

Parent Survey Compilation 2001-02, 2005-06 and 2008-09								
Spring 2009								
2008-09								
	Total Population	Sample Size	Number Responses	Response Rate				
Return rate								
e-mails/online responses	2867	2867	1160					
paper surveys	865	431	86					
Total return rate	3732	3298	1246	37.8%				
<i>notes: In 2008-09 surveys were potentially sent to multiple parents per student, so response rates by class are not applicable.</i>								
<i>13 of the paper survey responses were printed from the online survey and mailed in</i>								
2005 - 2006								
	Total Population	Sample Size	Number Responses	Response Rate by Class				
Return rate								
Class of 2009 (First-years)	764	382	166	43.5%				
Class of 2008 (Sophomores)	780	390	161	41.3%				
Class of 2007 (Juniors)	758	379	148	39.1%				
Class of 2006 (Seniors)	820	410	145	35.4%				
Class of 2005 (Recent Grads)	724	361	90	24.9%				
Not applicable			18					
Total return rate	3846	1922	728	37.9%				
2001 - 2002								
	Total Population	Sample Size	Number Responses	Response Rate by Class				
Return rate								
Class of 2005 (First-years)	820	410	195	47.6%				
Class of 2004 (Sophomores)	801	401	189	47.1%				
Class of 2003 (Juniors)	784	392	190	48.5%				
Class of 2002 (Seniors)	833	417	199	47.7%				
Class of 2001 (Recent Grads)	774	388	162	41.8%				
Not applicable			7					
Total return rate	4012	2008	942	46.9%				
<i>Note: sample sizes not adjusted for undeliverable surveys; self-reported class of student may not match sample</i>								
Demographics								
Respondent's relation to student	2008 - 2009		2005 - 2006		2001 - 2002			
Mother	776	62.3%	476	65.4%	628	66.7%		
Father	451	36.2%	230	31.6%	305	32.4%		
Step-mother	2	0.2%	2	0.3%	2	0.2%		
Step-father	0	0.0%	3	0.4%	1	0.1%		
Other	4	0.3%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%		
Did not indicate	13	1.0%	16	2.2%	6	0.6%		
Total	1246	100.0%	728	100.0%	942	100.0%		
Student's gender	2008 - 2009		2005 - 2006		2001 - 2002			
Female	677	54.3%	421	57.8%	550	58.4%		
Male	559	44.9%	302	41.5%	388	41.2%		
Did not indicate	10	0.8%	5	0.7%	4	0.4%		
Total	1246	100.0%	728	100.0%	942	100.0%		

Student's year in school	2008 - 2009		2005 - 2006		2001 - 2002	
First-year	315	25.3%	166	22.8%	195	20.7%
Sophomore	271	21.7%	161	22.1%	189	20.1%
Junior	246	19.7%	148	20.3%	190	20.2%
Senior	236	18.9%	145	19.9%	199	21.1%
Recent Grads: Class of 2008, 2005, or 2001	169	13.6%	90	12.4%	162	17.2%
Does not apply	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Did not indicate	9	0.7%	17	2.3%	7	0.7%
Total	1246	100.0%	728	100.0%	942	100.0%
Respondent a St. Olaf graduate						
	2008 - 2009		2005 - 2006		2001 - 2002	
Yes	126	10.1%	77	10.6%	150	15.9%
No	1101	88.4%	647	88.9%	788	83.7%
Did not indicate	19	1.5%	4	0.5%	4	0.4%
	1246	100.0%	728	100.0%	942	100.0%
If graduate, class						
	2008 - 2009		2005 - 2006		2001 - 2002	
		Percent Alumni		Percent Alumni		Percent Alumni
Did not indicate	1	0.8%	4	5.2%	3	2.0%
1956 - 1960	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	2.0%
1961 - 1965	0	0.0%	2	2.6%	6	4.0%
1966 - 1970	3	2.4%	9	11.7%	49	32.7%
1971 - 1975	26	20.6%	21	27.3%	68	45.3%
1976 - 1980	48	38.1%	30	39.0%	19	12.7%
1981 - 1985	42	33.3%	10	13.0%	2	1.3%
1986 -	6	4.8%	1	1.3%	0	0.0%
Total	126	100.0%	77	100.0%	150	100.0%
If you have other children who have attended or are attending college, where were/are they enrolled? (Check all that apply)						
	2008 - 2009		2005 - 2006		2001 - 2002	
No other children have attended or are attending college	375		237		299	
St. Olaf College	193		107		197	
Carleton College	22		12		16	
Concordia College (Moorhead)			3		13	
Gustavus Adolphus College	39		23		24	
Luther College	27		14		16	
Macalester College	13					
University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)	54		37		39	
University of St. Thomas	28		20		14	
University of Wisconsin (Madison)	27		15		20	
Other	508		312		357	
Total	1286		780		995	
1 other child	682	54.7%				
2 other children	97	7.8%				
3+ other children	11	0.9%				

What state/region do you live in?	2008 - 2009		2005 - 2006		2001 - 2002	
MN	600	48.2%	361	49.6%	480	51.0%
WI	125	10.0%	85	11.7%	116	12.3%
IA	59	4.7%	34	4.7%	48	5.1%
ND, SD, NE	50	4.0%	33	4.5%	42	4.5%
IL, IN, KY, MI, OH	96	7.7%	45	6.2%	85	9.0%
AR, KS, LA, MO, OK, TX	62	5.0%	24	3.3%	26	2.8%
AZ, CA, CO, HI, NM, NV, UT	61	4.9%	33	4.5%	46	4.9%
AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY	60	4.8%	50	6.9%	47	5.0%
CT, DC, DE, MA, ME, MD, NH, NY, NJ, PA, RI, VT, WV	68	5.5%	36	4.9%	25	2.7%
AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA	36	2.9%	14	1.9%	20	2.1%
International	21	1.7%	8	1.1%	3	0.3%
Did not indicate	8	0.6%	5	0.7%	4	0.4%
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Respondent's current occupation	2008 - 2009		2005 - 2006		2001 - 2002	
Education	276	22.2%	181	24.9%	275	29.2%
Finance	62	5.0%	38	5.2%	45	4.8%
Government	42	3.4%	27	3.7%	34	3.6%
Health and Human Services	265	21.3%	138	19.0%	200	21.2%
Law	57	4.6%	32	4.4%	33	3.5%
Management	93	7.5%	48	6.6%	73	7.7%
Religion	49	3.9%	20	2.7%	39	4.1%
Science and Technology	103	8.3%	42	5.8%	45	4.8%
Other	237	19.0%	140	19.2%	148	15.7%
None	53	4.3%	28	3.8%	39	4.1%
Did not respond	9	0.7%	34	4.7%	11	1.2%
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