



Menlo School College Counseling

My search. My college. My path.

Trends and Takeaways Webinar
Celebrating the Class of 2021

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Welcome to the newest members of the College Counseling team.
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Class of 2021 - College Acceptances

American University (4)
Arizona State University (3)
Bard College
Berklee College of Music
Boston College (4)
Boston University (13)
Brigham Young University (2)
Brown University (4)
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University (2)
Cal Poly SLO (2)
Cal Poly Pomona (4)
Cal State East Bay (3)
California State Monterey Bay (3)
California State Sacramento (2)
Carnegie Mellon University (2)
Case Western Reserve University (8)
Chapman University (6)
Claremont McKenna College
Colby College
Colgate University (2)
College of Charleston
College of San Mateo
Colorado State University
Columbia University (3)

Connecticut College (2)
Cornell University (6)
Dartmouth College (2)
Dickinson College
Drexel University (3)
Duke University
Elon University (4)
Emerson College
Emory University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fordham University (2)
George Washington University (3)
Georgetown University (4)
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Gonzaga University (2)
Harvard University (2)
Haverford College
Indiana University (10)
Johns Hopkins University
King's College London
Lehigh University (6)
Lewis & Clark College
Linfield University
Louisiana State University

Loyola Marymount University (5)
Macalester College
Middlebury College
New York University (4)
Northeastern University (6)
Northwestern University
NYU Shanghai
Oberlin College (2)
Occidental College (2)
Oregon State University
Otis College of Art and Design
Parsons School of Design
Pennsylvania State (3)
Pepperdine University
Pomona College
Pratt Institute
Princeton University (3)
Purdue University (12)
Queen's University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (6)
Rice University (2)
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
San Diego State University (2)
San Francisco State University (4)

Class of 2021 - College Acceptances

San Jose State University (4)
Santa Clara University (13)
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seattle University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Simmons University
Skidmore College (2)
Smith College
Sonoma State University (4)
Southern Methodist University (9)
Stanford University (13)
Syracuse University (5)
Texas Christian University
The New England Conservatory of Music
The University of Tennessee
The University of Texas at Austin
Trinity College
Trinity University (3)
Tufts University (2)
Tulane University (5)
United States Air Force Academy
University College London
University of Arizona (6)
University of British Columbia (2)

University of California, Berkeley (6)
University of California, Davis (9)
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles (11)
University of California, Merced (10)
University of California, Riverside (6)
University of California, San Diego (19)
University of California, Santa Barbara (6)
University of California, Santa Cruz (6)
University of Cambridge
University of Chicago (4)
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado Boulder (20)
University of Delaware
University of Denver (8)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (3)
University of Maryland (3)
University of Miami (2)
University of Michigan (10)
University of Minnesota
University of North Carolina (2)
University of Notre Dame (4)
University of Oregon (13)
University of Pennsylvania (3)
University of Pittsburgh
University of Puget Sound (2)

University of Richmond (2)
University of Rochester (2)
University of San Diego (4)
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California (6)
University of St Andrews (2)
University of Toronto
University of Utah (4)
University of Vermont (3)
University of Virginia (2)
University of Washington (10)
University of Wisconsin (16)
Utah Valley University
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University (6)
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University (5)
Washington University in St Louis (4)
Wellesley College (2)
Wesleyan University
Whitman College
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (2)
Yale University (5)

Class of 2021 - College Destinations

American University
Boston College (2)
Boston University (4)
Brigham Young University (2)
Brown University (3)
Cal Poly Pomona (3)
Cal Poly SLO
Cañada College
Case Western Reserve University
Claremont McKenna College
Colby College
College of San Mateo
Columbia University (2)
Connecticut College
Cornell University (5)
Dartmouth College (2)
Duke University
Emory University
Georgetown University
Gonzaga University
Harvard University (2)
Haverford College
Johns Hopkins University
Lehigh University (2)
Middlebury College
New York University (2)

Occidental College
Parsons School of Design
Pomona College
Princeton University (3)
Purdue University (2)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Santa Clara University (2)
Sarah Lawrence College
Seattle University
Southern Methodist University (2)
Stanford University (10)
Syracuse University
Texas Christian University
Tufts University
Tulane University (2)
United States Air Force Academy
University of Arizona (2)
University of British Columbia
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles (3)
University of California, San Diego (3)
University of Cambridge
University of Chicago (4)
University of Cincinnati

