

# What Do We Know about the Undergraduate Class of 2020?

There was a change this year in that about the same share of UPIKE graduates came to UPIKE as new freshmen as transfer students: 52% started here as first-time students; 48% transferred to UPIKE from another institution of higher education.

- 22% of graduates had participated in the UPIKE dual credit program
- 46% of transfers came from a KCTCS institution
  - 96% of these coming from Big Sandy Community and Technical College

The three most popular majors are Nursing (Associates) 17.1%, Business Administration 13.9%, and Biology 11.7%.

The oldest graduate is 56 years old and the youngest graduate is 19 years old.

The average time to degree completion for graduates who started at UPIKE as first-time students and receiving bachelor's degrees is less than 4-½ years (4.40). The "Endurance Award" goes to Jessica Campbell (BS in Psychology), who is graduating today after originally beginning her studies at Pikeville College in spring 2008.

More than 4 out of 5 (82%) of the graduates who started at UPIKE as first-time students and receiving bachelor's degrees took out student loans to pay for their education. The average per borrower cumulative principal borrowed for the Class of 2020 UPIKE graduates is \$24,198 (the same as last year's class). [The average student loan debt nationally for the Class of 2019 was \$32,300. (Source: <https://studentloanhero.com/student-loan-debt-statistics/>)]

- 95% took at least one online and/or hybrid course at UPIKE (HIGHER than last year's class); on average these students took almost a quarter (22.9%) of their UPIKE credit hours in some type of distance learning format (HIGHER than last year's class)
- 76% are from Appalachia, which is similar to the general student population (76%)
- 76% are Kentucky residents, which is similar to the general student population (77%)
  - 49% of these graduated from a high school in Pike County, Kentucky
    - Almost half of these graduated from either East Ridge HS (23%) or Shelby Valley HS (22%)
- 69% qualified for Federal need-based aid, which is similar to the general student population (67%)
  - 33% are from families in poverty, which is LESS than the general student population (38%)
- 68% graduated with the same major as what they intended at the time of admission to UPIKE
- About half (53%) of the graduates had lived in campus housing at some point during their matriculation at UPIKE
- 47% were involved with intercollegiate athletics at some point during their matriculation at UPIKE which is similar to the general student population (48%)
  - 18% football
  - 15% basketball
  - 14% baseball
  - 13% bowling
  - 8% soccer
  - 7% volleyball
  - 6% cheerleading and dance
  - 19% all other sports
- 39% are male, which is LESS than the general student population (50%)
- 36% of the graduates are first generation college students, which is similar to the general student population (38%)
- About a quarter (27%) graduates are non-traditional students [i.e., over the age of 25, married, and/or have children], which is higher than last year's class