

# **Shrewsbury High School Future Plans Report**

**Class of 2023**



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## **Future Plans**

The Class of **2023** enjoyed a successful post-secondary planning year.

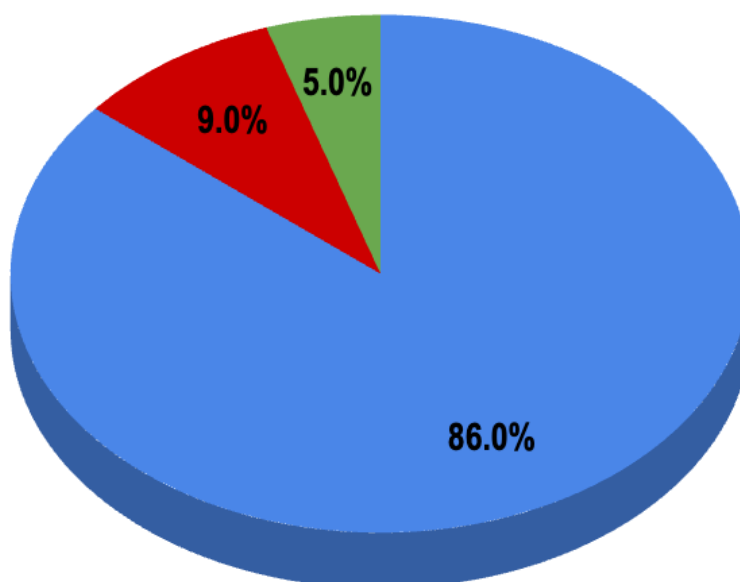
- **435\*** students graduated in the Class of **2023** with the following plans:
  - **86%** attended 4-year colleges
  - **9%** attended 2-year colleges or technical schools
  - **5%** entered the employment field, enlisted in the military, or were undecided
    - 3 gap year and prep school
    - 2 military
    - 17 Employment
    - 3 Trade School

\*This number does not include **12** students who were granted a Certificate of Attainment (rather than a high school diploma).

\*\*School counselors met with each senior individually in May 2023 to conduct an exit interview which consisted of reviewing the student's graduation survey. This year no student's future plans were unknown.

### **Class of 2023 Future Plans**

- **4-Year Colleges**
- **2-Year Colleges**
- **Military, Undecided, Employment**

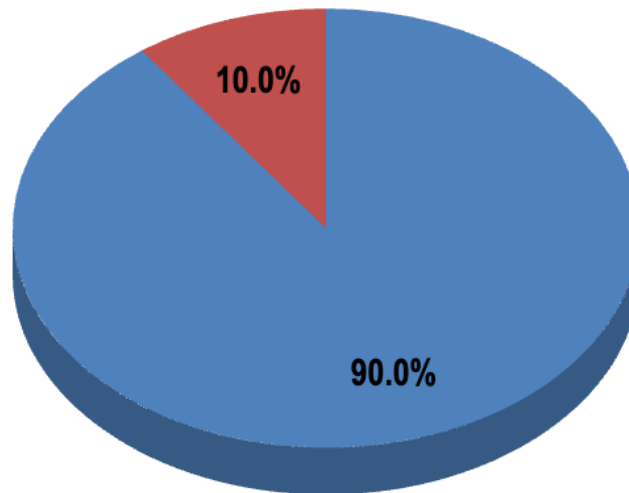


## **Public and Private** **2- and 4-Year Matriculations**

- Of the **435** students graduating in the Class of **2023**, a total of **413 (95%)** students continued their education at 2- and 4-year colleges and universities, or technical schools.
- Of these **413** students, **90%** attended 4-year colleges and **10%** attended 2-year colleges or technical schools.
- Of these **413** students, **57%** attended public colleges and universities; **43%** attended private colleges and universities.

