



# **Cooperative Institutional Research Program 2008 Freshman Survey**

- The Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP) is the nation's largest and oldest longitudinal study of the American higher education system. The CIRP project is administered by the Higher Education Research Institute (HERI) at the University of California at Los Angeles.
- The CIRP Freshmen Survey covers a variety of issues including student expectations of college; high school experiences; degree goals and career plans; college finances, attitudes, values, life goals; and reasons for attending college. The annual report of this survey provides normative data on each year's entering college students.
- The 2008 CIRP Freshman Survey was administered at Arkansas State University-Jonesboro by faculty teaching First Year Experience classes. More than 1,300 first-time entering freshmen and transfer students participated in the survey.

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Arkansas State University First-time Freshmen	# Res- pondents	ASU-Jonesboro			All Public 4Year Colleges		
		Men%	Women%	Total%	Men%	Women%	Total%
<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>1,211</b>	<b>17,650</b>	<b>21,875</b>	<b>39,525</b>	
<b>How old will you be on December 31 of this year?</b>	<b>1,206</b>						
16 or younger		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
17		0.9	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.7	
18		55.0	64.7	60.3	66.3	73.9	
19		36.3	28.2	31.9	29.7	23.0	
20		3.3	2.6	2.9	1.5	0.7	
21 to 24		3.3	2.0	2.6	1.1	0.4	
25 to 29		1.1	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.1	
30 to 39		0.0	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	
40 to 54		0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	
55 or older		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
<b>Is English your native language?</b>	<b>1,202</b>						
Yes		95.1	96.5	95.8	93.0	92.3	
No		4.9	3.5	4.2	7.0	7.7	
<b>In what year did you graduate from high school?</b>	<b>1,203</b>						
2008		90.7	93.9	92.4	96.4	98.1	
2007		4.0	2.8	3.3	2.1	1.1	
2006		1.3	1.1	1.2	0.5	0.3	
2005 or earlier		2.5	1.4	1.9	0.9	0.4	
Did not graduate but passed G.E.D. test		1.5	0.9	1.2	0.2	0.2	
Never completed high school		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
<b>How many miles is this college from your permanent home?</b>	<b>1,191</b>						
5 or less		14.8	12.7	13.7	8.4	8.0	
6 to 10		9.9	10.5	10.2	7.8	9.2	
11 to 50		22.9	26.8	25.0	31.1	31.4	
51 to 100		22.0	18.8	20.2	16.1	19.0	
101 to 500		24.9	26.8	25.9	25.0	24.8	
Over 500		5.5	4.3	4.9	11.6	7.6	
<b>What was your average grade in high school?</b>	<b>1,200</b>						
A or A+		14.2	26.4	20.8	13.5	16.6	
A-		15.7	22.1	19.2	17.4	21.6	
B+		18.2	18.3	18.3	20.5	23.9	
B		19.0	15.0	16.8	27.2	24.9	
B-		12.4	9.7	10.9	11.9	8.1	
C+		11.7	5.5	8.3	6.7	3.8	
C		8.8	3.1	5.7	2.6	1.1	
D		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	
<b>From what kind of high school did you graduate?</b>	<b>1,197</b>						
Public school ( <u>not</u> charter or magnet)		90.8	90.5	90.6	81.5	83.9	
Public charter school		0.7	0.3	0.5	2.4	2.5	
Public magnet school		2.2	2.5	2.3	3.3	3.5	
Private religious/parochial school		2.7	2.9	2.8	8.6	6.8	
Private independent college-prep school		3.1	2.9	3.0	3.7	2.8	
Home school		0.4	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.5	
<b>Prior to this term, have you ever taken courses for credit at <u>this</u> institution?</b>	<b>1,195</b>						
No		86.2	83.1	84.5	95.1	94.6	
Yes		13.8	16.9	15.5	4.9	5.4	

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Arkansas State University First-time Freshmen	# Resp- ondents	ASU-Jonesboro			All Public 4Year Colleges		
		Men%	Women%	Total%	Men%	Women%	Total%
<b>Since leaving high school, have you ever taken courses, whether for credit or not for credit, at <u>any other</u> institution (university, 4- or 2-year college, technical, vocational, or business school)?</b>	<b>1,194</b>						
No		86.0	78.0	81.7	90.8	87.6	89.0
Yes		14.0	22.0	18.3	9.2	12.4	11.0
<b>Where do you plan to live during the fall term?</b>	<b>1,197</b>						
With my family or other relatives		23.0	24.0	23.6	25.9	25.1	25.4
Other private home, apartment, or room		11.4	11.3	11.4	7.3	7.2	7.2
College residence hall		61.4	60.3	60.8	62.9	63.6	63.3
Fraternity or sorority house		0.7	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Other campus student housing		2.0	2.9	2.5	3.0	3.6	3.3
Other		1.5	1.4	1.4	0.7	0.4	0.6
<b>To how many colleges other than this one did you apply for admission this year?</b>	<b>1,202</b>						
None		38.9	36.6	37.7	20.7	18.2	19.3
One		12.1	14.8	13.6	12.8	13.1	13.0
Two		17.0	17.9	17.5	16.1	16.5	16.3
Three		17.4	15.7	16.5	17.8	17.2	17.5
Four		8.0	8.1	8.1	13.0	13.1	13.0
Five		3.8	3.7	3.7	8.1	8.6	8.4
Six		0.7	1.7	1.2	4.9	6.1	5.6
Seven to ten		1.8	1.2	1.5	5.5	6.0	5.8
Eleven or more	0.2	0.3	0.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	
<b>Were you accepted by your first choice college?</b>	<b>1,190</b>						
Yes		93.2	95.7	94.5	79.8	82.7	81.4
No		6.8	4.3	5.5	20.2	17.3	18.6
<b>Is this college your:</b>	<b>1,197</b>						
First choice?		68.5	72.2	70.5	62.1	59.2	60.5
Second choice?		23.8	21.4	22.5	26.6	28.8	27.8
Third choice?		4.9	4.5	4.7	7.8	8.3	8.1
Less than third choice?		2.7	2.0	2.3	3.4	3.7	3.6
<b>Citizenship status</b>	<b>1,201</b>						
U.S. citizen		96.5	97.4	97.0	97.3	97.7	97.5
Permanent resident (green card)		0.4	0.3	0.3	1.7	1.5	1.6
Neither		3.1	2.3	2.7	0.9	0.7	0.8
<b>Are your parents:</b>	<b>1,198</b>						
Both alive and living with each other?		54.2	54.0	54.1	69.1	63.0	65.7
Both alive, divorced or living apart?		39.0	39.4	39.2	27.0	32.5	30.0
One or both deceased?		6.8	6.6	6.7	3.9	4.5	4.2

