Reed College
CIRP Freshman Student Survey
Fall 2010

First-time full-time first-year students who entered Reed College in 2010
231 Responses / 62% Response Rate
Executive Summary

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The Freshman Survey

Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP) Freshman Survey

• Administered to all incoming first-time, first-year college students

• Comprehensive survey that examines characteristics and expectations of incoming students upon entering college

• First part of a longitudinal assessment program
  • Freshman Survey ➔ Your First College Year ➔ College Senior Survey

The CIRP Freshman Survey is a product of the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA.

The following results are from the HERI CIRP Reed College Freshman Survey report.
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- **Religiosity/Spirituality**
Demographics
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Race/Ethnicity

(mark all that apply)

- White/Caucasian: 87.3%
- African American/Black: 1.3%
- Am. Indian/Alaska Native: 3.1%
- Asian American/Asian: 14.0%
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 0.9%
- Mexican American/Chicano: 3.5%
- Puerto Rican: 0.4%
- Other Latino: 3.5%
- Other: 7.9%
Demographics

Sex

Women
58.9%

Men
41.1%
Demographics

Age

- 16 or younger: 0.4%
- 17: 2.6%
- 18: 66.2%
- 19: 28.1%
- 20: 2.2%
- 21 or older: 0.4%
Demographics

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Citizenship Status

- U.S. citizen: 10.0%
- Permanent resident: 20.0%
- Neither: 30.0%
**Demographics**

**Average Grade in High School**

- A or A+: 39.8%
- A-: 41.1%
- B+: 15.2%
- B: 3.9%
- B-: 0.0%
- C+: 0.0%
- C: 0.0%
- D: 0.0%
Demographics

How would you characterize your political views?

- Far left: 18.8%
- Liberal: 62.4%
- Middle-of-the-road: 16.2%
- Conservative: 2.6%
- Far right: 0.0%
Demographics

Disabilities

- Learning disability: 1.7%
- ADHD: 6.5%
- Physical disability: 2.6%
- Chronic illness: 3.0%
- Psychological disorder: 11.7%
- Other disability: 5.2%
Academic
CIRP Theme

Academic Preparation

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Prior to this term, have taken courses for credit at this institution

Since leaving high school, have taken courses, whether for credit or not for credit, at any other institution
CIRP Theme

Academic Preparation

Met or exceeded recommended years of high school study in the following subjects:

- English: 4 yrs - 99.6%
- Mathematics: 3 yrs - 99.6%
- Foreign language: 2 yrs - 97.8%
- Physical Science: 2 yrs - 76.6%
CIRP Theme

Academic Preparation

Met or exceeded recommended years of high school study in the following subjects:

- Biological Science: 2 yrs
  - 62.4%

- History/American Gov't: 1 yr
  - 99.6%

- Computer Science: ½ year
  - 42.9%

- Arts and/or Music: 1 yr
  - 91.3%
CIRP Theme

Academic Preparation

Hours spent during typical week studying/homework while in high school

- None: 0.0%
- Less than 1 hr: 2.2%
- 1 to 2 hrs: 10.0%
- 3 to 5 hrs: 16.9%
- 6 to 10 hrs: 27.3%
- 11 to 15 hrs: 22.1%
- 16 to 20 hrs: 11.3%
- Over 20 hrs: 10.4%
CIRP Construct

**Habits of Mind**

*Habits of Mind* is a unified measure of the behaviors and traits associated with academic success. These learning behaviors are seen as the foundation for lifelong learning.

**High Habits of Mind**

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CIRP Construct Survey Items

**Habits of Mind**

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<td>Seek solutions to problems and explain them to others (1.99)</td>
<td>81.0%</td>
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<td>Support your opinions with a logical argument (1.74)</td>
<td>92.2%</td>
<td>7.8%</td>
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<td>Seek alternative solutions to a problem (1.61)</td>
<td>56.5%</td>
<td>43.0%</td>
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<td>Evaluate the quality or reliability of information you received (1.58)</td>
<td>70.1%</td>
<td>28.6%</td>
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<td>Explore topics on your own, even though it was not required for a class (1.27)</td>
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<td>Seek feedback on your academic work (1.24)</td>
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<td>Ask questions in class ((1.20))</td>
<td>78.7%</td>
<td>18.7%</td>
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<td>Look up scientific research articles and resources (1.05)</td>
<td>48.1%</td>
<td>44.2%</td>
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<td>Revise your papers to improve your writing (1.04)</td>
<td>65.2%</td>
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<td>Take a risk because you felt you had more to gain (1.03)</td>
<td>48.1%</td>
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<td>Accept mistakes as part of the learning process (0.95)</td>
<td>59.7%</td>
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- **occasionally**
- **frequently**
Academic Self-Concept

Academic Self-Concept is a unified measure of students’ beliefs about their abilities and confidence in academic environments.

