

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

Student Affairs Research, a component of the Division of Student Affairs, 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 2012 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN STATISTICS (from the Office of the Registrar)

TOTAL ENROLLMENT			GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN			STATES W/ HIGHEST ENROLLMENTS		
41,924								
Male	22,737	(52%)	Michigan	22,278	(51%)	California (2,148)		
Female	20,689	(48%)	Other States/DC	15,139	(35%)	New York (2,087)		
Undergrad.	27,979	(67%)	US Territories	72		Illinois (1,842)		
Grad./Prof.	15,447	(37%)	Foreign	5,937	(14%)	New Jersey 1,053)		
						Ohio (957)		
						(These five states account for 53.2% of out of state students)		

COMPARISON: UM 2012 FIRST YEAR CLASS WITH OTHER HIGHLY SELECTIVE 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 Public Hi Select and UM and Private Very Hi Select have been marked with asterisks.

	UM (N=5,000)	Public Hi Select (N=29,532)	Private Very Hi Select (N=9,978)		UM (N=5,000)	Public Hi Select (N=29,532)	Private Very Hi Select (N=9,978)
Anticipated Behaviors				Reasons for Selecting College			
Make at Least a "B" Average	74.9%	71.5%*	82.6%*	Academic Reputation	91.8%	81.5%*	83.3%*
Be Satisfied w/ College	73.9%	65.4%*	75.3%	Rankings in National Magazines	40.7%	35.7%*	39.8%
Get a Job to Pay Expenses	44.2%	44.1%	40.9%*	Social Reputation	52.7%	48.5%*	45.5%*
Participate in Volunteer Service	40.9%	38.3%*	49.4%*				
Join Fraternity or Sorority	15.6%	15.0%	16.5%	Probable Career Choice (Top 6 by %)			
Change Major	15.6%	15.6%	15.8%	Engineer	16.0%	14.7%	10.5%*
Participate in Student Protests	5.8%	5.5%	5.9%	Physician	14.5%	12.1%*	14.4%
				Business Executive	10.5%	8.5%*	14.6%*
Family Income				Lawyer or Judge	4.0%	4.0%	4.3%
Less than \$50,000/YR	13.5%	20.0%*	15.3%	Scientific Researcher	3.2%	3.5%	3.5%
\$50,000/YR to \$74,999/YR	11.6%	14.5%*	11.1%	Undecided	16.6%	13.4%*	15.7%
\$75,000/YR to \$99,999/YR	11.8%	13.0%	10.3%	Other	5.1%	7.1%*	4.5%
\$100,000/YR to \$149,999/YR	19.6%	20.6%	17.6%	Objectives Rated "Essential" or "Very Important"			
\$150,000/YR to \$199,999/YR	11.5%	11.1%	11.2%	Raise a Family	74.3%	72.7%	74.2%
\$200,000/YR to \$249,999/YR	9.3%	7.2%*	8.9%	Be Very Well Off Financially	79.9%	80.4%	79.1%
\$250,000/YR or more	22.7%	13.6%*	25.7%*	Become an Authority In Own Field	60.7%	61.6%	66.1%*
				Help Others in Difficulty	71.0%	71.3%	74.4%*
Came from Two-Parent Homes				Recognition from Colleagues	58.0%	61.3%*	61.8%*
	81.3%	77.1%*	81.4%	Develop Life Philosophy	48.0%	49.8%	54.5%*
Reported Activities During Past Year				Keep Up to Date with Politics	42.1%	39.6%	45.6%*
Performed Volunteer Work	95.3%	92.7%*	94.5%	Be a Community Leader	40.3%	39.7%	43.4%*
Attended Religious Service	74.0%	73.9%	68.8%*	Promote Racial Understanding	33.6%	34.0%	38.0%*
Tutored Another Student	78.6%	70.5%*	77.4%				
Drank Wine or Liquor	39.0%	39.8%	46.8%*	Race/Ethnicity			
Was Bored in Class	38.5%	42.7%*	33.8%*	White/Caucasian	77.8%	72.5%*	64.6%*
Frequently Smoked Cigarettes	0.7%	1.4%*	1.5%*	African American/Black	5.6%	4.8%	6.6%
				American Indian/Alaska Native	1.2%	1.5%	1.3%
Self-Rated Above Average or Highest 10% in:				Asian American/Asian	16.3%	17.9%	26.4%*
Academic Ability	89.8%	85.9%*	90.3%	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.4%	0.8%*	0.7%
Drive to Achieve	87.6%	82.9%*	86.7%	Mexican American/Chicano	1.8%	5.6%*	3.4%*
Intellectual Self Confidence	69.8%	66.9%*	72.0%	Puerto Rican	0.5%	1.0%*	1.3%*
Leadership Ability	68.5%	65.9%*	70.5%	Other Latino	1.9%	4.6%*	5.8%*
Mathematics Ability	64.7%	59.9%*	66.2%	Other	2.9%	2.6%	3.8%
Writing Ability	53.9%	52.1%	60.3%*				

