

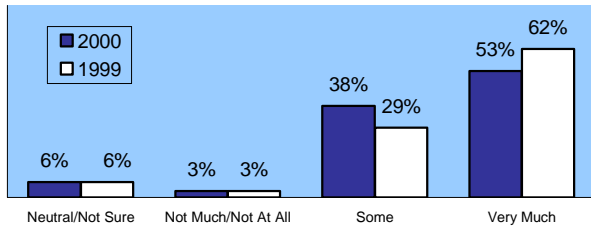
# Student Academic Services Center 2000 First Year Profile Freshman Class of Fall 1999

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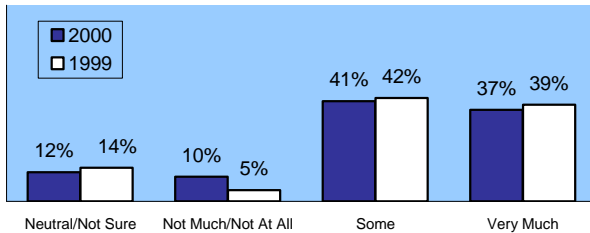
The new First Year Experience Survey was administered to Fall 1999 Freshmen in late Spring 2000. A separate report provides a profile of the entire freshman class at the end of their first year. This report is meant to summarize the results for Student Academic Services Center (SASC) freshmen who completed the survey. For the first time in 2000, students were given the opportunity to complete the survey on the web. Of the 478 SASC freshmen given the opportunity, 88 (18.4%) used the internet and 25 (5.2%) filled out the traditional paper version of the questionnaire, making the SASC response rate 23.6%. This rate is substantially lower than the overall response rate of 33.8%.

## I. General Satisfaction

How well do you like college?



How well do you like ISU?

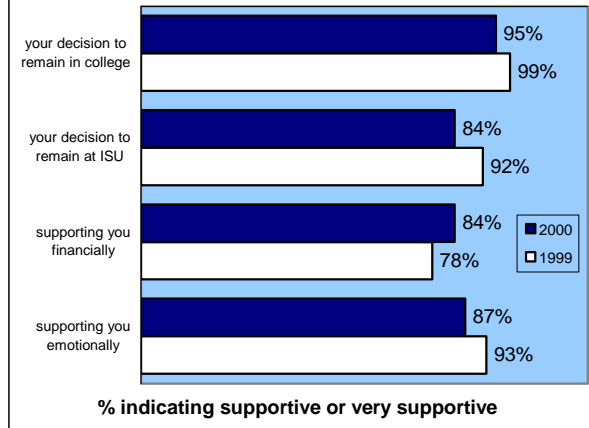


	% Satisfied			% Satisfied 1999
	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	
Size of campus	89%	8%	3%	92%
Appearance of campus	83%	15%	2%	83%
Entire ISU experience	78%	16%	5%	86%
Overall safety on campus	77%	23%	0%	75%
Academic experience	76%	17%	6%	86%
Personal safety	75%	25%	0%	79%
Student Union	75%	19%	6%	80%
Recreational sports	74%	22%	4%	69%
Classroom technologies	71%	24%	6%	78%
Computer facilities	68%	15%	16%	82%
Bookstore	68%	17%	15%	75%
Career Center	64%	31%	4%	61%
Student Counseling Center	53%	45%	2%	59%
Residential life	50%	31%	19%	57%
Student Life Office	50%	47%	3%	58%
Student Health Center	46%	35%	19%	54%
Bursar's Office	40%	55%	6%	42%
Registrar's Office	37%	51%	12%	46%
Financial Aid Office	27%	39%	34%	20%
Parking	5%	15%	79%	11%

Percentages do not reflect those who had never used the service/facility  
Scale: 1 - Very Satisfied, 5 - Very Dissatisfied

## II. Family and Friends

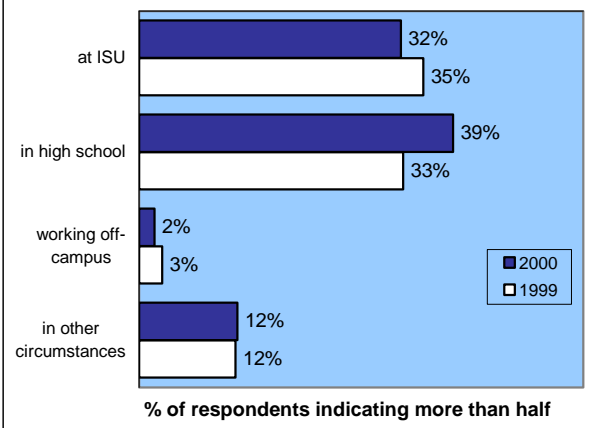
How supportive has your family been in:



