

**CIRP Freshman Survey Summary
Fall 2011 to Fall 2015 Cohort Trends**

Since 1973 Saint Mary's College has administered the Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP) Survey to new students. Summarized below are some of the characteristics of first-year Saint Mary's students from cohorts entering fall of 2011 to the fall of 2015.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Miles from home:					
More than 100 miles	72.0%	71.6%	68.2%	60.4%	60.1%
Saint Mary's (This College) was student's:					
First choice	58.7%	57.4%	60.5%	59.5%	56.3%
Second choice	31.9%	25.4%	29.3%	27.5%	33.5%
Reasons noted at "Very Important" in choosing this college (top 7)					
Good academic reputation	79.4%	74.7%	78.1%	77.9%	77.9%
Offered financial assistance	74.6%	70.4%	68.9%	70.8%	70.8%
Graduates get good jobs	68.3%	76.2%	73.7%	71.1%	71.1%
Size of college	65.8%	59.9%	58.9%	59.3%	59.3%
A visit to the campus	60.6%	54.2%	63.7%	58.8%	58.8%
Percentage of students that graduate from this College	--	56.1%	56.3%	58.0%	50.6%
I was attracted by the religious affiliation of this College.	--	44.9%	45.2%	46.6%	46.6%
Status of parents					
Both alive and living together	78.9%	86.2%	79.2%	80.0%	84.4%
Parental education¹					
Father / Male Guardian has college degree or higher	70.0%	73.3%	70.0%	71.3%	67.3%
Mother / Female Guardian has college degree or higher	67.7%	76.8%	71.7%	73.5%	69.9%
Highest degree planned anywhere					
Degree beyond Bachelor's	86.5%	78.3%	86.0%	76.5%	77.7%
Concern regarding ability to finance education?					
None	33.9%	33.2%	38.9%	32.0%	30.3%
Some	55.7%	58.7%	51.4%	55.9%	56.9%
Major	10.4%	8.1%	9.7%	12.1%	12.8%
Student's probable career (top 4)					
Nurse/Health Professional	19.5%	20.6%	22.2%	17.9%	24.9%
Education	12.0%	8.9%	9.2%	10.4%	8.4%
Undecided	8.5%	14.1%	9.8%	9.3%	9.6%
Business	--	5.3%	7.1%	8.2%	12.0%

Source: CIRP Freshman Survey (Fall 2011 - Fall 2015 Administrations). Next administration - Fall 2016.

¹ The 2015 administration changed the language to "parent / guardian 1" and "parent / guardian 2". Over 70% of student indicated their father as "parent / guardian 1" and their mother as "parent / guardian 2".