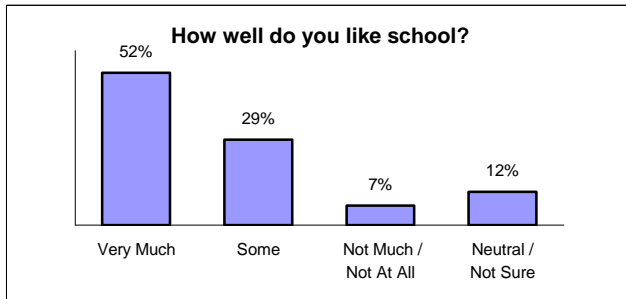


Indiana State University 1998 First Year Profile Freshman Class of Fall 1997

The new First Year Experience Survey was administered to Fall 97 Freshmen in late Spring 1998. The questionnaire was designed to follow up on questions contained in the Student Information Questionnaire (SIQ) administered during NSARP. Changes in student expectations, characteristics, and experiences over the course of the first year will be explored in another report. The purpose of this report is to provide a profile of the freshman class one year later. Of the 1940 surveys sent to local addresses, 635 were returned, resulting in a response rate of 32.7%.

I. General Satisfaction



How satisfied are you with Indiana State in regard to:			
	% Satisfied	% Neutral	% Dissatisfied
Size of campus	82%	15%	4%
Appearance of campus	81%	15%	4%
Computer facilities	77%	17%	6%
Entire ISU experience	75%	18%	7%
Academic experience	74%	19%	7%
Classroom technologies	72%	25%	3%
Overall safety on campus	68%	26%	6%
Personal safety	68%	27%	5%
Student Union	65%	31%	4%
Bookstore	60%	25%	14%
Residential life	50%	35%	15%
Recreational sports	47%	50%	3%
Registrar's Office	38%	50%	12%
Student Health Center	35%	54%	11%
Financial Aid Office	31%	49%	20%
Career Center	29%	69%	3%
Student Life Office	24%	74%	2%
Student Counseling Center	23%	74%	3%
Parking	22%	27%	51%
Bursar's Office	21%	75%	3%

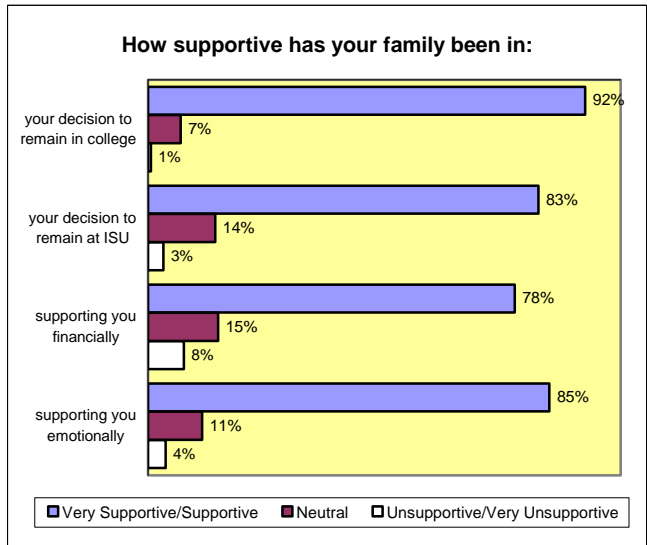
% neutral includes those who had never used the service
Scale: 1 = Very Satisfied, 5 = Very Dissatisfied

INTERESTING FACT:

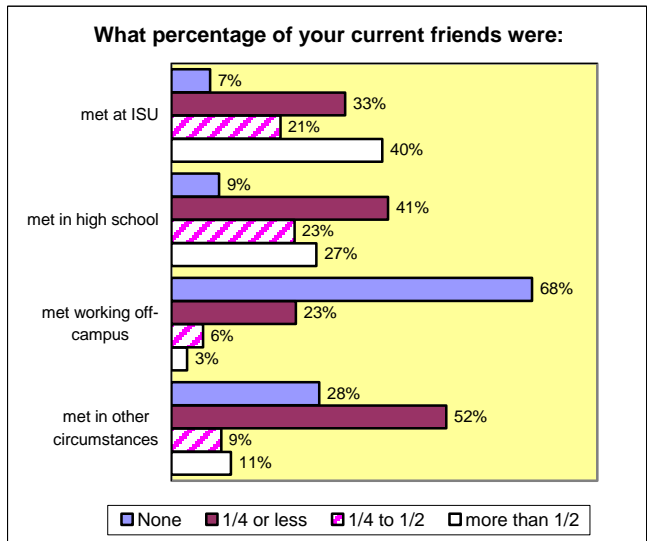
79% of women, but only 69% of men said their families were very supportive of their decision to remain in college.

