

# Indiana State University

## The Freshman Profile, Fall 2007

In 2007, OSPIRE made major revisions to the Student Information Questionnaire (SIQ). Since then, we have been adjusting the survey to accommodate the informational needs of the ISU community, while also maintaining continuity with questions asked in prior years. Fall 2007 first-time freshman students were asked to complete the SIQ survey on-line. Where possible, we have provided direct comparisons to previous years' data. The following results are based on the 1286 freshmen ( 69.44 % of the 1852 new freshmen) who went through Sycamore Advantage in June and August of 2007.

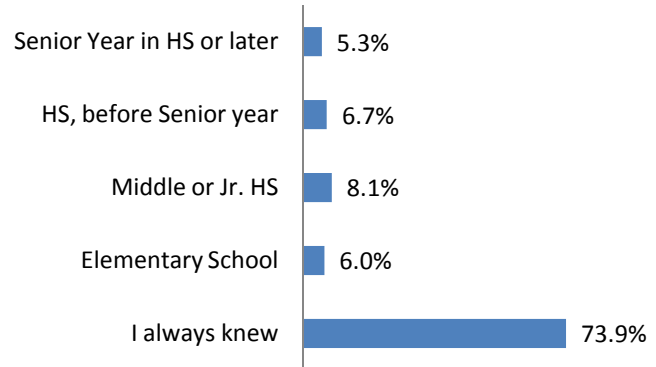
Age	2007	2006	Are You the First of the Children in Your Family Going to College?	2007	2006
% age 17-19	72.08%	98.4%	I am the only child	7.25%	6.14%
% age 20-25	27.68%	1.6%	Yes, and I am the oldest	34.32%	32.09%
% age 26-30	0.16%	0.0%	Yes, but I am not the oldest	13.49%	12.74%
% age 31-35	0.00%	0.0%	No	44.93%	49.02%
% age 36 and over	0.08%	0.0%			

56.14 % of Fall 2007 freshmen are women

80% of Fall 2007 freshmen have major or some concern about paying for college.

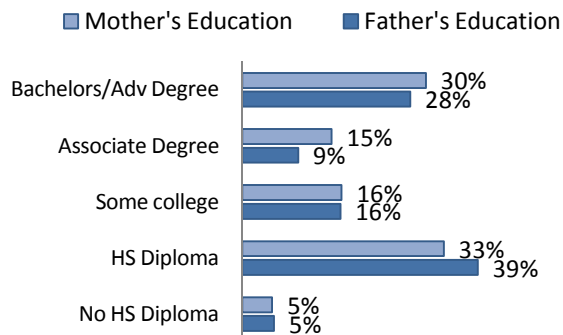
Racial Background	2007	2006
Black or African American	15.71%	13.84%
American Indian	0.23%	0.00%
Caucasian	77.92%	81.92%
International	0.08%	0.09%
Hispanic	1.87%	1.13%
Asian American/Pacific Islander	0.86%	0.75%
Multiracial/Unknown	3.34%	2.26%

### % Indicating when they decided to attend college



76.16 % of freshmen indicate that their family is very supportive of their decision to attend ISU

### Parental Education



10.61 % of commuters drive more than 30 minutes one way

46% indicate that 2 or more of their close friends are attending Indiana State this year

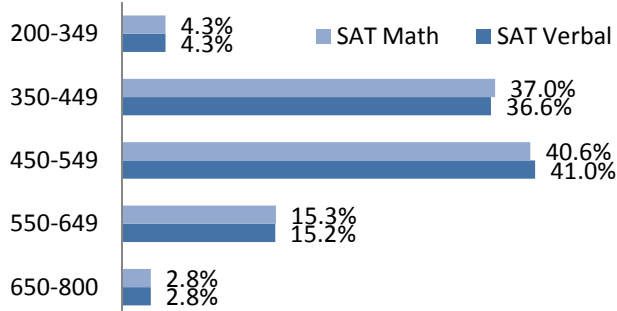
54% of freshmen indicate most of their close friends from high school are attending college this year

**57% of the Fall 2007 freshman cohort come from families where neither parent has a four-year degree as compared to the 2006 freshmen cohort (56%) and the 2005 freshmen cohort ( 58%).**

