

CIRP Survey Summary
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	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	10 year change	10 year average	Very Highly Selective Privates# 2006	Difference between NU & Privates 2006	10 yr
Probable career:															
Undecided	18.3%	15.7%	17.8%	17.8%	14.1%	19.4%	18.7%	16.6%	20.1%	15.3%	-3.0%	17.4%	17.1%	-1.8%	0.3%
Physician	18.6%	19.6%	17.4%	16.0%	16.5%	16.0%	15.1%	14.8%	16.1%	14.7%	-3.9%	16.5%	15.3%	-0.6%	1.2%
Business executive (management, administrator)	9.1%	10.0%	9.8%	7.9%	8.5%	6.7%	8.6%	7.5%	7.2%	11.2%	2.1%	8.7%	11.4%	-0.2%	-2.8%
Engineer	9.7%	11.1%	10.4%	11.1%	9.8%	9.9%	9.2%	9.6%	10.7%	10.8%	1.1%	10.2%	12.1%	-1.3%	-1.9%
Writer or journalist	8.8%	9.3%	8.4%	11.8%	11.0%	11.2%	10.5%	11.8%	10.0%	11.0%	2.2%	10.4%	3.5%	7.5%	6.9%
Lawyer or judge	6.4%	4.9%	5.7%	4.5%	6.5%	8.7%	7.1%	5.7%	5.5%	6.3%	-0.1%	6.1%	7.2%	-0.9%	-1.1%
Actor or entertainer	n/a	n/a	n/a	5.8%	3.4%	5.4%	6.5%	6.4%	5.6%	4.4%		5.4%	1.0%	3.4%	4.4%
Musician	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.7%	4.8%	4.2%	5.1%	4.4%	4.5%	3.8%		4.5%	1.4%	2.4%	3.1%
Scientific researcher	5.3%	4.3%	3.8%	3.6%	3.4%	2.9%	2.6%	3.7%	3.7%	2.9%	-2.4%	3.6%	5.6%	-2.7%	-2.0%
Policy maker/government	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.1%	2.0%	2.5%	2.5%	2.3%	2.0%	2.4%		2.3%	2.6%	-0.2%	-0.3%
Business owner or proprietor	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8%	1.3%	1.7%	1.4%	1.8%	1.4%	2.3%		1.7%	2.7%	-0.4%	-1.0%
Foreign service worker (incl. diplomat)	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.7%	1.1%	0.8%	1.1%	1.8%	1.3%	1.7%		1.2%	2.0%	-0.3%	-0.8%
Secondary teacher	1.2%	1.3%	1.2%	1.2%	1.3%	1.9%	0.9%	2.1%	1.5%	1.2%	0.0%	1.4%	1.0%	0.2%	0.4%
Artist	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.3%	1.0%	0.7%	0.2%	0.5%	0.2%	0.9%		0.5%	0.9%	0.0%	-0.4%
College teacher	1.1%	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%	1.0%	0.6%	1.3%	1.1%	1.2%	0.7%	-0.4%	1.1%	1.7%	-1.0%	-0.7%
Accountant	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%	0.8%	0.3%	0.8%		0.4%	0.8%	0.0%	-0.4%
Elementary teacher	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%	0.1%	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.1%	-0.1%
Computer programmer or analyst	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8%	1.8%	0.5%	1.2%	0.8%	0.7%	0.4%		1.0%	1.7%	-1.3%	-0.7%
Father's highest education															
High School Graduate	4.8%	3.5%	4.0%	4.2%	4.2%	4.8%	3.7%	5.1%	6.0%	4.5%	-0.3%	4.5%	5.6%	-1.1%	-1.1%
College Graduate	22.6%	23.1%	25.3%	24.3%	24.2%	25.5%	23.5%	24.9%	25.7%	24.6%	2.0%	24.4%	25.0%	-0.4%	-0.6%
Graduate Degree	56.8%	58.3%	55.3%	57.1%	59.0%	55.7%	59.2%	57.4%	56.9%	57.7%	0.9%	57.3%	55.0%	2.7%	2.3%
Mother's highest education															
High School Graduate	7.0%	6.7%	5.9%	6.2%	6.2%	7.6%	5.1%	5.9%	5.6%	5.2%	-1.8%	6.1%	6.6%	-1.4%	-0.5%