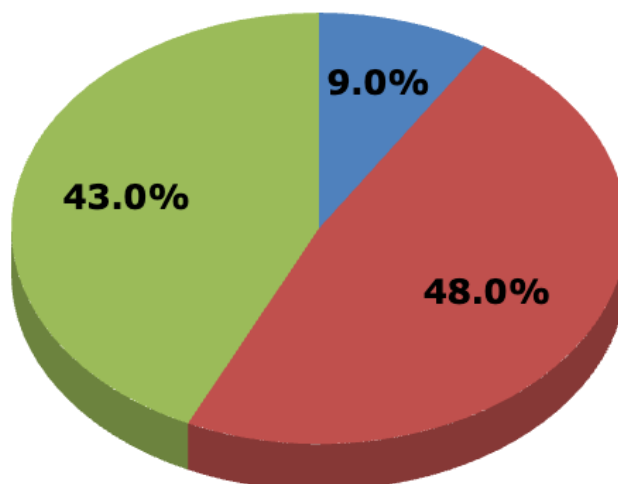
### **Class of 2023**

● 4-Year Schools    ● 2-Year Schools



## Class of 2023

● Public 2-Year    ● Public 4-Year    ● Private 4-Year



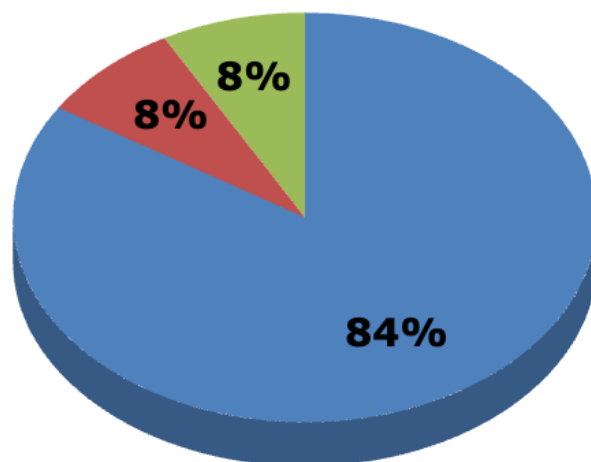

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### Future Plans by Gender

	Male	Female	Total
4-Year Colleges	157	218	375
2-Year Colleges	16	19	35
Career Education	1	2	3
Employment	10	7	17
Military	2	0	2
Other Plans	2	1	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>435</b>

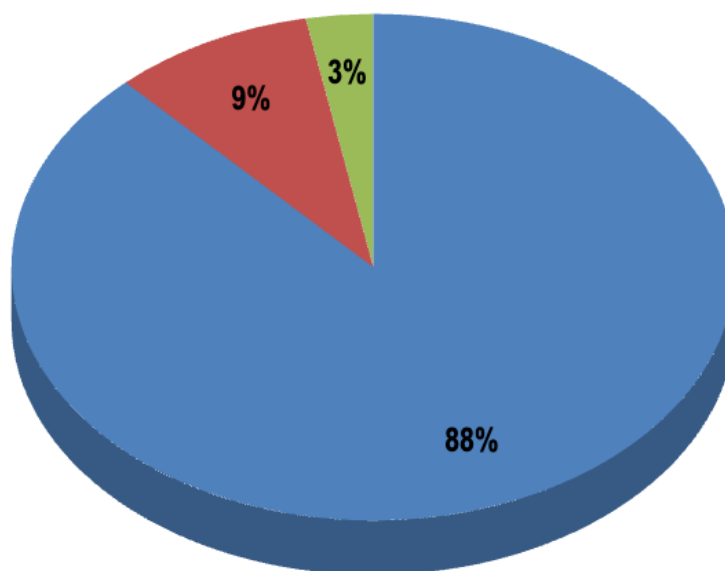
## 2023 Future Plans: Males (n=188)

- 4-Year Colleges
- 2-Year Colleges, Career Education, or PG School
- Employment, Other Plans