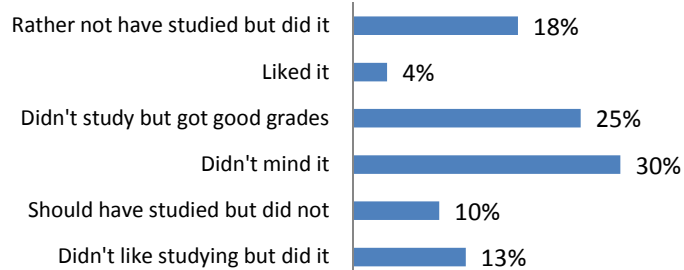
### Family Ties of ISU Students

- 19%** At least one of the parents (or guardians) attended ISU
- 31%** At least one of the siblings (or close relatives other than my parents) attended ISU
- 40%** Either parent or relative attended ISU

## High School Academics



### Attitude Towards Studying in High School



\* The above averages are based on students who completed the SIQ

### Academic Indicators

	<u>SAT/ACT Equivalent Scores</u>			<u>HS GPA</u>
	<u>Avg Verbal</u>	<u>Avg Math</u>	<u>Total Avg</u>	<u>Avg</u>
<b>2007</b>	471	473	944	<b>3.01</b>
<b>2006</b>	477	482	959	<b>3.08</b>

**Cluser Look :** Only 3.82% of freshmen liked to study. Out of these 87.76% anticipate earning above a 3.00 GPA their first year. In comparison, of the freshmen who indicated they didn't like to study, rather have not studied, or should have studied but didn't, 67.31% anticipated earning a 3.00 GPA. Of the 25% students indicating they got good grades w/o studying, 76.47% expected a B or better.

## High School Time Allotment

**In a typical week during your senior year, how many hours did you spend...**

% of Respondents Indicating Hours Spent

	<u>LT 1</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>6-10</u>	<u>11-15</u>	<u>16-20</u>	<u>20+</u>
Studying or preparing for class on own	15.5%	55.4%	21.0%	6.0%	1.5%	0.6%
Studying or preparing for class with students	48.7%	43.3%	6.5%	1.0%	0.4%	0.2%
Socializing with friends	2.1%	11.9%	23.3%	24.3%	16.2%	22.2%
Working at a job for pay	23.4%	5.0%	9.9%	14.2%	20.7%	26.7%
Exercising or playing sports	14.1%	23.2%	19.0%	17.2%	12.0%	14.6%
Using computer/internet for recreation	12.2%	40.2%	25.8%	11.7%	4.5%	5.6%
Playing video games or watching T.V.	17.5%	45.8%	21.4%	8.7%	3.7%	2.9%
Participating in community activities	40.3%	43.8%	11.4%	2.7%	1.4%	0.5%

## Student Confidence

Student Confidence in Their Ability To:

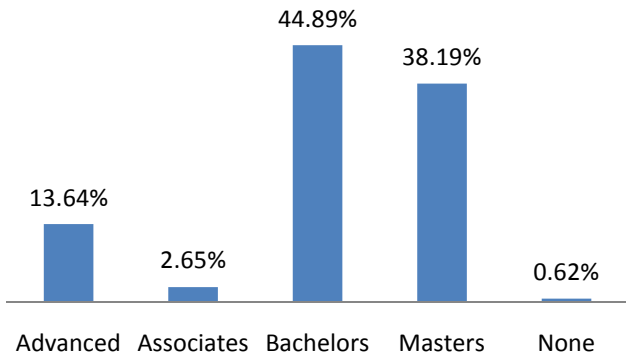
	<u>Not Very / Not Good</u>	<u>Very Good / Good</u>
Find new ways to think about problems or topics	1.7%	68.6%
Evaluate opposing options or viewpoints	2.5%	69.6%
Effectively communicate your ideas in writing	10.3%	55.3%
Effectively communicate your ideas by speaking	9.3%	59.5%
Organize, prioritize, and plan your time	11.4%	54.4%
Solve complex problems	8.3%	47.4%
Intelligently discuss politics or current world events	26.4%	37.5%
Use computers or the internet for school work or research	1.6%	87.8%
Work with others on projects	1.6%	86.4%
Effectively plan and manage your responsibilities	2.6%	74.6%
Understand and respect other cultures	0.7%	89.8%

NOTE: Good and Not Good columns do not add up to 100% because a "Neutral" option was offered.

