

Research Brief

IU Southeast Graduating Student Survey: Student Affairs Report

BACKGROUND

The Indiana University Southeast Graduating Student Survey is administered to students when they apply for graduation and collects data regarding post-graduation plans, employment and income, applied learning experiences, factors influencing student satisfaction with their experiences

Individual question response rate varies. We include partial responses in the report and, unless otherwise indicated, non-respondents are excluded in tabled data counts and percentages.

at IU Southeast, diversity and culture, campus safety and self-perceived levels of abilities. This multi-year report is intended to provide information regarding how these data have changed from year to year and to support decision-making that facilitate change in response to the dynamic needs of the student population.

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RESPONDENTS

Survey respondents for 2021 consisted of six hundred forty-nine undergraduate respondents, and one hundred fourteen graduate respondents; 67% were female and 33% were male.

Table 1: Respondents:

| | 2021 | | 2020 | | 2019 | |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | N | % | N | % | Ν | % |
| Undergraduates | 649 | 85% | 808 | 89% | 794 | 91% |
| Graduates | 114 | 15% | 102 | 11% | 79 | 9% |
| Total | 763 | 100% | 910 | 100% | 873 | 100% |

SATISFACTION: IU SOUTHEAST EXPERIENCE

Sixty-five percent of the current respondents were satisfied with the opportunities to be involved in extra-curricular activities and 64% of the respondents were satisfied with the opportunities to engage in community service activities; both areas saw a small decrease in satisfaction (5% and 4%, respectively) when compared to 2020.

Table 2: IU Southeast Experience Satisfaction:

| | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|------|------|------|
| Opportunities to be involved in extra-curricular activities. | 65% | 70% | 67% |
| Opportunities to engage in community service activities. | 64% | 68% | 65% |

The percentages total the "Very Satisfied" and "Satisfied" categories.

When comparing the two groups, graduate respondents reported 12% higher satisfaction with the opportunities to engage in community service activities than the undergraduates. However, the undergraduate respondents reported 9% higher satisfaction with the opportunities to be involved in extracurricular activities than the graduates.

When compared to the 2020 and 2019 survey administrations, undergraduate satisfaction levels had declined slightly with both the opportunities to engage in community service and be involved in extra-curricular activities. On the other hand, graduate respondents only saw a small decrease in satisfaction with the opportunities to engage in community service activities, though it did not decline to 2019 levels. As for opportunities to be involved in extra-curricular activities, graduate respondents indicated a 4% increase in satisfaction compared to 2020, though satisfaction did not return to 2019 levels.

Table 3: IU Southeast Experience Satisfaction (Graduates vs. Undergraduates):

| | 2021 | | 2020 | | 2019 | |
|--|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| | GR | UG | GR | UG | GR | UG |
| Opportunities to engage in community service activities. | 75% | 63% | 77% | 67% | 66% | 65% |
| Opportunities to be involved in extra-curricular activities. | 56% | 65% | 52% | 72% | 61% | 67% |

The percentages total the "Very Satisfied" and "Satisfied" categories.

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The student comments and the electronic survey instrument is included in the paperclip attachment in the left toolbar. Note that some of the questions are routed to only be seen by Undergraduate or by Graduate respondents. Not all routing is apparent in the printed version of the electronic instrument.