## 2023 Future Plans: Females (n=247)

- 4-Year Colleges
- 2-Year Colleges, Career Education, or PG School
- Employment, or Other Plans

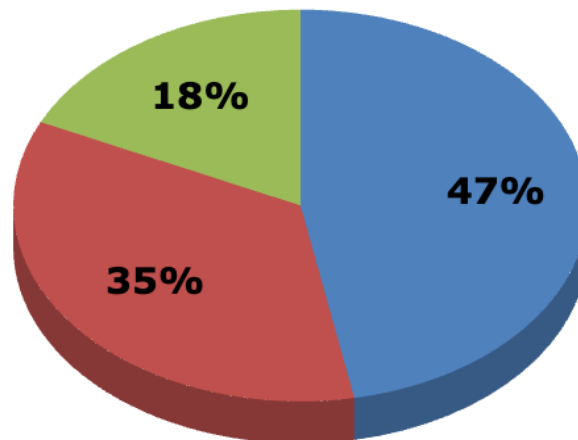


## **Students with Special Education Services**

- Twenty-nine students (6%) in the Class of 2023 received special education services. Seventeen students of the twenty-nine receiving special education services (8%) in the Class of 2023 received a diploma. Meanwhile, 12 students deferred their diplomas to a later date or received a certificate of attendance.
- The 17 students who received a diploma:
  - 47% attended 4-year colleges
  - 35% attended 2-year colleges & technical schools
  - 18% entered the employment field or took a gap year
  - Of the group of students (82%) who enrolled in college, 71% attended public colleges and universities; 29% attended private colleges and universities.

### **Class of 2023 Future Plans Students with Special Education Services**

● 4 Year Colleges    ● 2 Year Colleges    ● Employment, Other



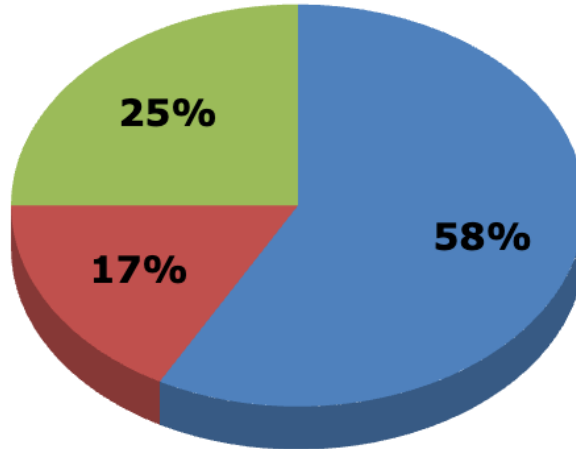
## **Class of 2023** **Students with Free/Reduced Lunch Status**

- Seventy-nine (18%) in the Class of 2023 received free or reduced lunch. Of these seventy-nine students: (this does not include students who received a certificate of attainment)
  - 58% attended 4-year colleges
  - 17% attended 2-year colleges & technical schools
  - 25% entered the employment field or took a GAP year