University of Colorado Boulder
University of Denver
University of Maryland
University of Michigan (5)
University of Notre Dame (3)
University of Pennsylvania (3)
University of San Diego
University of Southern California (2)
University of Tennessee
University of Texas at Austin
University of Utah (2)
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin Madison (5)
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University (3)
Wake Forest University (3)
Washington University in St. Louis (3)
Wellesley College
Williams College
Yale University (3)

PG Year - Lawrenceville School
PG Year - Phillips Exeter Academy

“New” College Destinations

American University



Cal Poly Pomona



Case Western Reserve University



Parsons School of Design



Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute



Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology



Sarah Lawrence College



Seattle University



Syracuse University



Texas Christian University



United States Air Force Academy



University of British Columbia



University of California, San Diego



University of Cambridge



University of Cincinnati



University of Denver



University of Tennessee



Vassar College



Wellesley College

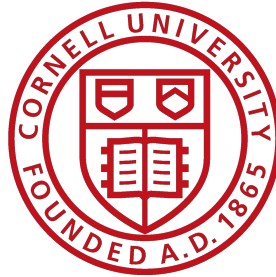


Most Represented Colleges on the Matriculation List



Stanford
University

10



5



5



WISCONSIN
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

5

BOSTON
UNIVERSITY

4



THE UNIVERSITY OF
CHICAGO

4

Trends: The Year of Test Optional

A College Admissions Rat Race

While top-tier colleges are dealing with surges in applications, lesser known ones have seen sharp declines.

Higher Education

More students applied to top colleges this year. How making test scores optional opened the field.

The pandemic has scrambled the admissions process. But will it make selective schools more diverse?

In an unusual admissions year, California's selective universities more closely evaluate students

And saw a record number of diverse applicants without requiring SAT or ACT scores for admittance

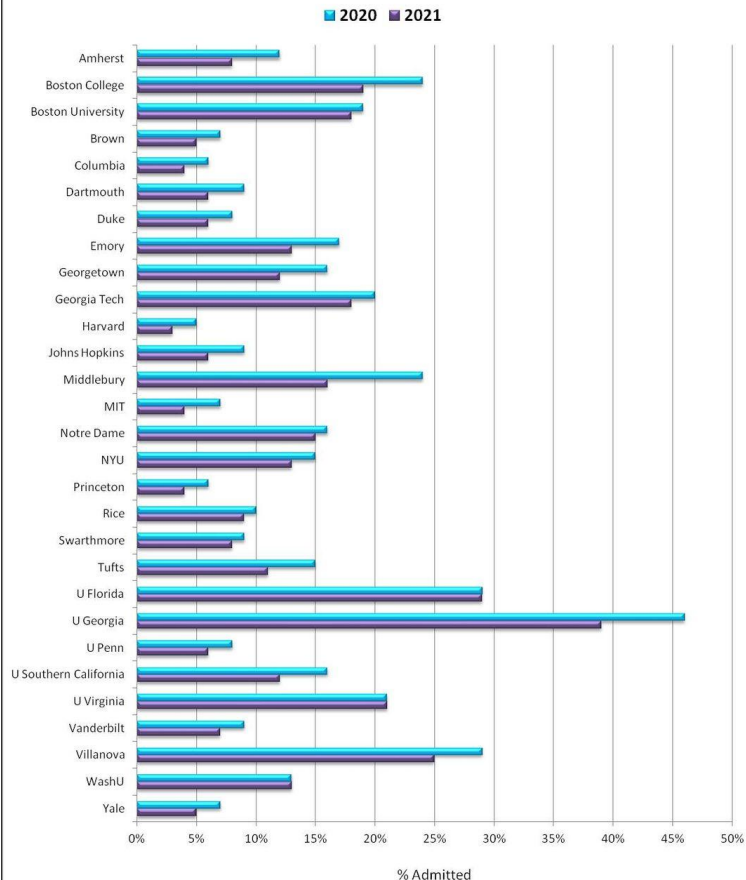
'Alarm Bells' on First-Generation, Low-Income Applicants

Common App shows overall application increase, but the gains are for larger and more competitive colleges. SUNY applications fall by 20 percent.

The Full Story on Admissions

You may be reading about record application totals, but they are largely going to the institutions that already have plenty. Other colleges are not doing well. Common App data point to declines from low-income students.

