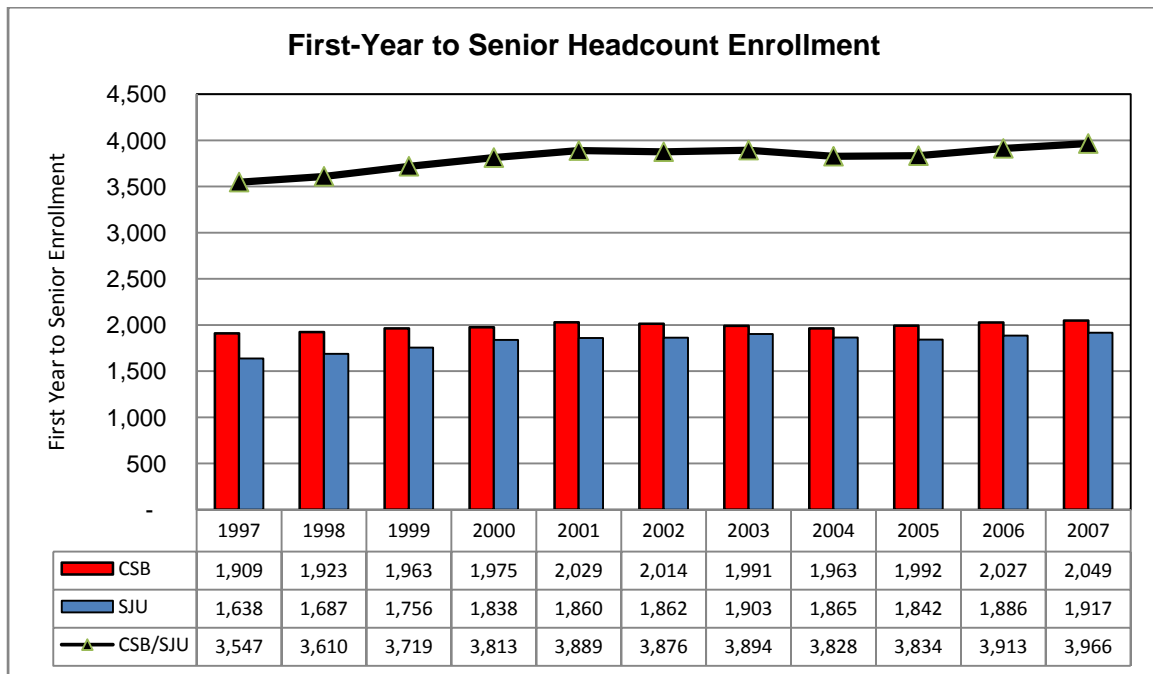


Fall 2007 Undergraduate Enrollment Summary

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The College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University together enrolled 3,966 first-year to senior students this fall, the highest combined total ever. Undergraduate enrollment totaled 2,049 at CSB and 1,917 at SJU. The colleges together enrolled 1,052 new first-year students (537 at CSB and 515 at SJU), compared to 1,046 last year. This fall's combined new entering class was the third largest ever.

