

College of Arts & Sciences

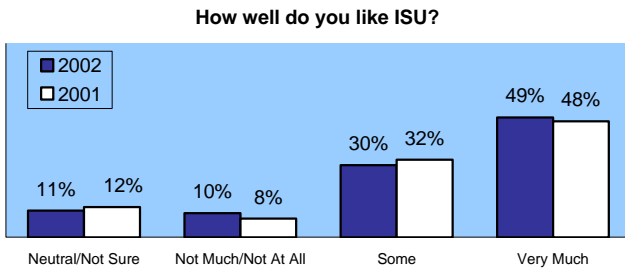
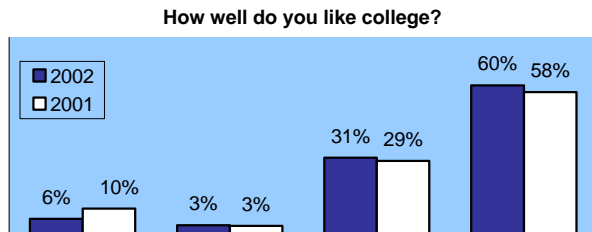
2002 First Year Profile

Freshman Class of Fall 2001

NOTE: DUE TO SMALL SAMPLE SIZES, SOME STATISTICS MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR ANALYTICAL PURPOSES.

The First Year Experience Survey was administered to Fall 2001 Freshmen in late Spring 2002. 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 671 A&S freshmen given the opportunity, 192 used the internet to fill out the questionnaire, making the A & S response rate 28.6%. This rate is higher than the overall response rate of 22.0%.

I. General Satisfaction

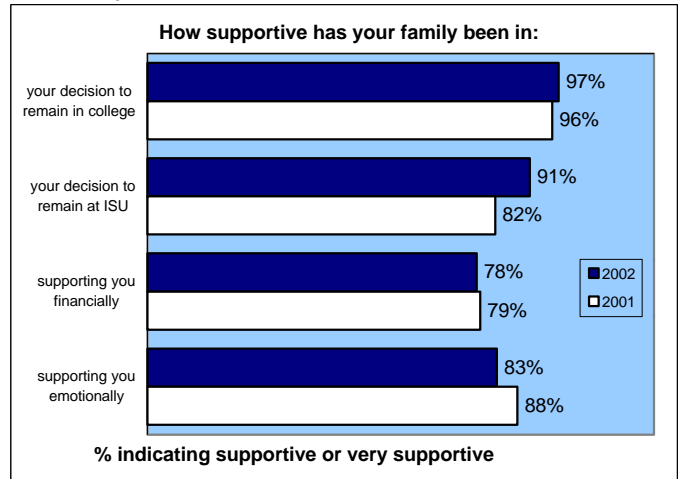


How satisfied are you with Indiana State in regard to:

	% 2002			% Satisfied 2001
	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	
Size of campus	89%	9%	2%	89%
Overall safety on campus	82%	16%	3%	73%
Appearance of campus	81%	13%	6%	79%
Student Union	81%	15%	4%	78%
Classroom technologies	79%	17%	5%	77%
Personal safety	78%	18%	4%	70%
Computer facilities	78%	17%	5%	62%
Entire ISU experience	78%	16%	6%	77%
Academic experience	77%	15%	8%	73%
Recreational sports	75%	19%	6%	70%
Bookstore	67%	17%	16%	69%
Student Health Center	62%	25%	14%	44%
Residential life	61%	23%	16%	47%
Student Life Office	59%	40%	1%	45%
Career Center	57%	38%	5%	51%
Student Counseling Center	55%	45%	0%	49%
Financial Aid Office	48%	28%	24%	35%
Bursar's Office	48%	50%	2%	47%
Registrar's Office	37%	49%	14%	39%
Parking	6%	18%	76%	15%

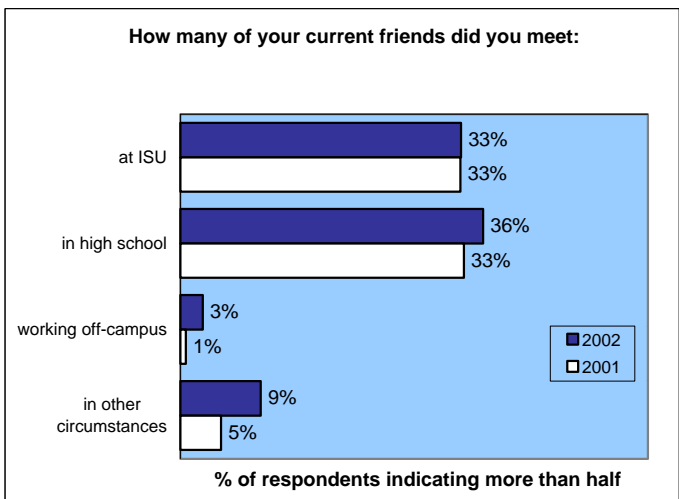
Percentages do not reflect those who had never used the service/facility
Scale: 1 - Very Satisfied, 5 - Very Dissatisfied

