

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

Student Life Research, a component of University of Michigan Student Life, 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 2014 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN STATISTICS (from the Office of the Registrar)

TOTAL ENROLLMENT 43,625			GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN			STATES W/ HIGHEST ENROLLMENTS
Male	22,739	(52%)	Michigan	21,514	(49%)	California (2,428)
Female	20,886	(48%)	Other States/DC	16,009	(37%)	New York (2,170)
Undergrad.	28,395	(65%)	US Territories	67		Illinois (1,978)
Grad./Prof.	15,230	(35%)	Foreign	6,035	(14%)	New Jersey (1,118)
						Ohio (981)
						(These five states account for more than 50% of out of state students)

COMPARISON: UM 2014 FIRST YEAR CLASS WITH OTHER HIGHLY SELECTIVE INSTITUTIONS

(From the Cooperative Institutional Research Program data. UM information gathered by University of Michigan Student Life 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=4,663)	Public Hi Select (N=17,687)	Private Very Hi Select (N=8,055)		UM (N=4,663)	Public Hi Select (N=17,687)	Private Very Hi Select (N=8,055)
Anticipated Behaviors				Reasons for Selecting College			
Make at Least a "B" Average	75.1%	70.8%	81.5%*	Academic Reputation	92.1%	85.0%*	78.1%*
Be Satisfied w/ College	74.0%	66.3%*	76.4%	Rankings in National Magazines	37.6%	31.8%*	35.2%*
Get a Job to Pay Expenses	39.4%	39.4%	42.0%	Social Reputation	59.0%	47.1%*	49.1%*
Perform Volunteer Work	40.5%	38.7%*	52.2%*	Probable Career Choice (Top 6 by %)			
Join Fraternity or Sorority	19.3%	18.6%	14.1%*	Engineer	13.2%	15.0%	12.0%
Change Major	16.3%	16.3%	15.8%	Medical Doctor/Surgeon	15.5%	14.0%	12.9%
Participate in Student Protests	4.3%	4.5%	5.3%	Business Executive	4.1%	3.2%	4.7%
Family Income				Lawyer or Judge	3.8%	3.2%	3.2%
Less than \$50,000/YR	11.4%	15.2%	12.6%	Research Scientist	4.4%	5.1%	4.1%
\$50,000/YR to \$74,999/YR	9.1%	11.6%	10.0%	Undecided	12.1%	11.3%	11.3%
\$75,000/YR to \$99,999/YR	10.4%	11.2%	10.0%	Other	2.0%	3.3%	3.0%
\$100,000/YR to \$149,999/YR	20.8%	21.7%	19.1%	Objectives Rated Essential or Very Important			
\$150,000/YR to \$199,999/YR	12.5%	12.7%	11.4%	Raise a Family	71.2%	70.5%	69.5%
\$200,000/YR to \$249,999/YR	10.5%	9.0%	9.7%	Be Very Well Off Financially	78.0%	80.8%*	77.6%
\$250,000/YR or more	25.5%	18.7%	27.3%	Become an Authority In Own Field	61.0%	60.9%	64.0%*
Came from Two-Parent Homes				Help Others in Difficulty	69.8%	69.2%	72.1%*
	81.9%	80.1%	80.8%	Recognition from Colleagues	56.0%	58.3%	59.9%*
Reported Activities During Past Year				Develop Life Philosophy	47.2%	47.3%	52.8%*
Performed Volunteer Work	95.2%	92.8%*	93.6%*	Keep Up to Date with Politics	41.9%	39.8%	46.5%*
Attended Religious Service	72.3%	70.2%	66.3%*	Be a Community Leader	41.2%	39.0%	41.3%
Tutored Another Student	78.9%	72.8%*	74.1%*	Promote Racial Understanding	32.8%	33.2%	38.6%*
Drank Wine or Liquor	36.1%	41.4%*	55.0%*	Race/Ethnicity			
Was Frequently Bored in Class	37.1%	40.8%*	38.9%	White/Caucasian	75.1%	75.7%	71.1%
Frequently Smoked Cigarettes	0.3%	0.9%*	1.6%*	African American/Black	5.1%	4.8%	6.2%
Self-Rated Above Average or Highest 10% in:				American Indian/Alaska Native	0.9%	1.1%	1.1%
Academic Ability	92.7%	89.5%*	89.5%	Asian American/Asian	19.7%	15.7%	21.3%
Drive to Achieve	87.9%	83.5%*	83.7%*	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.6%	0.9%	0.8%
Intellectual Self Confidence	71.5%	67.7%*	70.2%	Mexican American/Chicano	2.2%	5.5%	3.3%
Leadership Ability	71.7%	66.9%*	68.7%	Puerto Rican	0.5%	0.8%	1.0%
Mathematics Ability	68.7%	66.1%*	66.1%	Other Latino	2.0%	3.2%	5.3%
Writing Ability	56.0%	53.2%*	59.1%*	Other	2.3%	3.1%	3.8%

