

2009 Enrolling First-Year Class Facts and Statistics

The class enrolling this month is the best prepared and most diverse in Carolina history. Every key academic indicator has risen compared to last year.

Consistent with a five-year trend, this class includes a growing share of the very best students from North Carolina. It also includes greater numbers of low-income students, international students, and students whose parents do not hold a college or university degree.

Key Facts—Enrolling North Carolinians:

- As of August 18, the class includes 3,127 North Carolinians.
- These North Carolinians include 640 students scoring 1400 or higher (Critical Reading and Math combined) on the SAT—43 percent of all the high-school seniors statewide who scored at or above this level. We know of no university, public or private, that enrolls such a large share of its state's highest-scoring students. And Carolina's share continues to increase: from 41 percent last year and from 36 percent five years ago.
- Eighty percent of the enrolling North Carolinians graduated in the top 10 percent of their high-school class, compared to 74 percent five years ago.
- Forty-one percent of the enrolling North Carolinians graduated in the top 3 percent of their high-school class, compared to 33 percent five years ago.
- Nearly 70 percent (69.7) of all admitted North Carolinians chose to enroll—the highest yield among resident students in more than 10 years.

Key Facts—Applied/Admitted/Enrolled:

Number applied:	23,048	(+7.2 percent compared to last year)
Number admitted:	7,344	(+0.5 percent)
Percentage admitted:	31.9	(-2.1 percentage points)
Number expected to enroll:	3,953	(+2.3 percent)
Expected yield:	53.8	(+0.9 percentage points)

Key Facts—Enrolling Class:

Average SAT score (CR+M):	1302	(+1 point compared to last year)
Average ACT score:	28.7	(+0.6 point)
Percentage graduating in top 10 percent:	79.6	(+0.5 percentage point compared to last year)
Percentage graduating in top 10:	43.8	(+0.9 percentage point)
Percentage graduating 1st or 2nd:	13.5	(+0.2 percentage point)
Percentage reporting race/ethnicity as African American:	11.5	(+0.7 percentage point compared to last year)

Asian American:	8.9	(+0.2 percentage point)
American Indian:	1.1	(+0.3 percentage point)
Hawaiian, Pacific Islander:	0.1	(unchanged)
Hispanic:	5.9	(+0.3 percentage point)
Other:	2.9	(+0.1 percentage point)
Not reported:	2.3	(unchanged)
Caucasian:	67.3	(-1.6 percentage points)
Percentage first-generation-college:	19.0	(+0.8 percentage points compared to last year)
North Carolina counties represented:	97	(-2 compared to last year)
Other states and District of Columbia:	44	(+3)
Other countries:	23	(+5)
Nonresident aliens/international students:	89	(+38 or 74.5 percent compared to last year)
Carolina Covenant Scholars:	428	(+80 or 23.0% compared to last year)
Percentage of class traveling outside U.S.:	57.5	(+3 percentage points compared to last year)
Percentage fluent in another language:	19.3	(+3 percentage points)
Percentage president of a class or club:	49.2	(+1 percentage point)
Percentage conducting research:	26.5	(-1 percentage point)
Most popular intended majors:	Biology, business administration, chemistry, journalism, psychology, political science	