How often students return to hometown during the semester:

2000	1999	
17%	24%	live in hometown
13%	21%	return every or almost every weekend
50%	41%	return once or twice a month
20%	14%	return once or twice a semester
0%	0%	never return during the semester

How many of your current friends did you meet:

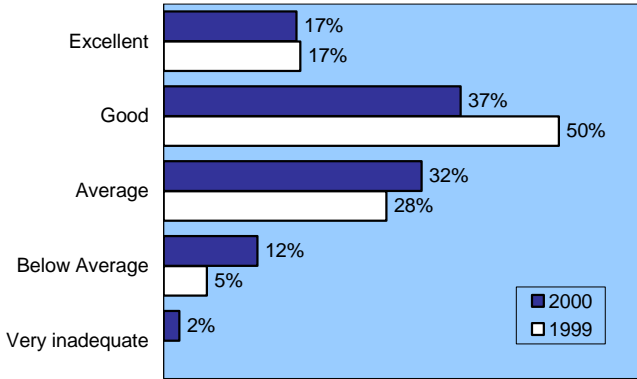


2000	1999	
11%	19%	of SASC freshmen said at least half of their high school friends attended ISU last year
75%	68%	said at least half of their high school friends attended another college last year
17%	12%	said at least half of their high school friends did not attend any college last year

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## III. Preparation and Experience

**How would you rate your high school education?**

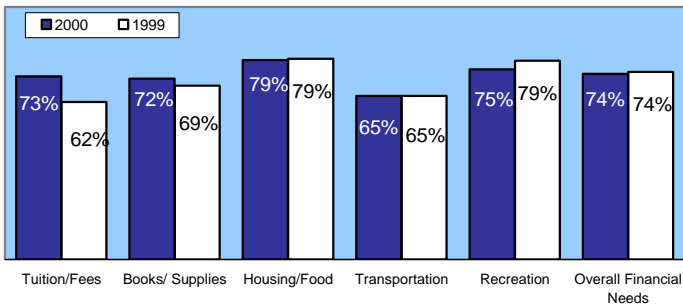


**When would you estimate that your parents started saving for your college education?**

	% indicating response	
	2000	1999
Before I entered high school	20%	20%
During high school but before my senior year	5%	5%
My senior year in high school or later	6%	4%
They saved, but I don't know when they started	20%	15%
I don't know if they saved	16%	9%
They did not save, but they are contributing	24%	32%
Doesn't apply; my parents don't/can't contribute	11%	14%

**The average SASC freshman worked:**  
**8.35 hours per week in the fall**  
**7.42 hours per week in the spring**  
**Of only those SASC freshmen who worked, they averaged:**  
**21.4 hours per week in the fall**  
**20.1 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	81%	1%	5%	4%	5%	3%
Off-campus	73%	0%	6%	5%	3%	12%
Total (On & Off)	61%	1%	6%	8%	7%	16%
<b>Fall Semester (1999 respondents)</b>						
On-campus	80%	2%	10%	6%	1%	1%
Off-campus	58%	1%	7%	1%	16%	18%
Total (On & Off)	52%	1%	11%	5%	10%	21%
<b>Spring Semester (2000 respondents)</b>						
On-campus	84%	2%	4%	4%	5%	1%
Off-campus	73%	0%	5%	4%	5%	12%
Total (On & Off)	63%	1%	6%	7%	8%	14%
<b>Spring Semester (1999 respondents)</b>						
On-campus	73%	7%	8%	5%	7%	0%
Off-campus	58%	1%	5%	9%	8%	19%
Total (On & Off)	48%	2%	7%	17%	5%	21%

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

I was able to meet all	33%	Housing/Food	4%
Tuition/fees	23%	Transportation	9%
Books/supplies	12%	Recreation	18%

