



# Entering First Year Student Survey 2019

## External Comparison Select Items



This report compares select data points from UMass Amherst's 2019 *Entering First Year Student Survey (EFYS)* with corresponding data points from the Higher Education Research Institute's 2018 *Freshman Survey* (see *The American Freshman: National Norms Fall 2018*). The "Public Universities" category encompasses 17 institutions and 43,182 survey participants.



### First Choice

Institution is student's first choice

UMass Amherst Public Universities

38%

62%

Accepted by their first choice college

58%

77%



### Financial Concern

Have "some" or "a lot" of concern about their ability to finance college

UMass Amherst Public Universities

80%

64%



### Mental Health

Felt overwhelmed by all they had to do (% Frequently)

UMass Amherst Public Universities

44%

39%

Felt anxious (% Frequently)

36%

35%

Felt depressed (% Frequently)

16%

14%



Behaviors High School Senior Year

(% Frequently)

Bored in class

UMA 47%  
PU 41%

Failed to complete homework on time

UMA 7%  
PU 5%

Wrote computer code

UMA 12%  
PU 23%



Top Reasons for Attending College

(% Very Important)

To get a better job

UMA 89%  
PU 86%

To learn more about things that interest me

UMA 80%  
PU 84%

To be able to make more money

UMA 75%  
PU 74%



Time Use High School Senior Year

(% who spent 6 or more hours per week)

Socializing with friends

UMA 65%  
PU 60%

Working for pay

UMA 56%  
PU 49%

Exercising

UMA 54%  
PU 50%

Studying

UMA 49%  
PU 46%



Activities of Personal Importance

(% Essential or Very Important)

Being very well off financially

UMA 79%  
PU 84%

Helping others who are in difficulty

UMA 76%  
PU 78%

Becoming involved in programs to clean up the environment

UMA 61%  
PU 35%