\*This data was compiled by the Food Service Director

## **Class of 2023 Future Plans Students with Free/Reduced Lunch**

● 4 Year Colleges    ● 2 Year Colleges    ● Employment, Other



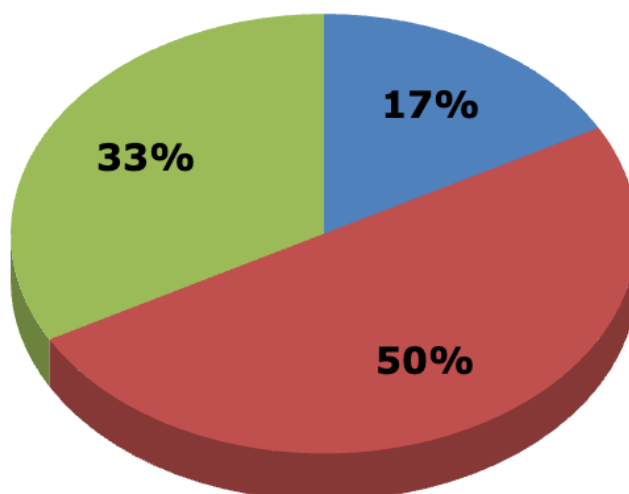


## **Class of 2023 English Learners**

- Six students (1.3%) in the Class of 2023 were designated EL. Of these 6 students:
  - 17% attended 4-year colleges
  - 50% attended 2-year colleges & technical schools
  - 33% entered the employment field or took a GAP year
  - Of the students (67%) who attended 4-year and 2-year colleges, 85% attended public colleges and universities; 15% attended private colleges and universities.

## **Class of 2023 Future Plans Students with EL Status**

● 4 Year Colleges    ● 2 Year Colleges    ● Employment, Other



**Class of 2023**  
**Student Race/Ethnicity**

	<b># of Students</b>	<b>2-year public</b>	<b>2-year private</b>	<b>4-year public</b>	<b>4-year private</b>
<b>American Indian or Alaskan Native</b>	<10	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Asian</b>	117	1	0	56 47%	57 48%
<b>African American/Black</b>	16	4 25%	0	4 25%	7 44%
<b>Hispanic or Latinx*</b>	27	9 14%	0	12 28%	4 13%
<b>Multi-race, non-Hispanic or Latinx</b>	10	2 20%	0	7 70%	1 10%
<b>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</b>	<10	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>White</b>	256	20 8%	0	107 42%	106 41%

\*Hispanic or Latinx is self-reported as an ethnicity per DESE regulations; students who identify as Hispanic or Latinx are also counted separately in a race category (e.g., a student whose family identifies their race as "Black" and their ethnicity as "Hispanic or Latinx" is counted in both categories).

## **College Application Information**

The School Counseling Department processed 3381 college applications to 320 different colleges and universities for the Class of 2023.

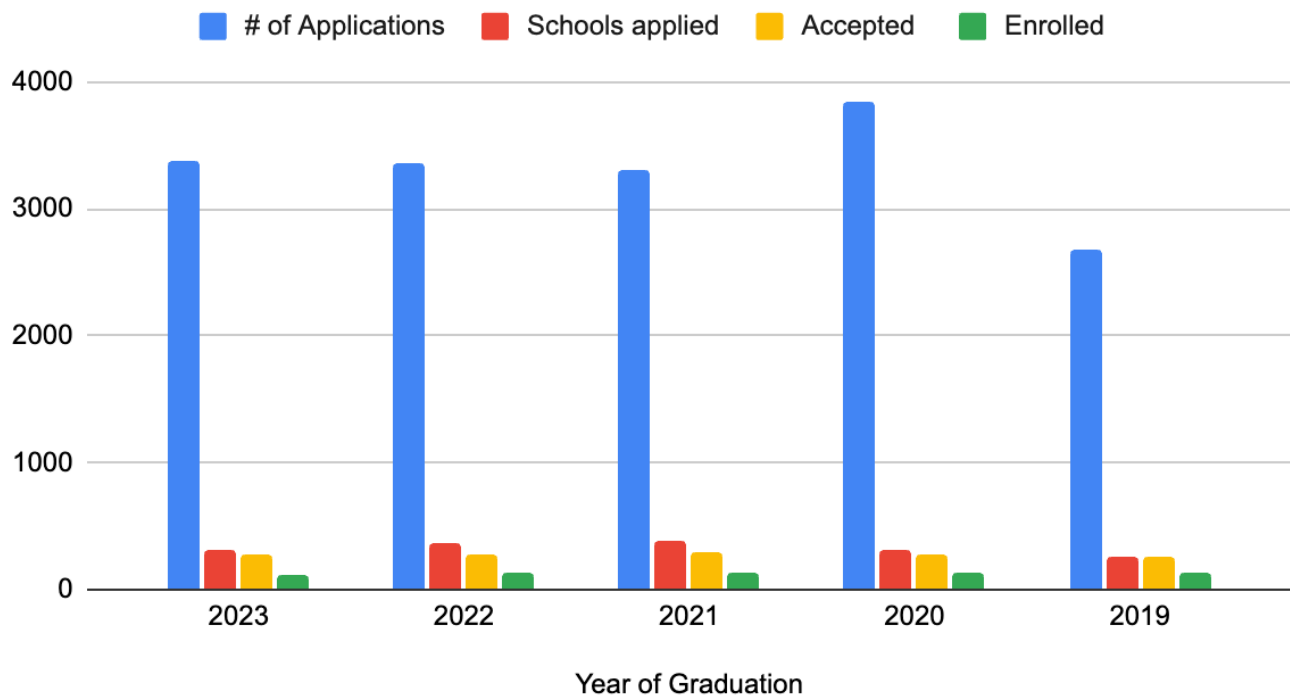
- The highest number of applications was 41.
- Fifty-one students had 15 or more applications

