



CIRP Survey Summary  
First-Year Classes  
Fall 1998-07

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	10 year change	10 year average	Very Highly Selective Privates# 2007	Difference between NU & Privates	
														2007	10 yr
<b>Probable career:</b>															
Undecided	15.7%	17.8%	17.8%	14.1%	19.4%	18.7%	16.6%	20.1%	15.3%	16.6%	0.9%	17.2%	17.7%	-1.1%	-0.5%
Physician	19.6%	17.4%	16.0%	16.5%	16.0%	15.1%	14.8%	16.1%	14.7%	16.9%	-2.7%	16.3%	16.2%	0.7%	0.1%
Business executive (management, administrator)	10.0%	9.8%	7.9%	8.5%	6.7%	8.6%	7.5%	7.2%	11.2%	10.8%	0.8%	8.8%	12.3%	-1.5%	-3.5%
Engineer	11.1%	10.4%	11.1%	9.8%	9.9%	9.2%	9.6%	10.7%	10.8%	10.3%	-0.8%	10.3%	11.8%	-1.5%	-1.5%
Writer or journalist	9.3%	8.4%	11.8%	11.0%	11.2%	10.5%	11.8%	10.0%	11.0%	9.9%	0.6%	10.5%	3.0%	6.9%	7.5%
Lawyer or judge	4.9%	5.7%	4.5%	6.5%	8.7%	7.1%	5.7%	5.5%	6.3%	6.9%	2.0%	6.2%	6.8%	0.1%	-0.6%
Actor or entertainer	n/a	n/a	5.8%	3.4%	5.4%	6.5%	6.4%	5.6%	4.4%	5.0%		5.3%	0.9%	4.1%	4.4%
Musician	n/a	n/a	4.7%	4.8%	4.2%	5.1%	4.4%	4.5%	3.8%	3.9%		4.4%	1.3%	2.6%	3.1%
Scientific researcher	4.3%	3.8%	3.6%	3.4%	2.9%	2.6%	3.7%	3.7%	2.9%	2.7%	-1.6%	3.4%	5.0%	-2.3%	-1.6%
Policy maker/government	n/a	n/a	2.1%	2.0%	2.5%	2.5%	2.3%	2.0%	2.4%	2.4%		2.3%	2.5%	-0.1%	-0.2%
Business owner or proprietor	n/a	n/a	1.8%	1.3%	1.7%	1.4%	1.8%	1.4%	2.3%	2.0%		1.7%	2.8%	-0.8%	-1.1%
Foreign service worker (incl. diplomat)	n/a	n/a	0.7%	1.1%	0.8%	1.1%	1.8%	1.3%	1.7%	1.1%		1.2%	2.5%	-1.4%	-1.3%
Secondary teacher	1.3%	1.2%	1.2%	1.3%	1.9%	0.9%	2.1%	1.5%	1.2%	1.3%	0.0%	1.4%	0.9%	0.4%	0.5%
Artist	n/a	n/a	0.3%	1.0%	0.7%	0.2%	0.5%	0.2%	0.9%	0.5%		0.5%	0.9%	-0.4%	-0.4%
College teacher	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%	1.0%	0.6%	1.3%	1.1%	1.2%	0.7%	0.8%	-0.3%	1.0%	0.9%	-0.1%	0.1%
Accountant	n/a	n/a	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.8%	0.3%		0.4%	0.9%	-0.6%	-0.5%
Elementary teacher	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%	0.1%	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	0.5%	0.4%	0.1%	0.3%	0.4%	0.0%	-0.1%
Computer programmer or analyst	n/a	n/a	1.8%	1.8%	0.5%	1.2%	0.8%	0.7%	0.4%	0.8%		1.0%	1.5%	-0.7%	-0.5%
<b>Father's highest education</b>															
High School Graduate	3.5%	4.0%	4.2%	4.2%	4.8%	3.7%	5.1%	6.0%	4.5%	4.3%	0.8%	4.4%	5.9%	-1.6%	-1.5%
College Graduate	23.1%	25.3%	24.3%	24.2%	25.5%	23.5%	24.9%	25.7%	24.6%	24.0%	0.9%	24.5%	26.1%	-2.1%	-1.6%
Graduate Degree	58.3%	55.3%	57.1%	59.0%	55.7%	59.2%	57.4%	56.9%	57.7%	60.4%	2.1%	57.7%	53.9%	6.5%	3.8%
<b>Mother's highest education</b>															
High School Graduate	6.7%	5.9%	6.2%	6.2%	7.6%	5.1%	5.9%	5.6%	5.2%	4.3%	-2.4%	5.9%	6.5%	-2.2%	-0.6%
College Graduate	35.3%	36.1%	37.1%	37.3%	33.2%	36.9%	37.0%	36.3%	39.0%	37.8%	2.5%	36.6%	37.5%	0.3%	-0.9%
