

*First Student Pulse Survey – Spring 2011
Campus Recreation and Housing Survey*

Summary of Methods and Findings

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Background

The Student Pulse Campus Recreation and Housing Survey was designed to explore students' opinions regarding the need for a centralized Student Health Center and additional student housing. A web-based survey of a stratified random sample of 3,000 IUPUI students was conducted during the Spring 2010 semester. The Office of Planning and Institutional Improvement (PAII) funded the web survey which used a questionnaire developed by the Assistant Director for Survey Research and Standard Reports, the Director of Assessment and Planning for the Division of Student Life, and representatives of the Undergraduate Student Government. The survey was administered by the Office of Information Management and Institutional Research (IMIR).

Of the 3,000 students invited to participate in this survey, 15 declined and 5 could not be reached via e-mail, for an adjusted sample size of 2,980 students. Of those, 467 responded to the survey, yielding an adjusted response rate of 15.7% (15.6% raw response rate).

Demographic Characteristics of Sample and Respondents

The following table shows the demographic characteristics of respondents. Females were significantly more likely to respond to the survey than males. In addition, 81% of respondents were undergraduate students compared to 77% of the entire sample. This difference was statistically significant. A significantly greater percentage of respondents were full-time students compared to the entire sample.

Sex *	Respondents	Entire Sample
	Percentages	
Female	65.8	56.3
Male	34.2	43.7
Race		
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.3	0.1
Asian	2.6	4.0
African American	7.5	10.6
Caucasian	75.4	72.3
International Student	5.2	4.4
Hispanic/Latino	4.2	4.1
Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	0.0	0.0 [^]
Identifies as two or more racial groups	2.3	1.7
Unknown	2.6	2.7
Degree program *		
Other (UG Non-degree)	1.6	2.8
Undergraduate	80.8	77.1
Graduate/Professional	17.6	20.1
Enrollment status *		
Full-time	75.9	67.7
Part-time	24.1	32.3
Age		
Less than 21 years of age	31.4	24.6
21-24 years of age	29.7	34.4
25 years of age or older	38.5	41.0

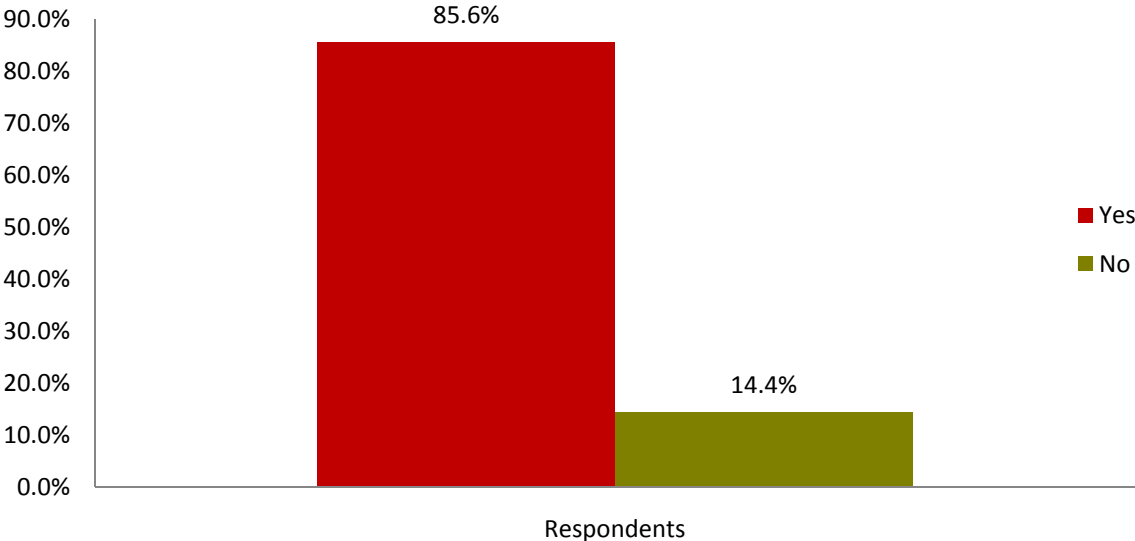
* Statistically significant difference between respondents and entire sample at $\alpha \leq .05$.

