

			Class of 2025		Class of 2024		
	Expected Admit Rate if Same Number as Class of 2024	% Increase in Applications	Everyone figured the admit shares would get even more microscopic. And they did.				
Excess Number Rejected			SCHOOL	APPLICATIONS	ADMIT RATE %	ADMIT RATE 2020*	
47	5.5%	26%	Brown University	46,568	5.4	6.9	
182	4.0	51%	Columbia University	60,551	3.7	6.1	
-356	8.0	33%	Cornell University	68,500	8.5%	10.7	
113	6.6	33%	Dartmouth College	28,357	6.2	8.8	
57	3.5	42%	Harvard University	57,435	3.4	4.9	
338	4.9	15%	Princeton University	37,601	4.0	5.6	
225	6.1	33%	University of Pennsylvania	56,333	5.7	8.1	
Notes	135	4.9120	33.177%	Yale University	46,905	2,169/46,905 = 4.62%	2,304/35,220 = 6.54%
	742	total					
Notes: $4.9120 = 6.5417 / 1.33177$ $135 = (.0049120 - .0046242) \times 46,905$			Columbia+51%;Harvard+42%;Penn+33%;Yale 33;Cornell+33%;Dartmouth33%;Brown26%; Princeton 15% Chicago10.5%, Vandy46%				

For Class of 2024, Yale admitted 2,304. Call that “normal.”

For Class of 2025, Yale admitted 2,169 of 46,905; 135 (= 2,304 – 2,169) fewer than “normal.”

We can discuss the likely causes of these “excess rejects” and Princeton’s 338 “excess rejects.”

Some focus on the total getting rejection letters, 44,700, up over 33% from last year.

Yale Early [apps up 37%]	837	7,939	10.5%	796	5,776	13.78%
		[2025]			[2024]	

Once you remove the early action [EA] admits and remove the EA rejects, and move the EA deferrals to the regular application pool, then examine the acceptance rate in the regular application pool, the admit rate drops to 3.1%, about one-third the rate in the EA pool.

Innumeracy Illustrated

Insider

Acceptance rates at elite colleges hit a record low as students face cancelled college entrance exams and online learning difficulties

Bre'Anna Grant Apr 10, 2021, 1:59 PM



The coronavirus pandemic has made it harder for students who wish to land one of the coveted spots at an Ivy League university.

Acceptance rates at elite schools have hit a "record low" as the Class of 2025 faces hurdles brought on by the pandemic including canceled college entrance exams and remote learning difficulties.

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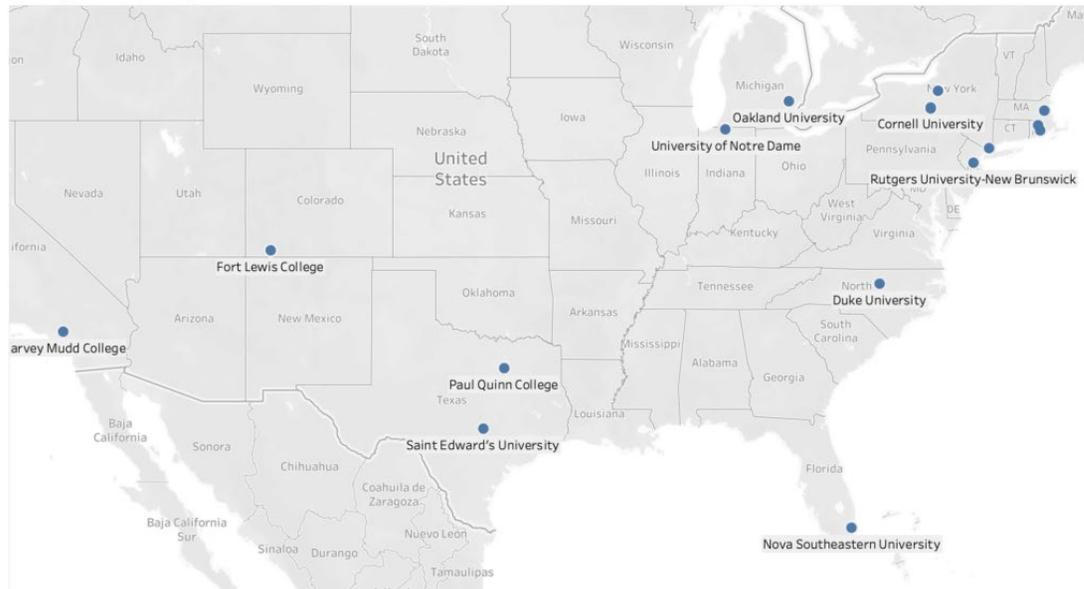
Despite a surge in applications, it is the lowest admissions rate in the college's history.

