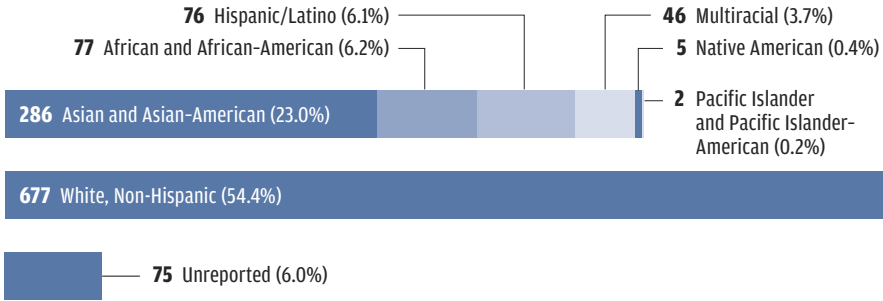


# Class of 2016

The largest freshman class ever on the River Campus arrived in late August, with more than 1,230 students. Undergraduate enrollment for the academic year is about 4,650 students, having grown 22 percent in the past decade due to increases in retention and recruitment.

## Ethnic/Racial Identity

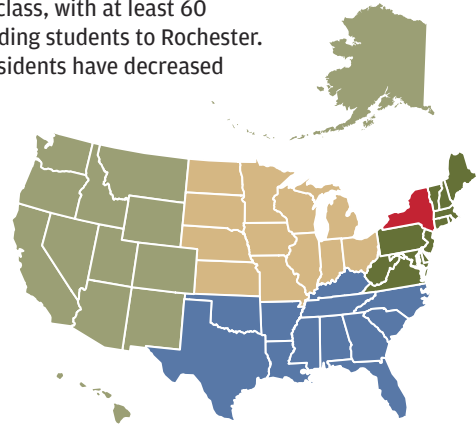
The Class of 2016 is the most diverse to date. According to data from the Common Application—an application used by more than 400 colleges and universities—there are 185 underrepresented minority students in this year’s freshman class, up from 154 last year.



## Geography

It's also the most geographically diverse class, with at least 60 countries, 48 states, and Puerto Rico sending students to Rochester. As a share of the class, New York state residents have decreased from 39 percent last year to 36 percent.

Region	Total	Percent
New York State	448	36.1
Other Northeast	280	22.5
Midwest	70	5.6
South	132	10.6
West	146	11.8
China	79	6.4
Other International	87	7.0



SOURCE: OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

# A Class Record for Diversity


By Kathleen McGarvey

THE CLASS OF 2016 IS THE MOST DIVERSE class Rochester has ever welcomed, in terms of background and other measures, says Jonathan Burdick, dean of admissions and financial aid for Arts, Sciences & Engineering.

While definitive numbers won't be known until after the data is collected from first registration, the class is also on track to be the biggest, with an estimated class membership of at least 1,230 students, a slight majority of whom are male.

A growing share of the class—and the largest ever total number of students—are from traditionally underrepresented

ethnic and racial groups. “We will have achieved enrollment shares of more than 5 percent each for Latino and African-American students,” Burdick says, calling that attainment “at the least a higher platform from which to continue expanding Rochester’s reach into all communities and Rochester’s relevance to rising aspirations and expectations among historically underrepresented groups.”

Students are also coming from farther away: 90 percent of the growth of this year’s class, compared to those of a year or two ago, is from students coming from the western and southern United States, as well as students who are U.S. citizens enrolling straight from living abroad. 

### Double Rooms

Some doubles share a private bath with another double.