

Data collected from 2006 CIRP Survey of Entering Troy Freshmen

458 Respondents Completed Surveys during IMPACT and in Troy 1101 on the Troy campus

<u>Troy</u>	<u>National, 4-yr., public</u>
92.7% Reported that their average grade in high school was a B- or better.	93.1%
42.6% Reported their permanent home as being 50 miles or less from college	46.8%
63.0% Reported their permanent home as being 100 miles or less from college	65.3%
11.2% Reported parents' total income before taxes as less than \$20,000	9.6%
25.1% Reported parents' total income before taxes as \$100,000 or greater	28.4%
 Rated themselves as <i>above average</i> or <i>highest 10%</i> as compared with the average person of his/her age in:	
61.7% academic ability	60.1%
31.9% computer skills	37.8%
51.2% emotional health	51.8%
30.2% mathematical ability	37.3%
35.1% public speaking ability	33.1%
48.2% religiousness	27.1%
47.0% spirituality	34.3%
39.9% writing ability	43.4%
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68.3% Reported their religious preference as Baptist or Methodist	20.1%
5.6% Reported having no religious preference	17.8%
74.9% Reported this college as their first college choice	66.3%
20.9% Reported this college as either their first or second choice	24.4%
33.7% Reported that this was the only college to which they had applied	20.2%
 Reported they had participated in the following activities in the past year:	
94.2% Attended a religious service	76.4%
86.6% Studied with other students	82.6%
34.0% Drank beer	42.2%
39.5% Drank liquor or wine	48.7%
7.6% Frequently smoked cigarettes	6.7%
62.3% Frequently socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group	63.8%
66.1% Frequently used the internet for research or homework	69.8%
79.2% Spent 0-5 hours per week studying or doing homework	76.9%
22.3% Spent 0-2 hours per week studying or doing homework	20.5%
24.7% Spent more than 5 hours per week partying	24.6%
66.7% Exercised or played sports more than 5 hours per week	69.1%
56.5% Worked at least 6 hours per week for pay	48.7%
49.6% Volunteered less than one hour per week	57.2%
81.7% Involved in student clubs or groups for up to 5 hrs per week	87.8%
35.2% Performed less than one hour of household/childcare duties per week	39.6%
54.9% Reading for pleasure less than one hour per week	53.0%
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4.0% Father has at least <i>some</i> postsecondary education	4.7%
21.3% Father has at least <i>some</i> college education	16.7%
21.1% Father has a college degree	25.4%
3.1% Mother has at least <i>some</i> postsecondary education	5.0%
22.9% Mother has at least <i>some</i> college education	18.5%
25.3% Mother has a college degree	28.6%

90.3%	Have no or only some concern that they will have sufficient funds to finance their college education.	88.2%
96.5%	Expect to use no more than \$1000 of their own funds (savings, workstudy, other income) to pay for their first year of college.	95.1%
41.3%	Are confident that they will have sufficient funds for college	36.1%
57.3%	Plan to live in campus or Greek housing during first term	71.6%

Objectives considered to be essential or very important:

81.3%	Raising a family	75.9%
78.2%	Being very well off financially	76.2%
71.0%	Helping others who are in difficulty	65.0%
58.3%	Becoming an authority in my field	56.7%
45.5%	Having administrative responsibility for others' work	41.8%

(Top 5) Reasons noted as very important in deciding to attend college:

78.3%	1. To get training for a specific career	73.1%
74.9%	2. To be able to make more money	72.3%
71.3%	3. To learn more about things that interest me	74.0%
72.7%	4. To be able to get a better job	72.2%
57.2%	5. To gain a general education and appreciation of ideas	60.3%

(Top 5) Factors influencing student's decision to attend this college:

48.2%	1. I was offered financial assistance	28.3%
38.2%	2. This college's graduates get good jobs	44.1%
41.3%	3. I wanted to go to a college about this size	37.9%
48.9%	4. This college has a very good academic reputation	49.0%
35.5%	5. The cost of attending this college	42.5%

Student Estimates: Chances are very good that he/she will:

39.3%	Get a job to help pay for college expenses	46.4%
53.6%	Make at least a "B" average	56.1%
53.0%	Socialize with someone of another racial/ethnic group	59.6%
55.1%	Be satisfied with your college	47.4%
22.6%	Communicate regularly with professors	29.6%
7.4%	Transfer to another college prior to graduation	10.1%
30.2%	Join a fraternity or sorority	10.6%
11.3%	Study abroad	20.7%

Student agrees strongly or somewhat that:

33.8%	Abortion should be legal	54.1%
52.9%	It's important to have laws prohibiting homosexual relationships	27.5%
21.4%	The death penalty should be abolished	30.7%
29.8%	Racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in America	20.4%
52.0%	Only volunteers should serve in armed forces	62.0%
86.6%	Through hard work, everyone can succeed in America	80.1%
69.6%	The fed. government is not doing enough to control pollution	76.4%

Fact sheet compiled by Susan Pierce, Director of Student Development/Counseling based on the results of an entering freshman survey developed by the Higher Education Institute at UCLA, on behalf of the American Council on Education and UCLA.