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ABSTRACT

This study examined admission rates of student-athletes and students in general at DePauw University (Indiana) over a three-year period. Data on admissions from 1994 through 1996 were reviewed, and it was found that 47 percent of applicants identified themselves as student-athletes and that 82 percent of all applicants were accepted. The results indicated no differences in the acceptance rates for student-athletes and students in general. However, it was noted that the results of the study might have been different had the university been willing to reveal the academic profiles of the incoming freshman class for both student-athletes and students in general. One problem that the study encountered was control over whether or not applicants identifying themselves as student-athletes participated in intercollegiate athletics once enrolled at the university. Data tables and admission statistics are appended; also appended is a copy of a U.S. News & World Report list of the best national liberal arts colleges. (MDM)

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# Admission Rates of Student-Athletes and General Students

A Comparison of Acceptance Rates of the Student-Athlete and the General Student at Depauw University, Greencastle, Indiana State University

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### Abstract

This article looks at admission rates of both student-athletes and students in general at DePauw University during a three-year period. Student-athletes were identified by their expressed intent to participate in intercollegiate athletics at DePauw. The results demonstrated that there is no significant difference between acceptance rates for student-athletes and the general student population.

### Background of the Problem

It is interesting that there is an abundance of research on the retention and graduation rates of today's student-athlete at almost every college and university across the country. These reports often identify graduation rates for white, black, male and female student athletes. As a matter of fact, all Division I and II institutions must document the results demonstrating the institution's graduation rate of their student-athletes, by sport! This information is published by the National Collegiate Athletic Association in a text titled, NCAA Division I Graduation - Rates Report. Furthermore, in 1996 the NCAA introduced Proposition 48, a law identifying minimum academic achievement levels that all student-athletes must meet in order to compete in intercollegiate athletics. Yet very little, if any, research has been conducted that investigates admission rates of student-athletes when compared to general students.

Why is the governing body of intercollegiate athletics so infatuated with identifying, implementing, and monitoring standards that decide whether or not a student-athlete can participate in intercollegiate athletics, regardless of which school the student-athlete attends? These mandated eligibility requirements for athletic participation remove much of the pressure

from college admission offices across the country, especially at the Division I level. The NCAA sends the message to coaches, athletes, and administrators that if a student-athlete meets the NCAA's academic requirements, then he/she meets the institution's admission requirements.

The University of North Carolina-Charlotte, a Division I institution, performed an in-house, three-year study (UNCC, 1995) that investigated the profiles of both student-athletes who received grants-in-aid with those of students in general. The criteria investigated were mean test scores on standardized admission tests (SAT, ACT) and high school GPA. The UNCC self-study concluded that male students generally reported higher standardized test scores than male student-athletes. Does this mean that student-athletes are more favorably admitted to institutions and colleges across the country than the general student who does not wish to participate in intercollegiate athletics?

The general consensus in this country is that student-athletes are held to lower admission standards than the general student population. A report (JOJATK, 1977) went as far as to say, " We let in athletes who statistically speaking have a worse chance of succeeding than the rest of the students." This type of generalization even seems to apply at the high school level, as "superstar" high school athletes with questionable academic credentials are being admitted into selective, private high schools that are a national powerhouse in the sport the candidate plays.

Without being sport specific, this article focuses on the rates that student-athletes and the general population are admitted into one particular university. DePauw University, like all other Division III institutions, cannot award athletic scholarships. If DePauw's admission

records indicate that a student-athlete is admitted more favorably than the general student, then one can assume the same is true at similar institutions, as well as at colleges/universities that have a much greater stake in the performance of their athletic teams.

### **Statement of the Problem**

The purpose of this study was to investigate admission rates of the general student and the student-athlete at DePauw University, located in Greencastle, Indiana.

This country shares the belief that athletes in general are given preferential treatment. Today's professional athlete has such a tremendous influence on society's attitudes towards athletes that some speculation trickles down to the college scene. Nowadays, everyone wants to regulate and monitor student-athlete graduation rates at colleges/universities throughout the nation. Yet, no one has been able to explore the admission rates of student-athletes at the very same colleges/universities. It appears that that type of information is confidential. "Do student-athletes receive some sort of preferential treatment from college admission officers across the country?"

More specifically, "Is there any evidence that demonstrates that student-athletes are more favorably admitted into institutions than the general student?" Fortunately and unfortunately, DePauw University was the only accessible institution that shared the facts and figures necessary to begin to address this question.

My hypothesis was that the general student would not be accepted as readily as the student-athlete.

### **Methodology**

The study was conducted at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. DePauw is a

small (2100), liberal arts institution. DePauw has a strong academic reputation, and also fields 19 intercollegiate athletic teams. Many of DPU's athletic teams are strong enough to compete at the national level.

On the average, DePauw generates over 26,000 inquiries a year from prospective students. These inquiries translate into roughly 2200 completed applications per year, and records indicate that DePauw accepts 82% of its completed applicants (US News, 1997).

The two groups for this study were categorized as student-athlete and general student. Student-athlete figures were assigned to Row 1. General student figures were placed into Row 2. Column 1 indicated the number of applicants for each experimental group, while Column 2 demonstrated the acceptance rate. This study included data over a three-year period (1994-1996). A Chi Square test at the .05 level was used to determine significance.

### **Results**

Further statistical tests were not performed at the .01 because results were not significant at the .05 level. These results indicate that it is necessary to reject the null hypothesis. All results can be found in tables one, two, and three.

### **Discussion, Conclusions, Recommendations**

Results of this study indicate that there is no difference in acceptance rates of the general student and the student-athlete, and therefore, the null hypothesis should be rejected.

It would be difficult to refute the results of this study, but why this study produced the results that it did is something that should be examined. The outcome may have been quite different if DePauw University would have been willing to share the academic profiles of the incoming freshman class for both the general student and the student-athlete. This type of

information was not available. It is possible that this type of data is "dangerous" and therefore not available to the general public and/or the employees of an institution. High school rank, grade point average, and standardized test scores would help examine this "grey area" in higher education. Less than significant results in this study does not necessarily "close the book" on this issue, because there are more relevant factors to be investigated. However, access to the desired data mentioned above may be a difficult obstacle for further research to overcome.

Additional researchers may want to pursue data from Division I, II, III, and NAIA institutions. One problem that this study encountered was control over whether or not the student-athlete ever participated in intercollegiate athletics at DePauw. Over 47% of DePauw's applicant pool ('94-'96) indicated that they were "student-athletes", but how many actually went through the process of participating is something worth examining. The general student may indicate that intercollegiate athletics is a priority because it makes the student's application look more attractive, or the general student may feel that they can play intercollegiate athletics at DePauw because it is a Division III institution. Examination of all levels of intercollegiate athletics may help in controlling this variable in a similar study.

