

2011 UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI STUDENT SURVEY

Results for Respondents 25 Years of Age or Older

The IUPUI Alumni Survey began in 1992, with a new revised version first administered in 2011. The Alumni Survey has 4 sections focusing on graduates' satisfaction with their overall IUPUI experience, the impact of IUPUI on their learning, further education, and current employment. This report summarizes responses of students who received bachelor's degrees between Spring 2008 and Summer 2010 and were 25 years of age or older (n = 246) by their graduation date. A total of 511 alumni responded to the survey for an overall response rate of 10.5%.

DEMOGRAPHIC AND ACADEMIC CHARACTERISTICS

| | 25 yrs. or older | All Resp |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| <i>Percentages</i> | | |
| Gender | | |
| Female | 52.8 | 57.5 |
| Male | 47.2 | 42.5 |
| Race/Ethnicity | | |
| African American | 11.0 | 10.6 |
| Asian | 3.3 | 3.9 |
| Caucasian | 79.3 | 80.2 |
| Hispanic | 2.0 | 1.5 |
| Native American/ Alaska Native | 0.8 | 0.4 |
| Pacific Islander / Native Hawaiian | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| International student | 1.2 | 1.7 |
| Identifies as two or more races | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Unknown | 2.4 | 1.7 |
| Academic year of graduation | | |
| 2007-2008 | 23.2 | 19.2 |
| 2008-2009 | 35.8 | 35.8 |
| 2009-2010 | 41.1 | 45.0 |
| Transfer status | | |
| No hours transferred | 32.5 | 43.5 |
| Transferred less than 15 credit hours | 10.6 | 11.6 |
| Transferred 15 credit hours or more | 56.9 | 44.8 |

DEMOGRAPHIC AND ACADEMIC CHARACTERISTICS (cont.)

| | 25 yrs. or older | All Resp |
|--|---------------------|----------|
| <i>Percentages</i> | | |
| Cumulative GPA at IU ^a | | |
| 3.50-4.00 | 28.8 | 33.6 |
| 3.00-3.49 | 32.9 | 36.5 |
| 2.50-2.99 | 27.1 | 23.3 |
| 2.49 or lower | 11.2 | 6.6 |

^aGPA earned for classes completed at an Indiana University campus during the students' undergraduate career. Does not include grades earned in classes transferred from outside of Indiana University.

IUPUI Experience

| | 25 yrs. or older | All Resp |
|---|---------------------|----------|
| Mean satisfaction ratings... ^a | | |
| Overall quality of the education you received at IUPUI | 3.43 | 3.35 |
| Quality of teaching by faculty in your major area | 3.47 | 3.39 |
| Academic advising in your major department | 3.05 | 2.96 |
| Quality of courses in your major area | 3.28 | 3.24 |
| Personal attention from those in your major department | 3.25 | 3.24 |
| Opportunities to engage in community service | 3.09 | 3.08 |
| Opportunities to participate in faculty members' research | 2.69 | 2.64 |

^a 1 = Very Unsatisfied, 2= Unsatisfied, 3= Neutral, 4= Satisfied, 5= Very Satisfied

IUPUI Experience (cont.)

| If you could start over again, would you go to IUPUI?* | 25 yrs. or older | All Resp |
|---|------------------|----------|
| Definitely no | 1.6 | 2.8 |
| Probably no | 12.7 | 12.2 |
| Probably yes | 43.9 | 48.1 |
| Definitely yes | 41.8 | 36.8 |

Community Service

| How active are you currently within your community? | 25 yrs. or older | All Resp |
|--|------------------|----------|
| Very active | 17.3 | 18.4 |
| Somewhat active | 58.0 | 58.6 |
| Not at all active | 24.7 | 23.0 |

How much did your educational experiences at IUPUI contribute to your current involvement in political, social, or community issues?

| | | |
|-------------|------|------|
| Very much | 7.8 | 7.9 |
| Quite a bit | 20.2 | 18.1 |
| Some | 25.5 | 32.5 |
| Very little | 46.5 | 41.5 |

Participation in Specific Educational Experiences

Which of the following did you do before you graduated from IUPUI?

| | 25 yrs. or older | All Resp |
|--|------------------|----------|
| Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment | 48.1 | 56.6 |
| Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements | 16.6 | 21.1 |
| Study abroad | 6.6 | 9.2 |
| Freelance or consulting work | 15.4 | 16.4 |
| On-campus employment | 29.5 | 36.6 |
| Federal Work-Study program | 13.3 | 16.0 |
| Community service or volunteer work as part of a course | 44.8 | 50.2 |

Participation in Specific Educational Experiences (cont.)

Which of the following did you do before you graduated from IUPUI?

| | 25 yrs. or older | All Resp |
|---|------------------|----------|
| Community service or volunteer work through organized service activities at IUPUI (e.g. United Way Day of Caring, MLK Day of Service, Jags in the Streets, Race for the Cure, etc.) * | 25.3 | 34.7 |
| Community service or volunteer work through IUPUI, but outside of course requirements or organized service activities | 24.9 | 31.6 |
| Community service through another organization not connected to IUPUI | 49.0 | 49.5 |
| Posted a blog or comment, shared links, or recruited friends on a political or community issue through Twitter, Facebook or other social media | 28.6 | 29.2 |
| Writing or discussing something on the blackboards in Democracy Plaza (under the BS/SPEA building) | 13.3 | 16.0 |
| Community involvement through a campus organization, club or athletics * | 30.3 | 42.0 |
| Community involvement as part of a scholarship or Federal Work Study * | 8.3 | 15.6 |

*Effect size difference is greater than 0.2 or less than -0.2 between underrepresented minority and all respondents.