College Graduate	36.5%	35.3%	36.1%	37.1%	37.3%	33.2%	36.9%	37.0%	36.3%	39.0%	2.5%	36.5%	36.2%	2.8%	0.3%
Graduate Degree	34.8%	37.4%	36.3%	35.8%	39.0%	40.9%	41.1%	40.0%	40.1%	39.3%	4.5%	38.5%	39.8%	-0.5%	-1.3%
Father's occupation															
Business	34.3%	35.7%	34.8%	36.1%	35.1%	33.4%	35.2%	33.1%	36.5%	32.8%	-1.5%	34.7%	31.6%	1.2%	3.1%
Doctor (MD or DDS)	13.3%	12.3%	13.1%	13.8%	13.1%	13.1%	13.6%	12.9%	11.5%	11.8%	-1.5%	12.9%	10.6%	1.2%	2.3%
Lawyer	7.0%	6.7%	8.1%	7.1%	7.8%	7.5%	10.0%	8.7%	7.1%	10.1%	3.1%	8.0%	7.6%	2.5%	0.4%
Engineer	9.4%	9.7%	8.1%	8.9%	9.1%	9.8%	9.9%	8.3%	9.0%	9.5%	0.1%	9.2%	10.3%	-0.8%	-1.1%
College teacher	2.2%	3.8%	2.4%	2.1%	2.5%	2.3%	2.4%	2.8%	4.0%	2.2%	0.0%	2.7%	3.1%	-0.9%	-0.4%
Secondary school teacher	3.8%	2.9%	2.9%	2.0%	2.2%	2.6%	2.0%	1.8%	1.9%	1.7%	-2.1%	2.4%	2.3%	-0.6%	0.1%

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Business	13.0%	12.4%	15.1%	15.9%	14.4%	16.1%	15.7%	15.6%	17.0%	16.2%	3.2%	15.1%	15.4%		
Homemaker (full-time)	18.8%	19.4%	15.4%	18.1%	18.3%	17.8%	17.6%	15.6%	18.5%	16.6%	-2.2%	17.6%	15.4%	1.2%	2.2%
Elementary school teacher	11.0%	11.4%	11.3%	10.5%	10.1%	7.7%	10.0%	8.8%	7.4%	7.4%	-3.6%	9.6%	6.5%	0.9%	3.1%
Nurse	6.8%	6.3%	6.8%	7.1%	7.3%	6.0%	6.4%	6.4%	5.5%	5.7%	-1.1%	6.4%	5.6%	0.1%	0.8%
Secondary school teacher	8.0%	5.7%	6.3%	5.5%	4.9%	5.5%	6.0%	4.9%	5.0%	4.3%	-3.7%	5.6%	5.5%	-1.2%	0.1%
Business (clerical)	5.1%	5.6%	4.8%	4.3%	5.4%	3.4%	3.4%	4.3%	2.7%	3.5%	-1.6%	4.3%	3.0%	0.5%	1.3%
Doctor (MD or DDS)	2.8%	3.9%	3.7%	3.5%	3.9%	4.4%	4.0%	4.0%	4.4%	4.0%	1.2%	3.9%	4.7%	-0.7%	-0.8%
Health professional	3.5%	4.1%	4.6%	3.4%	3.4%	6.3%	3.8%	3.9%	4.2%	3.5%	0.0%	4.1%	3.6%	-0.1%	0.5%
Lawyer	1.4%	1.3%	2.3%	2.4%	3.1%	1.7%	3.3%	3.8%	2.4%	4.6%	3.2%	2.6%	3.7%	0.9%	-1.1%
College teacher	1.1%	2.1%	1.8%	1.2%	1.4%	1.3%	1.6%	1.9%	1.6%	1.7%	0.6%	1.6%	1.7%	0.0%	-0.1%
Concern about ability to pay for NU															
None	36.1%	36.2%	39.1%	43.6%	38.5%	39.6%	40.2%	39.4%	41.7%	38.8%	2.7%	39.3%	42.1%	-3.3%	-2.8%
Some (but probably have enough)	52.5%	54.4%	50.3%	47.4%	52.8%	50.2%	53.3%	51.9%	50.0%	51.8%	-0.7%	51.5%	50.3%	1.5%	1.2%
Major (not sure I'll have enough)	11.4%	9.4%	10.7%	9.0%	8.7%	10.2%	6.5%	8.8%	8.3%	9.4%	-2.0%	9.2%	7.6%	1.8%	1.6%
Paying for first year of college															
Received no grants/scholarships/military funding	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	35.5%	38.4%	38.2%	37.2%	36.6%	n/a		37.2%			37.2%
Expect to contribute no family resources	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.0%	7.4%	7.3%	5.6%	6.2%	10.1%		7.1%	10.0%	0.1%	-2.9%
Expect to contribute more than \$10k from family resources	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	70.0%	67.9%	71.0%	71.2%	73.9%	73.1%		71.2%	68.6%	4.5%	2.6%
No aid which must be repaid (i.e. no loans)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	58.2%	58.5%	55.1%	53.0%	52.8%	n/a		55.5%			55.5%
