

Assessment Note

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Ball State University

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Ball State Alumni Survey Five Year Trends

The Alumni Survey is given to alumni two years following their graduation from Ball State. It is designed to determine the degree to which Ball State met a variety of educational needs as well as to gather employment and background information. This note outlines some five year trends.

Academics

	2000	2002	2004*
Percentages who indicated that they typically spent 11 or more hours per week studying outside of class	55%	53%	51%
With regards to their academic major, percentages who strongly agreed or agreed that they were satisfied with...			
Feedback from instructors about my academic progress.	80%	80%	81%
Opportunities for interaction with departmental faculty.	83%	87%	84%
Percentages who indicated that their experiences at BSU have prepared them very well in following areas:			
Analyzing and evaluating ideas	45%	48%	50%
Creative thinking	43%	45%	48%
Critical thinking	42%	44%	47%
Problem solving	41%	45%	46%
Writing	45%	49%	49%
Percentages who reported that their experiences at Ball State had met their needs very well in the following areas:			
Intellectual growth	55%	54%	55%
Personal growth	65%	62%	63%
Preparation for further education	43%	45%	44%
Preparation for career	43%	42%	42%

Perceptions of Ball State

	2000	2002	2004*
Percentages who reported that			
their general attitude toward Ball State was very positive or positive	97%	97%	95%
they would recommend Ball State to someone who wanted to major in their field.	84%	84%	80%

Educational Goals, Plans and Expectations

	2000	2002	2004*
Percentages who reported that			
They had completed an additional degree or certification program	13%	13%	12%
They were currently enrolled in college course work.	19%	21%	23%
They plan eventually to obtain a graduate or professional degree.	62%	60%	59%

Employment

	2000	2002	2004*
Percentages who reported that			
They were employed full time	88%	85%	81%
Their full-time employment was in area of their major	60%	63%	55%
Their full-time employment was in an area related to their major	19%	21%	22%

* Results from 2004 are preliminary.

For more information about the Alumni Survey or other university assessment projects, please contact the Office of Academic Assessment and Institutional Research.