

University of Michigan Student Profile Comparison with Other Highly Selective Public 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 2016 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN STATISTICS (from the Office of the Registrar)

TOTAL ENROLLMENT 44,718			GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN			STATES W/ HIGHEST ENROLLMENTS
Male	22,929	(51%)	Michigan	21,049	(47%)	California (2,505)
Female	21,789	(49%)	Other States/DC	16,998	(38%)	New York (2,221)
Undergrad.	28,983	(65%)	US Territories	18		Illinois (2,187)
Grad./Prof.	15,735	(35%)	Foreign	6,671	(15%)	New Jersey (1,274)
						Ohio (952)
						(These five states account for more than 50% of out of state students)

COMPARISON: UM 2016 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=4,846)	PUBLIC HI SELECT (N=16,622)		UM (N=4,846)	PUBLIC HI SELECT (N=16,622)
Anticipated Behavior			Reasons for Selecting College		
Seek Personal Counseling	11.0%	14.3%	Academic Reputation	86.7%	85.9%
Communicate w/ Professors	46.7%	53.7%	Rankings in National Magazines	37.1%	36.0%
Get a Job to Pay Expenses	37.7%	43.1%	Social Reputation	65.5%	57.1%
Participate in Volunteer Service	36.4%	45.8%			
Join Fraternity or Sorority	15.5%	13.5%	Probable Career Choice (UM TOP 6 BY %)		
Change Major	12.7%	15.0%	Business	15.4%	13.5%
Participate in Study Abroad	39.8%	43.6%	Doctor (MS or DDS)	15.3%	19.4%
			Engineer	14.7%	12.2%
Family Income			Undecided	12.6%	13.2%
Less than \$60,000/YR	15.2%	19.8%	Information Technology	5.2%	5.4%
\$60,000/YR to \$74,999/YR	5.5%	7.1%	Research Scientist	4.8%	6.5%
\$75,000/YR to \$99,999/YR	8.2%	10.4%			
\$100,000/YR to \$149,999	18.0%	22.6%	Activities During Past Year		
\$150,000/YR to \$199,999/YR	9.5%	11.0%	Performed Volunteer Work	92.8%	93.9%
\$200,000/YR to \$249,999/YR	9.9%	9.6%	Attended Religious Service	66.1%	66.8%
\$250,000/YR or more	24.5%	19.2%	Tutored Another Student	77.1%	77.6%
			Drank Wine or Liquor	33.8%	36.3%
Life Objectives			Drank Beer	28.6%	31.3%
Raise a Family	63.5%	68.8%	Frequently Was Bored in Class	32.0%	39.9%
Be Very Well Off Financially	73.3%	80.5%			
Become an Authority In Field	55.8%	60.4%	Race/Ethnicity		
Recognition from Colleagues	52.2%	58.1%	White/Caucasian	71.1%	64.7%
Develop Life Philosophy	43.6%	50.8%	African American/Black	6.5%	6.5%
Keep Up to Date with Politics	48.3%	53.1%	American Indian/Alaska Native	1.2%	1.2%
Be a Community Leader	43.1%	47.4%	East Asian	12.8%	15.6%
Promote Racial Understanding	40.8%	47.8%	Filipino	1.2%	2.5%
			Southeast Asian	1.3%	3.2%
Self-Rated Above Average or Highest 10% in:			South Asian	7.5%	6.2%
Academic Ability	87.0%	90.0%	Other Asian	0.6%	0.7%
Drive to Achieve	81.9%	82.9%	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Island	0.7%	0.7%
Intellectual Self Confidence	65.3%	66.2%	Mexican American/Chicano	3.3%	6.0%
Leadership Ability	66.3%	65.6%	Puerto Rican	0.9%	1.0%
Mathematics Ability	66.6%	67.3%	Other Latino	2.5%	3.5%
Writing Ability	51.0%	54.2%	Other	1.3%	1.4%

University of Michigan Student Profile Ten-Year Comparison

The results of the 2006 and 2016 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 2006 are compared with first-year students who began in 2016. CIRP is conducted at the University of Michigan by Student Life Research, and nationally by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA.