[^] Less than 0.05% of students selected for this sample were of Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian descent.

Q1: Is there a need for a health and wellness center (e.g., fitness, intramural sports, student health services, and counseling and psychological services in one location/building) on campus?

Approximately 86% of respondents indicated that they felt there was a need for a Health and Wellness Center. A follow-up item asked respondents to explain their answer. About 15% of respondents indicated that the current facilities were inadequate or that moving these services to a centralized location was necessary, which were the most common explanations provided among respondents who indicated that there is a need for a health and wellness center. Respondents who indicated “no” were most likely to indicate that these services do not need a centralized location.

Q1: Need for Health and Wellness Center



Please Explain:

Category *	N	Percentage
Yes		
Current facilities (fitness center, health services, etc.) are inadequate/ don't meet students' needs	28	15.4
A centralized location is necessary	27	14.8
Services in proposed wellness center are necessary	26	14.3
Health related comments	17	9.3
Fitness is important	15	8.2
Students don't know about current facilities	10	5.5
It must be free/affordable for students	8	4.4
It would be convenient	7	3.8
IUPUI is so large that a wellness center is necessary	6	3.3
Wants/Ideas to incorporate into Wellness Center	5	2.7

* 182 total comments. Comments could appear in more than one category

Please Explain (cont.):

Category *	N	Percentage
Yes (cont.)		
Would enhance student life/Provide opportunities for engagement	5	2.7
Would provide an opportunity to meet new people	5	2.7
No comment	2	1.1
Other "Yes" comments	10	5.5
No		
These services do not need to be in a centralized location	7	3.8
It would be a waste of money	6	3.3
Other "No" comments	5	2.7
I would not use it	4	2.2
IUPUI already has these services	4	2.2
There is no need for one	4	2.2
Alternate ideas to promote wellness	2	1.1

* 182 total comments. Comments could appear in more than one category

Q2: How likely is it that you would choose to live on campus if more housing were available?

Fifty-five percent of all respondents indicated that they would be at least somewhat likely to live on campus if more housing were available. The mean response for 18-24 year-old respondents on this item was 2.42, compared to 1.52 for respondents 25 years of age or older. This difference was statistically significant.

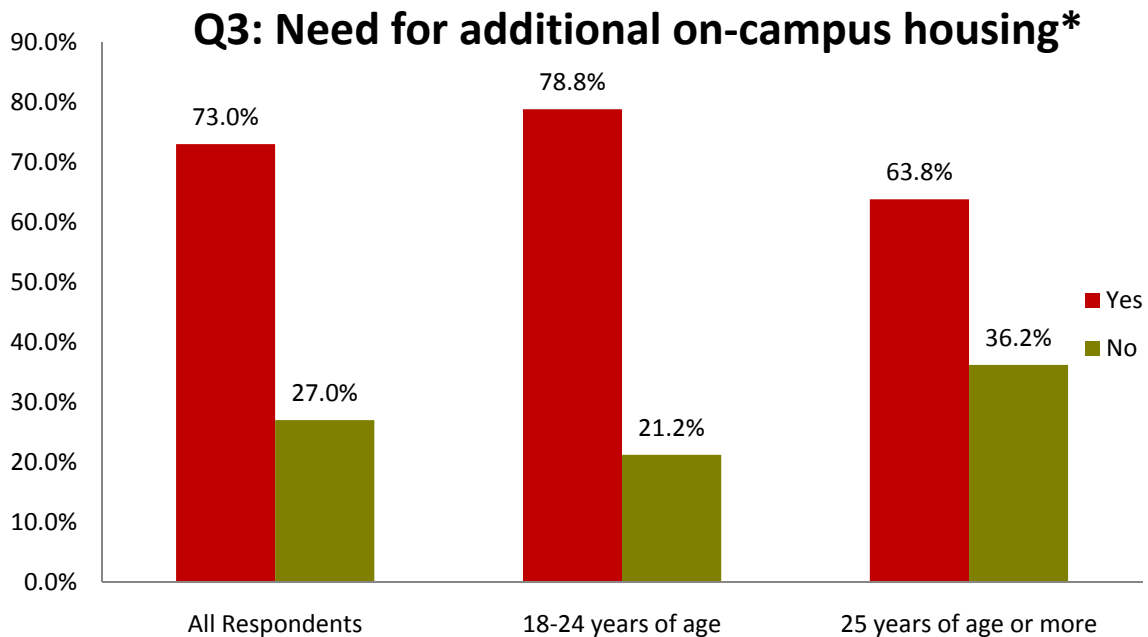
	N	Very Likely	Likely	Somewhat Likely	Not at all Likely	Mean	SD
How likely is it that you would choose to live on campus if more housing were available?*							
		<i>Percentages</i>					
All Respondents	425	19.8	12.9	22.1	45.2	2.07	1.17
18-24 years of age	261	27.6	15.3	28.4	28.7	2.42	1.17
25 years of age or older	164	7.3	9.1	12.2	71.3	1.52	0.94

