

# NAU Freshman Statistical Profile - CIRP 2007

## Age, language, race, religion

### Age on Dec. 31, 2007

17 or younger	1.8%
18	67.2%
19	30.0%
20	0.6%
21 to 24	0.3%
25 or older	0.1%

### English is native language

Yes	95.3%
No	4.7%

### Racial and ethnic background

White/Caucasian	81.6%
African-American/Black	4.0%
American-Indian/Alaska Native	6.5%
Asian-American/Asian	3.4%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1.9%
Mexican-American/Chicano	9.8%
Puerto Rican	1.0%
Other Latino	3.1%
Other	4.4%

### Religious preference



None	28.5%
Other Religion	19.7%
Other Christian	18.7%
Roman Catholic	18.6%
Lutheran	5.6%
Baptist	4.9%
LDS (Mormon)	4.0%

## Parents

### Parents' education (highest level)

	Father	Mother
Grammar school or less	2.8%	2.3%
Some high school	4.5%	3.1%
High school graduate	16.4%	16.9%
Postsecondary school other than college	3.3%	4.6%
Some college	19.0%	23.2%
College degree	30.0%	29.5%
Some graduate school	1.8%	2.3%
Graduate degree	22.3%	18.1%

### Estimated parental income

Less than \$10,000	2.7%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1.8%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	3.2%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2.7%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	4.3%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	7.0%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7.7%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	10.2%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	12.4%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	14.3%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	19.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6.1%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	3.5%
\$250,000 or more	4.6%

### Status of Parents

Both alive and living with each other?	66.3%
Both alive, divorced or living apart?	30.8%
One or both deceased?	2.9%

### Did either of your parents or legal guardians attend the institution that you are now attending?

No	89.1%
Yes, mother or female legal guardian only	5.0%
Yes, father or male legal guardian only	2.6%
Yes, both	3.4%

## Making the choice, settling in

### Number of other colleges applied to for admission this year

None	29.6%
1	17.1%
2	17.2%
3	16.6%
4	7.9%
5	4.7%
6	2.8%
7 to 10	3.3%
11 or more	0.8%

### College attended is student's:



First choice	72.7%
Second choice	20.9%
Third choice	4.7%
Less than third choice	1.8%

### Accepted by first-choice college

Yes	90.5%
No	9.5%

### Top reasons noted as very important in selecting college attended

	All	Men	Women
College has a very good academic reputation	52.1%	43.5%	57.7%
I wanted to go to a school about the size of this college	48.4%	41.7%	52.7%
The cost of attending this college	42.7%	37.2%	46.2%
This college's graduates get good jobs	42.1%	37.6%	45.0%
I was offered financial assistance	40.6%	34.2%	44.8%
A visit to campus	38.6%	33.5%	41.9%
This college has a good reputation for its social activities	32.6%	31.7%	33.2%
This college's graduates gain admission to top graduate/professional schools	24.5%	18.1%	28.6%
Information from a website	17.2%	13.6%	19.5%
I wanted to live near home	14.1%	9.9%	16.9%

### Miles from college to permanent home

5 or less	2.8%
6 to 10	1.5%
11 to 50	2.1%
51 to 100	6.0%
101 to 500	64.5%
Over 500	23.2%

### Housing plans during fall term

College residence hall	90.1%
Other private home, apartment, or room	5.0%
With family or other relatives	2.5%
Other campus student housing	1.3%
Fraternity or sorority house	0.8%
Other	0.2%

## Finances

### Concern about financing college

	All	Men	Women
None (I am confident that I will have sufficient funds)	32.7%	39.6%	28.2%
Some (but I will probably have enough funds)	54.8%	51.2%	57.1%
Major (not sure I will have enough funds to complete college)	12.5%	9.2%	14.7%