More than \$10k of aid which must be repaid (loans)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	10.8%	12.2%	13.9%	15.1%	15.7%	n/a		13.5%			13.5%
Estimated parents total annual income															
<\$75,000	39.9%	37.3%	35.8%	31.3%	27.1%	29.3%	25.5%	26.2%	24.0%	25.2%	-14.7%	30.2%	27.8%	-2.6%	2.4%
\$75,000-\$99,999	14.3%	14.7%	14.9%	12.3%	13.9%	13.2%	12.2%	13.5%	12.5%	12.5%	-1.8%	13.4%	11.9%	0.6%	1.5%
\$100,000-\$149,999	17.9%	18.8%	19.5%	21.9%	21.2%	19.7%	21.2%	21.8%	22.9%	17.8%	-0.1%	20.3%	19.6%	-1.8%	0.7%
\$150,000-\$199,999	9.2%	8.9%	9.1%	10.8%	11.5%	10.2%	10.3%	9.2%	10.5%	10.8%	1.6%	10.1%	10.9%	-0.1%	-0.9%
\$200,000-\$249,999	18.8%	20.4%	20.6%	23.7%	26.3%	7.8%	8.5%	7.3%	8.6%	8.8%	-10.0%	15.1%	8.2%	0.6%	6.9%
\$250,000 or more*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	19.8%	22.3%	22.0%	21.5%	24.6%		22.0%	21.5%	3.1%	0.5%
\$100k or more	45.9%	48.1%	49.2%	56.4%	59.0%	57.5%	62.3%	60.3%	63.5%	62.0%	16.1%	56.4%	60.2%	1.8%	-3.8%
\$200k or more	18.8%	20.4%	20.6%	23.7%	26.3%	27.6%	30.8%	29.3%	30.1%	33.4%	14.6%	26.1%	29.7%	3.7%	-3.6%

Very Highly Selective Privates group defined by HERI *The American Freshman: National Norms for Fall 2006*

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Reasons cited as "very important" for selecting this institution:															
College has good academic reputation	92.4%	92.3%	93.0%	89.5%	91.4%	90.3%	91.4%	88.4%	89.1%	91.3%	-1.1%	90.9%	88.5%	2.8%	2.4%
Graduates get good jobs	77.8%	77.4%	73.8%	75.2%	74.1%	n/a	n/a	71.1%	70.3%	65.5%	-12.3%	73.2%	65.8%	-0.3%	7.4%
A visit to the campus	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	64.4%	61.4%	60.7%	51.1%		59.4%	49.3%	1.8%	10.1%
Graduates gain admission to top grad/prof. schools	67.4%	67.1%	63.1%	62.9%	62.3%	n/a	n/a	59.0%	59.1%	54.2%	-13.2%	61.9%	56.7%	-2.5%	5.2%
Rankings in national magazines	41.3%	38.3%	36.1%	36.8%	40.0%	42.2%	43.2%	41.1%	44.4%	47.0%	5.7%	41.0%	42.6%	4.4%	-1.6%
Wanted to go to school our size	39.1%	37.4%	33.7%	38.9%	40.6%	38.4%	39.1%	38.5%	39.7%	41.6%	2.5%	38.7%	36.4%	5.2%	2.3%
Offered financial assistance	33.0%	31.4%	31.7%	26.2%	28.7%	28.1%	30.3%	30.5%	27.7%	27.7%	-5.3%	29.5%	30.7%	-3.0%	-1.2%
Admitted through Early Action or Early Decision	n/a	n/a	18.6%	21.0%	20.8%	25.3%	23.1%	27.0%	25.0%	23.7%		23.1%	27.9%	-4.2%	-4.8%
Information from web site	n/a	n/a	n/a	13.7%	17.6%	24.0%	26.2%	25.3%	26.6%	29.3%		23.2%	26.2%	3.1%	-3.0%
Good reputation for social activities	24.8%	22.3%	22.9%	24.3%	28.3%	24.2%	25.3%	21.8%	22.1%	28.1%	3.3%	24.4%	32.3%	-4.2%	-7.9%
High school guidance counselor advised me	6.1%	4.2%	4.1%	3.6%	5.8%	4.9%	5.3%	6.9%	5.8%	7.9%	1.8%	5.5%	8.4%	-0.5%	-2.9%
Not offered aid by my first choice school	1.9%	1.5%	2.6%	1.9%	1.9%	2.5%	1.5%	3.2%	1.6%	2.4%	0.5%	2.1%	3.2%	-0.8%	-1.1%
