

# College of Arts & Sciences

## 2000 First Year Profile

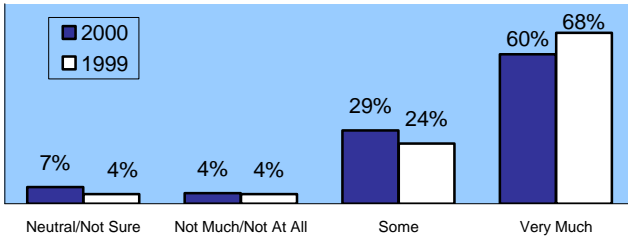
### Freshman Class of Fall 1999

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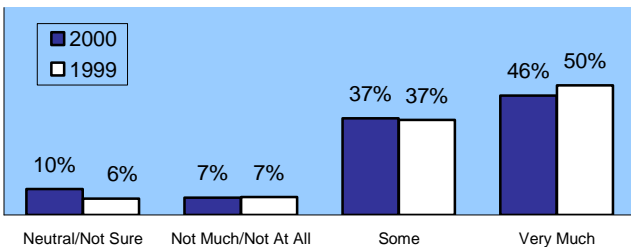
The new First Year Experience Survey was administered to Fall 1999 Freshmen in late Spring 2000. A separate report provides a profile of the entire freshman class at the end of their first year. This report is meant to summarize the results for Arts & Sciences (A&S) freshmen who completed the survey. For the first time in 2000, students were given the opportunity to complete the survey on the web. Of the 636 A&S freshmen given the opportunity, 205 (32.2%) used the internet and 40 (6.3%) filled out the traditional paper version of the questionnaire, making the A & S response rate 38.5%. This rate is slightly higher than the overall response rate of 33.8%.

#### I. General Satisfaction

How well do you like college?

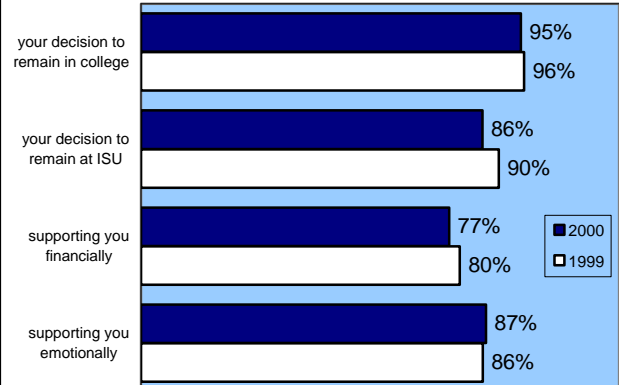


How well do you like ISU?



#### II. Family and Friends

How supportive has your family been in:



% indicating supportive or very supportive

How often students return to hometown during the semester:

2000	1999	
18%	17%	live in hometown
14%	17%	return every or almost every weekend
44%	44%	return once or twice a month
21%	21%	return once or twice a semester
3%	1%	never return during the semester

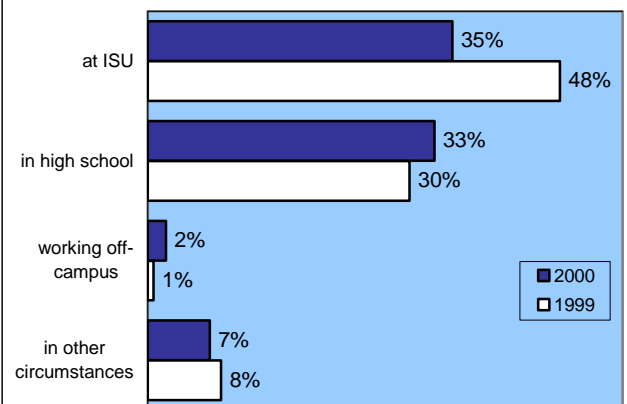
How satisfied are you with Indiana State in regard to:

	% Satisfied	% Neutral	% Dissatisfied	% Satisfied 1999
Size of campus	90%	9%	2%	87%
Appearance of campus	82%	14%	3%	77%
Overall safety on campus	82%	14%	4%	82%
Entire ISU experience	80%	15%	5%	82%
Student Union	80%	17%	3%	80%
Personal safety	79%	16%	5%	80%
Classroom technologies	79%	15%	6%	83%
Academic experience	77%	16%	7%	82%
Computer facilities	69%	17%	14%	74%
Recreational sports	68%	30%	2%	69%
Bookstore	63%	19%	18%	61%
Residential life	57%	25%	19%	64%
Student Life Office	54%	45%	1%	48%
Career Center	54%	41%	5%	42%
Student Health Center	52%	29%	19%	50%
Student Counseling Center	45%	50%	5%	37%
Registrar's Office	42%	45%	13%	39%
Bursar's Office	38%	58%	4%	33%
Financial Aid Office	32%	31%	36%	21%
Parking	10%	17%	74%	15%

