

**HIGHLIGHTS OF RESULTS OF FRESHMAN SURVEY
COOPERATIVE INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAM (CIRP)
FALL 1999 THROUGH FALL 2005 FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN**

The following are highlights selected from results of CIRP surveys, submitted by first-time freshmen at Missouri State. The methods for administering the survey are as follows: fall 1999 and fall 2000 - completed during IDS and UCH 110 classes the first week of the semester and collected after class, fall 2001 - completed during academic advisement session at SOAR and collected by SOAR leaders after session, fall 2002 through fall 2005 - distributed to students during first day of SOAR and requested to return the next day. The fall 2005 sample size is small due to the fact that the survey was not distributed to all students who attended SOAR as in the previous three years. Also included are data for all students surveyed nationally at four-year public colleges and universities.

Survey conducted by Center for Assessment and Instructional Support. Report compiled by Office of Enrollment Services.

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	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Fall Semester														
Number of Respondents	2422	2144	2312	2452	2384	964	335							
Average high school grade point average of A+, A, or A-	47.6	53.5	51.0	48.0	50.8	52.1	59.2	32.0	31.2	31.1	34.4	36.3	37.2	35.0
College is 100 or more miles from home	62.3	63.0	65.9	68.4	68.8	70.1	64.2	41.2	37.2	34.8	36.0	34.7	39.6	33.3
Parental income less than \$50,000	38.7	34.5	33.2	33.0	31.9	30.1	31.5	44.3	42.0	40.9	36.6	35.3	34.3	37.4
Percent whose parents are divorced or separated	26.9	24.6	25.5	23.3	23.3	22.6	18.8	26.5	27.1	28.6	27.7	26.6	28.4	28.6
Will need remedial work in mathematics	25.3	23.4	22.4	21.5	23.2	NA	18.5	28.9	30.0	30.6	26.7	27.5	NA	27.8
Applied to one or more other colleges or universities	64.0	64.3	65.2	64.1	67.1	62.8	64.5	75.3	76.8	78.0	78.2	79.6	77.8	80.5
Drank wine or liquor during past year	63.7	63.9	60.5	59.2	55.5	57.0	49.8	51.5	53.6	52.0	51.4	48.4	53.2	49.5
Spent more than 5 hours per week doing homework in high school	24.2	23.7	20.6	18.1	17.4	21.6	22.7	30.5	29.0	26.9	26.4	26.5	24.7	23.2
Spent more than 5 hours per week during high school partying	39.1	39.4	37.5	34.9	31.1	29.6	23.4	28.9	31.2	28.3	25.8	24.4	25.3	23.9
Worked for pay for more than 10 hours per week during high school	63.8	61.6	62.1	58.9	56.5	61.7	51.2	55.0	56.4	55.1	53.8	50.1	51.4	49.0
Spent more than one hour per week during high school doing volunteer work	33.7	36.2	35.1	36.3	37.9	39.9	38.7	42.5	42.5	43.2	43.2	43.1	43.5	41.9
Plan to complete a master's or higher professional degree	70.6	79.2	64.3	60.0	60.5	61.9	57.5	69.5	77.2	69.2	70.6	67.3	69.7	69.8
Plan to complete less than a bachelor's degree at this institution	4.6	3.4	3.3	5.0	3.0	3.4	4.0	5.0	5.1	5.7	5.5	5.0	5.5	5.0
Father has some college	64.8	67.6	65.2	64.5	65.4	63.0	58.4	59.2	58.8	59.4	64.5	61.6	60.6	58.1

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Father has a college degree	46.5	48.4	48.0	46.0	48.4	48.0	43.5	40.9	41.2	40.8	46.0	44.0	43.8	41.5
Mother has some college	62.2	66.0	63.9	64.3	66.8	67.1	63.9	58.4	57.7	59.7	62.6	62.8	62.4	61.3
Mother has a college degree	42.3	43.5	43.4	44.0	46.9	45.8	48.8	38.6	38.1	38.8	41.6	42.8	43.1	42.5
Receive financial assistance from parents or family	82.1	78.5	73.2	75.3	75.4	77.9	76.6	79.9	77.6	73.3	74.9	75.6	77.5	73.5
Have some to major concerns about financing college	61.9	61.8	65.1	61.2	64.0	62.9	60.2	65.4	63.5	64.0	64.0	65.0	64.5	66.3
Expected sources of funds for first year expenses														
Family resources (parents, relatives, spouses, etc.)	NA	NA	73.2	75.3	75.4	77.9	76.6	NA	NA	73.3	74.9	75.6	77.5	73.5
My own resources (savings from work, work-study, other income)	NA	NA	53.4	52.0	55.5	51.5	49.0	NA	NA	58.3	58.8	58.6	59.4	54.5
Aid which need not be repaid (grants, scholarships, military funding, etc.)	NA	NA	58.4	53.6	56.0	55.5	61.8	NA	NA	59.9	59.9	58.9	62.6	61.0
Aid which must be repaid (loans, etc.)	NA	NA	39.9	40.4	42.7	43.9	39.1	NA	NA	38.1	39.8	43.2	46.8	45.0
Reasons noted as very important in deciding to attend college														
To get a better job	73.6	76.0	72.5	73.5	71.0	74.2	72.2	74.0	74.4	72.4	74.1	72.2	73.8	73.9
To make more money	73.5	77.3	75.1	72.5	70.9	70.4	67.8	72.8	74.0	73.3	74.1	72.3	73.8	74.5
To learn more about things	70.7	73.2	73.3	71.3	70.9	71.5	67.7	72.0	74.3	75.4	75.8	74.8	74.1	74.8
To gain general education	54.0	54.1	59.9	61.2	60.2	60.3	54.9	59.2	62.0	63.4	63.4	62.3	61.0	61.9
To get training for a specific career	73.1	75.3	75.7	72.7	70.5	75.0	70.1	75.7	76.1	76.0	75.0	74.5	78.4	73.0
To prepare myself for graduate or professional study	49.6	51.6	49.7	50.5	52.7	49.3	42.3	52.3	54.7	55.0	55.0	53.5	52.9	54.6
Reasons noted as very important for selecting this college														
Offered financial assistance	38.7	38.2	33.2	31.8	33.1	31.9	41.3	27.5	27.2	29.1	27.5	26.5	28.2	29.8

