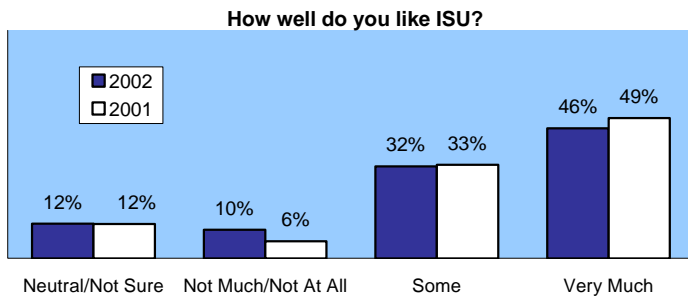
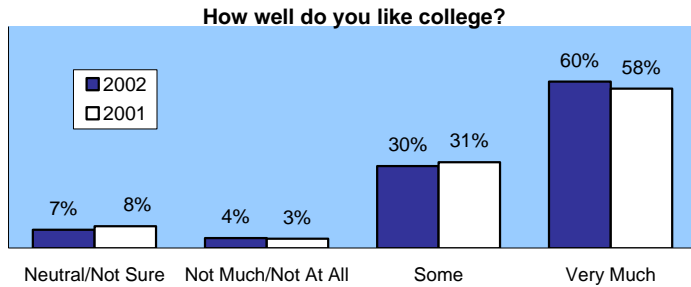


# Indiana State University 2002 First Year Profile Freshman Class of Fall 2001

The First Year Experience Survey was administered to Fall 2001 Freshmen in late Spring 2002. This questionnaire is designed to follow up on questions contained in the Student Information Questionnaire (SIQ) administered during NSARP. Of the 2,057 freshmen given the opportunity, 452 students completed the survey over the internet, making the response rate 22.0% (down about 0.9% from 2001). The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of those results in order to construct a profile of the freshmen class at the end of their first year.

## I. General Satisfaction



**How satisfied are you with Indiana State in regard to:**

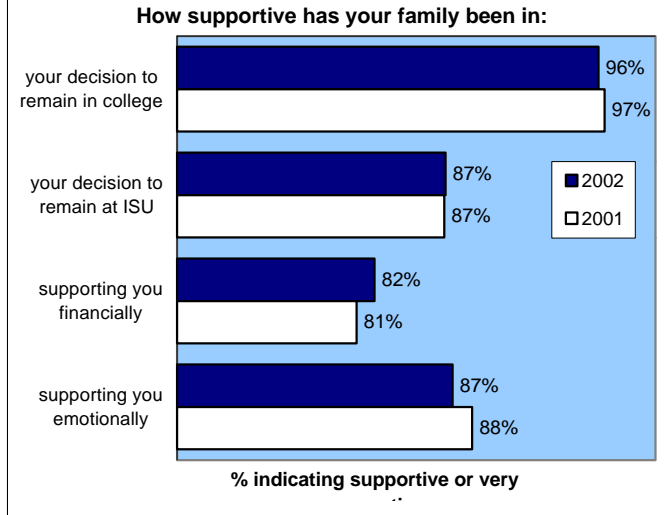
	% Satisfied	% Neutral	% Dissatisfied	% Satisfied 2001
Size of campus	87%	10%	3%	91%
Classroom technologies	82%	13%	5%	80%
Student Union	82%	15%	3%	82%
Appearance of campus	82%	12%	7%	83%
Overall safety on campus	81%	16%	2%	74%
Academic experience	79%	14%	7%	82%
Entire ISU experience	79%	14%	7%	82%
Computer facilities	79%	16%	5%	71%
Personal safety	78%	18%	4%	74%
Recreational sports	76%	20%	4%	72%
Bookstore	70%	15%	14%	71%
Career Center	64%	34%	2%	58%
Student Health Center	64%	23%	13%	51%
Student Life Office	60%	38%	2%	51%
Residential life	60%	24%	17%	51%
Student Counseling Center	58%	40%	2%	52%
Bursar's Office	52%	45%	3%	47%
Financial Aid Office	48%	25%	27%	43%
Registrar's Office	44%	45%	10%	44%
Parking	7%	14%	79%	11%

