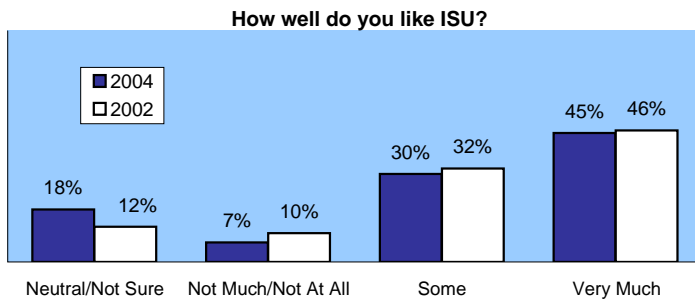
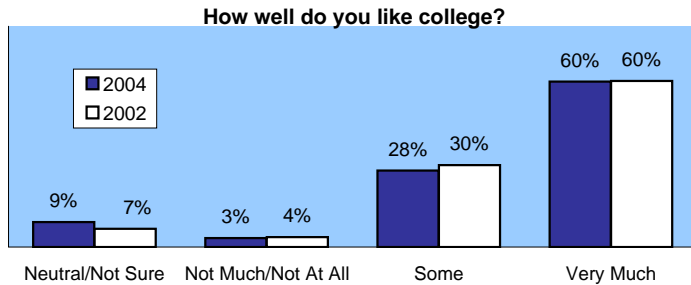


# Indiana State University 2004 First Year Profile Freshman Class of Fall 2003

**The First Year Experience Survey was administered to Fall 2003 freshmen in late Spring 2004. This questionnaire is designed to follow up on questions contained in the Student Information Questionnaire (SIQ) administered during Sycamore Advantage. Out of 2,016 Fall 2003 freshmen, 1,585 students who registered for Spring 2004 were given the opportunity to complete the survey, 329 students completed the survey over the internet, making the response rate 20.8%<sup>1</sup>. 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:**

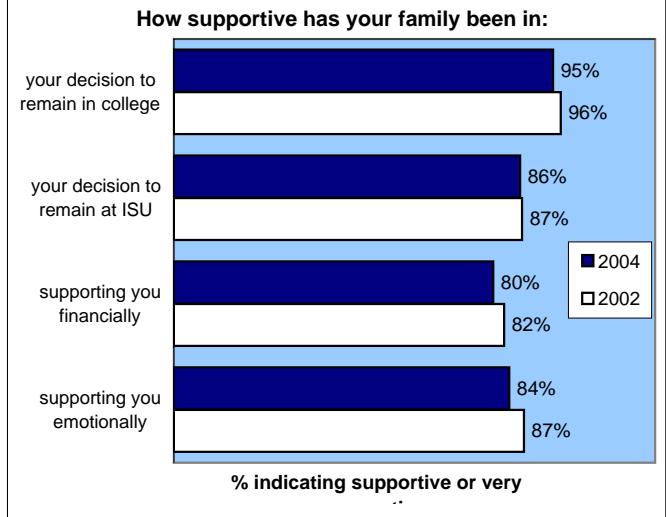
	% Satisfied	% Neutral	% Dissatisfied	% Satisfied 2002
Size of campus	87%	9%	4%	87%
Computer facilities	86%	9%	5%	79%
Entire ISU experience	82%	12%	6%	79%
Appearance of campus	81%	14%	5%	82%
Classroom technologies	80%	15%	6%	82%
Student Union	80%	17%	3%	82%
Academic experience	79%	14%	8%	79%
Overall safety on campus	78%	18%	5%	81%
Personal safety	76%	19%	4%	78%
Recreational sports	71%	26%	3%	76%
Career Center	58%	38%	3%	64%
Bookstore	58%	17%	25%	70%
Student Health Center	54%	31%	15%	64%
Residential life	53%	29%	18%	60%
Student Life Office	53%	46%	1%	60%
Student Counseling Center	52%	46%	2%	58%
Bursar's Office	49%	46%	4%	52%
Registrar's Office	42%	47%	11%	44%
Financial Aid Office	29%	31%	40%	48%
Parking	14%	15%	71%	7%

