



IUPUI

New Beginner Student Check-In Survey

Fall 2021



Welcome to the Fall 2021 New Beginner IUPUI Student Check-In Survey

The New Beginner Student Check-In Survey was designed to help peer mentors, faculty members, advisors, staff members, and campus leaders understand the needs of beginning students. Individual-level responses were made available via a Tableau dashboard for peer mentors. The dashboard was updated daily and this allowed the peer mentors to work with students to address their needs and barriers to success more immediately. The survey launched on September 14 in an effort to gain an understanding of what struggles or advantages students were experiencing during the first half of the Fall 2021 semester. The study was IRB approved (Exempt) and the respondents were entered into a drawing to win 1 of 25 Amazon ecards valued at \$25 each.

Summary of Findings Overall

- Students are concerned about feeling connected to others and forming friendships.
- Students are concerned about their grades and getting good grades in their courses. They are also concerned about managing both their time and their course load.
- Most students have growth mindsets and feel that instructors care about their learning.
- Students desire help with preparing for exams, math, and time management.
- Students desire help with managing stress, making friends, and emotional health.
- Students reported needing help with effectively managing work/life/school balance, financial aid options, and affording college-related experiences.
- Students desire more social events/events at diverse times for those students not taking classes during traditional times, and better communication about how to get more involved (clubs and organizations).

Key Highlights

- A total of 1,159 IUPUI Indianapolis students responded to the survey (response rate = 37.1%)
- Survey respondents were representative of the IUPUI new beginner population with regard to Indiana residency, ethnicity, income level (the percentages that received Federal Pell Grant), and first-generation status. The only difference between survey respondents and the IUPUI beginner population was that respondents were more likely to be women and slightly more likely to have \$0 of unmet financial aid.
- Respondents reported feeling higher levels of happiness at IUPUI than connectedness. On a five-point scale ranging from 0-Not at all to 5-Very Much, 74% of students rated their happiness at IUPUI either a 4 or 5 compared to 37% of students reporting the same rating in for connectedness.
- Almost all of the students reported they plan to reenroll at IUPUI next semester (95%), or not transfer to another college or university (85%).
- Students were asked to rate their level of agreement with various items pertaining to their academic ability or their IUPUI experiences. The following items were rated the highest in levels of agreement: 1) I believe that I can improve my academic ability if I work hard enough (97%); 2) there are instructors/staff at IUPUI who care about my learning (93%); 3) there are instructors/staff at IUPUI who want to help me attain my personal goals (90%); 4) IUPUI has made me feel welcome (92%); and 5) IUPUI has met my expectations for providing the best academic/learning experience possible given the circumstances (93%).
- 78% of respondents agree they feel a sense of belonging to IUPUI.

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- Students were asked how much help they need with different items in academics/study skills/time management. The top three areas students reported needing help were 1) preparing for exams properly, 2) math, and 3) time management.
- Additionally, students were asked how much help they need with different items regarding their personal/social life. The top three areas students reported needing help were 1) ability to manage stress, 2) making new friends, and 3) emotional health.
- The final area students were asked how much help they needed help in referenced work/finances/housing. The top three areas students reported needing help were 1) effectively managing work/life/school balance, 2) financial aid options, and 3) affording college related expenses.
- Slightly less than half (47%) of respondents are interested in on-campus employment.
- Of the students that indicated they took steps to get an on-campus job, 88% of respondents have logged into Handshake, 61% have a resume, 44% have applied for a job on Handshake, and 39% have uploaded their resume on Handshake.
- When asked to report their expectations for an ideal college experience, students' top five responses were: 1) making new friends or connecting to peers, 2) achieving academic goals, 3) learn about major/future careers, 4) being involved on campus (e.g., clubs, organizations, sororities, fraternities), and 5) having good time management.
- Students reported that IUPUI could do the following to improve their experiences: 1) nothing/no idea, 2) more social events/social events at diverse times, 3) more information on clubs, 4) information on resources available on campus, and 5) financial help.
- Students reported that they are most concerned with grades/passing classes, time management, a specific academic class (i.e., anatomy, calculus, chemistry), exams/studying, and managing course workload.
- As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic students reported experiencing either quite a bit or very much an increase in the following areas: 1) mental or emotional exhaustion (47%), 2) inability to concentrate (32%), and 3) depression or anxiety that interfered with daily functioning (31%).