Percentages do not reflect those who had never used the service/facility

Scale: 1 - Very Satisfied, 5 - Very Dissatisfied

How many of your current friends did you meet:



% of respondents indicating more than half

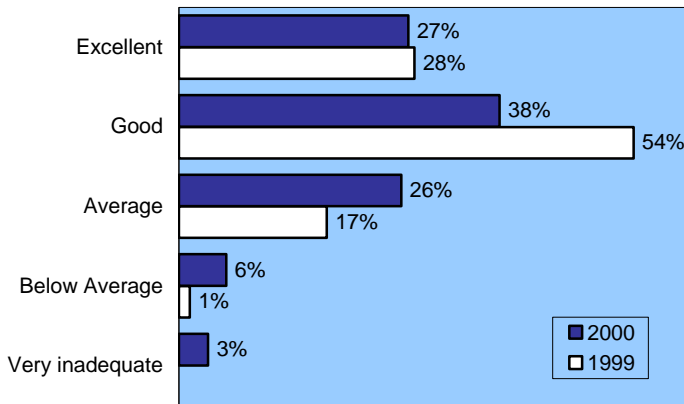
2000	1999	
11%	12%	of A&S freshmen said at least half of their high school friends attended ISU last year
79%	79%	said at least half of their high school friends attended another college last year
12%	14%	said at least half of their high school friends did not attend any college last year



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### III. Preparation and Experience

How would you rate your high school education?



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

	% indicating response	
	2000	1999
Before I entered high school	18%	24%
During high school but before my senior year	7%	11%
My senior year in high school or later	4%	1%
They saved, but I don't know when they started	16%	16%
I don't know if they saved	8%	9%
They did not save, but they are contributing	26%	25%
Doesn't apply; my parents don't/can't contribute	19%	14%

The average A&S freshman worked:

7.81 hours per week in the fall

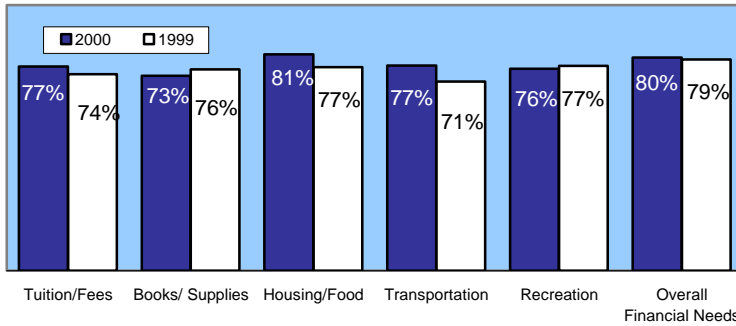
8.23 hours per week in the spring

Of only those A&S freshmen who worked, they averaged:

17.0 hours per week in the fall

16.3 hours per week in the spring

% Indicating Financial Resources were Adequate for Various Needs



Hours Per Week Spent Working During Freshman Year

	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21+
<b>Fall Semester (2000 respondents)</b>						
On-campus	79%	4%	6%	6%	4%	0%
Off-campus	70%	3%	4%	5%	8%	10%
Total (On & Off)	54%	5%	8%	10%	11%	11%
<b>Fall Semester (1999 respondents)</b>						
On-campus	75%	1%	9%	7%	7%	1%
Off-campus	66%	3%	6%	6%	11%	8%
Total (On & Off)	54%	3%	11%	7%	15%	9%
<b>Spring Semester (2000 respondents)</b>						
On-campus	73%	8%	11%	3%	5%	0%
Off-campus	69%	4%	4%	4%	7%	12%
Total (On & Off)	50%	8%	11%	8%	13%	11%
<b>Spring Semester (1999 respondents)</b>						
On-campus	67%	7%	9%	9%	7%	1%
Off-campus	70%	2%	5%	4%	9%	9%
Total (On & Off)	50%	9%	11%	10%	10%	10%

In which area were you most unable to meet your financial needs?

I was able to meet all	35%	Housing/Food	10%
Tuition/fees	23%	Transportation	6%
Books/supplies	13%	Recreation	13%

Almost 56% of A&S freshmen spent 10 or fewer hours per week studying, which is higher than the 1999 figure of 53%.

At least 12% of A&S freshmen spent more than 35 hours per week socializing, a figure 3% lower than that of 1999.