Cost of attending this college	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12.2%	11.9%	15.8%		13.3%	16.0%	-0.2%	-2.7%
This college has low tuition	1.6%	1.5%	0.9%	1.2%	0.8%	1.0%	0.9%	n/a	n/a	n/a		1.1%	1.1%		1.1%
Reputation for campus safety	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.6%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		4.6%	4.6%		4.6%
College offers special educational programs	n/a	n/a	n/a	24.0%	24.1%	23.9%	24.4%	n/a	n/a	n/a		24.1%	24.1%		24.1%
Select activities participated in within last year															
Performed volunteer work	92.3%	93.8%	93.3%	93.8%	94.6%	94.8%	94.4%	94.1%	94.7%	92.2%	-0.1%	93.8%	91.8%	0.4%	2.0%
Used the internet for research or homework*	n/a	92.4%	68.7%	76.1%	86.4%	89.1%	91.1%	87.1%	86.9%	90.3%		85.3%	85.9%	4.4%	-0.6%
Socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group*	81.5%	78.4%	64.0%	80.1%	78.9%	82.7%	80.2%	79.4%	82.7%	75.9%	-5.6%	78.4%	75.6%	0.3%	2.8%
Drank wine or liquor	47.1%	46.7%	49.4%	51.3%	49.4%	47.4%	43.3%	50.6%	48.5%	46.7%	-0.4%	48.0%	51.9%	-5.2%	-3.9%
Performed community service as part of class	n/a	n/a	52.1%	55.9%	58.0%	50.1%	49.7%	49.0%	52.7%	53.4%		52.6%	52.5%	0.9%	0.1%
Was bored in class*	33.8%	38.0%	39.0%	40.3%	41.1%	36.6%	37.2%	43.6%	38.0%	34.5%	0.7%	38.2%	39.5%	-5.0%	-1.3%
Drank beer	40.7%	40.2%	42.0%	40.8%	40.1%	37.4%	34.5%	39.2%	36.5%	39.4%	-1.3%	39.1%	43.8%	-4.4%	-4.7%
Felt overwhelmed by all I had to do*	27.5%	31.5%	35.3%	33.9%	30.6%	29.7%	31.7%	35.1%	32.5%	32.7%	5.2%	32.1%	27.5%	5.2%	4.6%
Smoked cigarettes*	3.5%	3.5%	2.4%	2.9%	2.3%	2.4%	1.3%	1.1%	0.7%	1.5%	-2.0%	2.2%	1.9%	-0.4%	0.3%
Attended a public recital or concert	n/a	87.5%	87.8%	89.0%	90.4%	89.4%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		88.8%	88.8%		
*percentage responding "frequently" vs. frequently or "occasionally" for all other items															
Partied...															
No hours per week	25.5%	24.4%	25.3%	26.5%	25.5%	28.5%	30.0%	33.8%	34.3%	30.0%	4.5%	28.4%	28.5%	1.5%	-0.1%
Less than one hour per week	n/a	n/a	n/a	17.0%	18.1%	19.6%	19.0%	17.5%	18.5%	15.3%		17.9%	17.0%	-1.7%	0.9%
6-10 hours per week	n/a	n/a	n/a	8.3%	9.6%	9.5%	6.5%	7.1%	6.6%	10.2%		8.3%	10.3%	-0.1%	-2.0%
11 or more hours per week	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.5%	3.3%	3.5%	2.8%	1.9%	3.1%	3.4%		3.1%	4.8%	-1.4%	-1.7%
Political views															
Far left	1.5%	2.2%	2.6%	4.1%	4.4%	4.3%	4.0%	4.5%	5.3%	5.0%	3.5%	3.8%	4.8%	0.2%	-1.0%
Liberal	37.8%	37.4%	41.2%	41.0%	43.9%	41.5%	42.9%	45.8%	45.2%	47.7%	9.9%	42.4%	43.1%	4.6%	-0.7%
Middle-of-the-road	41.8%	39.4%	35.9%	36.3%	32.6%	31.5%	35.0%	33.5%	32.1%	32.1%	-9.7%	35.0%	34.1%	-2.0%	0.9%
Conservative	18.0%	20.4%	19.5%	18.0%	18.0%	20.3%	17.0%	15.3%	16.8%	14.7%	-3.3%	17.8%	17.1%	-2.4%	0.7%
Far right	0.8%	0.7%	0.8%	0.6%	0.4%	2.4%	1.1%	0.8%	0.8%	0.5%	-0.3%	0.9%	1.0%	-0.5%	-0.1%