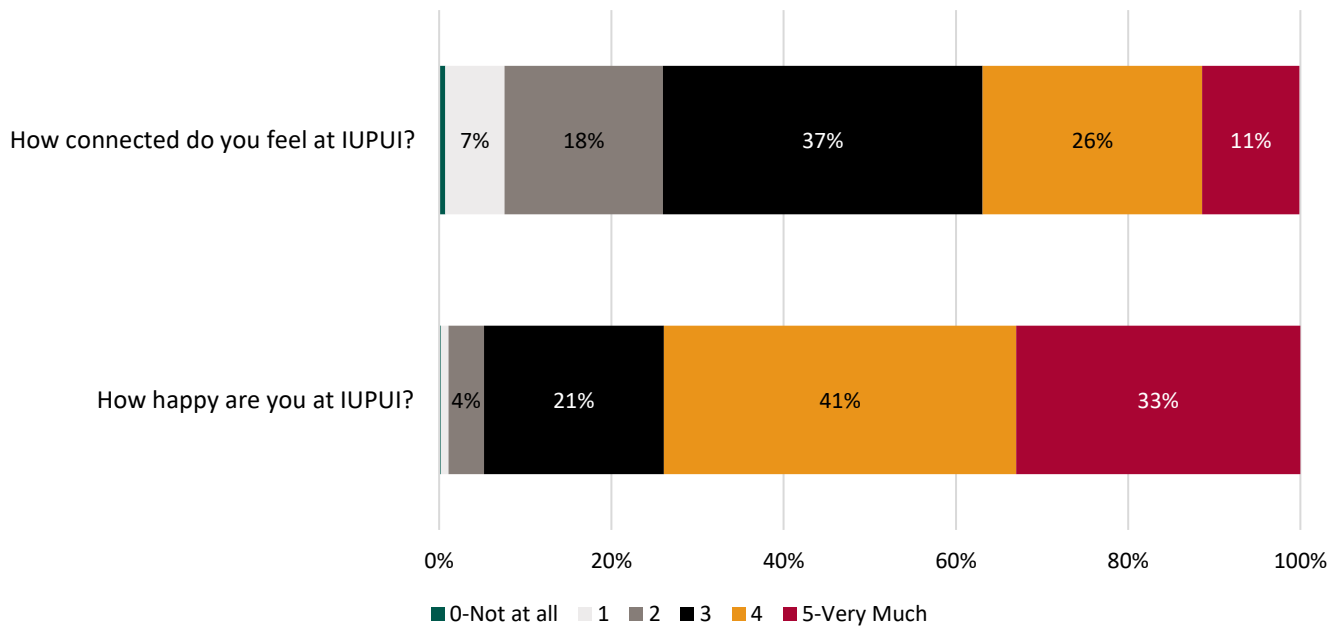
NEW BEGINNER STUDENT CHECK-IN SURVEY RESPONDENTS
DEMOGRAPHICS

Gender	Survey Responders		Overall Sample Population	
	N	Percentage	N	Percentage
Female	764	65.9	1,865	59.8
Male	395	34.1	1,256	40.2
Ethnicity				
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0.0	1	0.0
Asian	87	7.5	210	6.7
Black/African American	88	7.6	338	10.8
Hispanic/Latino	161	13.9	515	16.5
International	14	1.2	47	1.5
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Island	0	0.0	1	0.0
Two or More Races	64	5.5	177	5.7
White	742	64.0	1,815	58.2
Unknown	3	0.3	17	0.5
School				
School of Science	195	16.8	532	17.0
University College	490	42.3	1,458	46.7
School of Engineering and Technology	120	10.4	334	10.7
School of Liberal Arts	41	3.5	132	4.2
School of Health & Human Sciences	86	7.4	125	4.0
Kelley School of Business	110	9.5	205	6.6
School of Nursing	0	0.0	1	0.0
School of Informatics and Computing	24	2.1	82	2.6
School of Education	16	1.4	71	2.3
O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs	9	0.8	44	1.4
Fairbanks School of Public Health	16	1.4	21	0.7
Herron School of Art and Design	47	4.1	111	3.6
Lilly Family School of Philanthropy	4	0.3	4	0.1
School of Social Work	1	0.1	1	0.0
Pell Recipient				
Yes	439	37.7	1,296	41.5
No	720	61.7	1,825	58.5
First Generation				
Yes	328	28.3	904	29.0
No	831	71.7	2,217	71.0
Residency				
Resident	1,059	91.4	2,805	89.9
Nonresident	100	8.6	316	10.1

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Unmet Financial Need	Survey Responders		Overall Sample Population	
	N	Percentage	N	Percentage
\$0	429	40.5	1,045	33.5
\$1-\$999	37	3.5	109	3.5
\$1K-\$2,499	69	6.6	169	5.4
\$2,500-\$4,999	133	12.6	361	11.6
\$5K-\$7,499	125	11.9	360	11.5
\$7,500-\$9,999	80	7.6	216	6.9
\$10K-\$24,999	151	14.4	460	14.7
\$25K and above	28	2.7	76	2.4
No FAFSA on File	106	9.2	325	10.4

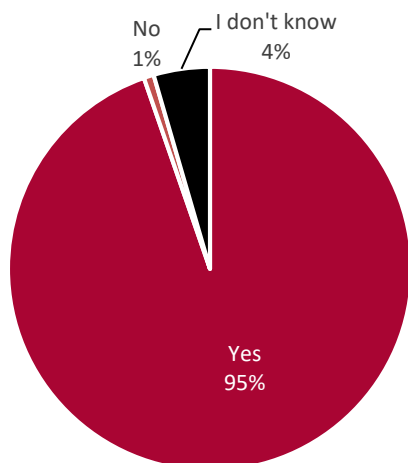
HAPPINESS/CONNECTEDNESS AT IUPUI



How connected do you feel at IUPUI? N=1,155: Mean-3.14
 How happy are you at IUPUI? N=1,159: Mean-4.00

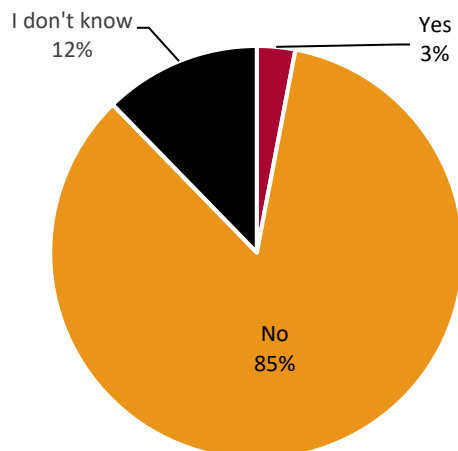
PLANS FOR NEXT SEMESTER

Do you plan to re-enroll at IUPUI in the Spring?



N=1,083

Do you plan to transfer to another college or university?



N=1,083

Why are you not planning to re-enroll at IUPUI in the Spring?

(asked only of those students indicating no or I don't know to the question: Do you plan to re-enroll at IUPUI in the Spring?)