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



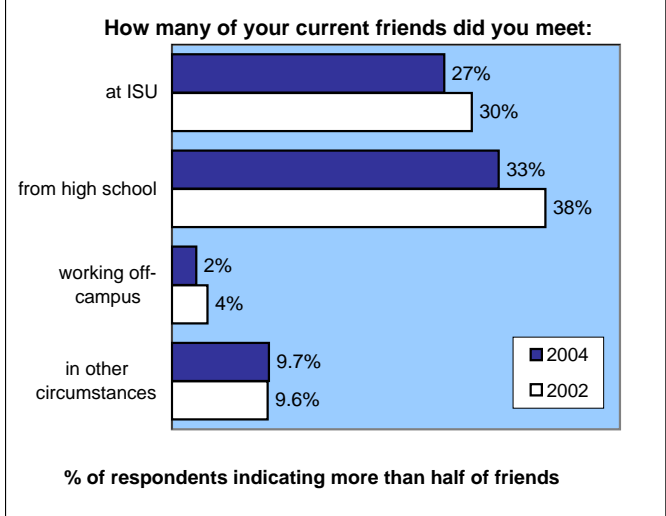
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## II. Family and Friends



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

2004	2002	
19%	22%	live in hometown
22%	19%	return every or almost every weekend
41%	44%	return once or twice a month
14%	13%	return once or twice a semester
1%	1%	never return during the semester

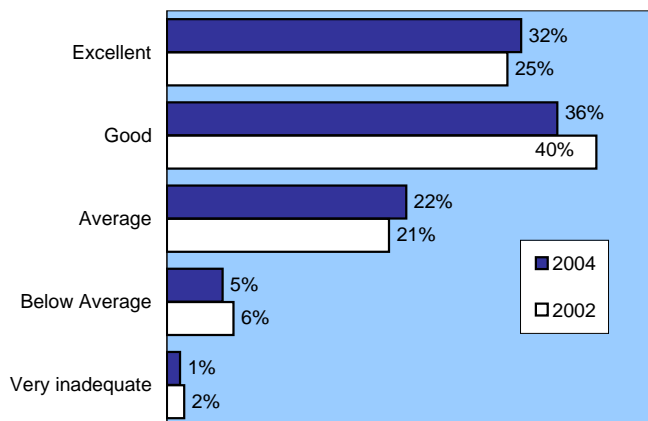


2004	2002	
17%	15%	of freshmen said at least half of their high school friends attended ISU last year
77%	74%	said at least half of their high school friends attended another college last year
11%	10%	said at least half of their high school friends did not attend any college last year

1. Non-respondent pool contained some bias this year. Female views were over represented (71% of the respondents vs. 53% of the freshman population), while minority students were under represented (5% of respondents vs. 17% of the freshman population).

### III. Preparation and Experience

How would you rate your high school education?



	% indicating response	
	2004	2002
Before I entered high school	22%	20%
During high school but before my senior year	6%	5%
My senior year in high school or later	3%	3%
They saved, but I don't know when they started	19%	20%
I don't know if they saved	10%	12%
They did not save, but they are contributing	19%	23%
Doesn't apply; my parents don't/can't contribute	18%	17%

The average ISU freshman worked:

8.53 hours per week in the fall

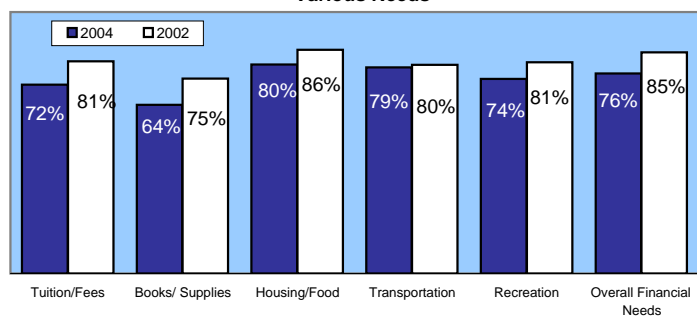
8.85 hours per week in the spring

Of only those freshmen who worked, they averaged:

18.4 hours per week in the fall

17.7 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	20%
Tuition/fees	28%	Transportation	21%
Books/supplies	36%	Recreation	26%

Almost 61% of freshmen who lived on campus and 65% 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 (2004 respondents)</b>						
On-campus	82%	2%	7%	4%	3%	1%
Off-campus	66%	2%	5%	7%	8%	11%
Total (On & Off)	54%	3%	10%	9%	10%	14%
<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>Spring Semester (2004 respondents)</b>						
On-campus	77%	3%	7%	7%	3%	2%
Off-campus	67%	3%	5%	6%	8%	11%
Total (On & Off)	50%	5%	8%	13%	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%

About 15% of on-campus freshmen spent more than 30 hours a week socializing with other ISU students, while 4% for those who lived off-campus.

