

Class of 2023 Facts and Figures

40,595

TOTAL APPLICANTS

9%

ADMIT RATE

2,006

STUDENTS IN
FIRST YEAR CLASS

ABOUT

1/2

OF FIRST-YEAR CLASS
ADMITTED THROUGH
EARLY DECISION

Our Students Are¹:

1.2%

American Indian or Native Alaskan

24.6%

Asian American

10.2%

Black or African American

12.8%

Hispanic or Latinx

11.1%

International

57.2%

White

13%

First-generation college students

20.3%

Pell Grant recipients

¹Our reporting method tracks students who identify as multiple races/ethnicities in each category, so the numbers will exceed 100 percent. Over 17 percent of our first-year class indicated two or more races/ethnicities.

>90%

WERE IN THE TOP TEN PERCENT
OF THEIR GRADUATING CLASS

Admitted students middle 50% scores

1450–1550

New SAT
Combined Critical Reading & Math

33–35

ACT
Composite

73% OF UNDERGRADS
COMBINE TWO OR
MORE AREAS OF STUDY



Our 8,000+ undergrads
come from more than

95 COUNTRIES

**60+ languages
spoken**

Albanian / Amharic / Arabic / Belarusan / Bengali / Bulgarian / Cantonese / Catalan-Valencian-Balear / Chinese / Czech / Dutch / English / French / German / Greek / Gujarati / Hebrew / Hindi / Indonesian / Italian / Japanese / Kamba / Khmer, Central / Korean / Malay / Mandarin / Marathi / Nepali / Norwegian / Polish / Portuguese / Romanian / Russian / Serbian / Sindhi / Spanish / Swahili / Tagalog / Tamil / Telugu / Thai / Turkish / Ukrainian / Urdu / Vietnamese / Yoruba

60%
OF UNDERGRADUATES
RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

**\$195
MILLION**
IN NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID
AWARDED IN 2019-20

■ **FINANCIAL AID:**

Northwestern meets 100% of demonstrated financial need for all admitted students with loan-free financial aid packages. A very limited amount of need-based financial aid is available to international students. Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE to apply for financial aid.

■ **FIRST-YEAR APPLICATION PROCESS:**



Students can submit an application from either The Common Application or the Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success; Northwestern has no application preference. The QuestBridge application is accepted in conjunction with either The Common Application or the Coalition application.



■ **EARLY DECISION:**

Applicants to our Early Decision admission round agree to withdraw all applications at other colleges and enroll at Northwestern if admitted. In recent years, Early Decision applicants have comprised roughly one half of the incoming class. Given early applicants' high level of interest and the high concentration of academic and personal strengths represented across the early applicant pool, our Early Decision acceptance rate is typically higher than that of Regular Decision.

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