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**Summary Table for Rows, Columns**

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Num. Missing           | 0     |
| DF                     | 1     |
| Chi Square             | .394  |
| Chi Square P-Value     | .5302 |
| G-Squared              | .394  |
| G-Squared P-Value      | .5301 |
| Contingency Coef.      | .010  |
| Phi                    | .010  |
| Cty. Cor. Chi Square   | .355  |
| Cty. Cor. P-Value      | .5511 |
| Fisher's Exact P-Value | .5482 |

**Observed Frequencies for Rows, Columns**

|        | Column 1 | Column 2 | Totals |
|--------|----------|----------|--------|
| Row 1  | 1071     | 866      | 1937   |
| Row 2  | 1147     | 965      | 2112   |
| Totals | 2218     | 1831     | 4049   |

**Percents of Row Totals for Rows, Columns**

|        | Column 1 | Column 2 | Totals  |
|--------|----------|----------|---------|
| Row 1  | 55.292   | 44.708   | 100.000 |
| Row 2  | 54.309   | 45.691   | 100.000 |
| Totals | 54.779   | 45.221   | 100.000 |

**Percents of Column Totals for Rows, Columns**

|        | Column 1 | Column 2 | Totals  |
|--------|----------|----------|---------|
| Row 1  | 48.287   | 47.297   | 47.839  |
| Row 2  | 51.713   | 52.703   | 52.161  |
| Totals | 100.000  | 100.000  | 100.000 |

**Percents of Overall Total for Rows, Columns**

|        | Column 1 | Column 2 | Totals  |
|--------|----------|----------|---------|
| Row 1  | 26.451   | 21.388   | 47.839  |
| Row 2  | 28.328   | 23.833   | 52.161  |
| Totals | 54.779   | 45.221   | 100.000 |

**Expected Values for Rows, Columns**

|        | Column 1 | Column 2 | Totals   |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| Row 1  | 1061.068 | 875.932  | 1937.000 |
| Row 2  | 1156.932 | 955.068  | 2112.000 |
| Totals | 2218.000 | 1831.000 | 4049.000 |

**Summary Table for Rows, Columns**

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Num. Missing           | 0     |
| DF                     | 1     |
| Chi Square             | .041  |
| Chi Square P-Value     | .8387 |
| G-Squared              | .041  |
| G-Squared P-Value      | .8387 |
| Contingency Coef.      | .003  |
| Phi                    | .003  |
| Cty. Cor. Chi Square   | .030  |
| Cty. Cor. P-Value      | .8635 |
| Fisher's Exact P-Value | .8493 |

**Observed Frequencies for Rows, Columns**

|        | Column 1 | Column 2 | Totals |
|--------|----------|----------|--------|
| Row 1  | 1060     | 853      | 1913   |
| Row 2  | 1174     | 957      | 2131   |
| Totals | 2234     | 1810     | 4044   |

**Percents of Row Totals for Rows, Columns**

|        | Column 1 | Column 2 | Totals  |
|--------|----------|----------|---------|
| Row 1  | 55.410   | 44.590   | 100.000 |
| Row 2  | 55.092   | 44.908   | 100.000 |
| Totals | 55.242   | 44.758   | 100.000 |

**Percents of Column Totals for Rows, Columns**

|        | Column 1 | Column 2 | Totals  |
|--------|----------|----------|---------|
| Row 1  | 47.449   | 47.127   | 47.305  |
| Row 2  | 52.551   | 52.873   | 52.695  |
| Totals | 100.000  | 100.000  | 100.000 |

**Percents of Overall Total for Rows, Columns**

|        | Column 1 | Column 2 | Totals  |
|--------|----------|----------|---------|
| Row 1  | 26.212   | 21.093   | 47.305  |
| Row 2  | 29.031   | 23.665   | 52.695  |
| Totals | 55.242   | 44.758   | 100.000 |

**Expected Values for Rows, Columns**

|        | Column 1 | Column 2 | Totals   |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| Row 1  | 1056.786 | 856.214  | 1913.000 |
| Row 2  | 1177.214 | 953.786  | 2131.000 |
| Totals | 2234.000 | 1810.000 | 4044.000 |

**Summary Table for Rows, Columns**

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Num. Missing           | 0     |
| DF                     | 1     |
| Chi Square             | .038  |
| Chi Square P-Value     | .8461 |
| G-Squared              | .038  |
| G-Squared P-Value      | .8461 |
| Contingency Coef.      | .003  |
| Phi                    | .003  |
| Cty. Cor. Chi Square   | .026  |
| Cty. Cor. P-Value      | .8714 |
| Fisher's Exact P-Value | .8464 |

**Observed Frequencies for Rows, Columns**

|        | Column 1 | Column 2 | Totals |
|--------|----------|----------|--------|
| Row 1  | 1006     | 825      | 1831   |
| Row 2  | 1136     | 920      | 2056   |
| Totals | 2142     | 1745     | 3887   |

**Percents of Row Totals for Rows, Columns**

|        | Column 1 | Column 2 | Totals  |
|--------|----------|----------|---------|
| Row 1  | 54.943   | 45.057   | 100.000 |
| Row 2  | 55.253   | 44.747   | 100.000 |
| Totals | 55.107   | 44.893   | 100.000 |

**Percents of Column Totals for Rows, Columns**

|        | Column 1 | Column 2 | Totals  |
|--------|----------|----------|---------|
| Row 1  | 46.965   | 47.278   | 47.106  |
| Row 2  | 53.035   | 52.722   | 52.894  |
| Totals | 100.000  | 100.000  | 100.000 |

**Percents of Overall Total for Rows, Columns**

|        | Column 1 | Column 2 | Totals  |
|--------|----------|----------|---------|
| Row 1  | 25.881   | 21.225   | 47.106  |
| Row 2  | 29.226   | 23.669   | 52.894  |
| Totals | 55.107   | 44.893   | 100.000 |

**Expected Values for Rows, Columns**

|        | Column 1 | Column 2 | Totals   |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| Row 1  | 1009.005 | 821.995  | 1831.000 |
| Row 2  | 1132.995 | 923.005  | 2056.000 |
| Totals | 2142.000 | 1745.000 | 3887.000 |

