatives wanted me to come here	433	7.5	4.6	5.8	4.8	4.1	4.4	7.2	5.8	6.4
My teacher advised me	426	3.5	7.5	5.9	6.1	5.3	5.6	6.3	6.2	6.2
This college has a very good academic reputation	436	68.2	86.7	79.4	67.1	75.2	71.8	55.7	69.6	63.5
This college has a good reputation for its social activities	431	25.1	26.2	25.8	36.8	40.3	38.8	35.1	41.2	38.5
I was offered financial assistance	436	79.8	86.3	83.7	54.3	62.8	59.2	58.0	66.7	62.9
The cost of attending this college	430	34.9	43.4	40.0	24.5	30.7	28.1	28.0	35.0	32.0
High school counselor advised me	428	7.0	8.6	7.9	9.0	7.7	8.3	8.3	8.0	8.2
Private college counselor advised me	427	6.4	3.1	4.4	5.5	4.8	5.1	5.5	5.7	5.6
I wanted to live near home	433	11.0	18.4	15.5	10.9	16.4	14.1	14.9	22.8	19.3
Not offered aid by first choice	424	13.6	16.1	15.1	7.1	8.3	7.8	8.6	9.4	9.1
Could not afford first choice	423	10.7	16.1	13.9	6.8	8.4	7.7	8.5	9.5	9.1
This college's graduates gain admission to top graduate/professional schools	428	37.4	63.4	53.0	35.1	40.3	38.1	27.9	36.5	32.7
This college's graduates get good jobs	428	57.3	74.3	67.5	52.0	58.3	55.6	46.5	56.8	52.3
I was attracted by the religious affiliation/orientation of the college	429	10.6	19.7	16.1	18.2	27.8	23.7	22.2	32.8	28.2
I wanted to go to a school about the size of this college	431	39.3	57.0	49.9	47.8	64.6	57.4	42.9	62.6	54.0
Rankings in national magazines	427	14.0	17.2	15.9	17.4	17.3	17.3	12.3	13.5	13.0
Information from a website	425	17.0	20.9	19.3	15.4	21.4	18.9	13.6	20.2	17.3
I was admitted through an Early Action or Early Decision program	429	20.5	37.6	30.8	13.4	18.1	16.1	10.0	14.1	12.3
The athletic department recruited me	426	8.8	7.5	8.0	21.3	10.6	15.2	30.5	13.8	21.1
A visit to campus	431	34.9	45.9	41.5	49.0	60.1	55.4	43.9	56.1	50.8

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<b>YOUR PROBABLE MAJOR</b>										
<b>Arts and Humanities</b>	428									
Art, fine and applied		0.6	1.2	0.9	2.1	3.4	2.9	1.8	2.9	2.4
English (language & literature)		2.9	2.0	2.3	2.7	3.9	3.4	1.5	3.0	2.3
History		0.6	0.8	0.7	2.9	1.7	2.2	2.2	1.4	1.7
Journalism		1.2	2.4	1.9	1.1	1.7	1.4	1.1	1.6	1.4
Language and Literature (except English)		1.2	0.4	0.7	0.6	1.8	1.3	0.4	1.1	0.7
Music		0.0	2.7	1.6	4.8	3.6	4.1	3.6	2.7	3.1
Philosophy		0.6	0.0	0.2	1.0	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.3
Speech		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Theater or Drama		0.0	0.8	0.5	1.3	1.8	1.6	1.1	1.5	1.3
Theology or Religion		0.0	0.8	0.5	1.5	0.9	1.1	2.1	1.0	1.5
Other Arts and Humanities		0.0	1.2	0.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.9	1.2	1.1
<b>Biological Science</b>										
Biology (general)		7.5	12.5	10.5	5.2	6.7	6.1	4.0	5.9	5.1
Biochemistry or Biophysics		1.7	0.8	1.2	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.1	1.2
Botany		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Environmental Science		1.2	0.8	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.2	0.8	1.0
Marine (Life) Science		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4
Microbiology or Bacteriology		0.0	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Zoology		0.0	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
Other Biological Science		0.0	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4
<b>Business</b>										
Accounting		2.3	2.4	2.3	2.3	1.2	1.6	3.0	2.0	2.4
Business Admin. (general)		5.2	2.4	3.5	5.4	2.4	3.7	6.6	2.6	4.3
Finance		2.3	0.4	1.2	2.0	0.4	1.1	1.7	0.4	0.9
International Business		1.2	1.6	1.4	2.0	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.3
Marketing		1.7	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.8	1.9	2.7	1.8	2.2
Management		1.7	0.4	0.9	4.2	1.6	2.7	6.3	2.0	3.9
Secretarial Studies		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Business		0.6	0.8	0.7	1.8	1.1	1.4	1.3	0.7	0.9
<b>Education</b>										
Business Education		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Elementary Education		0.6	3.1	2.1	0.6	5.2	3.2	1.2	8.2	5.2
Music or Art Education		0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.4	1.2
Physical Education or Recreation		0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.3	0.6	2.9	0.7	1.7
Secondary Education		0.6	0.8	0.7	2.0	2.3	2.2	3.7	3.2	3.4
