

2005 YFCYA LONGITUDINAL REPORT

(2084)

Oberlin College All First-time Full-time	Your Institution			Nonsect 4-yr Colls			All Priv 4-yr Colls		
	2004	2005	Change	2004	2005	Change	2004	2005	Change
<b>Number of Respondents</b>	173	173	---	4,227	4,227	---	9,884	9,884	---
<b>Students rating themselves "above average" or "highest 10%" compared with the average person their age in:</b>									
Academic ability	91.1	91.1	0.0	76.8	72.3	-4.5	73.5	68.6	-4.9
Artistic ability	52.7	56.8	4.1	35.4	36.8	1.4	31.3	32.4	1.1
Compassion	75.7	80.5	4.8	71.1	73.6	2.5	71.5	73.0	1.5
Computer skills	33.3	39.9	6.6	32.4	39.6	7.2	31.6	39.7	8.1
Cooperativeness	60.1	70.8	10.7	71.0	73.3	2.3	70.9	73.9	3.0
Creativity	73.4	74.0	0.6	59.4	63.0	3.6	55.9	59.1	3.2
Drive to achieve	72.8	78.1	5.3	76.8	73.9	-2.9	75.5	72.2	-3.3
Emotional health	39.6	47.3	7.7	50.7	53.7	3.0	51.1	54.1	3.0
Forgiveness	52.4	64.9	12.5	56.8	60.8	4.0	57.2	60.1	2.9
Generosity	58.6	70.4	11.8	68.4	70.0	1.6	68.6	68.8	0.2
Leadership ability	55.6	63.3	7.7	60.4	62.1	1.7	61.0	61.5	0.5
Mathematical ability	59.2	54.4	-4.8	46.3	45.2	-1.1	43.5	42.1	-1.4
Physical health	39.9	44.0	4.1	52.5	53.0	0.5	51.8	51.2	-0.6
Public speaking ability	42.9	48.8	5.9	38.0	42.0	4.0	36.3	39.6	3.3
Religiousness	14.2	17.2	3.0	24.7	27.4	2.7	32.7	33.9	1.2
Self-confidence (intellectual)	72.2	68.0	-4.2	58.5	58.8	0.3	57.7	58.2	0.5
Self-confidence (social)	36.1	37.3	1.2	45.3	47.9	2.6	46.8	49.0	2.2
Self-understanding	63.9	69.2	5.3	53.6	59.0	5.4	52.3	57.2	4.9
Spirituality	33.1	39.6	6.5	32.3	38.6	6.3	38.4	42.2	3.8
Understanding of others	66.1	68.5	2.4	66.8	69.8	3.0	65.5	67.2	1.7
Writing ability	72.8	70.4	-2.4	54.2	55.6	1.4	50.4	53.5	3.1
<b>Since entering this college, how often have you:</b>									
Attended a religious service	62.7	37.3	-25.4	74.2	44.0	-30.2	82.3	58.0	-24.3
Felt bored in class [1]	40.5	16.7	-23.8	35.8	34.4	-1.4	36.7	38.6	1.9
Participated in organized demonstrations	43.2	45.6	2.4	44.3	40.7	-3.6	47.5	42.8	-4.7
Studied with other students	80.5	92.9	12.4	88.9	90.6	1.7	88.6	91.6	3.0
Smoked cigarettes [1]	2.4	4.7	2.3	4.5	7.7	3.2	4.1	7.0	2.9
Drank beer	36.1	53.3	17.2	44.9	60.3	15.4	41.7	54.2	12.5
Drank wine or liquor	51.5	62.1	10.6	54.7	67.1	12.4	50.3	61.6	11.3
Felt overwhelmed by all you had to do [1]	30.2	39.6	9.4	30.0	40.1	10.1	30.6	40.6	10.0
Felt depressed [1]	13.0	19.5	6.5	7.8	14.0	6.2	7.2	12.8	5.6
Performed volunteer work	88.8	69.8	-19.0	86.8	62.3	-24.5	88.2	67.3	-20.9
Discussed politics [1]	60.7	57.7	-3.0	32.4	27.1	-5.3	28.3	21.5	-6.8
Socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group [1]	75.1	75.7	0.6	69.3	60.0	-9.3	67.4	54.6	-12.8
Come late to class	63.7	61.9	-1.8	60.2	58.5	-1.7	59.0	60.1	1.1
Used the Internet for research or homework [1]	79.3	81.1	1.8	80.2	82.1	1.9	80.1	82.9	2.8
Worked on a local, state, or national political campaign	20.7	33.7	13.0	10.4	15.3	4.9	9.7	14.7	5.0
Maintained a healthy diet [1]	54.4	51.5	-2.9	43.6	32.8	-10.8	40.2	29.1	-11.1
Missed school because of illness [1]	4.8	5.4	0.6	5.0	4.1	-0.9	4.9	4.1	-0.8