64% of women, but only 51% of men said their families were very supportive of them emotionally over the past year.

II. Family and Friends



When asked how often they returned home on weekends,
33% said every weekend or almost every weekend
39% said once or twice a month
24% said one to three times a semester
4% said never



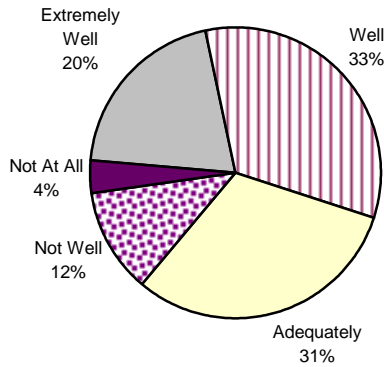
13% of freshmen said at least half of their high school friends attended ISU last year
69% said at least half of their high school friends attended



another college last year
14% said at least half of their high school friends did not attend any college last year

III. Preparation and Experience

How well did your high school prepare you for academics at ISU?

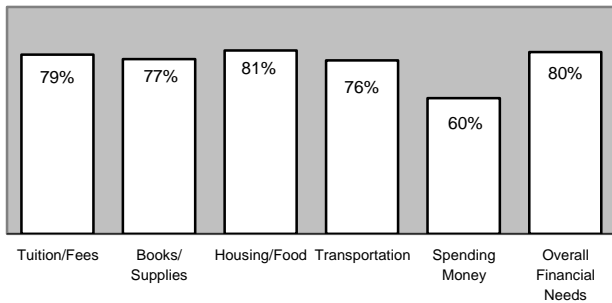


When would you estimate that your parents started saving for your college education?

Response	% indicating response
Before I entered high school	24%
During high school but before my senior year	8%
My senior year in high school	7%
After high school	5%
I do not know how long they have been saving	20%
I do not know whether they have been saving	22%
Does not apply; I am an independent student	14%

24% of freshmen said their parents began saving for their college education before they entered high school

% Indicating Financial Resources were Adequate for Various Needs



Hours Spent Working

	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21+
Fall Semester						
On-campus	82%	4%	6%	4%	3%	1%
Off-campus	73%	4%	3%	5%	7%	8%
Neither	62%					
Spring Semester						
On-campus	78%	5%	7%	5%	3%	1%
Off-campus	72%	5%	4%	6%	5%	9%
Neither	60%					

Almost 62% of freshmen spent 10 or fewer hours per week studying

At least 16% of freshmen spent more than 35 hours per week socializing

Hours Spent During First Year of College

	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36+
Studying out of class	2%	26%	34%	21%	8%	4%	3%	1%	2%
Using the library	12%	63%	15%	6%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%
Meeting with professors	43%	49%	4%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Meeting study groups	30%	57%	8%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
At campus events	28%	48%	14%	5%	3%	1%	0%	0%	1%
Participating in student government	87%	7%	4%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
At fraternity/sorority events	69%	12%	8%	5%	3%	1%	0%	0%	1%
Participating in other campus organizations	52%	32%	8%	4%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%
Socializing with ISU friends	8%	23%	21%	18%	12%	4%	2%	2%	10%
Socializing with pre-ISU friends	20%	42%	15%	8%	6%	3%	2%	1%	4%
Socializing with friends (ISU and/or pre-ISU)								* at least	16%
Exercising	17%	49%	18%	8%	3%	2%	1%	0%	1%

Doing community service	72%	21%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Participating in church activities	58%	32%	6%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%

* In addition to those who spent 36+ hours socializing with ISU friends and those who spent 36+ hours socializing with pre-ISU friends, this figure includes those who spent 36+ hours with both groups combined. This figure is a conservative estimate because those who spent, for instance, 16-20 hours with each group were not included, although the hours spent socializing (32-40) could fall into the 36+ range.

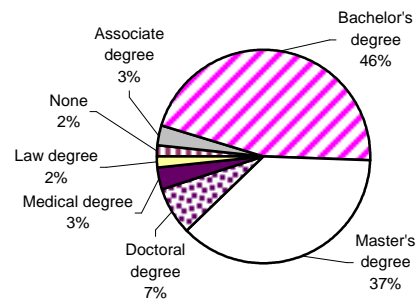
IV. Skills

	How much has your college experience helped you develop your ability to:		Not A Lot/ Not At All
	Very Much/ A Lot	Some	
Get along with others	52%	37%	11%
Think critically	56%	38%	5%
Respect views of others	61%	33%	6%
Develop close relationships with others	57%	32%	11%
Be sensitive to the feelings of others	53%	37%	10%
Be independent	75%	19%	6%
Choose moral and ethical behavior	50%	36%	14%
Establish your identity	58%	31%	11%
Develop social skills	59%	33%	8%
Develop a meaningful philosophy of life	42%	40%	18%
Develop leadership skills	45%	40%	15%
Handle stress	45%	33%	21%
Understand & appreciate other cultures	51%	37%	12%
Develop expertise in a given subject area	45%	41%	14%
Communicate effectively	54%	39%	7%

