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# Profile of New Freshmen Fall 2012 and Fall 2013

This report contains demographic and academic information for new freshmen who entered the University in Fall 2012 and Fall 2013. Information is included on:

Gender State of Permanent Address
Age County of Permanent Residence

Minority Status Religious Affiliation
Citizenship Status Entrance Test scores

Racial/Ethnic Group Full/Part-Time Status
Country of Citizenship Average Credit Hour Load

High School Class Quartile Program of Study

Program of Study First-Generation Status

First Major

Please see page 2 for a note on test score (SAT and ACT) statistics.

### **Fall 2013**

The freshmen class of Fall 2013 includes 568 students who entered the University in Summer 2013 or Fall 2013. Demographically, almost sixty-two percent (336) of the new freshmen are female, and more than sixty-five percent (372) are from racial or ethnic minority groups. Students with a Baptist religious affiliation make up twenty-seven percent (26.8%) of the group, an increase of more than three percent from last year.

For students with known addresses, 536 (95.8%) have Texas as their state of permanent address, representing 49 counties. Students from Harris, Fort Bend, and Brazoria county make up 78.9% of the class, up about three percent from last year. Just under ninety-five percent of the class are U.S. citizens.

Among students who reported a high school class ranking, fifty-three percent were in the top quartile of their high school graduating classes. The class had a mean score of 1074 for the SAT and 24 for the ACT examination. Almost seventeen percent of students declared a major in Biology, while 16 percent declared Nursing and 7.9% declared Psychology.

#### Fall 2012

The freshmen class of Fall 2012 includes 518 students who entered the University in Summer 2012 or Fall 2012. Demographically, almost sixty-two percent (320) of the new freshmen are female, and seventy-five percent (388) are from racial or ethnic minority groups. Students with a Baptist religious affiliation make up twenty-three percent (23.2%) of the group, a decrease of six percent from last year.

For students with known addresses, 496 (96.1%) have Texas as their state of permanent address, representing 46 counties. Students from Harris, Fort Bend, and Brazoria county make up 75.8% of the class, down almost five percent from last year. Just under ninety-four percent of the class are U.S. citizens.

Among students who reported a high school class ranking, nearly sixty percent were in the top quartile of their high school graduating classes. The class had a mean score of 1102 for the SAT and 24 for the ACT examination. Twenty-one percent of students declared a major in Biology, while 17 percent declared Nursing and 8.5% were undecided.

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## **Test Score Calculations**

For students with both an SAT and ACT score, only one score is counted. The ACT score is converted into the equivalent SAT score and compared to the actual SAT score, and only the higher is retained. Additionally, for students with multiple SAT test scores, the highest verbal and math subscores (from any test date) are added to get the student's final SAT score. For Fall 2006, this procedure resulted in an increase of approximately 6 points on the average SAT score, from 1074 to 1080.

Prior to Fall 2007, SAT scores were reported using Recruitment PLUS. Recruitment PLUS converted all ACT scores to an equivalent SAT score, and included the converted scores in the final mean.

Gender	Fall 2012		Fall 2013	
Gender	#	%	#	%
Male	198	38.2	232	40.8
Female	320	61.8	336	59.2
Total	518	100.0	568	100.0

Age Range	Fall 2012		Fall 2013	
Age Kange	#	%	#	%
<18	41	7.9	31	5.5
18-19	474	91.5	527	92.8
20-21	2	0.4	6	1.1
22-24			3	0.5
25+			1	0.2
Unknown	1	0.2	•	
Total	518	100.0	568	100.0

Minority Status	Fall 2012		Fall 2013	
Williofity Status	#	%	#	%
Minority	388	74.9	372	65.5
Non-Minority	130	25.1	196	34.5
Total	518	100.0	568	100.0

Citizenship Status	Fall 2012		Fall 2013	
Citizensinp Status	#	%	#	%
U.S. Citizen	479	93.7	523	94.6
Resident Alien	20	3.9	10	1.8
Non-Resident Alien	12	2.3	20	3.6
Total	511	100.0	553	100.0

Racial/Ethnic Group*	Fall 2012		Fall 2013	
	#	%	#	%
African American/Black	122	23.6	116	20.4
American Indian or Alaskan Native			4	0.7
Asian	45	8.7	89	15.7
Hispanic	153	29.5	140	24.6
White	128	24.7	161	28.3
Two or More Races	62	12.0	23	4.0
Ethnicity Unknown	8	1.5	35	6.2
Total	518	100.0	568	100.0