Special Education		0.0	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.7	0.4	0.3	1.0	0.7
Other Education		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.4
<b>Engineering</b>										
Aeronautical or Astronautical Engineering		3.5	0.0	1.4	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1
Civil Engineering		3.5	0.0	1.4	1.5	0.2	0.7	1.0	0.1	0.5
Chemical Engineering		0.6	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2
Computer Engineering		2.9	0.0	1.2	0.9	0.1	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.4
Electrical or Electronic Engineering		5.2	0.8	2.6	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.0	0.3
Industrial Engineering		0.6	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mechanical Engineering		12.7	1.6	6.1	2.3	0.4	1.2	1.6	0.2	0.8
Other Engineering		9.8	5.5	7.2	1.5	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.2	0.5

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<b>YOUR PROBABLE MAJOR</b>										
<b>Physical Science</b>										
Astronomy		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Atmospheric Science (incl. Meteorology)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Chemistry		2.9	3.1	3.0	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.1	1.3	1.2
Earth Science		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1
Marine Science (incl. Oceanography)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2
Mathematics		0.6	2.0	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	0.8	0.9
Physics		1.2	0.4	0.7	1.6	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.3	0.5
Other Physical Science		0.6	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
<b>Professional</b>										
Architecture or Urban Planning		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.3
Family & Consumer Sciences		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1
Health Technology (medical, dental, laboratory)		0.0	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Library or Archival Science		0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine		8.7	7.5	7.9	4.0	5.1	4.7	3.1	4.8	4.1
Nursing		0.0	2.4	1.4	0.6	5.0	3.1	1.2	7.5	4.8
Pharmacy		4.6	10.6	8.2	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.3	1.1
Therapy (occupational, physical, speech)		0.0	3.1	1.9	1.4	2.4	2.0	2.7	3.1	2.9
Other Professional		0.0	2.0	1.2	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.7
<b>Social Science</b>										
Anthropology		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.1	0.8	0.2	0.6	0.4
Economics		0.6	0.4	0.5	1.8	0.5	1.0	0.7	0.2	0.4
Ethnic Studies		0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
Geography		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Political Science (gov't., international relations)		2.9	3.1	3.0	5.2	3.9	4.5	3.1	2.6	2.8
Psychology		0.0	6.7	4.0	2.9	6.0	4.7	2.4	6.9	4.9
Public Policy		0.0	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Social Work		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.2	1.5	0.9
Sociology		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.7
Women's Studies		0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Other Social Science		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.4
<b>Technical</b>										
Building Trades		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Data Processing or Computer Programming		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.4
Drafting or Design		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Electronics		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Mechanics		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Other Technical		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1
<b>Other Fields</b>										
Agriculture		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Communications		0.0	1.2	0.7	1.4	2.2	1.9	1.8	2.3	2.1
Computer Science		0.6	0.4	0.5	1.4	0.2	0.7	1.6	0.3	0.9
Forestry		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Kinesiology		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.9
Law Enforcement		1.2	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.5	2.7	0.8	1.6
Military Science		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Other Field		0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.8	1.9