Increased Admissions Selectivity from 2020 to 2021



American University
Auburn University
Bard College
Boston College
Boston University
Cal Poly Pomona
Cal Poly SLO
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Connecticut College
Dartmouth College
Drexel University
Elon University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Georgia Tech
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Indiana University
King's College London
Lehigh University
Linfield College
Loyola Marymount University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Occidental College
Oregon State University
Parsons School of Design
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
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University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Merced
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign
University of Maryland
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Puget Sound
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Tennessee
University of Texas at Austin
University of Vermont
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Villanova University
Wellesley College
Yale University

**Menlo students were admitted
to the following colleges and
universities without
ACT or SAT test scores.**

**Class of 2021
139 students**

**37 students (27%) - applied test
optional and submitted no scores**

**93 students (67%) - submitted
scores to all colleges**

**9 students (6%)- submitted
scores to *some* colleges**

Early Decision Recap: 2020 vs. 2021

Class of 2020

Early Decision 1

Applications submitted - 80

Number of Admits - 48 (60% admit rate)

56% of the senior class applied ED 1

Early Decision 2

Application submitted - 16

Number of Admits - 11 (69% admit rate)

11% of the senior class applied ED 2

Combined ED 1 & 2

Applications submitted - 96

Number of Admits - 59 (61% admit rate)

67% of the senior class applied ED 1 or 2

Class of 2021

Early Decision 1

Applications submitted - 72

Number of Admits - 30 (42% admit rate)

52% of the senior class applied ED 1

Early Decision 2

Application submitted - 17

Number of Admits - 6 (35% admit rate)

12% of the senior class applied ED 2

Combined ED 1 & 2

Applications submitted - 89

Number of Admits - 36 (40% admit rate)

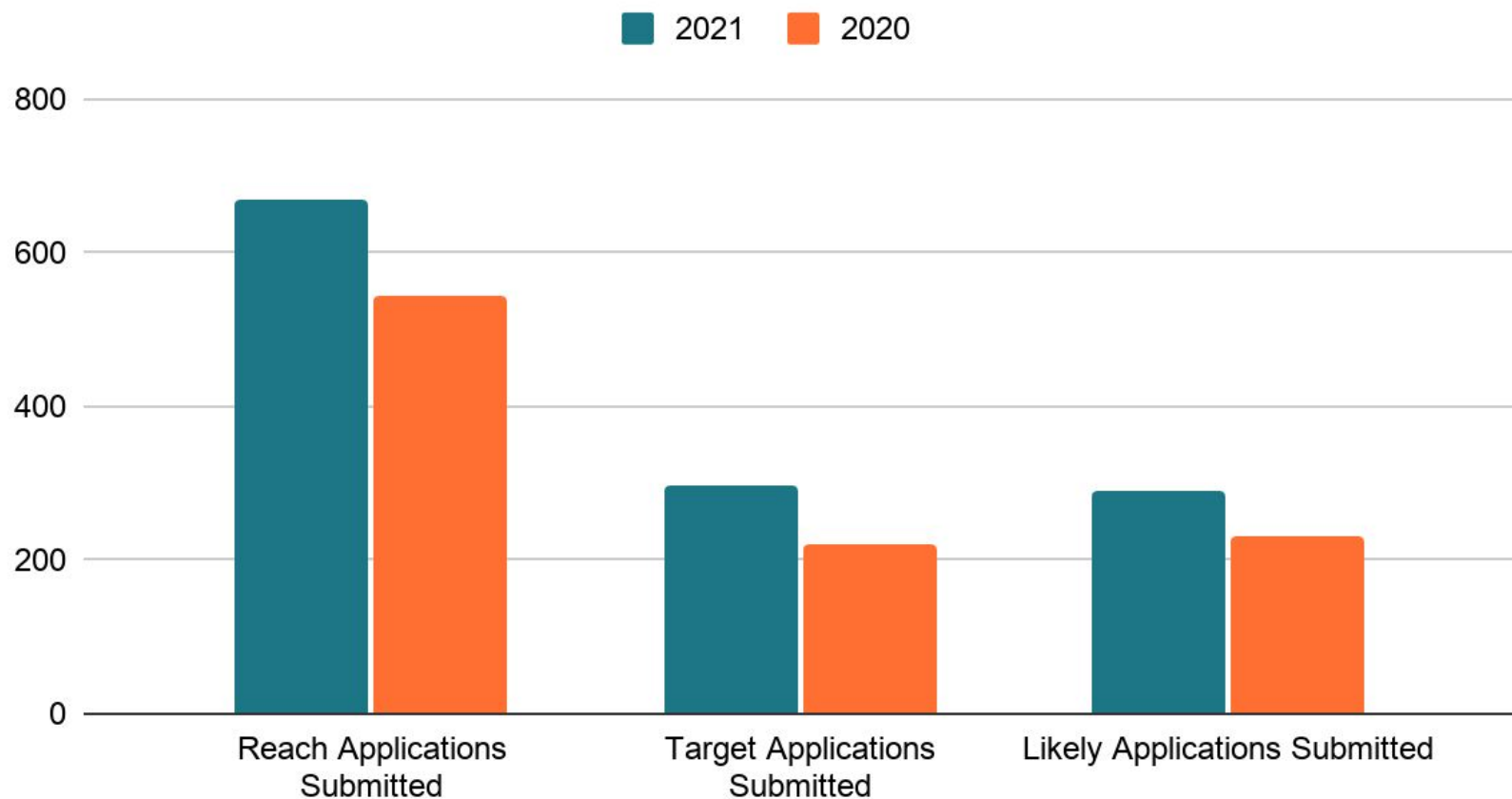
64% of the senior class applied ED 1 or 2