**Over 65% of SASC freshmen spent 10 or fewer hours per week studying, a figure identical to 1999.**

**At least 21% of SASC freshmen spent more than 35 hours per week socializing, up 3% from 1999.\***

**Hours Spent Per Week During First Year of College**

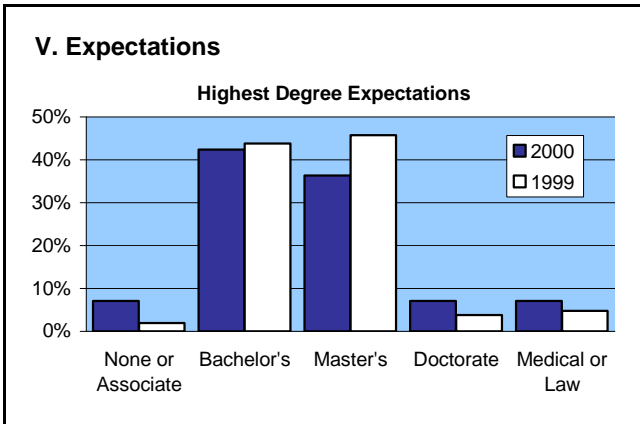
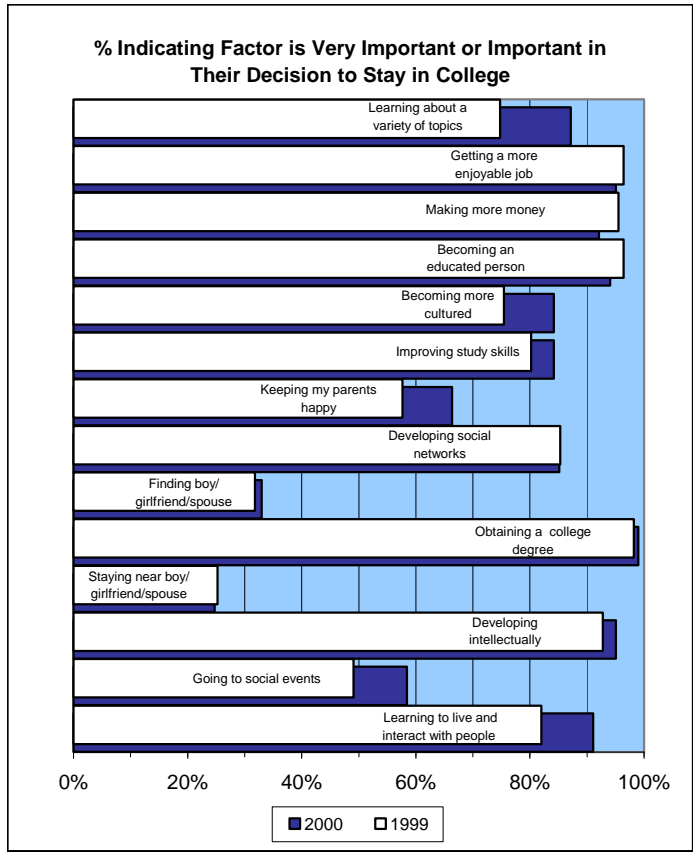
										%		
	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36+	1999	1999	1999
Studying, researching, using library	0%	30%	35%	14%	10%	3%	4%	2%	2%	0%	87%	13%
Meeting study groups	26%	66%	3%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	28%	71%	1%
Meeting with professors	39%	56%	4%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	42%	58%	0%
At campus recreational events	26%	38%	20%	9%	3%	0%	0%	2%	2%	25%	72%	4%
At campus cultural events	24%	59%	11%	4%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	32%	68%	1%
At fraternity/sorority events	63%	15%	10%	3%	1%	4%	3%	1%	1%	59%	35%	5%
Participating in other ISU organizations	48%	35%	9%	6%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	57%	41%	2%
Participating in sports or exercising	20%	34%	22%	8%	6%	4%	2%	0%	5%	23%	72%	5%
Socializing in person with ISU friends	0%	15%	24%	18%	6%	8%	6%	4%	21%	3%	69%	28%
Socializing in person with non-ISU friends	12%	49%	18%	12%	6%	1%	2%	0%	1%	13%	77%	11%
Socializing in person w/ either type of friends*	3%	20%	15%	14%	11%	9%	6%	4%	20%	4%	71%	25%
Socializing phone,internet,email - ISU friends	11%	50%	22%	4%	5%	3%	1%	0%	5%	13%	79%	8%
Socializing phone,internet,email - others	2%	34%	29%	13%	7%	5%	3%	2%	5%	7%	78%	15%
Engaged in computer or internet recreation	12%	40%	21%	11%	4%	5%	2%	1%	5%	15%	76%	9%
Playing video games or watching TV	5%	33%	28%	12%	10%	3%	3%	3%	3%	6%	81%	13%
Participating in community activities	47%	36%	12%	2%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	42%	58%	0%

\* It is believed that students misunderstood the question regarding time spent "socializing in person with friends of either type" which was first used in 1999. Only 20% indicated 36+ hours, but since 21% indicated 36+ hours socializing in person with ISU friends, at least 21% would need to spend that socializing with friends of either type.