Undecided		4.0	3.9	4.0	6.5	7.3	7.0	6.3	6.3	6.3

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<b>Objectives considered to be "essential" or "very important":</b>										
Becoming accomplished in one of the performing arts (acting, dancing, etc.)	435	13.1	14.2	13.8	20.5	20.8	20.7	18.3	19.7	19.1
Becoming an authority in my field	435	59.8	59.0	59.3	59.4	52.9	55.7	60.8	55.2	57.6
Obtaining recognition from my colleagues for contributions to my special field	436	46.9	52.9	50.5	54.0	49.8	51.6	54.3	51.0	52.5
Influencing the political structure	436	17.7	14.2	15.6	25.5	18.1	21.2	25.0	18.2	21.2
Influencing social values	435	34.9	43.8	40.2	44.9	47.9	46.6	45.8	49.4	47.8
Raising a family	436	70.3	76.6	74.1	74.1	74.4	74.3	78.1	77.3	77.7
Being very well off financially	437	77.7	72.5	74.6	65.7	59.8	62.3	71.5	67.1	69.0
Helping others who are in difficulty	438	60.6	74.1	68.7	65.1	77.3	72.1	65.6	78.1	72.6
Making a theoretical contribution to science	436	28.2	20.2	23.4	21.1	15.6	17.9	20.2	15.9	17.8
Writing original works (poems, novels, short stories, etc.)	435	11.5	12.6	12.2	20.7	18.0	19.2	18.0	17.3	17.6
Creating artistic works (painting, sculpture, decorating, etc.)	436	6.3	12.6	10.1	17.2	18.3	17.8	16.2	17.2	16.8
Becoming successful in a business of my own	436	36.6	37.9	37.4	41.5	30.4	35.1	46.7	35.4	40.3
Becoming involved in programs to clean up the environment	435	27.4	26.9	27.1	25.8	30.7	28.6	25.3	27.7	26.7
Developing a meaningful philosophy of life	435	48.0	50.0	49.2	56.7	54.8	55.6	52.3	50.9	51.5
Participating in a community action program	435	24.0	38.1	32.4	26.9	36.9	32.6	27.9	35.6	32.3
Helping to promote racial understanding	436	30.9	35.6	33.7	33.4	37.0	35.5	34.3	37.7	36.2
Keeping up to date with political affairs	434	36.6	34.7	35.5	43.4	38.8	40.7	39.1	33.7	36.0
Becoming a community leader	436	24.0	37.9	32.3	38.6	36.1	37.1	38.9	35.8	37.1
Improving my understanding of other countries and cultures	434	42.8	58.6	52.3	51.6	63.8	58.7	45.0	56.3	51.4
Adopting "green" practices to protect the environment	434	37.0	42.9	40.6	41.4	50.3	46.5	35.2	42.8	39.5

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<b>Student estimates chances are "very good" that he/she will:</b>										
Change major field	437	11.4	6.5	8.5	12.9	15.3	14.3	11.0	12.2	11.7
Change career choice	437	11.4	11.1	11.2	14.9	18.2	16.8	11.1	13.2	12.3
Participate in student government	435	6.9	8.1	7.6	6.5	7.3	7.0	6.0	7.9	7.1
Get a job to help pay for college expenses	433	35.1	44.8	40.9	40.0	55.9	49.2	40.0	56.1	49.1
Work full-time while attending college	435	4.6	3.1	3.7	3.4	4.4	4.0	4.4	6.6	5.6
Join a social fraternity or sorority	436	16.0	24.1	20.9	8.5	10.3	9.6	7.8	10.8	9.5
Play varsity/intercollegiate athletics	436	17.1	13.8	15.1	31.3	19.9	24.7	40.2	22.3	30.1
Make at least a "B" average	433	68.8	70.0	69.5	63.7	65.6	64.8	59.2	65.1	62.5
Need extra time to complete your degree requirements	436	4.0	6.5	5.5	4.5	5.3	4.9	6.2	7.1	6.7
Participate in student protests or demonstrations	436	2.3	5.0	3.9	6.7	7.8	7.4	5.5	6.3	6.0
Transfer to another college before graduating	436	5.7	5.4	5.5	5.0	4.0	4.4	8.4	6.8	7.5
Be satisfied with your college	435	50.6	63.2	58.2	57.5	66.4	62.6	48.9	62.3	56.4
Participate in volunteer or community service work	433	24.9	47.7	38.6	25.5	47.4	38.2	21.4	42.6	33.4
Seek personal counseling	435	4.0	6.9	5.7	8.2	10.0	9.2	6.9	9.8	8.6
Communicate regularly with your professors	437	34.3	44.3	40.3	40.7	48.8	45.4	32.3	44.6	39.2
Socialize with someone of another racial/ethnic group	437	69.7	75.2	73.0	61.5	70.3	66.6	57.7	68.7	64.0
Participate in student clubs/groups	437	41.7	55.0	49.7	38.9	56.7	49.2	31.3	51.0	42.4
Participate in a study abroad program	437	17.1	38.5	30.0	33.1	52.8	44.5	21.7	38.2	31.0
Have a roommate of different race/ethnicity	436	37.4	35.5	36.2	23.2	28.8	26.4	23.6	28.5	26.4
Discuss course content with students outside of class	436	54.0	66.8	61.7	45.0	59.6	53.4	36.3	52.3	45.4
Work on a professor's research project	437	26.3	31.7	29.5	23.8	26.4	25.3	26.5	31.0	29.0
Get tutoring help in specific courses	436	24.7	44.7	36.7	21.7	30.7	26.9	25.0	33.7	29.9
<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	395	66.5	65.0	65.6	66.2	67.9	67.2	67.5	69.8	68.8
No		33.5	35.0	34.4	33.8	32.1	32.8	32.5	30.2	31.2