



NACAC 2009 Space Availability Survey on the Web: www.nacacnet.org/space

Survey in Brief: NACAC's annual *Space Availability Survey: Openings for Qualified Students* polls NACAC's member colleges and universities each year to determine whether institutions can still accommodate applications for prospective students for fall enrollment after the May 1 National Response Deadline. For fall 2009, 258 colleges and universities have either freshman or transfer space available as of May 1.

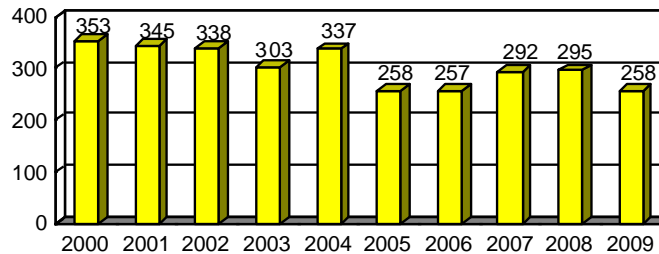
Number of Colleges With...

- Freshman space available: 258
- Transfer space available: 247
- Institutional financial aid available: 256
- Housing available: 249

Frequently Asked Questions

1.) Has the number of colleges with space available after May 1 increased or decreased over the years?

Colleges with Space Available After May 1: 2000-2009.



2.) Is space on four-year college campuses in the United States increasingly scarce?

- It is difficult to definitively answer this question based on the results of this survey. The survey is voluntary, and the population of potential respondents is limited to roughly 1,200 NACAC member four-year colleges (leaving about 1,000 four-year colleges unaccounted).

3.) How many colleges and universities are there in the United States?

- According to the U.S. Department of Education, there are 2,176 four-year, not-for-profit colleges and universities and 1,152 two-year, not-for-profit colleges.

4.) How do students apply for admission at institutions listed on the survey?

- Students must contact institutions directly for application information. Listing on the survey implies only space available. Admission is contingent upon each institution's review of application information.

5.) What percent of colleges listed on the survey are public/private colleges?

- 71 percent of colleges reporting space availability for Fall 2009 are private, and 29 percent are public.

6.) Are two-year colleges included on the survey?

- Community colleges are not included on the survey.

7.) How long will the survey be available to students?

- The survey will remain on NACAC's Web site (www.nacacnet.org/space) until August 31, 2009. Throughout the summer, institutions listed on the survey are asked to update their availability information. Students are advised to contact the colleges directly for the most up-to-date information.

Survey Description

NACAC's 2009 *Space Availability Survey: Openings for Qualified Students* queries NACAC member four-year postsecondary institutions on the availability of space, institutional financial aid and housing as of May 1. This date is significant because applicants who have received acceptances from colleges and universities have until May 1 of each year to accept the offer of admission from the institution they choose to attend. After May 1, colleges and universities are able to assess whether they will have space to accommodate further applications from potential students. Now in its 22nd year, the Space Availability Survey is designed as a tool for counselors, parents and teachers as they assist students who have not yet completed the college admission process.

About NACAC

NACAC is an Arlington, VA-based education association of more than 11,000 secondary school counselors, independent counselors, college admission and financial aid officers, enrollment managers, and organizations that work with students as they make the transition from high school to postsecondary education. The association, founded in 1937, is committed to maintaining high standards that foster ethical and social responsibility among those involved in the transition process, as outlined in the NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice. More information about NACAC is available at www.nacacnet.org.