

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.

FALL 2007 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN STATISTICS (from the Office of the Registrar)

TOTAL ENROLLMENT 41,042			GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN			STATES W/ HIGHEST ENROLLMENTS		
Male	21,286	(52%)	Michigan	22,972	(56%)	New York (1,869)		
Female	19,756	(48%)	Other States/DC	13,511	(33%)	California (1,520)		
Undergrad.	26,083	(64%)	US Territories	95		Illinois (1,485)		
Grad./Prof.	14,959	(36%)	Foreign	4,464	(11%)	Ohio (1,048)		
						New Jersey (863)		
(These five states account for over half of out of state students)								

COMPARISON: UM 2007 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. 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	73.4%*	67.6%	Academic Reputation	90.3%*	77.1%
Be Satisfied w/ College	70.4%*	63.2%	Rankings in National Magazines	40.1%*	30.6%
Get a Job to Pay Expenses	44.7%	43.4%	Social Reputation	46.7%	46.1%
Participate in Volunteer Service	35.5%*	32.6%			
Join Fraternity or Sorority	11.7%	10.0%	Probable Career Choice		
Change Major	16.1%	17.4%	Engineer	17.5%*	12.1%
Participate in Student Protests	7.4%	6.5%	Physician	14.5%*	12.0%
			Business Executive	10.9%	9.4%
			Lawyer or Judge	5.4%	4.8%
			Undecided	17.1%	16.5%
			Other	4.1%*	5.7%
Family Income			Objectives Rated "Essential" or "Very Important"		
Less than \$50,000/YR	13.7%*	20.6%	Raise a Family	75.0%	74.7%
\$50,000/YR to \$74,999/YR	12.9%*	15.8%	Be Very Well Off Financially	69.9%*	73.2%
\$75,000/YR to \$99,999/YR	14.6%	14.8%	Become an Authority In Own Field	59.6%	58.3%
\$100,000/YR to \$149,999/YR	24.9%	22.7%	Help Others in Difficulty	68.6%	68.6%
\$150,000/YR to \$199,999/YR	11.4%	10.3%	Recognition from Colleagues	55.9%	55.6%
\$200,000/YR to \$249,999/YR	6.4%	5.8%	Develop Life Philosophy	53.7%	52.3%
\$250,000/YR or more	16.0%*	9.9%	Keep Up to Date with Politics	50.0%*	43.2%
			Be a Community Leader	39.5%	37.3%
			Promote Racial Understanding	37.2%	36.5%
Came from Two-Parent Homes	81.2%*	77.1%			
			Race/Ethnicity		
Reported Activities During Past Year			White/Caucasian	76.5%*	71.5%
Performed Volunteer Work	93.3%*	89.5%	African American/Black	5.2%*	6.3%
Attended Religious Service	76.7%*	74.4%	American Indian/Alaska Native	1.4%	1.4%
Tutored Another Student	74.1%*	67.5%	Asian American/Asian	16.2%*	17.5%
Drank Wine or Liquor	43.1%*	47.6%	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.5%*	1.0%
Was Bored in Class	38.0%*	42.3%	Mexican American/Chicano	2.1%	2.3%
Frequently Smoked Cigarettes	1.8%	2.7%	Puerto Rican	0.5%*	1.0%
			Other Latino	1.9%*	3.8%
			Other	2.7%*	3.3%
Self-Rated Above Average or Highest 10% in:					
Academic Ability	93.9%*	86.7%			
Drive to Achieve	89.0%*	81.4%			
Intellectual Self Confidence	73.8%*	67.0%			
Leadership Ability	71.3%*	64.6%			
Mathematics Ability	69.6%*	59.7%			
Writing Ability	59.1%*	52.5%			

University of Michigan Student Profile Ten-Year Comparison

The results of the 1997 and 2007 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 1997 are compared with first-year students who began in 2007. CIRP is conducted at the University of Michigan by Student Affairs Research, and nationally by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA. Statistically significant changes ($p < 0.01$) since 1997 have been marked with asterisks.

	1997	2007		1997	2007
Anticipated Behaviors			Reasons for Selecting College		
Make at Least a "B" Avg.	70.6%	73.4%	Academic Reputation	88.5%	90.3%
Be Satisfied w/ College	62.4%	70.4%*	Social Reputation	39.7%	46.7%*
Get a Job to Pay Expenses	40.4%	44.7%*	Probable Career Choice		
Perform Volunteer Work	30.1%	35.5%*	Engineer	17.1%	17.5%
Change Major	21.1%	16.1%*	Physician	15.3%	14.5%
Participate in Student Protest	7.1%	7.4%	Business Executive	11.4%	10.9%
UM First College Choice			Lawyer or Judge	6.4%	5.4%
	72.2%	69.7%	Undecided	13.3%	17.1%*
Family Income			Other	4.4%	4.1%
Less than \$50,000/YR	20.4%	13.7%*	Objectives Rated Essential Or Very Important		
\$50,000/YR to \$74,999/YR	18.1%	12.9%*	Raise a Family	76.7%	75.0%
\$75,000/YR to \$99,999/YR	17.6%	14.6%*	Be Very Well Off Financially	73.4%	69.9%*
\$100,000/YR to \$149,999/YR	22.7%	24.9%	Become Authority in Field	66.7%	59.6%*
\$150,000/YR to \$199,999/YR	8.8%	11.4%*	Help Others in Difficulty	62.1%	68.6%*
\$200,000/YR and up	14.8%	22.4%*	Recognition from Colleagues	56.9%	55.9%
\$200,000/YR to \$249,999/YR		6.4%	Develop Life Philosophy	52.1%	53.7%
\$250,000/YR and up		16.0%	Keep Up to Date with Politics	39.9%	50.0%*
Came from 2-Parent Homes			Promote Racial Understanding	36.8%	37.2%
	77.8%	81.1%*	Self-Rated Above Average or Highest 10% in:		
Reported Activities During Past Year			Academic Ability	93.0%	93.9%
Performed Volunteer Work	86.2%	93.3%*	Drive to Achieve	82.8%	89.0%*
Attended Religious Service	84.6%	76.7%*	Intellectual Self Confidence	76.1%	73.8%
Drank Wine or Liquor	62.2%	43.1%*	Mathematics Ability	68.3%	69.6%
Tutored Another Student	72.1%	74.1%	Leadership Ability	68.3%	71.3%
Was Bored in Class	50.0%	38.0%*	Writing Ability	61.3%	59.1%
Frequently Smoked Cigarettes	9.6%	1.8%*			

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

TOTAL CIRP RESPONDENTS: 4,734			TOTAL FRESHMAN: 5,598 (Office of the Registrar)		
Race/Ethnicity	Men	Women	Race/Ethnicity	Men	Women
White/Caucasian	76.0%	76.7%	White	67.3%	65.9%
African American/Black	3.5%	6.8%	Black	4.8%	8.1%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.9%	1.8%	Native American	0.7%	1.2%
Asian American/Asian	17.8%	15.0%	Asian	13.3%	11.5%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.4%	0.6%	Hispanic	4.7%	4.8%
Mexican American/Chicano	2.2%	2.0%	None (Unknown)	9.2%	8.5%
Puerto Rican	0.4%	0.6%			
Other Latino	1.9%	1.8%			
Other	2.9%	2.6%			

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