## Intended majors

Business	16.4%
Professional	14.9%
Arts and Humanities	12.9%
Social Science	12.3%
Education	8.8%
Engineering	8.0%
Biological Science	7.4%
Physical Science	4.3%
Technical	1.3%
Other Fields	6.8%
Undecided	7.1%

## Opinions

### Students rated self above average or highest 10 percent in:

	Total	Men	Women
Academic ability	74.1%	78.0%	71.6%
Drive to achieve	73.1%	68.9%	75.8%
Cooperativeness	73.0%	71.0%	74.3%
Understanding of others	68.7%	64.8%	71.2%
Leadership ability	66.3%	70.4%	63.6%
Self-confidence (intellectual)	63.9%	72.5%	58.3%
Creativity	62.3%	64.9%	60.6%
Self-understanding	59.3%	66.0%	54.9%
Competitiveness	54.3%	65.2%	47.1%
Emotional health	54.3%	60.7%	50.2%
Self-confidence (social)	54.3%	60.2%	50.5%
Physical health	54.2%	67.2%	45.7%
Writing ability	51.4%	48.5%	53.3%
Mathematical ability	44.9%	54.4%	38.6%
Spirituality	41.5%	40.2%	42.4%
Public speaking ability	40.5%	45.2%	37.5%
Computer skills	39.3%	48.6%	33.1%
Artistic ability	33.3%	35.0%	32.2%

### Students reported they frequently did the following in the past year:

	Total	Men	Women
Support your opinions with a logical argument	60.0%	65.1%	56.7%
Ask questions in class	53.1%	51.1%	54.4%
Revise your papers to improve your writing	47.5%	36.0%	55.0%
Seek feedback on your academic work	46.4%	40.3%	50.4%
Seek solutions to problems and explain them to others	46.1%	48.0%	44.8%
Take a risk because you felt you had more to gain	41.8%	47.5%	38.0%
Seek alternative solutions to a problem	37.7%	39.7%	36.4%
Evaluate the quality or reliability of information you received	35.7%	36.1%	35.5%
Explore topics on your own, even though it was not required for a class	34.0%	37.9%	31.4%
Look up scientific research articles and resources	24.0%	26.9%	22.1%
Accept failure as part of the learning process	22.1%	24.6%	20.6%

### Agree strongly or somewhat that:

	Total	Men	Women
The federal government is not doing enough to control environmental pollution	81.2%	79.9%	82.0%
Through hard work, everybody can succeed in American society	81.0%	79.9%	81.6%
The federal government should do more to control the sale of handguns	71.7%	60.6%	78.9%
Same-sex couples should have the right to legal marital status	69.6%	64.4%	73.0%
A national health care plan is needed to cover everybody's medical costs	69.6%	67.9%	70.6%
The chief benefit of a college education is that it increases one's earning power	68.0%	70.8%	66.2%
Only volunteers should serve in the armed forces	63.4%	63.8%	63.2%
Dissent is a critical component of the political process	60.8%	65.4%	57.7%
Abortion should be legal	59.9%	63.2%	57.7%
Wealthy people should pay a larger share of taxes than they do now	58.4%	59.7%	57.6%
There is too much concern in the courts for the rights of criminals	54.6%	56.9%	53.1%
Undocumented immigrants should be denied access to public education	53.0%	56.8%	50.5%
Affirmative action in college admissions should be abolished	41.9%	47.5%	38.1%
Marijuana should be legalized	39.1%	46.7%	34.2%
Colleges have the right to ban extreme speakers from campus	31.2%	31.1%	31.3%
Federal military spending should be increased	29.7%	31.2%	28.7%
The death penalty should be abolished	28.8%	26.9%	30.1%
The federal government should raise taxes to reduce the deficit	26.7%	31.3%	23.6%
Realistically, an individual can do little to bring about changes in our society	24.5%	27.4%	22.6%
It is important to have laws prohibiting homosexual relationships	18.0%	22.2%	15.3%
Racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in America	14.1%	17.6%	11.7%

## Political views