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



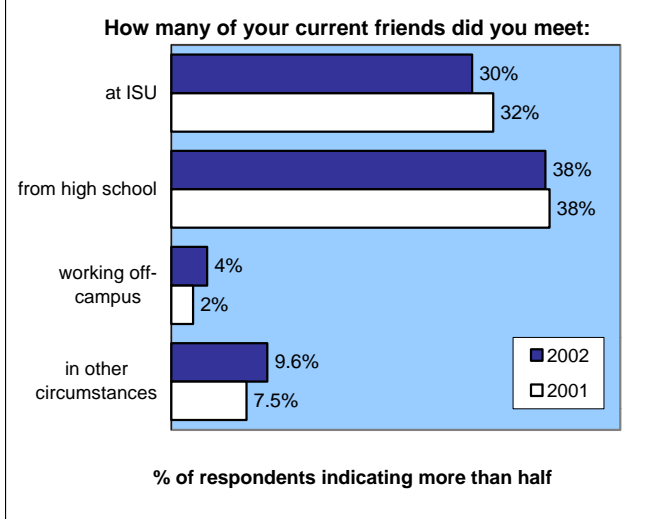
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## II. Family and Friends



**How often students return to hometown during the semester:**

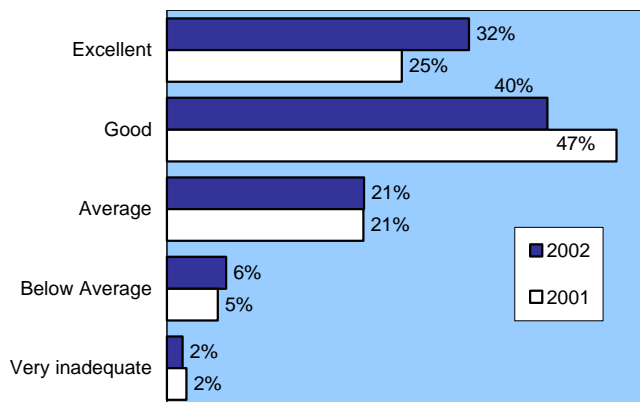
2002	2001	
22%	22%	live in hometown
19%	20%	return every or almost every weekend
44%	39%	return once or twice a month
13%	18%	return once or twice a semester
1%	1%	never return during the semester



2002	2001	
15%	18%	of freshmen said at least half of their high school friends attended ISU last year
74%	74%	said at least half of their high school friends attended another college last year
10%	12%	said at least half of their high school friends did not attend any college last year

### 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	
	2002	2001
Before I entered high school	20%	24%
During high school but before my senior year	5%	5%
My senior year in high school or later	3%	4%
They saved, but I don't know when they started	20%	21%
I don't know if they saved	12%	7%
They did not save, but they are contributing	23%	25%
Doesn't apply; my parents don't/can't contribute	17%	15%

The average ISU freshman worked:

8.34 hours per week in the fall

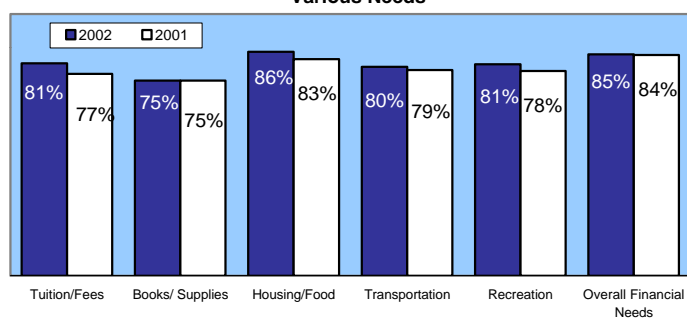
8.78 hours per week in the spring

Of only those freshmen who worked, they averaged:

18.7 hours per week in the fall

18.3 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	36%	Housing/Food	14%
Tuition/fees	19%	Transportation	20%
Books/supplies	25%	Recreation	19%

Almost 54% of freshmen who lived on campus and 66% of off-campus freshmen spent less than 10 hours a week studying.

