

# College of Arts & Sciences

## 2001 First Year Profile

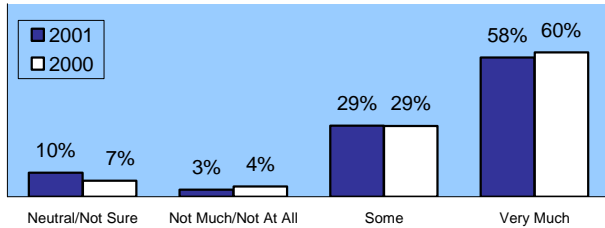
### Freshman Class of Fall 2000

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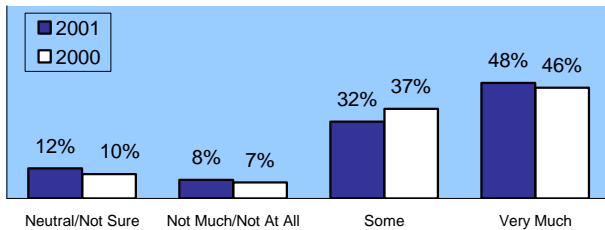
The new First Year Experience Survey was administered to Fall 2000 Freshmen in late Spring 2001. A separate report provides a profile of the entire freshman class at the end of their first year. This report is meant to summarize the results for Arts & Sciences (A&S) freshmen who completed the survey. Of the 582 A&S freshmen given the opportunity, 121 (20.8%) used the internet and 47 (8.1%) filled out the traditional paper version of the questionnaire, making the A & S response rate 28.9%. This rate is slightly higher than the overall response rate of 22.9%.

#### I. General Satisfaction

How well do you like college?

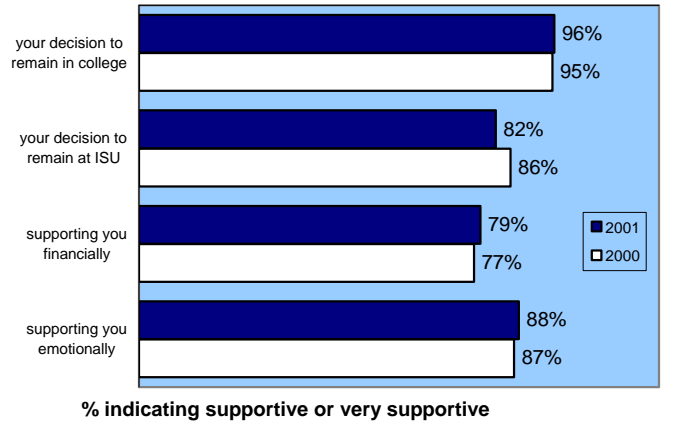


How well do you like ISU?



#### II. Family and Friends

How supportive has your family been in:



How often students return to hometown during the semester:

2001	2000	
20%	18%	live in hometown
19%	14%	return every or almost every weekend
42%	44%	return once or twice a month
19%	21%	return once or twice a semester
0%	3%	never return during the semester

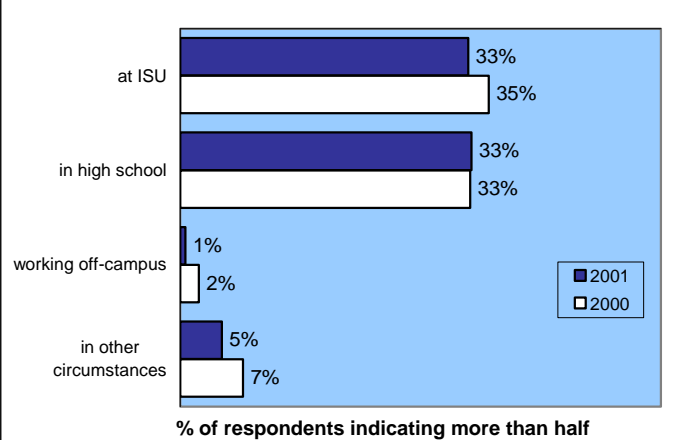
How satisfied are you with Indiana State in regard to:

