

# ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

## CORNELL UNIVERSITY

### PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2008

This profile mainly provides information about first-years who declared an intent to enroll in the Fall of 2004. The reporting of these objective data should not be interpreted to mean these are the most important criteria in the selection process. Other factors, such as secondary school curriculum and performance, special talents, extracurricular activities, essays, and interviews (when required) are critical to our decision making as well.

There are seven undergraduate colleges at Cornell: Agriculture and Life Sciences; Architecture, Art and Planning; Arts and Sciences; Engineering; Hotel Administration; Human Ecology; and Industrial and Labor Relations. Freshman and transfer applicants may apply to any one of the seven. For more information on Cornell's programs and the application process, please contact the [Undergraduate Admissions Office](#), 410 Thurston Avenue, Ithaca, New York 14850-2488, 607 255-5241, or send e-mail at [admissions@cornell.edu](mailto:admissions@cornell.edu). An admissions officer will be happy to respond to your questions.

#### Application Options

Fall Early Decision *	Application due November 10	Reply date Mid December
Fall Regular Decision	Application due January 1	<i>Agriculture and Life Sciences; Hotel and Industrial and Labor Relations:</i> Rolling from February 15 through early April.  Other four colleges: Early April
Fall Transfer Decision	Application due March 15	Rolling till June 15

\* If Cornell is your first choice and you're applying for first-year admission, consider applying under the early decision plan [EDP]. Your application will be read in the fall, and you'll be notified by mid December of Cornell's decision. Between 30-40 percent of recent classes came to Cornell through EDP. Because enthusiasm for Cornell is considered a plus, early decision applicants stand a slightly better chance of gaining admission---a fact reflected in the statistics.

Remember that an early decision application is a commitment. You can apply under early decision to only one college or university. If you're accepted at Cornell, you must withdraw any applications sent to other schools and send your acceptance deposit by January 1.

#### Applicant Group

	Applications	Acceptances	Declared Intent to Enroll **
Early Decision	2,546	1,120	1,098
Regular Decision	18,276	5,010	1,995
<b>Total First-time First-years</b>	<b>20,822</b>	<b>6,130</b>	<b>3,093</b>
<i>Transfer Decision</i>	<i>2,307</i>	<i>766</i>	<i>564</i>
<i>Total Pool *</i>	<i>23,129</i>	<i>6,896</i>	<i>3,657</i>

\* Total excludes special admissions students.

\*\* Data as of July 22, 2004 of students who declared an intent to enroll with a deposit. This is not to infer they actually enrolled as of the official census date.

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**Diversity (%)**

Geographic Diversity	Percent of Declared Intent to Enroll **	Race/Ethnicity Diversity	Percent of Declared Intent to Enroll **
New York	33.7%	American Indian	0.5%
New England	12.4%	African-American	4.7%
Middle Atlantic	22.0%	Hispanic-American	5.3%
Southeast	4.4%	Asian-American	15.9%
Southwest - Mountain	4.4%	Bi- or Multi-Cultural	4.4%
Midwest	7.3%	Caucasian	49.4%
Far West	9.2%	No Response	12.2%
International/U.S. Abroad	6.5%	Foreign [non U.S. citizen]	7.7%
Total	3,093	Total	3,093

Note: Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.  
 Geographic diversity reflects the location of the student's high school.

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**High School Class Rank**

	Applications	Acceptances	Declared Intent to Enroll **
Top 10%	6,862	2,765	85% (1,360)
Second 10%	1,558	222	10% (164)
Third and fourth 10%	918	79	4% (65)
Fifth to tenth 10%	261	9	1% (9)
<i>No rank reported</i>	<i>11,223</i>	<i>3,055</i>	<i>48% (1,495)</i>

Note: Percentages based on schools that rank their classes and may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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**SAT Score Distribution**

VERBAL	Applications	Acceptances	Declared Intent to Enroll **
700 – 800	7,166	3,249	43% (1,305)
650 - 699	4,725	1,426	26% (806)
600 - 649	3,877	865	19% (569)
550 - 599	1,994	332	7% (226)
500 - 549	1,088	148	4% (113)
400 - 499	666	38	1% (26)
200 - 399	105	2	0% (0)
No Report *	1,201	70	1% (46)

Note: Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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**SAT Score Distribution (continued)**

<b>MATH</b>	Applications	Acceptances	Declared Intent to Enroll **
700 – 800	10,800	4,223	61% (1,853)
650 - 699	4,241	1,071	22% (669)
600 - 649	2,407	492	11% (325)
550 - 599	1,273	203	5% (142)
500 - 549	567	60	2% (49)
400 - 499	303	10	<1% (8)
200 - 399	30	1	0% (1)
No Report *	1,201	70	1% (46)

Note: Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

**Other Statistics of the Class:**

Men	51%
Women	49%
Descendants of Alumni	14%
Early Decision	35%
Minority Students	31%
Recruited Athletes	6%
Need-based aid directly through Cornell	49%