[Can a reporter write, "Because of a surge in applications ..."?]

From Benjy Renton's weekly newsletter, this one dated Apr 9, 2021. Seventeen colleges saying they will require vaccinations for fall 2021 in-person attendees.

Those New England schools include Northeastern and Brown. Nova Southeastern has pulled in its horns a bit in response to the Governor's proclamation. See separate exhibit for Brown's statement. Chronicle of Higher Education adds BU, Wesleyan, Syracuse, Johns Hopkins, St Mary's. Late additions include American, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Grinnell, Lasell.

Colleges Requiring Vaccinations



Vaccine Distribution Status at Brown

Starting in the Fall 2021 semester, Brown will require COVID-19 vaccines for all undergraduate, graduate and medical students who will be on campus or engage in any level of in-person instruction. Medical and religious exemptions from vaccination will be granted to students, and reasonable accommodations will be provided (as determined by applicable law).

Undergraduate and graduate students who are not vaccinated and do not qualify for a medical or religious exemption will not be permitted to access campus and will need to either petition to study remotely from their permanent residence or take a leave of absence. Medical students who are not vaccinated will receive information specific to the circumstances of medical education from the Warren Alpert Medical School administration.

Essay Content is Strongly Related to Household Income and SAT Scores: Evidence from 60,000 Undergraduate Applications

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ABSTRACT

There is substantial evidence of the potential for class bias in the use of standardized tests to evaluate college applicants, yet little comparable inquiry considers the written essays typically required of applicants to selective US colleges and universities. We utilize a corpus of 240,000 admissions essays submitted by 60,000 applicants to the University of California in November 2016 to measure the relationship between the content of application essays, reported household income, and standardized test scores (SAT) at scale. We quantify essay content using correlated topic modeling (CTM) and the Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count (LIWC) software package. **Results show that essays have a stronger correlation to reported household income than SAT scores.** Essay content also explains much of the variance in SAT scores, suggesting that essays encode some of the same information as the SAT, though this relationship attenuates as household income increases. Efforts to realize more equitable college admissions protocols can be informed by attending to how social class is encoded in non-numerical components of applications.

I've seen references to these results in both The Wall St. Journal and The Economist.

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Class of 2026, Current High School Juniors Suffered Covid-Related College Application Issues

- Reduced, much reduced, opportunities for community service. If you were lucky enough to start with an organization before February 2020, then you could continue meaningful activity for a year you have something to report.
- Reduced, much reduced, actual campus visits, which shortened opportunity for meaningful chats with current students about what campus life is really like. Virtual campus tours provide useful information about the school. We miss the interpersonal interaction.

Source: Colorado Academy, Denver CO.

Yale Admissions Data // 1960 - 2020

Class of:	# of applicants	% accepted	50 th percentile verbal	50 th percentile math
1960	?	?	602 (662*)	634
1970	?	?	683 (743*)	697
1980	9,387	26.4%	670 (730*)	690
1990	12,528	18.1%	670 (730*)	700
2000	12,952	18.1%	730	720
2010	21,101	8.9%	750	740
2015	27,283	7.7%	740	760
2020	31,445	6.3%	750	760

Lee Bolman compiled these data from sources linked to: <https://oir.yale.edu/categories/students-data-page>