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**ACT CLASS PROFILE**

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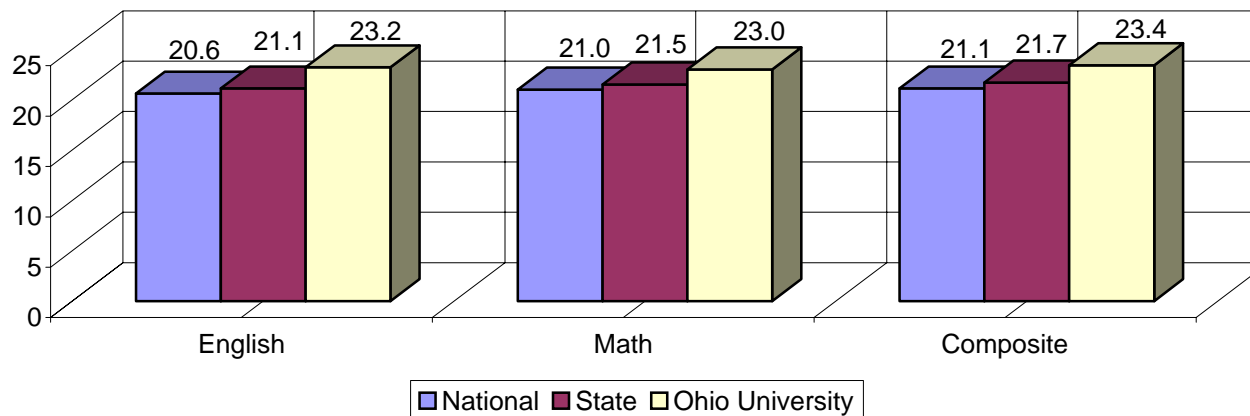
**Executive Summary**

- ◆ When high school students apply to take the ACT assessment (college entrance exam), they complete a questionnaire about their characteristics, interests, grades, needs, and aspirations. The following report presents a summary of responses from these students who then enrolled at Ohio University (Athens campus), in fall quarter 2008. Of the total 3,967 Ohio University 2008-2009 first-year (freshman) students, 3,258 are represented in this report. The students not included either took the SAT or were not tested. Because 82% of the class is reported, this profile is generally representative of the entire class.
- ◆ The following graphs depict Ohio University's students and make state and national comparisons. The graphs also depict Ohio University's students over the past ten years.
- ◆ Comparing Ohio University's mean ACT scores with state and national mean ACT scores, Ohio University students scored higher in all areas. Comparing Ohio University mean self-reported high school grades with state and national mean self-reported high school grades, Ohio University students scored higher in most areas.
- ◆ More of Ohio University's students aspire to graduate degrees, compared to national and state statistics. Fewer aspire to professional degrees. The most frequently indicated planned majors were undecided, 21%; health, 14%; business, 16%; communication, 11%; and social sciences, 8%. The percent of undecided majors increased over the past ten years, while the percent of health & communication majors decreased.
- ◆ In descending order of frequency, Ohio University students indicated they wanted help with improving their education decision and vocational needs, 32%; study skills, 25%; math skills, 18%; reading speed, 13%; writing ideas, 11%; and personal concerns, 1%. The frequency of students wanting help in most of these areas decreased over the past ten years.
- ◆ The proportion of Ohio University students expecting to apply for financial aid and the proportion of students expecting to work while in college were less than national and state averages.
- ◆ Forty-seven percent of the students said their gross family income was \$80,000 or over, which is higher than the national and state percentages.

# Comparison of Mean ACT Score

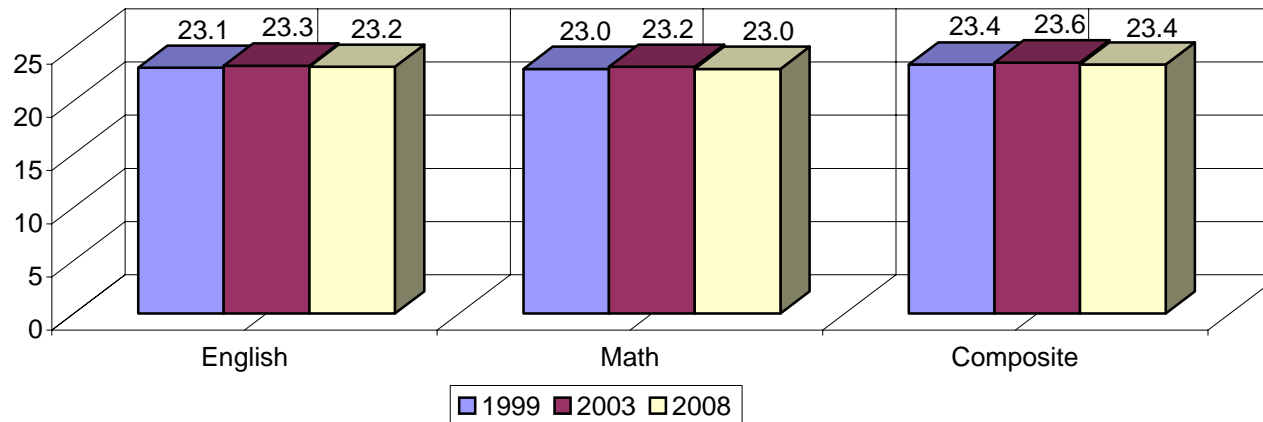
## National, State, and Ohio University Averages For 2008

Enhanced ACT Standard Scores



## Ohio University Over Time

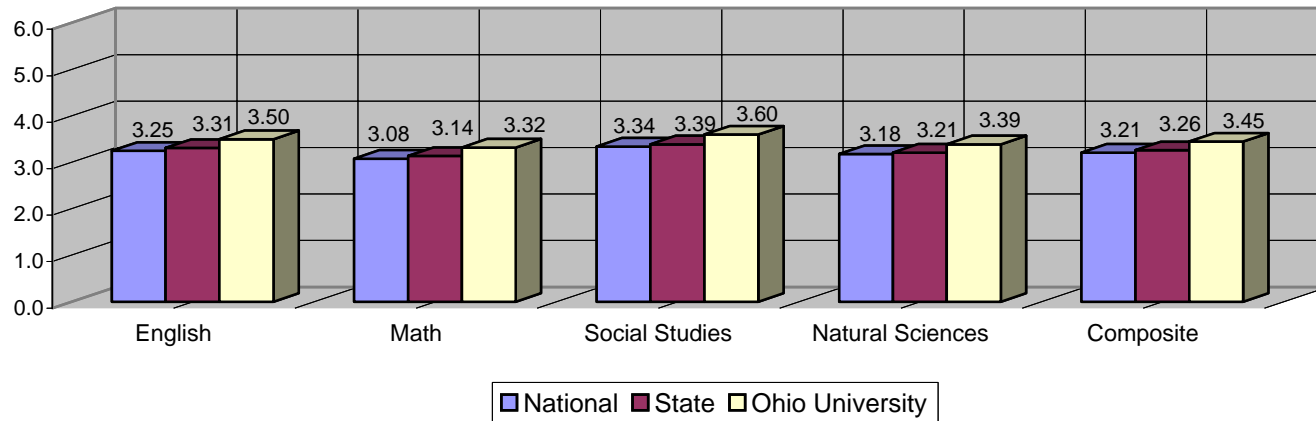
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# Comparison of Mean High School Grades\*

