

Washington University
2005-2006 Childcare Survey Results

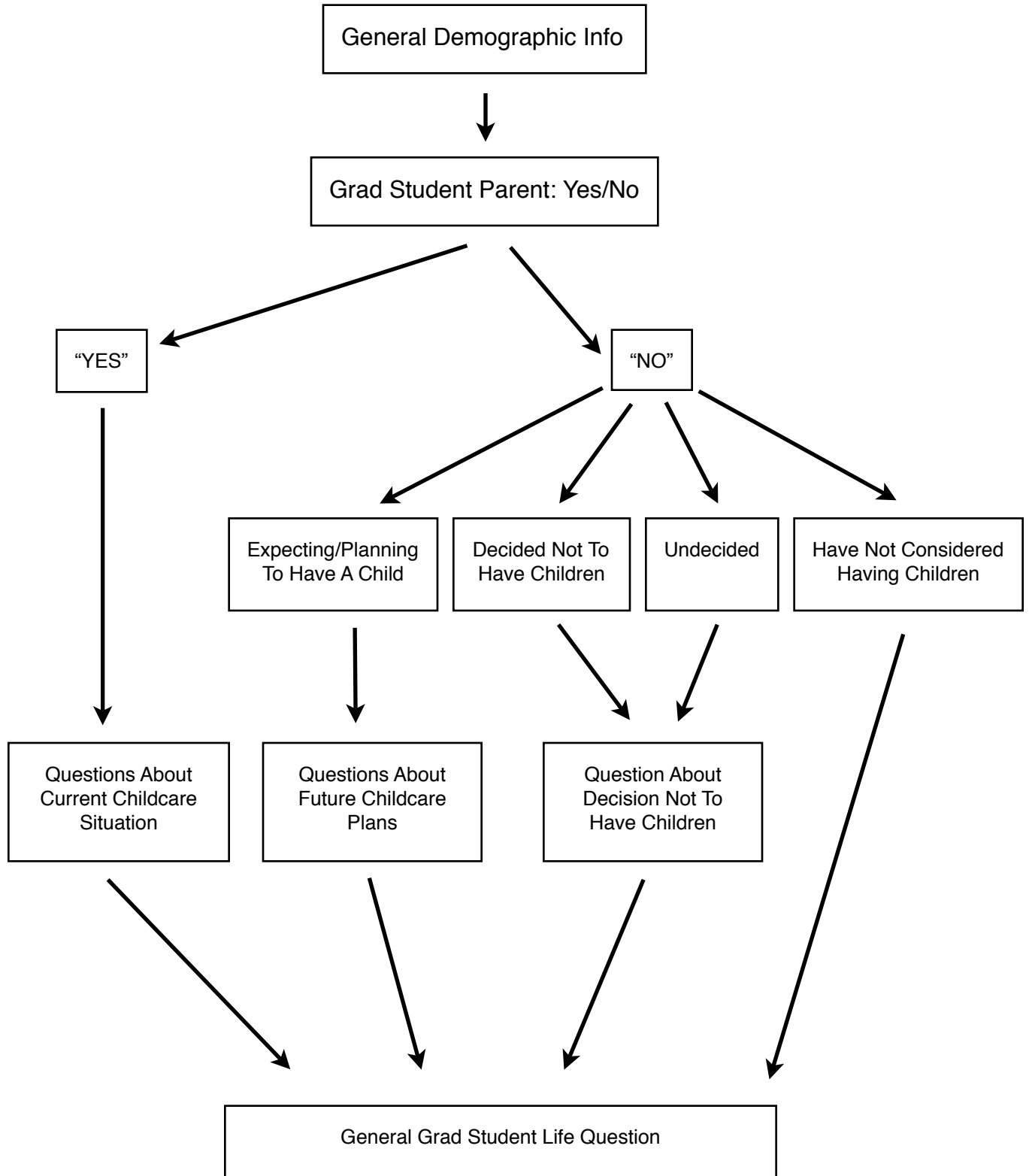
Final Report

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Survey Design Overview



Overall Response Demographics

School	# of Total Responses	% of Total Responses	2004 Enrollment	% of School Responding
Arts & Sciences	595	43%	1599	37%
Business	106	8%	250	42%
Design & Visual Arts	11	1%	182	6%
Engineering & Applied Science	213	15%	749	28%
Law	169	12%	856	20%
Medicine	209	15%	928	23%
Social Work	76	5%	413	18%
Other	14	1%	335	4%
Total	1393	100%	5947	Avg. = 26%

Additional Demographic Information

- 75% of Respondents Entering in 2003 or Later
- 55% Female / 45% Male
- 68% Single / 27% Married / 2% Divorced / 3% "Other"

Groups: Number of Respondents in Category (Percent of Total Respondents)

Parents: 140 (10%)

Expecting / Planning To Have A Child: 111 (8%)

Decided Not To Have Children / Undecided: 323 (23%)

Have Not Considered Having Children: 819 (59%)

Parents

Demographics (N = 140)

Gender: 49% Female / 51% Male

School: 36% A&S, 23% Engineering, 23% Social Work, 10% Business, 4 % Law, 3% Medicine, 1% Other

Year of Enrollment: 66% (2003-2005), 34% (1999-2002)

Note: 11 respondents in this group choose not to answer any childcare questions.

Childcare Questions (N = 129)

How many children do you have?

