

**CIRP Freshman Survey Summary  
Fall 2012 Cohort**

Since 1973 Saint Mary's has administered the Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP) Survey to new students. Summarized below are some of the characteristics of the Class of 2016 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
<b>Miles from home:</b>			
More than 100 miles	71.6%	45.0%	55.9%
<b>Saint Mary's (This College) was student's:</b>			
First choice	57.4%	59.3%	58.7%
Second choice	25.4%	26.1%	26.7%
<b>Reasons noted at "Very Important" in choosing this college (top 7)</b>			
Offered financial assistance	76.2%	49.0%	62.7%
Good academic reputation	74.7%	66.4%	79.4%
Graduates get good jobs	70.4%	57.8%	71.2%
Size of college	59.9%	44.4%	63.9%
Percentage of students that graduate from this College	56.1%	34.1%	49.5%
A visit to the campus	54.2%	47.0%	59.4%
I was attracted by the religious affiliation of this College.	44.9%	8.4%	24.8%
<b>Status of parents</b>			
Both alive and living together	86.2%	67.2%	79.3%
<b>Parental education</b>			
Father has college degree or higher	73.3%	49.9%	67.9%
Mother has college degree or higher	76.8%	53.9%	69.4%
<b>Highest degree planned anywhere</b>			
Degree beyond Bachelor's	78.3%	79.1%	81.6%
<b>Concern regarding ability to finance education?</b>			
None	33.2%	26.8%	31.4%
Some	58.7%	58.2%	57.2%
Major	8.1%	15.1%	11.4%
<b>Student's probable career (top 6)</b>			
Nurse	20.6%	9.7%	10.1%
Undecided	14.1%	13.5%	16.1%
Physician	9.4%	7.8%	10.6%
K-12 teacher or administrator	8.9%	8.2%	8.3%
Business executive/manager	5.3%	4.9%	8.1%
Therapist (physical, occupational, etc.)	5.0%	5.8%	4.7%
Lawyer or judge	3.8%	3.2%	4.1%

\*National norms are for women at all baccalaureate institutions.

Source: CIRP Freshman Survey (Fall 2012 Administration). Next administration: Fall 2013