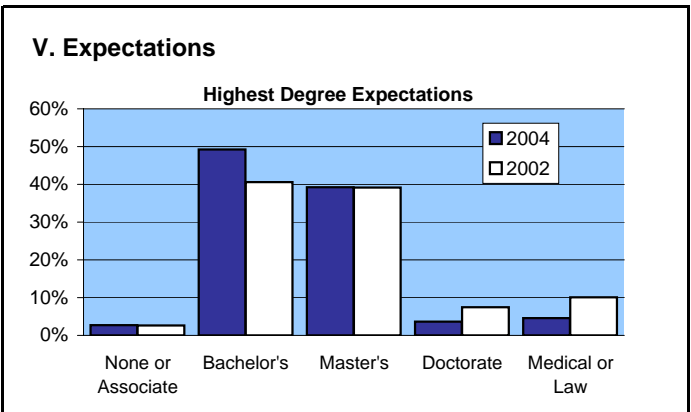
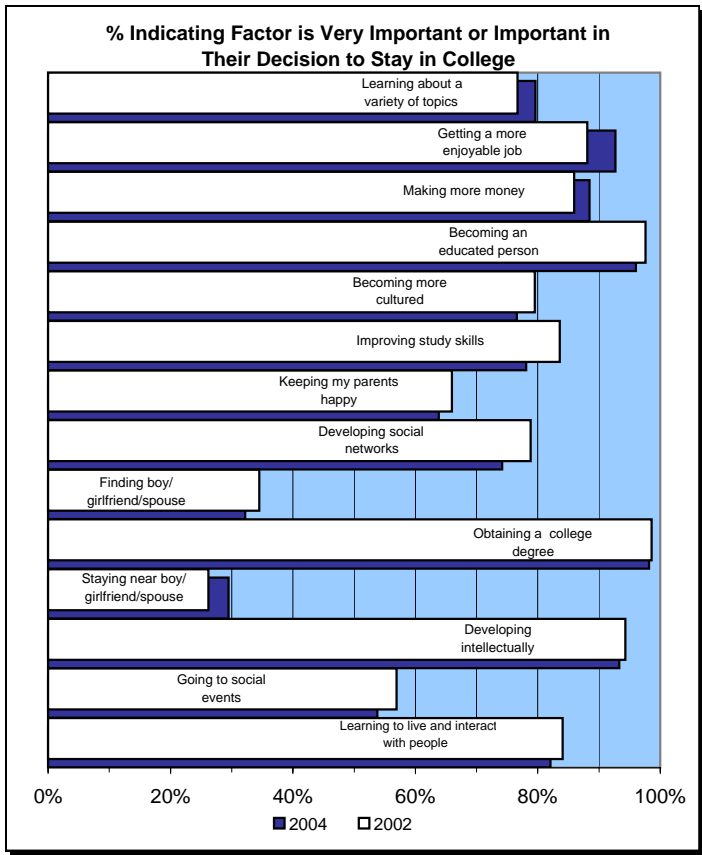
Hours Spent Per Week During First Year of College