II. Family and Friends



How often students return to hometown during the semester:

2002	2001	
20%	20%	live in hometown
16%	19%	return every or almost every weekend
45%	42%	return once or twice a month
18%	19%	return once or twice a semester
1%	0%	never return during the semester



2002	2001	
13%	12%	of A&S freshmen said at least half of their high school friends attended ISU last year
72%	71%	said at least half of their high school friends attended another college last year
11%	14%	said at least half of their high school friends did not attend any college last year

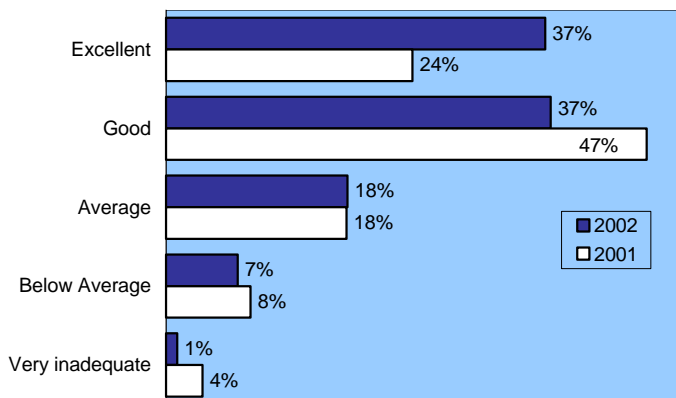
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III. Preparation and Experience

How would you rate your high school education?



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

	% indicating response	
	2002	2001
Before I entered high school	21%	19%
During high school but before my senior year	4%	4%
My senior year in high school or later	3%	4%
They saved, but I don't know when they started	17%	21%
I don't know if they saved	14%	8%
They did not save, but they are contributing	21%	28%
Doesn't apply; my parents don't/can't contribute	21%	17%

The average A&S freshman worked:

7.02 hours per week in the fall

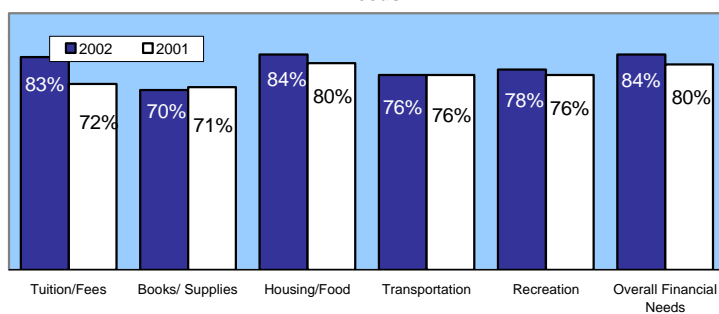
7.90 hours per week in the spring

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

18.0 hours per week in the fall

17.6 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	34%	Housing/Food	16%
Tuition/fees	17%	Transportation	24%
Books/supplies	30%	Recreation	22%

Hours Per Week Spent Working During Freshman Year

	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21+
Fall Semester (2002 respondents)						
On-campus	86%	2%	5%	3%	3%	1%
Off-campus	72%	4%	3%	5%	9%	6%
Total (On & Off)	61%	4%	6%	9%	11%	9%
Fall Semester (2001 respondents)						
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%
Spring Semester (2002 respondents)						
On-campus	78%	4%	9%	3%	5%	2%
Off-campus	75%	4%	2%	4%	6%	10%
Total (On & Off)	55%	6%	10%	6%	11%	12%
Spring Semester (2001 respondents)						
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%

About 74% of A&S freshmen spent 1 - 20 hours per week meeting study groups, which is higher than the 2001 figure of 63%.

About 63% of A&S freshmen spent 1 - 20 hours per week participating in community activities, 10% higher than that of 2001.