# Best National Liberal Arts

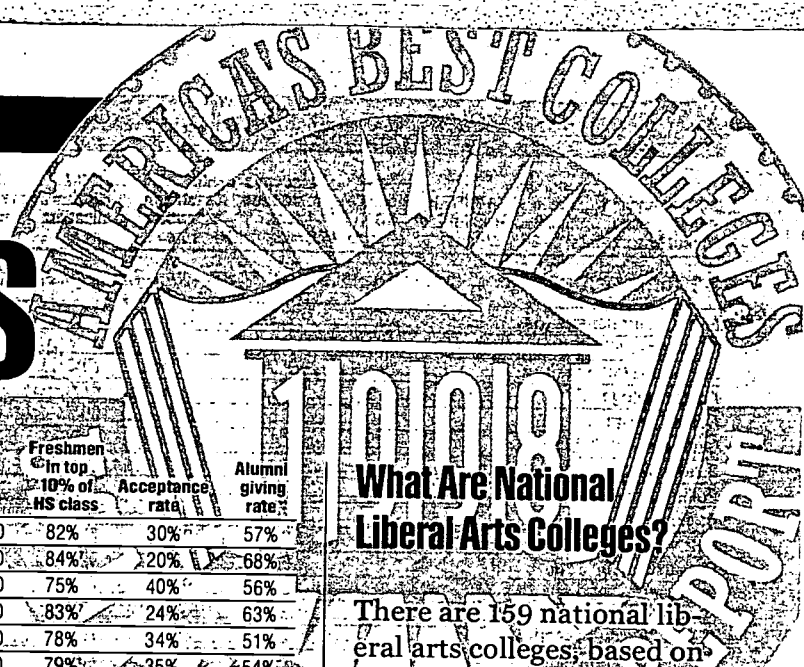
TOP 25 PLACES

| Rank | School Name (State)                | Overall score | Academic reputation score (4.0= highest) | Graduation and retention rank | Faculty resources rank | Student selectivity rank | Financial resources rank | Alumni giving rank | Freshman retention rate | 1997 graduation rate |
|------|------------------------------------|---------------|--|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1    | Swarthmore College (PA)            | 100.0         | 3.9                                      | 3                             | 2                      | 1                        | 6                        | 6                  | 96%                     | 91                   |
| 2    | Amherst College (MA)               | 99.0          | 3.9                                      | 1                             | 8                      | 3                        | 7                        | 1                  | 96%                     | 96                   |
| 3    | Wellesley College (MA)             | 97.0          | 3.8                                      | 15                            | 8                      | 8                        | 2                        | 8                  | 95%                     | 86                   |
| 3    | Williams College (MA)              | 97.0          | 3.9                                      | 2                             | 28                     | 6                        | 6                        | 3                  | 96%                     | 95                   |
| 5    | Pomona College (CA)                | 95.0          | 3.7                                      | 7                             | 6                      | 2                        | 9                        | 20                 | 98%                     | 91                   |
| 6    | Haverford College (PA)             | 94.0          | 3.6                                      | 3                             | 8                      | 3                        | 19                       | 10                 | 94%                     | 91                   |
| 7    | Carleton College (MN)              | 92.0          | 3.7                                      | 9                             | 22                     | 13                       | 25                       | 5                  | 94%                     | 88                   |
| 8    | Bowdoin College (ME)               | 91.0          | 3.7                                      | 7                             | 54                     | 12                       | 14                       | 21                 | 95%                     | 86                   |
| 8    | Bryn Mawr College (PA)             | 91.0          | 3.5                                      | 23                            | 4                      | 19                       | 4                        | 21                 | 88%                     | 89                   |
| 8    | Claremont McKenna College (CA)     | 91.0          | 3.4                                      | 23                            | 22                     | 8                        | 12                       | 10                 | 93%                     | 86                   |
| 8    | Davidson College (NC)              | 91.0          | 3.5                                      | 12                            | 28                     | 6                        | 23                       | 10                 | 96%                     | 85                   |
| 8    | Middlebury College (VT)            | 91.0          | 3.4                                      | 15                            | 19                     | 10                       | 5                        | 27                 | 95%                     | 88                   |
| 8    | Washington and Lee University (VA) | 91.0          | 3.2                                      | 9                             | 2                      | 3                        | 33                       | 14                 | 93%                     | 87                   |
| 14   | Grinnell College (IA)              | 90.0          | 3.6                                      | 29                            | 12                     | 24                       | 11                       | 10                 | 91%                     | 83                   |
| 14   | Smith College (MA)                 | 90.0          | 3.6                                      | 27                            | 6                      | 24                       | 10                       | 34                 | 88%                     | 85                   |
| 14   | Wesleyan University (CT)           | 90.0          | 3.6                                      | 15                            | 12                     | 11                       | 21                       | 61                 | 92%                     | 86                   |
| 17   | Vassar College (NY)                | 88.0          | 3.4                                      | 20                            | 12                     | 17                       | 16                       | 54                 | 91%                     | 82                   |
| 18   | Colby College (ME)                 | 87.0          | 3.2                                      | 12                            | 34                     | 14                       | 25                       | 46                 | 93%                     | 88                   |
| 18   | Mount Holyoke College (MA)         | 87.0          | 3.3                                      | 36                            | 22                     | 38                       | 7                        | 14                 | 87%                     | 82                   |
| 20   | Bates College (ME)                 | 86.0          | 3.3                                      | 20                            | 54                     | 17                       | 30                       | 46                 | 89%                     | 86                   |
| 20   | Colgate University (NY)            | 86.0          | 3.3                                      | 12                            | 34                     | 19                       | 41                       | 34                 | 94%                     | 88                   |
| 22   | Hamilton College (NY)              | 85.0          | 3.1                                      | 9                             | 34                     | 33                       | 25                       | 24                 | 91%                     | 91                   |
| 22   | Oberlin College (OH)               | 85.0          | 3.5                                      | 42                            | 28                     | 42                       | 30                       | 21                 | 89%                     | 79                   |
| 22   | Trinity College (CT)               | 85.0          | 3.1                                      | 15                            | 22                     | 38                       | 19                       | 30                 | 93%                     | 89                   |
| 25   | College of the Holy Cross (MA)     | 84.0          | 2.8                                      | 3                             | 54                     | 16                       | 71                       | 18                 | 96%                     | 90                   |
| 25   | Macalester College (MN)            | 84.0          | 3.3                                      | 49                            | 34                     | 19                       | 21                       | 77                 | 89%                     | 80                   |
| 27   | Barnard College (NY)               | 82.0          | 3.3                                      | 15                            | 110                    | 19                       | 75                       | 100                | 95%                     | 87                   |
| 27   | Bucknell University (PA)           | 82.0          | 3.1                                      | 3                             | 62                     | 33                       | 64                       | 77                 | 93%                     | 92                   |
| 27   | Connecticut College                | 82.0          | 3.0                                      | 23                            | 34                     | 30                       | 36                       | 45                 | 89%                     | 85                   |
| 27   | University of the South (TN)       | 82.0          | 2.8                                      | 29                            | 12                     | 42                       | 17                       | 24                 | 88%                     | 88                   |
| 31   | Colorado College                   | 81.0          | 3.1                                      | 36                            | 8                      | 45                       | 41                       | 46                 | 91%                     | 78                   |
| 31   | Kenyon College (OH)                | 81.0          | 3.1                                      | 27                            | 62                     | 38                       | 64                       | 37                 | 87%                     | 86                   |
| 33   | Franklin and Marshall College (PA) | 80.0          | 2.9                                      | 35                            | 48                     | 30                       | 33                       | 77                 | 86%                     | 81                   |
| 33   | Occidental College (CA)            | 80.0          | 2.9                                      | 49                            | 34                     | 49                       | 14                       | 73                 | 88%                     | 78                   |
| 35   | Sarah Lawrence College (NY)        | 79.0          | 2.7                                      | 36                            | 1                      | 57                       | 53                       | 37                 | 89%                     | 86                   |
| 35   | Union College (NY)                 | 79.0          | 2.7                                      | 23                            | 48                     | 45                       | 41                       | 24                 | 91%                     | 85                   |
| 37   | Bard College (NY)                  | 78.0          | 2.6                                      | 63                            | 4                      | 28                       | 18                       | 144                | 78%                     | 75                   |
| 37   | Lafayette College (PA)             | 78.0          | 2.8                                      | 20                            | 48                     | 77                       | 36                       | 77                 | 91%                     | 87                   |
| 37   | Scripps College (CA)               | 78.0          | 2.9                                      | 74                            | 28                     | 53                       | 25                       | 6                  | 88%                     | 66                   |
| 40   | Centre College (KY)                | 77.0          | 2.6                                      | 58                            | 90                     | 30                       | 78                       | 2                  | 83%                     | 73                   |
| 40   | Lawrence University (WI)           | 77.0          | 2.6                                      | 63                            | 62                     | 33                       | 33                       | 27                 | 85%                     | 75                   |
| 40   | Whitman College (WA)               | 77.0          | 2.5                                      | 58                            | 34                     | 19                       | 64                       | 19                 | 90%                     | 75                   |

