

Butler University CIRP First Year Survey Results, 2004-2014
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Demographics	Survey Item	2004	2005	2006	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
1. Age	17-18 yrs old	55	56	53	53	50	51	56	54	58	58
	19 yrs +	45	43	47	47	50	48	44	46	42	42
2. Ethnicity	Other than White	6	8	9	15	8	12	13	13	17	15
3. Religious Background	Protestant	52	48	48	48	46	45	46	48	50	47
	Roman Catholic	31	32	32	31	33	31	31	32	29	29
	Jewish	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
	Other	4	3	1	5	5	5	4	2	3	5
	None	11	14	11	15	15	17	16	16	16	18
4. Best estimate of parental income	\$0 to \$50,000	18	17	15	12	16	16	13	15	20	13
	\$50 to \$75,000	21	19	22	17	18	18	17	17	15	12
	\$75,000 +	62	64	63	72	66	66	70	68	72	76
5. Father's highest level of formal education	High school only	15	17	18	15	14	13	10	11	12	11
	Bachelor's	40	33	33	34	35	34	41	40	36	38
	Graduate degree	28	29	27	31	31	32	32	31	33	34
6. Mother's highest level of formal education	High school only	13	18	17	14	12	11	10	9	9	9
	Bachelor's	43	36	38	41	46	44	49	45	45	45
	Graduate degree	22	20	21	23	22	24	24	24	27	29
7. Highest academic degree planned anywhere	Bachelor's degree	19	17	16	16	17	18	18	19	18	20
	Master's degree	36	36	39	40	34	34	43	40	41	43
	Ph.D. or Ed.D.	23	17	24	23	25	24	22	22	22	20
	M.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.V.M.	16	17	16	16	11	11	9	9	10	10
	J.D.	6	5	5	6	3	5	4	5	4.2	3
College Admission Information											
8. Butler University as college choice	First choice	83	87	79	76	79	78	80	78	77	74
	Second choice	14	10	17	20	16	15	17	17	17	20
	Third choice	3	3	2	3	3	4	3	4	4	4
9. "Very important" reasons to attend Butler University	This college has a very good academic reputation	73	78	76	84	81	81	84	85	84	84
	Student wanted to go to a school about the size of this college	59	60	62	67	60	61	67	68	66	63
	A visit to campus	62	62	54	61	56	59	64	66	64	63
	Student was offered financial assistance	52	53	58	61	56	60	57	59	56	58
	This college's graduates gain admission to top graduate/professional schools	40	46	48	54	49	46	48	50	47	45
	This college's graduates get good jobs	72	74	71	76	78	74	78	82	77	78
	This college offers special programs	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	This college has a good reputation for its social activities	25	34	32	42	38	43	47	50	57	53
	Student was admitted through an Early Action or Early Decision program	25	26	24	32	37	35	35	40	35	33

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10. Cost of college as a major concern										
Student is not sure s/he will have enough funds to complete college	10	12	9	8	10	12	10	11	12	12
Student "Strongly agreed" that current economic situation significantly affected college choice	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	14	15	15	17	NA

11. "Very important" reasons to attend college										
To be able to get a better job	70	77	76	NA	88	84	89	90	90	89
To learn more about things that interest me	76	83	78	NA	78	83	83	84	81	83
To get training for a specific career	75	NA	NA	NA	NA	78	81	81	79	81
To gain a general education and appreciation of ideas	64	70	65	NA	66	72	75	69	66	67
To be able to make more money	62	66	67	NA	72	58	68	72	73	71
To make me a more cultured person	45	51	45	NA	48	58	55	51	47	50
To prepare myself for graduate or professional school	54	60	59	NA	NA	56	59	62	55	56

Self-Perceptions

12. Rated self "Highest 10%" or "Above average" as compared with average person student's age										
Academic ability	85	87	84	86	85	82	86	82	84	82
Artistic ability	30	34	35	30	26	31	26	29	27	29
Cooperativeness	75	75	77	78	78	75	79	70	74	70
Competitiveness	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	60	61	63	63	62
Computer Skills	32	35	32	34	37	33	33	30	31	29
Creativity	54	57	53	55	52	54	50	50	51	50
Drive to achieve	81	82	83	85	85	82	85	80	84	85
Emotional health	58	55	55	55	57	56	54	49	57	51
Leadership ability	68	69	64	68	67	62	69	67	70	70
Mathematical ability	54	53	57	57	57	52	55	53	56	53
Physical health	57	58	63	62	61	61	62	60	61	60
Popularity	NA	NA	NA	40	43	39	39	32	39	34
Public speaking ability	37	43	42	41	41	38	40	40	45	43
Self-confidence (intellectual)	63	64	61	66	62	58	61	61	64	62
Self-confidence (social)	48	48	47	53	50	47	49	46	47	41
Self-understanding	50	55	55	58	58	55	57	57	56	57
Spirituality	39	44	45	46	46	42	42	39	46	41
Understanding of others	66	72	71	68	69	72	72	70	72	71
Writing ability	51	58	49	52	50	49	51	49	51	51

