

# ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

## CORNELL UNIVERSITY

### PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2012

This profile mainly provides information about first-years who declared an intent to enroll in the Fall of 2008. 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 1	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 until June 15

\* If Cornell is your first choice and you are applying for first-year admission, consider applying under the early decision plan [EDP]. Your application will be read in the fall, and you will 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 are 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	3,094	1,145	1,127
Regular Decision	29,979	5,689	2,056
<b>Total First-time First-year</b>	<b>33,073</b>	<b>6,834</b>	<b>3,183</b>
<i>Transfer Decision</i>	<i>2,918</i>	<i>801</i>	<i>616</i>
<i>Total Pool *</i>	<i>35,991</i>	<i>7,635</i>	<i>3,799</i>

\* Total excludes special admissions students.

\*\* Data as of July 14, 2008 of students who declared an intent to enroll with a deposit. This is not to imply 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	30%	Native Indian	< 1%
New England	11%	African-American	4%
Middle Atlantic	24%	Hispanic-American	6%
Southeast	5%	Asian-American	18%
Southwest - Mountain	4%	Bi- or Multi-Racial	6%
Midwest	7%	Caucasian	45%
Far West	10%	No Response/Other	10%
International/U.S. Abroad	8%	International	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,183</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,183</b>

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

**High School Class Rank**

	Applications	Acceptances	Declared Intent to Enroll **
Top 10%	6,121	2,644	88% (1,113)
Second 10%	1,078	142	9% (111)
Third and fourth 10%	587	37	2% (29)
Fifth to tenth 10%	204	16	1% (6)
<i>No rank reported</i>	<i>25,083</i>	<i>3,995</i>	<i>60% (1,924)</i>

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

**SAT Score Distribution**

VERBAL	Applications	Acceptances	Declared Intent to Enroll **
700 – 800	9,586	3,550	41% (1,245)
650 - 699	7,060	1,483	26% (779)
600 - 649	6,396	956	19% (576)
550 - 599	3,379	357	9% (255)
500 - 549	1,867	154	4% (122)
400 - 499	1,141	42	1% (32)
200 - 399	134	0	0% (0)
<i>No Report</i>	<i>3,510</i>	<i>292</i>	<i>6% (174)</i>

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**SAT Score Distribution (continued)**

<b>MATH</b>	Applications	Acceptances	Declared Intent to Enroll **
700 – 800	16,229	4,709	64% (1,921)
650 - 699	6,422	1,033	20% (587)
600 - 649	3,416	481	10% (299)
550 - 599	2,017	228	5% (137)
500 - 549	931	73	2% (51)
400 - 499	488	18	1% (14)
200 - 399	61	0	0% (0)
<i>No Report</i>	3,509	292	6% (174)

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

**Other Statistics of the Class:**

Men	50%
Women	50%
Descendants of Alumni	14%
Early Decision	35%
Minority Students	32%
Recruited Athletes	6%
Awarded Financial Aid	49%