1. Don't know or Not sure (33 comments)

- Unsure of what I'm planning or thinking of doing. But I have put some thought into going out of state
- I don't know what the future years will be like yet.
- I'm not really planning but I might if u feel iupui no longer fits me

2. Better program/Program offered at another school (22 comments)

- I may eventually transfer to Purdue since it's specifically science and engineering based(min interest) but I'm not sure.
- I have decided to change my major and the Purdue around where I live offers more animal science based degrees, which is what I am leaning more towards.
- Considering transferring to a institution with a "better" / renowned Computer Science / Artificial Intelligence program.

3. Better college experience/Better campus life (21 comments)

- Different environment and people
- Don't believe I am getting the full college experience and might consider somewhere else
- I like IUPUI but I feel like it focuses to much on academics and there are not a lot of stuff to do for fun.

4. Dream school (11 comments)

- Purdue has always been my dream school: It has great STEM programs and is far enough away to allow be to break off from my parents to fully step into adulthood.
- I don't know if I am going to transfer but I have wanted to go to Uindy my whole life.
- My dream school and I got accepted but it was so late in the year.

5. Closer to home (9 comments)

- I want to transfer because I feel very stressed and I've been in a bad headspace since I've started going to college. I think that it is best for me to transfer closer to home where I feel safe and I can focus on what is going on around me.
- I want to transfer so I can be closer to family and feel better knowing they're close to me
- I want something closer to home so I can save some housing money.

6. Not a good fit or don't fit in (5 comments)

- Don't know if this is the right fit for me dealing with mental health and physical health. Maybe do online school and get adjusted'
- I just want to be in a place where I feel like I belong. I feel like an outcast here.
- I am planning to transfer because I feel out of place here

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SENSE OF BELONGING AND CONNECTION TO IUPUI

Please rate how much you agree with each statement:

	N	Mean	Strongly Disagree	Moderately Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Neither Disagree nor Agree	Slightly Agree	Moderately Agree	Strongly Agree
<i>Percentages</i>									
I believe that I can improve my academic ability if I work hard enough.	1,112	6.49	0.7	0.6	0.3	1.5	6.5	24.7	65.6
There are instructors/staff at IUPUI who care about my learning.	1,111	6.19	0.8	0.8	0.5	4.8	12.4	31.4	49.3
There are instructors/staff at IUPUI who want to help me attain my personal goals.	1,111	6.08	0.6	1.0	0.4	8.4	13.3	30.1	46.3
IUPUI has made me feel welcome.	1,112	6.08	0.8	0.9	0.6	5.5	14.7	34.3	43.2
IUPUI has met my expectations for providing the best <u>academic/learning</u> experience possible given the circumstances	1,109	6.00	1.0	1.0	1.5	3.8	11.3	48.6	32.8
Feeling that IUPUI is a great fit for me	1,107	5.84	1.4	1.7	1.8	10.7	14.2	31.6	38.6
There are instructors/staff at IUPUI who care about me as a person.	1,109	5.83	0.8	1.4	1.4	12.4	16.6	29.0	38.3
There are places at IUPUI that value me as a whole person and affirm my cultural background(s).	1,110	5.70	1.1	0.9	1.7	19.7	13.2	26.5	36.8
It is important for me to graduate from IUPUI (e.g., rather than from another college)	1,111	5.63	2.4	2.7	3.7	16.7	10.4	22.9	41.1
IUPUI has met my expectations for providing the best <u>social experience</u> possible give the circumstances	1,108	5.50	1.1	2.6	5.3	11.7	21.3	31.6	26.4
I feel a sense of belong to IUPUI	1,108	5.47	1.4	2.5	4.6	13.6	20.2	32.2	25.5
I have formed close friendships with other students attending IUPUI.	1,107	5.05	6.0	6.1	8.9	12.0	19.1	18.2	29.6
You have a certain amount of academic ability and you really can't do much to change it.	1,109	3.36	19.5	22.0	15.7	14.9	10.0	9.8	8.1

1=Strongly Disagree, 2=Moderately Disagree, 3=Slightly Disagree, 4=Neither Disagree nor Agree, 5=Slightly Agree, 6=Moderately Agree, 7=Strongly Agree

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PARTICIPATING WHILE AT IUPUI

Please rate your level of interest in learning more about or participating in the following:								
	N	Mean	Not at all	Slightly Interested	Moderately Interested	Very Interested	Extremely Interested	Already Doing
	Percentages							
Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment	1,077	2.98	3.6	8.4	20.1	26.4	37.3	4.1
Student club or organization	1,077	2.70	7.9	14.2	25.1	19.8	18.6	14.5
Community service or volunteer work	1,081	2.49	8.5	16.6	28.3	19.5	17.9	9.2
Complete an electronic portfolio or have an electronic record of your college experiences	1,080	2.14	14.5	24.6	25.4	13.3	12.5	9.6
Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements	1,079	2.08	15.1	21.9	26.4	17.0	16.3	3.3
Study abroad	1,081	2.07	22.9	18.7	17.0	13.8	25.0	2.6
Join a fraternity/sorority	1,080	0.93	57.9	16.2	12.1	6.5	4.0	3.3
Student government	1,076	0.82	55.5	21.9	13.3	5.2	3.1	1.0

0=Not at all, 1=Slightly Interested, 2=Moderately Interested, 3=Very Interested, 4=Extremely Interested, 5=Already Doing



ACADEMICS/STUDY SKILLS/TIME MANAGEMENT HELP

Please tell us the extent to which you think could use help with any of the following associated with academics/study skills/time management:

