

2008 College Student Characteristics Inventory Demographics and Characteristics

The College Student Characteristics Inventory (CSCI) has been administered at UWSP since the mid-1970s. The purpose of the CSCI is to understand the incoming freshman class, why and how they choose UWSP, their academic background and preparation, and their values and needs. The 2008 CSCI was administered during summer orientation, resulting in 1,488 completed surveys or 97% of the orientation participants. For more information about the CSCI, see: <http://www.uwsp.edu/admin/chancellor/policyandplanning>.

Sex

	Percent
Male	45%
Female	55%

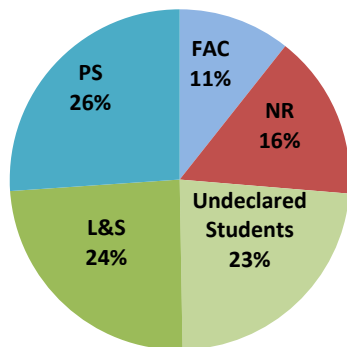
How large was your HS graduating

	Percent
Less than 50	7%
50-100	19%
101-250	24%
251-500	38%
More than 500	12%

Where will you be living this year?

	Percent
Residence Hall	90%
Off campus with parents	9%
Off campus on my own	1%

Distribution of Sample by College



Parent Education Level

	Percent
Both parents with HS diploma or less	17%
Neither parent with college degree (including above) - First Generation	47%

Where have you lived most of your life?

	Percent
In a city of 250K or more	6%
In a city of 50K to 250K	17%
In a city of 2,500 to 50K	49%
In a town of 2,500 or less	17%
On a farm or rural setting	12%

What is your major?

	Percent
Major declared	77%
Undecided/undeclared major	23%

Majors with Highest Percentages of "Declared" Students

	Percent
Biology	8%
Elementary Education	6%
Wildlife	5%
Music	4%
Health Science	3%
Art	3%
Business Administration	3%
Forestry	3%
Resource Management	3%

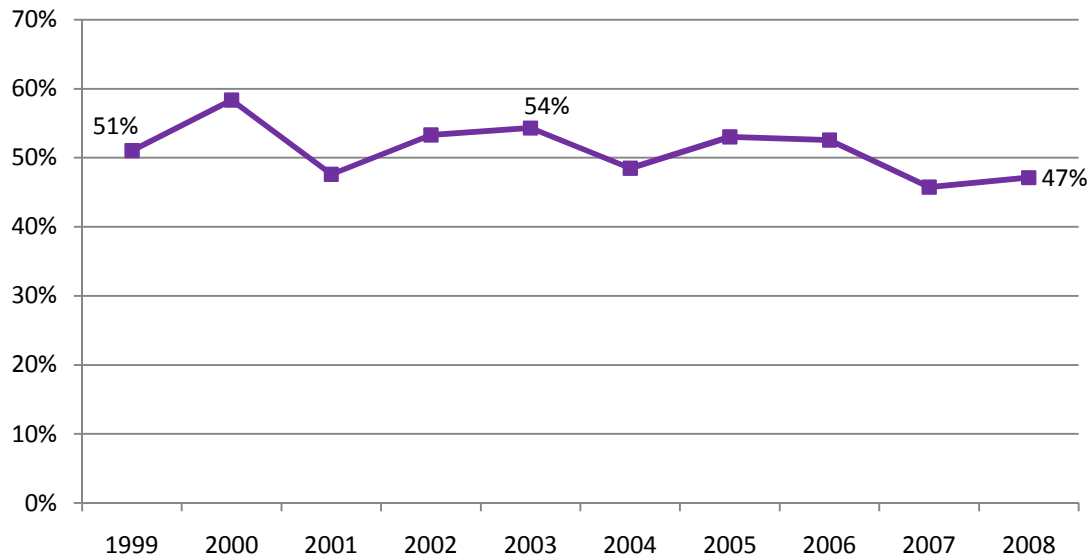
Parental Educational Level Among Incoming UWSP Students

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Both parents with a HS diploma or less	24%	31%	20%	27%	25%	22%	26%	24%	22%	17%
At least one parent attended college, but did not complete bachelor's degree	27%	27%	28%	27%	29%	27%	27%	28%	24%	30%
TOTAL First Generation Students^a	51%	58%	48%	53%	54%	49%	53%	53%	46%	47%
At least one parent with bachelor's degree	31%	28%	23%	30%	31%	34%	32%	34%	35%	34%
At least one parent with graduate degree	18%	13%	30%	17%	15%	17%	15%	14%	19%	19%
TOTAL RESPONDENTS^b	566	567	630	602	613	575	509	523	378	1402

^a First generation is defined as neither parent having completed a four-year college/university degree.

^b Includes only cases with completed data fields for both mother and father.

First Generation Freshmen at UWSP: 10-Year Trends



*** The percentage of first-generation college students has remained relatively steady over the past 10 years, showing that UWSP continues to serve students from a wide range of backgrounds.**