High Academic Self-Concept

All Students
- 58.0%

Men
- 71.6%

Women
- 48.5%

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CIRP Construct Survey Items

Academic Self-Concept

Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age:

- **Academic ability (3.52)**
  - Above average: 58.0%
  - Highest 10%: 38.5%

- **Mathematical ability (1.32)**
  - Above average: 17.3%
  - Highest 10%: 45.5%

- **Self-confidence intellectual (1.22)**
  - Above average: 36.8%
  - Highest 10%: 45.9%

- **Drive to achieve (0.95)**
  - Above average: 35.9%
  - Highest 10%: 42.9%
CIRP Theme

Interaction with Teachers

Frequency of Activity During the Past Year as High School Senior

- **Was a guest in a teacher’s home**
  - Occasionally: 25.1%
  - Frequently: 3.0%

- **Asked a teacher for advice after class**
  - Occasionally: 55.0%
  - Frequently: 32.8%
# CIRP Theme

## Interaction with Teachers

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<td>Talking with teachers outside of class</td>
<td>3.5%</td>
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<td>12.1%</td>
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**Reason attend this college: My teacher advised me**

- **Very important**: 1.7%
- **Somewhat important**: 28.6%
- **Not important**: 69.7%
CIRP Theme

Active and Collaborative Learning

Frequency of Activity During the Past Year as High School Senior

- Tutored another student: 22.5% occasionally, 55.0% frequently
- Studied with other students: 14.0% occasionally, 40.0% frequently
- Performed community service as a part of a class: 14.0% occasionally, 31.9% frequently
CIRP Theme

Active and Collaborative Learning

How often in the past year did you...

- Take notes during class:
  - Occasionally: 20.9%
  - Frequently: 72.6%

- Work with other students on group projects:
  - Occasionally: 48.3%
  - Frequently: 48.7%

- Integrate skills and knowledge from different sources and experiences:
  - Occasionally: 13.4%
  - Frequently: 86.6%
CIRP Theme

Active and Collaborative Learning

What is your best guess as to the chances that you will...

- Discuss course content with students outside of class
  - Some chance: 5.2%
  - Very good chance: 94.8%

- Get tutoring help in specific courses
  - Some chance: 24.3%
  - Very good chance: 55.2%
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Written and Oral Communication

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Rate yourself as compared to the average person your age:

- Public speaking ability: 38.1% above average, 19.5% highest 10%
- Writing ability: 43.3% above average, 41.1% highest 10%
CIRP Theme

Academic Enhancement Experiences

What is your best guess that you will…

- Communicate regularly with your professors
  - Some chance: 79.1%
  - Very good chance: 20.0%

- Participate in a study abroad program
  - Some chance: 50.4%
  - Very good chance: 37.8%

- Work on a professor’s research project
  - Some chance: 37.0%
  - Very good chance: 56.1%
CIRP Theme

Academic Disengagement

Frequency of Activity During the Past Year as High School Senior

- Was bored in class: 50.0% (43.0% occasionally, 19.7% frequently)
- Came late to class: 59.0% (19.7% occasionally, 39.3% frequently)
- Skipped school/class: 45.2% (6.1% occasionally, 39.1% frequently)
- Fell asleep in class: 33.6% (4.4% occasionally, 29.2% frequently)
- Failed to complete homework in time: 59.4% (7.4% occasionally, 52.0% frequently)
Civic Engagement
CIRP Construct

Social Agency

Social Agency measures the extent to which students’ value political and social involvement as a personal goal.