	N	Mean	I Don't Need Help	A Little Help	Some Help	Lots of Help
Percentages						
Preparing for exams effectively	1,066	2.57	15.9	32.2	31.3	20.6
Math	1,061	2.19	35.3	26.2	22.9	15.6
Time management	1,063	2.15	32.8	31.6	23.0	12.5
Managing course load	1,065	2.11	33.2	33.1	23.6	10.1
Effective note-taking/reading comprehension	1,067	2.00	38.4	32.2	20.0	9.4
Approaching instructors and asking questions	1,065	2.00	41.8	28.5	17.5	12.2
Registering for courses	1,066	1.97	36.3	36.5	20.6	6.6
Understanding course content	1,060	1.86	43.1	32.1	20.9	3.9
Figuring out my academic/career goals	1,066	1.85	47.0	28.5	16.6	7.9
Writing	1,058	1.82	47.2	29.3	17.9	5.7
Staying engaged in online courses	1,065	1.80	51.1	26.3	14.6	8.0
Feeling safe/comfortable in courses	1,067	1.65	58.9	24.0	10.9	6.3
Adapting to learning in online formats	1,067	1.64	57.5	25.7	11.9	5.0
Understanding grading/requirements	1,064	1.50	64.0	23.9	10.0	2.2
Selecting a major	1,066	1.46	70.5	16.8	8.4	4.2
Something else (please specify)	621	1.14	94.0	1.3	1.4	3.2
Communicating in English	1,065	1.12	92.6	4.2	2.3	0.9

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Something else (please specify): Academics/Study Skills/Time Management

- I believe I will need help finding research/TA opportunities that are not paid. I am not permitted to make money due to my international status, however I do not want to miss out on opportunities
- choosing a minor
- Planning the day
- Tried emailing my counselor a few times but she hasn't responded.
- about summer class
- paying for gas
- figuring out major required courses
- Finances
- Confirming my Minor
- finding clubs
- Extracurriculars
- relationships
- Honors College Application for Current Students
- How to ask someone for help at crc
- time like to graduate
- How do I join groups like bible study?
- Finding a career that fits my needs and interests.
- Academic advising for kelly
- Getting more involved
- Social skills
- Need help with tips for tests
- Bio and Chem help
- mental health
- How to pick out a minor
- finding good study spots!
- staying focus in classes and while studying
- financial aid
- Transferring to honors
- Using the cloud
- Knowing when food services are open/closed
- How to decide what takes priority club/event wise
- Being able to go to nurse or doctor.
- college career plan
- Knowing when events are going on
- Being a better test taker
- finding classes or programs that I could have hands on learning (clinical type things)

PERSONAL/SOCIAL LIFE HELP

Please tell us the extent to which you think could use help with any of the following associated with personal/social life:

	N	Mean	I Don't Need Help	A Little Help	Some Help	Lots of Help
Percentages						
Ability to manage stress	1,061	2.07	37.9	29.1	21.2	11.8
Making new friends	1,061	1.91	46.0	26.7	17.5	9.8
Emotional health	1,061	1.84	51.5	22.0	17.3	9.2
Transition to college	1,059	1.63	55.0	30.5	11.5	3.0
Physical Health	1,059	1.63	61.0	20.9	12.7	5.5
Relationships with friends	1,061	1.55	64.4	20.5	11.0	4.1
Sleeping	1,062	1.52	66.7	19.4	9.7	4.2
Being away from people I love	1,063	1.42	72.0	17.2	7.3	3.5
Being away from home	1,062	1.29	79.7	13.5	4.7	2.2
Relationships with family	1,062	1.25	83.1	10.4	4.9	1.6
Something else (please specify)	528	1.06	96.4	1.9	0.6	1.1

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Something else (please specify): Personal/Social Life

- be my friend and come to goodwill with me
- Gym progress
- Finding time to take care of myself, to sleep, for friends and family, and for school
- Balance 40hrs work + 14 credit hrs
- Don't become burnt out
- eating healthy
- Eating healthier choices
- anxiety
- focusing
- Eating healthy
- Time management
- Dealing with anxiety and grief

WORK/FINANCES/HOUSING HELP

Please tell us the extent to which you think could use help with any of the following associated with work/finances/housing:

	N	Mean	I Don't Need Help	A Little Help	Some Help	Lots of Help
Percentages						
Effectively managing work/life/school balance	1,061	1.93	43.3	29.5	17.9	9.3
Financial aid options	1,062	1.92	46.0	27.0	16.0	11.0
Affording college-related expenses	1,061	1.76	55.6	21.5	13.9	9.0
My financial situation	1,062	1.74	55.5	23.7	11.7	9.1
Finding a job to help me afford college	1,061	1.63	61.8	20.9	10.1	7.2
Finding alternative housing options	1,059	1.37	76.1	13.7	6.8	3.4
Affording food and/or clothing	1,060	1.31	79.3	12.8	5.1	2.7
Affording health care or accessing health care services	1,062	1.31	80.2	12.2	3.9	3.7
Something else (please specify)	519	1.05	97.9	0.8	0.0	1.3