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Note: Key to footnotes, Page 104; methodology explained on Page 98. Reputational survey by Market Facts Inc.

# Arts Colleges



## What Are National Liberal Arts Colleges?

There are 159 national liberal arts colleges, based on categories established by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, which classifies each degree-granting, accredited college and university in the United States. National liberal arts colleges emphasize undergraduate education. To be included in this category, colleges must award at least 40 percent of their degrees in liberal arts disciplines such as foreign languages, life sciences, philosophy, and psychology. These schools tend to require higher college entrance test scores than those in the regional liberal arts category.

Almost all national liberal arts colleges are private. But there are six public institutions: Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Shepherd College in West Virginia, St. Mary's College of Maryland, University of Minnesota-Morris, University of North Carolina-Asheville, and Virginia Military Institute.

| 1996 graduation rate | 1996 predicted graduation rate | Value added (grad. rate minus predicted rate) | % of classes under 20 | % of classes of 50 or more | Student faculty ratio | SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile | Freshmen in top 10% of HS class | Acceptance rate | Alumni giving rate |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 91%                  | 92%                            | 1   | 75%                   | 2%                         | 9/1                   | 1260-1490                    | 82%                             | 30%             | 57%                |
| 98%                  | 92%                            | +6  | 62%                   | 6%                         | 9/1                   | 1310-1500                    | 84%                             | 20%             | 68%                |
| 86%                  | 86%                            | None  | 60%                   | 3%                         | 10/1                  | 1240-1430                    | 75%                             | 40%             | 56%                |
| 95%                  | 92%                            | +3  | 53%                   | 6%                         | 9/1                   | 1310-1520                    | 83%                             | 24%             | 63%                |
| 91%                  | 92%                            | 1   | 77%                   | 2%                         | 8/1                   | 1340-1490                    | 78%                             | 34%             | 51%                |
| 91%                  | 87%                            | +4  | 72%                   | 7%                         | 10/1                  | 1260-1450                    | 79%                             | 35%             | 54%                |
| 88%                  | 89%                            | -1  | 66%                   | 3%                         | 10/1                  | 1260-1460                    | 64%                             | 50%             | 58%                |
| 88%                  | 90%                            | -2  | 53%                   | 8%                         | 11/1                  | 1240-1430                    | 80%                             | 29%             | 50%                |
| 89%                  | 88%                            | +1  | 78%                   | 4%                         | 9/1                   | 1200-1370                    | 60%                             | 58%             | 50%                |
| 86%                  | 87%                            | -1  | 63%                   | 2%                         | 10/1                  | 1250-1430                    | 71%                             | 29%             | 54%                |
| 89%                  | 83%                            | +6  | 59%                   | 1%                         | 11/1                  | 1240-1410                    | 76%                             | 38%             | 54%                |
| 88%                  | 87%                            | +1  | 73%                   | 5%                         | 11/1                  | 1310-1440                    | 66%                             | 29%             | 49%                |
| 87%                  | 85%                            | +2  | 67%                   | 1%                         | 10/1                  | 1270-1440                    | 75%                             | 34%             | 53%                |
| 83%                  | 86%                            | -3  | 67%                   | 3%                         | 10/1                  | 1230-1450                    | 62%                             | 73%             | 54%                |
| 85%                  | 82%                            | +3  | 67%                   | 6%                         | 10/1                  | 1210-1390                    | 53%                             | 52%             | 46%                |
| 86%                  | 88%                            | -2  | 66%                   | 6%                         | 11/1                  | 1220-1420                    | 63%                             | 32%             | 40%                |
| 82%                  | 85%                            | -3  | 71%                   | 1%                         | 10/1                  | 1240-1380                    | 59%                             | 48%             | 42%                |
| 88%                  | 82%                            | +6  | 58%                   | 4%                         | 11/1                  | 1200-1360                    | 61%                             | 31%             | 43%                |
| 82%                  | 78%                            | +4  | 74%                   | 4%                         | 10/1                  | 1134-1360                    | 50%                             | 65%             | 53%                |
| 86%                  | 83%                            | +3  | 58%                   | 9%                         | 11/1                  | 1200-1370                    | 55%                             | 36%             | 43%                |
| 88%                  | 85%                            | +3  | 53%                   | 2%                         | 11/1                  | 1200-1370                    | 54%                             | 37%             | 47%                |
| 91%                  | 81%                            | +10   | 65%                   | 2%                         | 10/1                  | 1160-1350                    | 46%                             | 44%             | 49%                |
| 79%                  | 85%                            | -6  | 59%                   | 6%                         | 10/1                  | 1190-1400                    | 44%                             | 58%             | 50%                |
| 89%                  | 81%                            | +8  | 67%                   | 4%                         | 10/1                  | 1180-1380                    | 49%                             | 46%             | 48%                |
| 90%                  | 79%                            | +11   | 60%                   | 3%                         | 12/1                  | 1120-1300                    | 64%                             | 45%             | 53%                |
| 80%                  | 82%                            | -2  | 67%                   | 1%                         | 11/1                  | 1220-1410                    | 57%                             | 55%             | 38%                |
| 87%                  | 81%                            | +6  | 62%                   | 12%                        | 11/1                  | 1210-1380                    | 58%                             | 46%             | 34%                |
| 92%                  | 80%                            | +12   | 49%                   | 5%                         | 13/1                  | 1180-1310                    | 53%                             | 49%             | 38%                |
| 85%                  | 82%                            | +3  | 63%                   | 3%                         | 11/1                  | 1180-1360                    | 46%                             | 43%             | 44%                |
| 88%                  | 81%                            | +7  | 72%                   | 1%                         | 11/1                  | 1140-1320                    | 52%                             | 66%             | 49%                |
| 78%                  | 78%                            | None  | 68%                   | 0%                         | 11/1                  | 1160-1360                    | 43%                             | 58%             | 43%                |
| 86%                  | 78%                            | +8  | 62%                   | 2%                         | 10/1                  | 1190-1400                    | 52%                             | 67%             | 46%                |
| 81%                  | 81%                            | None  | 54%                   | 1%                         | 11/1                  | 1160-1340                    | 58%                             | 59%             | 38%                |
| 78%                  | 79%                            | -1  | 70%                   | 2%                         | 10/1                  | 1070-1290                    | 57%                             | 73%             | 39%                |
| 80%                  | 78%                            | +2  | 94%                   | 1%                         | 6/1                   | 1100-1320                    | 36%                             | 54%             | 46%                |
| 85%                  | N/A                            | N/A   | 55%                   | 2%                         | 12/1                  | 1130-1290                    | 46%                             | 55%             | 49%                |
| 75%                  | 83%                            | -8  | 85%                   | 0%                         | 8/1                   | 1070-1370                    | 58%                             | 54%             | 23%                |
| 87%                  | 79%                            | +8  | 63%                   | 2%                         | 10/1                  | 1090-1290                    | 37%                             | 63%             | 37%                |
| 66%                  | 80%                            | -14   | 78%                   | 1%                         | 11/1                  | 1150-1340                    | 50%                             | 77%             | 56%                |
| 73%                  | 72%                            | +1  | 59%                   | 0%                         | 11/1                  | 25-29                        | 59%                             | 82%             | 67%                |
| 75%                  | 77%                            | -2  | 70%                   | 2%                         | 11/1                  | 25-30                        | 47%                             | 61%             | 49%                |
| 75%                  | 76%                            | -1  | 69%                   | 2%                         | 10/1                  | 1190-1380                    | 59%                             | 55%             | 52%                |