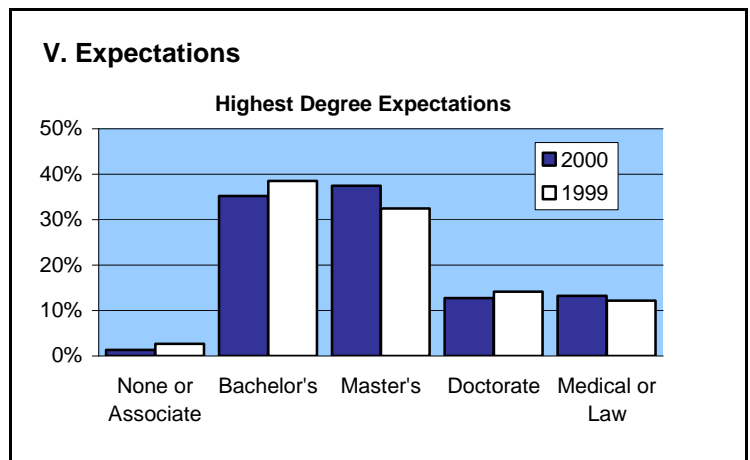
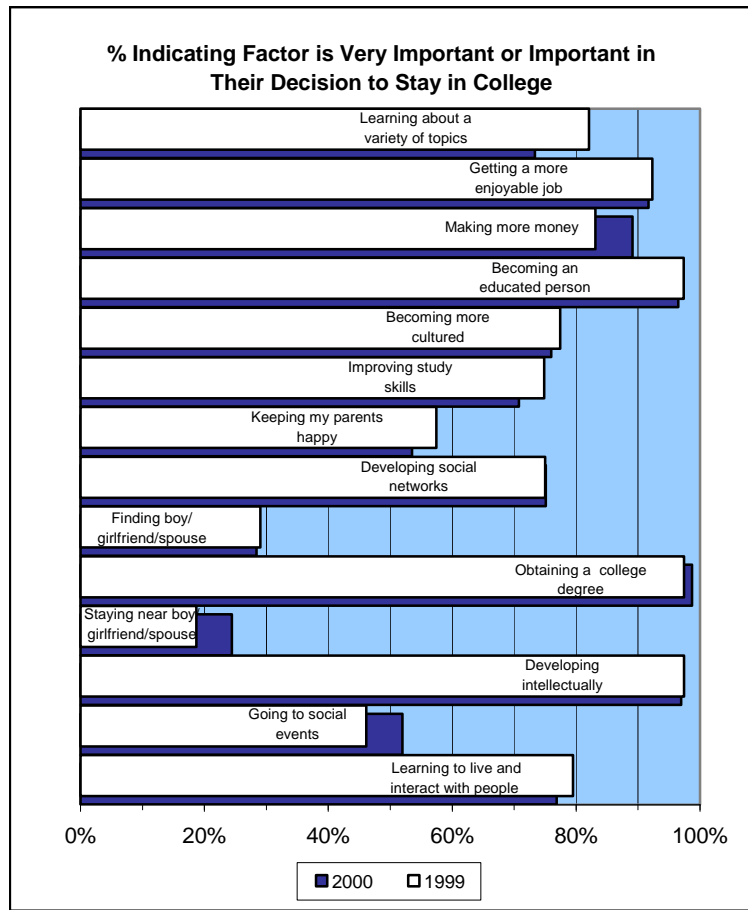
Hours Spent Per Week During First Year of College

										%		
	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36+	1999	%1-20 1999	% 21+ 1999
Studying, researching, using library	0%	23%	33%	19%	12%	6%	5%	0%	1%	1%	79%	21%
Meeting study groups	35%	56%	7%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	29%	70%	1%
Meeting with professors	38%	58%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	48%	52%	0%
At campus recreational events	27%	48%	18%	3%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	36%	63%	1%
At campus cultural events	23%	64%	7%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	32%	66%	2%
At fraternity/sorority events	65%	15%	7%	4%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	76%	19%	4%
Participating in other ISU organizations	53%	33%	8%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	48%	50%	2%
Participating in sports or exercising	21%	42%	22%	7%	4%	1%	1%	0%	2%	25%	70%	5%
Socializing in person with ISU friends	3%	20%	21%	14%	12%	6%	9%	3%	12%	2%	71%	28%
Socializing in person with non-ISU friends	24%	38%	18%	7%	6%	3%	2%	0%	1%	19%	73%	8%
Socializing in person w/ either type of friends	3%	19%	17%	15%	15%	8%	8%	4%	12%	9%	68%	24%
Socializing phone,internet,email - ISU friends	15%	54%	14%	9%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	19%	79%	2%
Socializing phone,internet,email - others	5%	40%	24%	13%	6%	2%	3%	1%	6%	6%	88%	6%
Engaged in computer or internet recreation	12%	44%	18%	11%	5%	2%	3%	2%	4%	18%	77%	5%
Playing video games or watching TV	9%	37%	26%	10%	7%	7%	2%	1%	2%	8%	81%	10%
Participating in community activities	50%	36%	7%	5%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	43%	56%	1%