High School Grade Averages

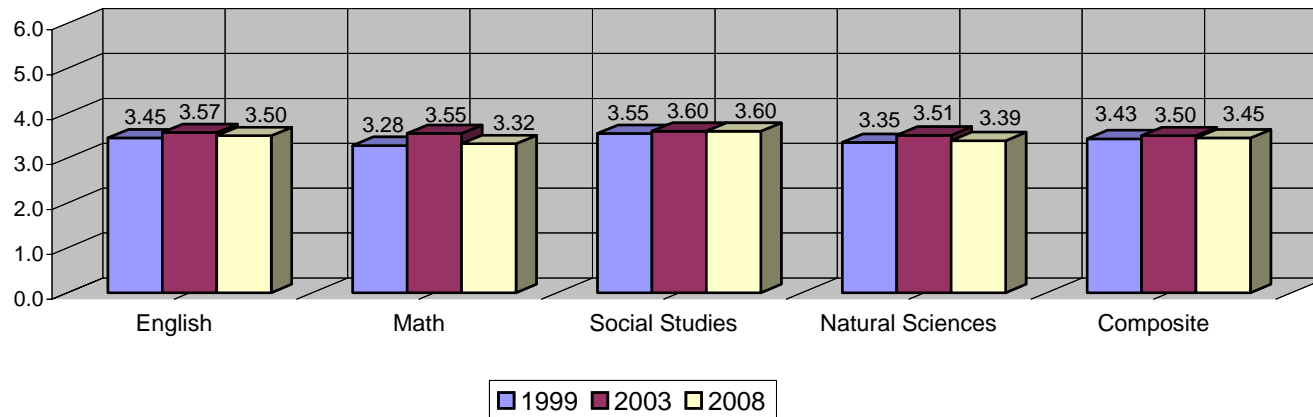
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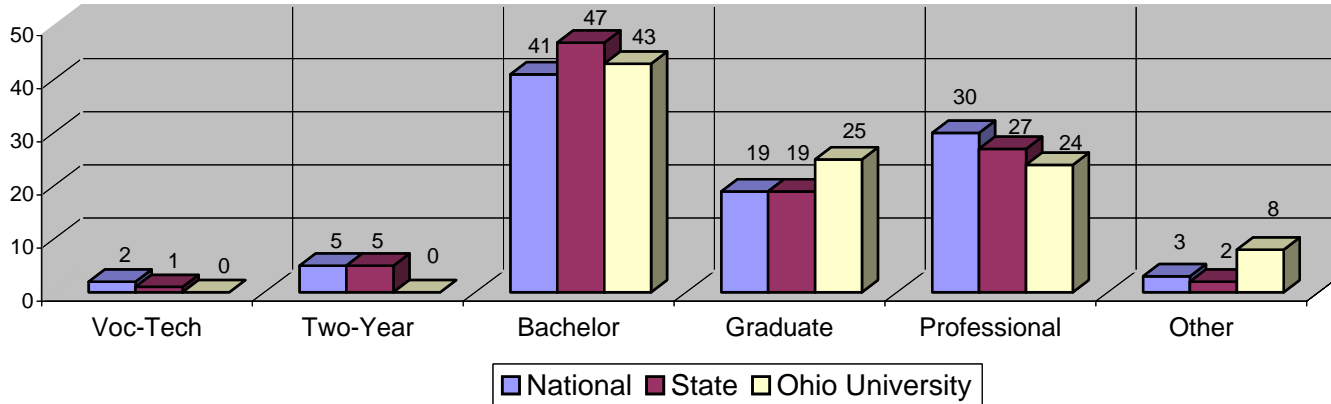
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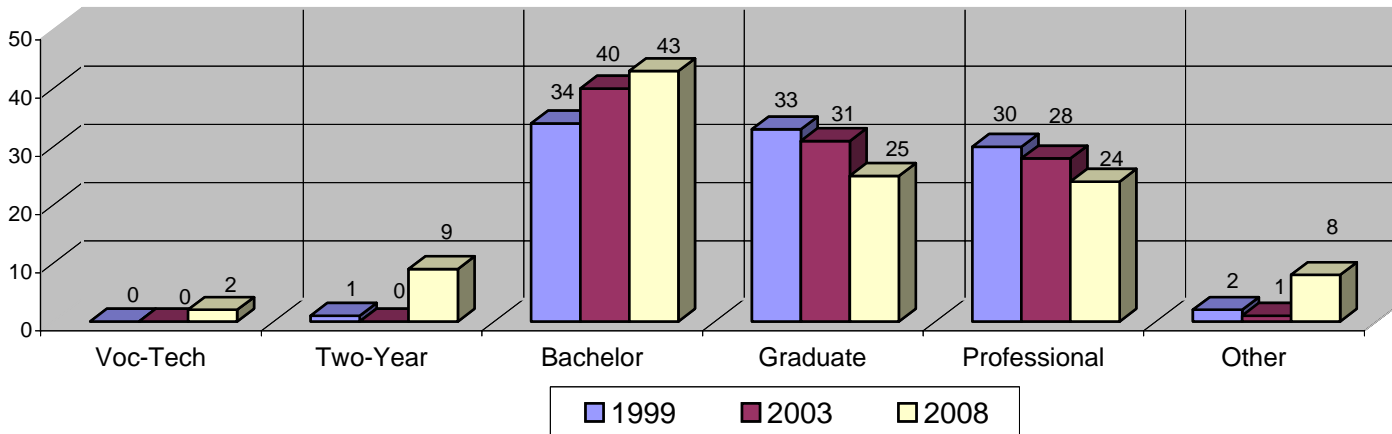
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# Comparison of Educational Degree Aspirations

