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## Profile of a Changing Freshman Class

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EDUCATORS believe, strongly, that exposure to students of different cultures makes for an enriched educational environment. For this issue's Data column, we asked colleges and universities for a profile of this fall's freshman class and, for context, matriculants of five years ago. Clearly, the statistical landscape is shifting (some numbers are preliminary).

A change last year in the way race is reported to the government may affect how diverse campuses look. "Underrepresented minorities," usually Hispanic and black students, have been the major indicator of diversity. In the new reporting, all students who check being of Hispanic ethnicity are reported as Hispanic, regardless of their race; and students now have the option of selecting more than one race.

Patricia Perea, interim director at the Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America at Brown University, doesn't believe race gives the full picture. "Socioeconomic diversity is important, too," she says.

That indicator is found in the number of low-income Pell Grant recipients (note the post-recession increase), and students who are of the first generation in their family to attend college. Also, some major state universities, particularly in Illinois, California and New York, have turned to more out-of-state or international students, for diversity, yes, but also because they pay higher tuitions.

RESOURCE:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/11/06/education/edlife/profile-of-a-changing-freshman-class.html?pagewanted=print>

Private Colleges and Universities	% of freshman class, 2011 / 2006				
	Underrepresented Minorities*	Pell Grant	First Generation	International	Out of State
American (D.C.)	24% / 7%	24% / 10%	8% / 2%	6% / 2%	87% / 82%
Amherst (Mass.)	36 / 26	20 / 20	14 / 16	8 / 7	89 / 84
Barnard (N.Y.)	20 / 15	20 / 19	9 / n.a.	7 / 3	72 / 69
Bates (Me.)	8 / 4	13 / 7	6 / 8	6 / 5	90 / 91
Baylor (Tex.)	21 / 16	21 / 13	13 / 10	3 / 3	26 / 20
Berea (Ky.)	27 / 13	97 / 85	48 / 53	6 / 8	56 / 58
Boston College	29 / 26	12 / 9	15 / 13	6 / 3	78 / 75
Boston University	14 / 11	13 / 9	n.a.	16 / 6	83 / 81
Bowdoin (Me.)	20 / 10	18 / 10	12 / 9	5 / 4	89 / 89
Brown (R.I.)	20 / 18	15 / 10	16 / 11	11 / 7	96 / 96
Bucknell (Pa.)	9 / 7	9 / 7	11 / 12	6 / 3	77 / 75
Carleton (Minn.)	23 / 19	14 / 10	12 / 7	10 / 8	81 / 78
Carnegie Mellon (Pa.)	17 / 10	15 / 12	13 / 18	9 / 12	86 / 80
Columbia (N.Y.)	28 / 22	16 / 11	14 / 13	17 / 9	n.a. / 73
Connecticut College	17 / 13	16 / 10	15 / 10	4 / 5	85 / 88
Cooper Union (N.Y.)	49 / 44	16 / 15	33 / 33	10 / 10	44 / 41
Cornell (N.Y.)	20 / 15	15 / 12	n.a.	10 / 8	70 / 69
Dartmouth (N.H.)	19 / 18	11 / 14	10 / 14	7 / 9	97 / 97
Davidson (N.C.)	12 / 13	12 / 10	8 / 5	5 / 3	79 / 81
Duke (N.C.)	18 / 16	14 / 8	6 / 6	8 / 6	89 / 86
Emory (Ga.)	13 / 12	18 / 10	4 / 2	13 / 8	83 / 80
George Washington (D.C.)	15 / 12	12 / 8	n.a.	7 / 4	99 / 99
Hamilton (N.Y.)	20 / 18	n.a.	13 / n.a.	4 / 5	70 / 65
Harvard (Mass.)	23 / 19	18 / 12	n.a.	12 / 9	88 / 87
Johns Hopkins (Md.)	18 / 14	12 / 11	8 / 8	13 / 4	91 / 87
Lehigh (Pa.)	13 / 11	16 / 12	11 / n.a.	5 / 3	75 / 78
Long Island U. (C.W. Post)	30 / 26	34 / 25	n.a.	11 / 4	11 / 10
Middlebury (Vt.)	11 / 11	10 / 9	8 / 5	10 / 12	94 / 96
New York University	16 / 10	22 / 15	14 / n.a.	12 / 6	73 / 72
Oberlin (Ohio)	21 / 18	9 / 8	7 / 8	7 / 5	92 / 92
Pepperdine (Calif.)	52 / 29	24 / 12	22 / n.a.	7 / 5	47 / 57
Pitzer (Calif.)	28 / 32	11 / 12	7 / n.a.	2 / 0	58 / 49
Pomona (Calif.)	24 / 22	16 / 14	18 / 9	7 / 4	68 / 67
Princeton (N.J.)	15 / 18	13 / 10	9 / 11	11 / 10	n.a.
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (N.Y.)	11 / 11	19 / 13	12 / 12	7 / 2	73 / 71
Rice (Tex.)	20 / 20	17 / 10	11 / 5	10 / 7	55 / 53
Stanford (Calif.)	31 / 25	16 / 12	16 / 16	8 / 6	61 / 60
Southern Methodist (Tex.)	19 / 11	15 / 9	8 / 3	5 / 6	55 / 55
Swarthmore (Pa.)	25 / 24	18 / 8	11 / 14	9 / 6	88 / 87
Tufts (Mass.)	27 / 25	11 / 7	9 / n.a.	7 / 6	82 / 78
Tulane (La.)	15 / 19	11 / 13	n.a.	2 / 2	86 / 81
U. of Richmond (Va.)	14 / 11	14 / 8	16 / 11	10 / 4	84 / 83
U. of Pennsylvania	23 / 17	15 / 8	11 / n.a.	15 / 12	83 / 83
Union (N.Y.)	11 / 8	16 / 10	14 / 6	5 / 3	66 / 66
Vanderbilt (Tenn.)	29 / 22	14 / 11	3 / 4	6 / 3	89 / 84
Wake Forest (N.C.)	22 / 17	13 / 6	9 / n.a.	2 / 2	78 / 77
Washington & Lee (Va.)	12 / 11	11 / 4	9 / 8	4 / 4	88 / 86
Washington U. in St. Louis (Mo.)	13 / 12	6 / 4	4 / 6	6 / 4	93 / 91
Wesleyan (Conn.)	21 / 17	21 / 14	18 / 14	9 / 6	92 / 95
Williams (Mass.)	23 / 18	20 / 15	17 / 16	7 / 7	90 / 89
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (Mass.)	12 / 7	15 / 11	n.a.	14 / 9	63 / 54

0 = less than 0.5%; numbers are rounded

\*Hispanic/Latino, American Indian, Alaska native, black/African-American, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander. The way data is reported changed in 2010.