Racial/Ethnic Group - Non-Resident Aliens Partitioned*	Fall	Fall 2012		Fall 2013	
	#	%	#	%	
African American/Black	119	23.0	114	20.1	
American Indian or Alaskan Native			4	0.7	
Asian	43	8.3	83	14.6	
Hispanic	150	29.0	133	23.4	
White	126	24.3	156	27.5	
Two or More Races	61	11.8	23	4.0	
Ethnicity Unknown	7	1.4	35	6.2	
Non-Resident Alien	12	2.3	20	3.5	
Total	518	100.0	568	100.0	

Country of Citizenship	Fall 2012		Fall 2013	
	#	%	#	%
Angola			1	0.2
Canada			1	0.2
Finland			1	0.2
Germany	1	0.2	1	0.2
India	2	0.4		
Nigeria	2	0.4	1	0.2
Philippines			1	0.2
Singapore			1	0.2
Uganda	1	0.2		
United Kingdom			2	0.4
United States	479	92.5	523	92.1
Unknown	32	6.2	36	6.3
Vietnam	1	0.2	•	
Total	518	100.0	568	100.0

State of Permanent Address	Fall 2	2012	Fall 2	Fall 2013	
State of Permanent Address	#	%	#	%	
Alaska			1	0.2	
Arizona	1	0.2			
California	5	1.0	7	1.2	
Colorado			1	0.2	
Florida			1	0.2	
Georgia	2	0.4			
Hawaii	1	0.2			
Illinois	4	0.8		•	
Indiana			1	0.2	
Kansas	1	0.2	2	0.4	
Louisiana	1	0.2	2	0.4	
Maryland	1	0.2	•	•	
Massachusetts	1	0.2		•	
Minnesota			1	0.2	
Mississippi	1	0.2			
Missouri		•	1	0.2	
Nevada	1	0.2	•	•	
New Jersey			1	0.2	
New York		•	1	0.2	
Oklahoma	1	0.2	1	0.2	
Tennessee		•	1	0.2	
Texas	496	95.8	536	94.4	
US Territories/Military Addr			1	0.2	
Unknown	2	0.4	9	1.6	
Virginia			1	0.2	
Total	518	100.0	568	100.0	

County of Dormonant Address (Toyos)	Fall	2012	Fall 2013		
County of Permanent Address (Texas)	#	%	#	%	
Anderson	1	0.2			
Angelina	2	0.4			
Aransas	1	0.2			
Atascosa	1	0.2			
Austin			2	0.4	
Bastrop	1	0.2	1	0.2	
Bell	5	1.0	2	0.4	
Bexar	4	0.8	7	1.3	
Blanco	2	0.4			
Brazoria	17	3.4	30	5.6	
Brazos	1	0.2	1	0.2	
Cameron	3	0.6	1	0.2	
Chambers			1	0.2	
Collin	9	1.8	4	0.7	
Comal	1	0.2	1	0.2	
Comanche	1	0.2	•	•	
Coryell	1	0.2	2	0.4	
Dallas	10	2.0	6	1.1	
Denton	2	0.4	•		
El Paso			1	0.2	
Ellis	1	0.2	2	0.4	
Fayette			1	0.2	
Fort Bend	117	23.6	113	21.1	
Galveston	8	1.6	10	1.9	
Gonzales	1	0.2	•		
Grayson			1	0.2	
Gregg	1	0.2	1	0.2	
Grimes			2	0.4	
Guadalupe	2	0.4	1	0.2	
Hardin	1	0.2	1	0.2	
Harris	242	48.8	280	52.2	
Harrison	1	0.2			
Hays			1	0.2	
Hemphill	1	0.2		•	