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| School Name (State)  | Academic reputation score (4.0=highest) | Freshman retention rate | 1996 graduation rate | 1996 predicted graduation rate | Value added (grad. rate minus predicted rate) | % of classes under 20 | % of classes of 50 or more | SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile | Freshmen in top 10% of HS class | Acceptance rate | Alumni giving rate |
|--|---|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Second Tier - National Liberal Arts Colleges</b> (Ranking begins at 43; schools are listed alphabetically.) |   |                         |                      |                                |   |                       |                            |                              |                                 |                 |                    |
| Agnes Scott College (GA)   | 2.3                                     | 75%                     | 61%                  | 76%                            | -15   | 78%                   | 0%                         | 1090-1310                    | 50%                             | 82%             | 48%                |
| Allegheny College (PA)   | 2.3                                     | 87%                     | 71%                  | 69%                            | +2  | 61%                   | 2%                         | 1110-1290                    | 48%                             | 71%             | 42%                |
| Augustana College (IL)   | 2.0                                     | 84%                     | 73%                  | 61%                            | +12   | 59%                   | 3%                         | 23-28                        | 34%                             | 76%             | 40%                |
| Austin College (TX)  | 2.1                                     | 79%                     | 67%                  | 70%                            | -3  | 64%                   | 1%                         | 1080-1300                    | 46%                             | 79%             | 25%                |
| Beloit College (WI)  | 2.5                                     | 95%                     | 68%                  | 66%                            | +2  | 70%                   | 0%                         | 23-29                        | 31%                             | 70%             | 48%                |
| Bennington College (VT)  | 2.1                                     | 74%                     | 56%                  | N/A                            | N/A   | 97%                   | 4%                         | 1181                         | 27%                             | 66%             | 32%                |
| Birmingham-Southern College (AL)   | 2.3                                     | 90%                     | 70%                  | 67%                            | +3  | 61%                   | 1%                         | 24-30                        | 49%                             | 95%             | 33%                |
| College of Wooster (OH)  | 2.6                                     | 85%                     | 72%                  | 70%                            | +2  | 61%                   | 2%                         | 1020-1260                    | 35%                             | 89%             | 40%                |
| Denison University (OH)  | 2.6                                     | 80%                     | 78%                  | 71%                            | +7  | 61%                   | 0%                         | 1060-1270                    | 35%                             | 82%             | 38%                |
| DePauw University (IN)   | 2.7                                     | 90%                     | 77%                  | 75%                            | +2  | 59%                   | 1%                         | 1080-1290                    | 47%                             | 82%             | 40%                |
| Dickinson College (PA)   | 2.7                                     | 88%                     | 82%                  | 74%                            | +8  | 69%                   | 1%                         | 1060-1240                    | 28%                             | 83%             | 34%                |
| Drew University (NJ)   | 2.3                                     | 90%                     | 74%                  | 79%                            | -5  | 72%                   | 3%                         | 1110-1360                    | 49%                             | 73%             | 26%                |
| Earlham College (IN)   | 2.9                                     | 83%                     | 67%                  | 76%                            | -9  | 63%                   | 0%                         | 1060-1340                    | 25%                             | 83%             | 43%                |
| Furman University (SC)   | 2.6                                     | 89%                     | 76%                  | 74%                            | +2  | 58%                   | 1%                         | 1140-1330                    | 54%                             | 80%             | 41%                |
| Gettysburg College (PA)  | 2.6                                     | 87%                     | 79%                  | 76%                            | +3  | 64%                   | 0%                         | 1095-1285                    | 40%                             | 66%             | 34%                |
| Gustavus Adolphus College (MN)   | 2.4                                     | 88%                     | 77%                  | 66%                            | +11   | 56%                   | 4%                         | 1090-1330                    | 37%                             | 83%             | 53%                |
| Hendrix College (AR)   | 2.3                                     | 75%                     | 63%                  | 67%                            | -4  | 69%                   | 1%                         | 24-29                        | 48%                             | 90%             | 36%                |
| Hobart and William Smith Col. (NY)   | 2.4                                     | 82%                     | 74%                  | 74%                            | None  | 62%                   | 2%                         | 1040-1220                    | 26%                             | 78%             | 33%                |
| Hollins College (VA)   | 2.1                                     | 79%                     | 67%                  | 65%                            | +2  | 81%                   | 2%                         | 1030-1210                    | 24%                             | 81%             | 49%                |
| Illinois Wesleyan University   | 2.2                                     | 92%                     | 80%                  | 68%                            | +12   | 59%                   | 1%                         | 26-28                        | 48%                             | 61%             | 41%                |
| Kalamazoo College (MI)   | 2.6                                     | 85%                     | 69%                  | 75%                            | -6  | 31%                   | 3%                         | 26-30                        | 43%                             | 94%             | 46%                |
| Knox College (IL)  | 2.3                                     | 84%                     | 75%                  | 72%                            | +3  | 64%                   | 1%                         | 23-29                        | 39%                             | 82%             | 41%                |
| Lake Forest College (IL)   | 2.3                                     | 76%                     | 68%                  | 68%                            | None  | 61%                   | 1%                         | 21-26                        | 22%                             | 80%             | 30%                |
| Lewis and Clark College (OR)   | 2.4                                     | 77%                     | 62%                  | 68%                            | -6  | 63%                   | 2%                         | 1140-1340                    | 38%                             | 68%             | 26%                |
| Millsaps College (MS)  | 2.2                                     | 84%                     | 78%                  | 67%                            | +11   | 57%                   | 0%                         | 25-29                        | 50%                             | 78%             | 31%                |
| Muhlenberg College (PA)  | 2.0                                     | 92%                     | 78%                  | 71%                            | +7  | 54%                   | 5%                         | 1085-1233                    | 33%                             | 67%             | 39%                |
| Dhio Wesleyan University   | 2.2                                     | 80%                     | 68%                  | 72%                            | -4  | 55%                   | 2%                         | 1070-1320                    | 30%                             | 85%             | 32%                |
| Pitzer College (CA)  | 2.8                                     | 80%                     | 76%                  | 77%                            | -1  | 57%                   | 5%                         | 1090-1310                    | 39%                             | 76%             | 28%                |
| Randolph-Macon Woman's College (VA)  | 2.2                                     | 77%                     | 63%                  | 69%                            | -6  | 77%                   | 1%                         | 1060-1270                    | 37%                             | 90%             | 56%                |
| Reed College (OR)  | 3.2                                     | 85%                     | 70%                  | 84%                            | -14   | N/A                   | N/A                        | 1290-1470                    | N/A                             | 76%             | 35%                |
| Rhodes College (TN)  | 2.8                                     | 86%                     | 73%                  | 79%                            | -6  | 63%                   | 1%                         | 1180-1370                    | 60%                             | 75%             | 46%                |