University of Michigan Student Profile Ten-Year Comparison

The results of the 2001 and 2012 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 2001 are compared with first-year students who began in 2012. CIRP is conducted at the University of Michigan by Student Affairs Research of the Division of Student Affairs, and nationally by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA. Statistically significant changes ($p < 0.01$) since 2001 have been marked with asterisks.

	2001 (N=5,195)	2012 (N=5,000)		2001 (N=5,195)	2012 (N=5,000)
Anticipated Behaviors			Reasons for Selecting College		
Make at Least a "B" Avg.	72.3%	74.9%	Academic Reputation	89.2%	91.8%*
Be Satisfied w/ College	60.9%	73.9%*	Social Reputation	38.3%	52.7%*
Get a Job to Pay Expenses	43.2%	44.2%	Probable Career Choice		
Perform Volunteer Work	29.9%	40.9%*	Engineer	15.7%	16.0%
Change Major	19.7%	15.6%*	Physician	12.4%	14.5%
Participate in Student Protest	6.8%	5.8%	Business Executive	11.3%	10.5%
UM First College Choice	70.8%	70.5%	Lawyer or Judge	7.0%	4.0%*
Family Income			Undecided	17.5%	16.6%
Less than \$50,000/YR	16.8%	13.5%*	Other	4.4%	5.1%
\$50,000/YR to \$74,999/YR	16.0%	11.6%*	Objectives Rated Essential Or Very Important		
\$75,000/YR to \$99,999/YR	14.3%	11.8%*	Raise a Family	72.8%	74.3%
\$100,000/YR to \$149,999/YR	23.8%	19.6%*	Be Very Well Off Financially	72.8%	79.9%*
\$150,000/YR to \$199,999/YR	11.0%	11.5%	Become Authority in Field	62.2%	60.7%
\$200,000/YR or more	18.1%	32.0%*	Help Others in Difficulty	58.3%	71.0%*
Came from 2-Parent Homes			Recognition from Colleagues	52.1%	58.0%*
	78.7%	81.3%	Develop Life Philosophy	51.9%	48.0%*
Reported Activities During Past Year			Keep Up to Date with Politics	40.1%	42.1%
Performed Volunteer Work	90.4%	95.3%*	Promote Racial Understanding	31.8%	33.6%
Attended Religious Service	83.0%	74.0%*	Self-Rated Above Average or Highest 10% in:		
Drank Wine or Liquor	55.1%	39.0%*	Academic Ability	93.5%	89.8%*
Tutored Another Student	72.8%	78.6%*	Drive to Achieve	84.7%	87.6%*
Was Bored in Class	44.2%	38.5%*	Intellectual Self Confidence	73.6%	69.8%*
Frequently Smoked Cigarettes	4.7%	0.7%*	Mathematics Ability	69.2%	64.7%*
			Leadership Ability	67.6%	68.5%
			Writing Ability	64.2%	53.9%*

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

TOTAL CIRP RESPONDENTS: 5,056			TOTAL FRESHMAN: 6,171 (Office of the Registrar)		
Race/Ethnicity	Men	Women	Race/Ethnicity	Men	Women
White/Caucasian	75.2%	75.9%	White	63.4%	63.7%
African American/Black	4.1%	6.6%	Black	3.9%	4.9%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.1%	1.3%	Native American	0.1%	0.3%
Asian American/Asian	16.8%	15.1%	Asian	14.1%	11.7%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.4%	0.4%	Hawaiian	0.1%	0.0%
Mexican American/Chicano	1.6%	1.9%	Hispanic	3.5%	3.9%
Puerto Rican	0.5%	0.4%	Two or More	2.7%	3.2%
Other Latino	1.3%	2.2%	Unknown	7.5%	8.6%
Other	2.7%	3.0%			

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