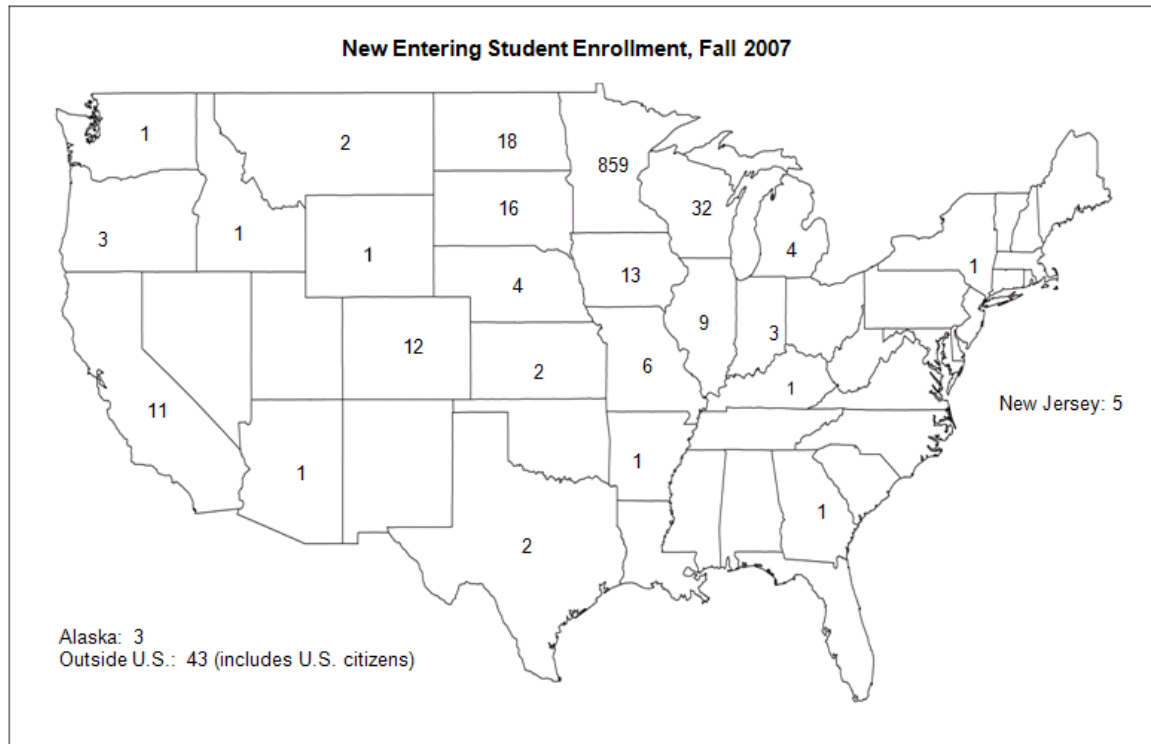


Enrollment highlights

The College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University enrolled 53 more undergraduate students in fall 2007 than in fall 2006, a gain of 1.4 percent. With a combined undergraduate enrollment of 3,966, CSB/SJU is the largest liberal arts college in the nation.

Final fall 2007 enrollment figures for Minnesota's private colleges are not yet available. However, preliminary data indicate that first-time new entering student enrollment will rise by about one percent over last year. The small increase is due entirely to gains in female enrollment. The number of new entering female students at private colleges is expected to grow by approximately 2.5 percent, more than offsetting a one percent decline in new entering male enrollment. CSB and SJU have been more successful than most private colleges in nearly balancing gender. This fall, the female-to-male balance at CSB/SJU was 51:49. By comparison, women will comprise 57 percent of all new

entering Minnesota private college students. The College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University together will enroll nearly 12 percent of all new entering private college students in Minnesota in fall 2007, a market share that has remained virtually unchanged over the last five years.



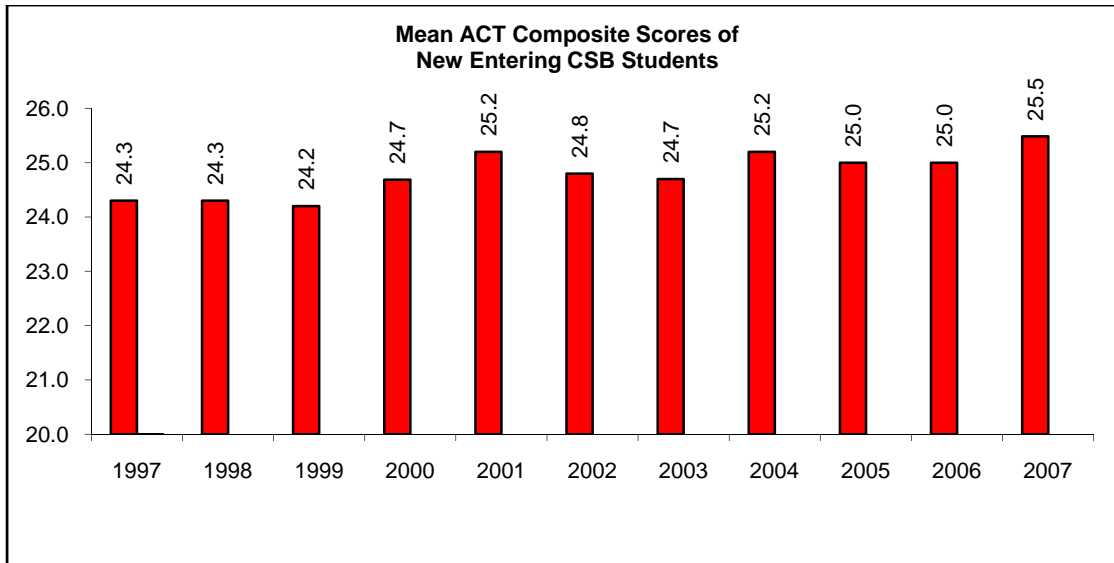
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New Entering Class Profile Highlights