University of California Admission Results

	2021 Applications	2021 Admits/Enrolling	2020 Applications	2020 Admits/Enrolling
UC Berkeley	42	6/1	35	12/5
UC Davis	28	9/0	21	14/1
UC Irvine	24	1/0	16	7/2
UC Los Angeles	54	11/3	45	11/4
UC Merced	11	10/0	3	2/0
UC Riverside	14	6/0	7	6/3
UC San Diego	40	19/3	33	12/0
UC Santa Barbara	49	6/0	37	20/1
UC Santa Cruz	13	7/0	11	10/0
Total	275	75 (27% admit rate)	208	94 (45% admit rate)
	19% of all applications	7 students enrolling (5% of the class)	16% of all applications	16 students enrolling (11% of the class)

COLLEGE	2021 Applicants	2021 Admits	Menlo Admit Rate	National Admit Rate
UCLA	54	11	20%	10%
UC Santa Barbara	49	6	12%	29% ('20)
UC Berkeley	41	5	12%	15% ('20)
UC San Diego	39	16	41%	30% ('20)
Michigan	35	10	28%	15%
USC	35	5	14%	12%
Stanford	33	13	39%	4%
Washington	29	9	31%	46% ('20)
UC Davis	27	7	25%	38% ('20)
Boston Univ	26	13	50%	18%
Northeastern	25	6	24%	18%
Colorado	25	20	80%	77%
Harvard	24	2	8%	3%
UC Irvine	24	1	4%	26% ('20)
Boston College	22	4	18%	19%
WashU	22	4	18%	13%

Applications Submitted by Category



Colleges that were overlooked...3 or fewer applications submitted

Amherst College - Bates College - Bowdoin College - Brandeis University - Bryn Mawr College - Bucknell University - Carleton College - Claremont McKenna College - Colby College - Colorado College - Connecticut College - Davidson College - Emory University - Fordham University - Grinnell College - Haverford College - Lafayette College - McGill University - Oberlin College - Kenyon College - Macalester College - Pitzer College - Scripps College - Smith College - Swarthmore College - Trinity College - University of British Columbia - University of Rochester - University of St Andrews - University of Toronto - Virginia Tech - Washington & Lee University - Wellesley College

Increased Selectivity in STEM Programs (2020-2021)

Carnegie Mellon University: For the College of Engineering, received 11,988 applications that listed engineering and offered admission to 1,215 of those applicants. For the School of Computer Science, received 10,818 applications that listed computer science and offered admission to 456 of those applicants.

Georgia Tech received 11,147 applications for computer science (up from 9,571 last year) resulting in a 12% acceptance rate for out of state students in CS specifically, compared to their 18% overall admission rate.

Washington University of St. Louis: received ~5,000 applications for 150 spots in the College of Business; received ~5,000 applications for 275 spots in the College of Engineering

The University of Washington's Computer Science/Computer Engineering acceptance rate is about 10% for Washington state applicants and only 6-7% for nonresident applicants. This is down from about 20% only a few short years ago.

Observations from the Past Year

- 1) Importance of applying Early Decision/Early Action/REA as an on profile applicant
- 2) Increased popularity and utilization of Early Decision 2 round
- 3) A year of virtual college visits - increased access and attendance in webinars
- 4) Less waitlist activity and less interest in gap years
- 5) UC's saw increases in applications and were more competitive
- 6) Computer Science/Engineering programs were even more competitive
- 7) Test Optional seems here to stay, no more SAT Subject Tests

Questions?