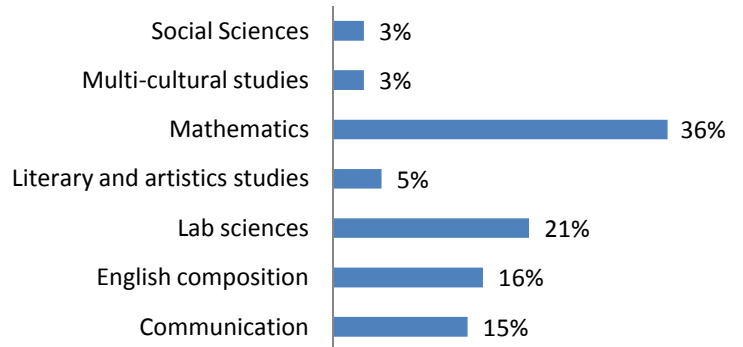
**Cluser Look :** Exposure to other backgrounds appears to have some effect on confidence in understanding and respecting others. However, the effect is not as much as might be expected. Of the 15.24% of ISU students who said they had rarely or never interacted in a social setting with people of different racial or ethnic backgrounds, 78.06% rated their ability to understand and respect cultures, attitudes, & customs of others as good or very good. Yet, of the 58.48% of ISU students who indicated frequent interaction with people of different backgrounds, over 93.09% of these students indicated similar confidence.

## College Expectations

### Highest Degree Aspirations



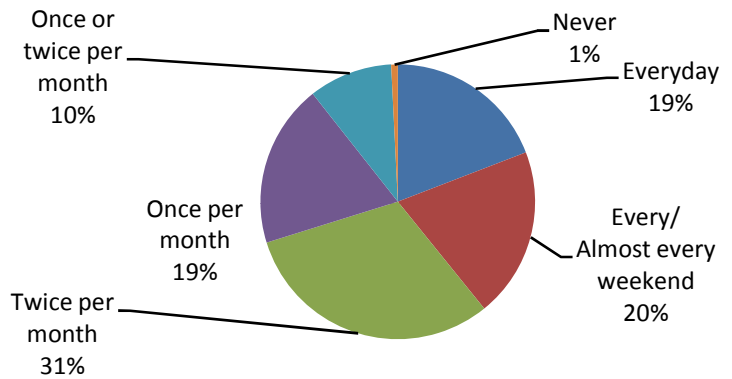
### Most difficult academic area



### Expectations That There is Some Chance of the Following Happening at ISU

	2007	2006
Join a fraternity or sorority	48.0%	44.6%
Fail one or more classes	11.6%	7.6%
Get tutoring help	79.4%	83.3%
Need extra time to complete degree	38.3%	49.5%
Graduate with honors	66.0%	73.4%
Transfer to another college	30.6%	25.6%
Drop out permanently	1.9%	2.5%
Be satisfied with your college	98.7%	98.2%
Be gainfully employed during first year	89.6%	86.7%