Hours Per Week Spent Working During Freshman Year

	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21+
<b>Fall Semester (2002 respondents)</b>						
On-campus	83%	3%	7%	3%	3%	1%
Off-campus	68%	3%	4%	6%	8%	11%
Total (On & Off)	55%	4%	8%	8%	10%	14%
<b>Fall Semester (2001 respondents)</b>						
On-campus	78%	4%	8%	5%	3%	2%
Off-campus	65%	3%	6%	6%	10%	11%
Total (On & Off)	52%	5%	10%	8%	11%	14%
<b>Spring Semester (2002 respondents)</b>						
On-campus	79%	4%	7%	4%	5%	1%
Off-campus	69%	3%	4%	6%	6%	13%
Total (On & Off)	52%	6%	9%	8%	10%	15%
<b>Spring Semester (2001 respondents)</b>						
On-campus	76%	4%	9%	6%	4%	1%
Off-campus	66%	3%	6%	5%	7%	13%
Total (On & Off)	49%	6%	11%	9%	9%	16%

About 17% of on-campus freshmen spent more than 30 hours a week socializing with other ISU students, while 10% for those who lived off-campus.

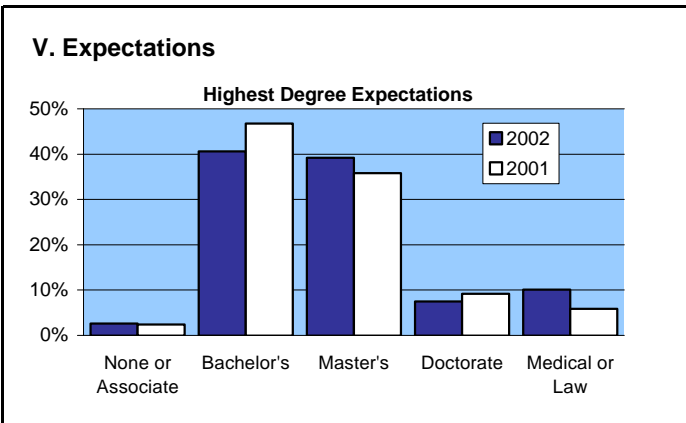
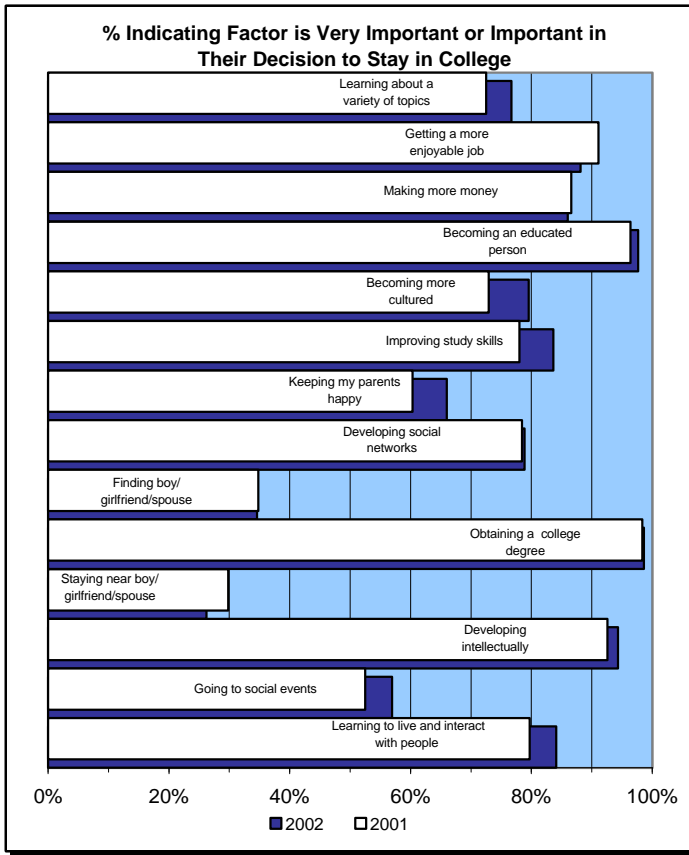
Hours Spent Per Week During First Year of College