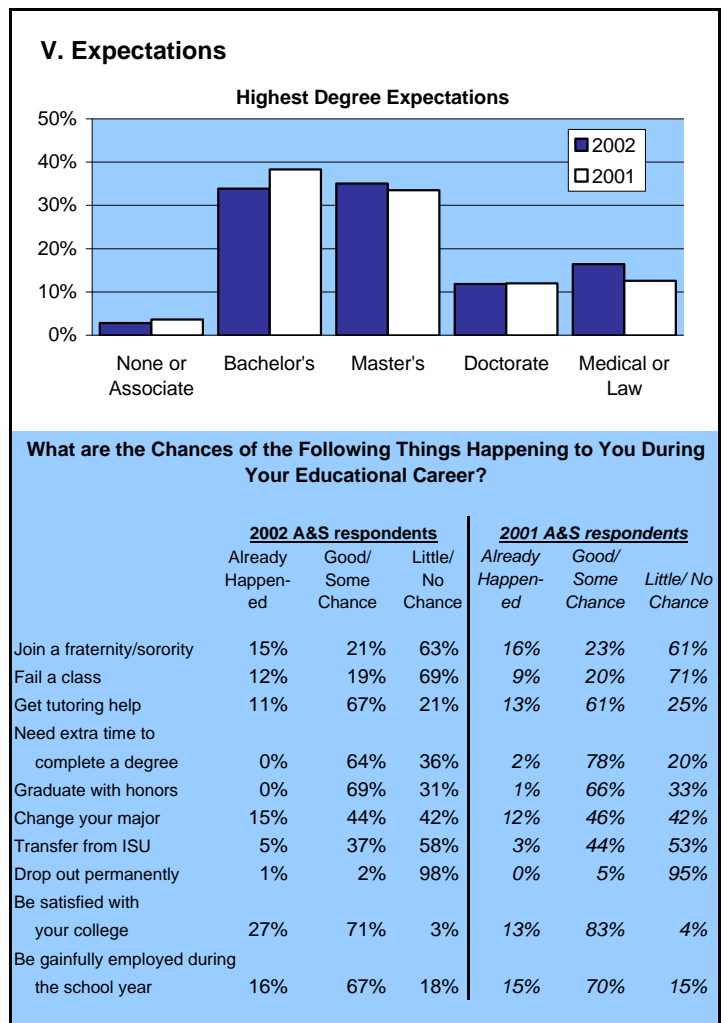
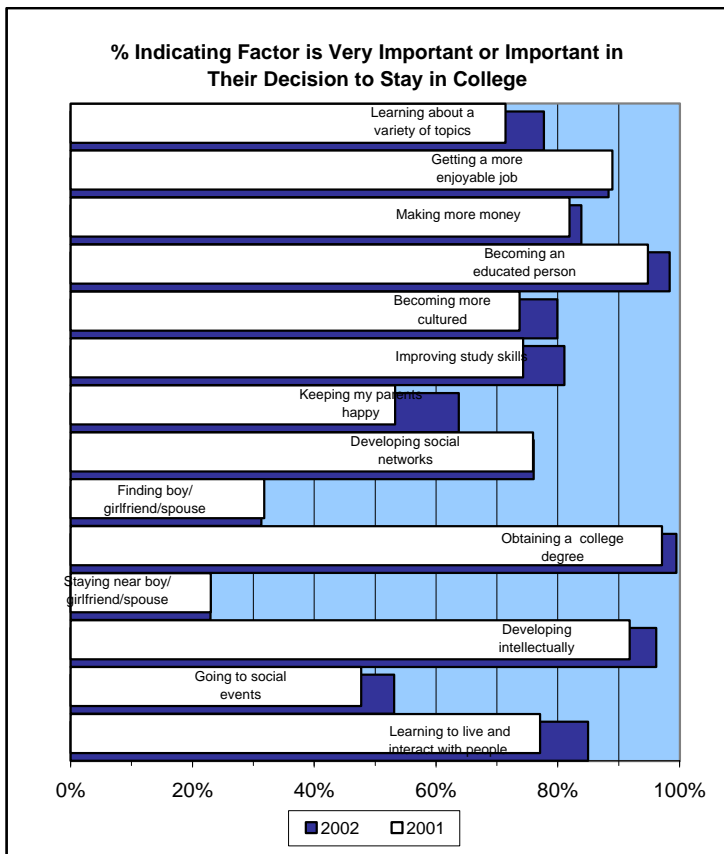
Hours Spent Per Week During First Year of College