53% "One", 30% "Two", 12% "Three", 5% "More than Three"

How old is your child(ren)? (proportion of total children in each age group)

35% "0-2 years", 30% "2-5 years", 35% "Older than 5 years"

How do you primarily care for your child(ren) while you are at school/working?

33% "Spouse", 19% "Childcare Center", 11% "Relative", 37% "Other" *

Note: "Spouse" responses mostly men, "Other" responses mostly women w/ older children.

Have you been able to find affordable childcare?

24% "Yes", 39% "No", 37% "Other"

Note: "Other" responses indicate "affordable" childcare is often inconvenient (e.g., far away, etc.).

What percentage of your after-tax household income goes to childcare costs?

55% "0-10%", 35% "11-30%", 10% "More than 31%"

What is the maximum amount you could afford to pay per month for childcare?

53% "\$0-200", 23% "\$201-400", 15% "\$401-600", 9% "More than \$601"

Insurance: 23% of parents insure their child(ren) through the WU healthcare plan.

Expecting / Planning To Have A Child

Demographics (N = 111)

18 currently expecting a child, 93 planning to have a child in the near future

Gender: 49% Female / 51% Male

School: 59% A&S, 14% Engineering, 10% Medicine, 7% Social Work, 5% Business,
4% Law, 1% Other

Year of Enrollment: 66% (2003-2005), 34% (1999-2002)

Note: 3 respondents in this group choose not to answer any childcare questions.

Childcare Questions (N = 108)

How will you primarily care for your child(ren) while you are at school/working?

56% "Childcare Center", 16% "Spouse", 13% "Other", 8% "Relative", 7% "Co-op"

Note: "Other" responses mostly indicate sharing childcare duties between parents.

What is the maximum amount you could afford to pay per month for childcare?

32% "\$0-200", 38% "\$201-400", 17% "\$401-600", 13% "More than \$601"

Insurance: 48% plan to insure their child(ren) through the WU healthcare plan.

Decided Not To Have Children / Undecided

Demographics (N = 323)

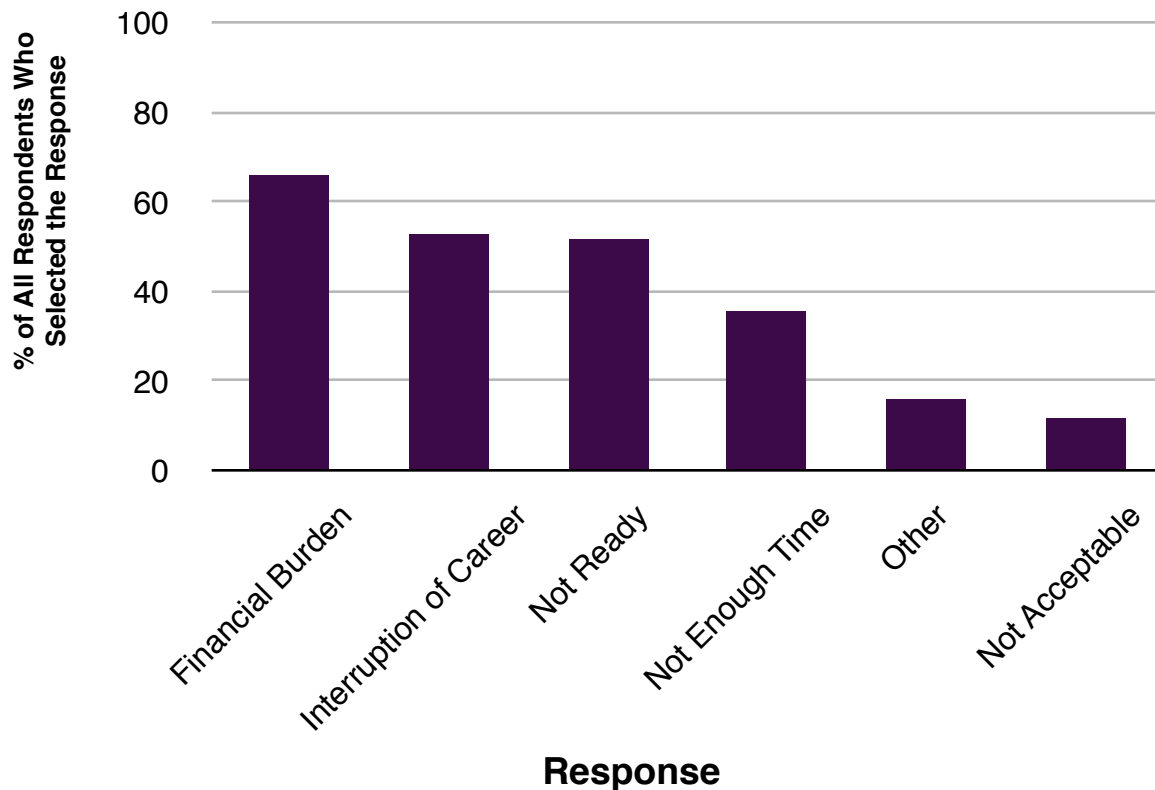
135 have decided not to have a child, 188 are undecided about having a child

Gender: 61% Female / 39% Male

School: 57% A&S, 14% Engineering, 14% Medicine, 7% Law, 4% Business, 3% Social Work, 1% Other

Year of Enrollment: 67% (2003-2005), 33% (1999-2002)

*What factors most influence your decision about whether or not to have children?
(check all that apply)*



Note: Participants were allowed to select more than one response; thus, each bar represents the percentage of all participants that selected that response regardless of whether or not they selected other responses as well.