### Visiting hometown during the semester



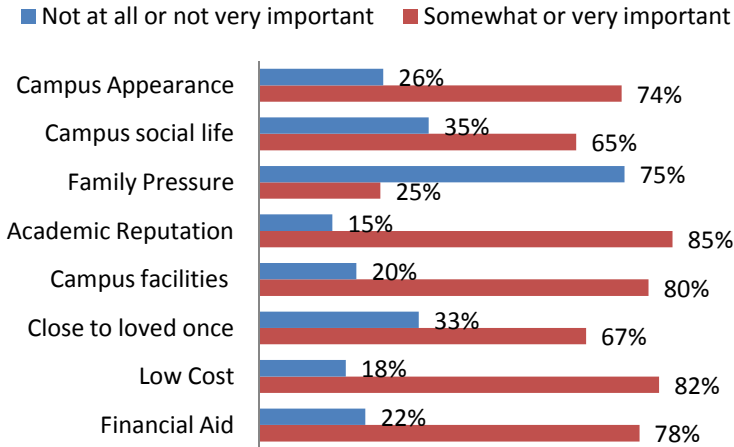
### Time Allocation Expectations

#### Hours Students Expect to Spend During their First Year of College:

	<1 hr	1-5 hrs	6-10 hrs	11-15 hrs	16-20 hrs	20+ hrs
<b>Working:</b>						
in an on-campus job	37.4%	12.1%	23.2%	14.6%	11.1%	1.7%
in an off-campus job	50.0%	8.5%	11.9%	11.5%	10.7%	7.3%
<b>Studying, researching, doing homework</b>	0.7%	8.7%	31.6%	31.0%	17.5%	10.6%
Meeting with professors or instructors to discuss preparing for class	7.0%	62.2%	22.9%	5.2%	1.8%	0.9%
Meeting with students to prep for class	6.3%	50.2%	31.6%	8.1%	2.4%	1.3%
Going to campus events	5.4%	42.5%	31.2%	12.3%	4.8%	3.8%
Participating in campus organizations	25.3%	42.2%	22.8%	6.2%	2.1%	1.4%
<b>Socializing with:</b>						
friends who are ISU students	2.6%	18.3%	33.2%	22.1%	11.5%	12.3%
friends who are not ISU students	17.8%	44.7%	21.1%	9.7%	3.7%	3.0%
Using a computer/internet for recreation	7.7%	36.1%	28.5%	14.3%	6.5%	6.9%
Playing video games or watching T.V.	28.2%	48.1%	16.9%	4.5%	1.4%	0.9%
Participating in sports or exercising	10.2%	38.5%	29.2%	12.0%	4.2%	5.8%
Participating in community activities	34.3%	51.8%	10.9%	2.0%	0.4%	0.5%

## Decision to Attend ISU

### Top Reasons for Deciding on ISU



### Top Choices of ISU Freshmen

	2007	% Applied
Indiana State University	65%	100%
Indiana University	10%	29%
Purdue University	7%	19%
Ball State University	6%	29%
Other Indiana 4-year public Inst.	4%	32%
Indiana Private College/Univ	6%	24%
Non-Indiana Schools	9%	25%

**Close Look:** About 66% of ISU freshmen applied to other schools. About 25% applied to schools outside Indiana. 57% of freshman indicated that ISU was their first choice. Other Indiana 4-year public Institutions, IU and Ball State University are ISU's greatest competitors in terms of applicants.

## Before/After Admitted

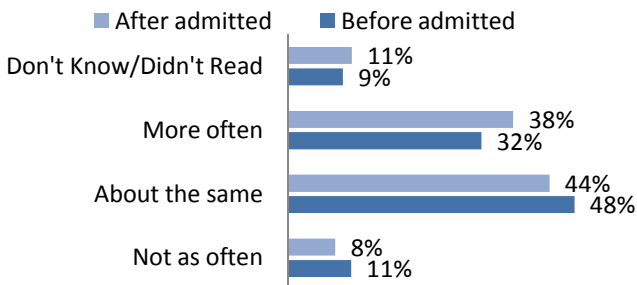
<u>Top reasons to apply</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>Top reasons to enroll</u>	<u>2007</u>
Email from student e-guide	17%	Admission packet	30%
Laptop packet w/t-shirt	21%	Laptop packet w/t-shirt	23%
Campus visit on your own	47%	Financial aid award packet	26%
Bus caravan to campus	5%	Email from student e-guide	13%
Campus sponsored event on or off campus	12%	Communication w/ISU current/former student	31%
Communication w/ISU student(s)	37%	Communication w/parent(s)	42%
Communication w/parent(s)	33%	Communication w/friend(s)	37%
Communication w/friend(s)	42%	Communication w/ISU faculty	19%
Communication w/guidance counselor	18%	Communication w/ISU coach	10%
Application fee waiver	15%	Campus sponsored event	10%

**Close Look:** 59.89% of freshman indicated that they received their financial aid package from ISU much sooner, sooner or about the same time as compared to other universities. 11.99% of freshman indicated that they received their financial aid package from ISU later or much later as compared to other universities.

### Frequency of ISU's Emails being read by freshman students

	<u>Before admitted</u>	<u>After admitted</u>
Never	17.1%	8.8%
Once a week	48.6%	49.0%
Twice a week	24.3%	36.2%
Once a month	10.0%	6.1%

### Frequency of ISU's regular mail



### Quality of ISU's Emails compared to other universities

	<u>Before admitted</u>	<u>After admitted</u>
Much better	15.0%	21.2%
Better	30.0%	31.0%
About the same	39.5%	31.8%
Not as Good	4.0%	3.5%
Much Worse	0.6%	0.6%
Don't know/Didn't Read	10.9%	12.0%