#### 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	66%	28%	6%	58%
Think critically	67%	24%	9%	57%
Respect views of others	73%	23%	4%	64%
Develop close relationships with others	60%	32%	8%	57%
Be sensitive to the feelings of others	58%	36%	6%	57%
Be independent	87%	10%	3%	79%
Choose moral and ethical behavior	66%	25%	9%	54%
Establish your identity	64%	28%	8%	54%
Develop social skills	72%	23%	5%	63%
Develop a meaningful philosophy of life	47%	39%	15%	36%
Develop leadership skills	61%	31%	8%	46%
Handle stress	51%	28%	21%	43%
Understand and appreciate other cultures	61%	32%	7%	45%
Develop expertise in a given subject area	45%	35%	21%	33%
Communicate effectively	67%	26%	7%	59%

How would you rate your ability to:	Very Good/ Average/ Not Very Good			Very Good/ Good 1999
	Very Good/ Good	Average	Not Very Good	
Lead a group discussion	54%	28%	18%	54%
Solve problems creatively	60%	34%	6%	61%
Make well informed decisions	78%	19%	3%	83%
Spend leisure time wisely	49%	32%	20%	58%
Express yourself in oral communication	60%	30%	10%	51%
Express yourself in writing	66%	28%	6%	68%
Solve an algebra problem	43%	32%	26%	46%
Use computers for schoolwork	78%	19%	3%	80%
Intelligently discuss national politics	31%	34%	36%	17%
Intelligently discuss world events	31%	43%	27%	29%
Find info on the World Wide Web	78%	16%	6%	70%
Using library resources to get info	65%	25%	10%	59%
Work with others on projects	74%	19%	7%	71%

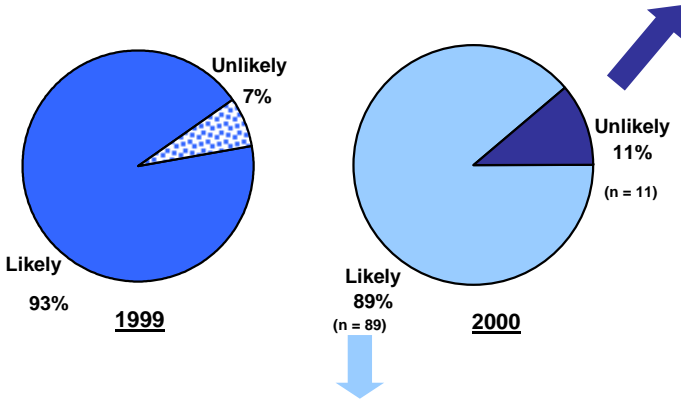


**What are the Chances of the Following Things Happening to You During Your Educational Career?**

	2000 SASC respondents			1999 SASC respondents		
	Already Happened	Good/Some Chance	Little/No Chance	Already Happened	Good/Some Chance	Little/No Chance
Join a fraternity/sorority	15%	28%	57%	17%	34%	49%
Fail a class	19%	29%	52%	17%	18%	65%
Get tutoring help	18%	72%	10%	22%	57%	21%
Need extra time to complete a degree	0%	86%	14%	0%	79%	21%
Graduate with honors	0%	61%	39%	0%	53%	47%
Change your major	13%	64%	23%	7%	61%	31%
Transfer from ISU	4%	52%	44%	2%	36%	62%
Drop out permanently	1%	8%	91%	0%	2%	98%
Be satisfied with your college	18%	77%	5%	18%	79%	3%
Be gainfully employed during the school year	14%	72%	14%	20%	69%	11%

**VI. Future Academic Plans**

**Likelihood of Returning in Fall**



*The 89 SASC students who were likely to return to ISU in the fall were asked about their decision to stay.*