	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36+	% 2001	%1-20 2001	% 21+ 2001
Studying, researching, using library	0%	28%	30%	19%	10%	4%	4%	1%	2%	1%	87%	12%
Meeting study groups	26%	67%	6%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	35%	65%	1%
Meeting with professors	41%	56%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	51%	49%	0%
At campus recreational events	40%	41%	11%	5%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	31%	65%	4%
At campus cultural events	40%	49%	8%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	37%	63%	0%
At fraternity/sorority events	69%	12%	7%	5%	3%	1%	0%	0%	1%	70%	24%	5%
Participating in other ISU organizations	57%	30%	8%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	61%	38%	2%
Participating in sports or exercising	24%	42%	17%	9%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	23%	71%	6%
Socializing in person with ISU friends	3%	19%	25%	17%	10%	9%	3%	3%	11%	3%	64%	33%
Socializing in person with non-ISU friends	20%	43%	16%	10%	5%	2%	1%	0%	3%	20%	72%	7%
Socializing in person w/ either type of friends	3%	21%	18%	17%	11%	7%	6%	2%	15%	4%	59%	37%
Socializing phone,internet,email - ISU friends	12%	44%	20%	9%	6%	3%	1%	0%	4%	16%	74%	10%
Socializing phone,internet,email - others	4%	31%	27%	14%	8%	6%	3%	1%	7%	3%	78%	19%
Engaged in computer or internet recreation	7%	40%	21%	10%	8%	4%	3%	1%	5%	7%	79%	13%
Playing video games or watching TV	6%	41%	26%	11%	6%	4%	2%	1%	3%	8%	83%	9%
Participating in community activities	36%	47%	10%	4%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	46%	53%	1%

#### IV. Skills

How much has your college experience helped you develop your ability to:	Very Much/ A Lot			Very Much/ A Lot 2001
	Very Much/ A Lot	Some	Not a Lot/ Not at All	
Get along with others	57%	32%	10%	58%
Think critically	61%	32%	6%	59%
Respect views of others	69%	24%	6%	64%
Develop close relationships with others	58%	26%	16%	59%
Be sensitive to the feelings of others	52%	36%	13%	56%
Be independent	83%	13%	4%	82%
Choose moral and ethical behavior	62%	26%	12%	60%
Establish your identity	63%	26%	11%	63%
Develop social skills	65%	26%	9%	62%
Develop a meaningful philosophy of life	50%	33%	17%	43%
Develop leadership skills	52%	35%	14%	50%
Handle stress	52%	28%	20%	48%
Understand and appreciate other cultures	63%	27%	10%	57%
Develop expertise in a given subject area	51%	36%	13%	43%
Communicate effectively	61%	31%	8%	60%

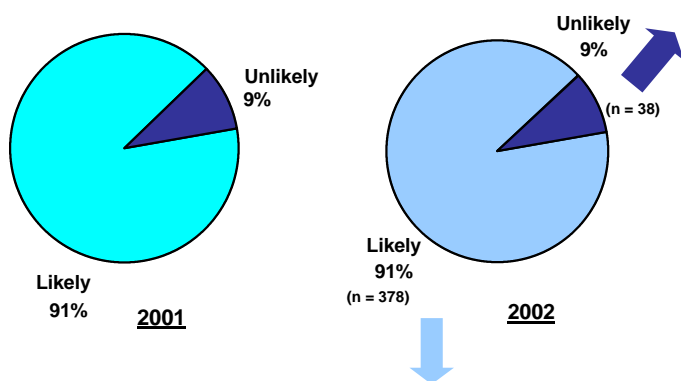
How would you rate your ability to:	Very Good/ Good			Very Good/ Good 2001
	Very Good/ Good	Average	Not Very/ Not Good	
Lead a group discussion	57%	31%	12%	55%
Solve problems creatively	67%	31%	2%	66%
Make well informed decisions	80%	20%	1%	78%
Spend leisure time wisely	54%	33%	13%	52%
Express yourself in oral communication	60%	33%	7%	62%
Express yourself in writing	69%	25%	5%	70%
Solve an algebra problem	56%	28%	15%	51%
Use computers for schoolwork	87%	11%	2%	83%
Intelligently discuss national politics	38%	37%	25%	29%
Intelligently discuss world events	44%	36%	20%	32%
Find info on the World Wide Web	82%	16%	1%	78%
Using library resources to get info	70%	25%	5%	65%
Work with others on projects	75%	21%	3%	70%



What are the Chances of the Following Things Happening to You During Your Educational Career?	2002 respondents			2001 respondents		
	Already Happened	Good/Some Chance	Little/No Chance	Already Happened	Good/Some Chance	Little/No Chance
Join a fraternity/sorority	16%	21%	64%	16%	23%	61%
Fail a class	11%	21%	68%	9%	22%	70%
Get tutoring help	12%	68%	19%	12%	67%	21%
Need extra time to complete a degree	0%	71%	29%	1%	76%	24%
Graduate with honors	0%	68%	32%	0%	64%	35%
Change your major	12%	43%	45%	11%	44%	44%
Transfer from ISU	4%	37%	59%	4%	39%	58%
Drop out permanently	0%	5%	94%	0%	4%	96%
Be satisfied with your college	22%	74%	4%	16%	80%	4%
Be gainfully employed during the school year	18%	68%	14%	17%	68%	14%