Percent National, State and Ohio University Averages For 2008

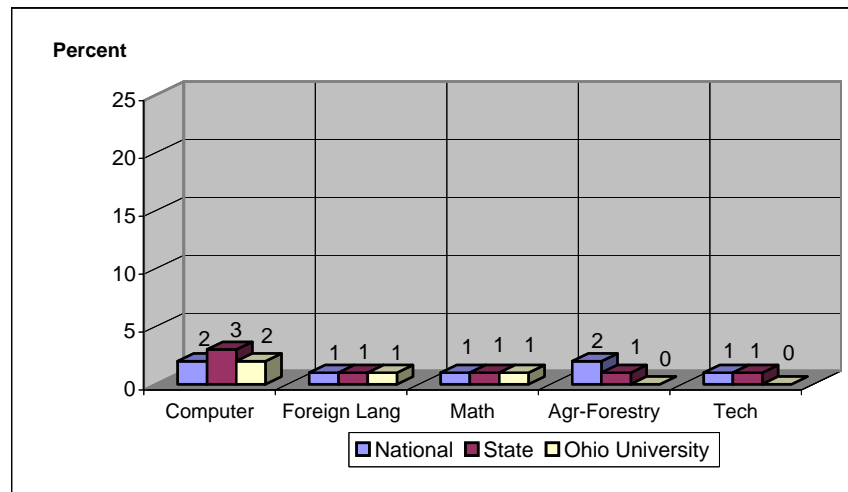
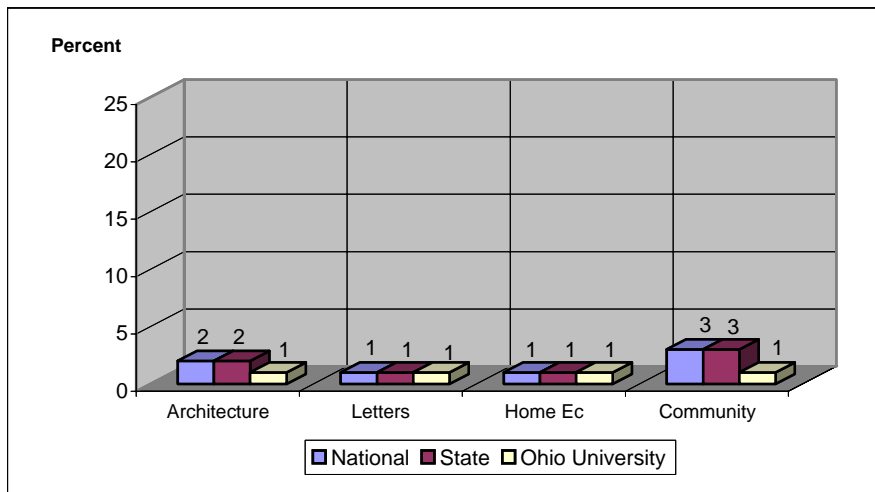
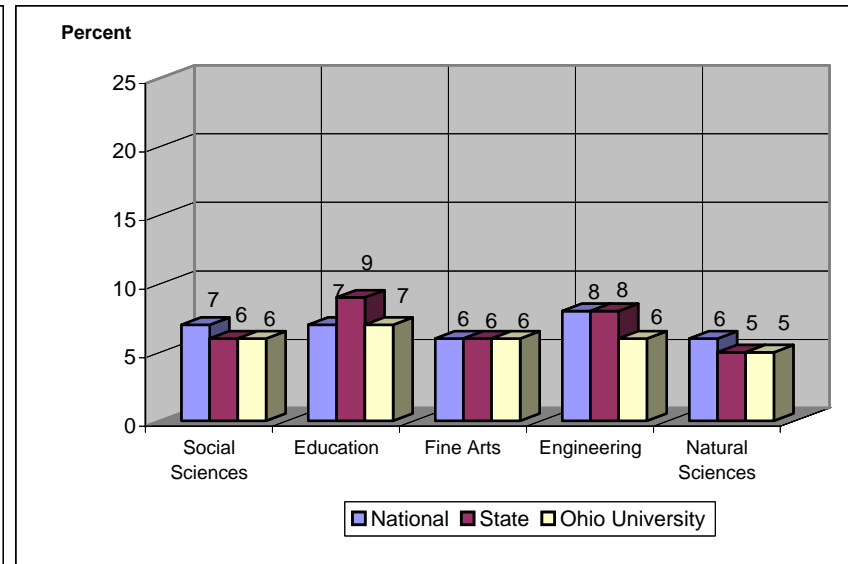
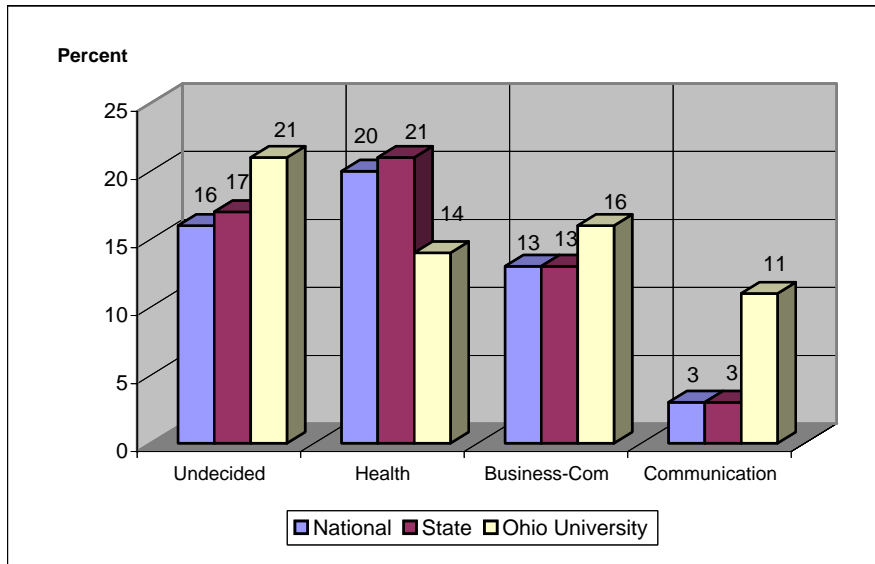


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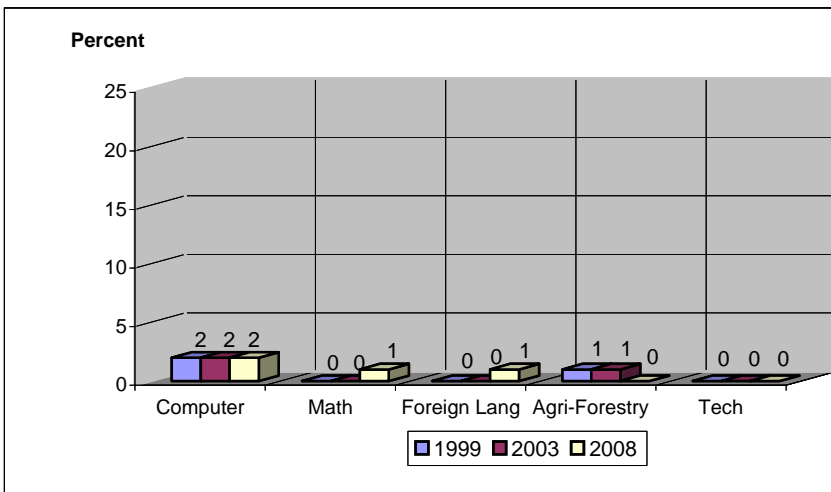
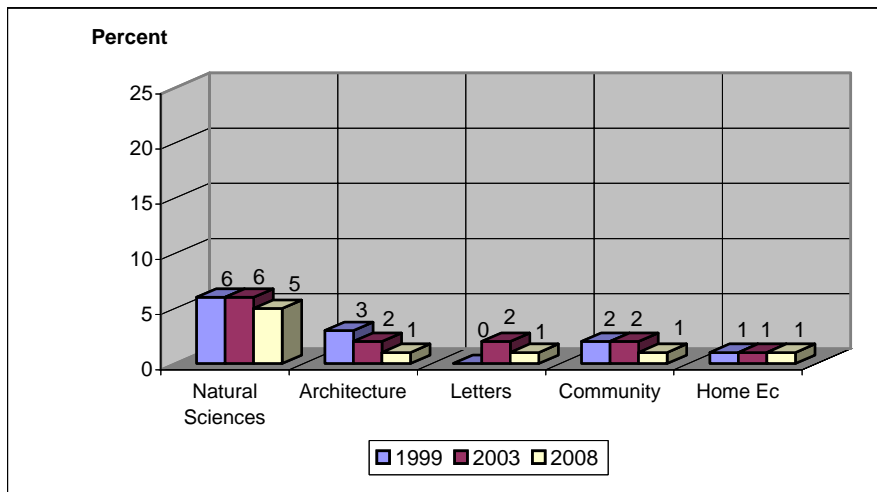
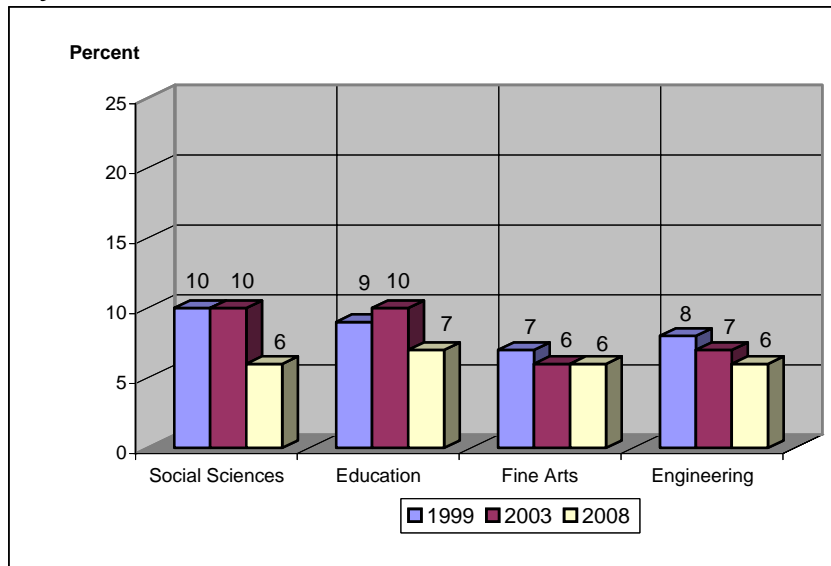
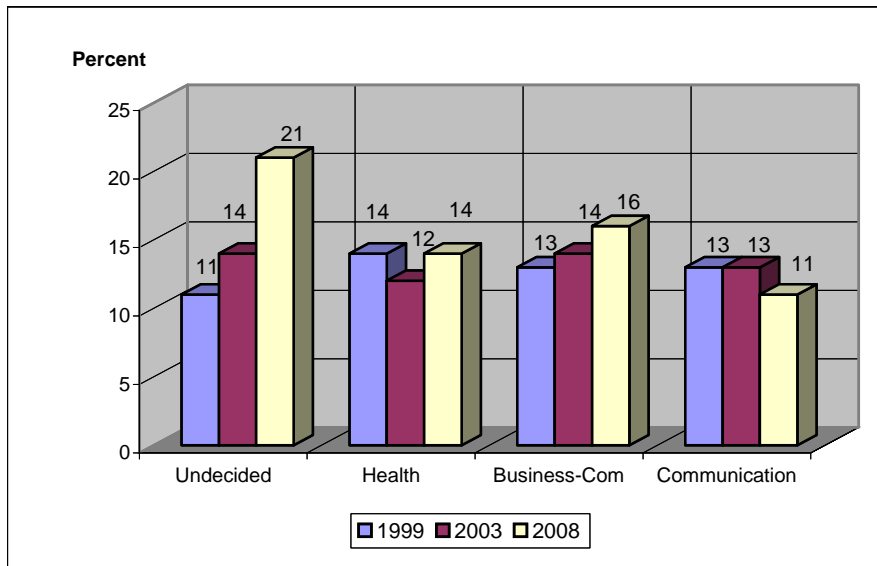
# Planned Educational Majors