High Social Agency

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**CIRP Construct Survey Items**

**Social Agency**

Indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following:

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<td>Participating in a community action program (2.42)</td>
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<td>Helping to promote racial understanding (2.05)</td>
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<td>Becoming a community leader (2.01)</td>
<td>8.3%</td>
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<td>Influencing social values (1.58)</td>
<td>13.9%</td>
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<td>Helping others who are in difficulty (1.36)</td>
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CIRP Theme
Civic Engagement
Frequency of Activity During the Past Year as High School Senior

- Demonstrated for/against a cause: 56.3% (occasionally), 13.9% (frequently)
- Performed volunteer work: 52.2% (occasionally), 37.8% (frequently)
- Voted in a student election: 43.7% (occasionally), 17.9% (frequently)
- Performed community service as a part of a class: 31.9% (occasionally), 14.0% (frequently)
CIRP Theme

Civic Engagement

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<td>Discussed politics</td>
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<td>Worked on a local, state, or national political campaign</td>
<td>15.2%</td>
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<td>Publicly communicated my opinion about a cause (e.g. blog, email, petition)</td>
<td>19.7%</td>
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<td>Helped raise money for a cause or campaign</td>
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Importance: Influencing the political structure

- Essential: 8.7%
- Very important: 19.6%
- Somewhat important: 41.3%
- Not important: 30.4%
CIRP Theme

Civic Engagement

What is your best guess as to the chances that you will...

- Participate in student protests or demonstrations: 50.4%
  - Some chance: 37.0%
  - Very good chance: 13.4%

- Participate in volunteer or community service work: 35.7%
  - Some chance: 53.9%
  - Very good chance: 21.8%
CIRP Theme

Leadership

Compared to the average person your age, rate yourself on your:

- **Drive to achieve**: 35.9% above average, 42.9% highest 10%
- **Leadership ability**: 18.2% above average, 40.3% highest 10%
- **Self-confidence (social)**: 13.9% above average, 29.9% highest 10%
CIRP Theme

Leadership

Goal: Becoming an authority in my field (essential/very important)

- 21.7% very important – some chance
- 37.4% essential – very good chance

Future Act: Participate in student government (very good chance/some chance)

- 7.4% very important – some chance
- 38.7% essential – very good chance
Diversity
Pluralistic Orientation

*Pluralistic Orientation* measures skills and dispositions appropriate for living and working in a diverse society.

High Pluralistic Orientation

- **All Students**: 40.3%
- **Men**: 47.4%
- **Women**: 35.3%

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Pluralistic Orientation

Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age:

- **Ability to work cooperatively with diverse people (2.39)**
  - Above average: 48.5%
  - Highest 10%: 34.6%

- **Tolerance of others with different beliefs (2.35)**
  - Above average: 43.3%
  - Highest 10%: 40.7%

- **Openness to having my views challenged (2.13)**
  - Above average: 44.2%
  - Highest 10%: 31.2%

- **Ability to discuss and negotiate controversial issues (2.03)**
  - Above average: 47.2%
  - Highest 10%: 37.7%

- **Ability to see the world from someone else's perspective (1.78)**
  - Above average: 50.6%
  - Highest 10%: 34.6%
How would you describe the racial composition of the high school/neighborhood you last attended?

- Completely non-White: 2.2% (High School), 3.5% (Neighborhood)
- Mostly non-White: 9.1% (High School), 5.2% (Neighborhood)
- Roughly half non-White: 26.4% (High School), 16.0% (Neighborhood)
- Mostly White: 58.0% (High School), 61.5% (Neighborhood)
- Completely White: 4.3% (High School), 13.9% (Neighborhood)

CIRP Theme
Diversity
CIRP Theme

Diversity

In the past year, socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group

- Frequently: 79.6%
- Occasionally: 18.7%
- Not at all: 1.7%
CIRP Theme
Diversity
Personal Views

Affirmative action in college admissions should be abolished
- Agree somewhat: 12.8%
- Agree strongly: 39.2%

Gays and lesbians should have the legal right to adopt a child
- Agree somewhat: 5.7%
- Agree strongly: 92.2%
CIRP Theme

**Diversity**

Indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following:

- Influencing social values: 35.7% very important, 13.9% essential
- Helping to promote racial understanding: 30.0% very important, 12.2% essential
- Improving my understanding of other countries and cultures: 40.4% very important, 40.0% essential
CIRP Theme

Diversity

What is your best guess as to the chances that you will...

