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FALL 2007 CIRP FRESHMAN SURVEY

ERAU participated in the nationwide administration of the 2007 CIRP¹ Freshman Survey, a study developed to gather information from students prior to their experiencing college life. Demographic, experiential, and attitudinal information are gathered as first-time students begin their educational experience.

The office of Institutional Research (IR) administered the survey to Fall 2007 first-time students at both the Daytona Beach and Prescott campuses during scheduled class time of the college success courses. Out of 1038 first-time students from the Daytona Beach campus, a total of 585 (56%) responded to the survey. Out of 400 first-time students from the Prescott campus, 199 (50%) responded to the survey. Variations between the proportions in the sample and the population were found within degree program for both the Daytona Beach and Prescott campuses. To correct for this potential bias, responses presented in this preview have been statistically weighted by degree program for both campuses.

This issue of the *IR PREVIEW* summarizes findings of the 2007 CIRP Freshman Survey and, where applicable, compares ERAU findings to those from a national comparative group – first-time students entering “highly selective”, private four-year colleges – obtained from the longitudinal CIRP study.

♦ The Students

Figure 1
Percent Noting English as a Second Language

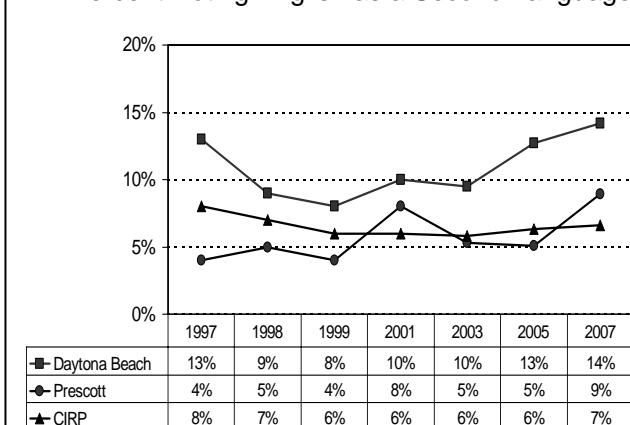
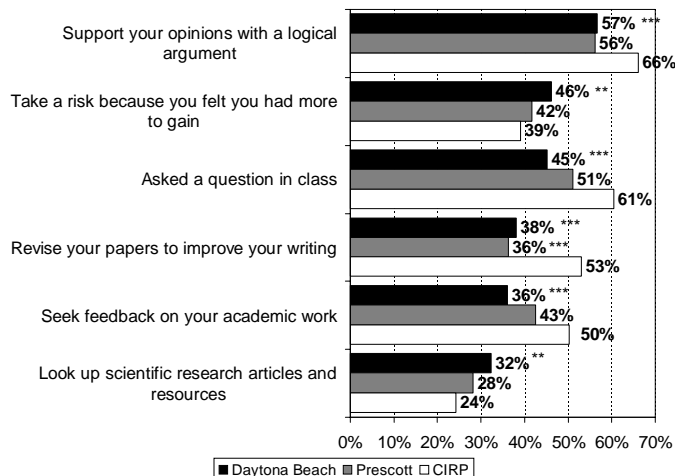


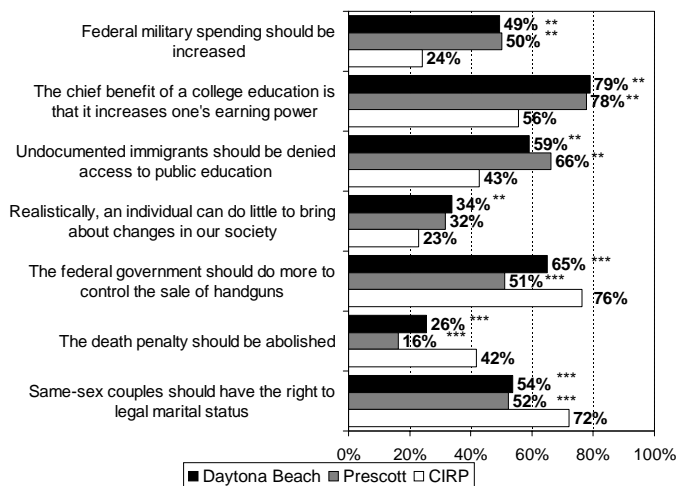
Figure 2
Percent with Frequent Participation in Select Activities in the Past Year



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Figure 3
Social Issues
(percent responding strongly agree or somewhat agree)



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¹The Cooperative Institutional Research Project (CIRP) survey is administered by the Higher Education Research Institute (HERI), located at UCLA's Graduate School of Education & Information Studies, and conducted under the sponsorship of the American Council on Education.

