

**2018 The Freshman Survey (TFS) Infographic Codebook
First-time, Full-time Freshmen**

The freshman class of 2018 is coming to college with the future on their minds, including both personal and broader issues.

Infographic Item	Survey Question/Variable Name	Response Option(s) Selected
While the majority of incoming freshmen have decided on a major, many still anticipate the possibility of changing their minds.		
8% are undecided on their major	Student's major aggregated (MAJORA)	Undecided (MAJORA=17)
41% of those who already decided on a major may switch	What is your best guess as to the chances that you will: Change major field (FUTACT05)	Select cases MAJORA < 17 ; Very Good Chance (7.8%) & Some Chance (33.3%)
76% consider gaining a general education and appreciation of ideas as very important reasons to go to college	In deciding to go to college, how important to you was each of the following reasons? To gain a general education and appreciation of ideas (REASON08)	Very Important
The forward-thinking incoming class of 2018 is already planning for graduate and professional school.		
62% consider preparing for graduate or professional school a very important reason to go to college	In deciding to go to college, how important to you was each of the following reasons? To prepare myself for graduate or professional school (REASON12)	Very Important
72% already plan to obtain a graduate degree	What is the highest academic degree that you intend to obtain? (DEGASP)	DEGASP = 5 (38.8%), 6 (4.6%), 7 (11.3%), 8 (10.9%), or 9 (6.4%)
8% are pre-law	Do you consider yourself: Pre-Law (PRELAW)	PRELAW = 2
21% are pre-med	Do you consider yourself: Pre-Med (PREMED)	PREMED = 2
Cost of attendance impacts students' college choice and how they spend their time.		
61% worked for pay during their last year of high school	During your last year in high school, how much time did you spend during a typical week: Working (for pay) (HPW06)	HPW06 > 0
81% say that the cost of attendance factored into their college choice	Below are some reasons that might have influenced your decision to attend this particular college. How important was each reason in your decision to come	Somewhat Important (34.5%) & Very Important (46.8%)

	here? The cost of attending this college (CHOOSE23)	
64% have concerns about their ability to finance their college education	Do you have any concern about your ability to finance your college education? (FINCON)	Some (but I will probably have enough funds) (53.5%) & Major (not sure I will have enough funds to complete college) (10.6%)
51% say there is a very good chance that they will get a job to help pay for college expenses	What is your best guess as to the chances that you will: Get a job to help pay for college expenses (FUTACT12)	Very Good Chance
The racial climate still merits attention...		
82% disagree that racism is no longer a major problem in America	Racism is no longer a major problem in America (VIEW18)	Strongly Disagree (48.9%) & Disagree Somewhat (32.8%)
75% agree that colleges should prohibit racist/sexist speech on campus	Colleges should prohibit racist/sexist speech on campus (VIEW06)	Agree Somewhat (28.4%) & Strongly Agree (46.2%)
84% consider promoting racial understanding an important personal goal	Please indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following: Helping to promote racial understanding (GOAL13)	Somewhat Important (35.5%), Very Important (29.5%), & Essential (19.2%)
...and many have goals of expanding their worldview.		
60% find it very important to improve their understanding of different countries and cultures	Please indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following: Improving my understanding of other countries and cultures (GOAL14)	Very Important (34.4%) & Essential (25.6%)
32% say there is a very good chance that they will participate in a study abroad program	What is your best guess as to the chances that you will: Participate in a study abroad program (FUTACT21)	Very Good Chance
52% say that becoming a more cultured person was a very important reason to go to college	In deciding to go to college, how important to you was each of the following reasons? To make me a more cultured person (REASON11)	Very Important