[1] Percentage marking "Frequently" only. All other results in this section represent the percentage marking "Frequently" or "Occasionally".

<b>Objectives considered to be "very important" or "essential":</b>	All								
Becoming accomplished in one of the performing arts (acting, dancing, etc.)	40.1	43.6	3.5	18.7	24.3	5.6	16.7	22.6	5.9
Becoming an authority in my field	57.9	63.2	5.3	59.8	66.4	6.6	58.3	65.9	7.6
Obtaining recognition from my colleagues for contributions to my special field	45.9	54.1	8.2	52.7	59.6	6.9	50.5	57.7	7.2
Influencing the political structure	31.6	38.6	7.0	22.1	24.8	2.7	19.9	22.1	2.2
Influencing social values	43.6	57.6	14.0	40.7	51.4	10.7	42.8	51.4	8.6
Raising a family	44.8	59.9	15.1	71.7	76.2	4.5	75.5	78.4	2.9
Having administrative responsibility for the work of others	13.0	23.1	10.1	34.0	39.6	5.6	34.5	39.7	5.2
Being very well off financially	25.9	27.1	1.2	65.6	64.1	-1.5	66.1	64.7	-1.4
Helping others who are in difficulty	64.5	74.4	9.9	64.9	74.6	9.7	68.1	76.6	8.5
Making a theoretical contribution to science	24.6	21.1	-3.5	15.5	18.7	3.2	15.6	19.4	3.8
Writing original works (poems, novels, short stories, etc.)	29.1	34.9	5.8	19.0	23.7	4.7	16.6	22.1	5.5
Creating artistic work (painting, sculpture, decorating, etc.)	25.6	33.1	7.5	17.7	24.7	7.0	15.7	23.0	7.3
Becoming successful in a business of my own	14.7	18.2	3.5	38.8	42.4	3.6	37.3	41.2	3.9
Becoming involved in programs to clean up the environment	39.2	43.9	4.7	22.6	30.3	7.7	19.1	27.1	8.0
Developing a meaningful philosophy of life	66.7	76.0	9.3	49.1	57.8	8.7	46.7	53.2	6.5
Participating in a community action program	36.3	49.7	13.4	27.3	37.0	9.7	26.1	34.3	8.2
Helping to promote racial understanding	51.5	58.5	7.0	35.7	47.6	11.9	33.0	45.0	12.0
Keeping up to date with political affairs	55.6	67.8	12.2	41.3	46.5	5.2	37.1	41.8	4.7
Becoming a community leader	27.3	39.5	12.2	33.7	40.3	6.6	33.7	38.0	4.3
Integrating spirituality into my life	33.5	44.1	10.6	34.3	43.2	8.9	44.2	51.6	7.4
Working to find a cure for a health problem	20.6	18.8	-1.8	21.6	25.2	3.6	24.4	27.3	2.9
Improving my understanding of other countries and cultures	74.4	76.2	1.8	53.3	61.3	8.0	49.7	55.6	5.9
<b>How would you characterize your political views?</b>									
Far left	21.4	28.6	7.2	5.4	7.7	2.3	4.0	5.6	1.6
Liberal	60.7	61.9	1.2	39.1	41.4	2.3	31.2	33.3	2.1
Middle-of-the-road	16.1	7.7	-8.4	40.5	34.1	-6.4	43.0	37.8	-5.2
Conservative	1.8	1.8	0.0	14.0	15.4	1.4	20.4	21.5	1.1
Far right	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.4	0.4	1.4	1.8	0.4