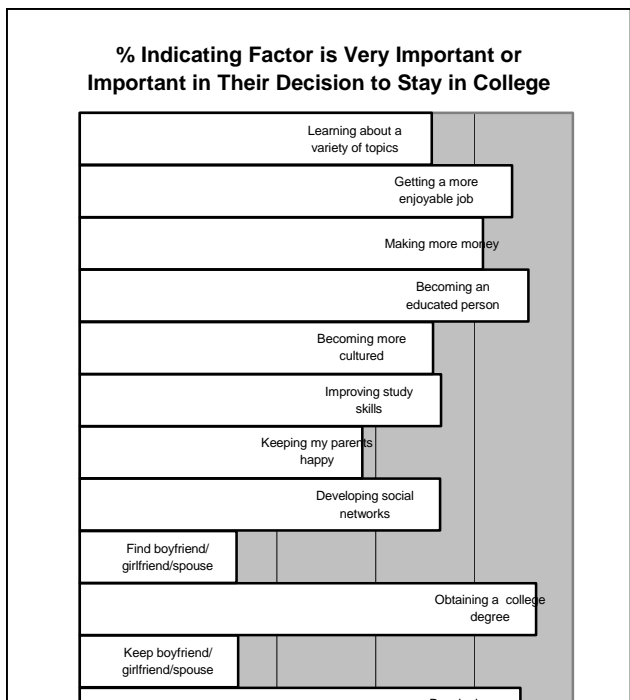
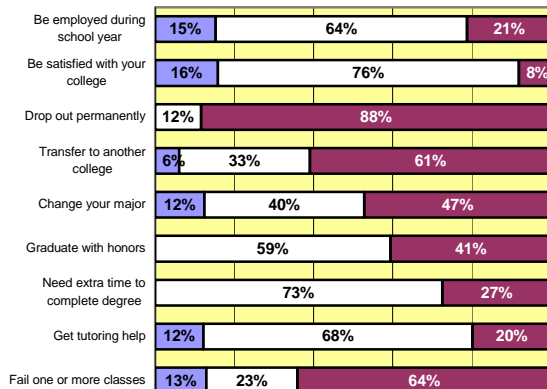
	How would you rate your ability to:		
	Very Good/ Good	Average	Not Very Good/ Not Good
Lead a group discussion	52%	36%	11%
Solve problems creatively	59%	35%	6%
Make well informed decisions	71%	26%	3%
Spend leisure time wisely	52%	37%	11%
Express yourself in oral communication	62%	29%	9%
Express yourself in writing	65%	27%	8%
Solve an algebra problem	50%	31%	19%
Use computers for schoolwork	73%	22%	6%
Intelligently discuss national politics	27%	38%	35%
Intelligently discuss world events	25%	41%	34%
Find info on the World Wide Web	61%	28%	11%
Use the library to obtain info	58%	33%	8%
Work with others on projects	65%	31%	4%

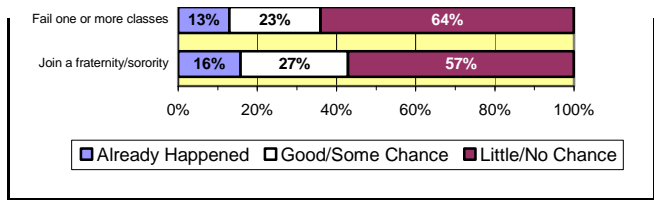
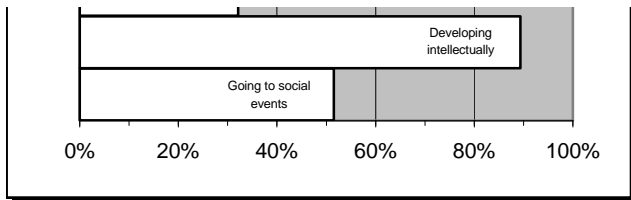
V. Expectations

Highest Degree Expect to Obtain



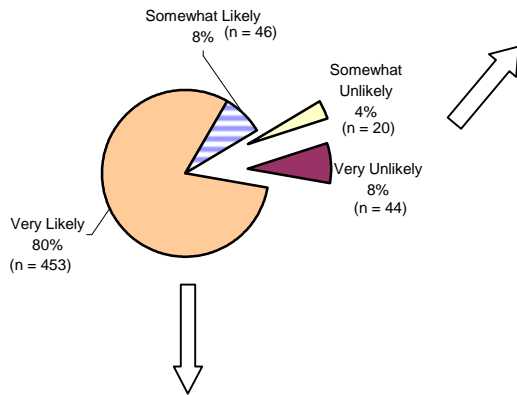
Expectations for Educational Career





VI. Future Academic Plans

Likelihood of Returning in Fall



The 499 students who were somewhat or very likely to return to ISU in the fall were asked about their decision to stay.