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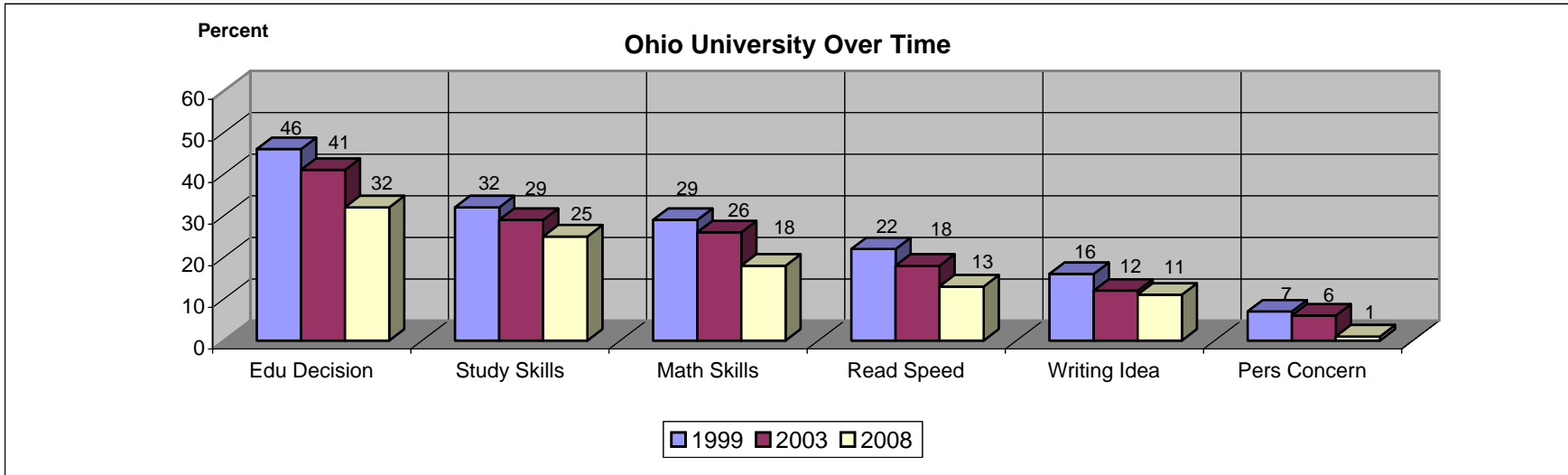
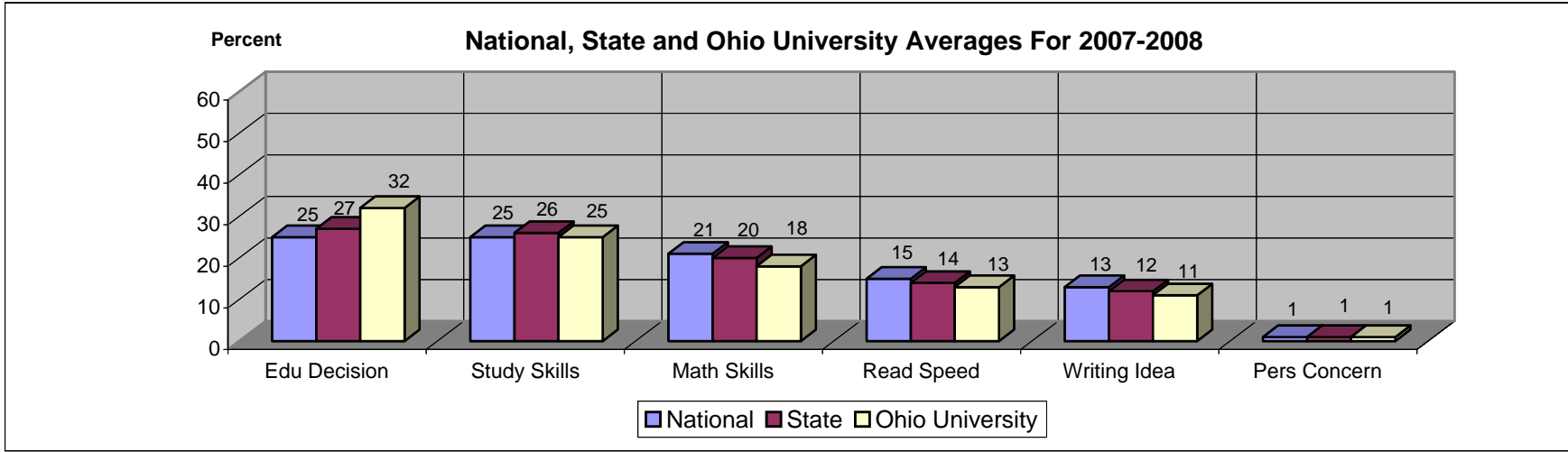