	% Satisfied	% Neutral	% Dissatisfied	% Satisfied 2000
Size of campus	89%	7%	4%	90%
Appearance of campus	79%	17%	5%	82%
Student Union	78%	17%	5%	80%
Entire ISU experience	77%	16%	6%	80%
Classroom technologies	77%	19%	4%	79%
Academic experience	73%	21%	5%	77%
Overall safety on campus	73%	19%	8%	82%
Personal safety	70%	21%	8%	79%
Recreational sports	70%	29%	1%	68%
Bookstore	69%	16%	15%	63%
Computer facilities	62%	27%	11%	69%
Career Center	51%	44%	5%	54%
Student Counseling Center	49%	43%	9%	45%
Residential life	47%	29%	24%	57%
Bursar's Office	47%	48%	5%	38%
Student Life Office	45%	53%	2%	54%
Student Health Center	44%	33%	22%	52%
Registrar's Office	39%	50%	11%	42%
Financial Aid Office	35%	28%	37%	32%
Parking	15%	13%	71%	10%

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:



2001 2000

12% 11% of A&S freshmen said at least half of their high school friends attended ISU last year

71% 79% said at least half of their high school friends attended another college last year

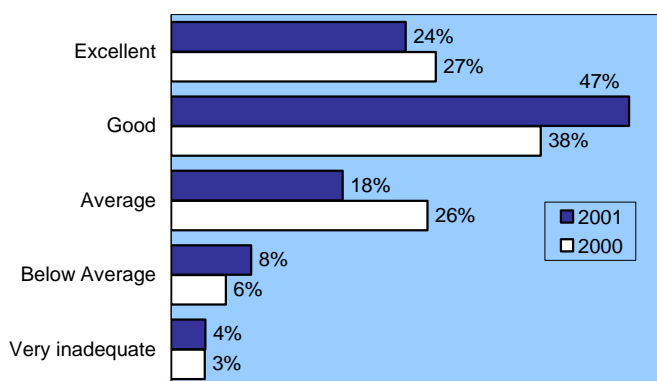
14% 12% said at least half of their high school friends did not attend any college last year



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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	
	2001	2000
Before I entered high school	19%	18%
During high school but before my senior year	4%	7%
My senior year in high school or later	4%	4%
They saved, but I don't know when they started	21%	16%
I don't know if they saved	8%	8%
They did not save, but they are contributing	28%	26%
Doesn't apply; my parents don't/can't contribute	17%	19%

The average A&S freshman worked:

7.82 hours per week in the fall

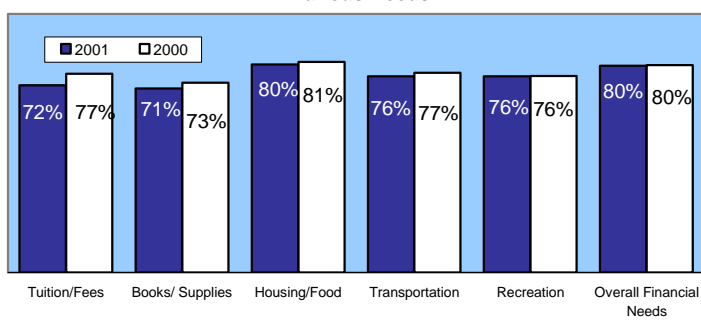
7.91 hours per week in the spring

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

17.1 hours per week in the fall

15.8 hours per week in the spring

% Indicating Financial Resources were Adequate for Various Needs



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

I was able to meet all	31%	Housing/Food	6%
Tuition/fees	26%	Transportation	7%
Books/supplies	16%	Recreation	14%

Almost 57.3% of A&S freshmen spent 10 or fewer hours per week studying, which is higher than the 2000 figure of 56%.

Hours Per Week Spent Working During Freshman Year

	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21+
<b>Fall Semester (2001 respondents)</b>						
On-campus	77%	6%	8%	5%	3%	1%
Off-campus	68%	4%	4%	5%	9%	10%
Total (On & Off)	54%	5%	10%	9%	10%	13%
<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>Spring Semester (2001 respondents)</b>						
On-campus	70%	5%	9%	10%	5%	1%
Off-campus	71%	4%	4%	4%	7%	9%
Total (On & Off)	50%	5%	12%	12%	9%	12%
<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%

At least 14.4% of A&S freshmen spent more than 35 hours per week socializing, a figure 2.4% higher than that of 2000.