	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36+	% None 2001	%1-20 2001	% 21+ 2001
Studying, researching, using library	1%	26%	29%	20%	9%	5%	6%	2%	3%	1%	85%	14%
Meeting study groups	26%	65%	6%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	37%	63%	0%
Meeting with professors	37%	58%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	46%	54%	0%
At campus recreational events	43%	40%	10%	5%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	34%	63%	3%
At campus cultural events	36%	50%	10%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	27%	73%	1%
At fraternity/sorority events	71%	13%	6%	5%	3%	2%	0%	0%	1%	72%	21%	7%
Participating in other ISU organizations	55%	29%	10%	3%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	58%	41%	1%
Participating in sports or exercising	25%	42%	14%	9%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	26%	71%	4%
Socializing in person with ISU friends	2%	18%	29%	19%	9%	9%	3%	1%	12%	5%	64%	31%
Socializing in person with non-ISU friends	20%	45%	14%	9%	5%	2%	1%	0%	3%	23%	70%	7%
Socializing in person w/ either type of friends	4%	23%	17%	17%	7%	9%	7%	3%	13%	4%	64%	32%
Socializing phone,internet,email - ISU friends	14%	45%	17%	8%	7%	3%	1%	1%	5%	16%	77%	7%
Socializing phone,internet,email - others	3%	32%	28%	12%	6%	5%	3%	2%	9%	5%	78%	18%
Engaged in computer or internet recreation	6%	37%	21%	12%	8%	4%	3%	2%	6%	10%	77%	13%
Playing video games or watching TV	7%	44%	21%	11%	6%	4%	2%	0%	4%	10%	80%	10%
Participating in community activities	36%	45%	13%	4%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	46%	53%	1%

IV. Skills

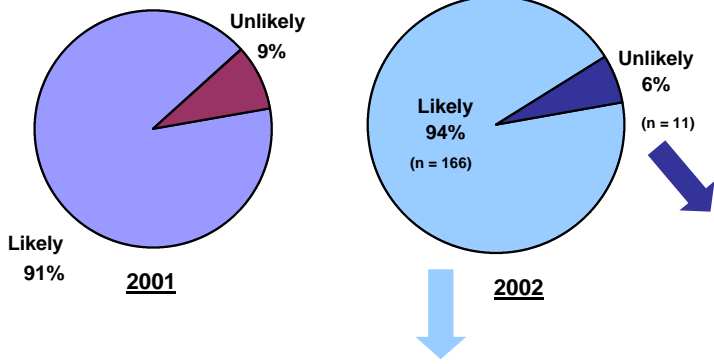
How much has your college experience helped you develop your ability to:				Very Much/ A Lot
	Very Much/ A Lot	Some	Not a Lot/ Not at All	Very Much/ A Lot 2001
Get along with others	60%	29%	11%	58%
Think critically	64%	29%	7%	57%
Respect views of others	69%	23%	7%	65%
Develop close relationships with others	56%	27%	17%	57%
Be sensitive to the feelings of others	53%	34%	14%	56%
Be independent	83%	12%	4%	83%
Choose moral and ethical behavior	62%	25%	13%	61%
Establish your identity	67%	22%	11%	61%
Develop social skills	66%	25%	9%	56%
Develop a meaningful philosophy of life	52%	30%	18%	42%
Develop leadership skills	52%	32%	16%	46%
Handle stress	48%	27%	25%	47%
Understand and appreciate other cultures	64%	23%	13%	55%
Develop expertise in a given subject area	54%	34%	12%	41%
Communicate effectively	61%	30%	9%	57%

How would you rate your ability to:	Very Good/ Good	Average	Not Very/ Not Good	Very Good/ Good 2001
	Lead a group discussion	62%	27%	11%
Solve problems creatively	74%	26%	1%	69%
Make well informed decisions	84%	16%	1%	81%
Spend leisure time wisely	54%	31%	15%	48%
Express yourself in oral communication	68%	25%	7%	63%
Express yourself in writing	75%	19%	6%	76%
Solve an algebra problem	58%	26%	16%	47%
Use computers for schoolwork	91%	9%	1%	80%
Intelligently discuss national politics	42%	36%	22%	32%
Intelligently discuss world events	46%	36%	18%	31%
Find info on the World Wide Web	87%	12%	1%	77%
Using library resources to get info	73%	21%	6%	63%
Work with others on projects	76%	20%	4%	68%



