

2012 Graduating Student Survey: Enrollment Management Report

**Data from IU Southeast Graduate Respondents
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SURVEY PURPOSE AND REPORT STRUCTURE

The Indiana University Southeast Graduating Student Survey is administered to students when they apply for graduation and collects data regarding post-graduation plans, employment and income, applied learning experiences, factors influencing student satisfaction with their experiences at IU Southeast, diversity and culture, campus safety and self-perceived level of abilities. 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 decision-making that facilitate change in response to the dynamic needs of the student population.

This is a sub-report of the Overall Report, tailored to Enrollment Management. For the full report, please go to the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment (OIRA) webpage.

Up to three iterations of data have been tabled, when available, but some historical data is unavailable for questions that have changed in recent years as the survey has evolved. Most importantly, this was the first reporting year in which respondents to the survey who did not receive their degree in the survey year were excluded from analysis. Many of these students graduate a semester of two after their expected survey year. As such, some year-to-year comparisons are invalid. Going forward, the practice of OIRA will be to compare the list of respondents to the list of graduating students, remove those respondents who do not graduate in the survey year cycle, and add their responses to the survey year cycle in which they graduate.

In addition, individual question response rate varies, as all survey questions were voluntary and some respondents chose not to answer certain questions. We have chosen to include partial responses in the data report. Unless otherwise indicated, non-respondents are excluded in tabled data counts and percentages. Complete data tables for multiple years and across all questions and answer categories can be obtained via request to Ron Severtis in OIRA at rseverti@ius.edu.

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EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME

Employment

The vast majority (99.7%) of 2012 respondents were employed while attending IU Southeast, with 54.2% working 31 or more hours per week. Almost all Graduate respondents (83.4%) worked 31 or more hours per week, compared with 38.0% of Undergraduate respondents.

Table 1: Average Hours Worked per Week (All Respondents)

	2012	2011	2010
31 or more	54.2%	52.7%	57.9%
21 to 30	22.9%	23.1%	21.2%
11 to 20	17.3%	17.0%	15.0%
1 to 10	5.3%	7.2%	5.8%

Table 2: Average Hours Worked per Week, 2012 (Graduates vs. Undergraduates)

	G	UG
31 or more	93.4%	38.0%
21 to 30	3.5%	30.9%
11 to 20	1.0%	24.0%
1 to 10	1.5%	6.9%
Did not work	0.5%	0.2%

**G=Graduates, UG=Undergraduates*

The majority of respondents (79.3%) were employed at the time of survey administration. The percentage of respondents who were unemployed at the time of the survey has fluctuated over the last 3 years, but has dropped slightly from 2011. The vast majority of Graduate respondents (87.9%) appear satisfied with their current employment while over half of Undergraduate respondents are seeking a change or are unemployed.

Table 3: Current Employment Status (All Respondents)

	2012	2011	2010
Yes	57.2%	55.9%	67.5%
Yes, but seeking employment change	22.1%	20.4%	16.5%
No, but seeking employment	14.0%	17.2%	11.6%
No, and not seeking employment	6.6%	6.5%	4.4%

Table 4: Current Employment Status (Graduates vs. Undergraduates)

	G	UG
Yes	87.9%	47.5%
Yes, but seeking employment change	8.2%	26.6%
No, but seeking employment	1.9%	17.8%
No, and not seeking employment	1.9%	8.1%

**G=Graduates, UG=Undergraduates*

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Relatives and friends continue to be the method most often used by respondents for help in obtaining their current jobs. Though this method has declined over the past year, it is still used more than twice as often as any method except 'Other'.

Table 5: Current Position Obtained By Method

	2012	2011	2010
Relative/Friend	28.4%	34.1%	34.2%
Networking	13.5%	14.8%	8.3%
Internet/Website	12.7%	N/A	N/A
Online ads	N/A	17.9%	20.5%
Faculty/Staff	10.6%	9.5%	4.6%
Internship	4.1%	3.6%	5.1%
IU Southeast Career Services	3.9%	5.5%	13.1%
Job fair	1.6%	1.9%	0.3%
Employment agency	1.2%	2.0%	3.0%
CareerLink	0.7%	0.8%	0.4%
Other	15.2%	21.5%	15.5%

Note that only respondents who indicated current employment were presented this question and that respondents could choose multiple answers

Income

When Graduate and Undergraduate responses are combined, the largest annual gross salary category is 'Under \$25,000' and is nearly identical to the 2011 figure. However, when comparing the two groups, the differences are striking and expected. Undergraduates primarily fall in the 'Under \$25,000' category, with all other categories below 10%. For Graduates, nearly 43% of respondents fall between \$35,000 and \$44,999 per year.

Table 6: Annual Gross Salary (All Respondents)

	2012	2011	2010
Under \$25,000	47.9%	47.8%	39.5%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	6.7%	7.2%	8.1%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	8.0%	7.9%	8.7%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	10.6%	11.4%	12.4%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	8.5%	9.8%	13.2%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	6.1%	5.0%	4.5%
\$50,000 to \$54,999	--	2.5%	4.3%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	5.6%	--	--
\$55,000 or more	--	8.5%	9.3%
\$60,000 to \$69,000	2.2%	--	--
\$70,000 to \$79,999	1.9%	--	--
\$80,000 or More	2.4%	--	--

Table 7: Annual Gross Salary, 2012 (Graduates vs. Undergraduates)

	G	UG
Under \$25,000	3.1%	67.8%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	3.6%	8.1%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	9.9%	7.2%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	22.4%	5.3%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	20.3%	3.2%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	13.5%	2.8%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	13.0%	2.3%
\$60,000 to \$69,000	3.6%	1.6%
\$70,000 to \$79,999	4.2%	0.9%
\$80,000 or More	6.3%	0.7%

**G=Graduates, UG=Undergraduates*

SATISFACTION: IU SOUTHEAST EDUCATION

The vast majority of all respondents believe that IU Southeast offers high-quality academic programs, would encourage others to attend the school and believe IU Southeast has a good reputation in the community.