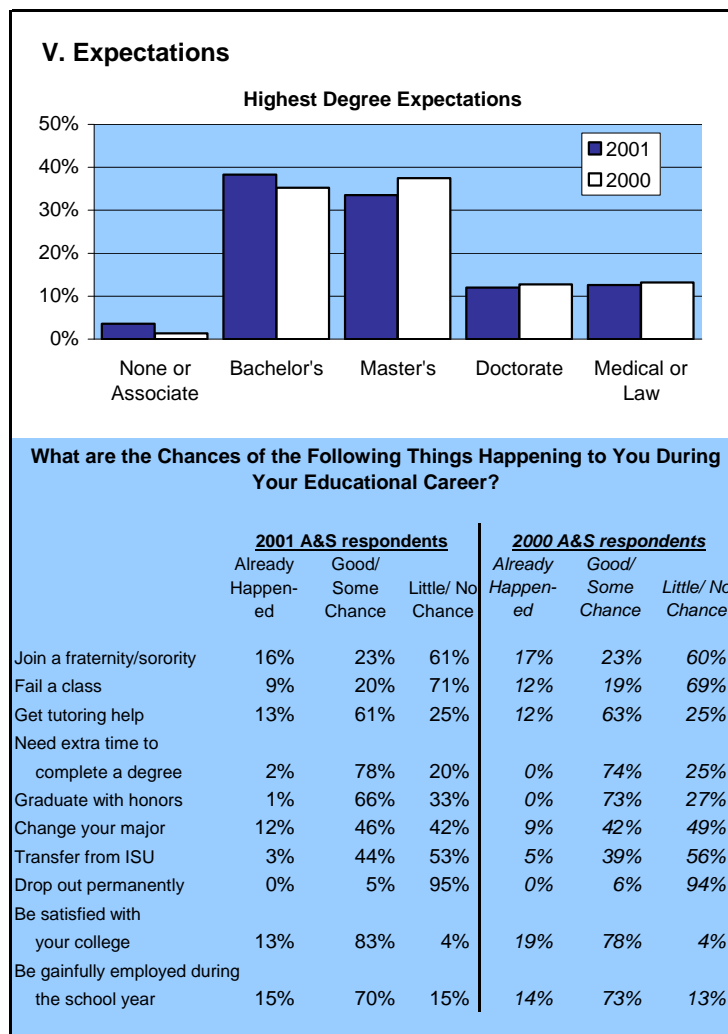
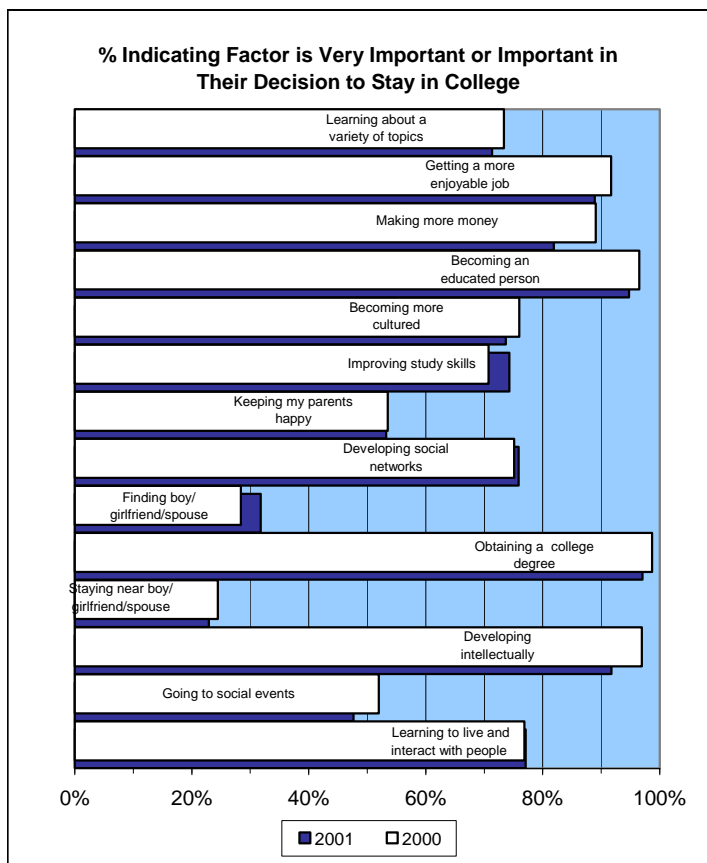
Hours Spent Per Week During First Year of College