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		Men%	Women%	Total%	Men%	Women%	Total%
<b>During high school (grades 9-12) how many years did you study each of the following subjects? [1]</b>							
English (4 years)	1,192	93.4	96.6	95.1	97.2	98.0	97.6
Mathematics (3 years)	1,193	95.2	97.5	96.5	97.8	98.0	97.9
Foreign Language (2 years)	1,178	74.5	88.4	82.1	88.7	91.4	90.2
Physical Science (2 years)	1,183	41.6	32.1	36.4	60.5	52.6	56.2
Biological Science (2 years)	1,175	38.1	33.3	35.5	44.8	46.3	45.6
History/Am. Govt. (1 year)	1,172	97.7	98.9	98.4	98.9	98.7	98.8
Computer Science (1/2 year)	1,163	69.7	63.0	66.0	71.6	62.6	66.6
Arts and/or Music (1 year)	1,178	79.0	84.6	82.1	76.5	83.4	80.3
<b>WHAT IS THE HIGHEST ACADEMIC DREGREE THAT YOU INTEND TO OBTAIN?</b>							
<b>Highest planned</b>	<b>995</b>						
None		2.4	1.7	2.0	1.1	0.9	1.0
Vocational certificate		0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2
Associate (A.A. or equivalent)		1.5	0.9	1.2	0.7	0.8	0.8
Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.)		33.0	29.9	31.4	29.7	25.8	27.6
Master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.)		39.7	37.8	38.7	42.5	44.4	43.5
Ph.D. or Ed.D.		13.0	17.3	15.3	15.5	16.5	16.0
M.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.V.M.		5.8	7.7	6.8	5.3	6.7	6.1
J.D. (Law)		2.2	1.7	1.9	3.1	2.7	2.9
B.D. or M.DIV. (Divinity)		0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Other		1.7	2.3	2.0	1.5	1.8	1.6
<b>Highest planned at this college</b>							
<b>Highest planned at this college</b>	<b>745</b>						
None		2.4	3.2	2.8	2.7	1.8	2.2
Vocational certificate		0.0	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Associate (A.A. or equivalent)		2.6	4.2	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.6
Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.)		62.6	54.3	58.1	71.1	67.6	69.2
Master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.)		26.5	29.6	28.2	17.5	21.2	19.5
Ph.D. or Ed.D.		3.5	4.0	3.8	2.4	2.7	2.6
M.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.V.M.		0.9	2.0	1.5	0.5	0.7	0.6
J.D. (Law)		0.0	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
B.D. or M.DIV. (Divinity)		0.0	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other		1.5	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
<b>HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE RACIAL COMPOSITION OF THE:</b>							
<b>High school I last attended</b>	<b>1,186</b>						
Completely non-White		3.1	2.3	2.7	4.1	4.2	4.2
Mostly non-White		13.1	10.1	11.5	13.2	14.2	13.8
Roughly half non-White		29.2	29.1	29.2	24.6	27.4	26.1
Mostly White		39.3	41.7	40.6	50.3	47.3	48.6
Completely White		15.3	16.7	16.0	7.8	6.8	7.3
<b>Neighborhood where I grew up</b>	<b>1,126</b>						
Completely non-White		11.5	7.7	9.4	7.1	7.6	7.4
Mostly non-White		12.0	10.5	11.2	11.9	12.8	12.4
Roughly half non-White		10.9	11.9	11.5	13.9	14.4	14.2
Mostly White		30.5	33.6	32.1	46.7	46.3	46.5
Completely White		35.1	36.3	35.8	20.3	18.9	19.6

[1] Based on the recommendations of the National Commission on Excellence in Education.

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Arkansas State University First-time Freshmen	# Resp- ondents	ASU-Jonesboro			All Public 4Year Colleges		
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<b>Do you have a disability?</b>							
Hearing	1,211	0.5	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.6
Speech	1,211	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3
Orthopedic	1,211	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5
Learning disability	1,211	2.9	2.7	2.8	4.0	2.7	3.3
Partially sighted or blind	1,211	2.0	2.3	2.1	1.8	1.3	1.5
Health-related	1,211	1.1	2.6	1.9	1.1	1.6	1.4
Other	1,211	2.7	1.5	2.1	1.4	1.3	1.3
<b>HOW MUCH OF YOUR FIRST YEAR'S EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES (ROOM, BOARD TUITION, AND FEES) DO YOU EXPECT TO COVER FROM:</b>							
<b>Family resources (parents, relatives, spouse, etc.)</b>	1,211						
None		38.7	41.6	40.3	29.3	24.5	26.7
Less than \$1,000		24.6	20.7	22.5	14.1	16.9	15.6
\$1,000 to 2,999		16.8	17.8	17.3	16.8	17.6	17.2
\$3,000 to 5,999		7.6	11.2	9.6	13.4	13.6	13.5
\$6,000 to 9,999		6.1	3.8	4.9	9.1	9.9	9.5
\$10,000 +		6.1	4.9	5.5	17.3	17.6	17.4
<b>My own resources (savings from work, work-study, other income)</b>	1,211						
None		50.6	54.4	52.7	40.4	35.6	37.8
Less than \$1,000		28.9	29.8	29.4	26.4	32.8	29.9
\$1,000 to 2,999		13.4	10.5	11.8	21.6	21.3	21.4
\$3,000 to 5,999		5.1	4.0	4.5	7.9	7.0	7.4
\$6,000 to 9,999		1.1	0.8	0.9	2.1	1.9	2.0
\$10,000 +		0.9	0.6	0.7	1.6	1.5	1.6
<b>Aid which need <u>not</u> be repaid (grants, scholarships, military funding, etc.)</b>	1,211						
None		32.4	22.9	27.3	39.0	33.6	36.0
Less than \$1,000		5.1	5.3	5.2	9.0	9.8	9.4
\$1,000 to 2,999		13.2	16.6	15.0	16.6	19.0	17.9
\$3,000 to 5,999		19.9	20.4	20.1	14.4	17.4	16.0
\$6,000 to 9,999		12.5	18.2	15.6	7.5	9.6	8.6
\$10,000 +		17.0	16.6	16.8	13.6	10.6	11.9
<b>Aid which <u>must</u> be repaid (loans, etc.)</b>	1,211						
None		52.1	52.7	52.4	58.7	52.7	55.4
Less than \$1,000		3.8	4.6	4.2	4.8	5.1	5.0
\$1,000 to 2,999		13.4	12.3	12.8	10.1	11.5	10.9
\$3,000 to 5,999		16.6	16.7	16.7	13.1	15.2	14.3
\$6,000 to 9,999		8.9	8.7	8.8	6.3	8.0	7.2
\$10,000 +		5.2	5.0	5.1	7.0	7.4	7.2
<b>Other than above</b>	1,211						
None		94.2	97.3	95.9	93.3	94.5	93.9
Less than \$1,000		1.8	0.8	1.2	2.9	2.4	2.6
\$1,000 to 2,999		1.1	0.9	1.0	1.8	1.4	1.6
\$3,000 to 5,999		0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
\$6,000 to 9,999		0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
\$10,000 +		2.0	0.0	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.8