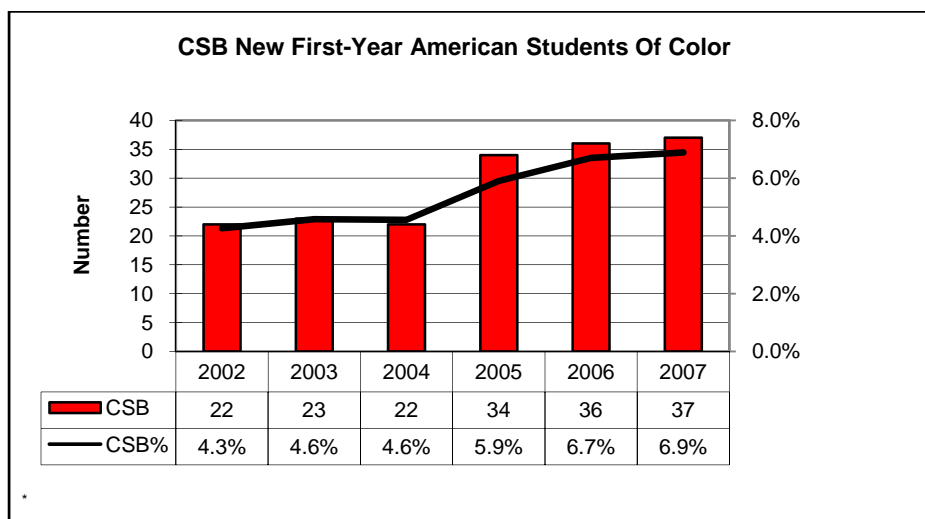
College of Saint Benedict

- The mean ACT college entrance exam score among new entering CSB students rose to 25.5, the highest score ever reported by new students at the college.¹ The average ACT score placed new Saint Benedict students among the top 15 percent of all test-takers nationally. One in five new CSB students this fall reported ACT scores that were in the top five percent nationally (equivalent to scores over 28).

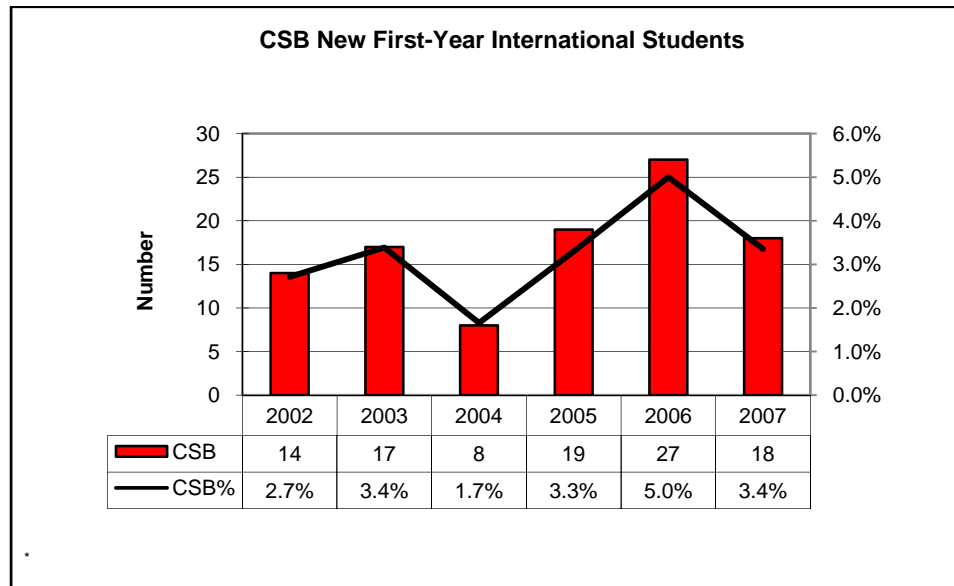
¹ The overwhelming majority of new CSB and SJU take an ACT college entrance exam. Only 18% of all new entering students sent an SAT score. Among those who did submit scores, the mean combined verbal and mathematical score was 1131 for new CSB students and 1194 for new SJU students.



