

Appendix A: Fall 2004 Students with Children Survey and Email Invitation to Respond

Text for Email Message that Introduces the Survey:

Subject heading: Answer One-Question Survey For U of M

Below is the URL link for an anonymous, one-question survey designed to help the University count the number of students who have parenting responsibilities. Because the University cannot ask about a student's dependents as part of the admission or enrollment process, this survey provides the best method to date for counting the number of students with children so that services to this population can be improved.

IF YOU ARE NOT A PARENT, we still ask that you answer this one-question survey so your response can be tallied as "not a student with child(ren)." Your participation is very important to our response rate.

This survey is voluntary and can be accessed and completed without revealing your identity. It is sponsored by the Committee on Student Parent Issues, which has members from the Office of the Provost, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Rackham School of Graduate Studies, School of Education, Graduate Employees Organization, Work/Life Resource Center, and Center for the Education of Women. If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Beth Sullivan at UM's Center for the Education of Women by emailing SWC_survey_replies@umich.edu or calling 998-7225.

Thank you for taking a minute to help out by going now to

http://lessons.umm.umich.edu/2k/studentwithchildren/survey_001

(If you have problems connecting to this hyperlink, try cutting and pasting the full web address into your web browser.)

Survey text:

Are you currently responsible for the care of children under 18 or adult children with special needs, or are you or your spouse/partner expecting a child?

No



Thank you for responding to this poll.

Yes



Thank you for answering the previous one-question survey.

Because you answered "yes" to that survey, you have been forwarded to a second survey that asks a dozen short questions and should take less than 5 minutes of your time. Please answer these additional questions so that the University can better understand and respond to the needs of students with children.

Your response to this anonymous survey, as well as each question within it, is voluntary. No individual respondent will be identifiable.

When you have finished filling out the survey, please be sure to press the submit button.

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1a. What is your marital status?

Never Married, If you answer “never married”, please skip to question 2.

Divorced, separated, or widowed, If you answer “divorced, separated, or widowed”, please skip to question 2.

Married, Please continue with question 1b.

Unmarried, but have a same-sex or opposite sex partner, Please continue with question 1b.

If you have no spouse/partner, you may skip to Question 2.

1b. If you have a spouse/partner, is he or she also a UM student?

Yes
No

If your spouse/partner is also a UM student, only one of you should complete this survey.

1c. Does your spouse/partner work for pay outside the home?

No, my spouse/partner does not work outside the home.
Yes, my spouse/partner works outside the home between 1-9 hours/week.
Yes, my spouse/partner works outside the home between 10-19 hours/week.
Yes, my spouse/partner works outside the home between 20-29 hours/week.
Yes, my spouse/partner works outside the home between 30-39 hours/week.
Yes, my spouse/partner works outside the home more than 40-49 hours/week.
Yes, my spouse/partner works outside the home between 50-59 hours/week.
Yes, my spouse/partner works outside the home 60 or more hours/week.

2. How many children do you have responsibility for? Please count children under 18 and older children if they have special needs. If you or your spouse/partner is currently pregnant, please include that child(ren) in your count as well.

Drop down box with numbers 1-8, more than eight
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3. Please provide the two-digit birth month and four-digit birth year (MM/YYYY) for each child counted in question 2. If you or your spouse/partner is currently pregnant, please provide the month and year of anticipated due date.

First child: MM/YYYY

Second child: MM/YYYY

Third child: MM/YYYY

Fourth child: MM/YYYY

Fifth child: MM/YYYY

Sixth child: MM/YYYY

Seventh child: MM/YYYY

Eighth child: MM/YYYY

If you have more than eight children, please provide the two digit birth month and four digit year birth year for each additional child.

Text box

4. How many of your children currently live with you? (Some or all the time)

Drop down box with numbers 1-8, more than eight
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5. So we can better serve students living in different areas, please identify the approximate location of your residence:

Drop-down choice list includes:

- UM North Campus
- UM Central Campus (this includes the Medical Campus)
- North side of City of Ann Arbor
- East side of City of Ann Arbor
- South side of City of Ann Arbor
- West side of City of Ann Arbor
- Town/City up to 30 minutes north of Ann Arbor (e.g. Whitmore Lake, Pinkney, Brighton)
- Town/City up to 30 minutes east of Ann Arbor (e.g. Ypsilanti, Belleville)
- Town/City up to 30 minutes south of Ann Arbor (e.g. Saline, Milan)
- Town/City up to 30 minutes west of Ann Arbor (e.g. Dexter, Chelsea)
- Detroit or its surrounding suburbs
- Town/City not represented by any of the categories above.