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		Men%	Women%	Total%	Men%	Women%	Total%
<b>What is your <u>best estimate</u> of your parents' total income last year? Consider income from all sources before taxes</b>	<b>1,061</b>						
Less than \$10,000		7.7	8.5	8.1	3.6	5.5	4.6
\$10,000 to 14,999		3.8	5.6	4.8	2.7	4.5	3.6
\$15,000 to 19,999		5.9	6.3	6.1	2.6	3.4	3.0
\$20,000 to 24,999		5.7	4.1	4.8	3.2	4.8	4.1
\$25,000 to 29,999		3.4	6.0	4.8	3.3	4.4	3.9
\$30,000 to 39,999		7.1	8.6	7.9	6.3	8.0	7.2
\$40,000 to 49,999		8.9	10.6	9.8	7.2	9.4	8.4
\$50,000 to 59,999		10.9	10.1	10.5	9.2	9.3	9.3
\$60,000 to 74,999		13.4	12.7	13.0	11.9	12.2	12.1
\$75,000 to 99,999		11.3	11.3	11.3	15.4	13.0	14.1
\$100,000 to 149,999		12.8	10.2	11.4	18.6	13.4	15.8
\$150,000 to 199,999		2.4	2.5	2.5	7.6	5.9	6.7
\$200,000 to 249,999		2.2	1.8	2.0	3.4	2.2	2.8
\$250,000 or more		4.5	1.8	3.0	5.2	3.9	4.5
<b>Do you have any concern about your ability to finance your college education?</b>	<b>1,168</b>						
None (I am confident that I will have sufficient funds)		44.1	33.2	38.1	45.0	30.2	36.8
Some (but I probably will have enough funds)		44.9	50.9	48.2	46.8	56.8	52.3
Major (not sure I will have enough funds to complete college)		11.0	15.9	13.7	8.2	13.1	10.9
<b>Your current religious preference</b>	<b>1,166</b>						
Baptist		51.7	54.5	53.3	13.3	15.6	14.6
Buddhist		0.6	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.7	0.8
Church of Christ		10.8	8.0	9.3	5.8	5.0	5.3
Eastern Orthodox		0.4	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.5
Episcopalian		0.4	0.2	0.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
Hindu		3.2	1.1	2.1	0.4	0.2	0.3
Jewish		0.2	0.2	0.2	1.7	1.4	1.5
LDS (Mormon)		0.2	0.2	0.2	3.9	3.6	3.7
Lutheran		0.9	0.3	0.6	2.6	2.7	2.6
Methodist		6.1	6.6	6.3	4.3	5.1	4.7
Muslim		0.2	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.9	0.8
Presbyterian		0.8	0.8	0.8	2.5	2.6	2.6
Quaker		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2
Roman Catholic		3.2	4.1	3.7	24.0	23.4	23.7
Seventh Day Adventist		0.0	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
United Church of Christ/Congregational		0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.8	0.7
Other Christian		10.0	11.8	11.0	12.8	14.6	13.8
Other Religion		2.7	3.6	3.2	3.0	3.4	3.2
None		8.5	7.5	8.0	21.4	17.9	19.4

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<b>Father's current religious preference</b>	<b>1,046</b>						
Baptist		51.3	51.4	51.3	14.2	15.1	14.7
Buddhist		0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.9
Church of Christ		9.8	8.5	9.1	5.8	4.7	5.2
Eastern Orthodox		0.2	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.6
Episcopalian		0.0	0.2	0.1	1.4	1.4	1.4
Hindu		3.4	1.2	2.2	0.5	0.3	0.4
Jewish		0.2	0.2	0.2	2.2	1.9	2.0
LDS (Mormon)		0.0	0.2	0.1	4.2	3.7	3.9
Lutheran		0.9	0.5	0.7	3.3	3.2	3.2
Methodist		5.7	6.8	6.3	4.8	5.1	5.0
Muslim		0.2	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.2
Presbyterian		0.9	1.2	1.1	3.2	3.1	3.1
Quaker		0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Roman Catholic		4.9	3.6	4.2	27.8	26.6	27.1
Seventh Day Adventist		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.4
United Church of Christ/Congregational		0.4	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.7	0.8
Other Christian		8.9	10.1	9.6	12.3	12.9	12.6
Other Religion		1.3	3.3	2.4	1.8	2.6	2.3
None		11.1	10.2	10.6	14.4	15.4	14.9
<b>Mother's current religious preference</b>	<b>1,072</b>						
Baptist		55.9	54.2	54.9	14.6	16.2	15.5
Buddhist		0.6	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.9
Church of Christ		10.7	8.5	9.5	6.6	5.4	5.9
Eastern Orthodox		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.6
Episcopalian		0.2	0.2	0.2	1.5	1.5	1.5
Hindu		3.1	1.2	2.1	0.5	0.3	0.4
Jewish		0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	1.8	1.9
LDS (Mormon)		0.0	0.2	0.1	4.3	3.9	4.1
Lutheran		0.8	0.3	0.6	3.4	3.3	3.3
Methodist		5.8	6.1	6.0	5.5	5.9	5.7
Muslim		0.2	0.5	0.4	0.8	1.0	0.9
Presbyterian		0.6	1.2	0.9	3.3	3.3	3.3
Quaker		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2
Roman Catholic		3.7	6.0	4.9	29.3	28.2	28.7
Seventh Day Adventist		0.0	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.5
United Church of Christ/Congregational		0.4	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.9	0.9
Other Christian		10.9	11.8	11.4	13.6	14.1	13.9
Other Religion		1.0	3.6	2.4	1.9	2.8	2.4
None		6.0	5.3	5.6	9.4	9.4	9.4

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Arkansas State University First-time Freshmen	# Resp- ondents	ASU-Jonesboro			All Public 4Year Colleges		
		Men%	Women%	Total%	Men%	Women%	Total%
<b>During the past year, student "frequently" or "occasionally":</b>							
Attended a religious service	1,172	85.8	89.3	87.7	73.6	77.9	76.0
Was bored in class [2]	1,175	47.2	44.0	45.4	42.7	39.6	41.0
Participated in political demonstrations	1,172	21.8	21.2	21.5	25.4	24.4	24.8
Tutored another student	1,173	49.5	55.9	53.0	49.8	52.7	51.4
Studied with other students	1,174	82.0	84.4	83.3	82.2	88.2	85.5
Was a guest in a teacher's home	1,173	30.2	28.6	29.3	21.3	19.5	20.3
Smoked cigarettes [2]	1,173	11.0	8.4	9.5	5.6	5.4	5.4
Drank beer	1,171	45.1	30.2	36.9	42.1	31.7	36.4
Drank wine or liquor	1,168	50.1	49.1	49.6	43.2	42.6	42.9
Felt overwhelmed by all I had to do [2]	1,169	20.3	43.4	32.9	17.3	37.4	28.4
Felt depressed [2]	1,174	9.3	14.4	12.1	5.7	9.2	7.6
Performed volunteer work	1,172	66.4	78.0	72.8	76.4	82.7	79.9
Played a musical instrument	1,170	44.2	35.7	39.5	46.7	37.5	41.6
Asked a teacher for advice after class [2]	1,176	18.5	20.6	19.6	23.1	28.3	26.0
Voted in a student election [2]	1,164	20.2	26.3	23.5	20.1	22.8	21.5
Socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group [2]	1,175	60.0	56.7	58.2	68.3	69.3	68.9
Came late to class	1,169	54.3	57.2	55.9	63.0	60.1	61.4
Used the Internet: [2]							
For research or homework	1,176	59.7	73.8	67.4	65.0	76.1	71.1
To read news sites	1,171	36.4	33.1	34.6	41.8	36.4	38.8
To read blogs	1,171	25.7	31.0	28.6	20.8	26.2	23.8
To blog	1,165	16.1	22.4	19.6	11.8	16.5	14.4
Performed community service as part of a class	1,168	40.3	53.0	47.3	51.0	58.8	55.3
Discussed religion [2]	1,169	28.3	36.5	32.8	29.7	30.0	29.8
Discussed politics [2]	1,159	23.2	21.3	22.2	35.8	28.5	31.8
Worked on a local, state or national political campaign	1,166	11.6	12.8	12.3	11.3	9.9	10.5
<b>Student rated self "above average" or "highest 10%" as compared with the average person of his/her age in:</b>							
Academic ability	1,171	54.9	54.1	54.5	66.4	56.5	61.0
Artistic ability	1,170	26.6	23.5	24.9	29.1	28.6	28.8
Computer skills	1,170	40.8	35.6	37.9	46.9	30.8	38.0
Cooperativeness	1,166	63.6	68.0	66.0	70.8	72.2	71.6
Creativity	1,170	54.6	48.4	51.2	56.4	54.0	55.1
Drive to achieve	1,168	65.3	71.6	68.8	69.1	72.5	70.9
Emotional health	1,169	53.9	37.2	44.7	59.2	44.6	51.2
Leadership ability	1,170	59.2	48.7	53.4	64.5	55.2	59.4
Mathematical ability	1,170	45.6	34.1	39.3	48.7	30.4	38.6
Physical health	1,167	62.9	38.7	49.6	66.5	41.9	53.0
Popularity	1,168	50.2	32.5	40.5	46.6	31.8	38.4
Public speaking ability	1,168	33.5	26.1	29.5	40.3	31.2	35.3
Self-confidence (intellectual)	1,167	63.9	48.4	55.4	66.5	49.3	57.0
Self-confidence (social)	1,171	61.5	45.4	52.7	58.2	47.3	52.2
Self-understanding	1,166	60.3	46.4	52.7	61.4	50.9	55.6
Spirituality	1,160	45.6	46.9	46.3	40.2	39.9	40.0
Understanding of others	1,166	57.6	56.7	57.1	63.7	66.6	65.3
Writing ability	1,169	37.8	39.9	38.9	42.3	44.3	43.4