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County of Pormonant Address (Toyos)	Fall	Fall 2012		Fall 2013	
County of Permanent Address (Texas)	#	%	#	%	
Henderson	1	0.2			
Hidalgo	2	0.4	2	0.4	
Hill		•	1	0.2	
Houston	1	0.2	1	0.2	
Jefferson	5	1.0	3	0.6	
Kaufman	1	0.2	2	0.4	
Lampasas		•	1	0.2	
Liberty	5	1.0	1	0.2	
Limestone		•	1	0.2	
Lubbock			1	0.2	
McLennan	1	0.2	3	0.6	
Midland			1	0.2	
Montgomery	13	2.6	12	2.2	
Nacogdoches			2	0.4	
Nueces	4	0.8	2	0.4	
Orange	1	0.2			
Refugio			1	0.2	
Rockwall	1	0.2			
San Jacinto	1	0.2	2	0.4	
San Patricio			1	0.2	
Smith	1	0.2	•		
Tarrant	12	2.4	13	2.4	
Taylor	2	0.4	•		
Tom Green		•	1	0.2	
Travis	4	0.8	3	0.6	
Unknown			2	0.4	
Victoria	2	0.4			
Waller			2	0.4	
Washington			1	0.2	
Wharton	1	0.2	1	0.2	
Williamson	1	0.2	3	0.6	
Wood			1	0.2	
Total	496	100.0	536	100.0	

Religious Affiliation	Fall	2012	Fall	Fall 2013	
Kengious Affination	#	%	#	%	
Anglican-Church of England			1	0.2	
Assembly of God	3	0.6	3	0.5	
Baptist	120	23.2	152	26.8	
Buddhist	4	0.8	9	1.6	
Catholic	75	14.5	69	12.1	
Christian Church	29	5.6			
Church of Christ	16	3.1	10	1.8	
Church of God	2	0.4	3	0.5	
Disciples of Christ (Christian	4	0.8	13	2.3	
Eastern Orthodox	3	0.6	2	0.4	
Episcopalian	2	0.4			
<b>Evangelical Free Church</b>	1	0.2	1	0.2	
Hindu	8	1.5	4	0.7	
Latter Day Saints (Mormon)		•	1	0.2	
Lutheran	3	0.6	7	1.2	
Methodist	16	3.1	20	3.5	
Moslem (Islam, Muslim)	17	3.3	13	2.3	
No Preference	31	6.0	53	9.3	
Non-denominational	68	13.1	37	6.5	
Other	32	6.2	44	7.7	
Pentecostal	15	2.9	11	1.9	
Presbyterian	7	1.4	2	0.4	
Seventh Day Adventist	3	0.6	1	0.2	
Undeclared	59	11.4	112	19.7	
Total	518	100.0	568	100.0	

Interquartile Range	Fall 2012	Fall 2013
25th Percentile	1000	970
75th Percentile	1190	1150

	Fall 2012	Fall 2013
Mean	1102	1074

SAT Distribution	Fall	2012	Fall 2013		
SAT Distribution	#	%	#	%	
< 900	1	0.2	10	2.3	
900-990	96	23.9	134	31.3	
1000-1090	118	29.4	123	28.7	
1100-1190	92	22.9	73	17.1	
1200-1290	62	15.4	57	13.3	
1300+	33	8.2	31	7.2	
Total	402	100.0	428	100.0	

Median Scores by Gender		Fall 2012			Fall 2013		
Median Scores by Gender	Verbal	Math	Total	Verbal	Math	Total	
Male	510	570	1100	500	530	1040	
Female	530	540	1070	510	530	1060	

# Note:

<sup>1.</sup> Although submission of entrance test scores generally is required in the admission process, in each entering class there were a small number of students who were admitted without entrance test scores. Therefore, the number of SAT scores plus the number of ACT scores does not equal the total class size.

<sup>2.</sup> The highest SAT is compared to the highest ACT and only the better score is retained.

Interquartile Range	Fall 2012	Fall 2013
25th Percentile	21	21
75th Percentile	25	27

	Fall 2012	Fall 2013
Mean	24	24

ACT Distribution	Fall	2012	Fall 2013		
ACT Distribution	#	%	#	%	
< 20	19	16.5	30	21.7	
20-21	17	14.8	12	8.7	
22-24	38	33.0	44	31.9	
25-27	26	22.6	31	22.5	
28-29	12	10.4	13	9.4	
30+	3	2.6	8	5.8	
Total	115	100.0	138	100.0	

Median Scores by Gender		Fall 2012		Fall 2013		
	Engl	Math	Comp	Engl	Math	Comp
Male	22	24	24	22	24	24
Female	22	23	24	23	24	24

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Full/Part-Time Status	Fall	2012	Fall 2013		
	#	%	#	%	
Full-Time	514	99.2	567	99.8	
Part-Time	4	0.8	1	0.2	
Total	518	100.0	568	100.0	