- 6a. What is the primary* child care arrangement you use? If you have more than one child and their primary child care arrangements differ, you may choose more than one option.

** By "primary" we mean the child care arrangement where your child(ren) spends the most hours during a typical week, Monday through Friday.*

- Unpaid care by yourself, your spouse/partner, family, and/or friends
- Unlicensed but paid care in your home
- Unlicensed but paid care in someone else's home
- Licensed and paid care in someone else's home
- Licensed and paid care at a UM child care center
- Licensed and paid care at a non-UM child care center
- Licensed and paid care at a Before/After-school program
- Older child cares for him/herself and possibly also for younger sibling(s)
- Other forms of paid care. Please explain in the text box provided _____

- 6b. Do you use summer camp programs as a form of child care during any of the summer months?

Yes
No

- 7a. If you could choose a different primary* child care arrangement, what would you prefer to arrange? If you have more than one child and their primary child care arrangements differ, you may choose more than one option. *If you would choose different child care arrangements, please answer 7b as well.*

** By "primary" we mean the child care arrangement where your child(ren) spends the most hours during a typical week, Monday through Friday.*

Happy with current arrangements
Unpaid care by yourself, your spouse/partner, family, and/or friends
Unlicensed but paid care in your home
Unlicensed but paid care in someone else's home
Licensed and paid care in someone else's home
Licensed and paid care at a UM child care center
Licensed and paid care at a non-UM child care center
Licensed and paid care at a Before/After-school program
Older child cares for him/herself and possibly also for younger siblings
Other forms of paid care. Please explain in the text box provided. _____

7b. Why would you prefer different child care arrangements?

Text box

8a. Understanding that many graduate students receive their degree from Rackham, please identify the overall **program** in which your field of study lies. If you are an undergraduate, please identify the program appropriate to your degree. *If you are enrolled in a dual degree program, answer 8b as well.*

Architecture & Urban Planning
Art and Design
Business
Dentistry
Education
Engineering
Information
Kinesiology
Law
Literature, Science and the Arts
Medicine
Music
Natural Resources & Environment
Nursing
Pharmacy
Public Health
Public Policy
Social Work

8b. If you are enrolled in a second or dual degree program, please identify the second **program** in which your field of study lies.

Architecture & Urban Planning
Art and Design
Business
Dentistry
Education
Engineering

- Information
- Kinesiology
- Law
- Literature, Science and the Arts
- Medicine
- Music
- Natural Resources & Environment
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Public Health
- Public Policy
- Social Work

9a. What degree are you currently working toward? *If you are enrolled in a dual degree program, answer 9b as well.*

- Baccalaureate degree (e.g., B.A., B.S.)
- Masters degree (e.g., M.A., M.S.)
- Post-masters certificate
- Professional degree (e.g., J.D., M.B.A, M.S.W., M.D.)
- Doctoral degree (Ph.D.)
- Non degree seeking student

9b. Your second/dual degree level:

- Baccalaureate degree (e.g., B.A., B.S.)
- Masters degree (e.g., M.A., M.S.)
- Post-masters certificate
- Professional degree (e.g., J.D., M.B.A, M.S.W., M.D.)
- Doctoral degree (Ph.D.)
- Non degree seeking student

10. If you have any comments you would like to share, please note them in the box below.

Text box

Submit

Reset

Message shown after student submits survey:

1st: Thank you for completing this survey. If you have any questions about it, please contact Beth Sullivan at the Center for the Education of Women by emailing SWC_survey_replies@umich.edu.

2nd: If you would like to receive occasional emails about social events, financial aid for child care and programs tailored to students with children, please go to the UM directory at <http://directory.umich.edu> and add yourself as a member to one of the following email groups:

Rackhamgradparents - (one word) - for students enrolled in the Rackham School of Graduate Studies

UMstudentparents - (one word) - for students enrolled in undergraduate, professional or graduate programs not affiliated with Rackham

1. At the UM Directory search box, simply type in the name of whichever email group you wish to join.
2. "Bind" your unickname to the Directory.
3. Click on the "Join" button near the top left of the screen.

If you have problems adding yourself to either list, contact Rackham's Director of Graduate Student Life, Jayne London at jplondon@umich.edu.

Please note: These moderated lists will not be sold or used for purposes other than to share information useful to students with children.

3rd: Please check out the new Students with Children website at www.studentswithchildren.umich.edu.

[Students with Children Website Icon](#)

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.