University of Michigan Student Profile Ten-Year Comparison

The results of the 2004 and 2014 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 2004 are compared with first-year students who began in 2014. CIRP is conducted at the University of Michigan by Student Life Research of the Division of Student Affairs, and nationally by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA.

	2004 (N=5,961)	2014 (N=4,663)		2004 (N=5,961)	2014 (N=4,663)
Anticipated Behaviors			Reasons for Selecting College		
Make at Least a "B" Avg.	71.0%	75.1%	Academic Reputation	87.2%	92.5%
Be Satisfied w/ College	64.6%	74.0%	Ranking in National Magazines	36.3%	37.6%
Get a Job to Pay Expenses	45.8%	39.4%	Social Reputation	38.8%	59.9%
Perform Volunteer Work	30.3%	40.5%	Probable Career Choice		
Join Fraternity or Sorority	8.5%	19.3%	Engineer	16.6%	13.6%
Change Major	18.6%	16.3%	Physician	12.0%	17.3%
Participate in Student Protest	9.0%	4.3%	Business Executive	10.5%	3.6%
UM First College Choice	74.4%	67.5%	Lawyer or Judge	6.7%	3.9%
Family Income			Undecided	18.1%	13.8%
Less than \$50,000/YR	14.1%	11.4%	Other	3.8%	2.3%
\$50,000/YR to \$74,999/YR	15.2%	9.1%	Objectives Rated Essential Or Very Important		
\$75,000/YR to \$99,999/YR	15.3%	10.4%	Raise a Family	72.9%	72.5%
\$100,000/YR to \$149,999/YR	24.0%	20.8%	Be Very Well Off Financially	70.2%	78.2%
\$150,000/YR to \$199,999/YR	11.8%	12.5%	Become Authority in Field	61.4%	59.7%
\$200,000/YR to \$249,999/YR	6.6%	10.5%	Help Others in Difficulty	60.0%	71.4%
\$250,000/YR or more	12.9%	25.0%	Recognition from Colleagues	54.2%	56.5%
Came from 2-Parent Homes	81.1%	81.9%	Develop Life Philosophy	48.4%	45.7%
Reported Activities During Past Year			Keep Up to Date with Politics	47.4%	42.6%
Performed Volunteer Work	92.2%	95.2%	Be a Community Leader	33.0%	41.2%
Attended Religious Service	78.9%	72.3%	Promote Racial Understanding	31.6%	33.2%
Tutored Another Student	73.3%	78.9%	Self-Rated Above Average or Highest 10% in:		
Drank Wine or Liquor	51.5%	36.1%	Academic Ability	93.3%	92.7%
Was Frequently Bored in Class	44.1%	37.1%	Drive to Achieve	85.2%	87.9%
Frequently Smoked Cigarettes	2.4%	0.3%	Intellectual Self Confidence	69.6%	71.5%
			Mathematics Ability	68.0%	71.7%
			Leadership Ability	66.9%	68.7%
			Writing Ability	59.4%	56.0%

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

TOTAL 2014 CIRP RESPONDENTS: 5,435			TOTAL 2014 FRESHMAN: 6,505 ¹ (Office of the Registrar)		
Race/Ethnicity	Men	Women	Race/Ethnicity	Men	Women
White/Caucasian	75.3%	74.8%	White	71.0%	69.5%
African American/Black	3.6%	6.6%	Black	3.6%	5.5%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.8%	0.9%	Native American	0.2%	0.1%
Asian American/Asian	21.0%	18.4%	Asian	13.3%	12.1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.7%	0.4%	Hawaiian	0.1%	0.0%
Mexican American/Chicano	1.9%	2.5%	Hispanic	4.8%	5.0%
Puerto Rican	0.4%	0.6%	Two or More	3.8%	3.9%
Other Latino	1.9%	2.2%	Unknown	3.4%	3.8%
Other	2.3%	2.2%			

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

1: Not all students chose to respond to this question.