	Essential/			Essential or Very
	Very	Fairly	Not At All	
<b>Importance of Factors Affecting Decision to Stay at ISU</b>				<b>1999</b>
Financial aid available	60%	22%	18%	65%
Low cost	73%	19%	8%	82%
Close to home	44%	20%	37%	45%
Far away from home	15%	23%	63%	5%
Appearance of campus	43%	38%	19%	35%
ISU's academic reputation	57%	35%	8%	54%
Academic reputation of my major department	69%	24%	7%	70%
Quality of faculty	76%	23%	1%	69%
Size of campus	59%	24%	17%	50%
Campus social life	50%	34%	16%	41%
Student activities	39%	39%	22%	31%
Class size	53%	30%	17%	52%
Computing facilities	60%	23%	17%	50%
Opportunities to interact with faculty in class	67%	26%	7%	52%
Opportunities to interact with faculty out of class	56%	30%	15%	41%
Life in residence halls	52%	22%	26%	38%
Family pressure to stay	32%	20%	48%	18%
Friendships with faculty	32%	36%	32%	20%
Friendships with staff	33%	35%	32%	19%
Friendships with students	74%	24%	2%	60%
Terre Haute community	40%	26%	34%	18%

*% shown are % of the 89 students likely to return*

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

	2000	1999
<b>FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE</b>	21%	25%
<b>CLOSE TO HOME</b>	13%	10%
<b>SIZE OF CAMPUS</b>	13%	5%
<b>LOW COST</b>	12%	21%
<b>FRIENDSHIPS WITH STUDENTS</b>	11%	6%

*% of the 82 (out of 89 likely to return) who responded*

*The 11 SASC 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/		Not Essential	
	Very	Fairly	Very/Not at All	or Very
Not enough financial aid	55%	0%	45%	57%
Cost too high	55%	9%	36%	43%
Too close to home	18%	0%	82%	0%
Too far away from home	45%	18%	36%	86%
Campus atmosphere	36%	18%	45%	57%
ISU's academic reputation	27%	27%	45%	29%
Academic reputation of my major department	50%	30%	20%	14%
Quality of faculty	45%	45%	9%	71%
Size of campus	18%	36%	45%	43%
Lack of campus social life	36%	18%	45%	71%
Lack of student activities	45%	0%	55%	40%
Class size too small	9%	9%	82%	29%
Too easy	9%	18%	73%	0%
Too difficult	9%	36%	55%	14%
Personal issues	45%	45%	9%	86%
Life in residence halls	27%	55%	18%	43%
Family pressure to quit	9%	9%	82%	0%
Lack of interaction with faculty	18%	18%	64%	29%
Lack of interaction with staff	18%	9%	73%	29%
Lack of interaction w/ students	18%	27%	55%	57%
Terre Haute community	45%	9%	45%	57%

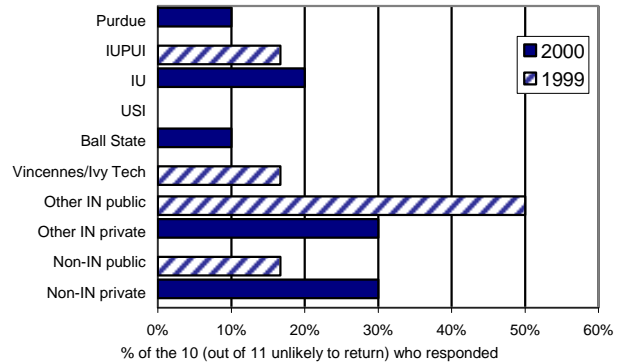
*% shown are % of the 11 students unlikely to return*

**MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DECISION TO LEAVE ISU**

	2000	1999
<b>TOO FAR AWAY FROM HOME</b>	27%	17%
<b>PERSONAL ISSUES</b>	27%	50%
<b>COST TOO HIGH</b>	18%	0%

*% of the 11 (out of 11 unlikely to return) who responded*

**Where do you hope to transfer to?**



**Reasons for not returning to higher education**

	2000	1999
Decided school isn't for me	100%	100%
Need or want to work	67%	100%
Cannot afford it	33%	100%
Other	33%	0%
Family responsibilities	0%	0%
Health reasons	0%	0%
Benefits not worth the cost	0%	100%
Too difficult	0%	0%
Was not learning much	0%	0%

*% of the 3 (out of 11 unlikely to return) who responded (multiple responses allowed)*