

# TABLE 10

## Comparison of ISU Entering Freshmen to Entering Freshmen Nationwide Fall 1999

	ISU	NAT'L		ISU	NAT'L		ISU	NAT'L
<b>Racial and Ethnic Background</b>			<b>Father's Educational Attainment</b>			<b>Highest Academic Degree Planned</b>		
American Indian	0.3%	2.5%	Grammar School or Less	0.5%	3.1%	None	0.4%	0.9%
African American	12.3%	8.9%	Some High School	4.9%	5.5%	Associate's Degree	3.5%	3.9%
Caucasian	83.4%	81.2%	High School Graduate or Higher	38.9%	30.0%	Bachelor's Degree	47.2%	26.7%
Asian American	0.5%	5.1%	Some College	15.3%	16.1%	Master's Degree	34.9%	40.1%
Spanish American	1.6%	3.8%	College Degree or Higher	28.1%	27.0%	Doctoral Degree	6.5%	14.2%
Other/Unknown	1.9%	4.8%	Graduate Degree	11.6%	18.3%	Medical Degree	4.4%	7.3%
						Law Degree	3.1%	3.6%
						Other	--	3.2%
<b>Average Grade in High School</b>			<b>Mother's Educational Attainment</b>			<b>Estimated Parental Income</b>		
A+, A or A-	9.6%	34.1%	Grammar School or Less	0.1%	2.6%	Less Than \$20,000	11.5%	10.8%
B+	24.3%	20.2%	Some High School	5.2%	4.1%	\$20,000 - \$29,999	15.7%	10.0%
B	17.9%	23.1%	High School Graduate or Higher	40.1%	32.9%	\$30,000 - \$39,999	16.4%	9.8%
B-	24.5%	10.5%	Some College	15.5%	18.1%	\$40,000 - \$59,999	28.4%	22.8%
C+	16.9%	7.7%	College Degree or Higher	27.0%	28.7%	\$60,000 or more	27.9%	46.8%
C	6.6%	4.0%	Graduate Degree	11.3%	13.6%			
D	0.2%	0.3%						
<b>Reasons Noted as Being Very Important in Deciding to Go to College</b>			<b>Reasons Noted as Being Very Important in Selecting College Attended</b>			<b>Six or More Hours Per Week During Senior Year Were Spent on These Activities</b>		
What Parents Wanted	18.9%	34.7%	Financial Aid Available	46.2%	30.2%	Studying or Doing Homework	31.8%	31.5%
To Get a Better Job	60.8%	73.0%	Low Cost/Tuition	57.8%	27.7%	Socializing With Friends	82.9%	77.2%
To Gain an Education	87.0%	59.9%	Size of Campus	43.8%	31.1%	Partying	27.9%	30.1%
To Make More Money	56.7%	71.0%	Close to Home	39.8%	20.5%	Working for Pay	71.0%	64.5%
Improving Study Skills	36.5	38.7%	College's Academic Reputation	42.4%	47.6%			
Preparing for Graduate or Professional School	33.3%	55.8%	Family Pressure To Attend	15.6%	8.7%			
Learn About Specific Topic	38.4%	72.0%	Campus Social Life	36.5%	23.1%			
			<b>College Attended is Student's:</b>			<b>Student Confidence in Ability to:</b>		
			First Choice	66.9%	71.1%	Computer Skills	66.4%	31.0%
			Second Choice	36.1%	19.7%	Writing Ability	52.6%	42.8%
						Mathematical Ability	43.0%	38.8%
						Creativity	59.0%	54.3%

Note: ISU figures based on 2,155 students completing the Student Information Questionnaire (SIQ) during the New Student Orientation Programs (NSARP) in June and August 1999. This figure is higher than the incoming freshman class due to students attending NSARP who did not then enroll in classes.  
National figures based on survey responses of 261,217 freshmen entering 462 two-year and four-year institutions in the fall of 1999.  
National figures statistically adjusted to represent the total population of approximately 1.64 million first-time, full-time freshmen.