Graduate Degree	37.4%	36.3%	35.8%	39.0%	40.9%	41.1%	40.0%	40.1%	39.3%	42.7%	5.3%	39.3%	38.9%	3.8%	0.4%
<b>Father's occupation</b>															
Business	35.7%	34.8%	36.1%	35.1%	33.4%	35.2%	33.1%	36.5%	32.8%	33.7%	-2.0%	34.6%	33.3%	0.4%	1.3%
Doctor (MD or DDS)	12.3%	13.1%	13.8%	13.1%	13.1%	13.6%	12.9%	11.5%	11.8%	12.4%	0.1%	12.8%	10.0%	2.4%	2.8%
Lawyer	6.7%	8.1%	7.1%	7.8%	7.5%	10.0%	8.7%	7.1%	10.1%	8.0%	1.3%	8.1%	7.4%	0.6%	0.7%
Engineer	9.7%	8.1%	8.9%	9.1%	9.8%	9.9%	8.3%	9.0%	9.5%	7.8%	-1.9%	9.0%	9.9%	-2.1%	-0.9%
College teacher	3.8%	2.4%	2.1%	2.5%	2.3%	2.4%	2.8%	4.0%	2.2%	2.6%	-1.2%	2.7%	2.7%	-0.1%	0.0%
Secondary school teacher	2.9%	2.9%	2.0%	2.2%	2.6%	2.0%	1.8%	1.9%	1.7%	2.3%	-0.6%	2.2%	2.0%	0.3%	0.2%

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Business	12.4%	15.1%	15.9%	14.4%	16.1%	15.7%	15.6%	17.0%	16.2%	14.5%	2.1%	15.3%	16.0%	-1.5%	-0.7%
Homemaker (full-time)	19.4%	15.4%	18.1%	18.3%	17.8%	17.6%	15.6%	18.5%	16.6%	17.5%	-1.9%	17.5%	15.8%	1.7%	1.7%
Elementary school teacher	11.4%	11.3%	10.5%	10.1%	7.7%	10.0%	8.8%	7.4%	7.4%	4.7%	-6.7%	8.9%	6.4%	-1.7%	2.5%
Nurse	6.3%	6.8%	7.1%	7.3%	6.0%	6.4%	6.4%	5.5%	5.7%	4.8%	-1.5%	6.2%	5.7%	-0.9%	0.5%
Secondary school teacher	5.7%	6.3%	5.5%	4.9%	5.5%	6.0%	4.9%	5.0%	4.3%	4.8%	-0.9%	5.3%	4.6%	0.2%	0.7%
Business (clerical)	5.6%	4.8%	4.3%	5.4%	3.4%	3.4%	4.3%	2.7%	3.5%	2.8%	-2.8%	4.0%	2.9%	-0.1%	1.1%
Doctor (MD or DDS)	3.9%	3.7%	3.5%	3.9%	4.4%	4.0%	4.0%	4.4%	4.0%	5.1%	1.2%	4.1%	4.6%	0.5%	-0.5%
Health professional	4.1%	4.6%	3.4%	3.4%	6.3%	3.8%	3.9%	4.2%	3.5%	3.2%	-0.9%	4.0%	3.8%	-0.6%	0.2%
Lawyer	1.3%	2.3%	2.4%	3.1%	1.7%	3.3%	3.8%	2.4%	4.6%	4.1%	2.8%	2.9%	3.5%	0.6%	-0.6%
College teacher	2.1%	1.8%	1.2%	1.4%	1.3%	1.6%	1.9%	1.6%	1.7%	2.4%	0.3%	1.7%	1.6%	0.8%	0.1%
<b>Concern about ability to pay for college</b>															
None	36.2%	39.1%	43.6%	38.5%	39.6%	40.2%	39.4%	41.7%	38.8%	39.9%	3.7%	39.7%	45.2%	-5.3%	-5.5%
Some (but probably have enough)	54.4%	50.3%	47.4%	52.8%	50.2%	53.3%	51.9%	50.0%	51.8%	52.5%	-1.9%	51.5%	48.0%	4.5%	3.5%
Major (not sure I'll have enough)	9.4%	10.7%	9.0%	8.7%	10.2%	6.5%	8.8%	8.3%	9.4%	7.6%	-1.8%	8.9%	6.8%	0.8%	2.1%
<b>Paying for first year of college</b>															
Received no grants/scholarships/military funding	n/a	n/a	n/a	35.5%	38.4%	38.2%	37.2%	36.6%	n/a	44.4%		38.4%	40.3%	4.1%	-1.9%
Expect to contribute no family resources	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.0%	7.4%	7.3%	5.6%	6.2%	10.1%	9.1%		7.4%	9.6%	-0.5%	-2.2%
Expect to contribute more than \$10k from family reso	n/a	n/a	n/a	70.0%	67.9%	71.0%	71.2%	73.9%	73.1%	71.9%		71.3%	67.8%	4.1%	3.5%
No aid which must be repaid (i.e. no loans)	n/a	n/a	n/a	58.2%	58.5%	55.1%	53.0%	52.8%	n/a	58.4%		56.0%	61.2%	-2.8%	-5.2%
More than \$10k of aid which must be repaid (loans)	n/a	n/a	n/a	10.8%	12.2%	13.9%	15.1%	15.7%	n/a	13.1%		13.5%	12.2%	0.9%	1.3%