Scale: 4 = "Very Likely", 3 = "Likely", 2 = "Somewhat Likely", 1 = "Not at all Likely"

* Significant difference between means of respondents 18-24 years of age and 25 years of age or older at $\alpha \leq 0.001$

Q3: Regardless of your current living situation, do you feel there is a need for additional on-campus housing?

Seventy-three percent of all respondents indicated that they felt there was a need for additional on-campus housing. About 79% of respondents age 18-24 indicated that they felt there was a need for additional housing compared to 64% of those 25 years of age or older. This difference was statistically significant. When asked to explain their answer, 11% of respondents indicated that new housing would need to be affordable and 9% reported that they felt additional housing would enhance the sense of community or student social life at IUPUI. These were the two most common responses among respondents who answered “yes”. Among respondents who answered “no”, the most common response was that they were uncertain about the housing situation at IUPUI (8% of respondents).



* Chi-square analysis revealed statistically significant difference between respondents 18-24 years of age and 25 years of age or older at $\alpha \leq 0.01$

Please explain:

Category *	N	Percentage
Yes		
New housing would need to be affordable	21	10.9
Enhanced sense of community/ student social life on campus	17	8.9
Currently not much housing/Not enough space	13	6.8
Other unclassified “Yes” comments	12	6.3
More choices in housing options (price range, styles in general)	11	5.7
There should be more housing/Housing is needed	10	5.2
Would like specific style of housing (floor plans, family housing, etc.)	10	5.2
It would attract more students	9	4.7

* 192 total comments. Comments could appear in more than one category.

Please explain (cont.):

Category *	<i>N</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Yes (cont.)		
It would improve traffic/parking on campus	9	4.7
Should be close to campus/ Would be beneficial to be close to campus	9	4.7
Current housing options are too expensive	7	3.6
Have heard from other students that housing is a concern	7	3.6
It would make IUPUI feel more like a “traditional” college	7	3.6
IUPUI is growing	6	3.1
Off-campus housing is expensive	5	2.6
Current housing options are inadequate/unacceptable	4	2.1
Finding housing is difficult	4	2.1
IUPUI should no longer be a commuter campus	4	2.1
Many students live far from campus	4	2.1
Enhanced student involvement	3	1.6
Only Freshmen can live in current residence hall	3	1.6
IUPUI could benefit economically from more housing	2	1.0
Unsure of current housing situation	2	1.0
No Response		
Uncertain about current situation	1	0.5
No		
Uncertain about housing situation	16	8.3
IUPUI housing is too expensive	10	5.2
I don’t need housing	9	4.7
Does not seem to be a need	7	3.6
Most students commute	4	2.1
Funds should be spent elsewhere	2	1.0
Other unclassified “No” comments	3	1.6

* 192 total comments. Comments could appear in more than one category.