| Ripon College (WI)   | 2.0                                     | 78%                     | 63%                  | 65%                            | -2  | 78%                   | 5%                         | 22-27                        | 27%                             | 88%             | 44%                |
| Skidmore College (NY)  | 2.6                                     | 88%                     | 80%                  | 75%                            | +5  | 74%                   | 3%                         | 1085-1270                    | 22%                             | 66%             | 48%                |
| Southwestern University (TX)   | 2.3                                     | 84%                     | 71%                  | 74%                            | -3  | 66%                   | 1%                         | 1080-1310                    | 41%                             | 79%             | 37%                |
| St. John's College (MD)  | 2.8                                     | 80%                     | 63%                  | 84%                            | -21   | 97%                   | 1%                         | 1150-1380                    | 18%                             | 84%             | 33%                |
| St. John's College (NM)  | 2.6                                     | 84%                     | 54%                  | 78%                            | -24   | 92%                   | 2%                         | 1130-1370                    | 28%                             | 81%             | 28%                |
| St. Lawrence University (NY)   | 2.4                                     | 84%                     | 81%                  | 70%                            | +11   | 66%                   | 2%                         | 1040-1240                    | 29%                             | 66%             | 42%                |
| St. Mary's College of Maryland   | 2.2                                     | 87%                     | 76%                  | 74%                            | +2  | 66%                   | 1%                         | 1170-1360                    | 48%                             | 58%             | 24%                |
| St. Olaf College (MN)  | 2.8                                     | 87%                     | 80%                  | 71%                            | +9  | 59%                   | 2%                         | 24-29                        | 37%                             | 81%             | 29%                |
| Sweet Briar College (VA)   | 2.1                                     | 80%                     | 71%                  | 67%                            | +4  | 86%                   | 0%                         | 1000-1230                    | 28%                             | 91%             | 40%                |
| Thomas Aquinas College (CA)  | 1.7                                     | 83%                     | 64%                  | N/A                            | N/A   | 100%                  | 0%                         | 24-28                        | 43%                             | 81%             | 53%                |
| University of Puget Sound (WA)   | 2.3                                     | 85%                     | 70%                  | 71%                            | -1  | 51%                   | 2%                         | 1120-1300                    | 45%                             | 82%             | 18%                |
| Ursinus College (PA)   | 2.0                                     | 93%                     | 73%                  | 70%                            | +3  | 74%                   | 2%                         | 1080-1270                    | 45%                             | 81%             | 37%                |
| Wabash College (IN)  | 2.4                                     | 84%                     | 70%                  | 75%                            | -5  | 73%                   | 3%                         | 1050-1310                    | 36%                             | 69%             | 42%                |
| Wells College (NY)   | 1.8                                     | 77%                     | 71%                  | 68%                            | +3  | 85%                   | 1%                         | 1020-1260                    | 32%                             | 87%             | 47%                |
| Wheaton College (IL)   | 2.4                                     | 92%                     | 83%                  | 75%                            | +8  | 49%                   | 3%                         | 1200-1400                    | 63%                             | 52%             | 43%                |
| Wheaton College (MA)   | 2.5                                     | 84%                     | 73%                  | 70%                            | +3  | 76%                   | 5%                         | 22-28                        | 20%                             | 75%             | 46%                |
| Willamette University (OR)   | 2.3                                     | 89%                     | 78%                  | 71%                            | +7  | 64%                   | 0%                         | 1120-1300                    | 55%                             | 74%             | 32%                |
| Wittenberg University (OH)   | 2.1                                     | 81%                     | 73%                  | 63%                            | +10   | 55%                   | 0%                         | 24-28                        | 42%                             | 89%             | 27%                |
| Wofford College (SC)   | 2.0                                     | 89%                     | 84%                  | 67%                            | +17   | 60%                   | 2%                         | 1040-1230                    | 36%                             | 89%             | 42%                |
| <b>Third Tier - National Liberal Arts Colleges</b> (Ranking begins at 93; schools are listed alphabetically.)  |   |                         |                      |                                |   |                       |                            |                              |                                 |                 |                    |
| Albion College (MI)  | 2.2                                     | 82%                     | 59%                  | 64%                            | -5  | 47%                   | 2%                         | 22-28                        | 41%                             | 92%             | 34%                |
| Alma College (MI)  | 2.1                                     | 87%                     | 69%                  | 62%                            | +7  | 52%                   | 4%                         | 23-28                        | 40%                             | 90%             | 39%                |
| Antioch College (OH)   | 2.0                                     | 68%                     | 49%                  | 69%                            | -20   | 87%                   | 1%                         | 1030-1270                    | 17%                             | 80%             | 35%                |
| Bethany College (WV)   | 1.5                                     | 78%                     | 54%                  | 57%                            | -3  | 78%                   | 4%                         | 902-1245                     | 33%                             | 71%             | 31%                |
| Central College (IA)   | 1.7                                     | 75%                     | 67%                  | 61%                            | +6  | 64%                   | 3%                         | 21-27                        | 25%                             | 86%             | 20%                |
| Coe College (IA)   | 2.1                                     | 76%                     | 65%                  | 63%                            | +2  | 77%                   | 0%                         | 21-27                        | 24%                             | 94%             | 31%                |
| College of St. Benedict (MN)   | 1.7                                     | 86%                     | 70%                  | 58%                            | +12   | 46%                   | 0%                         | 21-28                        | 34%                             | 92%             | 28%                |
| Cornell College (IA)   | 2.2                                     | 73%                     | 60%                  | 66%                            | -6  | 67%                   | 0%                         | 23-28                        | 26%                             | 88%             | 35%                |
| Eckerd College (FL)  | 2.0                                     | 77%                     | 59%                  | 71%                            | -12   | 55%                   | 1%                         | 1030-1270                    | 32%                             | 83%             | 24%                |
| Ersine College (SC)  | 1.5                                     | 81%                     | 67%                  | 60%                            | +7  | 75%                   | 0%                         | 970-1250                     | 44%                             | 86%             | 39%                |
| Goucher College (MD)   | 2.2                                     | 83%                     | 59%                  | 75%                            | -16   | 75%                   | 1%                         | 1070-1280                    | 29%                             | 87%             | 41%                |
| Guilford College (NC)  | 2.1                                     | 77%                     | 62%                  | 66%                            | -4  | 68%                   | 0%                         | 1010-1260                    | 24%                             | 86%             | 28%                |
| Hamline University (MN)  | 1.9                                     | 80%                     | 59%                  | 66%                            | -7  | 65%                   | 3%                         | 22-28                        | 33%                             | 84%             | 36%                |