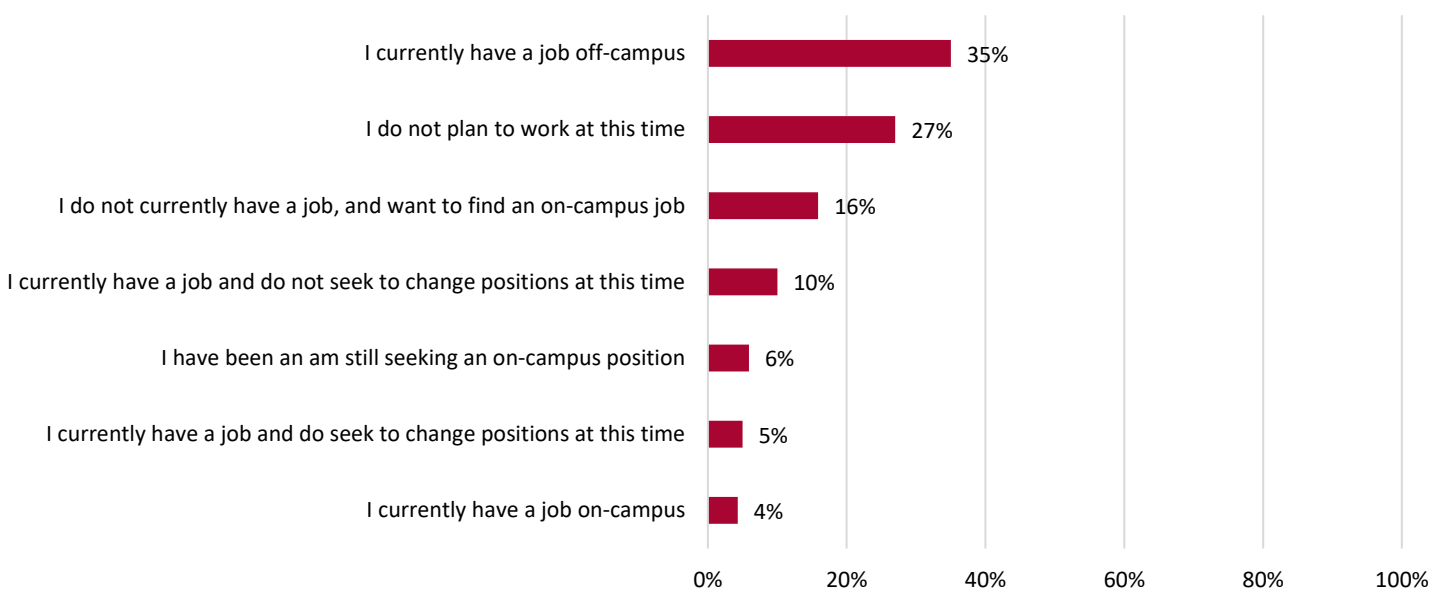
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Something else (please specify): Personal/Social Life

- Not a job but reaching out to professors regarding possible summer research opportunities or internship (AI)
- internships
- Financial plan
- Scholarships
- Future housing
- Getting a job at Riley Children's Hospital
- scholarship opprutunities

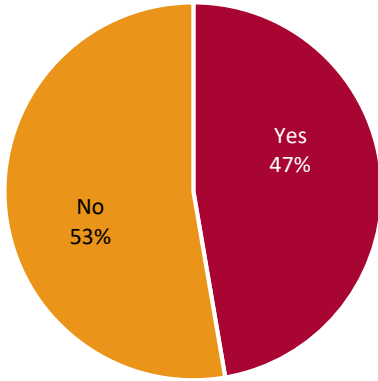
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS

What is your current employment status? (select all that apply)



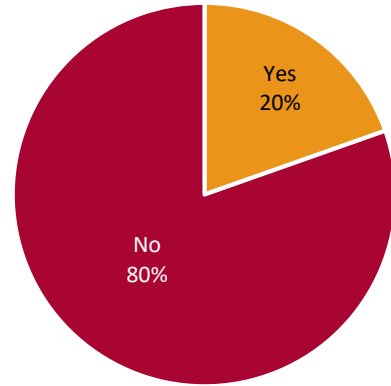
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Are you interested in on-campus employment?



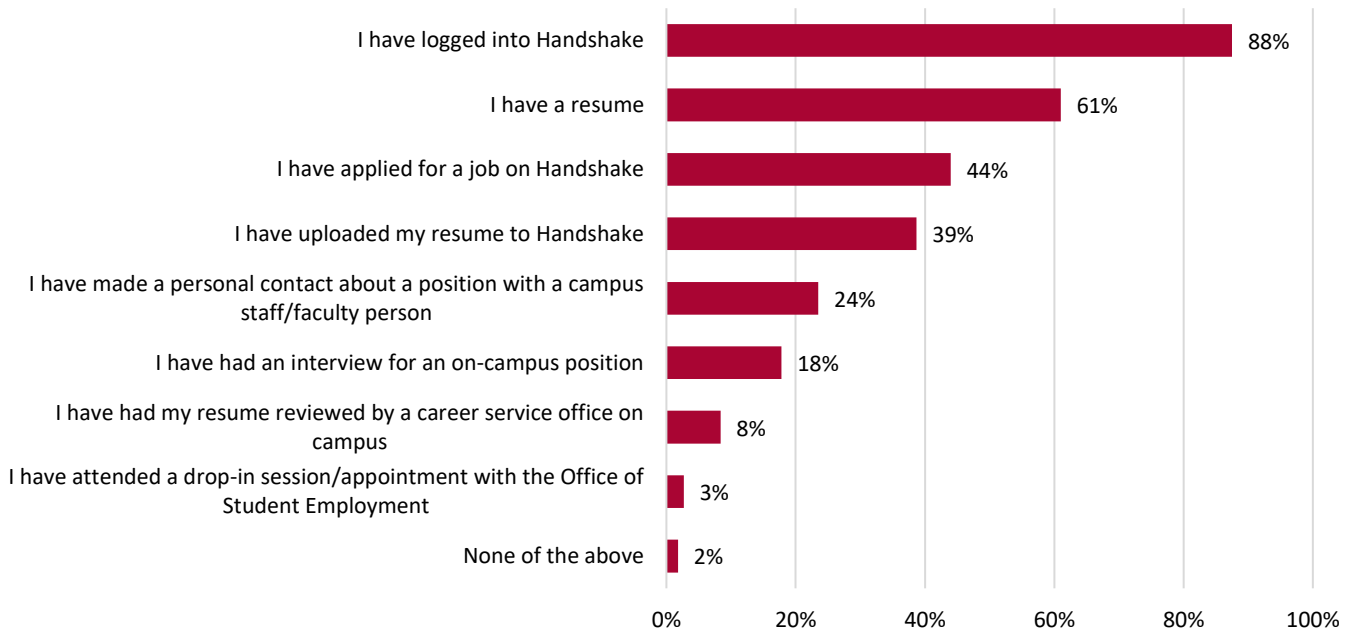
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Have you taken any steps to obtain on-campus employment?