13. Diversity self-perceptions: Rated self "Highest 10%" or "Above average" as compared with average person student's age										
Ability to see the world from someone else's perspective	NA	NA	NA	65	65	68	68	67	77	77
Tolerance of others with different views	NA	NA	NA	77	75	77	75	73	82	82
Openness to having my views challenged	NA	NA	NA	56	56	57	57	48	56	61
Ability to discuss and negotiate controversial issues	NA	NA	NA	64	62	59	64	63	71	71
Ability to work cooperatively with diverse people	NA	NA	NA	79	80	80	80	80	87	88

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14. "Essential" or "Very important" personal objectives										
Raising a family	77	80	81	77	78	77	83	79	80	78
Being very well off financially	64	65	70	71	76	69	79	80	82	83
Helping others who are in difficulty	62	71	68	73	72	74	75	76	76	77
Obtaining recognition from my colleagues for contributions to my special field	49	53	59	58	55	54	60	59	63	60
Becoming an authority in my field	56	56	60	58	56	55	57	55	63	64
Influencing social values	33	45	42	45	42	42	46	42	47	46
Improving my understanding of other countries and cultures	43	57	53	51	46	55	46	52	49	52
Developing a meaningful philosophy of life	39	52	48	59	49	49	45	47	45	49
Becoming a community leader	35	43	39	41	39	38	41	47	44	44
Becoming successful in a business of my own	30	32	28	35	31	29	34	35	36	38
Adopting 'green' practices to protect the environment	NA	NA	NA	42	40	39	34	38	38	40
Participating in a community action program	21	34	30	36	34	34	33	39	36	37
Keeping up to date with political affairs	37	44	40	40	32	31	29	33	37	39
Having administrative responsibility for the work of others	33	38	36	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Helping to promote racial understanding	22	34	34	35	30	34	29	34	34	37
Becoming involved in programs to clean up the environment	13	22	21	27	26	24	20	27	25	24
Making a theoretical contribution to science	13	23	18	19	21	21	17	23	20	19
Influencing the political structure	16	22	20	21	19	17	15	17	22	19
Becoming accomplished in one of the performing arts	18	21	23	20	17	21	15	16	17	21
Writing original works (poems, novels, short stories, etc.)	11	14	14	12	12	14	9	14	13	15
Creating artistic works (painting, sculpture, decorating, etc.)	10	13	12	11	11	15	9	13	12	12

15. Political perspectives

Far left	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	2	2
Liberal	26	26	27	26	26	23	24	21	24	25
Middle-of-the-road	43	40	40	40	40	44	42	44	39	42
Conservative	28	31	29	30	29	29	31	31	33	29
Far right	1	2	1	2	3	2	1	3	3	2

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16. Social perspectives

"Strongly agreed" or "Somewhat agreed" with following views:

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A national health care plan is needed to cover everybody's medical costs	NA	71	68	58	NA	51	45	49	50	NA
Abortion should be legal[ized]	48	47	48	51	53	NA	56	54	NA	NA
Addressing global warming should be a federal priority	NA	NA	NA	69	NA	54	52	NA	51	61
Affirmative action in college admission should be abolished	57	55	51	60	NA	50	NA	NA	54	NA
Federal military spending should be increased	37	30	29	29	NA	NA	31	NA	NA	38
Marijuana should be legalized	29	32	27	32	36	NA	44	NA	NA	NA
Racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in America	21	17	12	16	22	NA	22	16	NA	26
Same-sex couples should have the right to legal martial status	55	59	67	66	60	NA	69	71	NA	81
Students from disadvantaged social backgrounds should be given preferential treatment in college admissions	NA	NA	NA	28	32	NA	31	30	NA	36
The chief benefit of a college education is that it increases one's earning power	NA	NA	59	NA	NA	67	69	NA	69	62
The federal government is not doing enough to control environmental pollution	NA	80	78	74	NA	76	NA	NA	NA	NA
The federal government should do more to control the sale of handguns	83	80	76	72	NA	68	NA	NA	57	NA
The federal government should raise taxes to reduce the deficit	NA	NA	29	28	NA	30	NA	NA	33	NA
Undocumented immigrants should be denied access to public education	NA	41	44	51	NA	NA	48	NA	41	37
Wealthy people should pay a larger share of taxes than they do now	52	53	54	52	NA	57	NA	57	55	NA