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| School Name (State)                | Academic reputation score (4.0=highest) | Freshman retention rate | 1996 graduation rate | 1996 predicted graduation rate | Value added (grad. rate minus predicted rate) | % of classes under 20 | % of classes of 50 or more | SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile | Freshmen in top 10% of HS class | Acceptance rate | Alumni giving rate |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Hampden-Sydney College (VA)        | 2.2                                     | 76%                     | 68%                  | 71%                            | -3  | 62%                   | 3%                         | 1010-1220                    | 20%                             | 89%             | 41%                |
| Hampshire College (MA)             | 2.2                                     | 85%                     | 57%                  | 76%                            | -19   | 71%                   | 1%                         | 1100-1340                    | 30%                             | 68%             | 27%                |
| Hanover College (IN)               | 1.8                                     | 81%                     | 67%                  | 63%                            | +4  | 65%                   | 2%                         | 1060-1250                    | 48%                             | 71%             | 25%                |
| Hartwick College (NY)              | 1.9                                     | 75%                     | 69%                  | 62%                            | +7  | N/A                   | N/A                        | 1010-1200                    | N/A                             | 88%             | 28%                |
| Hiram College (OH)                 | 1.7                                     | 77%                     | 72%                  | 68%                            | +4  | 82%                   | 5%                         | 20-27                        | 30%                             | 87%             | 34%                |
| Hope College (MI)                  | 2.2                                     | 85%                     | 67%                  | 62%                            | +5  | 55%                   | 3%                         | 22-28                        | 34%                             | 91%             | 40%                |
| Juniata College (PA)               | 1.6                                     | 81%                     | 72%                  | 69%                            | +3  | 50%                   | 5%                         | 1132                         | N/A                             | 85%             | 41%                |
| Luther College (IA)                | 2.0                                     | 88%                     | 75%                  | 61%                            | +14   | 43%                   | 5%                         | 23-28                        | 39%                             | 93%             | 39%                |
| Mills College (CA)                 | 2.5                                     | 74%                     | 66%                  | 70%                            | -4  | N/A                   | N/A                        | 1040-1250                    | 27%                             | 84%             | 30%                |
| Morehouse College (GA)             | 2.2                                     | 81%                     | 51%                  | 57%                            | -6  | 48%                   | 3%                         | 930-1190                     | 40%                             | 68%             | 21%                |
| Oglethorpe University (GA)         | 1.8                                     | 81%                     | 50%                  | 69%                            | -19   | 74%                   | 0%                         | 1130-1300                    | 42%                             | 78%             | 34%                |
| Presbyterian College (SC)          | 1.9                                     | 88%                     | 81%                  | 63%                            | +18   | 63%                   | 3%                         | 1080-1240                    | 33%                             | 82%             | 40%                |
| Randolph-Macon College (VA)        | 2.1                                     | 80%                     | 67%                  | 67%                            | None  | 79%                   | 0%                         | 990-1170                     | 18%                             | 81%             | 32%                |
| Siena College (NY)                 | 1.6                                     | 88%                     | 81%                  | 65%                            | +16   | 36%                   | 0%                         | 1000-1180                    | 22%                             | 76%             | 33%                |
| Spelman College (GA)               | 2.5                                     | 89%                     | 82%                  | 62%                            | +20   | 49%                   | 2%                         | 980-1170                     | N/A                             | 54%             | 20%                |
| St. John's University (MN)         | 2.1                                     | 84%                     | 67%                  | 62%                            | +5  | 46%                   | 0%                         | 22-27                        | 21%                             | 87%             | 35%                |
| Transylvania University (KY)       | 1.9                                     | 80%                     | 71%                  | 69%                            | +2  | 56%                   | 4%                         | 23-29                        | 54%                             | 91%             | 43%                |
| University of Dallas               | 1.8                                     | 83%                     | 57%                  | 69%                            | -12   | N/A                   | N/A                        | 1070-1310                    | 40%                             | 89%             | 30%                |
| Virginia Military Institute        | 1.9                                     | 78%                     | 67%                  | 67%                            | None  | 67%                   | 4%                         | 1020-1220                    | N/A                             | 78%             | 36%                |
| Washington and Jefferson Col. (PA) | 1.9                                     | 88%                     | 75%                  | 65%                            | +10   | 61%                   | 3%                         | 1000-1230                    | 39%                             | 86%             | 26%                |
| Washington College (MD)            | 1.9                                     | 83%                     | 67%                  | 64%                            | +3  | 75%                   | 1%                         | 1030-1210                    | 33%                             | 84%             | 32%                |
| Whittier College (CA)              | 2.0                                     | 73%                     | 67%                  | 63%                            | +4  | 61%                   | 2%                         | 920-1190                     | 27%                             | 70%             | 26%                |