◆ The College Attendance Decision

Figure 4
Percent Attending First Choice College

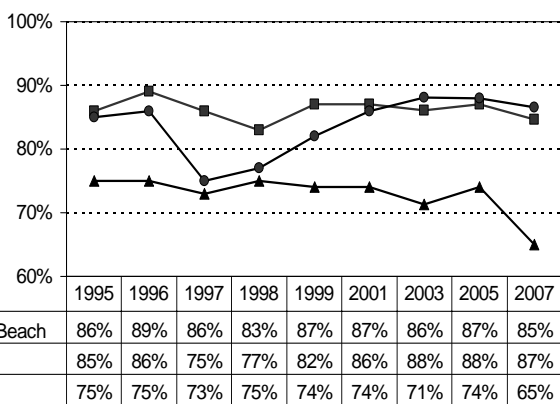


Figure 7
How Knowledgeable Do You Feel About the Major You Have Selected?

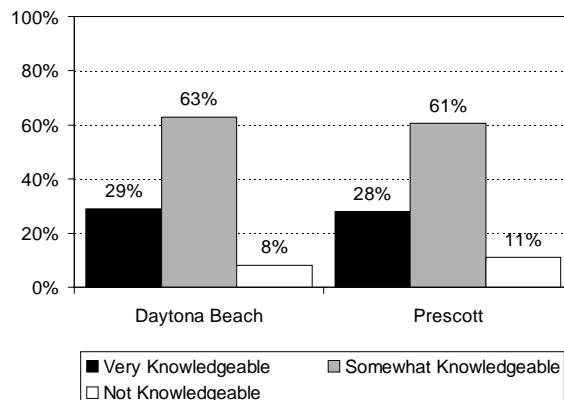


Figure 5
"Wanted to be in AV/Aerospace Environment"
Very Important Reason in Selecting ERAU

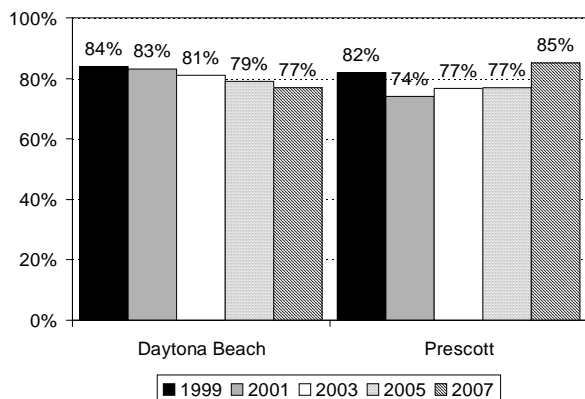


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Percent Noting Factor as Very Important in Selection of Major

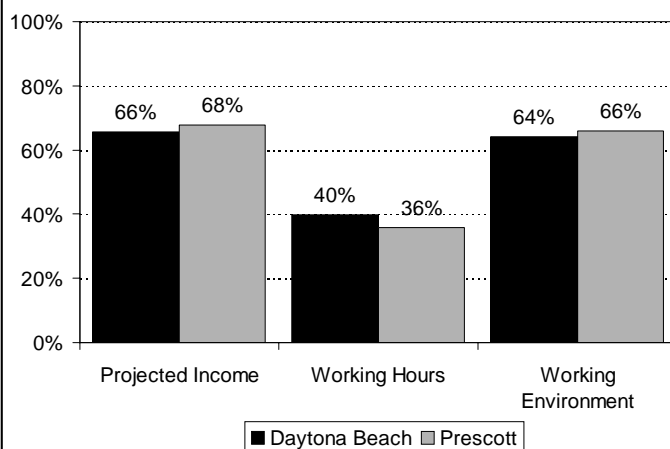
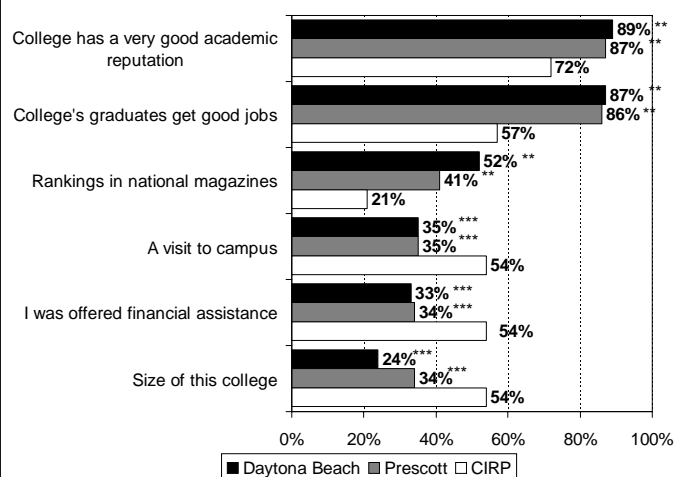