- **Socialize with someone of another racial/ethnic group**
  - Some chance: 93.9%
  - Very good chance: 6.1%

- **Have a roommate of a different race/ethnicity**
  - Some chance: 36.1%
  - Very good chance: 58.7%
Social Life
CIRP Construct

Social Self-Concept

Social Self-Concept is a unified measure of students’ beliefs about their abilities and confidence in social situations.

High Social Self-Concept

- All Students: 26.8%
- Men: 31.6%
- Women: 23.5%

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CIRP Construct Survey Items

Social Self-Concept

Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age:

- **Self-confidence social (2.33)**
  - Above average: 13.9%
  - Highest 10%: 29.9%

- **Leadership ability (1.96)**
  - Above average: 18.2%
  - Highest 10%: 40.3%

- **Popularity (1.92)**
  - Above average: 2.2%
  - Highest 10%: 29.0%

- **Public speaking ability (1.68)**
  - Above average: 19.5%
  - Highest 10%: 38.1%
CIRP Construct

Likelihood of College Involvement

*Likelihood of College Involvement* is a unified measure of students’ expectations about their involvement in college life generally.

High Likelihood of College Involvement

- **All Students:** 53.5%
- **Men:** 37.2%
- **Women:** 64.7%

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CIRP Construct Survey Items

Likelihood of College Involvement

What is your best guess as to the chances that you will:

- Participate in student clubs/groups (3.25)
  - Some chance: 74.3%
  - Very good chance: 24.3%

- Participate in volunteer or community service work (1.58)
  - Some chance: 53.9%
  - Very good chance: 35.7%

- Socialize with someone of another racial/ethnic group (1.28)
  - Some chance: 93.9%
  - Very good chance: 6.1%

- Participate in a study abroad program (1.24)
  - Some chance: 50.4%
  - Very good chance: 37.8%

- Participate in student government (0.96)
  - Some chance: 7.4%
  - Very good chance: 38.7%

- some chance □ very good chance
Social Life

How much time did you spend during the typical week socializing with friends?

- None: 0.0%
- Less than 1 hr: 0.4%
- 1 to 2 hrs: 6.1%
- 3 to 5 hrs: 19.5%
- 6 to 10 hrs: 35.1%
- 11 to 15 hrs: 19.0%
- 16 to 20 hrs: 10.0%
- Over 20 hrs: 10.0%
Social Life

How much time did you spend during the typical week on online social networks (Myspace, Facebook, etc.)?

- 8.3% None
- 14.3% Less than 1 hr
- 27.0% 1 to 2 hrs
- 25.2% 3 to 5 hrs
- 19.1% 6 to 10 hrs
- 3.9% 11 to 15 hrs
- 0.9% 16 to 20 hrs
- 1.3% Over 20 hrs
Choosing College
College Reputation Orientation

College Reputation Orientation measures the degree to which students value academic reputation and future career potential as a reason for choosing this college.

High College Reputation Orientation:

- All Students: 21.2%
- Men: 21.1%
- Women: 21.3%

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CIRP Construct Survey Items

College Reputation Orientation

How important was each reason in your decision to come here?

- This college's graduates get good jobs (6.11)
  - 26.4% somewhat important
  - 47.6% very important

- This college's graduates gain admission to top graduate/professional schools (2.50)
  - 45.5% somewhat important
  - 40.7% very important

- This college has a very good academic reputation (1.54)
  - 82.7% somewhat important
  - 16.0% very important
CIRP Theme

College Choice

To how many colleges other than this one did you apply for admission this year?

- None: 12.6%
- 1: 3.0%
- 2: 3.0%
- 3: 5.2%
- 4: 8.7%
- 5: 9.1%
- 6: 9.1%
- 7-10: 35.5%
- 11 or more: 13.9%
Were you accepted by your first choice college? 65.4%
CIRP Theme
College Choice
The current economic situation significantly affected my college choice?

- Disagree strongly: 37.4%
- Disagree somewhat: 29.1%
- Agree somewhat: 25.2%
- Agree strongly: 8.3%
In deciding to go to college, how important to you was each of the following reasons?