<b>SINCE ENTERING THIS COLLEGE, HOW MUCH TIME HAVE YOU SPENT DURING A TYPICAL WEEK:</b>	All								
<b>Studying/homework</b>									
None	1.8	0.0	-1.8	1.2	0.3	-0.9	1.1	0.3	-0.8
Less than 1 hour	3.0	0.0	-3.0	5.9	0.9	-5.0	7.5	1.1	-6.4
1 to 2 hours	8.4	0.6	-7.8	13.9	5.5	-8.4	17.0	6.5	-10.5
3 to 5 hours	22.8	10.8	-12.0	25.9	21.3	-4.6	27.6	25.1	-2.5
6 to 10 hours	29.9	25.1	-4.8	23.1	30.4	7.3	22.9	32.1	9.2
11 to 15 hours	17.4	25.7	8.3	15.2	19.2	4.0	12.6	17.0	4.4
16 to 20 hours	4.8	19.2	14.4	7.9	11.7	3.8	6.4	9.6	3.2
Over 20 hours	12.0	18.6	6.6	6.8	10.8	4.0	4.8	8.3	3.5
<b>SINCE ENTERING THIS COLLEGE, HOW MUCH TIME HAVE YOU SPENT DURING A TYPICAL WEEK:</b>									
<b>Socializing with friends</b>									
None	0.6	0.0	-0.6	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.2
Less than 1 hour	2.4	0.6	-1.8	1.2	0.8	-0.4	1.2	0.9	-0.3
1 to 2 hours	6.0	0.6	-5.4	5.6	3.4	-2.2	5.6	3.8	-1.8
3 to 5 hours	28.6	16.1	-12.5	17.2	14.3	-2.9	17.6	14.7	-2.9
6 to 10 hours	26.2	29.2	3.0	27.4	26.7	-0.7	26.9	26.3	-0.6
11 to 15 hours	14.3	21.4	7.1	19.9	19.9	0.0	19.5	18.7	-0.8
16 to 20 hours	13.1	17.9	4.8	12.6	14.1	1.5	12.6	13.2	0.6
Over 20 hours	8.9	14.3	5.4	15.9	20.3	4.4	16.4	21.9	5.5
<b>Exercising or sports</b>									
None	4.8	10.7	5.9	4.4	7.9	3.5	4.5	7.2	2.7
Less than 1 hour	16.7	16.1	-0.6	8.8	11.1	2.3	9.2	10.9	1.7
1 to 2 hours	20.8	24.4	3.6	14.7	18.5	3.8	14.4	19.4	5.0
3 to 5 hours	29.2	25.6	-3.6	18.4	26.0	7.6	18.5	26.5	8.0
6 to 10 hours	17.9	13.7	-4.2	18.8	17.9	-0.9	18.2	18.6	0.4
11 to 15 hours	6.5	7.7	1.2	15.7	9.8	-5.9	15.5	8.8	-6.7
16 to 20 hours	3.0	1.8	-1.2	9.4	4.8	-4.6	9.4	4.5	-4.9
Over 20 hours	1.2	0.0	-1.2	9.8	4.0	-5.8	10.4	4.1	-6.3
<b>Partying</b>									
None	37.5	29.8	-7.7	26.1	19.5	-6.6	27.8	23.9	-3.9
Less than 1 hour	25.0	17.3	-7.7	17.0	11.1	-5.9	16.4	12.1	-4.3
1 to 2 hours	17.9	17.9	0.0	19.0	17.0	-2.0	17.9	16.6	-1.3
3 to 5 hours	15.5	23.2	7.7	20.2	25.5	5.3	20.0	23.2	3.2
6 to 10 hours	3.0	7.1	4.1	10.7	17.7	7.0	10.7	15.4	4.7
11 to 15 hours	1.2	3.6	2.4	4.0	5.2	1.2	4.1	4.7	0.6
16 to 20 hours	0.0	0.6	0.6	1.8	1.9	0.1	1.9	2.1	0.2
Over 20 hours	0.0	0.6	0.6	1.2	2.1	0.9	1.2	2.1	0.9
<b>Student clubs and groups</b>									
None	16.9	35.5	18.6	19.4	37.6	18.2	20.6	39.1	18.5
Less than 1 hour	12.0	9.0	-3.0	14.0	11.7	-2.3	13.9	12.7	-1.2
1 to 2 hours	27.7	21.1	-6.6	26.9	21.8	-5.1	27.7	21.8	-5.9
3 to 5 hours	27.7	23.5	-4.2	22.0	18.6	-3.4	21.3	17.0	-4.3
6 to 10 hours	6.0	7.2	1.2	9.9	6.3	-3.6	9.1	5.8	-3.3
11 to 15 hours	6.0	2.4	-3.6	4.1	2.0	-2.1	3.8	1.8	-2.0
16 to 20 hours	1.8	0.0	-1.8	2.0	1.0	-1.0	1.7	0.8	-0.9
Over 20 hours	1.8	1.2	-0.6	1.9	0.9	-1.0	1.8	1.0	-0.8

