Florida State University (FSU) participates in an annual longitudinal study of incoming freshmen administered by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles. The Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP) collects self-reported information (biographic, demographic, educational, financial, opinions, etc.) from freshman students during orientation. Information is also collected from freshmen in public universities and colleges across the country. FSU has been participating in the CIRP since 1978.

### Manning: Financial College

**Financial Concerns**
- 63% have concerns about funding college
- 61% agreed (strongly or somewhat) that the current economic situation significantly affected their college choice

**Top 4 sources to cover educational expenses**
- 82% family resources (parents, relatives, spouse, etc.)
- 78% aid which need not be repaid (grants, scholarships, military funding)
- 55% students’ own resources
- 32% aid which must be repaid (loans, etc.)

**Working to pay for college**
- 80% possibly get a job to help pay for college
- 26% possibly work full-time while attending college

### Manning: International Students

2% of CIRP respondents are international students. The Top 8 countries are:
1. Venezuela
2. Columbia
3. United Kingdom
4. Brazil
5. Canada
6. Ecuador
7. Peru
8. Jamaica

### Manning: Religions Beliefs

**Christian Denominations**
- Roman Catholic: 25.7%
- Other Christian: 13.0%
- Baptist: 8.0%
- Methodist: 6.9%
- Presbyterian: 4.3%
- Church of Christ: 3.5%
- Episcopal: 2.5%
- Lutheran: 2.2%

**Religion**
- Christian
- None
- Jewish
- Other Religion
- Muslim
- Buddhist
- Hindu

### Manning: College Choice

**Top 5 reasons to attend college**
- 86% learn more about things that interested me
- 84% get a better job
- 81% get training for a specific career
- 74% gain a general education and appreciation of ideas
- 67% make more money

**Top 5 reasons to attend FSU**
- 69% academic reputation
- 57% social activities
- 54% graduate job placement
- 46% visit to campus
- 36% size of institution

### Manning: Parents’ Income

- Under $50k: 11%
- $50k-$100k: 20%
- $100k-$250k: 37%
- Over $250k: 32%
Future Plans

Highest degree planned:
- 17% plan to pursue a Bachelor’s degree
- 82% plan to pursue a graduate degree
  - 44% master’s
  - 38% doctoral/M.D./J.D.

Opportunities for Learning
Top 5 areas students identify as areas for personal growth:
- 57.3% public speaking ability
- 40.1% creativity
- 37.4% physical health
- 36.8% emotional health
- 36.1% cooperativeness

The Expected Graduation Rates: 2011 Cohort

The Expected Graduation Rates are generated based on the characteristics of the 2011 first-time, full-time CIRP respondents to predict college degree attainment in four, five, or six years. Significant predictors used in the regress models include student and parental background characteristics, academic characteristics, students’ finances, high school activities, institutional characteristics, and more.