

KEY FACTS FOR 2003 FSU (FIRST-TIME /FULL-TIME) ENTERING FRESHMAN CLASS

- ❑ Approximately 3,700 First Time in College (FTIC) for Fall 2003 responded to the CIRP survey at FSU.
- ❑ The majority (66 percent) of the 2003 FSU freshmen are 18 years of age, while 32 percent are 19 years of age.
- ❑ The FSU 2003 freshman class is 81 percent White/Caucasian; in 2002, it was 78 percent White/Caucasian. The 2003 national trend is 75 percent White/Caucasian.
- ❑ The FSU freshman class has the same percent of African American/Black freshmen as the national norm of 7 percent.
- ❑ Three (3) percent of 2003 freshmen reported they are Asian American/Asian compared to 12 percent of freshmen at all public universities. Seven (7) percent of FSU freshmen identified themselves as Other Latino compared to 2 percent at all public universities.
- ❑ The predominant religion is Catholicism – 28 percent of FSU freshmen reported they are Catholic.
- ❑ When asked if both parents are alive and living with each other, 69 percent of the FSU respondents indicated yes, while 28 percent responded both parents are alive but divorced or living apart.
- ❑ Thirty-four (34) percent of FSU respondents' fathers have college degrees. Twenty-four (24) percent of FSU freshmen fathers have graduate degrees.
- ❑ Thirty-five (35) percent of FSU respondents' mothers have college degrees. Sixteen (16) percent of FSU respondents' mothers have graduate degrees.
- ❑ The majority (71 percent) of freshmen have permanent homes between 101-500 miles from FSU; nationally, about 41 percent of students claim their permanent homes to be 101-500 miles from the universities they attend.
- ❑ Academically, the majority (97 percent) of FSU freshmen reported a high school grade average of "B" or better.
- ❑ Forty-three (43) percent of FSU freshmen indicated the highest degree they aspired to obtain at *any* institution is a Master's degree, 37 percent indicated a Doctorate degree or other higher degree, and 18 percent indicated a Bachelor's degree.
- ❑ The majority – 76 percent – stated that FSU was their college of first choice.

- ❑ Most FSU freshmen plan to use some family assistance to finance their first year's education; only 21 percent of FSU freshmen reported they would **not use any** family resources.
- ❑ The majority – 72 percent – stated that they did not plan to use financial aid that must be repaid to cover their first year expenses.
- ❑ The majority of FSU freshmen (71 percent) reported spending 5 hours or less per week studying or doing homework during their last year in high school while 79 percent reported spending 6 hours or more per week socializing with friends.
- ❑ The majority (57 percent) reported spending one or more hours a week volunteering in their last year in high school.
- ❑ A small percentage of FSU freshmen responded they had felt depressed in the past year - 5 percent of FSU freshmen.
- ❑ About 21 percent indicated they spent between 3 to 5 hours in a typical week exercising or playing sports in their last year of high school. Additionally, 49 percent of FSU freshmen indicated they spent 6 or more hours a week in their last year of high school exercising and/or engaging in sports
- ❑ A decline in reported use of tobacco products from prior years: In the 2001 freshmen class, 7 percent of FSU students stated that they had used tobacco products while 4 percent of the 2003 class responded that they had done so.
- ❑ Similarly, 47 percent of the FSU freshmen in 2001 responded that they had consumed beer in the last year as compared to 41 percent in 2003.