- **To be able to get a better job**: 49.4% somewhat important, 42.0% very important
- **To gain a general education and appreciation of ideas**: 2.6% somewhat important, 97.4% very important
- **To make me a more cultured person**: 19.0% somewhat important, 79.2% very important

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In deciding to go to college, how important to you was each of the following reasons?

- To be able to make more money: 18.6% somewhat important, 55.0% very important
- To learn more about things that interest me: 3.0% somewhat important, 97.0% very important
- To get training for a specific career: 21.6% somewhat important, 48.1% very important
- To prepare myself for graduate or professional school: 57.1% somewhat important, 36.4% very important
CIRP Theme

College Choice

How important was each reason in your decision to come here?

- My parents wanted me to come here: 26.8% (3.5% somewhat important, 23.3% very important)
- My relatives wanted me to come here: 12.1% (1.7% somewhat important, 10.4% very important)
- My teacher advised me: 28.6% (1.7% somewhat important, 26.9% very important)
- This college has a very good academic reputation: 16.0% (1.7% somewhat important, 14.3% very important)
- This college has a good reputation for its social activities: 46.3% (2.8% somewhat important, 43.5% very important)
- I was offered financial assistance: 13.0% (0% somewhat important, 13.0% very important)
CIRP Theme

College Choice

How important was each reason in your decision to come here?

- The cost of attending this college
  - Somewhat important: 17.3%
  - Very important: 27.3%

- High school counselor advised me
  - Somewhat important: 6.1%
  - Very important: 23.8%

- Private college counselor advised me
  - Somewhat important: 7.0%
  - Very important: 0.9%

- I wanted to live near home
  - Somewhat important: 6.9%
  - Very important: 1.7%

- Not offered aid by first choice
  - Somewhat important: 3.5%
  - Very important: 1.7%

- Could not afford first choice
  - Somewhat important: 4.0%
  - Very important: 2.2%
CIRP Theme

College Choice

How important was each reason in your decision to come here?

- **This college's graduates gain admission to top graduate/professional schools**: 45.5% somewhat important, 54.5% very important
- **This college's graduates get good jobs**: 26.4% somewhat important, 73.6% very important
- **I was attracted by the religious affiliation/orientation of the college**: 12.1% somewhat important, 87.9% very important
- **I wanted to go to a school about the size of this college**: 49.4% somewhat important, 50.6% very important
- **Rankings in national magazines**: 33.3% somewhat important, 66.7% very important
College Choice

How important was each reason in your decision to come here?

- Information from a website: 50.2%
- I was admitted through an Early Action or Early Decision program: 4.8%
- The athletic department recruited me: 0.0%
- A visit to campus: 26.0%
- Ability to take online courses: 0.0%

somewhat important | very important
CIRP Theme

Financing College

How much of your first year’s educational expenses do you expect to cover from each of the sources listed below?

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<td>Family resources (parents, relatives, spouse, etc.)</td>
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<td>My own resources (savings from work, work-study, other income)</td>
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<td>Aid which need not be repaid (grants, scholarships, military funding, etc.)</td>
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<td>Aid which must be repaid (loans, etc.)</td>
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<td>92.6%</td>
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Financing College
What is your best estimate of your parents’ total income last year?

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CIRP Theme

Financing College

Level of Concern About Ability to Finance College Education

None
30.6%

Some
60.7%

Major
8.7%
CIRP Theme
Financing College

What is your best guess as to the chances that you will...

- Some chance
- Very good chance

- Get a job to help pay for college expenses: 26.1% chance, 60.4% chance
- Work full-time while attending college: 22.2% chance, 4.3% chance
Career Planning
CIRP Theme

Career Planning

Highest Degree Planned to Obtain

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<td>Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.)</td>
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<td>Master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.)</td>
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<td>Ph.D. or Ed.D.</td>
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<td>M.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.V.M.</td>
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<td>J.D. (Law)</td>
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<td>B.D. or M.DIV. (Divinity)</td>
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# CIRP Theme
## Career Planning
### Career/Occupation

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<td>Artist</td>
<td>11.3%</td>
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<td>Business</td>
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<td>Clergy</td>
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<td>0.4%</td>
<td>Research scientist</td>
<td>16.0%</td>
<td>4.8%</td>
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<td>College teacher</td>
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<td>3.1%</td>
<td>5.7%</td>
<td>Social, welfare, rec. worker</td>
<td>1.7%</td>
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<td>Doctor (MD or DDS)</td>
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<td>9.7%</td>
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<td>Skilled worker</td>
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<td>Education (secondary)</td>
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<td>Semi-skilled worker</td>
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<td>Engineer</td>
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<td>Farmer or forester</td>
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<td>Health professional</td>
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<td>Undecided</td>
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<td>Homemaker (full-time)</td>
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<td>7.0%</td>
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CIRP Theme
Career Planning

In deciding to go to college, how important to you was each of the following reasons?

