

**CIRP Freshman Survey Summary
Fall 2013 Cohort**

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 the Class of 2017 with comparisons to the national norms and the norms for women at selective 4-year Catholic colleges (the College's stratification group as defined by the Higher Education Research Institute).

	Saint Mary's	National Norms*	Women at Selective 4-year Catholic Colleges
Miles from home:			
More than 100 miles	68.2%	46.0%	47.9%
Saint Mary's (This College) was student's:			
First choice	60.5%	57.1%	59.3%
Second choice	29.3%	27.1%	26.7%
Reasons noted at "Very Important" in choosing this college (top 7)			
Good academic reputation	78.1%	66.7%	78.2%
Offered financial assistance	73.7%	52.4%	66.6%
Graduates get good jobs	68.9%	54.8%	68.2%
A visit to the campus	63.7%	48.1%	61.6%
Size of college	58.9%	42.8%	61.9%
Percentage of students that graduate from this College	56.3%	33.6%	50.4%
I was attracted by the religious affiliation of this College.	45.2%	9.4%	28.1%
Status of parents			
Both alive and living together	79.2%	67.0%	77.1%
Parental education			
Father has college degree or higher	70.0%	51.7%	64.3%
Mother has college degree or higher	71.7%	55.4%	65.7%
Highest degree planned anywhere			
Degree beyond Bachelor's	86.0%	80.0%	80.2%
Concern regarding ability to finance education?			
None	38.9%	26.9%	27.3%
Some	51.4%	57.8%	58.7%
Major	9.7%	15.3%	13.9%
Student's probable career (top 6)			
Nurse/Health Professional	22.2%	16.5%	16.8%
Undecided	9.8%	10.0%	14.3%
K-12 teacher or administrator	9.2%	6.8%	8.2%
Physician	8.9%	11.8%	10.1%
Social/Non-Profit Services	7.7%	5.1%	4.4%
Business executive/manager	7.1%	9.8%	13.2%
Artist	4.3%	8.1%	5.0%

*National norms are for women at all baccalaureate institutions.

Source: CIRP Freshman Survey (Fall 2013 Administration). Next administration – Fall 2014.