Among Graduate respondents, half of the satisfaction questions received ‘Strongly Agree’ or ‘Agree’ combined percentages of over 90%. The only category below 75% (‘There is a strong sense of community on the campus’ at 65.5%) seems to be a lesser issue for Graduate respondents, as only 3.4% disagreed with this statement with 31.1% neutral.

Table 8: IU Southeast Education Satisfaction (Graduate students)

	2012*
High-quality academic programs	97.6%
I would encourage others to attend IU Southeast	96.6%
If I had to do it over again, I would choose IU Southeast	95.7%
IU Southeast has a good reputation within the community	93.2%
I had opportunities to network with my peers in the program	92.8%
I have higher hopes for my future as a result of attending IU Southeast	91.8%
The courses in my program contributed to my current work success	88.8%
Often I felt more like a person than a number at IU Southeast	87.9%
I have a civic responsibility to become involved in my community	87.0%
I feel a sense of pride about IU Southeast	80.7%
I feel I received a richer academic experience at IU Southeast	77.8%
There is a strong sense of community on the campus	65.5%

**Note that percentages total respondents indicating ‘Strongly Agree’ and ‘Agree’*

Satisfaction levels for Undergraduate respondents are also very high, though the hierarchy of factors differ somewhat from Graduate respondents.

Table 9: IU Southeast Education Satisfaction (Undergraduate students)

	2012*
High-quality academic programs	95.1%
I would encourage others to attend IU Southeast	92.1%
IU Southeast has a good reputation within the community	90.7%
I have higher hopes for my future as a result of attending IU Southeast	89.0%
If I had to do it over again, I would choose IU Southeast	88.3%
Often I felt more like a person than a number at IU Southeast	86.9%
I feel a sense of pride about IU Southeast	82.7%
I feel I received a richer academic experience at IU Southeast	79.1%
I have a civic responsibility to become involved in my community	77.9%
There is a strong sense of community on the campus	73.2%
The courses in my program contributed to my current work success	72.3%

**Note that percentages total respondents indicating ‘Strongly Agree’ and ‘Agree’*

SATISFACTION: IU SOUTHEAST EXPERIENCE

Factors influencing Graduate respondents' experiences at IU Southeast ranged in level of satisfaction from 33.0% to 91.8%, with more than half of the categories receiving levels of over 70%. The bottom five categories, all below the 70% in satisfaction mark, had dissatisfaction levels ranging from less than 1% to about 7% with the remainder indicating neutrality.

Table 10: IU Southeast Experience Satisfaction (Graduate students)

	2012*
Ease of the process of paying for classes	91.8%
Staff responsiveness to student issues	91.3%
Classroom environment	88.9%
Availability of methods for expressing complaints	73.4%
Helpfulness of the Bursar staff	72.5%
Availability of parking on campus	70.5%
Quality of information about career and job opportunities	61.5%
Ease of applying for financial aid	56.7%
Opportunities for internships	39.2%
Services UCard provides	38.8%
Food services on campus	33.0%

**Note that percentages total respondents indicating 'Very Satisfied' and 'Satisfied'*

Factors influencing Undergraduate respondents' experiences at IU Southeast ranged in level of satisfaction from 45.6% to 88.3%, with more than half of the categories receiving levels of over 70%. The bottom five categories, which ranged from 45.6% to 54.4% in satisfaction, had dissatisfaction levels at 6.1% or less, with the remainder indicating neutrality. However, food services on campus had a dissatisfaction level of 13.1% and availability of campus parking had a dissatisfaction level of 36.1%.

Table 11: IU Southeast Experience Satisfaction (Undergraduate students)

	2012*
Ease of the process of paying for classes	88.3%
Classroom environment	84.4%
Staff responsiveness to student issues	82.3%
Helpfulness of the Bursar staff	78.4%
Ease of applying for financial aid	76.0%
Quality of information about career and job opportunities	74.2%
Opportunities for internships	54.4%
Opportunities for work-study	53.4%
Services UCard provides	50.0%
Food services on campus	48.3%
Availability of parking on campus	45.6%

**Note that percentages total respondents indicating 'Very Satisfied' and 'Satisfied'*

POST-GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Nearly 60% of Graduate respondents indicate they have interest in pursuing another degree at some point. Of those interested, nearly half indicate pursuit of a doctorate and over 70% indicate a Master's degree.

Table 12: Interest in Another Degree

	<u>2012</u>
Yes	58.70%
No	41.30%

Table 13: Type of Additional Degree

	<u>2012</u>
Master's	70.2%
Doctoral	47.9%

By a wide margin, the largest area of future study is in Education.

Table 14: Area of Future Study

	<u>2012</u>
Education	76.0%
Social Science	9.9%
Law	7.4%
Natural Science	2.5%