											%		
	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36+	2002	%1-20 2002	% 21+ 2002	
Studying, researching, using library	0%	31%	29%	18%	9%	4%	4%	1%	3%	0%	88%	12%	
Meeting study groups	30%	60%	6%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	26%	74%	0%	
Meeting with professors	47%	49%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	41%	59%	0%	
At campus recreational events	39%	40%	10%	5%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	40%	58%	2%	
At campus cultural events	37%	53%	5%	2%	2%	0%	0%	1%	0%	40%	60%	0%	
At fraternity/sorority events	67%	14%	5%	3%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	69%	27%	3%	
Participating in other ISU organizations	54%	31%	10%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	57%	41%	2%	
Participating in sports or exercising	22%	41%	19%	9%	5%	1%	1%	0%	2%	24%	70%	6%	
Socializing in person with ISU friends	4%	23%	20%	14%	11%	7%	9%	2%	11%	3%	72%	26%	
Socializing in person with non-ISU friends	16%	39%	21%	10%	5%	4%	2%	2%	2%	20%	73%	7%	
Socializing in person w/ either type of friends	2%	16%	20%	16%	12%	7%	7%	7%	14%	3%	67%	30%	
Socializing phone,internet,email - ISU friends	16%	40%	12%	9%	7%	4%	5%	3%	3%	12%	79%	9%	
Socializing phone,internet,email - others	3%	32%	21%	15%	9%	7%	4%	4%	5%	4%	80%	17%	
Engaged in computer or internet recreation	9%	37%	20%	15%	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%	7%	79%	14%	
Playing video games or watching TV	6%	34%	25%	15%	8%	4%	2%	2%	2%	6%	84%	9%	
Participating in community activities	36%	46%	11%	4%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	36%	62%	2%	

#### IV. Skills

	How much has your college experience helped you develop your ability to:			Very Much/ A Lot 2002
	Very Much/ A Lot	Some	Not a Lot/ Not at All	
Get along with others	47%	41%	12%	57%
Think critically	55%	36%	9%	61%
Respect views of others	60%	31%	9%	69%
Develop close relationships with others	47%	34%	19%	58%
Be sensitive to the feelings of others	41%	42%	17%	52%
Be independent	80%	15%	5%	83%
Choose moral and ethical behavior	55%	27%	18%	62%
Establish your identity	58%	27%	15%	63%
Develop social skills	58%	29%	13%	65%
Develop a meaningful philosophy of life	41%	35%	25%	50%
Develop leadership skills	46%	34%	19%	52%
Handle stress	46%	30%	24%	52%
Understand and appreciate other cultures	56%	33%	11%	63%
Develop expertise in a given subject area	47%	31%	22%	51%
Communicate effectively	50%	40%	10%	61%

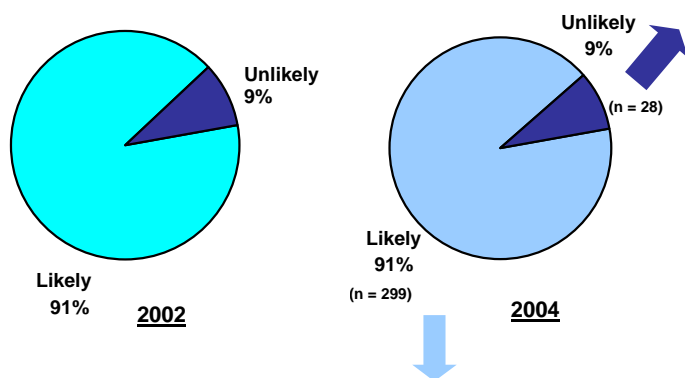
	How would you rate your ability to:			Very Good/ Good 2002
	Very Good/ Good	Average	Not Very/ Not Good	
Lead a group discussion	56%	29%	15%	57%
Solve problems creatively	65%	31%	4%	67%
Make well informed decisions	78%	20%	2%	80%
Spend leisure time wisely	49%	34%	17%	54%
Express yourself in oral communication	60%	25%	14%	60%
Express yourself in writing	63%	29%	9%	69%
Solve an algebra problem	57%	25%	18%	56%
Use computers for schoolwork	88%	11%	1%	87%
Intelligently discuss national politics	29%	36%	36%	38%
Intelligently discuss world events	34%	39%	28%	44%
Find info on the World Wide Web	85%	13%	2%	82%
Using library resources to get info	61%	30%	9%	70%
Work with others on projects	69%	24%	7%	75%



	2004 respondents			2002 respondents		
	Already Happened	Good/Some Chance	Little/No Chance	Already Happened	Good/Some Chance	Little/No Chance
Join a fraternity/sorority	14%	17%	67%	16%	21%	64%
Fail a class	9%	20%	70%	11%	21%	68%
Get tutoring help	10%	61%	28%	12%	68%	19%
Need extra time to complete a degree	0%	66%	34%	0%	71%	29%
Graduate with honors	0%	66%	34%	0%	68%	32%
Change your major	13%	43%	43%	12%	43%	45%
Transfer from ISU	4%	32%	63%	4%	37%	59%
Drop out permanently	0%	2%	96%	0%	5%	94%
Be satisfied with your college	18%	77%	3%	22%	74%	4%
Be gainfully employed during the school year	21%	64%	12%	18%	68%	14%