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Expectations for College

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17. Student estimated chances were "Very good" that s/he will:										
Be satisfied with college	66	65	62	66	63	69	77	69	69	68
Change major field	14	12	11	13	9	14	13	13	13	10
Change career choice	15	12	11	15	11	15	11	13	14	11
Communicate regularly with professors	44	44	44	47	48	51	54	49	50	50
Discuss course content with students outside of class	NA	NA	NA	54	52	51	56	52	53	58
Get job to help pay college expenses	47	47	44	47	46	44	44	43	40	42
Get tutoring help in specific courses	NA	NA	NA	27	NA	29	NA	29	NA	28
Join a social fraternity or sorority	20	23	20	23	21	23	25	26	32	32
Make at least a "B" average	75	69	71	73	72	67	73	71	74	75
Need extra time to complete degree	NA	NA	5	5	6	5	4	5	6	4
Participate in student clubs/groups	53	51	55	59	57	54	61	60	61	62
Participate in student government	11	13	11	14	11	9	10	11	10	9
Participate in student protests or demonstrations	4	4	3	6	4	5	4	5	4	5
Participate in volunteer or community service work	41	42	36	43	45	43	46	49	48	50
Participate in a study abroad program	30	33	31	34	29	38	37	32	35	38
Play intercollegiate athletics	17	10	14	15	10	10	13	12	12	11
Seek personal counseling	5	5	7	7	6	10	7	10	9	10
Socialize with someone of another racial/ethnic group	71	59	60	60	55	67	62	57	57	65
Strengthen religious beliefs/convictions	29	31	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Take courses in more than one college simultaneously	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	8	6	7	6	7
Transfer to another college before graduating	2	1	2	4	2	3	2	3	3	4
Work on a professor's research project	NA	NA	NA	23	25	23	20	28	23	27

High School Activities

18. During last year in high school, student spent 6 or more hours during a typical week										
Studying/homework	49	43	45	47	43	44	47	48	41	44
Partying	23	19	15	14	15	12	12	12	13	11
Working (for pay)	53	54	50	49	45	42	43	45	43	41
Volunteer work	9	10	9	11	11	12	12	12	16	12
Student clubs/groups	21	21	19	19	22	19	20	20	21	22
Watching TV	29	26	26	26	30	28	27	25	23	23
Online social networks (Facebook)	NA	NA	NA	NA	25	23	25	24	26	24

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Habits of the Mind Activities		2004	2005	2006	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
19. Student indicated s/he "Frequently" did these behaviors associated with academic success and lifelong learning	Asked questions in class	NA	NA	NA	62	64	58	59	66	64	66
	Supported your opinions with logical arguments	NA	NA	NA	62	61	56	63	68	70	68
	Sought solutions to problems and explained them to others	NA	NA	NA	58	57	54	59	62	59	64
	Revised your papers to improve your writing	NA	NA	NA	58	52	55	59	59	60	60
	Evaluated the quality or reliability of information you received	NA	NA	NA	40	38	37	41	45	44	49
	Took a risk because you felt you had more to gain	NA	NA	NA	37	35	35	39	38	39	41
	Sought alternative solutions to a problem	NA	NA	NA	45	43	42	47	50	50	52
	Looked up scientific research articles and resources	NA	NA	NA	21	22	21	22	28	27	30
	Explored topics on your own, even though it was not required for class	NA	NA	NA	30	27	29	30	32	33	38
	Accepted mistakes as part of the learning process	NA	NA	NA	52	47	45	50	54	54	56
	Sought feedback on your academic work	NA	NA	NA	55	53	49	55	59	54	55
	Took notes during class	NA	NA	NA	74	71	72	78	NA	NA	NA
	Worked with other students on group projects	NA	NA	NA	NA	54	54	58	57	52	53
	Integrated skills and knowledge from different sources and experiences	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	54	60	62	60	59

NOTES:

The Freshman Survey is administered by the Cooperative Institutional Research Program. The Survey has been administered nationally since 1966 with approximately 500 colleges participating annually. Butler has participated since 1989.

The above data were obtained from 90%, 88%, 93%, 93%, 85%, 84%, 96%, 80%, 84%, 96%, 94%, 97% and 97% of first-time, full-time first-year students from the freshman classes of 2001 through 2014, respectively.