ABOUT THE CIRP FRESHMAN SURVEY

The CIRP Freshman Survey, administered by UCLA’s Higher Education Research Institute, is designed for administration to incoming first-year students before they start classes. The instrument collects extensive information that allows for a snapshot of incoming students before they experience college.

This report summarizes selected responses from 424 first-time, full-time students and 20 transfer students.

DIVERSITY

- First-generation Status
  - 7%
  - Neither parent attended college**
  - 17%
  - Neither parent earned a college degree**

- Sexual Orientation
  - 7% identify as gay, bisexual, or other

- Geographic Origin
  - 68% of freshmen’s permanent home are 100 miles or more away from Morehouse College.

- Estimated Family Income
  - 35% Below $50,000
  - 65% $50,000 or Above

- High School/Neighborhood Racial Composition

High School Type

- 8.6% Public school (not charter or magnet)
- 9.1% Public charter school
- 9.3% Private religious/parochial school
- 6.8% Private independent college-prep school
- 65.3% Home school

High School GPA

- 29% A-, A or A+
- 61% B-, B or B+
- 10% C+ or C

- 20% have taken courses for credit at Morehouse prior to the fall 2015 term.

FINANCING COLLEGE

- 77% report having concerns about financing their education.
- 75% report having taken out loans.
- 55% report utilizing merit-based grants or scholarships.
- 51% report relying on Pell grants.

COLLEGE CHOICE

- Number of colleges/universities other than Morehouse to which first-time, full-time freshmen applied
  - 5% None
  - 25% 1 - 3
  - 41% 4 - 6
  - 29% 7 or more

- 79% were accepted by their first choice colleges.

Morehouse was their… choice.

- 57% 1st
- 26% 2nd
- 8% 3rd
- 9% Less than 3rd

- Top 5 “very important” reasons influencing their decisions to attend Morehouse.

POLITICAL AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 85% feel it’s important to help others in difficulty.
- 71% believe being a community leader matters.
- 71% want to improve their understanding of other countries of cultures.
- 66% expect to participate in student protests or demonstrations while in college.

EDUCATIONAL ASPIRATIONS

- Top 5 intended majors (grouped into broad CIRP categories) of first-time, full-time freshmen

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- Highest academic degree intended

  | 28%             | 39%           | 11%                        | 10%         |