- The College of Saint Benedict enrolled new students from 19 states and 10 foreign countries this fall. Students from Minnesota made up 82 percent of all new first-year students at the college. More than half (52 percent) of all CSB Minnesotans came from the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area. Students from Central Minnesota (Stearns, Sherburne, and Benton counties) made up 13 percent of all new Minnesota-resident students (a proportion that has been on a downward trend in recent years).
- American students of color made up 6.9 percent of all new entering CSB students this fall, a slight increase from fall 2006 (6.7 percent) and the highest percentage ever reported by the college. *Strategic Directions 2010* directed the colleges to increase enrollment of students of color to six percent of total undergraduate enrollment by 2010. Since fall 2002, the total number of new entering American students of color enrolled at CSB has risen by almost 70 percent.

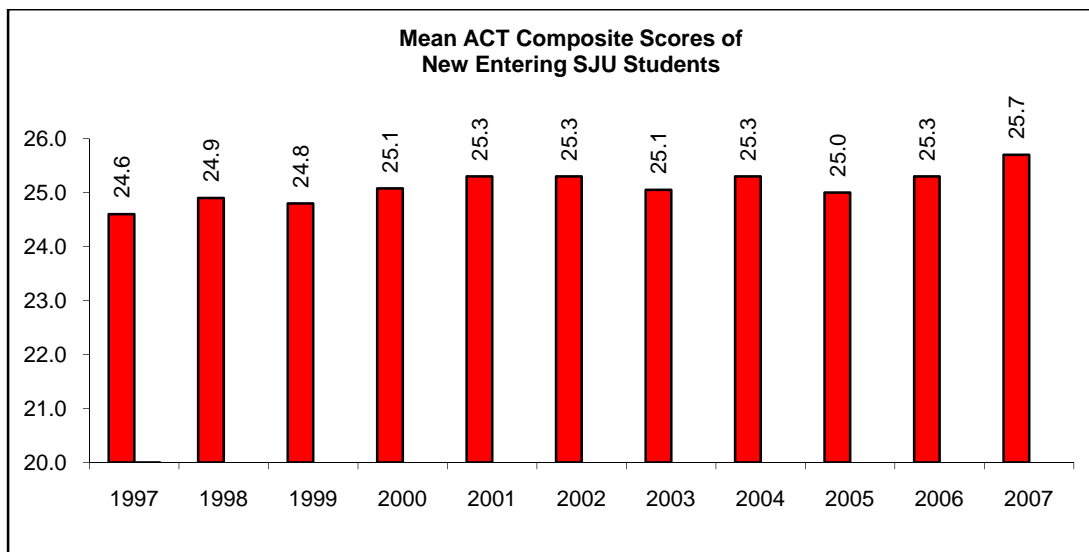


- International students made up 3.4 percent of new CSB students this fall compared to 5 percent one year ago. Though down somewhat from last year, the total number of new entering international students at CSB and SJU has risen by more than 50 percent since fall 2002. In recent years, only Macalester College has enrolled more new international students than CSB and SJU.

