

University of Michigan Student Profile Comparison With Other Highly Selective Public Institutions

Student Affairs Research excerpts and compiles data about University of Michigan undergraduates from a variety of sources. These data are summarized here to help instructors learn about their students' backgrounds, extracurricular activities, and academic goals. This Division of Student Affairs effort provides data for multiple needs across the institution.

FALL 2008 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN STATISTICS (from the Office of the Registrar)

TOTAL ENROLLMENT			GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN			STATES W/ HIGHEST ENROLLMENTS
41,028						
Male	21,341	(52%)	Michigan	22,970	(56%)	New York (1,836)
Female	19,687	(48%)	Other States/DC	13,381	(33%)	California (1,490)
Undergrad.	25,994	(63%)	US Territories	88		Illinois (1,488)
Grad./Prof.	15,034	(37%)	Foreign	4,589	(11%)	Ohio (1,012)
						New Jersey (836)
						(These five states account for more than a third of out of state students)

COMPARISON: UM 2008 FIRST YEAR CLASS WITH OTHER HIGHLY SELECTIVE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

(From the Cooperative Institutional Research Program data. UM information gathered by University of Michigan Student Affairs Research, within the Division of Student Affairs. National information compiled by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA).

Statistically significant differences ($p < 0.01$) between UM and Pub Hi Select have been marked with asterisks.

	UM	Pub Hi Select		UM	Pub Hi Select
Anticipated Behaviors			Reasons for Selecting College		
Make at Least a "B" Average	74.3%*	67.8%	Academic Reputation	92.0%*	78.0%
Be Satisfied w/ College	72.3%*	66.3%	Rankings in National Magazines	41.6%*	32.6%
Get a Job to Pay Expenses	44.9%	44.4%	Social Reputation	46.4%	47.9%
Participate in Volunteer Service	36.2%	35.0%	Probable Career Choice		
Join Fraternity or Sorority	11.9%	11.4%	Engineer	16.8%*	12.8%
Change Major	15.8%*	18.1%	Physician	15.1%*	11.9%
Participate in Student Protests	7.0%	7.0%	Business Executive	10.0%	8.6%
Family Income			Lawyer or Judge	5.8%	4.8%
Less than \$50,000/YR	14.2%	20.4%	Undecided	16.2%	16.1%
\$50,000/YR to \$74,999/YR	12.6%*	14.5%	Other	4.7%*	6.2%
\$75,000/YR to \$99,999/YR	13.0%	13.9%	Objectives Rated "Essential" or "Very Important"		
\$100,000/YR to \$149,999	23.5%	22.1%	Raise a Family	74.6%	74.6%
\$150,000/YR to \$199,999/YR	12.3%	11.3%	Be Very Well Off Financially	74.4%*	77.2%
\$200,000/YR to \$249,999/YR	7.4%	6.6%	Become an Authority In Own Field	63.4%	62.0%
\$250,000/YR or more	16.9%*	11.3%	Came from Two-Parent Homes		
Came from Two-Parent Homes				76.9%	69.5%
Reported Activities During Past Year			Recognition from Colleagues	60.5%	58.9%
Performed Volunteer Work	93.9%*	91.7%	Develop Life Philosophy	53.4%	54.2%
Attended Religious Service	75.8%	73.9%	Keep Up to Date with Politics		
Tutored Another Student	75.6%*	69.9%	Keep Up to Date with Politics	49.5%*	46.9%
Drank Wine or Liquor	37.8%*	45.9%	Be a Community Leader	39.5%	38.6%
Was Bored in Class	38.1%*	42.6%	Promote Racial Understanding	37.9%	36.8%
Frequently Smoked Cigarettes	1.3%*	2.4%	Race/Ethnicity		
Self-Rated Above Average or Highest 10% in:			White/Caucasian	76.2%*	70.2%
Academic Ability	93.2%*	88.4%	African American/Black	6.9%*	5.4%
Drive to Achieve	89.5%*	82.9%	American Indian/Alaska Native	1.2%	1.4%
Intellectual Self Confidence	73.0%*	68.9%	Asian American/Asian	14.6%*	17.9%
Leadership Ability	71.9%*	66.7%	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.3%*	1.3%
Mathematics Ability	69.0%*	61.3%	Mexican American/Chicano	2.0%*	4.8%
Writing Ability	60.4%*	54.7%	Puerto Rican	0.8%	0.8%
			Other Latino	1.6%*	4.4%
			Other	3.2%	3.5%