	Hours Spent Per Week									% None		
	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36+	2000	2000	2000
Studying, researching, using library	1%	25%	31%	11%	18%	6%	5%	2%	1%	0%	86%	13%
Meeting study groups	37%	57%	5%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	35%	65%	0%
Meeting with professors	46%	48%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	38%	62%	0%
At campus recreational events	34%	49%	8%	6%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	27%	71%	2%
At campus cultural events	27%	53%	15%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	23%	76%	1%
At fraternity/sorority events	72%	12%	5%	3%	2%	3%	0%	0%	4%	65%	28%	6%
Participating in other ISU organizations	58%	28%	5%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	53%	44%	3%
Participating in sports or exercising	26%	39%	17%	10%	5%	1%	1%	1%	1%	21%	75%	4%
Socializing in person with ISU friends	5%	18%	18%	15%	13%	6%	5%	4%	16%	3%	67%	30%
Socializing in person with non-ISU friends	23%	45%	15%	5%	5%	1%	1%	2%	3%	24%	70%	6%
Socializing in person w/ either type of friends	4%	14%	19%	18%	13%	9%	5%	3%	14%	3%	66%	31%
Socializing phone,internet,email - ISU friends	16%	50%	17%	6%	4%	2%	1%	1%	3%	15%	79%	6%
Socializing phone,internet,email - others	5%	28%	28%	13%	8%	6%	3%	3%	6%	5%	83%	12%
Engaged in computer or internet recreation	10%	39%	21%	14%	3%	2%	5%	1%	5%	12%	78%	10%
Playing video games or watching TV	10%	35%	24%	14%	8%	3%	2%	2%	2%	9%	79%	11%
Participating in community activities	46%	40%	9%	3%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	50%	48%	2%

#### IV. Skills

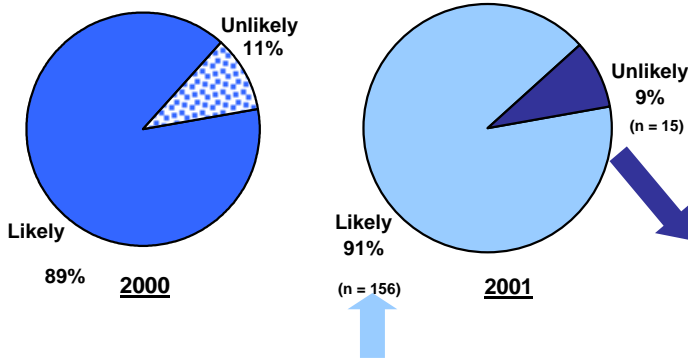
How much has your college experience helped you develop your ability to:				Very Much/ A Lot 2000
	Very Much/ A Lot	Some	Not a Lot/ Not at All	
Get along with others	58%	33%	8%	50%
Think critically	57%	35%	8%	57%
Respect views of others	65%	25%	11%	60%
Develop close relationships with others	57%	24%	19%	52%
Be sensitive to the feelings of others	56%	27%	16%	49%
Be independent	83%	11%	6%	82%
Choose moral and ethical behavior	61%	23%	16%	58%
Establish your identity	61%	25%	15%	66%
Develop social skills	56%	30%	14%	59%
Develop a meaningful philosophy of life	42%	37%	22%	41%
Develop leadership skills	46%	37%	18%	52%
Handle stress	47%	27%	26%	53%
Understand and appreciate other cultures	55%	34%	12%	53%
Develop expertise in a given subject area	41%	46%	13%	52%
Communicate effectively	57%	30%	13%	57%

How would you rate your ability to:	Very Good/ Good 2000	Average	Not Very/ Not Good	Very Good/ Good 2000
	Lead a group discussion	60%	27%	13%
Solve problems creatively	69%	24%	7%	68%
Make well informed decisions	81%	17%	2%	79%
Spend leisure time wisely	48%	35%	17%	54%
Express yourself in oral communication	63%	24%	13%	69%
Express yourself in writing	76%	18%	5%	73%
Solve an algebra problem	47%	27%	27%	56%
Use computers for schoolwork	80%	16%	4%	85%
Intelligently discuss national politics	32%	35%	33%	36%
Intelligently discuss world events	31%	34%	35%	37%
Find info on the World Wide Web	77%	20%	3%	78%
Using library resources to get info	63%	30%	8%	69%
Work with others on projects	68%	22%	9%	71%