[2] Percentage responding "frequently" only.

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Arkansas State University First-time Freshmen	# Resp- ondents	ASU-Jonesboro			All Public 4Year Colleges		
		Men%	Women%	Total%	Men%	Women%	Total%
<b>Student rated self "above average" or "highest 10%" as compared with the average person of his/her age in:</b>							
Ability to see the world from someone else's perspective	1,166	52.2	46.8	49.2	62.3	61.3	61.7
Tolerance of others with different beliefs	1,167	58.1	55.3	56.6	68.9	69.7	69.4
Openness to having my own views challenged	1,164	53.7	46.2	49.6	58.9	54.2	56.3
Ability to discuss and negotiate controversial issues	1,166	59.6	44.4	51.2	67.4	55.3	60.7
Ability to work cooperatively with diverse people	1,166	65.7	62.9	64.2	76.9	76.0	76.4
<b>WHAT IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF FORMAL EDUCATION OBTAINED BY YOUR PARENTS?</b>							
<b>Father</b>	1,137						
Grammar school or less		5.1	3.8	4.4	4.3	5.9	5.1
Some high school		9.0	8.8	8.9	5.5	7.3	6.5
High school graduate		36.9	33.2	34.8	22.4	26.3	24.6
Postsecondary school other than college		2.4	6.1	4.4	3.3	4.0	3.7
Some college		16.3	19.3	17.9	16.8	17.2	17.0
College degree		20.2	17.9	18.9	27.5	23.4	25.2
Some graduate school		0.8	0.6	0.7	1.6	1.6	1.6
Graduate degree		9.4	10.4	9.9	18.6	14.4	16.3
<b>Mother</b>	1,159						
Grammar school or less		4.2	2.3	3.2	3.9	5.4	4.7
Some high school		6.9	6.7	6.8	4.1	5.2	4.7
High school graduate		28.3	27.7	28.0	20.2	22.2	21.3
Postsecondary school other than college		4.6	5.5	5.1	3.7	4.2	4.0
Some college		21.2	23.6	22.5	19.5	20.4	20.0
College degree		23.1	22.0	22.5	31.2	27.5	29.2
Some graduate school		1.7	1.1	1.4	2.2	1.9	2.0
Graduate degree		9.8	11.1	10.5	15.1	13.1	14.0
<b>During the past year, did you "frequently":</b>							
Ask questions in class	1,174	39.4	46.0	43.0	47.0	54.6	51.2
Support your opinions with a logical argument	1,172	46.7	40.3	43.2	56.4	50.8	53.3
Seek solutions to problems and explain them to others	1,165	35.7	40.4	38.3	47.0	47.6	47.3
Revise your papers to improve your writing	1,166	31.5	46.9	40.0	33.6	50.4	42.9
Evaluate the quality or reliability of information you received	1,166	29.2	26.5	27.7	33.9	33.2	33.5
Take a risk because you feel you have more to gain	1,165	47.9	34.5	40.5	43.4	37.0	39.9
Seek alternative solutions to a problem	1,161	41.6	35.2	38.1	44.1	40.8	42.3
Look up scientific research articles and resources	1,161	16.6	14.6	15.5	21.7	18.2	19.8
Explore topics on your own, even though it was not required for a class	1,159	24.5	22.2	23.2	32.9	26.1	29.2
Accept mistakes as part of the learning process	1,164	46.0	49.5	47.9	49.2	52.3	50.9
Seek feedback on your academic work	1,165	34.7	45.9	40.9	38.8	50.1	45.0
Take notes during class	1,157	56.6	76.6	67.7	47.3	75.2	62.7

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Arkansas State University First-time Freshmen	# Resp- ondents	ASU-Jonesboro			All Public 4Year Colleges		
		Men%	Women%	Total%	Men%	Women%	Total%
<b>Your probable career occupation</b>	<b>1,078</b>						
Accountant or actuary		3.1	1.8	2.4	2.7	2.1	2.4
Actor or entertainer		2.9	0.7	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.6
Architect or urban planner		1.5	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.5
Artist		2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.8	2.5
Business (clerical)		0.4	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.7
Business executive (management, administrator)		7.1	3.4	5.0	8.2	4.5	6.2
Business owner or proprietor		3.5	1.5	2.4	5.1	2.0	3.4
Business salesperson or buyer		1.7	0.2	0.8	1.2	0.8	1.0
Clergy (minister, priest)		0.4	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1
Clergy (other religious)		0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Clinical psychologist		0.8	2.0	1.5	0.8	2.1	1.5
College administrator/staff		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
College teacher		0.2	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.4
Computer programmer or analyst		6.4	1.0	3.4	3.7	0.4	1.9
Conservationist or forester		0.4	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Dentist (including orthodontist)		1.0	2.5	1.9	1.2	1.2	1.2
Dietitian or nutritionist		0.6	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.5
Engineer		8.1	0.8	4.1	10.5	1.4	5.5
Farmer or rancher		2.5	0.3	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.2
Foreign service worker (including diplomat)		0.0	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.4
Homemaker (full-time)		0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Interior decorator (including designer)		0.0	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.4
Lab technician or hygienist		0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2
Law enforcement officer		1.7	0.3	0.9	3.0	0.9	1.8
Lawyer (attorney) or judge		2.9	3.2	3.1	2.5	2.7	2.6
Military service (career)		1.2	0.5	0.8	7.0	1.3	3.9
Musician (performer, composer)		1.5	0.2	0.7	2.9	1.2	1.9
Nurse		2.7	15.4	9.7	1.4	11.3	6.8
Optometrist		0.6	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.4
Pharmacist		2.5	3.9	3.2	1.5	1.9	1.8
Physician		3.9	4.4	4.2	3.4	3.7	3.6
Policymaker/Government		0.2	0.0	0.1	1.0	0.4	0.7
School counselor		0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.4
School principal or superintendent		0.6	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Scientific researcher		1.5	0.8	1.1	1.5	1.1	1.3
Social, welfare, or recreation worker		0.4	2.2	1.4	0.4	2.2	1.4
Therapist (physical, occupational, speech)		5.2	10.6	8.2	2.2	4.7	3.6
Teacher or administrator (elementary)		0.6	7.9	4.6	1.1	9.8	5.9
Teacher or administrator (secondary)		4.1	3.2	3.6	5.5	5.8	5.7
Veterinarian		0.8	1.2	1.0	0.3	1.2	0.8
Writer or journalist		0.6	2.0	1.4	1.7	2.8	2.3
Skilled trades		0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.4
Laborer (unskilled)		0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.4
Semi-skilled worker		0.2	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.3
Unemployed		1.7	2.2	1.9	1.3	1.5	1.4
Other		7.7	10.2	9.1	7.9	10.1	9.1
Undecided		16.0	10.7	13.1	12.6	13.2	12.9

