

GRADUATING STUDENT SURVEY RESULTS

Administered for Graduates from Summer 2010 through Spring 2011



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PURPOSE

The Graduating Student Survey is administered to students when they apply for graduation and collects data regarding student demographics, self-perception of abilities, factors influencing student satisfaction with their experiences at IU Southeast and elements of university emphasis. This multi-year report is intended to provide information regarding how these data have changed from year to year. This information can be used to support decisions that will facilitate change in response to the dynamic needs of the student population.

REPORT STRUCTURE

For ease of reading, only the last three iterations of data (2011, 2010 and 2009) are tabled. In addition, depending on the complexity of the question, not all answer categories are tabled. While 1,517 students responded to the 2011 Graduating Student Survey, unless otherwise indicated, non-respondents are excluded in tabled data. Complete data tables for multiple years and across all questions and answer categories are available from the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment (OIRA) upon request at rseverti@ius.edu.

DEGREES AWARDED & POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Degrees Awarded

As a percentage of overall degree recipients, the percentage of Graduate degree recipients has increased over the last 3 years while the percentage of Undergraduate degree recipients has declined.

Table 1: Degrees Awarded By Category as a Percentage of All Degree Recipients

	2011	2010	2009
Undergraduate	69.8%	71.8%	80.5%
Graduate	26.6%	24.9%	18.8%
Certificate/Other	3.6%	3.3%	0.8%

N=1,512

Post-Graduation Plans

The percentage of respondents admitted to graduate school is up slightly from 2010, but down nearly 2% from 2009. However, in light of Table 1 above and the steady increase of respondents completing a graduate degree here, this data seems sound.

Table 2: Percentage of Respondents Admitted to a Graduate or Professional School Program

	2011	2010	2009
No	83.1%	83.7%	81.2%
Yes	16.9%	16.3%	18.8%

N=1,482

For those students who indicated graduate or professional school acceptance, nearly all will pursue a Master’s Degree and at an increased percentage over 2010, when the question was first administered. No respondents indicated pursuit of a DDS, MD or JD/Law degree.

Table 3: Type of Graduate Degree Sought

	2011	2010
Master’s	96.3%	94.0%
Doctorate	0.4%	3.0%
Other	3.3%	0.0%
MD	0.0%	1.5%
JD/Law	0.0%	1.5%
DDS	0.0%	0.0%

N=245

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In addition, 32.8% of all respondents indicated they took a graduate test, and of these respondents, the most popular test taken was the Praxis II. In fact, the three most popular tests taken have increased slightly but steadily from 2009 while the LSAT and MCAT have declined.

Table 4: Graduate Tests Taken as a Percentage of All Respondents

	2011	2010	2009
Praxis II	15.4%	13.4%	12.5%
GMAT	6.9%	6.4%	5.2%
GRE	5.8%	5.6%	5.1%
Other	2.1%	1.7%	1.3%
LSAT	1.8%	1.7%	2.4%
MCAT	0.8%	0.4%	1.1%
<i>N=1,517</i>			

Table 5: Graduate Tests Taken as a Percentage of Test Takers

	2011	2010	2009
Praxis II	47.0%	45.9%	45.3%
GMAT	21.1%	21.9%	19.0%
GRE	17.7%	19.4%	18.5%
Other	6.4%	5.7%	4.7%
LSAT	5.4%	5.7%	8.6%
MCAT	2.4%	1.4%	3.9%
<i>N=498</i>			

EMPLOYMENT & INCOME

Employment

The percentage of responding graduating students who were employed while at IU Southeast declined by 1.6% since last year's cohort, but still represents more than 9 out of every 10 respondents.

Table 6: Employment Status While Attending IU Southeast

	2011	2010	2009
Yes	90.8%	92.4%	87.2%
No	9.2%	7.6%	12.8%
<i>N=1492</i>			

More than half of employed respondents worked 31 or more hours per week in 2011. However, the percentage in this category is lower than in each of the past two cohorts, while most other categories show increases.

Table 7: Average Hours Worked per Week

	2011	2010	2009
31 or more	52.7%	57.9%	53.9%
21 to 30	23.1%	21.2%	22.8%
11 to 20	17.0%	15.0%	16.0%
6 to 10	4.9%	4.5%	4.6%
1 to 5	2.3%	1.3%	2.7%
<i>N=1331</i>			

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The percentage of respondents who were employed at the time of the survey has dropped sizably each of the last two years (as also indicated in Table 6 data on employment), though 3 out of every 4 respondents indicate employment. Of those employed, a larger percentage is seeking an employment change.

