

Swarthmore College

Religious Affiliation of First Year Students

Your current religious preference	2015	2017	2019	2021	Peers	Nat'l
	2021	2019	2021	2019	2021	2019
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Baptist	1.8%	2.1%	0.9%	2.2%	2.0%	6.7%
Buddhist	4.2%	4.3%	1.9%	1.8%	1.1%	1.3%
Church of Christ	0.6%	0.9%	1.4%	0.9%	2.1%	6.3%
Eastern Orthodox	0.6%	0.4%	0.5%	0.9%	0.6%	0.9%
Episcopalian	1.2%	3.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.6%	0.7%
Hindu	1.2%	3.4%	0.0%	0.9%	2.3%	1.1%
Jewish	7.8%	5.5%	5.6%	7.1%	6.6%	2.0%
LDS (Mormon)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%
Lutheran	1.8%	0.0%	0.5%	0.9%	1.7%	1.8%
Methodist	2.4%	0.9%	0.5%	1.3%	1.7%	2.0%
Muslim	3.6%	3.8%	3.8%	3.5%	1.4%	2.6%
Presbyterian	1.8%	3.0%	2.3%	2.2%	2.4%	1.6%
Quaker	0.6%	1.7%	2.8%	0.4%	0.4%	0.1%
Roman Catholic	9.6%	11.1%	9.4%	8.0%	10.8%	20.8%
Seventh Day Adventist	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.9%
United Ch. of Christ/Congr'l	0.0%	0.9%	0.5%	0.4%	0.2%	0.5%
Other Christian	6.0%	6.0%	8.5%	5.8%	7.6%	13.8%
Other Religion	3.6%	4.7%	4.7%	3.1%	4.3%	3.0%
None, Agnostic, or Atheist	53.1%	48.5%	55.9%	60.6%	53.0%	33.6%
TOTAL (n)	166	235	213	226	4,594	95,505

NOTES: Table reflects first-year students. Survey response rates were:

2015 - 48%; 2017- 65%; 2019 - 55%; 2021 - 58%

"Peers" comprise 20 very highly selective Private/Nonsectarian 4-year Colleges.

National totals include all survey respondents (not only those responding to the specific question)

SOURCES: CIRP "Freshman Surveys," administered biennially; Nat'l data: HERI's *The American Freshman Monograph*.