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Arkansas State University First-time Freshmen	# Resp- ondents	ASU-Jonesboro			All Public 4Year Colleges		
		Men%	Women%	Total%	Men%	Women%	Total%
<b>Your father's occupation [3]</b>	<b>1,065</b>						
Artist		1.3	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Business		22.6	20.1	21.2	25.5	23.3	24.3
Business (clerical)		1.3	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.3
Clergy		0.6	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.7
College teacher		0.6	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.4
Doctor (MD or DDS)		0.9	1.3	1.1	1.8	1.1	1.4
Education (secondary)		3.2	2.5	2.8	2.4	2.1	2.2
Education (elementary)		0.4	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6
Engineer		4.5	5.5	5.1	8.2	7.3	7.7
Farmer or forester		7.2	6.5	6.9	1.2	1.2	1.2
Health professional		0.9	0.8	0.8	1.4	1.2	1.2
Homemaker (full-time)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.3
Lawyer		0.2	0.2	0.2	1.6	1.2	1.4
Military (career)		3.6	3.2	3.4	2.9	2.3	2.6
Nurse		0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.6
Research scientist		0.0	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.5
Social/welfare/rec worker		0.6	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.7
Skilled worker		9.6	7.0	8.2	9.5	7.3	8.3
Semi-skilled worker		5.8	6.2	6.0	3.5	3.1	3.3
Unskilled worker		5.3	5.2	5.3	3.7	4.1	3.9
Unemployed		4.1	5.5	4.9	2.7	4.3	3.6
Other		26.4	30.4	28.6	29.0	36.2	32.9
<b>Your mother's occupation [3]</b>	<b>1,094</b>						
Artist		0.8	0.3	0.5	1.7	1.4	1.5
Business		15.4	16.2	15.8	16.4	16.1	16.3
Business (clerical)		6.0	6.9	6.5	4.1	4.3	4.2
Clergy		0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
College teacher		0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.3
Doctor (MD or DDS)		1.2	0.2	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.9
Education (secondary)		5.2	7.0	6.2	4.8	4.1	4.4
Education (elementary)		7.9	6.0	6.9	8.3	7.2	7.7
Engineer		0.6	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.7
Farmer or forester		0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2
Health professional		3.5	3.6	3.6	2.9	3.1	3.0
Homemaker (full-time)		5.4	5.9	5.7	5.9	7.4	6.7
Lawyer		0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.6
Military (career)		0.6	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nurse		11.4	9.8	10.5	9.5	8.5	8.9
Research scientist		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.3
Social/welfare/rec worker		1.2	2.3	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Skilled worker		2.7	1.5	2.0	2.2	1.5	1.8
Semi-skilled worker		2.5	3.1	2.8	2.4	1.7	2.0
Unskilled worker		3.1	2.8	2.9	2.2	2.1	2.1
Unemployed		6.8	8.0	7.5	7.5	7.3	7.4
Other		24.1	24.5	24.3	26.2	30.6	28.6
<b>How would you characterize your political views?</b>	<b>1,110</b>						
Far left		2.1	2.0	2.1	3.1	2.5	2.8
Liberal		18.3	21.7	20.1	22.9	30.4	27.0
Middle-of-the-road		52.0	45.9	48.7	46.7	47.0	46.9
Conservative		25.4	27.4	26.5	24.2	18.8	21.2
Far right		2.1	3.0	2.6	3.1	1.2	2.1

[3] Recategorization of this item from a longer list is shown in Appendix C of "The American Freshman".

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		Men%	Women%	Total%	Men%	Women%	Total%
<b>Student agrees "strongly" or "somewhat:"</b>							
There is too much concern in the courts for the rights of criminals	<b>1,114</b>	67.7	62.6	64.9	63.8	58.7	61.0
Abortion should be legal	<b>1,130</b>	37.4	33.7	35.3	56.2	54.2	55.1
The death penalty should be abolished	<b>1,128</b>	27.8	28.2	28.0	26.6	33.3	30.3
Marijuana should be legalized	<b>1,130</b>	43.0	29.2	35.4	45.1	36.4	40.3
It is important to have laws prohibiting homosexual relationships	<b>1,122</b>	53.2	34.3	42.8	33.3	18.9	25.3
Racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in America	<b>1,131</b>	30.6	24.8	27.4	26.5	17.3	21.5
Realistically, an individual can do little to bring about changes in our society	<b>1,117</b>	41.0	30.4	35.2	33.3	27.1	29.9
Wealthy people should pay a larger share of taxes than they do now	<b>1,118</b>	59.0	55.1	56.9	59.2	61.2	60.3
Same-sex couples should have the right to legal marital status	<b>1,122</b>	37.8	47.1	42.9	55.0	71.3	64.0
Affirmative action in college admissions should be abolished	<b>1,061</b>	45.3	36.7	40.7	50.6	38.4	44.0
Federal military spending should be increased	<b>1,099</b>	46.5	36.9	41.3	37.9	28.2	32.6
The federal government should do more to control the sale of handguns	<b>1,114</b>	60.8	71.8	66.8	60.2	77.7	69.8
Only volunteers should serve in the armed forces	<b>1,111</b>	56.2	56.3	56.3	63.4	65.0	64.3
The federal government is not doing enough to control environmental pollution	<b>1,112</b>	71.4	74.5	73.1	73.1	80.4	77.1
A national health care plan is needed to cover everybody's medical costs	<b>1,106</b>	70.3	77.4	74.1	65.2	75.6	70.9
Undocumented immigrants should be denied access to public education	<b>1,106</b>	56.5	51.6	53.8	55.9	46.0	50.5
Through hard work, everybody can succeed in American society	<b>1,113</b>	83.6	84.5	84.1	81.8	80.4	81.1
Dissent is a critical component of the political process	<b>1,042</b>	56.5	48.5	52.2	62.6	54.7	58.4
Colleges have the right to ban extreme speakers from campus	<b>1,095</b>	40.5	43.0	41.8	45.0	38.0	41.2
Students from disadvantaged social backgrounds should be given preferential treatment in college admissions	<b>1,092</b>	49.6	44.4	46.8	41.9	39.4	40.5
The federal government should raise taxes to reduce the deficit	<b>1,087</b>	25.3	14.6	19.5	29.2	21.6	25.0
Addressing global warming should be a federal priority	<b>1,103</b>	69.3	69.4	69.4	67.9	75.4	72.0