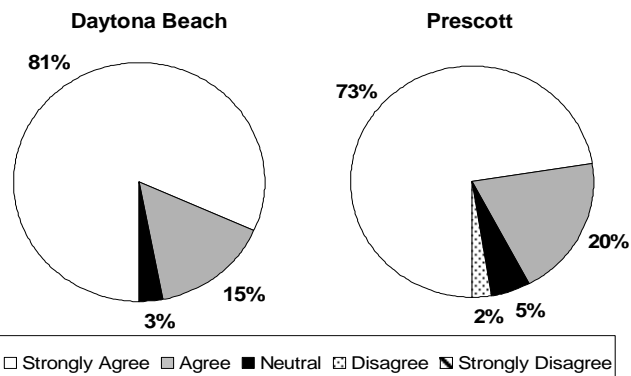
Figure 6
Top Reasons Noted as Very Important in Selecting this College



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Figure 9
Percent Who Chose this ERAU Campus Because of the Degree Programs Offered Here



◆ Plans for Financing College

Figure 10
Best Estimate of Parents' Total Income - Average

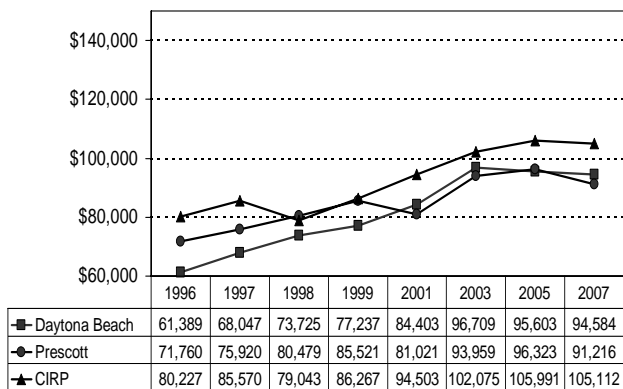


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Level of Concern Over Ability to Finance Education

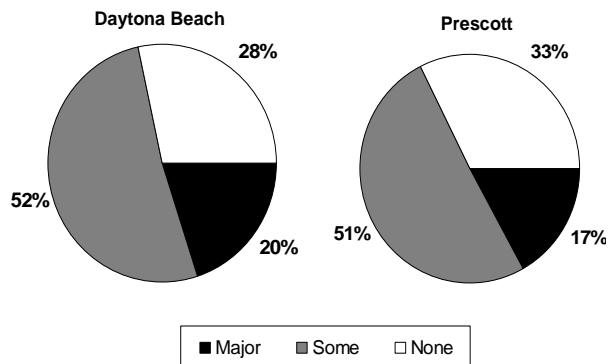


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Percent With **Major Concern** About Ability to Finance Education

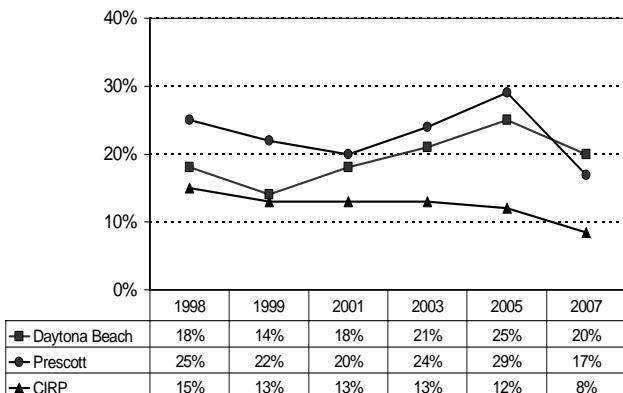


Figure 13
Source of Coverage for First Year's Educational Expenses - \$3,000 and Above