The school counselor's role in the college application process:

- Meet with the student individually regarding the following:
  - reviewing final college list
  - standardized tests; determine whether to send scores
  - teacher letters of recommendation
  - review process on how to request a transcript, etc
- Review each student's common application which includes reviewing
  - Personal essay and supplemental essay(s)
  - Student activity resume
- Writing a letter of recommendation for each student (approximately 55-60 per counselor)

<b>Year of Graduation</b>	<b># of Applications</b>	<b>Schools where students applied</b>	<b>Schools where students were accepted</b>	<b>Schools where students enrolled</b>
2023	3381	320	272	121
2022	3358	369	274	129
2021	3305	387	301	135
2020	3848	321	278	142
2019	2672	259	259	128
2018	2128	332	361	135
2017	2476	309	254	122

## # of Applications, Schools applied, Accepted and Enrolled



### Area School Counselor and Enrollment Comparisons

District	Enrollment	Staff	Caseload
<b>Shrewsbury</b>	<b>1872</b>	<b>8 Counselors + Director</b>	<b>232</b>
Newton South HS	1837	12 Counselors + Director	153
Acton-Boxborough	1703	9 Counselors + Director	190
Andover	1679	9 Counselors + Director	187
Franklin	1673	8 Counselors + Director	209
Westford	1567	8 Counselors + Director	196
Algonquin	1269	6 Counselors + Director	211
Westborough	1178	7 Counselors + Director	168

\*Due to increased enrollment in 2023, the average counselor caseload increased from 229 to 232.

## **Class of 2023 College Matriculations**

Below is the list of colleges and universities members of the Class of 2023 reported they would attend during the fall of 2023. This year we have not reported on the "Selectivity" of colleges as there are numerous publications and rankings that report varying degrees of selectivity. Ideally, researching each individual institution's admission data can help provide students and families with a more complete picture of a school's selectivity.

American University	2	Quinsigamond Community College	32
Anna Maria College	2	Quinnipiac University	9
Arizona State University	1	Rhode Island College	1
Assumption College	5	Rhode Island School of Design	1
Babson College	1	Rochester Institute of Technology	1
Barry University	1	Roger Williams University	1
Bates College	1	Rochester Polytechnic Institute	1
Bentley College	3	Rutgers University	1
Boston College	1	Sacred Heart University	3
Boston University	6	Salem State University	1
Bowdoin College	1	Salve Regina University	2
Brandeis University	4	San Diego State University	2
Bridgewater State University	4	Sarah Lawrence College	1
Brown University	1	Simmons University	1
Bryant University	6	Springfield College	2
Carnegie Mellon University	5	St. Anselm College	1
Case Western University	3	St. Joseph's College	1
Catholic University	1	Stonehill College	2
Community College of Rhode	1	Stony Brook University	1