<b>Watching TV</b>	All								
None	16.7	53.6	36.9	7.5	19.9	12.4	6.2	15.0	8.8
Less than 1 hour	19.6	22.0	2.4	15.7	19.1	3.4	14.5	18.5	4.0
1 to 2 hours	21.4	14.9	-6.5	23.3	23.3	0.0	23.2	24.1	0.9
3 to 5 hours	30.4	6.0	-24.4	27.8	21.4	-6.4	28.7	23.6	-5.1
6 to 10 hours	8.9	3.0	-5.9	15.9	10.2	-5.7	16.4	11.4	-5.0
11 to 15 hours	1.8	0.0	-1.8	5.5	3.0	-2.5	6.0	3.6	-2.4
16 to 20 hours	0.0	0.6	0.6	2.0	1.5	-0.5	2.5	2.0	-0.5
Over 20 hours	1.2	0.0	-1.2	2.2	1.4	-0.8	2.5	1.8	-0.7
<b>Household/childcare duties</b>									
None	15.6	74.3	58.7	19.9	70.1	50.2	17.7	66.8	49.1
Less than 1 hour	28.1	11.4	-16.7	21.0	13.1	-7.9	20.2	13.8	-6.4
1 to 2 hours	29.9	10.8	-19.1	31.8	10.6	-21.2	32.3	11.6	-20.7
3 to 5 hours	19.8	3.0	-16.8	18.2	3.8	-14.4	19.8	4.5	-15.3
6 to 10 hours	6.0	0.0	-6.0	5.7	1.2	-4.5	6.0	1.7	-4.3
11 to 15 hours	0.6	0.6	0.0	1.8	0.5	-1.3	2.0	0.7	-1.3
16 to 20 hours	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.3	-0.4	0.8	0.4	-0.4
Over 20 hours	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.5	-0.3	1.1	0.6	-0.5
<b>SINCE ENTERING THIS COLLEGE, HOW MUCH TIME HAVE YOU SPENT DURING A TYPICAL WEEK:</b>									
<b>Reading for pleasure</b>									
None	7.2	19.8	12.6	17.2	40.9	23.7	20.1	40.8	20.7
Less than 1 hour	15.6	32.3	16.7	25.7	26.5	0.8	25.5	26.2	0.7
1 to 2 hours	25.7	25.7	0.0	27.4	19.7	-7.7	26.4	19.2	-7.2
3 to 5 hours	30.5	18.6	-11.9	17.9	8.5	-9.4	16.6	9.0	-7.6
6 to 10 hours	17.4	3.0	-14.4	7.7	2.6	-5.1	7.3	2.9	-4.4
11 to 15 hours	3.0	0.6	-2.4	2.3	1.1	-1.2	2.2	1.0	-1.2
16 to 20 hours	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.4	-0.4	0.9	0.5	-0.4
Over 20 hours	0.6	0.0	-0.6	0.8	0.4	-0.4	1.0	0.5	-0.5
<b>Playing video/computer games</b>									
None	45.2	59.5	14.3	45.0	55.1	10.1	45.3	54.9	9.6
Less than 1 hour	18.5	15.5	-3.0	21.4	15.7	-5.7	21.5	16.0	-5.5
1 to 2 hours	17.9	13.7	-4.2	16.0	13.0	-3.0	15.6	13.3	-2.3
3 to 5 hours	11.3	6.0	-5.3	9.8	9.1	-0.7	9.9	8.7	-1.2