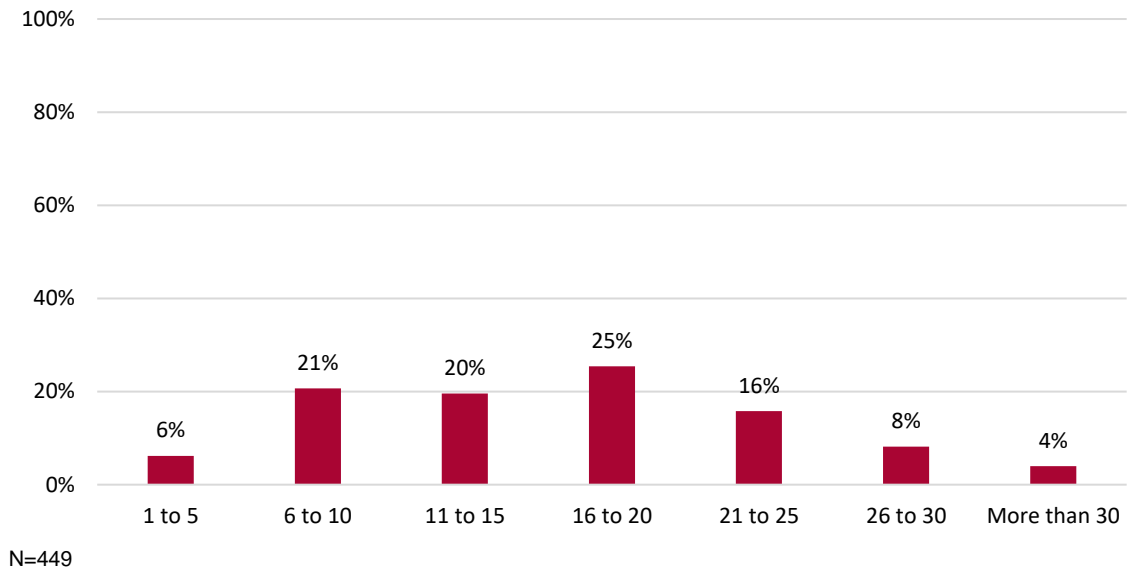
N=1,026

Please indicate all the steps below that you have taken in your pursuit of on-campus employment? (of those that indicating taking steps in previous question)

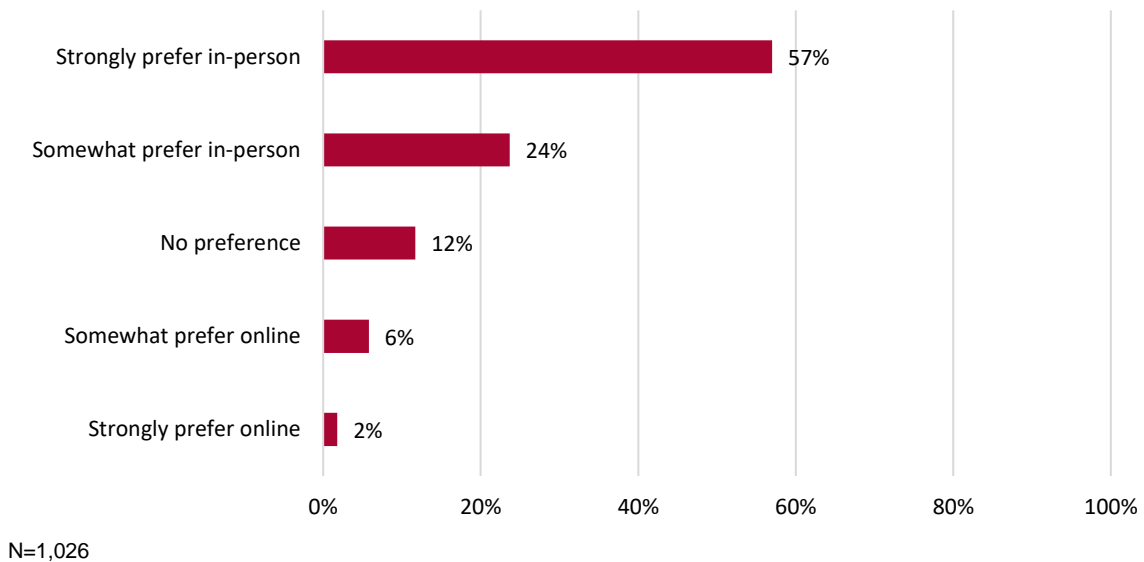


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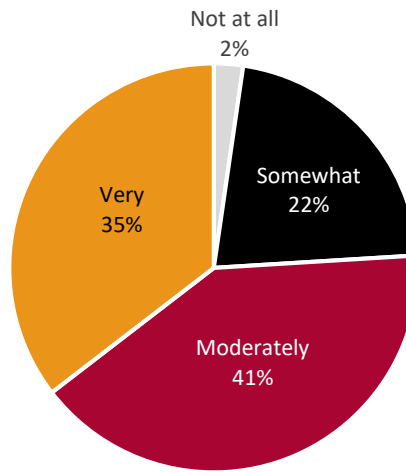
How many hours per week do you plan on working at your job (s) during the upcoming semester?



With regard to online and in-person courses, which of the following statements is most true for you?



How optimistic are you about having a successful first year of college or university?