University of Michigan Student Profile Ten-Year Comparison

The results of the 1998 and 2008 CIRP Entering Student Surveys contain valuable information about changes in students' backgrounds, activities, beliefs and goals. In the data below, University of Michigan students who entered in 1998 are compared with first-year students who began in 2008. CIRP is conducted at the University of Michigan by Student Affairs Research within the Division of Student Affairs, and nationally by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA. Statistically significant changes ($p < 0.01$) since 1998 have been marked with asterisks.

	1998	2008		1998	2008
Anticipated Behaviors			Reasons for Selecting College		
Make at Least a "B" Avg.	68.5%	74.3%*	Academic Reputation	89.7%	92.0%*
Be Satisfied w/ College	64.2%	72.3%*	Social Reputation	40.0%	46.4%*
Get a Job to Pay Expenses	38.7%	44.9%*	Probable Career Choice		
Perform Volunteer Work	30.0%	36.2%*	Engineer	16.9%	16.8%
Change Major	18.0%	15.8%	Physician	14.9%	15.1%
Participate in Student Protest	6.8%	7.0%	Business Executive	11.3%	10.0%
UM First College Choice	72.9%	73.0%	Lawyer or Judge	6.3%	5.8%
Family Income			Undecided	13.5%	16.2%*
Less than \$50,000/YR	16.8%	14.2%	Other	5.2%	4.7%
\$50,000/YR to \$74,999/YR	18.0%	12.6%*	Objectives Rated Essential Or Very Important		
\$75,000/YR to \$99,999/YR	16.6%	13.0%	Raise a Family	76.5%	74.6%
\$100,000/YR to \$149,999	22.8%	23.5%*	Be Very Well Off Financially	73.2%	74.4%
\$150,000/YR to \$199,999/YR	10.1%	12.3%*	Become Authority in Field	64.5%	63.4%
\$200,000/YR or more	15.6% ⁺	24.3%*	Help Others in Difficulty	60.2%	70.6%*
Came from 2-Parent Homes	80.2%	80.2%	Recognition from Colleagues	53.6%	60.5%*
Reported Activities During Past Year			Develop Life Philosophy	50.2%	53.4%
Performed Volunteer Work	88.1%	93.9%*	Keep Up to Date with Politics	37.1%	49.5%*
Attended Religious Service	83.5%	75.8%*	Promote Racial Understanding	31.3%	37.9%*
Drank Wine or Liquor	63.1%	37.8%*	Self-Rated Above Average or Highest 10% in:		
Tutored Another Student	71.9%	75.6%*	Academic Ability	93.9%	93.2%
Was Bored in Class	51.3%	38.1%*	Drive to Achieve	83.6%	89.5%*
Frequently Smoked Cigarettes	9.3%	1.3%*	Intellectual Self Confidence	76.1%	73.0%
			Mathematics Ability	72.0%	69.0%
			Leadership Ability	66.6%	71.9%*
			Writing Ability	61.0%	60.4%

(Additional CIRP data and analysis available from Student Affairs Research, Division of Student Affairs, 6015 Fleming Administration Building, 764-5132 or mmatney@umich.edu)

⁺In 1998, the top income bracket is reported as "\$200,000/YR or more".

TOTAL CIRP RESPONDENTS: 4,732			TOTAL FRESHMAN: 5,355 (Office of the Registrar)		
Race/Ethnicity	Men	Women	Race/Ethnicity	Men	Women
White/Caucasian	76.1%	76.4%	White	71.1%	70.4%
African American/Black	5.5%	8.2%	Black	6.8%	8.3%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.2%	1.3%	Native American	0.7%	0.5%
Asian American/Asian	15.9%	13.5%	Asian	11.2%	10.7%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.4%	Hispanic	3.5%	4.4%
Mexican American/Chicano	1.6%	2.3%	None (Unknown)	6.7%	5.7%
Puerto Rican	0.7%	0.9%			
Other Latino	1.5%	1.7%			
Other	3.2%	3.2%			

Terms used are from UCLA and the UM Office of the Registrar, respectively.