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Graduates get good jobs	39.0	42.4	38.2	NA	NA	34.6	41.0	44.0	44.0	42.2	NA	NA	42.3	43.4
Good academic reputation	37.8	38.4	39.9	41.4	38.9	38.9	46.0	45.8	45.4	44.5	46.7	46.2	47.3	48.2
Low tuition	32.7	29.6	27.0	23.5	30.4	35.0	40.8	33.2	31.8	31.4	33.0	32.2	40.4	43.5
Size of college	32.2	33.6	31.4	30.7	29.2	34.9	39.1	34.6	31.5	31.2	28.7	28.7	34.1	35.8
Good social reputation	30.5	28.1	33.3	35.9	36.3	34.8	36.4	21.9	24.1	24.7	24.8	24.2	25.4	27.0
Wanted to live near home	16.3	17.3	14.0	13.8	13.3	15.3	19.9	20.4	22.4	22.0	23.5	22.0	21.1	23.5
Advice of high school guidance counselor	4.0	3.7	5.1	6.1	6.2	6.8	8.1	7.2	7.2	7.7	7.7	7.3	7.9	9.2
Rankings in national magazines	2.7	3.1	3.8	6.1	5.9	7.4	13.7	6.5	5.5	5.8	7.5	7.8	9.7	10.7
Information from a website	NA	5.8	7.0	10.4	14.5	14.9	14.8	NA	6.0	7.3	9.3	10.5	12.8	14.8
Objectives considered to be essential or very important														
Become authority in my field	61.2	60.7	59.0	57.4	59.7	58.3	59.5	59.1	59.1	59.4	58.2	58.7	58.2	58.0
Raise a family	76.2	77.5	71.0	68.4	70.6	71.1	72.8	72.3	72.4	71.5	73.1	74.5	75.2	76.0
Be well-off financially	73.2	73.3	73.4	71.3	70.2	72.8	69.5	75.0	76.9	76.9	76.1	76.5	76.5	77.5
Help others in difficulty	58.4	59.1	53.6	54.5	56.1	54.9	55.2	60.2	60.8	60.9	62.1	62.4	61.7	65.4
Chances are very good that students will:														
Change major field	17.0	16.6	17.6	14.6	16.3	14.8	17.0	13.1	14.3	13.7	14.5	13.4	13.4	13.1
Get a job to pay expenses	35.4	40.7	42.5	40.5	40.0	40.4	39.8	39.3	43.6	45.8	49.0	49.4	47.7	47.5
Join a fraternity or sorority	17.0	20.2	15.0	16.0	14.0	13.4	15.1	16.7	11.6	10.7	10.6	9.3	10.1	10.4
Get a bachelor's degree	71.1	76.8	69.4	68.2	64.6	69.3	NA	73.8	76.2	74.4	78.1	78.0	68.8	NA

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Be satisfied with college	40.3	43.8	43.4	46.2	43.6	47.3	49.0	43.3	42.8	42.6	46.6	47.5	45.6	46.2
Transfer to another college	9.5	9.8	6.8	5.9	6.4	5.4	6.0	9.6	9.5	10.0	10.6	10.3	10.1	9.2
Participate in volunteer/community service	13.0	18.2	15.9	14.5	14.9	9.8	17.4	17.3	17.4	18.1	19.4	19.1	18.7	20.0
Communicate regularly with your professors	NA	15.9	28.3	28.4	24.5	22.8	19.4	NA	29.4	30.1	31.9	30.8	26.1	27.7
Participate in student clubs/groups	NA	38.2	44.1	36.6	34.7	34.6	41.1	NA	37.8	37.5	36.6	35.3	34.3	36.4
Political Orientation/Values														
Liberal	19.5	18.7	20.5	18.8	16.3	21.3	16.5	21.4	25.6	24.6	23.5	21.4	23.4	24.7
Middle of the road	59.2	58.7	53.2	49.7	60.3	53.2	47.9	57.8	56.5	53.1	54.7	54.3	49.9	49.5
Conservative	18.2	22.6	21.2	18.7	19.8	21.9	30.8	17.0	18.0	17.7	18.0	19.9	21.0	20.5
Agree that marijuana should be legalized	33.0	32.3	34.6	35.6	37.5	32.8	34.0	32.4	34.6	36.0	39.7	37.7	38.2	37.9