

**Selected Findings from the 2001 Pilot Administration
Of “Your First College Year (YFCY)” Study:**

**Comparison Of Residential And Commuter Students
In National and UCLA Samples**

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NOTE: Because the data in the following tables are derived from relatively small numbers of respondents, they are not a strong basis for generalization. The national norms represent 3,835 first-year students (21.6% of the 18,196 students in the national study sample). Similarly, only 21.5% of the 560 students comprising the UCLA study sample responded to the survey: the following data represent 118 UCLA respondents. This pilot study provides interesting initial findings that will be explored in more depth following the 2002 YFCY administration (May 2002).

Primary Residence During the First Year of College

UCLA vs. National Norm

Residence	National Percent	UCLA Percent
College residence hall	68.3	63.6
College residence suite	8.4	20.3
Fraternity or sorority house	0.7	0.0
Private home or apartment (with family members)	18.6	13.6
Private home or apartment (with non-family members)	2.6	0.8
Private home or apartment (alone)	0.6	0.8
Other	0.4	0.8

First-Year Social Interactions, by Place of Residence

UCLA vs. National Norm

Students reporting that they:	Percent				Difference	
	Residential		Commuter		C-R	
	National	UCLA	National	UCLA	National	UCLA
Developed close friendships with other students	88.3	81.0	62.9	50.0	-25.4	-31.0
Had difficulty getting along with my roommate(s)/ housemates	49.8	45.0	35.9	22.3	-13.9	-22.7
Had a serious problem or crisis involving a close friend or family member	30.7	16.0	23.3	11.1	-7.4	-4.9
<i>Were "successful" or "very successful" in:</i>						
Establishing a network of friends on campus	61.8	92.9	32.2	72.2	-29.6	-20.7
<i>"Frequently":</i>						
Drank beer	24.0	6.0	15.7	0.0	-8.3	-6.0
Drank wine or liquor	21.2	7.0	14.2	0.0	-7.0	-7.0
Spent time with my family	19.8	18.0	47.3	61.1	27.5	43.1
<i>Spent time:</i>						
Socializing with friends more than 10 hours/week	56.5	45.4	37.0	5.6	-19.5	-39.8
Partying six or more hours/week	30.1	12.1	20.3	0.0	-9.8	-12.1
<i>"Often" or "always" felt:</i>						
Supported by your friends	74.4	77.0	60.2	50.0	-14.2	-27.0
Your family is supportive of your academic pursuits	85.7	80.0	76.6	77.8	-9.1	-2.2
A need to break away from your family in order to succeed in college	19.6	24.0	29.8	38.9	10.2	14.9
Isolated from campus life	10.6	13.0	31.1	55.6	20.5	42.6

Patterns of First-Year Involvement, by Place of Residence

UCLA vs. National Norms

Students reporting that they:	Percent				Difference	
	Residential		Commuter		C-R	
	National	UCLA	National	UCLA	National	UCLA
Participated in intercollegiate athletics	23.1	8.0	10	5.6	-13.1	-2.4
Joined a social sorority or fraternity	14.8	12.0	3.5	5.6	-11.3	-6.4
<i>"Frequently" or "occasionally"</i>						
Attended campus sponsored events	89.1	86.9	58.5	50.0	-30.6	-36.9
Participated in intramural sports	42	30.0	18.3	0.0	-23.7	-30.0
Participated in volunteer or community service work	52.7	41.0	34.6	38.9	-18.1	-2.1
Participated in religious clubs or groups	31.6	28.0	22.7	33.3	-8.9	5.3
Participated in organized demonstrations	27.7	25.0	20.5	11.1	-7.2	-13.9
<i>Spent time:</i>						
Participating in student clubs/groups one or more hours/week	46.4	54.1	17.9	35.3	-28.5	-18.8
Household/childcare duties six or more hours/week	1.3	0.0	10.9	6.3	9.6	6.3
Commuting six or more hours/week	8.6	0.0	55.2	64.7	46.6	64.7
Working for pay off campus ten or more hours/week	8.7	2.0	56.4	11.8	47.7	9.8

Academic Integration, by Place of Residence, UCLA vs. National Norms

Students reporting that they:	Percent				Difference	
	Residential		Commuter		C-R	
	National	UCLA	National	UCLA	National	UCLA
Participated in a leadership development program or course	16.7	9.0	5.9	0.0	-10.8	-9.0
Enrolled in an honors course	13.3	36.0	6.6	22.2	-6.7	-13.8
Never communicate with faculty/instructors via e-mail	9.9	11.0	19.8	33.3	9.9	22.3
<i>"Frequently":</i>						
Discussed course content with students outside of class	46.5	47.5	38.6	44.4	-7.9	-3.1
<i>"Frequently" or "occasionally":</i>						
Studied with other students	88.7	88.9	71.4	70.1	-17.3	-18.8
Turned in course assignments electronically	57.2	52.6	50.1	55.6	-7.1	3.0
Participated in on-line discussions	24.7	32.3	18.2	28.9	-6.5	-3.4
Received tutoring	36.3	42.4	23.9	33.3	23.9	-9.1
Not had time to study due to family responsibilities	16.8	18.0	45.0	50.0	28.2	32.0
Not had time to study due to job responsibilities	23.2	20.0	56.9	38.9	33.7	18.9
<i>Spent time:</i>						
Interacting regularly with faculty outside of class or office hours*	71.4	58.6	55	35.3	-16.4	-23.3
Meeting regularly with faculty during office hours*	73.2	63.7	60.5	59.0	-12.7	-4.7
Studying or doing homework 11 or more hours/week	32.3	41.4	22.1	33.4	-10.2	-8.0

Note: *includes students reporting that they communicated with faculty for any amount of time each week (i.e., any category besides "none").

Students' Feelings of Satisfaction and Self-Concept, by Place of Residence

UCLA vs. National Norms

Students reporting that they:	Percent				Difference	
	Residential		Commuter		C-R	
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<i>Are "above average" or "highest 10%"</i>						
<i>in the following areas:</i>						
Leadership ability	57.7	51.5	44.0	58.8	-13.7	7.3
Public speaking ability	37.6	39.4	26.3	52.9	-11.3	13.5
Understanding of others	66.2	72.7	55.5	58.8	-10.7	-13.9
Physical health	47.2	45.5	39.3	35.3	-7.9	-10.2
Popularity	33.9	18.2	26.4	11.8	-7.5	-6.4
Emotional health	46.9	51.6	40.0	35.3	-6.9	-16.3
Self-understanding	56.2	64.6	49.7	52.9	-6.5	-11.7
<i>Are "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with:</i>						
Opportunities for community service	47.9	34.3	26.9	27.8	-21.0	-6.5
Overall sense of community among students	71.0	64.7	51.3	38.9	-19.7	-25.8
Leadership opportunities	49.2	36.4	34.3	27.8	-14.9	-8.6
Overall college experience	81.1	82.9	71.6	55.6	-9.5	-27.3
Amount of contact with faculty	62.4	32.4	55.9	38.9	-6.5	6.5