N=1,145

To what extent, if any, has the COVID-19 pandemic interfered with the following?							
	N	Mean	Not at all	Very little	Some	Quite a bit	Very much
Your ability to succeed as a student	1,023	1.26	31.4	29.4	24.7	10.6	3.9
Your college plans	1,023	1.20	32.6	30.9	24.5	8.2	3.8
Your ability to pay for college and living expenses	1,023	1.01	45.3	26.4	16.2	6.7	5.4

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As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, to what extent, if any, have you experienced an increase in the following?								
	N	Mean	Not at all	Very little	Some	Quite a bit	Very much	Don't know/unsure*
Mental or emotional exhaustion	1,014	2.24	16.3	13.5	23.5	23.9	22.9	0.6
Inability to concentrate	1,014	1.74	28.1	17.9	22.1	15.6	16.4	0.5
Depression or anxiety that interfered with daily functioning	1,010	1.71	28.3	19.0	21.2	15.9	15.5	0.8
Loneliness	1,004	1.47	33.8	20.2	22.7	11.6	11.8	0.9
Feeling hopeless about your current situation	1,015	1.26	40.5	21.6	19.0	9.5	9.5	0.4

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* Don't know/unsure not included in calculation of Mean or N

OPEN ENDED ANALYSIS

Please describe what your expectations are for an ideal college experience at IUPUI (academically, socially):

1. Making friends or connecting to peers (329 comments)

- Socially i hope to be able to maintain my current friendships as well as maybe branch out a little bit. i tend to only ever have a small group of friends that i get really close to, rather than a ton of friends.
- My expectations socially are to meet a bunch of new people. I like to go out on the weekends and party. I am open to meeting people from all walks of life!
- I want to develop a handful of close friends, so I am hoping when I get out of prequite classes and into my actual field, I can accomplish this.
- To meet new people, to expand my knowledge, and to get of my shell
- I also just wish i had more time to build friendships at iupui, but with life outside of school its a bit hard

2. Achieve academic goals (210 comments)

- My ideal experience would be maintaining good grades
- My expectations of myself for an ideal college experience is to maintain at least a 3.5 GPA
- I want to accomplish just being able to complete all my classes and do anything that will give me the experience I need.
- Academically, my expectations are to get good enough grades so I'm competitive for my program.
- I would like to be at the top of my class and do well in my classes and continue to have my 21st Century Scholarship.

3. Learn about major/future career (83 comments)

- Academically my expectations for IUPUI involve getting to study what pertains to my major, and draws my interest consistently. The joy of college is getting to choose what you study.
- I want to find the right major for me and go off that.
- My ideal college experience would be learning the material I need for my next steps in my career.
- To go here and learn and at the same time get my degree and learn about my field and maybe exit with a degree
- Academically, IUPUI should prepare me for the workforce and push me in the direction of a career I can excel in.

4. Being involved on campus (93 comments)

- Socially, i want to be able to be a part of clubs or organizations.
- I want to be more involved in things happening on campus.
- Having lots of options for after-school activities/clubs, freedom and independence
- I would expect it to be fun and not with just partying. Having more social events. Or having events like team kickball, or student vs staff basketball games.
- I would like there to continue to be various events and activities for students.

5. Good time management (65 comments)

- Being able to manage time/friendships/work in a good way.
- Learn to manage time and still have fun
- To manage time with friends and make school my number one priority
- I want to be able to form a good habit of balancing social, school, and work life.
- My ideal college experience would be a healthy balance between doing well academically and having fun with my social life.

6. Caring/Knowledgable teachers and staff (65 comments)

- My ideal college experience is to have staff that care about the students academically as well as mentally, physically, and in all aspects.
- Have good professors who understand and care for their students
- Professors care about what they are teaching and they can teach well and offer assistance when needed
- Just to have good, supportive professors who are willing to help.
- Academically, teachers who know exactly what they are teaching and can help us in the best possible way

7. Safe/Welcoming/Clean environment (52 comments)

- Socially, my expectations are that IUPUI and it's students are very welcoming and not judgemental. It is fairly easy to make friends.
- Socially an open caring environment with a relaxed atmosphere.
- I just expect to be welcomed and not feel judged.
- An engaging learning space, somewhere where I feel welcome and where my professor at least knows my name.

8. Graduate (34 comments)

- I want to be able to graduate
- graduating with the degree I want
- I want to get my degree in the quickest time as possible

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- Graduate in four years
9. **Have fun (34 comments)**
- Having a good time
 - I hope to have fun and get a good education
 - I expect to have lots of fun while also getting my work done effectively
10. **Access to resources (32 comments)**
- For an ideal college experience at IUPUI, I want to be able to have access to all of the resources I need in order to succeed.
 - Having lots of opportunities to get help for challenging classes
 - Also being able to find resources to get help
 - My expectations for an ideal college experience at IUPUI are being able to get help any where from campus
11. **Grow as a person (10 comments)**
- My expectations for an ideal college experience are to be given the opportunity succeed on my own, develop my independence, experience other cultures, see life from different perspectives, and develop my beliefs further.
 - I expect IUPUI to help me me grow as a person and to help me find ways to approach others.
 - I feel that IUPUI can help me academically and socially find my way as an individual. Finding independence is important
12. **Internships (9 comments)**
- I would love to have a paid internship and do things that look good on a resume.
 - My academic expectations are for an ideal college experience are getting more opportunities on internships and jobs
 - I want to take on many internships and jobs while still being able to succeed in my coursework by the end of this year or into next year and I want to attend, volunteer, and/or work at as many different events as possible to get experience and network with others in the field.
 - Really the only thing I want to work on is getting a internship set up somewhere
 - I expect an internship in a field of my choice, doing something I would enjoy.
13. **Study effectively (8 comments)**
- My expectations are me being able to study effectively
 - In an ideal world I would like to have as much time to study and friends to study with as possible.
 - My expectations are to do as well as I can in my classes and develop good study habits.

What can IUPUI do to help improve your experience?