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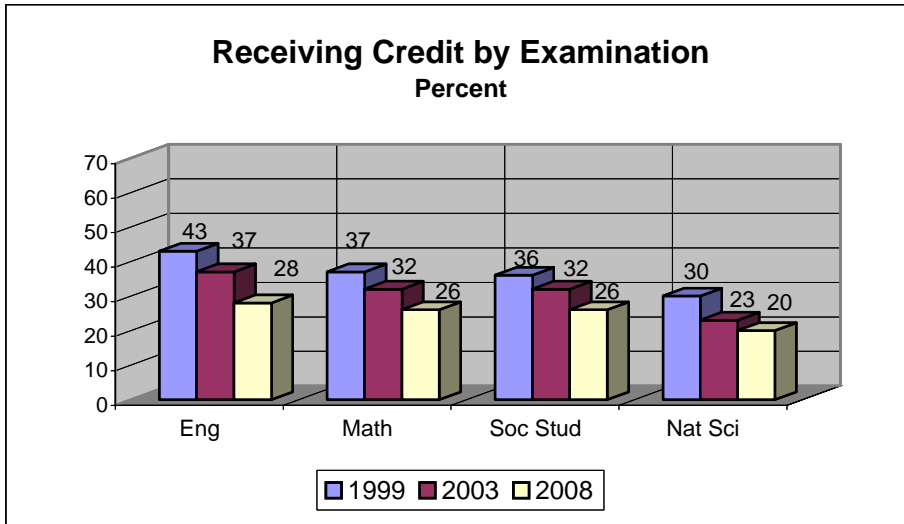
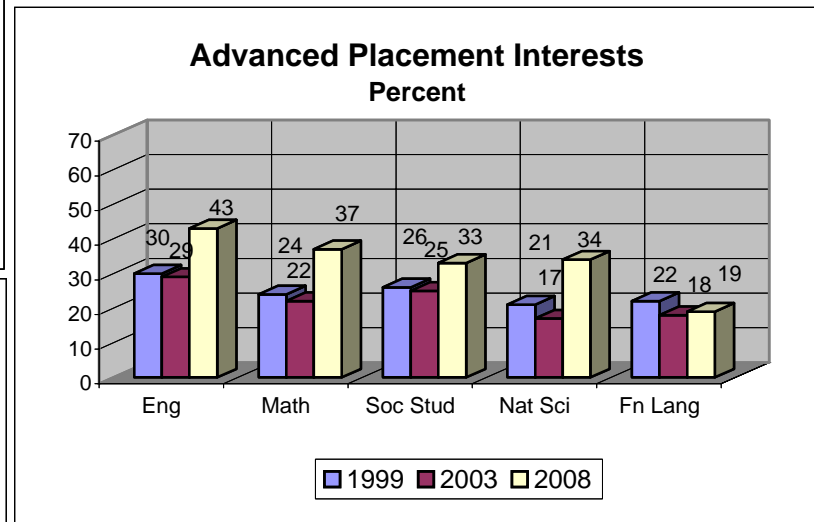
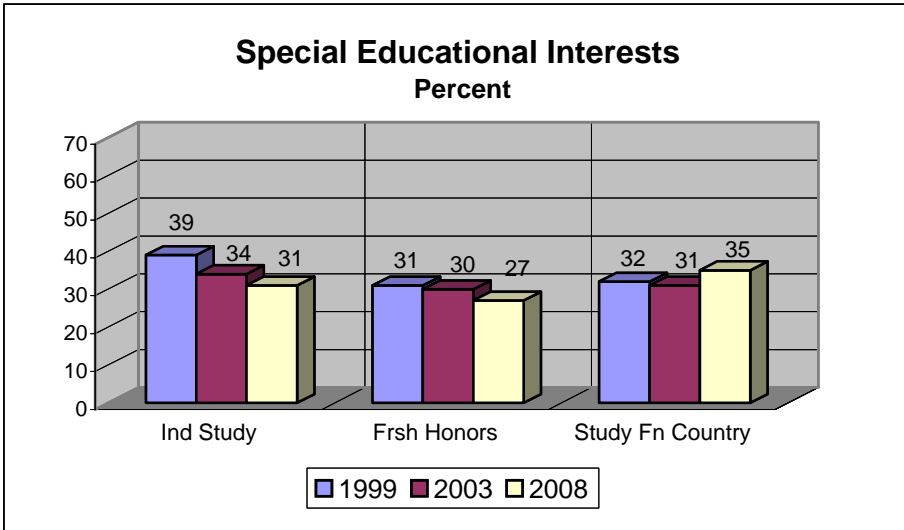
## Ohio University Over Time



# Comparison of Students With Special Educational Needs

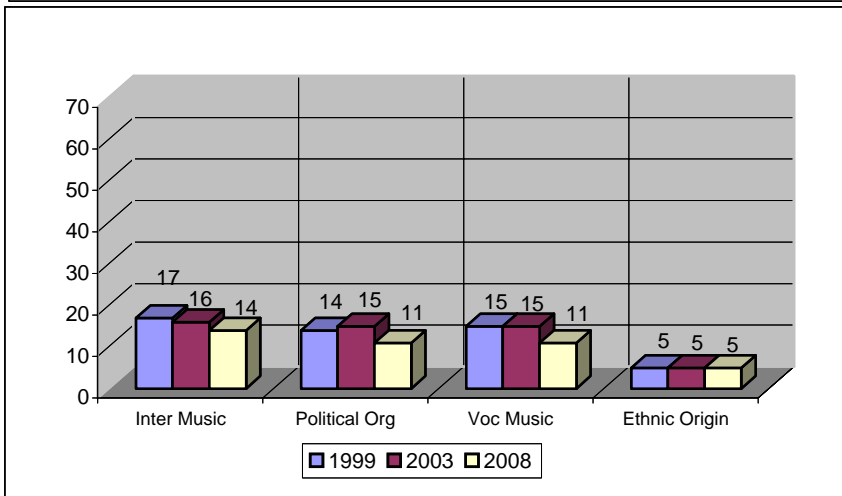
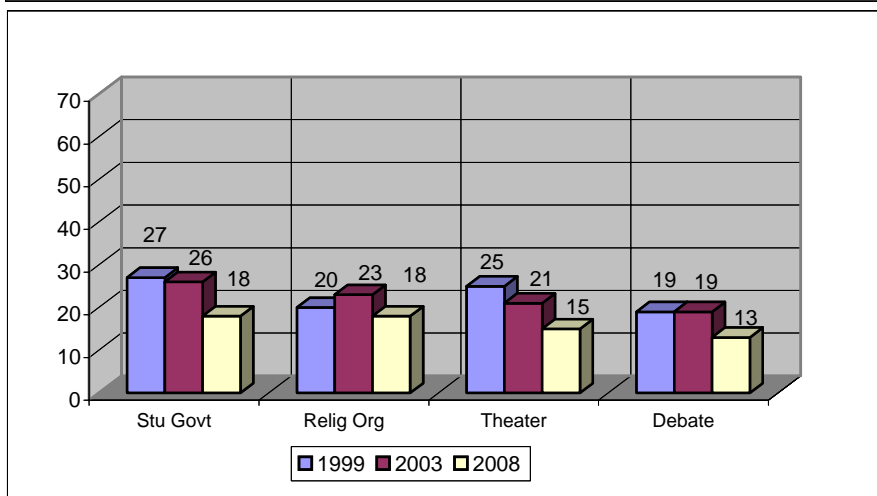
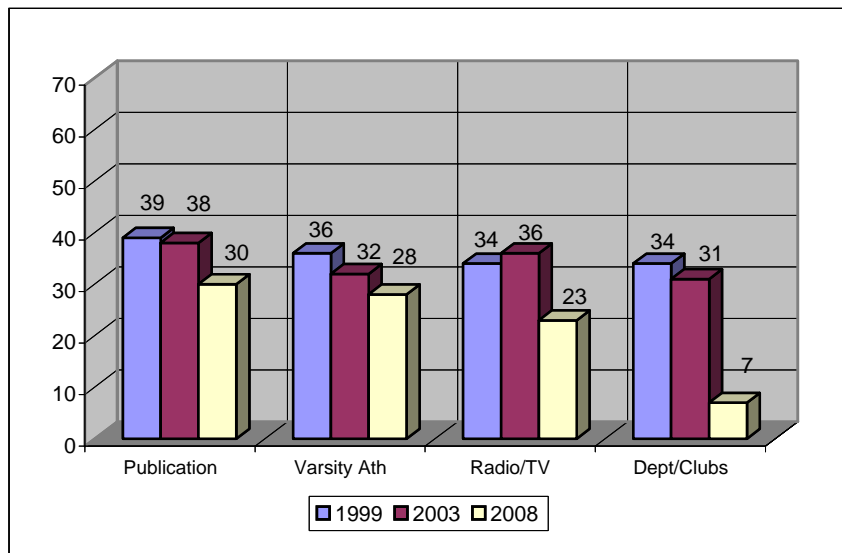
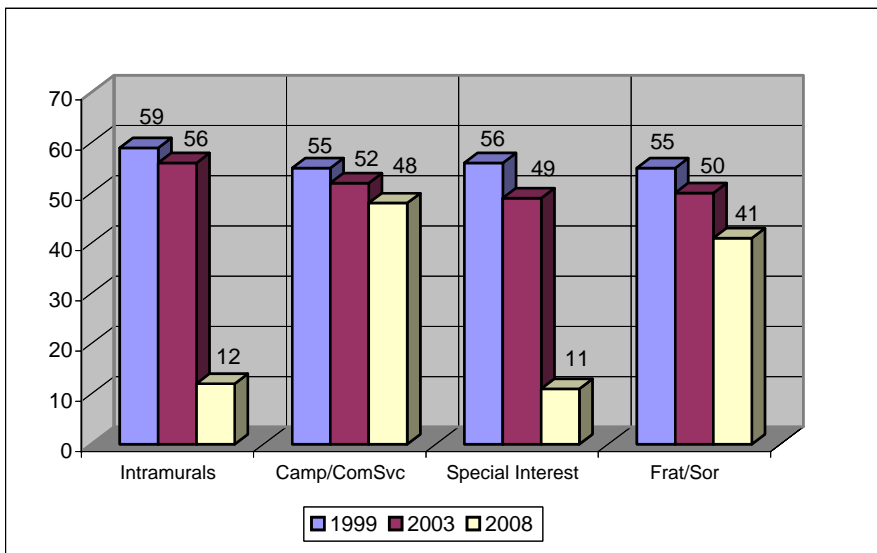