<b>Estimated parents total annual income</b>															
<\$75,000	37.3%	35.8%	31.3%	27.1%	29.3%	25.5%	26.2%	24.0%	25.2%	22.9%	-14.4%	28.5%	25.8%	-2.9%	2.7%
\$75,000-\$99,999	14.7%	14.9%	12.3%	13.9%	13.2%	12.2%	13.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.1%	-2.6%	13.2%	11.8%	0.3%	1.4%
\$100,000-\$149,999	18.8%	19.5%	21.9%	21.2%	19.7%	21.2%	21.8%	22.9%	17.8%	18.3%	-0.5%	20.3%	19.4%	-1.1%	0.9%
\$150,000-\$199,999	8.9%	9.1%	10.8%	11.5%	10.2%	10.3%	9.2%	10.5%	10.8%	11.9%	3.0%	10.3%	11.3%	0.6%	-1.0%
\$200,000-\$249,999	20.4%	20.6%	23.7%	26.3%	7.8%	8.5%	7.3%	8.6%	8.8%	8.9%	-11.5%	14.1%	8.4%	0.5%	5.7%
\$250,000 or more*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	19.8%	22.3%	22.0%	21.5%	24.6%	26.0%		22.7%	23.1%	2.9%	-0.4%
\$100k or more	48.1%	49.2%	56.4%	59.0%	57.5%	62.3%	60.3%	63.5%	62.0%	65.1%	17.0%	58.3%	60.2%	1.8%	-1.9%
\$200k or more	20.4%	20.6%	23.7%	26.3%	27.6%	30.8%	29.3%	30.1%	33.4%	34.9%	14.5%	27.7%	29.7%	3.7%	-2.0%

# Very Highly Selective Privates group defined by HERI *The American Freshman: National Norms for Fall 2007*

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<b>Reasons cited as "very important" for selecting this institution:</b>															
College has good academic reputation	92.3%	93.0%	89.5%	91.4%	90.3%	91.4%	88.4%	89.1%	91.3%	92.9%	0.6%	91.0%	88.4%	4.5%	2.6%
Graduates get good jobs	77.4%	73.8%	75.2%	74.1%	n/a	n/a	71.1%	70.3%	65.5%	70.2%	-7.2%	72.2%	68.1%	2.1%	4.1%
A visit to the campus	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	64.4%	61.4%	60.7%	51.1%	51.2%		57.8%	49.0%	2.2%	8.8%
Graduates gain admission to top grad/prof. schools	67.1%	63.1%	62.9%	62.3%	n/a	n/a	59.0%	59.1%	54.2%	56.7%	-10.4%	60.6%	57.4%	-0.7%	3.2%
Rankings in national magazines	38.3%	36.1%	36.8%	40.0%	42.2%	43.2%	41.1%	44.4%	47.0%	40.8%	2.5%	41.0%	41.6%	-0.8%	-0.6%
Wanted to go to school of this size	37.4%	33.7%	38.9%	40.6%	38.4%	39.1%	38.5%	39.7%	41.6%	36.7%	-0.7%	38.5%	39.2%	-2.5%	-0.7%
Offered financial assistance	31.4%	31.7%	26.2%	28.7%	28.1%	30.3%	30.5%	27.7%	27.7%	29.9%	-1.5%	29.2%	34.7%	-4.8%	-5.5%
Admitted through Early Action or Early Decision	n/a	18.6%	21.0%	20.8%	25.3%	23.1%	27.0%	25.0%	23.7%	25.7%		23.4%	29.0%	-3.3%	-5.6%
Information from web site	n/a	n/a	13.7%	17.6%	24.0%	26.2%	25.3%	26.6%	29.3%	26.4%		23.6%	25.3%	1.1%	-1.7%
Good reputation for social activities	22.3%	22.9%	24.3%	28.3%	24.2%	25.3%	21.8%	22.1%	28.1%	29.5%	7.2%	24.9%	34.1%	-4.6%	-9.2%
High school guidance counselor advised me	4.2%	4.1%	3.6%	5.8%	4.9%	5.3%	6.9%	5.8%	7.9%	7.7%	3.5%	5.6%	9.3%	-1.6%	-3.7%
Not offered aid by my first choice school	1.5%	2.6%	1.9%	1.9%	2.5%	1.5%	3.2%	1.6%	2.4%	2.9%	1.4%	2.2%	4.1%	-1.2%	-1.9%
Cost of attending this college	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12.2%	11.9%	15.8%	18.6%		14.6%	20.4%	-1.8%	-5.8%