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		Men%	Women%	Total%	Men%	Women%	Total%
<b>DURING YOUR LAST YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL, HOW MUCH TIME DID YOU SPEND DURING A TYPICAL WEEK DOING THE FOLLOWING?</b>							
<b>Studying/homework</b>	<b>1,143</b>						
None		10.2	1.7	5.5	4.1	1.4	2.6
Less than one hour		22.1	13.2	17.1	17.6	11.3	14.2
1 to 2 hours		31.1	31.9	31.5	28.7	25.5	26.9
3 to 5 hours		22.7	31.2	27.4	26.7	31.6	29.4
6 to 10 hours		8.6	12.4	10.7	14.2	17.7	16.1
11 to 15 hours		3.5	6.5	5.2	5.0	7.0	6.1
16 to 20 hours		0.8	1.6	1.2	2.0	3.3	2.7
Over 20 hours		1.2	1.6	1.4	1.6	2.1	1.9
<b>Socializing with friends</b>	<b>1,135</b>						
None		0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Less than one hour		1.2	1.1	1.1	1.7	1.8	1.8
1 to 2 hours		5.7	5.0	5.3	6.7	7.5	7.1
3 to 5 hours		16.7	19.6	18.3	18.6	20.4	19.6
6 to 10 hours		21.4	24.9	23.3	24.5	25.9	25.3
11 to 15 hours		14.7	18.1	16.6	17.6	17.7	17.6
16 to 20 hours		13.2	12.5	12.8	11.2	10.9	11.1
Over 20 hours		26.7	18.7	22.3	19.3	15.4	17.1
<b>Talking with teachers outside of class</b>	<b>1,143</b>						
None		16.4	10.2	12.9	12.8	9.2	10.8
Less than one hour		39.8	41.4	40.7	43.7	41.9	42.7
1 to 2 hours		26.3	31.4	29.1	29.1	31.5	30.4
3 to 5 hours		10.7	10.2	10.4	9.7	11.9	10.9
6 to 10 hours		4.3	4.3	4.3	3.0	3.2	3.1
11 to 15 hours		1.4	1.9	1.7	0.9	1.3	1.1
16 to 20 hours		0.2	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4
Over 20 hours		1.0	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5
<b>Exercise or sports</b>	<b>1,139</b>						
None		4.1	6.4	5.4	3.3	7.1	5.4
Less than one hour		5.9	16.4	11.7	6.2	12.7	9.8
1 to 2 hours		13.9	17.5	15.9	12.6	18.5	15.9
3 to 5 hours		15.7	18.2	17.0	17.7	19.9	18.9
6 to 10 hours		17.4	18.0	17.7	19.4	16.3	17.7
11 to 15 hours		8.4	8.1	8.3	15.2	11.7	13.3
16 to 20 hours		10.8	6.4	8.3	10.0	6.5	8.1
Over 20 hours		23.9	9.1	15.7	15.6	7.1	10.9
<b>Partying</b>	<b>1,141</b>						
None		24.4	34.4	29.9	25.1	30.8	28.2
Less than one hour		12.5	13.5	13.1	14.3	14.7	14.5
1 to 2 hours		14.6	16.7	15.8	18.1	17.8	17.9
3 to 5 hours		20.7	16.2	18.2	19.1	18.7	18.9
6 to 10 hours		11.9	9.7	10.7	12.0	10.1	10.9
11 to 15 hours		6.4	4.3	5.3	5.5	4.3	4.8
16 to 20 hours		3.5	2.1	2.7	2.4	1.8	2.1
Over 20 hours		6.0	3.0	4.4	3.6	1.8	2.6

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<b>DURING YOUR LAST YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL, HOW MUCH TIME DID YOU SPEND DURING A TYPICAL WEEK DOING THE FOLLOWING?</b>							
<b>Working (for pay)</b>	<b>1,138</b>						
None		30.0	32.3	31.3	31.7	28.0	29.7
Less than one hour		2.0	2.4	2.2	3.1	2.0	2.5
1 to 2 hours		5.3	1.9	3.4	4.3	3.0	3.6
3 to 5 hours		7.1	4.1	5.4	7.6	7.0	7.3
6 to 10 hours		10.8	10.2	10.5	11.2	12.4	11.8
11 to 15 hours		11.6	9.7	10.5	11.2	14.4	13.0
16 to 20 hours		11.6	15.3	13.6	13.3	16.3	14.9
Over 20 hours		21.8	24.0	23.0	17.6	17.0	17.2
<b>Volunteer work</b>	<b>1,133</b>						
None		45.1	35.2	39.6	38.6	28.1	32.8
Less than one hour		20.5	21.8	21.2	22.8	21.2	21.9
1 to 2 hours		19.9	21.3	20.7	20.2	24.6	22.6
3 to 5 hours		8.9	12.0	10.6	10.3	14.2	12.4
6 to 10 hours		3.7	5.1	4.5	4.1	6.0	5.2
11 to 15 hours		1.0	2.4	1.8	1.6	2.3	2.0
16 to 20 hours		0.4	1.3	0.9	0.8	1.3	1.1
Over 20 hours		0.6	1.0	0.8	1.5	2.3	2.0
<b>Student clubs/groups</b>	<b>1,132</b>						
None		39.2	20.4	28.8	42.0	28.9	34.8
Less than one hour		16.0	16.3	16.2	14.9	14.0	14.4
1 to 2 hours		20.0	24.2	22.3	20.0	24.7	22.6
3 to 5 hours		12.9	20.7	17.2	11.9	16.5	14.4
6 to 10 hours		6.1	9.9	8.2	5.5	7.9	6.8
11 to 15 hours		2.6	4.8	3.8	2.5	3.5	3.1
16 to 20 hours		1.8	1.9	1.9	1.2	1.8	1.5
Over 20 hours		1.4	1.8	1.6	2.1	2.7	2.4
<b>Watching TV</b>	<b>1,138</b>						
None		7.3	4.5	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.0
Less than one hour		11.2	14.8	13.2	13.2	17.1	15.4
1 to 2 hours		22.2	23.2	22.8	23.0	26.6	25.0
3 to 5 hours		22.8	27.0	25.1	26.7	27.1	27.0
6 to 10 hours		14.7	14.8	14.8	17.1	13.5	15.1
11 to 15 hours		7.3	5.7	6.4	7.0	4.8	5.8
16 to 20 hours		4.7	4.3	4.5	3.0	2.2	2.5
Over 20 hours		9.8	5.7	7.6	4.0	2.6	3.2
<b>Household/childcare duties</b>	<b>1,135</b>						
None		32.2	15.3	22.9	25.7	12.3	18.3
Less than one hour		18.1	17.4	17.7	19.7	17.7	18.6
1 to 2 hours		21.6	30.0	26.3	28.1	31.4	30.0
3 to 5 hours		17.9	20.0	19.0	16.9	22.3	19.9
6 to 10 hours		5.7	8.5	7.2	5.8	8.8	7.4
11 to 15 hours		1.2	3.4	2.4	1.8	3.4	2.7
16 to 20 hours		1.0	1.6	1.3	0.8	1.5	1.2
Over 20 hours		2.4	3.8	3.2	1.2	2.7	2.0