Island			
Clark University	5	Suffolk University	5
Clemson University	2	SUNY Binghamton University	1
Colby College	4	Syracuse University	3
College of the Holy Cross	3	Trinity College	1
Concordia University	1	Tufts University	2
Dartmouth College	1	University of Alabama	1
Dean College	1	University of California Berkeley	1
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	1	University of Central Florida	1
Emmanuel College	3	University of Connecticut	19
Endicott College	1	University of Delaware	1
Fairfield University	5	University of Florida	3
Fitchburg State University	3	University of Illinois	1
Framingham State University	5	University of Maryland	1
George Mason University	1	University of Massachusetts Amherst	48
Georgia State University	2	University of Massachusetts Boston	8
Hartwick College	1	University of Massachusetts Dartmouth	2
Harvard College	1	University of Massachusetts Lowell	16
High Point University	1	University of Miami	1
Hobart & William Smith Colleges	1	University of Michigan	1
Hofstra University	2	University of Mississippi	1

Howard University	1	University of New Hampshire	6
University of Indiana	2	University of North Carolina	1
James Madison University	2	University of Pittsburgh	3
Johnson & Wales University	3	University of Rhode Island	5
Keene State College	4	University of Rochester	1
Lasell University	1	University of South Carolina	2
Massachusetts College of Art	6	University of Tampa	1
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	1	University of Tennessee	1
McGill University	3	University of Vermont	2
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	6	University of Washington	2
Michigan State University	2	University of Wisconsin	1
Middlesex Community College	1	Union College	1
New York Institute of Technology	1	Ursinus College	1
New York University	4	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	2
Nichols College	1	Wentworth Institute of Technology	1
North Carolina State University	1	Western New England University	1
Northeastern University	11	Westfield State University	6
Oberlin College	1	Wheaton College	1
Ohio State University	1	White Mountain Community College	1
Parsons School of Design	1	Williams College	1
Penn State University	2	Worcester State University	17
Plymouth State University	4	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	13