This college has low tuition	1.5%	0.9%	1.2%	0.8%	1.0%	0.9%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		1.1%	n/a		1.1%
Reputation for campus safety	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.6%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		4.6%	n/a		4.6%
College offers special educational programs	n/a	n/a	24.0%	24.1%	23.9%	24.4%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		24.1%	n/a		24.1%
<b>Select activities participated in within last year</b>															
Performed volunteer work	93.8%	93.3%	93.8%	94.6%	94.8%	94.4%	94.1%	94.7%	92.2%	94.2%	0.4%	94.0%	92.5%	1.7%	1.5%
Used the internet for research or homework*	92.4%	68.7%	76.1%	86.4%	89.1%	91.1%	87.1%	86.9%	90.3%	92.0%	-0.4%	86.0%	87.0%	5.0%	-1.0%
Socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group	78.4%	64.0%	80.1%	78.9%	82.7%	80.2%	79.4%	82.7%	75.9%	78.5%	0.1%	78.1%	75.5%	3.0%	2.6%
Drank wine or liquor	46.7%	49.4%	51.3%	49.4%	47.4%	43.3%	50.6%	48.5%	46.7%	45.3%	-1.4%	47.9%	51.6%	-6.3%	-3.7%
Performed community service as part of class	n/a	52.1%	55.9%	58.0%	50.1%	49.7%	49.0%	52.7%	53.4%	53.9%		52.8%	56.4%	-2.5%	-3.6%
Was bored in class*	38.0%	39.0%	40.3%	41.1%	36.6%	37.2%	43.6%	38.0%	34.5%	35.5%	-2.5%	38.4%	40.1%	-4.6%	-1.7%
Drank beer	40.2%	42.0%	40.8%	40.1%	37.4%	34.5%	39.2%	36.5%	39.4%	38.0%	-2.2%	38.8%	44.5%	-6.5%	-5.7%
Felt overwhelmed by all I had to do*	31.5%	35.3%	33.9%	30.6%	29.7%	31.7%	35.1%	32.5%	32.7%	28.5%	-3.0%	32.2%	27.9%	0.6%	4.3%
Smoked cigarettes*	3.5%	2.4%	2.9%	2.3%	2.4%	1.3%	1.1%	0.7%	1.5%	1.4%	-2.1%	2.0%	1.8%	-0.4%	0.2%
Attended a public recital or concert	87.5%	87.8%	89.0%	90.4%	89.4%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		88.8%	n/a		
*percentage responding "frequently" vs. frequently or "occasionally" for all other items															
<b>Partied...</b>															
No hours per week	24.4%	25.3%	26.5%	25.5%	28.5%	30.0%	33.8%	34.3%	30.0%	31.3%	6.9%	29.0%	28.3%	3.0%	0.7%
Less than one hour per week	n/a	n/a	17.0%	18.1%	19.6%	19.0%	17.5%	18.5%	15.3%	17.4%		17.8%	17.3%	0.1%	0.5%
6-10 hours per week	n/a	n/a	8.3%	9.6%	9.5%	6.5%	7.1%	6.6%	10.2%	9.0%		8.4%	10.4%	-1.4%	-2.1%
11 or more hours per week	n/a	n/a	3.5%	3.3%	3.5%	2.8%	1.9%	3.1%	3.4%	3.0%		3.1%	4.8%	-1.8%	-1.7%
<b>Political views</b>															
Far left	2.2%	2.6%	4.1%	4.4%	4.3%	4.0%	4.5%	5.3%	5.0%	5.1%	2.9%	4.2%	4.0%	1.1%	0.1%
Liberal	37.4%	41.2%	41.0%	43.9%	41.5%	42.9%	45.8%	45.2%	47.7%	48.3%	10.9%	43.5%	41.9%	6.4%	1.6%
Middle-of-the-road	39.4%	35.9%	36.3%	32.6%	31.5%	35.0%	33.5%	32.1%	32.1%	33.3%	-6.1%	34.2%	35.6%	-2.3%	-1.4%
Conservative	20.4%	19.5%	18.0%	18.0%	20.3%	17.0%	15.3%	16.8%	14.7%	12.4%	-8.0%	17.2%	17.5%	-5.1%	-0.3%
Far right	0.7%	0.8%	0.6%	0.4%	2.4%	1.1%	0.8%	0.8%	0.5%	0.9%	0.2%	0.9%	1.0%	-0.1%	-0.1%