# Comparison of Student Interests Ohio University Over Time

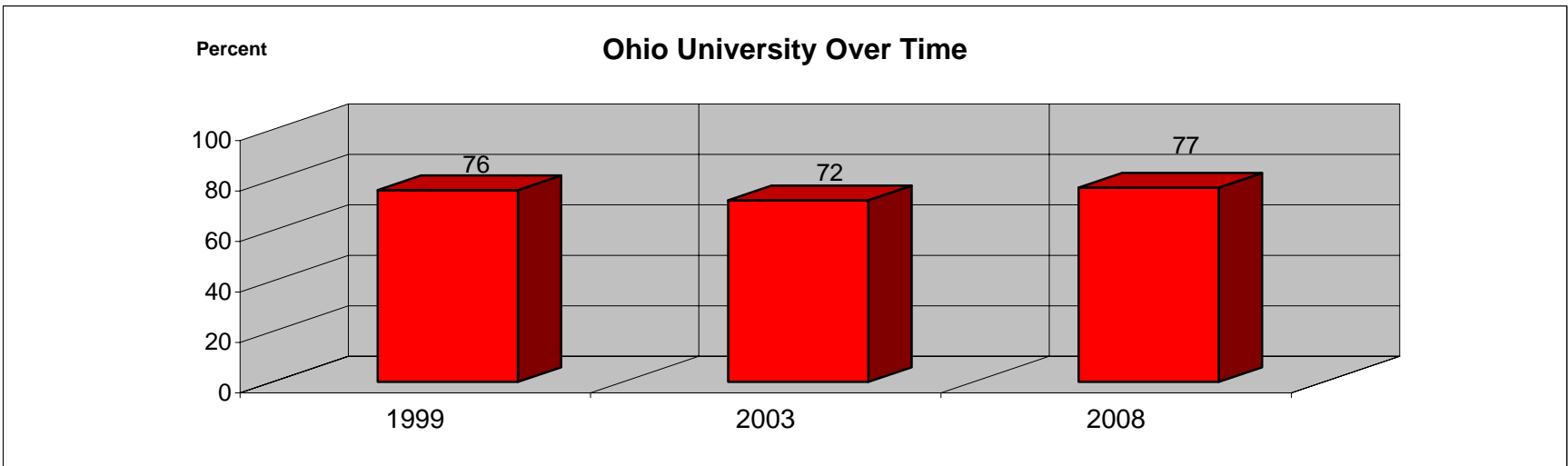
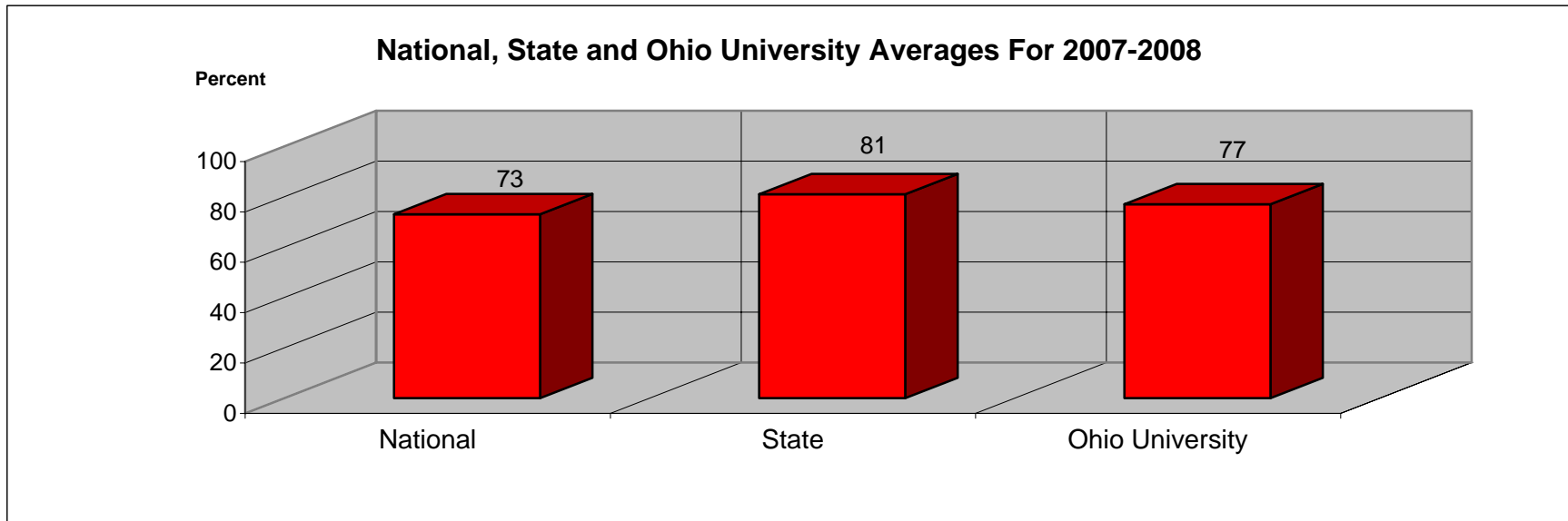


