

HOWARD UNIVERSITY FRESHMEN

Self-Perceptions, Values, Beliefs, and Habits of the Class of 2020



The majority of Howard University freshmen have positive perceptions about their academic and leadership abilities, have strong personal and social values, feel competent about their ability to engage diverse people and perspectives, and practice resourceful habits of mind.

Academic & Leadership Self-Perceptions

Freshmen rated themselves in the **above average** to **highest 10%** range compared to their peer group in the following areas:



Achievement Motivation - 79%



Intellectual Self-Confidence - 67%



Writing Ability - 62%



Leadership Ability - 65%

Personal & Social Values

The following are **essential** to freshmen:



Being Financially well off - 71%



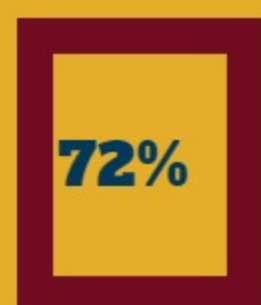
Raising a Family - 56%



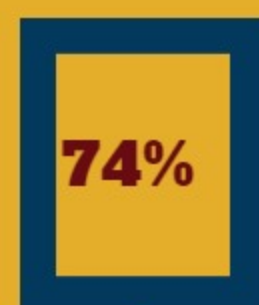
Helping others in need - 56%

Engaging with Diverse People and Perspectives

73% of freshmen considered their **ability to understand others** to be in the above average to highest 10% range compared to their peer group. They also rated themselves in the somewhat strong to major strength range in the following areas:



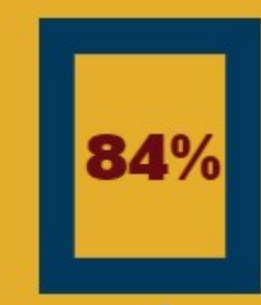
Ability to discuss & negotiate controversial issues



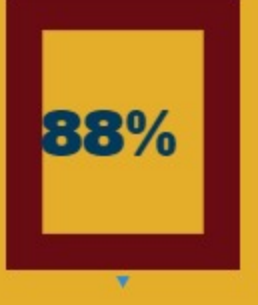
Openness to having own views challenged



Seeing the world from someone else's perspective



Tolerance of others with different beliefs



Working cooperatively with diverse people

Habits of Mind

Practices Frequently Employed by Freshmen