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<b>DURING YOUR LAST YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL, HOW MUCH TIME DID YOU SPEND DURING A TYPICAL WEEK DOING THE FOLLOWING?</b>							
<b>Reading for pleasure</b>	<b>1,136</b>						
None		47.9	28.5	37.1	35.3	22.1	28.0
Less than one hour		19.1	21.5	20.4	24.2	23.2	23.6
1 to 2 hours		15.2	20.2	18.0	20.1	23.8	22.1
3 to 5 hours		8.9	14.3	11.9	11.7	16.1	14.1
6 to 10 hours		5.5	8.4	7.1	5.1	8.1	6.7
11 to 15 hours		2.0	2.9	2.5	1.9	3.3	2.7
16 to 20 hours		1.0	1.4	1.2	0.8	1.6	1.2
Over 20 hours		0.4	2.9	1.8	0.9	1.8	1.4
<b>Playing video/computer games</b>	<b>1,138</b>						
None		16.7	51.0	35.7	16.6	57.4	39.1
Less than one hour		15.7	22.7	19.6	18.8	21.5	20.3
1 to 2 hours		19.6	12.9	15.9	21.6	11.7	16.1
3 to 5 hours		19.6	7.8	13.1	19.1	5.5	11.6
6 to 10 hours		11.2	2.9	6.6	11.8	2.2	6.5
11 to 15 hours		6.5	1.4	3.7	5.5	0.9	2.9
16 to 20 hours		4.1	0.5	2.1	2.7	0.4	1.4
Over 20 hours		6.5	0.8	3.3	4.0	0.5	2.1
<b>Online social networks (MySpace, Facebook, etc.)</b>	<b>1,139</b>						
None		12.6	7.3	9.7	15.4	10.4	12.7
Less than one hour		17.7	12.9	15.0	21.4	18.1	19.6
1 to 2 hours		23.8	25.4	24.7	26.3	27.0	26.7
3 to 5 hours		19.6	24.9	22.6	19.2	23.6	21.6
6 to 10 hours		10.0	13.7	12.0	9.3	11.2	10.3
11 to 15 hours		6.9	6.2	6.5	3.9	4.4	4.2
16 to 20 hours		3.5	3.5	3.5	1.7	2.1	1.9
Over 20 hours		5.9	6.2	6.1	2.7	3.2	3.0
<b>Are you: [4]</b>	<b>1,153</b>						
White/Caucasian		68.7	70.5	69.6	72.7	69.6	71.0
African American/Black		26.5	25.8	26.1	12.1	15.7	14.1
American Indian/Alaska Native		3.5	2.1	2.7	3.3	3.6	3.5
Asian American/Asian		5.0	1.4	3.0	5.1	3.9	4.4
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander		1.0	0.3	0.6	1.6	1.4	1.5
Mexican American/Chicano		2.7	0.6	1.6	7.3	7.4	7.4
Puerto Rican		0.8	0.3	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.2
Other Latino		0.8	1.1	1.0	4.1	4.7	4.5
Other		1.7	2.4	2.1	4.0	4.2	4.1

[4] Percentages will add to more than 100.0 if any student marked more than one category.

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		Men%	Women%	Total%	Men%	Women%	Total%
<b>Reasons noted as "very important" in influencing student's decision to attend this particular college</b>							
My parents wanted me to come here	<b>1,136</b>	21.2	24.8	23.2	14.5	16.6	15.7
My relatives wanted me to come here	<b>1,129</b>	14.1	14.5	14.3	7.0	6.3	6.6
My teacher advised me	<b>1,117</b>	11.1	7.7	9.2	7.2	7.6	7.4
This college has a very good academic reputation	<b>1,133</b>	40.7	54.5	48.3	52.1	62.6	57.9
This college has a good reputation for its social activities	<b>1,127</b>	33.4	36.4	35.0	32.3	37.9	35.4
I was offered financial assistance	<b>1,123</b>	55.8	64.7	60.7	32.5	41.2	37.3
The cost of attending this college	<b>1,125</b>	48.4	53.8	51.4	44.8	53.3	49.5
High school counselor advised me	<b>1,117</b>	10.9	10.3	10.6	10.1	12.2	11.3
Private college counselor advised me	<b>1,111</b>	5.8	3.3	4.4	3.1	2.9	3.0
I wanted to live near home	<b>1,126</b>	27.5	40.6	34.7	21.0	29.0	25.4
Not offered aid by first choice	<b>1,105</b>	12.3	11.3	11.8	6.6	9.3	8.1
Could not afford first choice	<b>1,105</b>	13.0	14.2	13.7	10.6	14.8	12.9
This college's graduates gain admission to top graduate/professional schools	<b>1,095</b>	18.8	26.5	23.0	24.6	31.3	28.3
This college's graduates get good jobs	<b>1,095</b>	36.7	49.7	43.8	45.1	51.0	48.3
I was attracted by the religious affiliation/orientation of the college	<b>1,104</b>	8.0	10.7	9.5	3.9	4.4	4.2
I wanted to go to a school about the size of this college	<b>1,121</b>	28.0	36.7	32.8	26.8	40.7	34.5
Rankings in national magazines	<b>1,102</b>	7.6	6.9	7.3	11.3	11.2	11.2
Information from a website	<b>1,097</b>	11.7	19.6	16.0	13.7	19.9	17.1
I was admitted through an Early Action or Early Decision program	<b>1,102</b>	6.4	8.1	7.4	7.9	9.7	8.9
The athletic department recruited me	<b>1,103</b>	14.0	7.8	10.6	9.4	5.4	7.2
A visit to campus	<b>1,123</b>	28.7	38.8	34.3	31.2	40.1	36.1

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<b>YOUR PROBABLE MAJOR</b>							
<b>Arts and Humanities</b>	<b>1,119</b>						
Art, fine and applied		2.2	2.9	2.6	2.4	3.4	3.0
English (language & literature)		0.0	0.2	0.1	1.0	2.0	1.6
History		1.0	0.2	0.5	2.4	1.0	1.6
Journalism		0.6	2.7	1.8	1.0	1.8	1.5
Language and Literature (except English)		0.0	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.5
Music		1.0	0.2	0.5	2.6	1.2	1.8
Philosophy		0.2	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.2
Speech		0.0	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.1
Theater or Drama		1.8	0.8	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.5
Theology or Religion		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Other Arts and Humanities		0.0	0.3	0.2	1.0	1.3	1.2
<b>Biological Science</b>							
Biology (general)		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.2	4.4	3.8
Biochemistry or Biophysics		0.6	0.0	0.3	0.9	0.8	0.9
Botany		0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Environmental Science		1.0	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.5
Marine (Life) Science		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.5
Microbiology or Bacteriology		0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Zoology		0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Other Biological Science		0.4	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.5
<b>Business</b>							
Accounting		1.8	1.8	1.8	3.1	2.2	2.6
Business Admin. (general)		4.3	1.9	2.9	5.6	2.7	4.0
Finance		2.8	0.5	1.5	1.9	0.5	1.1
International Business		0.8	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.1
Marketing		2.6	1.4	2.0	3.1	2.4	2.7
Management		5.3	2.4	3.7	5.5	2.5	3.8
Secretarial Studies		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Business		1.4	0.6	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.8
<b>Education</b>							
Business Education		0.6	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1
Elementary Education		0.6	8.6	5.1	0.8	8.8	5.2
Music or Art Education		0.4	0.3	0.4	1.0	1.3	1.2
Physical Education or Recreation		4.1	0.6	2.1	1.9	0.7	1.2
Secondary Education		2.0	1.1	1.5	2.3	3.0	2.7
Special Education		0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	1.1	0.7
Other Education		0.6	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.9	0.6
<b>Engineering</b>							
Aeronautical or Astronautical Engineering		0.0	0.2	0.1	2.1	0.3	1.1
Civil Engineering		3.2	0.3	1.6	2.5	0.3	1.3
Chemical Engineering		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.3
Computer Engineering		1.2	0.0	0.5	2.0	0.2	1.0
Electrical or Electronic Engineering		2.4	0.0	1.1	1.8	0.1	0.9
Industrial Engineering		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
Mechanical Engineering		3.2	0.2	1.5	4.3	0.4	2.1
Other Engineering		0.2	0.2	0.2	2.0	0.3	1.1