## Fourth Tier - National Liberal Arts Colleges (Ranking begins at 128; schools are listed alphabetically.)

|                                    |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |           |     |     |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-----|-----|
| Albright College (PA)              | 1.5 | 81% | 67% | 71% | -4   | 63% | 1%  | 948-1180  | 26% | 85% | 26% |
| Chatham College (PA)               | 1.5 | 73% | 51% | N/A | N/A  | 75% | 1%  | 980-1170  | 22% | 87% | 33% |
| Concordia College-Moorhead (MN)    | 1.7 | 80% | 69% | 60% | +9   | 47% | 2%  | 21-27     | 29% | 93% | 29% |
| Franklin College (IN)              | 1.6 | 73% | 52% | 63% | -11  | 64% | 0%  | 970-1190  | 21% | 86% | 28% |
| Georgetown College (KY)            | 1.6 | 71% | 47% | 51% | -4   | 64% | 0%  | 21-26     | 34% | 94% | 23% |
| Gordon College (MA)                | 1.5 | 80% | 64% | 62% | +2   | 68% | 6%  | 1000-1220 | 23% | 85% | 37% |
| Goshen College (IN)                | 1.6 | 82% | 70% | 63% | +7   | 62% | 2%  | 940-1220  | 24% | 86% | 45% |
| Hastings College (NE)              | 1.5 | 76% | 51% | 55% | -4   | 54% | 0%  | 21-27     | 29% | 95% | 24% |
| Houghton College (NY)              | 1.5 | 85% | 60% | 62% | -2   | 66% | 3%  | 1060-1290 | 39% | 77% | 32% |
| Huntingdon College (AL)            | 1.5 | 68% | 43% | 56% | -13  | 79% | 0%  | 21-26     | 28% | 76% | 24% |
| Illinois College                   | 1.6 | 73% | 52% | 50% | +2   | 67% | 2%  | 21-26     | 28% | 88% | 31% |
| Judson College (AL)                | 1.2 | 65% | 52% | 54% | -2   | 79% | 1%  | 23        | 33% | 78% | 37% |
| Manhattanville College (NY)        | 1.6 | 76% | 60% | 67% | -7   | 75% | 1%  | 945-1410  | 30% | 73% | 20% |
| Marlboro College (VT)              | 1.5 | 71% | 39% | 71% | -32  | 97% | 0%  | 1050-1250 | 10% | 72% | 59% |
| Monmouth College (IL)              | 1.6 | 76% | 45% | 58% | -13  | 45% | 2%  | 19-28     | 17% | 77% | 34% |
| Moravian College (PA)              | 1.7 | 86% | 73% | 66% | +7   | 39% | 1%  | 1030-1210 | 25% | 81% | 28% |
| Nebraska Wesleyan University       | 1.7 | 83% | 65% | 59% | +6   | 56% | 3%  | 24        | 22% | 99% | 40% |
| Richard Stockton Col. of N.J.      | 1.5 | 85% | 61% | 55% | +6   | 24% | 2%  | 1070-1260 | 23% | 48% | 10% |
| Salem College (NC)                 | 1.5 | 78% | 56% | 62% | -6   | 73% | 1%  | 970-1220  | 29% | 87% | 45% |
| Shepherd College (WV)              | 1.3 | 64% | 41% | 48% | -7   | 55% | 1%  | 18-20     | 12% | 50% | 15% |
| Simon's Rock College of Bard (MA)  | 1.9 | 79% | 28% | 79% | -51  | 95% | 0%  | 1000-1300 | N/A | 76% | 14% |
| St. Andrews Presbyterian Col. (NC) | 1.5 | 62% | 51% | 60% | -9   | 73% | 0%  | 835-1215  | N/A | 84% | 17% |
| University of Minnesota-Morris     | 1.6 | 81% | 62% | 62% | None | 30% | 16% | 23-28     | 42% | 84% | 19% |
| U. of North Carolina-Asheville     | 2.0 | 78% | 40% | 57% | -17  | 62% | 3%  | 1030-1250 | 29% | 60% | 8%  |
| Virginia Wesleyan College          | 1.4 | 64% | 37% | 60% | -23  | 61% | 3%  | 920-1130  | 12% | 88% | 10% |
| Wartburg College (IA)              | 1.6 | 82% | 55% | 56% | -1   | 42% | 5%  | 21-26     | 32% | 87% | 37% |
| Wesleyan College (GA)              | 1.6 | 65% | 45% | 65% | -20  | 74% | 0%  | 950-1220  | 28% | 84% | 28% |
| Western Maryland College           | 1.7 | 81% | 60% | 61% | -1   | 63% | 3%  | 1000-1210 | 36% | 83% | 28% |
| Westminster College (MO)           | 1.6 | 72% | 60% | 60% | None | 69% | 0%  | 22-28     | 30% | 89% | 22% |
| Westminster College (PA)           | 1.6 | 89% | 71% | 58% | +13  | N/A | N/A | 1079      | 22% | 88% | 35% |
| Westmont College (CA)              | 1.5 | 85% | 62% | 64% | -2   | 59% | 5%  | 1030-1250 | 43% | 86% | 27% |
| William Jewell College (MO)        | 1.6 | 80% | 56% | 57% | -1   | 77% | 1%  | 21-27     | 33% | 87% | 14% |

### FOOTNOTES

1. School refused to fill out U.S. News survey.
2. SAT I and/or ACT not required.
3. Data not submitted in the form requested by U.S. News.
4. Data reported to U.S. News in previous years.
5. Data reported to Wintergreen/Orchard House Inc.
6. Statistical estimate by U.S. News.
7. Data based on fewer than 51% of enrolled freshmen.

8. Data reported to the NCAA.
9. Data reported to the Council for Aid to Education.
10. Average graduation or freshman retention rates for the previous four years when schools didn't report to U.S. News rates for the most recent year or years.
11. Average graduation rate reported to Wintergreen/Orchard House Inc.
12. Statistical estimate of four-year average graduation rate by U.S. News.

13. Data reported to U.S. News in previous years and based on fewer than 51% of enrolled freshmen.
14. SAT I and/or ACT not required by school; data reported to U.S. News in previous years.
15. Data reported to U.S. News in previous years, based on fewer than 51% of enrolled freshmen, and not submitted in form requested.
16. Data reported to U.S. News in previous years and not submitted in form requested.

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3-YEAR HISTORY**

|               | 1996        |             | 1995        |             | 1994        |             |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|               | <u>Apps</u> | <u>Accs</u> | <u>Apps</u> | <u>Accs</u> | <u>Apps</u> | <u>Accs</u> |
|               |             | <u>Pds</u>  |             | <u>Pds</u>  |             | <u>Pds</u>  |
| TOTAL POOL    | 2142        | 1745        | 2234        | 1810        | 2218        | 1831        |
| CLA           | 2038        | 1662        | 2116        | 1709        | 2099        | 1736        |
| SOM           | 104         | 83          | 118         | 101         | 119         | 95          |
| FRESHMEN      | 2076        | 1689        | 2190        | 1771        | 2159        | 1779        |
| TRANSFER      | 47          | 37          | 25          | 20          | 39          | 33          |
| AUDIT         | 19          | 19          | 19          | 19          | 20          | 19          |
| AFRICAN AM.   | 179         | 117         | 229         | 160         | 206         | 145         |
| HISPANIC LAT. | 67          | 57          | 103         | 83          | 92          | 75          |
| ASIAN AM.     | 50          | 43          | 45          | 40          | 58          | 51          |
| NATIVE AM.    | 5           | 3           | 10          | 6           | 7           | 5           |
| MULTIRACIAL   | 32          | 24          | 17          | 11          | 18          | 6           |
| INTERNATIONAL | <u>81</u>   | <u>51</u>   | <u>82</u>   | <u>58</u>   | <u>59</u>   | <u>51</u>   |
| TOTAL MC      | 414         | 295         | 486         | 358         | 440         | 333         |
| MALE          | 930         | 740         | 1005        | 769         | 1021        | 831         |
| FEMALE        | 1174        | 1005        | 1229        | 1041        | 1197        | 1000        |
| ALUMNI TIES   | 314         | 269         | 278         | 239         | 282         | 246         |
| ATHLETES      | 1006        | 825         | 1060        | 853         | 1071        | 866         |
| INDIANA       | 722         | 617         | 715         | 609         | 732         | 618         |
| OUT OF STATE  | 1420        | 1128        | 1519        | 1201        | 1486        | 1213        |
|               |             | 373         | 349         | 381         |             |             |





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