# Students Having Extracurricular Plans

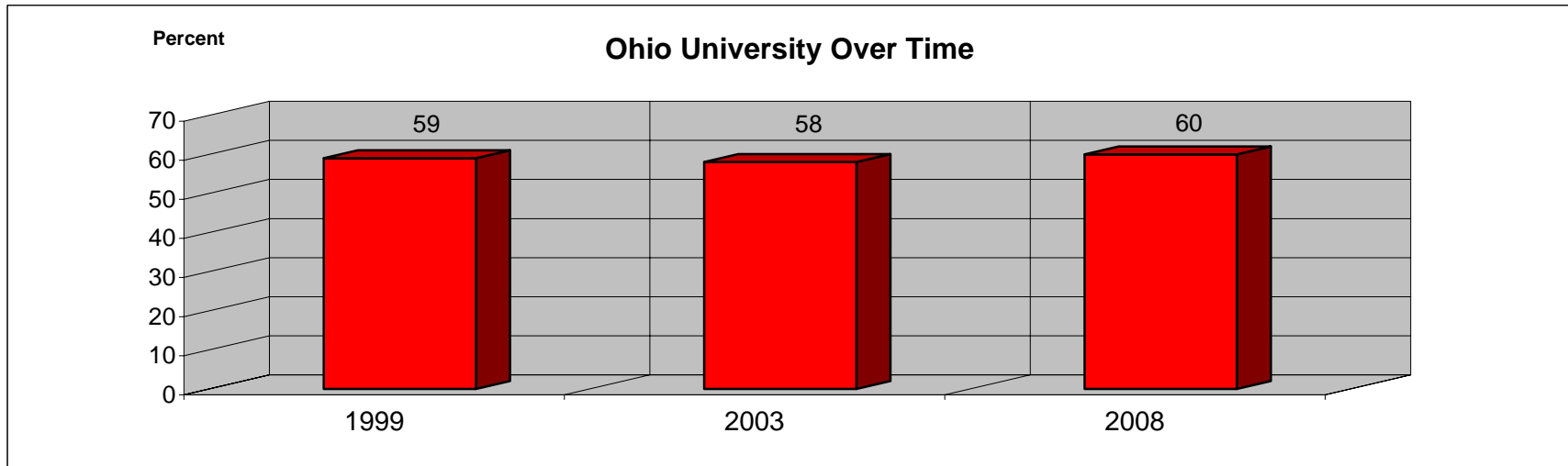
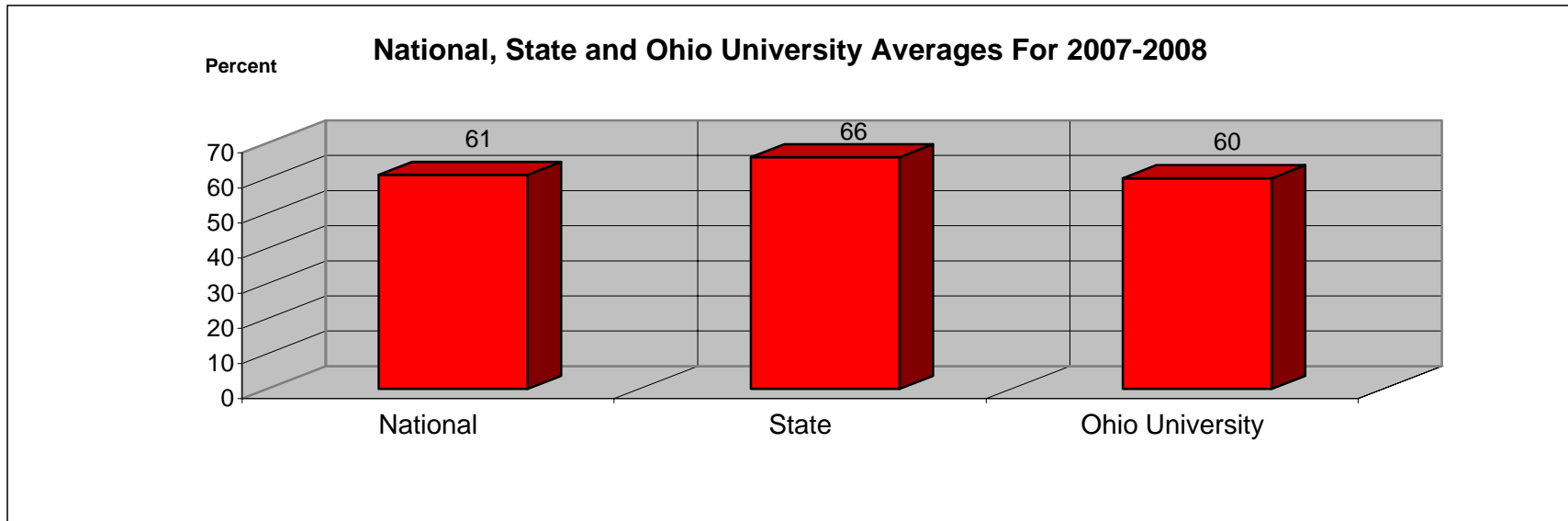
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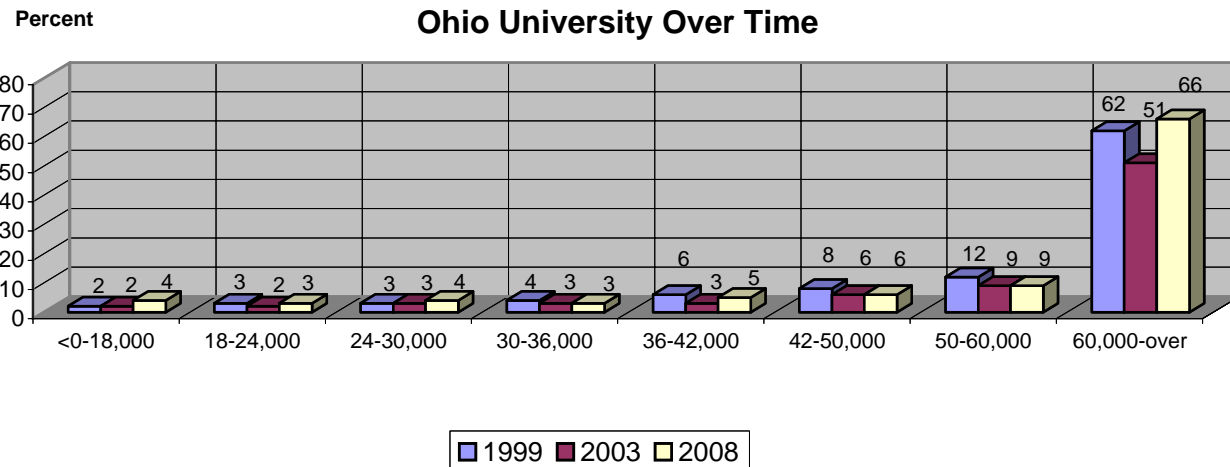
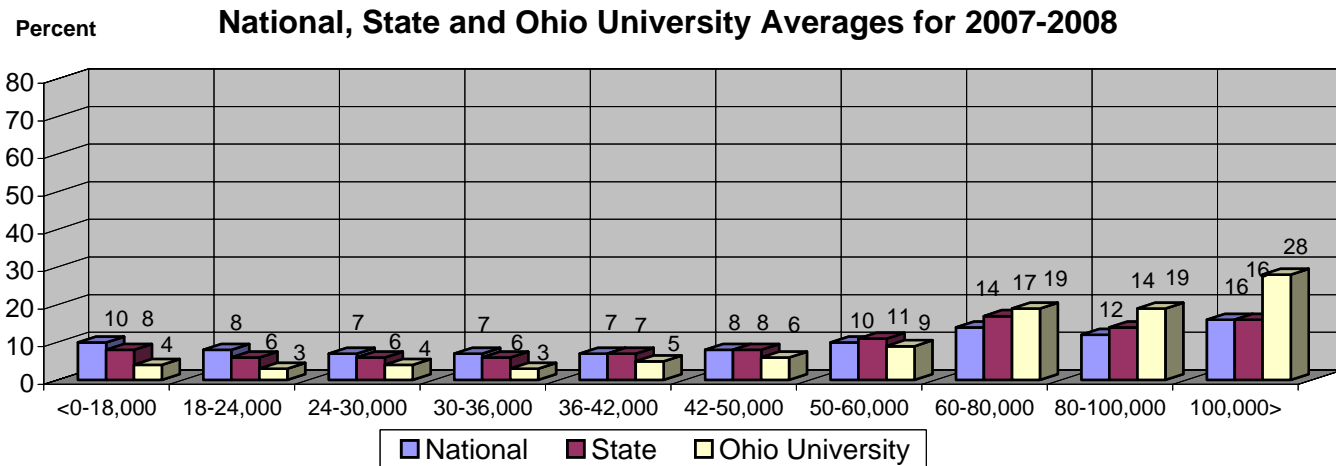
## Comparison of Students Expecting to Apply for Financial Aid