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<b>YOUR PROBABLE MAJOR</b>							
<b>Physical Science</b>							
Astronomy		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
Atmospheric Science (incl. Meteorology)		0.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Chemistry		1.2	2.4	1.9	1.2	1.0	1.1
Earth Science		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1
Marine Science (incl. Oceanography)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2
Mathematics		0.6	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.6
Physics		0.6	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.1	0.4
Other Physical Science		0.2	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
<b>Professional</b>							
Architecture or Urban Planning		1.4	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.3
Family & Consumer Sciences		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.2
Health Technology (medical, dental, laboratory)		1.0	2.9	2.1	0.6	0.8	0.7
Library or Archival Science		0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine		2.2	4.8	3.7	2.1	3.1	2.7
Nursing		1.8	16.1	9.8	1.3	11.4	6.9
Pharmacy		2.2	2.7	2.5	0.9	1.4	1.2
Therapy (occupational, physical, speech)		7.3	10.2	8.9	1.8	2.5	2.2
Other Professional		0.4	1.9	1.3	0.6	0.7	0.7
<b>Social Science</b>							
Anthropology		0.2	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.4
Economics		0.4	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.3
Ethnic Studies		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Geography		0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Political Science (gov't., international relations)		1.8	1.3	1.5	3.1	1.9	2.4
Psychology		2.4	4.5	3.6	2.7	7.8	5.5
Public Policy		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Social Work		0.2	1.4	0.9	0.2	1.6	1.0
Sociology		0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.1	0.8
Women's Studies		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Social Science		0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
<b>Technical</b>							
Building Trades		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Data Processing or Computer Programming		2.2	0.3	1.2	1.2	0.1	0.6
Drafting or Design		0.0	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
Electronics		0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Mechanics		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Technical		0.8	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1
<b>Other Fields</b>							
Agriculture		4.7	1.3	2.8	0.4	0.2	0.3
Communications		1.0	0.8	0.9	1.3	2.3	1.8
Computer Science		2.6	0.5	1.4	2.3	0.3	1.2
Forestry		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
Kinesiology		0.4	0.6	0.5	1.2	1.0	1.1
Law Enforcement		1.4	1.3	1.3	3.3	1.1	2.1
Military Science		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.2
Other Field		1.8	2.6	2.2	1.4	1.5	1.5
Undecided		9.1	6.2	7.5	6.0	7.0	6.6

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<b>Objectives considered to be "essential" or "very important":</b>							
Becoming accomplished in one of the performing arts (acting, dancing, etc.)	<b>1,108</b>	17.9	14.4	16.0	16.9	17.0	17.0
Becoming an authority in my field	<b>1,106</b>	65.4	56.7	60.6	62.2	57.2	59.5
Obtaining recognition from my colleagues for contributions to my special field	<b>1,102</b>	59.1	52.8	55.6	57.0	55.9	56.4
Influencing the political structure	<b>1,101</b>	26.2	20.1	22.8	25.1	19.3	21.9
Influencing social values	<b>1,097</b>	41.7	45.4	43.8	41.8	46.9	44.6
Raising a family	<b>1,107</b>	79.8	81.2	80.6	75.5	76.7	76.2
Being very well off financially	<b>1,113</b>	83.1	84.1	83.6	78.6	79.7	79.2
Helping others who are in difficulty	<b>1,109</b>	65.9	78.6	72.9	61.0	74.9	68.7
Making a theoretical contribution to science	<b>1,103</b>	24.3	18.4	21.0	21.2	17.3	19.1
Writing original works (poems, novels, short stories, etc.)	<b>1,104</b>	16.4	13.8	14.9	16.5	16.0	16.2
Creating artistic works (painting, sculpture, decorating, etc.)	<b>1,101</b>	16.7	17.5	17.2	15.4	17.5	16.6
Becoming successful in a business of my own	<b>1,102</b>	59.0	46.8	52.3	47.0	39.5	42.9
Becoming involved in programs to clean up the environment	<b>1,100</b>	29.1	23.6	26.1	24.3	28.8	26.8
Developing a meaningful philosophy of life	<b>1,098</b>	42.3	39.6	40.8	48.9	47.8	48.3
Participating in a community action program	<b>1,098</b>	29.7	29.3	29.5	23.1	30.8	27.4
Helping to promote racial understanding	<b>1,099</b>	37.5	33.4	35.2	33.6	38.1	36.1
Keeping up to date with political affairs	<b>1,100</b>	34.8	28.1	31.1	39.8	31.9	35.5
Becoming a community leader	<b>1,099</b>	35.0	31.5	33.0	35.8	33.8	34.7
Improving my understanding of other countries and cultures	<b>1,097</b>	43.3	38.7	40.7	45.3	49.6	47.7
Adopting "green" practices to protect the environment	<b>1,102</b>	33.2	33.2	33.2	36.0	43.9	40.4

## 2008 Cooperative Institutional Research Program - Freshman Survey

<b>Arkansas State University First-time Freshmen</b>	<b># Resp- ondents</b>	<b>ASU-Jonesboro</b>			<b>All Public 4Year Colleges</b>		
		Men%	Women%	Total%	Men%	Women%	Total%
<b>Student estimates chances are "very good" that he/she will:</b>							
Change major field	<b>1,115</b>	13.2	12.9	13.0	11.7	13.6	12.8
Change career choice	<b>1,103</b>	10.5	10.8	10.7	10.1	12.5	11.4
Participate in student government	<b>1,099</b>	4.5	7.7	6.3	5.6	7.7	6.7
Get a job to help pay for college expenses	<b>1,097</b>	34.6	49.3	42.8	41.1	56.3	49.5
Work full-time while attending college	<b>1,103</b>	8.2	10.8	9.6	9.0	12.4	10.9
Join a social fraternity or sorority	<b>1,104</b>	21.5	26.0	24.0	7.2	14.0	11.0
Play varsity/intercollegiate athletics	<b>1,098</b>	23.4	10.8	16.4	20.9	12.3	16.1
Make at least a "B" average	<b>1,099</b>	53.9	59.7	57.1	54.5	58.7	56.8
Need extra time to complete your degree requirements	<b>1,091</b>	11.2	13.5	12.5	6.9	8.1	7.5
Participate in student protests or demonstrations	<b>1,091</b>	3.7	4.9	4.4	4.9	5.9	5.5
Transfer to another college before graduating	<b>1,088</b>	7.7	8.9	8.4	10.8	11.7	11.3
Be satisfied with your college	<b>1,089</b>	37.0	50.5	44.5	44.3	52.4	48.8
Participate in volunteer or community service work	<b>1,090</b>	12.8	22.7	18.3	14.3	28.3	22.0
Seek personal counseling	<b>1,092</b>	6.2	7.1	6.7	7.1	10.6	9.0
Communicate regularly with your professors	<b>1,092</b>	17.8	21.5	19.9	28.7	34.8	32.1
Socialize with someone of another racial/ethnic group	<b>1,089</b>	42.2	48.8	45.9	55.8	64.7	60.7
Participate in student clubs/groups	<b>1,091</b>	22.3	35.4	29.6	31.6	44.7	38.9
Participate in a study abroad program	<b>1,089</b>	11.6	11.7	11.7	14.9	26.5	21.3
Have a roommate of different race/ethnicity	<b>1,091</b>	20.7	23.9	22.5	23.3	27.2	25.5
Discuss course content with students outside of class	<b>1,090</b>	23.6	32.8	28.7	34.0	43.1	39.1
Work on a professor's research project	<b>1,090</b>	24.8	29.0	27.2	27.3	33.4	30.7
Get tutoring help in specific courses	<b>1,094</b>	17.9	24.6	21.7	25.9	38.5	32.9