Background
The Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP) incoming freshman survey, coordinated through the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA, is the nation’s oldest longitudinal study of the American higher education system.

In 2006, all incoming freshmen at Texas A&M were asked to complete the survey during their New Student Conference session. Of the 7,476 students in the population, 4,561 completed at least a portion of the instrument for a response rate of 61%.

Overall, students taking the CIRP were traditional age, white, from Texas, and had some religious belief.

Results

High School Graduation:
- 99% graduated from high school in 2006

Age on December 31, 2006:
- 61% 18 years old
- 38% 19 years old
- 1% 20-24 years old

Ethnicity (in a check all that applied format):
- 82% Caucasian
- 10% Mexican American/Chicano
- 4% Asian American/Asian
- 3% African American/Black
- 3% Other Latino
- 2% American Indian/Alaska Native
- 2% Other
- 1% Puerto Rican
- <1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Average Grade in High School:
- 49% A or A+
- 33% A-
- 13% B+
- 5% B
- 1% B-
- <1% C or C+

Native Language:
- 95% English
- 5% Not English

Miles Texas A&M is away from their Permanent Home:
- 2% 5 or less miles
- 1% 6 to 10 miles
- 3% 11 to 50 miles
- 23% 51 to 100 miles
- 66% 101 to 500 miles
- 7% over 500 miles

Citizenship Status:
- 97% U.S. Citizens
- 2% Permanent residents
- 1% Neither

Parents:
- 80% Both alive and living with each other
- 17% Both alive, divorced or living apart
- 3% One or both deceased

Religious Preference (5% or more of respondents):
- 26% Roman Catholic
- 24% Baptist
- 14% Methodist
- 12% Other Christian
- 6% None
- 5% Lutheran

Political Views:
- 3% Far right
- 51% Conservative
- 37% Middle of the road
- 9% Liberal
- <1% Far left

Texas A&M was their:
- 88% First choice
- 10% Second choice
- 1% Third choice
- 1% Less than third choice

For more information visit
http://www.gseis.ucla.edu/heri/cirp.html or
http://studentlifestudies.tamu.edu/

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