## VI. Future Academic Plans

Likelihood of Returning in Fall



The 378 students who were 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/			Essential or Very or Very 2001
	Very	Fairly	Not Very/ Not At All	
Financial aid available	66%	16%	18%	64%
Low cost	72%	20%	7%	74%
Close to home	41%	23%	36%	38%
Far away from home	10%	14%	76%	8%
Appearance of campus	39%	42%	19%	33%
ISU's academic reputation	56%	33%	11%	56%
Academic reputation of my major department	73%	21%	6%	75%
Quality of faculty	76%	19%	5%	76%
Size of campus	57%	29%	14%	57%
Campus social life	48%	30%	22%	46%
Student activities	42%	36%	22%	39%
Class size	62%	28%	10%	58%
Computing facilities	47%	33%	19%	41%
Opportunities to interact with faculty in class	56%	32%	12%	53%
Opportunities to interact with faculty out of class	53%	31%	17%	46%
Life in residence halls	47%	21%	32%	47%
Family pressure to stay	25%	21%	54%	21%
Friendships with faculty	37%	29%	34%	27%
Friendships with staff	37%	29%	33%	26%
Friendships with students	66%	24%	10%	70%
Terre Haute community	35%	25%	40%	27%

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

	2002	2001
<b>FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>ACADEMIC REPUTATION OF DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>CLOSE TO HOME</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>LOW COST</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>SIZE OF CAMPUS</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>4%</b>

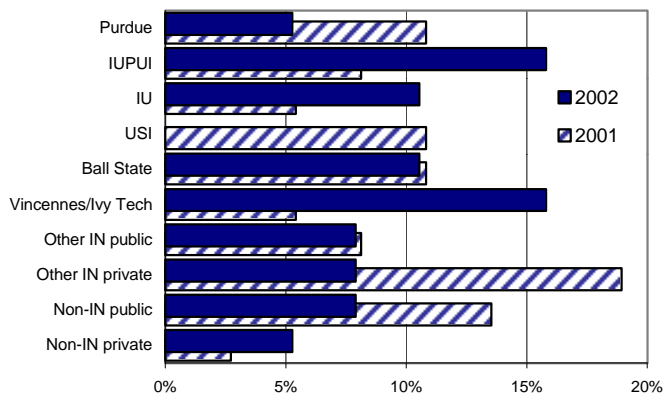
The 38 students who were unlikely to return to ISU in the fall were asked about their decision to leave.

**Importance of Factors Affecting Decision to Leave ISU**

	Essential/		Not Very/Not at All	Essential or Very 2001
	Very	Fairly		
Not enough financial aid	34%	13%	53%	23%
Cost too high	26%	16%	58%	19%
Too close to home	11%	8%	82%	9%
Too far away from home	18%	16%	66%	19%
Campus atmosphere	58%	21%	21%	44%
ISU's academic reputation	37%	37%	26%	34%
Academic reputation of my major department	47%	29%	24%	37%
Quality of faculty	47%	26%	26%	28%
Size of campus	34%	34%	32%	37%
Lack of campus social life	37%	26%	37%	30%
Lack of student activities	24%	26%	50%	19%
Class size too small	8%	16%	76%	7%
Too easy	13%	24%	63%	10%
Too difficult	16%	21%	63%	16%
Personal issues	45%	21%	34%	49%
Life in residence halls	29%	37%	34%	35%
Family pressure to quit	3%	16%	82%	5%
Lack of interaction with faculty	21%	21%	58%	5%
Lack of interaction with staff	21%	21%	58%	9%
Lack of interaction w/ students	29%	24%	47%	12%
Terre Haute community	29%	24%	47%	39%

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

	2002	2001
<b>PERSONAL ISSUES</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>CAMPUS ATMOSPHERE</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>LACK OF CAMPUS SOCIAL LIFE</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>2%</b>



**Reasons for not returning to higher education**

	2002	2001
Need or want to work	67%	17%
Other	58%	33%
Decided school isn't for me	33%	17%
Benefits not worth the cost	33%	0%
Was not learning much	33%	17%
Family responsibilities	25%	17%
Cannot afford it	25%	33%
Too difficult	17%	0%
Health reasons	8%	0%