	2016 (N=4,846)	2006 (N=3,846)		2016 (N=4,846)	2006 (N=3,846)
UM First College Choice	62.1%	72.0%	Reasons for Selecting College		
Family Income			Academic Reputation	86.7%	84.0%
Less than \$60,000/YR	15.2%	15.0%	Rankings in National Magazines	37.1%	36.3%
\$60,000/YR to \$74,999/YR	5.5%	7.3%	Social Reputation	65.5%	38.5%
\$75,000/YR to \$99,999/YR	8.2%	12.2%	Probable Career Choice (UM TOP 6 BY %)		
\$100,000/YR to \$149,999	18.0%	21.7%	Business	15.4%	14.3%
\$150,000/YR to \$199,999/YR	9.5%	9.8%	Doctor (MS or DDS)	15.3%	14.5%
\$200,000/YR to \$249,999/YR	9.9%	7.0%	Engineer	14.7%	15.9%
\$250,000/YR or more	24.5%	12.8%	Undecided	12.6%	15.8%
Activities During Past Year			Information Technology	5.2%	-
Performed Volunteer Work	92.8%	90.7%	Research Scientist	4.8%	2.6%
Attended Religious Service	66.1%	75.0%	Anticipated Behavior		
Tutored Another Student	77.1%	70.5%	Seek Personal Counseling	11.0%	7.5%
Drank Wine or Liquor	33.8%	41.8%	Communicate w/ Professors	46.7%	36.5%
Drank Beer	28.6%	35.0%	Get a Job to Pay Expenses	37.7%	37.2%
Frequently Was Bored in Class	32.0%	36.6%	Participate in Volunteer Service	36.4%	32.8%
Life Objectives			Join Fraternity or Sorority	15.5%	8.8%
Raise a Family	63.5%	67.0%	Change Major	12.7%	15.3%
Be Very Well Off Financially	73.3%	65.2%	Participate in Study Abroad	39.8%	33.4%
Become an Authority In Field	55.8%	56.8%	Self-Rated Above Average or Highest 10% in:		
Recognition from Colleagues	52.2%	50.3%	Academic Ability	87.0%	90.8%
Develop Life Philosophy	43.6%	46.7%	Drive to Achieve	81.9%	85.9%
Keep Up to Date with Politics	48.3%	43.5%	Intellectual Self Confidence	65.3%	71.1%
Be a Community Leader	43.1%	33.7%	Leadership Ability	66.3%	69.0%
Promote Racial Understanding	40.8%	31.9%	Mathematics Ability	66.6%	68.7%
			Writing Ability	51.0%	58.3%

(Additional CIRP data and analysis available from Student Life Research, 6015 Fleming Administration Building, 764-5132)

TOTAL 2016 CIRP ¹ RESPONDENTS: 4,846			TOTAL 2016 FRESHMAN: 6,689 (Office of the Registrar)		
Race/Ethnicity	Men	Women	Race/Ethnicity	Men	Women
White/Caucasian	70.2%	72.1%	White	66.10%	65.10%
African American/Black	6.1%	6.9%	Black	4.50%	7.30%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.0%	1.4%	Native American	0.10%	0.20%
East Asian	13.0%	12.7%	Asian	12.20%	10.80%
Southeast Asian	1.6%	1.0%	Hawaiian	0.00%	0.00%
South Asian	8.5%	6.5%	Hispanic	6.30%	6.00%
Other Asian	0.7%	0.6%	Two or More	4.40%	4.60%
Filipino	1.0%	1.4%	Unknown	6.40%	5.90%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.7%	0.6%			
Mexican American/Chicano	3.6%	3.1%			
Puerto Rican	1.0%	0.9%			
Other Latino	2.6%	2.3%			
Other	1.1%	1.5%			

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

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