Average Credit Hour Load*	Fall	2012	Fall 2013	
Average Credit Hour Load	#	Average	#	Average
College of Arts and Humanities	7	15.6		
School of Business	66	14.8	94	15.3
School of Nursing and Allied Health	87	14.8	88	15.3
Smith College of General Studies	306	14.8		
The Honors College	30	15.5	46	15.1
No College Designated	22	14.4	10	14.6
School of Fine Arts			12	13.9
Smith College of Liberal Arts			305	14.8
School of Education and Behavioral Sciences			13	14.8
Total	518	14.8	568	14.9

High School Class Quartile**	Fall	2012	Fall 2013		
riigh School Class Quarthe	#	%	#	%	
First Quartile	229	59.8	187	52.5	
Second Quartile	97	25.3	97	27.2	
Third Quartile	39	10.2	51	14.3	
Fourth Quartile	18	4.7	21	5.9	
Total	383	100.0	356	100.0	

<sup>\*</sup> Education and many Science and Mathematics students are included under Smith College due to the way double majors were coded in Banner.

<sup>\*\*</sup> High School Quartile data may not be available for each student in the class. Therefore, the total does not equal the total class size.

Program of Study	Fall	2012	Fall 2013		
1 Togram of Study	#	%	#	%	
Bachelor of Arts	139	26.8	146	25.7	
Bachelor of Business Administration	70	13.5	98	17.3	
Bachelor of Fine Arts	3	0.6	3	0.5	
Bachelor of Music	5	1.0	12	2.1	
Bachelor of Music Education			4	0.7	
Bachelor of Science	301	58.1	248	43.7	
Bachelor of Science in Nursing			57	10.0	
Total	518	100.0	568	100.0	

First Generation Status	Fall	2012	Fall 2013		
	#	%	#	%	
First Generation	136	26.3	149	26.2	
Not First Generation	382	73.7	419	73.8	
Total	518	100.0	568	100.0	

First Major	Fall 2012		Fall 2013	
	#	%	#	%
Accounting	15	2.9	25	4.4
Art	5	1.0	4	0.7
Bilingual Elementary Education			2	0.4
Biology	109	21.0	95	16.7
Business			1	0.2
Chemistry	12	2.3	13	2.3
Christianity	12	2.3	9	1.6
Church Music	1	0.2		
Cinema and New Media			5	0.9
Communication and Rhetoric	4	0.8	1	0.2
Composite Social Studies 8-12			2	0.4
Economics	4	0.8	7	1.2
<b>Elementary Education</b>			6	1.1
English	9	1.7	3	0.5
English/Language Arts 4-8	2	0.4	1	0.2
English/Language Arts 8-12	1	0.2	3	0.5
Finance	9	1.7	5	0.9
Government	10	1.9	7	1.2
History	6	1.2	3	0.5
<b>History-Teacher Certification</b>	1	0.2		
Interdisciplinary Studies Ed	2	0.4		
International Business	13	2.5	15	2.6
Journalism and Mass Communicat	9	1.7	10	1.8
Kinesiology (Education)	1	0.2	2	0.4
Kinesiology Athletic Training	10	1.9	29	5.1
Kinesiology-Wellness Mgmt	11	2.1	19	3.3
Legal Studies			7	1.2
Life Science	1	0.2	1	0.2
Management	22	4.2	30	5.3
Managerial Studies			1	0.2
Marketing	8	1.5	15	2.6
Math Studies 8-12	5	1.0	4	0.7
Mathematics	28	5.4	12	2.1
Molecular Biology/Biochemistry	16	3.1	23	4.0

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First Major	Fall 2012		Fall 2013	
	#	%	#	%
Multidisciplinary Studies	5	1.0		
Music	1	0.2	4	0.7
Music Education	2	0.4	6	1.1
Music Performance-Voice	2	0.4	9	1.6
Music-Composition	•		1	0.2
Music/Teacher Certification-BM	5	1.0		•
Nursing	87	16.8	91	16.0
Philosophy	2	0.4	1	0.2
Physical Science	•		1	0.2
Physics	6	1.2	6	1.1
Psychology	32	6.2	45	7.9
Sociology	1	0.2		
Spanish	1	0.2		
Studio Art	3	0.6	2	0.4
Undeclared	44	8.5	42	7.4
Writing	1	0.2		
Total	518	100.0	568	100.0