## VI. Future Academic Plans

Likelihood of Returning in Fall



The 299 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 2002
	Very	Fairly	Not Very/ Not At All	
Financial aid available	62%	17%	18%	66%
Low cost	71%	19%	8%	72%
Close to home	38%	26%	36%	41%
Far away from home	7%	14%	64%	10%
Appearance of campus	28%	45%	27%	39%
ISU's academic reputation	53%	35%	12%	56%
Academic reputation of my major department	72%	22%	5%	73%
Quality of faculty	69%	26%	5%	76%
Size of campus	50%	32%	17%	57%
Campus social life	42%	33%	24%	48%
Student activities	38%	35%	26%	42%
Class size	55%	32%	12%	62%
Computing facilities	36%	39%	22%	47%
Opportunities to interact with faculty in class	46%	32%	19%	56%
Opportunities to interact with faculty out of class	41%	34%	23%	53%
Life in residence halls	33%	30%	30%	47%
Family pressure to stay	19%	18%	59%	25%
Friendships with faculty	23%	33%	40%	37%
Friendships with staff	22%	32%	42%	37%
Friendships with students	59%	32%	8%	66%
Terre Haute community	23%	31%	41%	35%

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

	2004	2002
<b>ACADEMIC REPUTATION OF DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>LOW COST</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>CLOSE TO HOME</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>FRIENDSHIPS WITH STUDENTS</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>5%</b>

The 28 students who were unlikely to return to ISU in the fall were asked about their decision to leave.

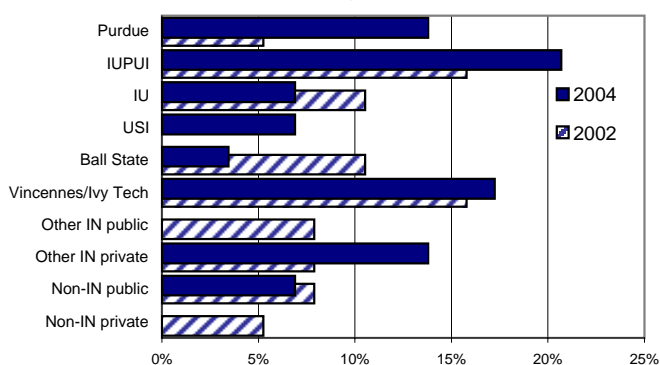
**Importance of Factors Affecting Decision to Leave ISU**

	Essential/		Not Very/Not at All	Essential or Very 2002
	Very	Fairly		
Not enough financial aid	n/a	n/a	n/a	34%
Cost too high	22%	11%	20%	26%
Too close to home	4%	9%	40%	11%
Too far away from home	13%	11%	29%	18%
Campus atmosphere	27%	18%	7%	58%
ISU's academic reputation	25%	9%	16%	37%
Academic reputation of my major department	24%	13%	13%	47%
Quality of faculty	25%	15%	13%	47%
Size of campus	15%	16%	22%	34%
Lack of campus social life	20%	20%	13%	37%
Lack of student activities	5%	22%	25%	24%
Class size too small	9%	5%	38%	8%
Too easy	11%	11%	31%	13%
Too difficult	11%	15%	27%	16%
Personal issues	15%	20%	18%	45%
Life in residence halls	22%	11%	18%	29%
Family pressure to quit	5%	5%	40%	3%
Lack of interaction with faculty	9%	11%	33%	21%
Lack of interaction with staff	9%	15%	29%	21%
Lack of interaction w/ students	9%	15%	29%	29%
Terre Haute community	18%	18%	16%	29%

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

	2004	2002
<b>TOO FAR AWAY FROM HOME</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>COST TOO HIGH</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>CAMPUS ATMOSPHERE</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>11%</b>

**Where Do You Hope to Transfer**



**Reasons for not returning to higher education**

	2004	2002
Need or want to work	57%	67%
Cannot afford it	57%	25%
Other	57%	58%
Decided school isn't for me	29%	33%
Was not learning much	29%	33%
Family responsibilities	14%	25%
Benefits not worth the cost	14%	33%
Too difficult	14%	17%
Health reasons	0%	8%