Table 8: Current Employment Status

	2011	2010	2009
Yes	55.9%	67.5%	81.5%
Yes, but seeking employment change	20.4%	16.5%	4.6%
No, but seeking employment	17.2%	11.6%	7.7%
No, and not seeking employment	6.5%	4.4%	6.2%

N=1513

Nearly 9 out of 10 respondents' reported employment is the same position held while attending IU Southeast, a number that decreased slightly since the question first was asked in 2010.

Table 9: Current Position Description

	2011	2010
Same position held while at IU Southeast	88.8%	89.7%
New position	11.2%	10.3%

N=1100

Most respondents continue to use relatives and friends to obtain their current jobs and, excluding 'Other', are used nearly twice as often as other methods. The largest gain was in using networking.

Table 10: Current Position Obtained By

	2011	2010
Relative/Friend	34.1%	34.2%
Other	21.5%	15.5%
Online placement ads of services	17.9%	20.5%
Networking	14.8%	8.3%
Faculty/Staff	9.5%	4.6%
IU Southeast Career Services	5.5%	13.1%
Internship	3.6%	5.1%
Employment agency	2.0%	3.0%
Job fair	1.9%	0.3%
CareerLink	0.8%	0.4%
Found on own	0.4%	12.8%
Openings at current employer	0.2%	7.0%
Newspaper ad	0.1%	5.8%

(N=1154) Note that only respondents who were currently employed (Table 8) were presented this question. Note that respondents could choose multiple answers.

Income

The ‘Under \$25,000’ personal annual gross salary remains the largest category and is trending upward at nearly half of employed respondents. While 55% of respondents earn under \$30,000 annually, over one-third respondents report income between \$30,000 and \$50,000. Note that in previous years, the numbers of respondents who chose to answer this question were significantly less than in the past administration most likely due to question wording.

Table 11: Personal Annual Gross Salary if Employed

	2011	2010	2009
Under \$25,000	47.8%	39.5%	29.2%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	7.2%	8.1%	13.5%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	7.9%	8.7%	13.5%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	11.4%	12.4%	8.0%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	9.8%	13.2%	14.4%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	5.0%	4.5%	6.6%
\$50,000 to \$54,999	2.5%	4.3%	3.3%
\$55,000 or more	8.5%	9.3%	11.5%
Total N by Year	1044	645	452

APPLIED LEARNING EXPERIENCES

More graduating respondents have completed a practicum or clinical experience or student teaching than in the previous cohort, and less have completed internships.

Table 12: Applied Learning Experiences Completed as Undergraduates

	2011	2010
Practicum/Clinical experience	21.9%	18.0%
Internship	17.5%	19.2%
Student Teaching	15.2%	11.8%

(N=1504) Note that respondents could choose multiple answers.

SATISFACTION

The 5 most satisfying statements of 2009 fluctuated slightly since then and remain extremely high, with over 90% of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing to each. Two additional statements added in 2010 also have agreement levels above 90%.

Three categories showed marked improvement since 2010: a strong sense of community on campus (+3.9%); a good reputation within the community (+2.4%); and felt more like a person and less like a number (+2.2%).

Despite still being above 90%, the statement 'I am glad I went to IU Southeast' showed a 2.5% decline from 2010.

The one statement of least satisfaction (Extracurricular activities available) also has the largest amount of 'Neutral' responses (46.5%, not shown), with only 5.6% disagreeing or strongly disagreeing.

Table 13: IU Southeast Satisfaction Summary

	2011	2010	2009
IU Southeast offers high-quality academic programs	95.0%	95.8%	96.9%
I am satisfied with my IU Southeast education	94.4%	95.6%	95.5%
I am satisfied with the technology resources at IU Southeast	93.9%	92.2%	n/a
The quality of teaching by faculty in my major area was high	93.1%	92.0%	91.4%
I would encourage others to attend IU Southeast	92.6%	93.0%	93.6%
I am glad I went to IU Southeast	91.9%	94.4%	n/a
IU Southeast has a good reputation within the community	90.6%	88.2%	89.7%
Often I felt more like a person and less like a number at IU Southeast	87.6%	85.4%	73.0%
All in all, if I had to do it over again, I would choose IU Southeast	87.5%	85.7%	85.5%
I am satisfied with the variety of academic programs and courses at IU Southeast	82.3%	81.2%	n/a
I am satisfied with the non-major courses that I took	74.3%	73.8%	71.9%
The courses in my major contribute to my current work success	73.4%	72.9%	74.5%
I had opportunities to learn beyond the classroom at IU Southeast	72.5%	74.3%	n/a
There is a strong sense of community on this campus	72.4%	68.5%	69.0%
I had fun and made new friends through the activities at IU Southeast	70.9%	71.8%	n/a
I am satisfied with the extracurricular activities available at IU Southeast	47.1%	47.7%	n/a

