

U. Miami Non-undergraduate Survey: First Generation Demographics

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In this report, we analyze two questions (Q13 and Q201) that asked non-undergraduates whether they identified as first generation students and then, to respondents who answered “Yes” and “Not sure,” how they defined the term.

I: Statistics

Q13: Do you consider yourself a first gen student?

Total Respondents: 192 out of out of 232¹

Yes: 27%

No: 54%

Not sure: 2%

No answer: 17%

Q201: Please explain what "first-generation student" means to you.

Total Respondents: 59 out of 67²

The main trends in the discursive responses were:

- 45: first in the family to go to college
- 8: first in the family to go to college in the U.S.
- 3: first in the family to go to graduate school
- 1: “1 parent attended a religious ‘college’ 30 yrs ago so neither could really advise/help with anything college related”
- 1: “It means being able to take advantage of all opportunities that are presented”
- 1: “wisdom people group.”

II: Observation

Only 18% of the undergraduate participants identify as first-generation, versus 27% of non-undergraduates.

¹ This question was open only to those who answered “Some college”, “College degree or “Graduate school or higher” to Q3 (What is your highest level of education?).

² Only respondents who answered “Yes” and “not sure” for Q13 could answer this question.