#### IV. Skills

How much has your college experience helped you develop your ability to:	Very Much/ A Lot			Very Much/ A Lot 1999
	Very Much/ A Lot	Some	Not a Lot/ Not at All	
Get along with others	50%	37%	13%	52%
Think critically	57%	33%	10%	56%
Respect views of others	60%	28%	13%	60%
Develop close relationships with others	52%	32%	16%	58%
Be sensitive to the feelings of others	49%	33%	17%	57%
Be independent	82%	12%	6%	78%
Choose moral and ethical behavior	58%	24%	18%	47%
Establish your identity	66%	21%	13%	57%
Develop social skills	59%	29%	12%	59%
Develop a meaningful philosophy of life	41%	37%	23%	35%
Develop leadership skills	52%	31%	17%	45%
Handle stress	53%	27%	20%	43%
Understand and appreciate other cultures	53%	31%	15%	51%
Develop expertise in a given subject area	52%	34%	13%	46%
Communicate effectively	57%	32%	11%	52%

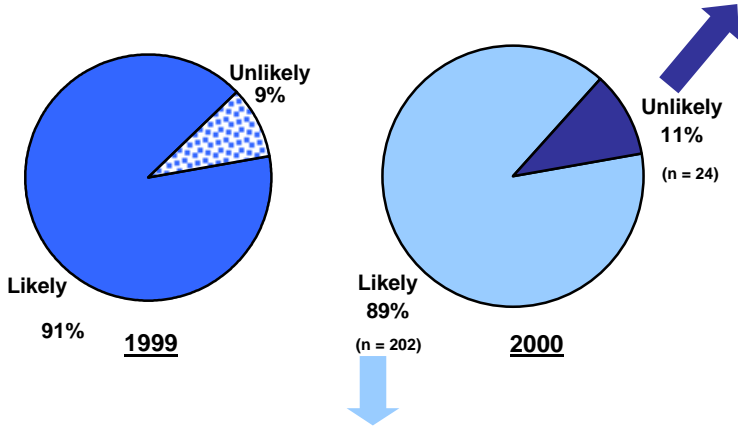
How would you rate your ability to:	Very Good/ Good		Not Very/ Not Good	Very Good/ Good 1999
	Very Good/ Good	Average		
Lead a group discussion	63%	26%	11%	64%
Solve problems creatively	68%	30%	3%	71%
Make well informed decisions	79%	19%	1%	83%
Spend leisure time wisely	54%	28%	18%	49%
Express yourself in oral communication	69%	22%	9%	66%
Express yourself in writing	73%	22%	5%	74%
Solve an algebra problem	56%	22%	22%	59%
Use computers for schoolwork	85%	12%	3%	85%
Intelligently discuss national politics	36%	28%	36%	38%
Intelligently discuss world events	37%	36%	27%	40%
Find info on the World Wide Web	78%	19%	3%	74%
Using library resources to get info	69%	25%	6%	66%
Work with others on projects	71%	24%	5%	73%



What are the Chances of the Following Things Happening to You During Your Educational Career?	2000 A&S respondents			1999 A&S respondents		
	Already Happened	Good/Some Chance	Little/No Chance	Already Happened	Good/Some Chance	Little/No Chance
Join a fraternity/sorority	17%	23%	60%	12%	20%	68%
Fail a class	12%	19%	69%	8%	18%	74%
Get tutoring help	12%	63%	25%	7%	67%	25%
Need extra time to complete a degree	0%	74%	25%	0%	67%	33%
Graduate with honors	0%	73%	27%	0%	67%	33%
Change your major	9%	42%	49%	16%	39%	45%
Transfer from ISU	5%	39%	56%	2%	28%	70%
Drop out permanently	0%	6%	94%	0%	2%	98%
Be satisfied with your college	19%	78%	4%	21%	76%	3%
Be gainfully employed during the school year	14%	73%	13%	23%	59%	18%

## VI. Future Academic Plans

Likelihood of Returning in Fall



The 202 A&S students who were likely to return to ISU in the fall were asked about their decision to stay.