1. **Nothing/No idea (313 comments)**
- Absolutely nothing!! The school is doing a great job
 - Iupui is an amazing school and I do not feel there is a need to improve.
 - I think IUPUI is doing more than they should be and more than most colleges to help out students.
 - As of now, I'm pretty happy with what the university has been doing.
 - IUPUI has done a good job and I don't think there is anything I can think of.
2. **More social events/Social events at diverse times (95 comments)**
- Provide more events for students to socialize
 - Continue events throughout the year/promote them
 - IUPUI can have more programs or events targeted towards freshman.
 - They can keep having events where we can meet new people and be welcoming to everyone.
 - Have activities go longer times, there always during my classes and never later
3. **More information on clubs (41 comments)**
- Spread more info on sororities fraternities etc.
 - IUPUI can provide an app, website etc. so students can figure out how to join clubs/participate in activities.
 - I want to find more club opportunities as all of the information seems very random and not organized or maybe I just do not know how to find it.
 - find more sponsors or adults to take the lead in some clubs. For example, I wanted to join IUPUI's best buddies club and I tried getting ahold of their sponsor and I have no response.
 - An easier to navigate site. Their events hub or whatever they call it is really confusing.
4. **Information on resources (40 comments)**
- I wish that when you went to a resource center for a specific subject that they had an updated list at hand of free tutors that are available.
 - Provide more videos on how things work on campus- what to expect at the testing center, how the library works, etc.
 - Provide me with the resources and information I need to be successful.

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- making sure that resources are easily accessible
- I know there are a lot of resources available to me as a student but I don't really know which ones apply to me specifically and how to use them.

5. Financial help (20 comments)

- Financial assistance would be great.
- Be more clear about financial aid.
- helping me with my financial aid if possible
- talk more about scholarships
- Send out resources for scholarships.

6. More understanding professors (14 comments)

- have more understanding professors
- Have professors that care more about you
- I think IUPUI can help by being understanding with students needs.
- Provide teachers and learning environments that are conducive to that.

7. Help with adult skills and planning future semester schedules (22 comments)

- Help understand adulting (finances, how to pay off college, how to get a career, how to get a home, how to buy a car, etc).
- I would like some help planning a schedule out that works for me.
- Help me out when trying to figure out scheduling classes each semester.
- prepare me to life outside of school/college.

8. Better dining hall or food options (10 comments)

- I think the dining hall needs a lot of work. I am paying a lot of money to eat there and it is very subpar. From what I've heard, it's been like that for a long time which isn't okay but every student obviously needs to eat a healthy amount in order to be successful. I can't just live off of chicken tenders and fries.
- Provide better dining options on campus, especially like having kitchenettes in the dorms
- I think IUPUI can possibly add better food on the meal plans. Many students that have meal plans have complained about food making their stomach hurt and I can too say that it has happened to me.
- More food options

9. More networking opportunities (9 comments)

- IUPUI can improve our experience by offering us more connections to meet individuals in near by hospitals.
- IUPUI can help improve my experience by continuing to do events to network and provide good programs for career paths.
- help me with meeting with companies and making connections
- Help with connections to my career field.

What are you most concerned about at IUPUI this semester?

1. Grades/Passing classes (255 comments)

- I'm most concerned about my grades for me to get into the nursing program.
- I am most concerned about failing my courses.
- Passing all my classes.
- Grades, I know college is a place where you aren't suppose to get perfect test scores on everything, but I know that this will be hard to learn and accept.
- Starting out with good grades

2. Time management/Working (118 comments)

- Being able to be taken up with school work, exams, my family, friendships and relationship.
- I am most concerned with managing my time
- I am most concerned about finding the balance between academics and social things such as hanging out with friends
- How I'm going to manage my time to study and complete my assignments.
- Time management, I've already run into problems trying to find time to hang out with friends, go to the gym, and enjoy some time on my own

3. A specific academic class (118 comments)

- Anatomy
- Chemistry 110
- I'm concerned about my Math

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- I also am concerned about my Calculus class.
 - My public communications class
4. **Exams/Studying (103 comments)**
- I am most concerned with how to prepare for exams. I do not know what to expect or how much to study.
 - I'm concerned about finals week and if I will properly prepare for them.
 - I am most concerned with midterms and finals.
 - I'm concerned about finals/ midterms because they take up a big portion of my grade.
 - Biology exams
5. **Managing workload (93 comments)**
- My math class because it is a lot of work and I'm very overwhelmed.
 - Really just about the workload, im already use to it, but it is concerning at times.
 - Trying to stay on top of all the homework.
 - Managing my course load
 - managing workload
6. **Friendship and socialization (54 comments)**
- I am worried about making friends since I live off campus.
 - Making new friends/keeping new ones
 - Finding and building friendships.
 - Being able to make friends in my classes
 - I have no quality friendships and we are almost a quarter of the way through the semester
7. **Nothing (46 comments)**
- I am not extremely concerned about anything at IUPUI.
 - Nothing really
 - Not too overly concerned
8. **Financial concerns (46 comments)**
- I am most concerned about my financial status.
 - This semester I feel fine, its next school year I am worried about as I don't know what my financial situation will be.
 - Not being able to be financially stable enough to enjoy college.
 - Money and affording going to school
 - paying for college with as little debt as possible
9. **Stress/Mental health (27 comments)**
- Finding ways to cope with my stress
 - My mental health. Keeping up with the high expectations I have for myself.
 - I'm concerned about burning myself out in college because I don't get many breaks.
 - Stress, The first semester is always stressful!
 - Keeping stress levels down
10. **Campus safety (9 comments)**
- On campus security or threats
 - Walking around and near campus at night alone can be kind of scary sometimes.
 - honestly my safety, even before coming to iupui that was always one of my fears
 - I'm concerned about harassment
11. **Not finding major (9 comments)**
- I am concern about choosing the right major.
 - Not finding my major
 - What I'm most concerned is what if the classes don't suit me/align with my interests and I start having doubts and switch my major.

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