Importance of Factors Affecting Decision to Stay at ISU	Essential/		Not Very/
	Very	Fairly	Not At All
Financial aid available	55%	19%	26%
Low cost	62%	25%	13%
Close to home	38%	27%	35%
Far away from home	9%	19%	71%
Appearance of campus	29%	44%	27%
ISU's academic reputation	47%	38%	14%
Academic reputation of my major department	64%	26%	10%
Quality of faculty	57%	31%	12%
Size of campus	57%	32%	11%
Campus social life	40%	35%	26%
Student activities	36%	34%	30%
Class size	60%	30%	10%
Computing facilities	44%	33%	23%
Opportunities to interact with faculty in class	35%	33%	32%
Opportunities to interact with faculty out of class	30%	32%	39%
Life in residence halls	37%	29%	34%
Family pressure to stay	23%	22%	56%
Friendships with faculty	21%	30%	49%
Friendships with staff	21%	30%	48%
Friendships with students	58%	28%	15%
Terre Haute community	21%	27%	53%

% shown are % of the 499 students likely to return

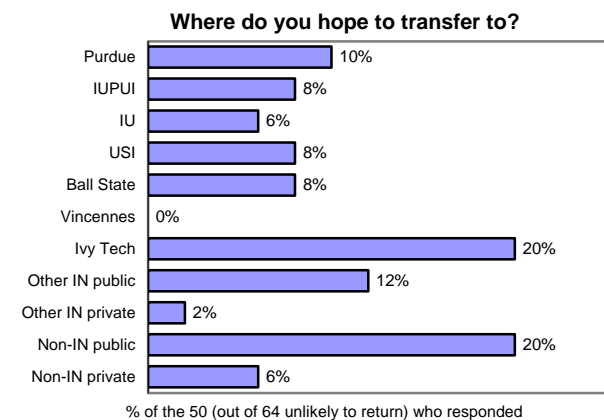
The 64 students who were somewhat or very unlikely to return to ISU in the fall were asked about their decision to leave.

Importance of Factors Affecting Decision to Leave ISU	Essential/		Not Very/
	Very	Fairly	Not At All
Not enough financial aid	25%	11%	65%
Cost too high	21%	14%	66%
Too close to home	12%	9%	79%
Too far away from home	26%	9%	66%
Campus atmosphere	26%	26%	48%
ISU's academic reputation	14%	21%	66%
Academic reputation of my major department	19%	17%	64%
Quality of faculty	24%	16%	60%
Size of campus	19%	16%	66%
Lack of campus social life	21%	22%	57%
Lack of student activities	10%	21%	69%
Class size too small	3%	12%	84%
Too easy	10%	10%	79%
Too difficult	12%	15%	73%
Personal issues	55%	22%	23%
Life in residence halls	25%	21%	54%
Family pressure to quit	4%	13%	84%
Lack of interaction with faculty	14%	17%	69%
Lack of interaction with staff	17%	19%	64%
Lack of interaction w/ students	21%	16%	63%
Terre Haute community	38%	12%	50%

% shown are % of the 64 students unlikely to return

MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DECISION TO LEAVE ISU	
45%	PERSONAL ISSUES
15%	TOO FAR AWAY FROM HOME
9%	TERRE HAUTE COMMUNITY

% of the 33 (out of 64 unlikely to return) who responded



MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DECISION TO STAY AT ISU

- 25% ACADEMIC REPUTATION OF DEPARTMENT
- 16% FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE
- 12% FRIENDSHIPS WITH STUDENTS
- 10% LOW COST
- 10% CLOSE TO HOME

% of the 298 (out of 499 likely to return) who responded

Reasons for not returning to higher education

- 17% Decided school isn't for me
- 22% Need or want to work
- 17% Family responsibilities
- 6% Health reasons
- 0% Benefits not worth the cost
- 11% Too difficult
- 11% Was not learning much
- 6% Cannot afford it
- 56% Other

*% of the 18 (out of 64 unlikely to return) who responded
(multiple responses were allowed)*