	Essential/			Essential or Very 1999
	Very	Fairly	Not Very/ Not At All	
Financial aid available	69%	12%	18%	53%
Low cost	74%	15%	11%	71%
Close to home	32%	27%	41%	38%
Far away from home	12%	11%	77%	8%
Appearance of campus	39%	36%	25%	29%
ISU's academic reputation	60%	29%	10%	53%
Academic reputation of my major department	71%	21%	7%	70%
Quality of faculty	78%	18%	4%	76%
Size of campus	55%	30%	14%	64%
Campus social life	48%	32%	20%	46%
Student activities	44%	32%	24%	30%
Class size	56%	34%	10%	61%
Computing facilities	46%	38%	16%	44%
Opportunities to interact with faculty in class	58%	28%	14%	49%
Opportunities to interact with faculty out of class	56%	27%	16%	43%
Life in residence halls	48%	21%	31%	40%
Family pressure to stay	19%	22%	59%	16%
Friendships with faculty	34%	33%	33%	28%
Friendships with staff	30%	35%	35%	26%
Friendships with students	69%	23%	8%	68%
Terre Haute community	23%	29%	49%	21%

*% shown are % of the 202 students likely to return*

### MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DECISION TO STAY AT ISU

	2000	1999
ACADEMIC REPUTATION OF DEPARTMENT	25%	19%
FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE	21%	22%
LOW COST	13%	15%
CLOSE TO HOME	12%	13%
ACADEMIC REPUTATION OF ISU	7%	3%

*% of the 196 (out of 202 likely to return) who responded*

The 24 A&S students who were unlikely to return to ISU in the fall were asked about their decision to leave.

### Importance of Factors Affecting Decision to Leave ISU

	Essential/ Very		Not Very/Not at All		Essential or Very 1999
	Very	Fairly	at All		
Not enough financial aid	42%	13%	46%	79%	
Cost too high	38%	17%	46%	57%	
Too close to home	0%	13%	88%	7%	
Too far away from home	8%	17%	75%	14%	
Campus atmosphere	42%	29%	29%	36%	
ISU's academic reputation	54%	25%	21%	29%	
Academic reputation of my major department	63%	17%	21%	43%	
Quality of faculty	58%	21%	21%	64%	
Size of campus	25%	25%	50%	43%	
Lack of campus social life	17%	33%	50%	31%	
Lack of student activities	25%	38%	38%	17%	
Class size too small	13%	13%	75%	7%	
Too easy	13%	25%	63%	14%	
Too difficult	17%	25%	58%	7%	
Personal issues	54%	21%	25%	57%	
Life in residence halls	29%	25%	46%	57%	
Family pressure to quit	13%	0%	88%	7%	
Lack of interaction with faculty	25%	29%	46%	36%	
Lack of interaction with staff	17%	42%	42%	36%	
Lack of interaction w/ students	29%	29%	42%	29%	
Terre Haute community	29%	42%	29%	50%	

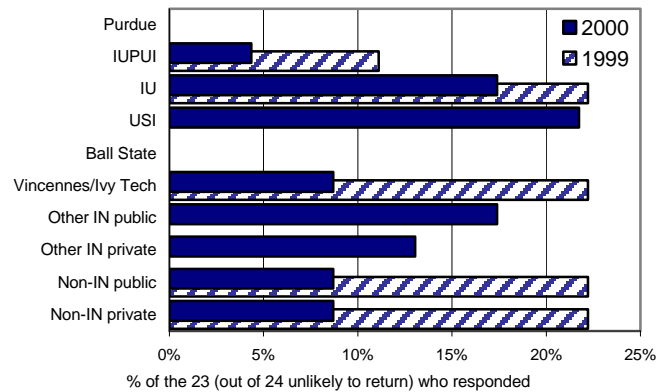
*% shown are % of the 24 students unlikely to return*

### MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DECISION TO LEAVE ISU

	2000	1999
PERSONAL ISSUES	18%	23%
ACADEMIC REPUTATION OF DEPT	14%	0%
LACK OF CAMPUS SOCIAL LIFE	14%	8%

*% of the 22 (out of 24 unlikely to return) who responded*

### Where do you hope to transfer to?



### Reasons for not returning to higher education

	2000	1999
Benefits not worth the cost	75%	0%
Decided school isn't for me	50%	0%
Need or want to work	50%	33%
Family responsibilities	50%	0%
Was not learning much	50%	0%
Cannot afford it	50%	33%
Other	50%	33%
Health reasons	0%	0%
Too difficult	0%	0%

*% of the 4 (out of 24 unlikely to return) who responded (multiple responses allowed)*