- To be able to get a better job
  - somewhat important: 42.0%
  - very important: 49.4%

- To be able to make more money
  - somewhat important: 18.6%
  - very important: 55.0%
CIRP Theme

Career Planning

How important was each reason in your decision to come here?

- **This college's graduates gain admission to top graduate/professional schools**
  - Somewhat important: 45.5%
  - Very important: 40.7%

- **This college's graduates get good jobs**
  - Somewhat important: 26.4%
  - Very important: 47.6%
CIRP Theme
College Choice

Indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following:

- Becoming accomplished in one of the performing arts (acting, dancing, etc.)
  - very important: 15.7%
  - essential: 6.5%
- Being very well off financially
  - very important: 18.7%
  - essential: 5.7%
- Making a theoretical contribution to science
  - very important: 22.2%
  - essential: 9.6%
- Becoming successful in a business of my own
  - very important: 10.0%
  - essential: 3.0%
CIRP Theme

Career Planning

What is your best guess that you will change career choice?

- Very good chance: 39.6%
- Some chance: 45.7%
- Very little chance: 13.5%
- No chance: 1.3%
Health and Wellness
CIRP Theme
Health and Wellness
Disabilities

- Learning disability: 1.7%
- ADHD: 6.5%
- Physical disability: 2.6%
- Chronic illness: 3.0%
- Psychological disorder: 11.7%
- Other disability: 5.2%
CIRP Theme

Health and Wellness

Frequency of Activity During the Past Year as High School Senior

- Smoked cigarettes: 22.5% (7.8% occasionally, 14.7% frequently)
- Drank beer: 45.0% (10.4% occasionally, 34.6% frequently)
- Drank wine or liquor: 52.2% (10.0% occasionally, 42.2% frequently)
- Felt overwhelmed by all I had to do: 58.4% (34.6% occasionally, 23.8% frequently)
- Felt depressed: 58.3% (14.3% occasionally, 44.0% frequently)

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CIRP Theme

Health and Wellness

Compared to the average person your age, rate yourself on your...

- Emotional health: 29.0%
  - 16.9% above average
  - 12.1% highest 10%

- Physical health: 39.4%
  - 12.1% above average
  - 27.3% highest 10%

- Self-understanding: 38.5%
  - 35.5% above average
  - 3.0% highest 10%
CIRP Theme

Health and Wellness

During the past year, how much time did you spend during the typical week doing the following activities:

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<td>Exercising/sports</td>
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<td>Partying</td>
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CIRP Theme

Health and Wellness

What is your best guess that you will seek personal counseling?

- Very good chance: 10.4%
- Some chance: 47.0%
- Very little chance: 39.1%
- No chance: 3.5%
Religiosity / Spirituality
CIRP Theme
Religiosity/Spirituality
Current religious preference:

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<td>Church of Christ</td>
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CIRP Theme
Religiosity/Spirituality
Frequency of Activity During the Past Year as High School Senior

- Attended a religious service:
  - Occasionally: 10.4%
  - Frequently: 37.7%

- Discussed religion:
  - Occasionally: 38.3%
  - Frequently: 58.3%
CIRP Theme

Religiosity/Spirituality

Self-Rating – “Spirituality”

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<td>Lowest 10%</td>
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Reason come here: I was attracted by the religious affiliation/orientation of the college
CIRP Theme

Religiosity/Spirituality

How important is it to you to develop a meaningful philosophy of life?

- Essential: 50.0%
- Very important: 28.3%
- Somewhat important: 16.5%
- Not important: 5.2%
For more information:

http://www.reed.edu/ir
http://www.heri.ucla.edu