6 to 10 hours	4.2	3.6	-0.6	4.9	4.4	-0.5	4.6	4.0	-0.6
11 to 15 hours	1.8	0.6	-1.2	1.3	1.2	-0.1	1.5	1.4	-0.1
16 to 20 hours	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.7	0.7	0.0
Over 20 hours	1.2	0.6	-0.6	1.0	0.7	-0.3	0.9	0.9	0.0
<b>Prayer/meditation</b>									
None	56.5	66.7	10.2	46.9	57.3	10.4	34.9	44.1	9.2
Less than 1 hour	22.6	17.3	-5.3	28.9	22.5	-6.4	33.2	27.4	-5.8
1 to 2 hours	16.1	8.9	-7.2	15.3	12.7	-2.6	20.0	17.8	-2.2
3 to 5 hours	3.0	6.5	3.5	6.0	4.4	-1.6	7.8	6.6	-1.2
6 to 10 hours	1.8	0.6	-1.2	1.6	1.8	0.2	2.4	2.4	0.0
11 to 15 hours	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.0
16 to 20 hours	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.0
Over 20 hours	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.6	-0.1	0.8	0.7	-0.1
<b>What is your grade average?</b>									
A (3.75-4.0)	45.6	22.8	-22.8	30.9	15.3	-15.6	29.8	18.2	-11.6
A-,B+ (3.25-3.74)	45.0	43.3	-1.7	47.3	36.7	-10.6	46.3	34.6	-11.7
B (2.75-3.24)	7.6	25.1	17.5	14.0	30.0	16.0	15.5	28.0	12.5
B-,C+ (2.25-2.74)	1.2	6.4	5.2	6.5	12.0	5.5	7.3	11.8	4.5
C (1.75-2.24)	0.0	1.2	1.2	1.3	4.3	3.0	1.1	5.2	4.1
C- or less (below 1.75)	0.6	1.2	0.6	0.0	1.7	1.7	0.0	2.2	2.2

<b>Do you have any concern about your ability to finance your college education?</b>	All								
None (I am confident that I will have sufficient funds)	34.9	38.0	3.1	35.4	33.7	-1.7	32.5	30.3	-2.2
Some (but I probably will have enough funds)	60.2	52.4	-7.8	52.7	51.7	-1.0	54.6	53.0	-1.6
Major (not sure I will have enough funds to complete college)	4.8	9.6	4.8	11.8	14.6	2.8	12.8	16.8	4.0
<b>Do you give the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA permission to include your ID number should your college request the data for additional research analyses?</b>									
Yes	53.7	62.5	8.8	58.3	51.4	-6.9	61.3	50.4	-10.9
No	46.2	37.5	-8.7	41.7	48.6	6.9	38.7	49.6	10.9

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