Career Services

| Mean satisfaction ratings...^a | 25 yrs. or older | All Resp |
|---|------------------|----------|
| Career Services | 2.72 | 2.71 |
| Career fairs | 2.70 | 2.70 |

^a 1 = Very Unsatisfied, 2= Unsatisfied, 3= Neutral, 4= Satisfied, 5= Very Satisfied

Impact of IUPUI on Your Learning

| Mean effectiveness ratings... ^a | 25 yrs. or older | All Resp |
|--|------------------|----------|
| Speaking clearly and effectively | 3.47 | 3.47 |
| Writing clearly and effectively | 3.58 | 3.56 |
| Quantitative reasoning | 3.53 | 3.47 |
| Identify sources of information that are most appropriate for a project | 3.61 | 3.60 |
| Thinking critically and analytically | 3.66 | 3.64 |
| Applying what I learned in college to issues and problems I face every day | 3.30 | 3.30 |
| In-depth understanding of my major field of study | 3.30 | 3.27 |
| See the relationships among local, national, and global issues | 3.34 | 3.27 |
| Work effectively with people of different races, ethnicities, and religions | 3.64 | 3.65 |
| Exercise my responsibilities as a citizen (e.g., voting, actively participating in community and political issues) | 3.30 | 3.23 |
| Develop a personal sense of values and ethics | 3.61 | 3.60 |
| Use the knowledge I gained in college to address social issues or problems | 3.12 | 3.13 |
| Understand contemporary social issues | 3.34 | 3.30 |

^a Scale: 1 = Not at all Effective, 2= Somewhat Effective, 3= Effective, 4= Very Effective

Further Education

| Which of the following best describes your current educational status? | 25 yrs. or older | All Resp |
|--|------------------|----------|
| Enrolled full-time in a program leading to another degree | 13.3 | 20.4 |
| Enrolled part-time in a program leading to another degree | 15.4 | 13.2 |
| Enrolled in classes not leading to another degree | 4.1 | 3.3 |
| Not presently enrolled but plan on taking further coursework | 44.0 | 43.9 |

Further Education (cont.)

Which of the following best describes your current educational status?

| | 25 yrs. or older | All Resp |
|--|------------------|----------|
| Not presently enrolled and have no plans for further study | 23.2 | 19.3 |

How well did your IUPUI education prepare you for your next degree?*

| | 25 yrs. or older | All Resp |
|------------|------------------|----------|
| Very well | 63.8 | 59.1 |
| Somewhat | 30.4 | 35.7 |
| Not at all | 5.8 | 5.2 |

* Of respondents who indicated they are enrolled full-time in another degree program.

Employment

Which best describes your current employment status?

| | 25 yrs. or older | All Resp |
|--|------------------|----------|
| Working for pay full- or part-time | 83.6 | 85.0 |
| Not working for pay but looking for work | 8.6 | 7.2 |
| Not working for pay and not looking for work | 7.4 | 7.6 |
| I am on active duty in the armed forces | 0.4 | 0.2 |

Which of the following best describes your employer?

| | 25 yrs. or older | All Resp |
|--|------------------|----------|
| Large corporations (e.g. Eli Lilly, Chase Bank, Wal-Mart, etc.) | 21.7 | 26.7 |
| Small business or corporation | 22.2 | 23.4 |
| Educational institution or organization | 29.1 | 27.8 |
| Federal, state or local government (not educational) | 15.8 | 11.6 |
| Other non-profit organization (e.g. United Way, religious organizations, etc.) | 9.9 | 9.0 |
| Self-employed | 1.5 | 1.5 |

Are you working in Indiana? 85.7 86.2

Employment (cont.)**How closely does your job relate to your IUPUI major area of study?**

| | 25 yrs. or older | All Resp |
|------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Directly related | 49.0 | 51.5 |
| Somewhat related | 28.4 | 27.3 |
| Not related | 22.5 | 21.1 |

How well did your IUPUI education prepare you for this job?*

| | 25 yrs. or older | All Resp |
|------------|---------------------|----------|
| Very well | 43.1 | 41.9 |
| Somewhat | 45.0 | 45.0 |
| Not at all | 11.9 | 13.2 |

Employment (cont.)**How well do you think your IUPUI education enhanced your prospects for future advancement?**

| | 25 yrs. or older | All Resp |
|------------|---------------------|----------|
| Very well | 51.0 | 47.2 |
| Somewhat | 46.1 | 46.9 |
| Not at all | 2.9 | 5.9 |

Reported gross annual salary*

| | 25 yrs. or older | All Resp |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Under \$20,000 | 13.7 | 16.8 |
| \$20,000 to \$29,999 | 13.7 | 16.8 |
| \$30,000 to \$39,999 | 20.5 | 23.9 |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 20.5 | 17.9 |
| \$50,000 to above | 31.6 | 24.5 |

* Chi-square test revealed statistically significant differences between female respondents and all respondents on this item ($\alpha \leq 0.05$)