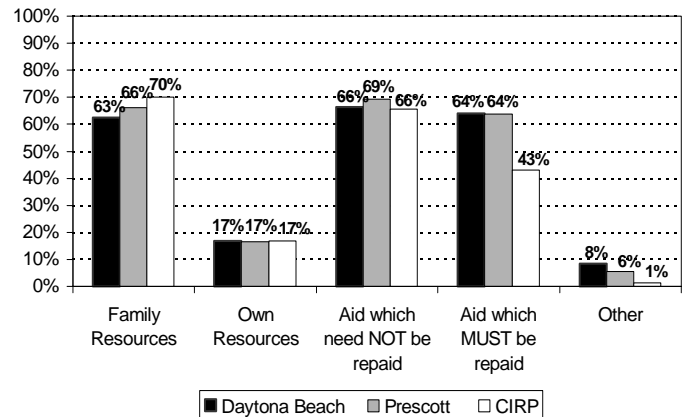
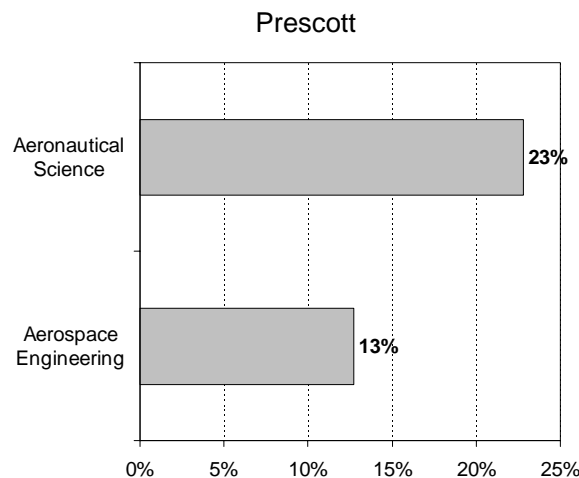
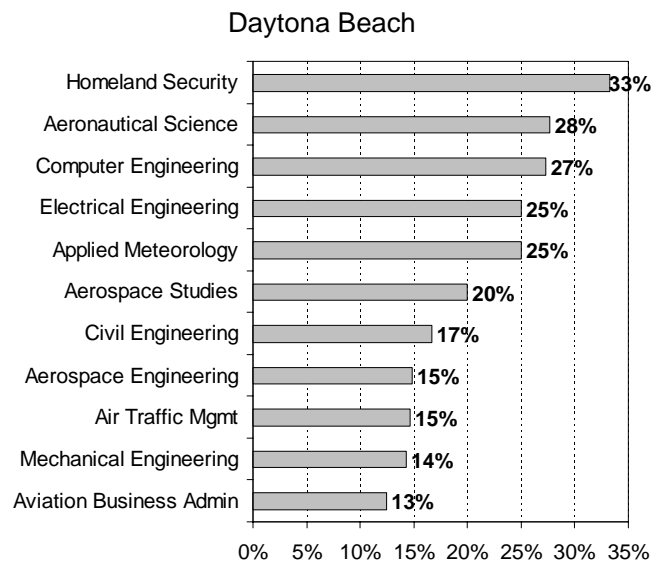


Figure 14
Percent With **Major Concern** About Ability to Finance Education by Degree Program



Note: Only those degree programs with at least 10 respondents are shown in this figure.

◆ Expectations for College and Beyond

Figure 15
Percent Noting Being Active in
Aviation/Aerospace as **Essential**

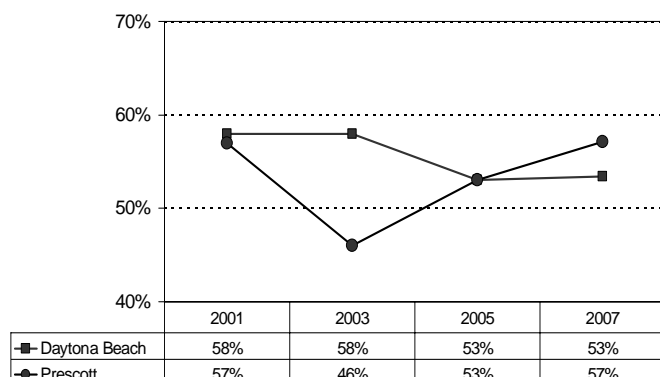


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Percent Noting **Very Good** Chance of Being Satisfied
with College

