

Changes in the Collection and Reporting of Race and Ethnicity at Saint Mary’s College

In 2007, the Secretary of Education published mandates on maintaining, collecting, and reporting race and ethnicity data in Federal Register 72(202), which did not become effective until fall term 2010. Starting in Fall 2010 universities in the United States were required to collect race and ethnicity using the following two-part question:

1. Are you Hispanic or Latino? (*Spanish culture or origin, including Spain, Central/South Americas, regardless of race*)
 Yes No

2. In addition, select one or more of the following **rac**es to describe yourself:

- American Indian or Alaska Native (*all Original Peoples of the Americas*)
- Asian (*origins in the Far East, Southeast Asia, India, Philippines*)
- Black or African American (*origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa and the Caribbean*)
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (*Original Peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, other Pacific Islands*)
- White (*origins in Eastern and Western Europe, the Middle East, North Africa*)

THE “TRUMPING” RULES: Using the above questions, starting in Fall 2010 federal mandates also require that these “trumping” rules be used when more than one ethnic category is selected –OR- if the student is an international student (i.e., holds a foreign visa, where foreign visa status is determined by other means):

- 1) Students who are attending on international visas (e.g. “F1”, “H1”) are reported as “FOREIGN CITIZENS” regardless of their answers to either of the questions above.
- 2) Students who check Hispanic, regardless of *race* (the second question), are reported as “HISPANIC”.
- 3) Students who do not check Hispanic and check only one race are reported as that race.
- 4) Students who do not check Hispanic and check more than one race are reported as “TWO OR MORE RACES.”
- 5) Students who do not answer either question and are not foreign citizens are reported as “UNKNOWN”.

IMPACT OF CHANGES FOR DATA REPORTING AT SAINT MARY’S COLLEGE:

While some change was noted in Fall 2010, large impacts for new freshmen entrants were not observed until Fall 2011. For example, for required federal reporting of new freshmen to the *Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)* in Fall 2011, shown below, there are only 16 African Americans enrolling and 0 American Indians, even though 30 African Americans and 18 American Indians checked these races on a “second” question, similar to the one above, on the undergraduate Common Application for Admission. These outcomes occur either because these students ALSO checked either the “Hispanic/Latino” category (which trumps all other races except Foreign Citizen), checked a second racial category (reported as “Two or More Races”), or were Foreign Citizens. The different combinations of race and ethnicity shown on the table on the next page illustrate exactly how this happened. Note that there is also some impact of this change in reporting for Asians and Hawaiian-Pacific Islanders, though these groups do not decline as a percentage of the entering class.

Type of Ethnic Report	ETHNIC CATEGORIES – New Fall 2011 Freshmen									Total
	African American	American Indian	Asian	Hawaiian-Pacific Islander	Latino	White	Two or More Races	Unknown-Other	Foreign Citizen	
IPEDS Ethnic Report	16	0	79	4	162	299	46	31	8	645
ANY Group Report (Duplicated Counts)	30	18	115	14	163	342	Not Appl.	31	8	721

SAINT MARY’S METHODS OF REPORTING RACE/ETHNICITY (AS SHOWN IN THE TABLE ON NEXT PAGE):

For reporting Saint Mary’s College will be providing the IPEDS Ethnic/Racial Group counts and percentages –AND- also the “ANY” Racial/Ethnic Group counts and percentages as shown at the bottom of the table. In addition, Saint Mary’s will also report the number of different combinations of ethnicity and race as shown in the two right hand columns of the table.

New Freshman Enrollments Fall 2011 BY RACE/ETHNICITY

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	IPEDS RACE/ETHNIC CATEGORIES								Total	Percentage	
			African American	American Indian	Asian	Hawaiian-Pacific Islander	Hispanic-Latino	White	Two or More Races	Unknown			Foreign Citizen
SINGLE RACIAL/ETHNIC GROUPS													
Hispanic-Latino							79					79	12.2%
African American			16									16	2.5%
American Indian				0								0	0.0%
Asian					79							79	12.2%
Hawaiian-Pac Isle						4						4	0.6%
White							299					299	46.4%
Unknown									31			31	4.8%
Foreign Citizen										7		7	1.1%
TOTAL IN SINGLE ETHNIC/RACIAL GROUPS			0	0	79	4	79	299	0	31	7	515	79.8%
RACIAL/ETHNIC COMBINATIONS													
Foreign Citizen	Hispanic-Latino										1	1	0.2%
Hispanic-Latino	African American						1					1	0.2%
Hispanic-Latino	American Indian						1					1	0.2%
Hispanic-Latino	Asian						5					5	0.8%
Hispanic-Latino	White						65					65	10.1%
African American	White								6			6	0.9%
African American	Hawaiian-Pac. Isle.								1			1	0.2%
African American	American Indian								4			4	0.6%
American Indian	Asian								2			2	0.3%
American Indian	White								6			6	0.9%
Asian	White								18			18	2.8%
Asian	Hawaiian-Pac. Isle.								6			6	0.9%
Hawaiian-Paci. Isle.	White								3			3	0.5%
Hispanic-Latino	African American	White					1					1	0.2%
Hispanic-Latino	African American	American Indian					1					1	0.2%
Hispanic-Latino	American Indian	White					4					4	0.6%
Hispanic-Latino	Asian	White					5					5	0.8%
TOTAL IN COMBINATIONS							83		46		1	130	20.2%
IPEDS ETHNIC TOTAL		Number	16	0	79	4	162	299	46	31	8	645	100.0%
		Percent	2.5%	0.0%	12.2%	0.6%	25.1%	46.4%	7.1%	4.8%	1.2%		100.0%
ANY ETHNIC (Duplicated)		Number	30	18	115	14	163	342	Not Appl.	31	8	721	
		Percent	4.2%	2.5%	16.0%	1.9%	22.6%	47.4%	Not Appl.	4.3%	1.1%		100.0%