VI. Future Academic Plans

Likelihood of Returning in Fall



The 166 A&S 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 2001
	Very	Fairly	Not Very/ Not At All	
Financial aid available	71%	13%	16%	69%
Low cost	77%	17%	7%	77%
Close to home	37%	19%	44%	34%
Far away from home	11%	14%	75%	11%
Appearance of campus	41%	38%	21%	33%
ISU's academic reputation	56%	30%	14%	49%
Academic reputation of my major department	72%	21%	7%	69%
Quality of faculty	77%	17%	6%	75%
Size of campus	58%	26%	16%	52%
Campus social life	46%	28%	26%	40%
Student activities	42%	33%	25%	35%
Class size	61%	27%	11%	53%
Computing facilities	47%	33%	20%	37%
Opportunities to interact with faculty in class	53%	34%	13%	55%
Opportunities to interact with faculty out of class	52%	28%	20%	49%
Life in residence halls	51%	18%	31%	47%
Family pressure to stay	22%	20%	58%	17%
Friendships with faculty	42%	23%	34%	27%
Friendships with staff	40%	25%	34%	25%
Friendships with students	66%	23%	11%	60%
Terre Haute community	33%	26%	41%	17%

% shown are % of the 166 students likely to return

MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DECISION TO STAY AT ISU	2002	2001
FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE	24%	19%
LOW COST	14%	11%
ACADEMIC REPUTATION OF DEPARTMENT	13%	19%
CLOSE TO HOME	10%	13%
ACADEMIC REPUTATION OF ISU	7%	5%

% of the 166 (out of 166 likely to return) who responded

The 11 A&S students who were unlikely to return to ISU in the fall were asked about their decision to leave.

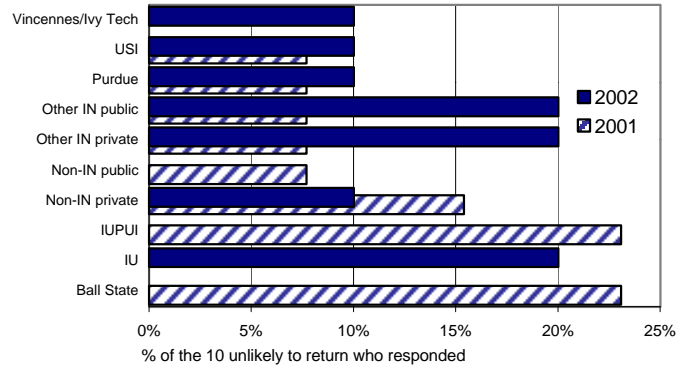
Importance of Factors Affecting Decision to Leave ISU	Essential/			Essential or Very 2001
	Very	Fairly	Not Very/ Not At All	
Not enough financial aid	27%	9%	64%	33%
Cost too high	36%	18%	45%	27%
Too close to home	0%	9%	91%	7%
Too far away from home	27%	0%	73%	33%
Campus atmosphere	55%	27%	18%	47%
ISU's academic reputation	36%	45%	18%	47%
Academic reputation of my major department	45%	36%	18%	47%
Quality of faculty	55%	36%	9%	47%
Size of campus	36%	36%	27%	47%
Lack of campus social life	36%	18%	45%	33%
Lack of student activities	18%	27%	55%	13%
Class size too small	9%	9%	82%	13%
Too easy	0%	18%	82%	7%
Too difficult	18%	27%	55%	13%
Personal issues	45%	27%	27%	47%
Life in residence halls	36%	36%	27%	20%
Family pressure to quit	0%	18%	82%	7%
Lack of interaction with faculty	27%	18%	55%	13%
Lack of interaction with staff	27%	9%	64%	20%
Lack of interaction w/ students	36%	27%	36%	13%
Terre Haute community	36%	9%	55%	33%

% shown are % of the 10 students unlikely to return

MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DECISION TO LEAVE ISU	2002	2001
TOO FAR AWAY FROM HOME	27%	19%
CAMPUS ATMOSPHERE	18%	5%
PERSONAL ISSUES	18%	14%

% of the 10 (of 11 unlikely to return) who responded

Where do you hope to transfer to?



Reasons for not returning to higher education	2002	2001
Other	80%	50%
Cannot afford it	20%	50%
Need or want to work	20%	50%
Was not learning much	20%	50%
Benefits not worth the cost	0%	75%
Decided school isn't for me	0%	50%
Family responsibilities	0%	50%
Health reasons	0%	0%
Too difficult	0%	0%

% of the 5 (out of 11 unlikely to return) who responded (multiple responses allowed)