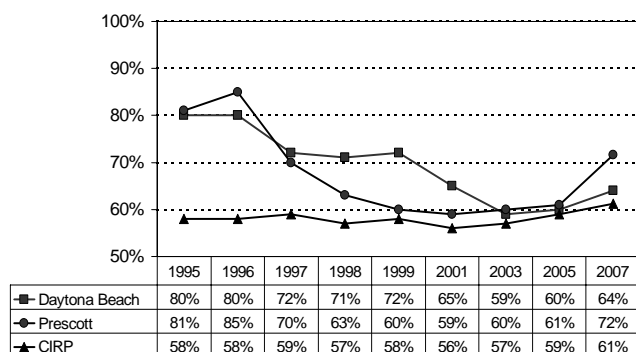


Figure 17
Percent Noting a **Very Good** Chance of Changing
Degree Program

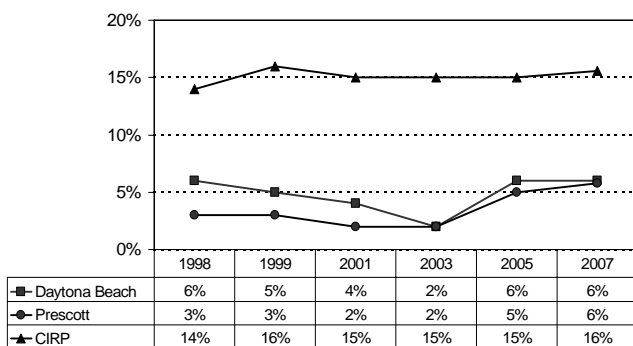
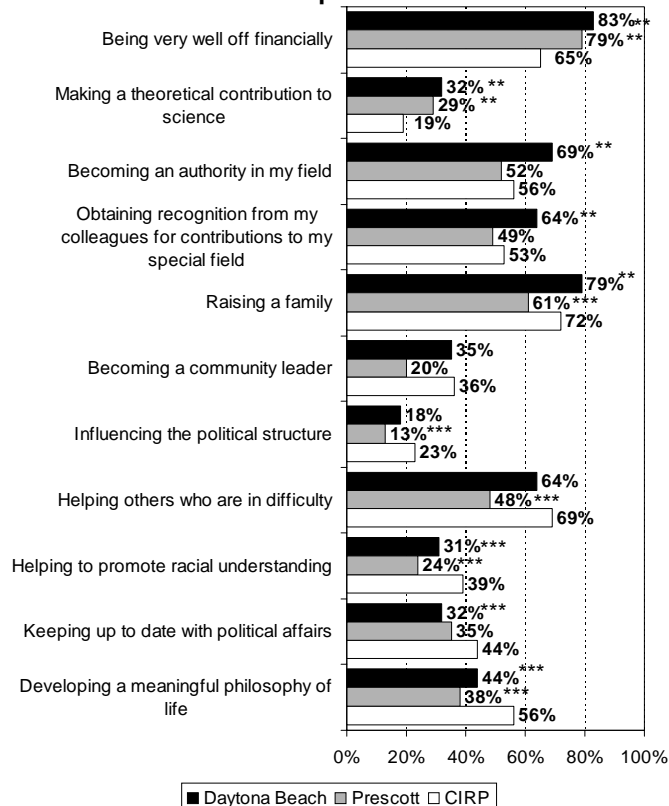


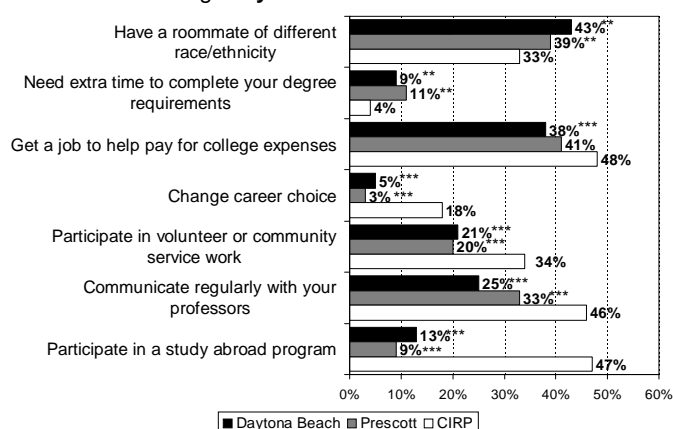
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Objectives Considered to be **Essential** or **Very Important**



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Figure 19
Percent Citing **Very Good** Chance to Select Situations



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