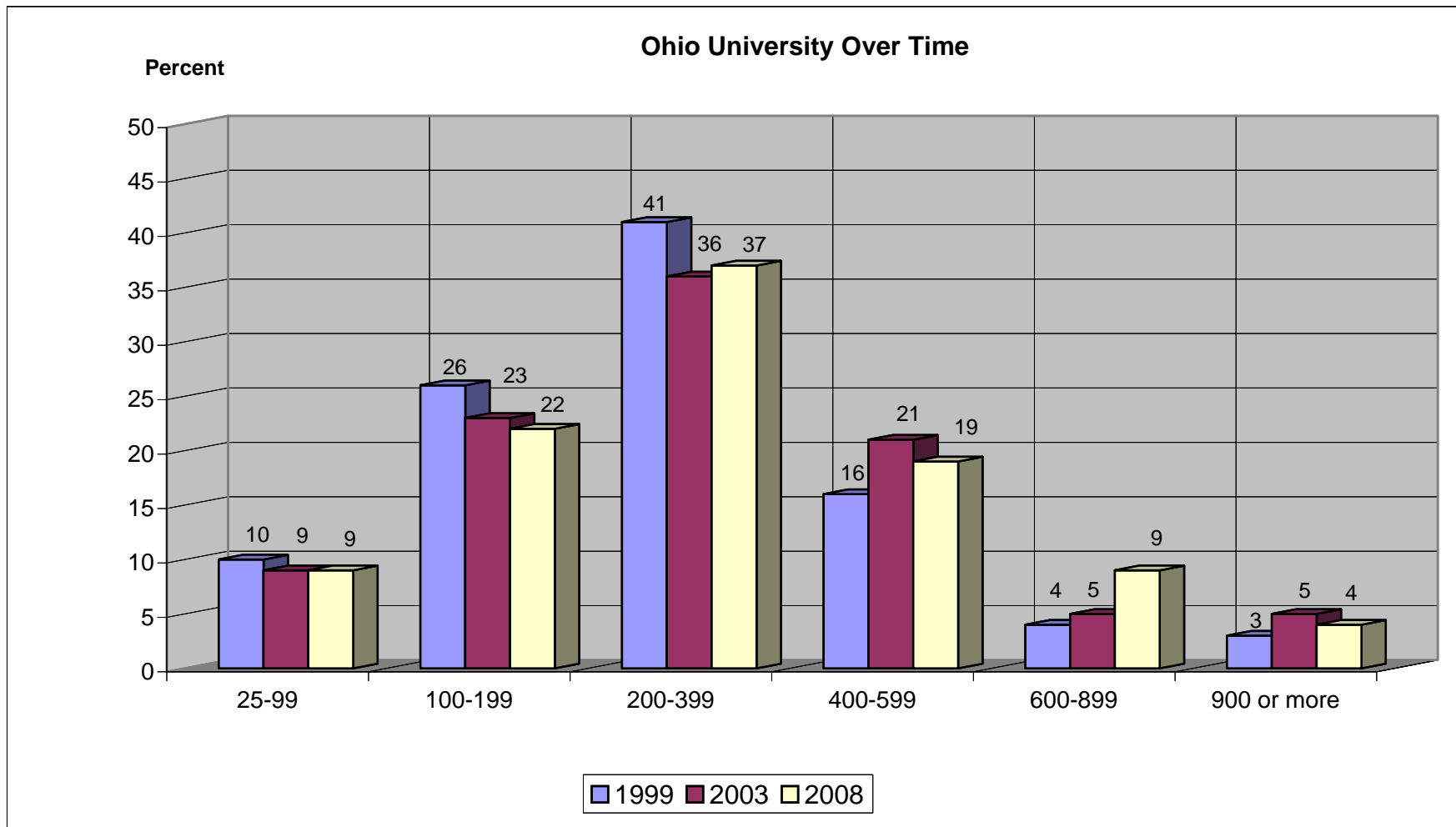
## Comparison of Students Expecting to Work While in College



## Comparison of Students' Estimated Total Gross Family Income



# Comparison of Number in High School Graduating Class



## Major Feeder High Schools Within The State

High School	City	# of Students	Avg. ACT*
Athens High School	The Plains	43	22.6
Pickerington High School North	Pickerington	39	23.9
William Mason High School	Mason	38	23.9
Centerville High School	Centerville	37	23.1
Jackson High School	Massillon	34	23.1
Strongsville High School	Strongsville	33	24.1
Logan High School	Logan	28	22.6
Westlake High School	Westlake	28	23.1
Bishop Watterson High School	Columbus	27	23.8
Hudson High School	Hudson	26	24.4
Solon High School	Solon	26	22.8
North Royalton High School	North Royalton	25	25.3
Hoover High School	North Canton	25	24.5
Avon Lake High School	Avon Lake	23	24.0
Lakota West High School	West Chester	23	23.3
Anderson High School	Cincinnati	22	24.5
Dublin Coffman High School	Dublin	21	23.8
Lakota East High School	Liberty Township	21	24.9
Stow Munroe Falls High School	Stow	21	23.4
Warren High School	Vincent	21	22.5
Brecksville-Broadview Hts High School	Broadview Hts	20	23.2
Medina High School	Medina	20	24.8
Westerville North High School	Westerville	20	23.2
Alexander High School	Albany	19	21.3
Milford High School	Milford	19	23.9
Mount Notre Dame High School	Cincinnati	18	22.4
Hilliard Davidson High School	Hilliard	18	24.9
Lancaster High School	Lancaster	18	24.1
Glenoak High School	Canton	18	22.1
Worthington Kilbourne High School	Columbus	18	23.4.