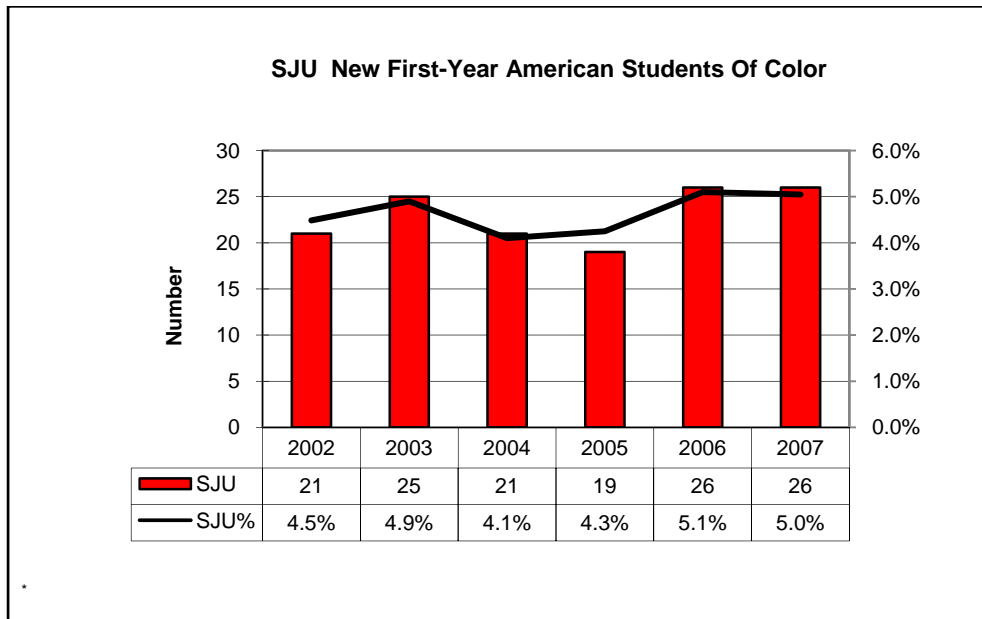


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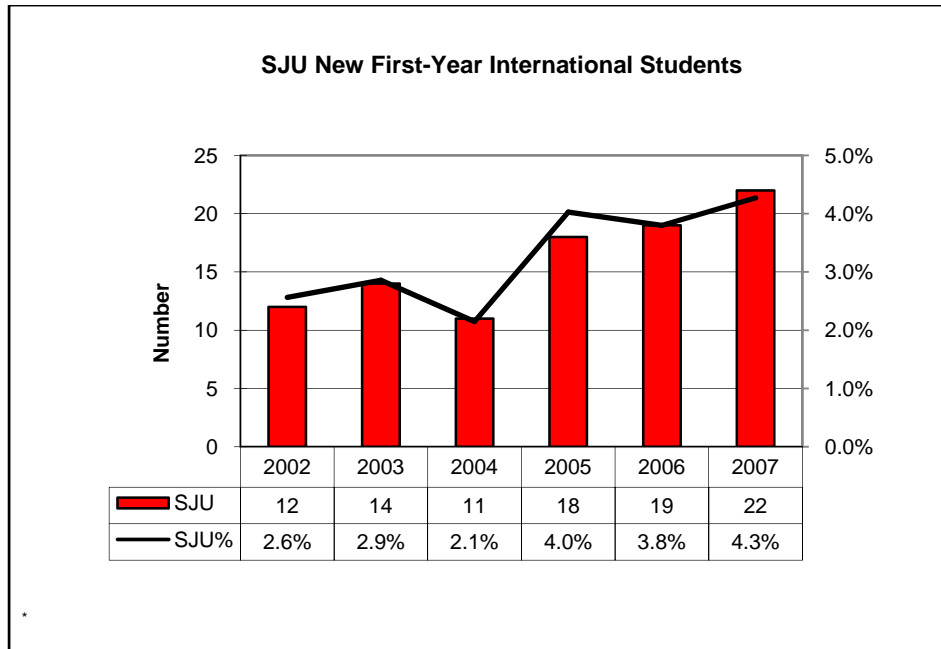
- The mean ACT college entrance exam score among new entering SJU students rose to 25.7, the highest score ever reported by new students. The average ACT score placed new Saint John's students among the top 15 percent of all test-takers nationally. Nearly 1 in 4 new SJU students this fall reported ACT scores that were in the top five percent nationally.



- Saint John’s University enrolled new students from 20 states and 10 foreign countries this fall (together, new CSB and SJU students came from 25 states and 13 countries). Students from Minnesota made up 81 percent of all new first-year SJU students. More than half (53 percent) of all SJU Minnesotans came from the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area. Students from the three-county Central Minnesota area made up 16 percent of all new Minnesota-resident students (a proportion that has remained stable in recent years).
- American students of color made up 5 percent of all new entering SJU students this fall, nearly the same percentage (and the same number) reported in fall 2006. Enrollment of students of color at SJU generally has been stable since fall 2002.



- International students made up 4.3 percent of new SJU students this fall compared to 3.8 percent one year ago. Though still a small (but rising) percentage of total enrollment, SJU has doubled its new international student enrollment over the last five years.



Retention Summary

Fully 90 percent of first-year students in fall 2006 returned for their second year this fall. Since 1997, first-year to second-year retention rates at CSB/SJU have averaged nearly 90 percent, significantly higher than averages for public and private colleges locally and nationally, and similar to rates for the most selective liberal arts colleges in the country. Retention rates at Saint Benedict and Saint John’s rank in the top quartile of Minnesota’s private colleges. Overall retention, measuring the return rate among all continuing students was 94 percent – which also ranks among the highest in the country.