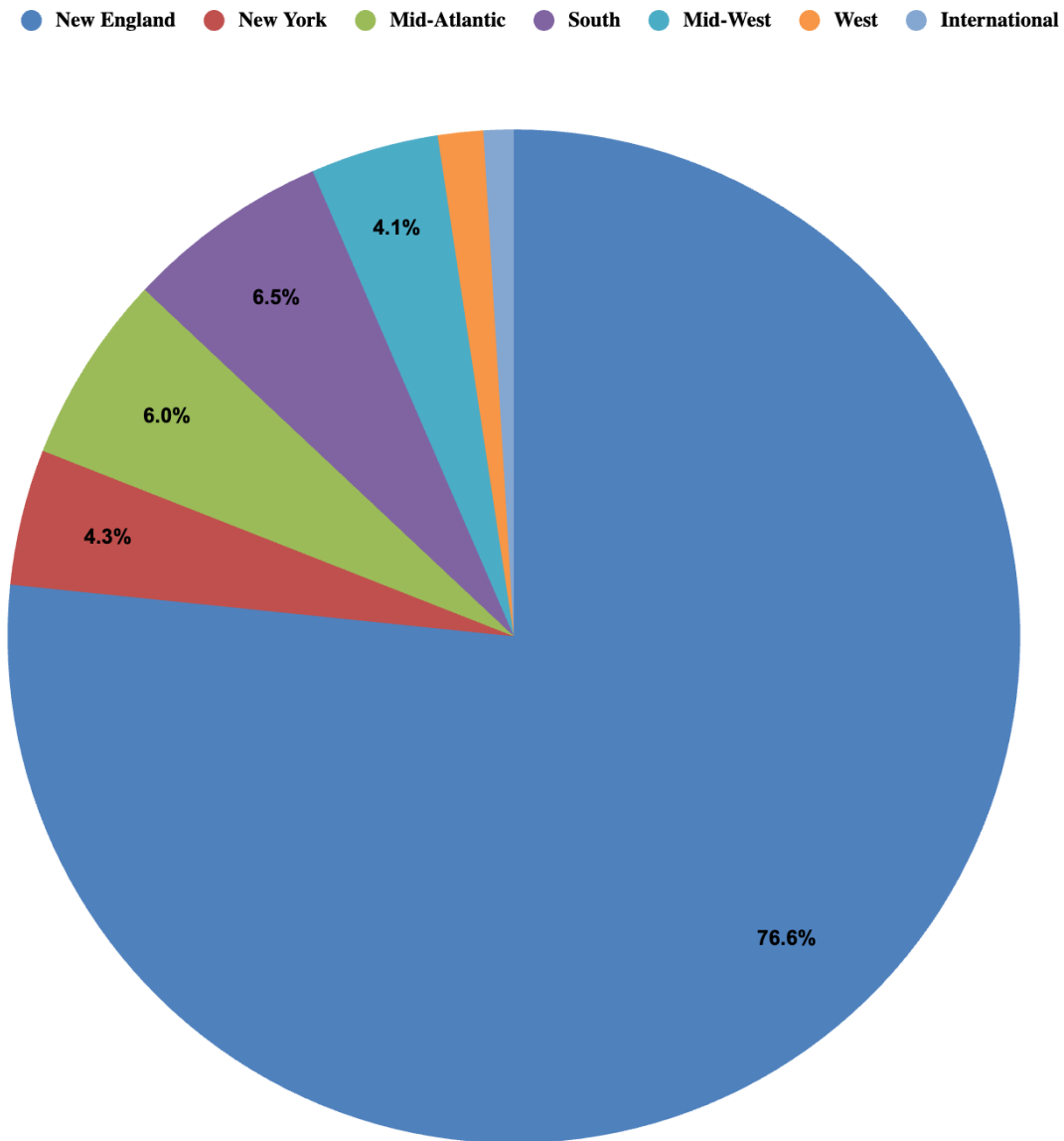
Pratt Institute	1		
Providence College	1		
Purdue University	5		



### **Geographic Breakdown by Matriculation**

- Members in the Class of 2023 were accepted to 272 different colleges and universities in 34 different states and Canada.
- Graduates in the Class of 2023 enrolled in 121 different colleges and universities in 42 different states and Canada.

### **2023 Matriculation by Region**



## **Geographic Break-Down Chart**

	2-Year & Technical	4-Year Private	2-Year Public	4-Year Public
<b>New England</b>				
Maine		7		
Massachusetts	3	91	33	113
Rhode Island		16	1	5
Connecticut		19		19
New Hampshire		2	1	10
Vermont				2
<b>Mid-Atlantic</b>				
Delaware				1
District of Columbia		6		
Maryland				1
New York		18		1
Virginia		4		
West Virginia				
Pennsylvania		10		2
New Jersey		1		
<b>South</b>				
Alabama				1
Florida		4		4
Georgia				2
Louisiana				
Mississippi				1
North Carolina				2
South Carolina		3		2
Tennessee				1
Texas				

<b>Midwest</b>				
Ohio		4		1
Indiana		5		2
Illinois				1
Iowa				
Michigan				3
Minnesota				
Wisconsin				1
<b>West</b>				
Arizona				1
California				3
Colorado				
Washington				2
Hawaii				
<b>International</b>				
Canada		4		
Total	3	194	35	181

## Top Private and Public Enrollments

### Top 4 Most Popular Schools Enrolled—Private

1. WPI—13
2. Northeastern—11
3. Boston University—6
4. Bryant University —6

### Top 6 Most Popular Schools Enrolled—Public

1. University of Massachusetts, Amherst —48
2. Quinsigamond Community College —32
3. Worcester State University —17
4. University of Connecticut —19
5. University of Massachusetts, Lowell —16
6. University of New Hampshire —7