Q4: How important are the following factors in deciding where to live?

About nine out of ten of all respondents indicated that cost was a very important factor in deciding where to live. Sixty-two percent of all respondents reported that the availability of a fitness center was very important or important, and approximately 80% indicated that food options were very important or important. About forty-two percent of respondents 18-24 years of age indicated that a sense of community was very important, compared to 31% of respondents 25 years of age or older. This difference was statistically significant. A significantly greater percentage of respondents 18-24 years old also indicated that proximity to campus was a very important factor in determining where to live (73% of 18-24 year olds compared to 52% of those 25 years of age or older).

	N	Very Important	Important	Not Important	Mean	SD
<i>Percentages</i>						
Cost						
All Respondents	425	89.9	8.0	2.1	2.88	0.39
18-24 years of age	261	91.2	8.0	0.8	2.90	0.32
25 years of age or older	164	87.8	7.9	4.3	2.84	0.47
Availability of a fitness center						
All Respondents	425	17.2	44.9	37.9	1.79	0.71
18-24 years of age	261	15.7	46.7	37.5	1.78	0.70
25 years of age or older	164	19.5	42.1	38.4	1.81	0.74
Food options						
All Respondents	423	31.4	48.2	20.3	2.11	0.71
18-24 years of age	259	30.9	48.3	20.8	2.10	0.71
25 years of age or older	164	32.3	48.2	19.5	2.13	0.71
Sense of community*						
All Respondents	423	37.6	45.9	16.5	2.21	0.71
18-24 years of age	260	41.9	44.6	13.5	2.28	0.70
25 years of age or older	163	30.7	47.9	21.5	2.09	0.72
Proximity to campus**						
All Respondents	425	65.2	29.6	5.2	2.60	0.59
18-24 years of age	261	73.2	24.1	2.7	2.70	0.51
25 years of age or older	164	52.4	38.4	9.1	2.43	0.66

Scale: 3 = "Very Important", 2 = "Important", 1 = "Not Important"

* Chi-square analysis revealed statistically significant difference between respondents 18-24 years of age and 25 years of age or older at $\alpha \leq 0.05$

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Appendix A:
IUPUI Pulse Campus Recreation and Housing Survey

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IUPUI Campus Recreation and Housing Survey

Consent Form

The IUPUI Student Pulse Survey is a program guided by student leaders, which helps the campus administration understand and improve the student experience at IUPUI. Our goal is to “take the pulse” of the student body, provide survey results to IUPUI staff and students, and make tangible improvements to the student experience.

This first IUPUI Student Pulse Survey of the spring semester, explores the need to enhance Campus Housing and Recreation Services.

Your participation is strictly voluntary, and your relationship with IUPUI will not be affected by your decision to participate or not participate in the survey. These data may be merged with academic records; however, all of your answers will be confidential, and we will only be reporting the combined answers of the entire group.

We encourage you to make your voice heard!

For more information, visit the Student Pulse website at <http://survey.iupui.edu/pulse>.

Please choose from the following options:

Continue to the survey or, **Decline**

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IUPUI STUDENT PULSE SURVEY

IUPUI Campus Recreation and Housing Survey

Recreation Center

1. Is there a need for a health and wellness center (e.g., fitness, intramural sports, student health services, and counseling and psychological services in one location/building) on campus? _____

- Yes
 No

Please explain

Housing

2. How likely is it that you would choose to live on campus if more housing were available? _____

- Very likely
 Likely
 Somewhat likely
 Not at all likely

3. Regardless of your current living situation, do you feel there is a need for additional on-campus housing? _____

- Yes
 No

Please explain:

4. How important are the following factors in deciding where to live?

	Very important	Important	Not Important
Cost	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of a fitness center	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Food options	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Sense of community	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Proximity to campus	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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