Note that percentages are for the combined 'Strongly Agree' and 'Agree' categories

Note that the respondent number varies by question and ranges from N=1477 to N=1497

DIVERSITY & CULTURE

Serious conversations with others of a different race or ethnicity have increased markedly since 2009 with over 65% of respondents indicating conversing often or very often in 2011. There is a corresponding decrease in the sometimes and never categories.

Table 14: Serious Conversations with People of a Different Race or Ethnicity

	2011	2010	2009
Very often	27.0%	22.4%	15.0%
Often	38.8%	34.4%	29.0%
Sometimes	32.8%	40.6%	50.7%
Never	1.4%	2.7%	5.4%

(N=1474) Note that percentages are for the combined 'Very Often' and 'Often' categories

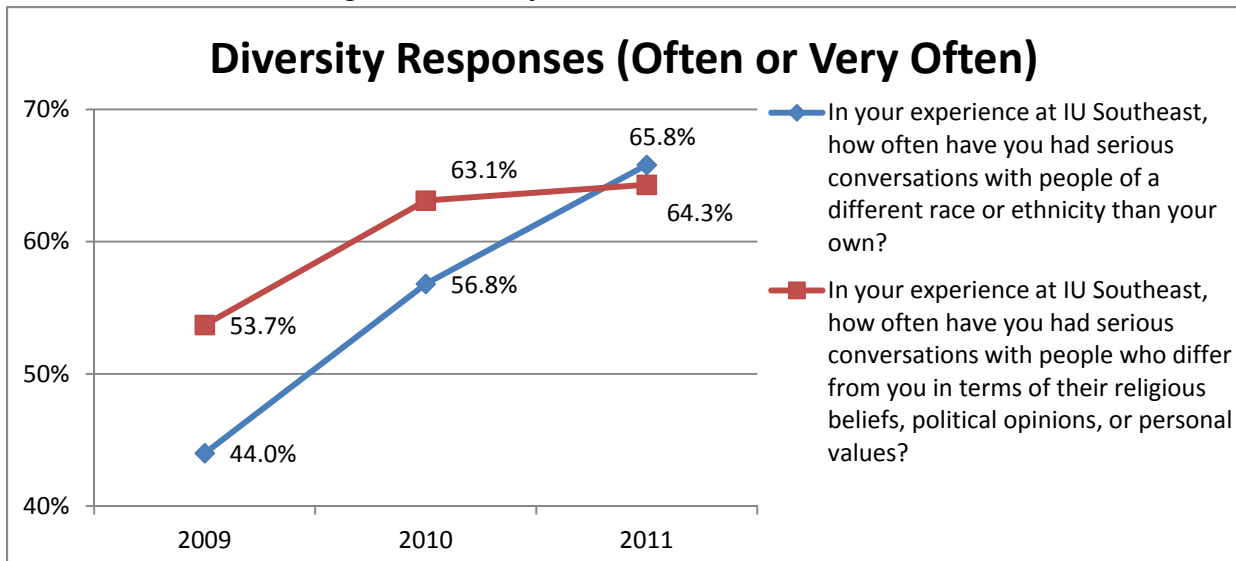
Serious conversations with those of differing religious, political opinions or personal values have also increased steadily since 2009. The largest increase has been for those in the 'Very often' category.

Table 15: Serious Conversations with People of Differing Religious or Political Belief or Personal Values

	2011	2010	2009
Very often	25.7%	22.7%	18.1%
Often	38.6%	40.4%	35.6%
Sometimes	34.1%	34.9%	43.4%
Never	1.6%	1.9%	2.9%

(N=1480) Note that percentages are for the combined 'Very Often' and 'Often' categories

Figure 1: Diversity and Culture Trend, 2009-2011



SAFETY

Campus safety is assessed for the first time in 2011. Overall, nearly all respondents feel usually or always safe both in and around campus.

Table 16: Campus Safety

	In campus buildings	Walking on campus	In campus parking lots
Always Safe	84.3%	75.5%	63.4%
Usually Safe	15.0%	23.1%	31.4%
Sometimes Safe	0.8%	1.4%	4.9%
Rarely Safe	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%
Never Safe	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Total N	<i>1177</i>	<i>1175</i>	<i>1174</i>