## VI. Future Academic Plans

Likelihood of Returning in Fall



The 156 A&S 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 Very/ Not At All	
Financial aid available	69%	14%	17%	69%
Low cost	77%	11%	12%	74%
Close to home	34%	28%	38%	32%
Far away from home	11%	16%	73%	12%
Appearance of campus	33%	40%	28%	39%
ISU's academic reputation	49%	33%	18%	60%
Academic reputation of my major department	69%	21%	10%	71%
Quality of faculty	75%	17%	8%	78%
Size of campus	52%	28%	20%	55%
Campus social life	40%	27%	33%	48%
Student activities	35%	33%	32%	44%
Class size	53%	33%	15%	56%
Computing facilities	37%	36%	27%	46%
Opportunities to interact with faculty in class	55%	29%	15%	58%
Opportunities to interact with faculty out of class	49%	27%	24%	56%
Life in residence halls	47%	19%	34%	48%
Family pressure to stay	17%	23%	60%	19%
Friendships with faculty	27%	32%	41%	34%
Friendships with staff	25%	32%	43%	30%
Friendships with students	60%	24%	17%	69%
Terre Haute community	17%	33%	50%	23%

*% shown are % of the 156 students likely to return*

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

	2001	2000
FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE	19%	21%
ACADEMIC REPUTATION OF DEPARTMENT	19%	25%
CLOSE TO HOME	13%	12%
LOW COST	11%	13%
FRIENDSHIPS WITH STUDENTS	6%	7%

*% of the 149 (out of 156 likely to return) who responded*

The 15 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/		Not Very/Not at All	Essential or Very
	Very	Fairly		
Not enough financial aid	33%	13%	53%	42%
Cost too high	27%	20%	53%	38%
Too close to home	7%	20%	73%	0%
Too far away from home	33%	20%	47%	8%
Campus atmosphere	47%	40%	13%	42%
ISU's academic reputation	47%	20%	33%	54%
Academic reputation of my major department	47%	20%	33%	63%
Quality of faculty	47%	27%	27%	58%
Size of campus	47%	13%	40%	25%
Lack of campus social life	33%	47%	20%	17%
Lack of student activities	13%	40%	47%	25%
Class size too small	13%	13%	73%	13%
Too easy	7%	29%	64%	13%
Too difficult	13%	27%	60%	17%
Personal issues	47%	40%	13%	54%
Life in residence halls	20%	27%	53%	29%
Family pressure to quit	7%	20%	73%	13%
Lack of interaction with faculty	13%	27%	60%	25%
Lack of interaction with staff	20%	20%	60%	17%
Lack of interaction w/ students	13%	33%	53%	29%
Terre Haute community	33%	40%	27%	29%

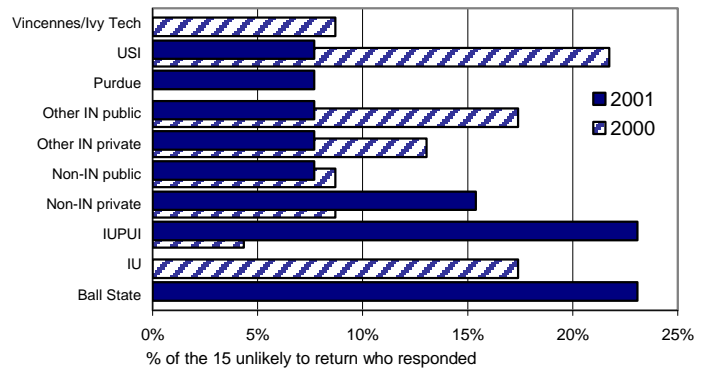
*% shown are % of the 15 students unlikely to return*

### MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DECISION TO LEAVE ISU

	2001	2000
TOO FAR AWAY FROM HOME	19%	9%
PERSONAL ISSUES	14%	18%
COST TOO HIGH	5%	9%

*% of the 14 (of 15 unlikely to return) who responded*

### Where do you hope to transfer to?



### Reasons for not returning to higher education

	2001	2000
Cannot afford it	33%	50%
Family responsibilities	33%	50%
Need or want to work	33%	50%
Other	33%	50%
Was not learning much	33%	50%
Benefits not worth the cost	0%	75%
Decided school isn't for me	0%	50%
Health reasons	0%	0%
Too difficult	0%	0%

*% of the 10 (out of 15 unlikely to return) who responded (multiple responses allowed)*