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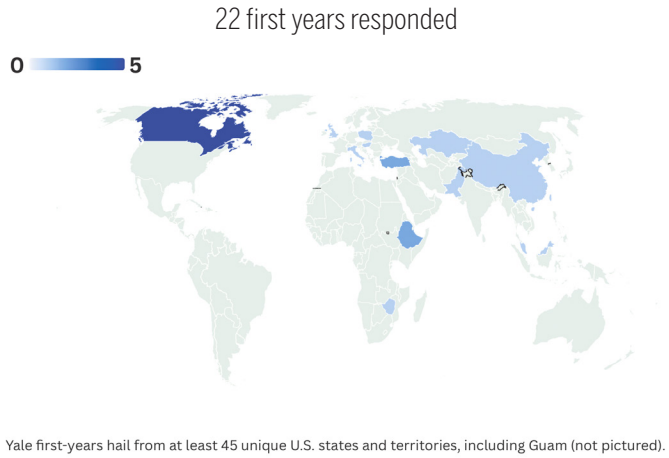
The class of 2029: By the numbers

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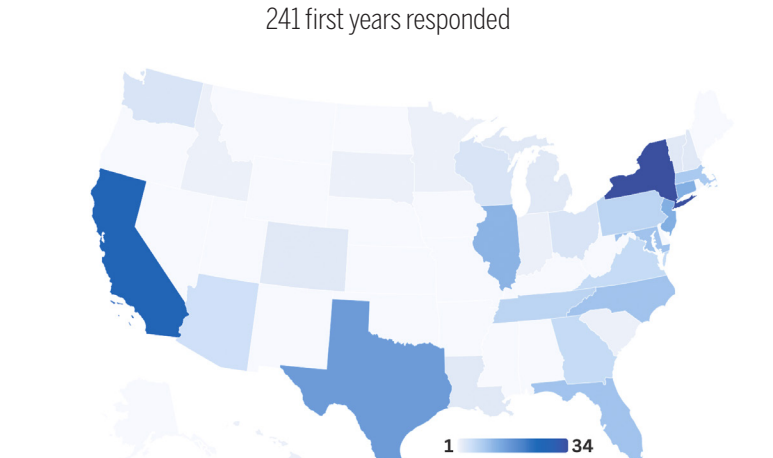
Over the last two weeks, the News’ data desk conducted a survey to learn about the new first years’ lives before Yale and expectations for college. The News sent the survey to roughly 1,150 members of the Yale College class of 2029 and received 267 individual responses. Each question was optional, so response sizes vary and are specified on an individual basis.

Delve into the data to explore the latest undergraduate class’ lifestyles, love lives, opinions and perspectives.

Where are first-year international students from?

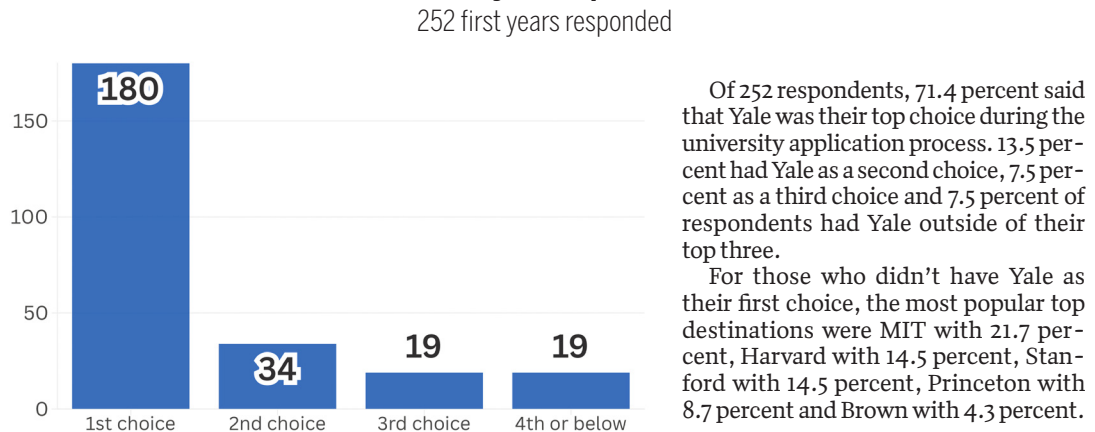


Where U.S. states/territories are first-year students from?



ACADEMICS

Was Yale your top choice?



First-year respondents hail from 45 U.S. states and territories and 16 countries. Of U.S. students, 14.1 percent are New Yorkers, 11.2 percent Californians and 6.6 percent Texans. 8.2 percent of respondents are international students, with Canadians making up 22.7 percent of these — the largest share of any country.

On a scale of 1 to 5, how religious would you say you are?

32.7 percent of first-year respondents are not religious, while 4.5 percent present as “very religious.” When asked to describe their religious beliefs, 16.5 percent identified as Catholic, 11.2 percent as Protestant, 10.8 percent as Jewish, 7.7 percent as spiritual and 3.8 percent as Hindu.

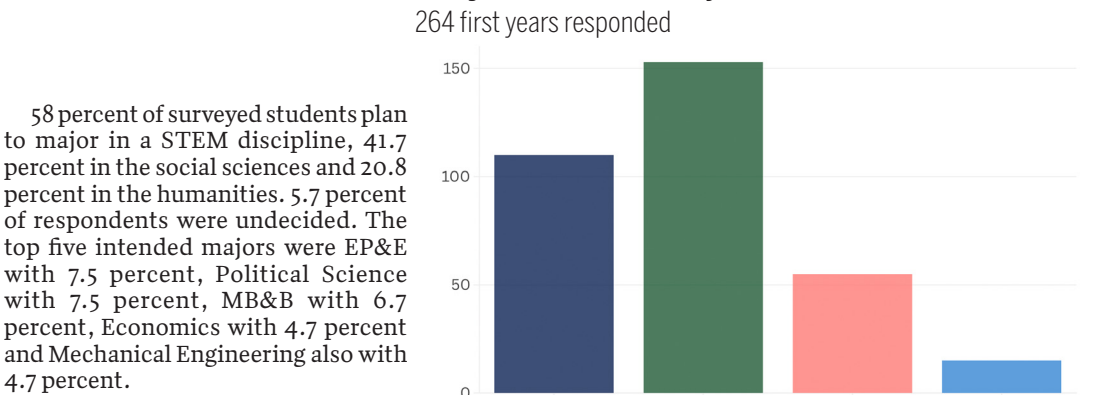
53%

of respondents are fluent in two or more languages

11%

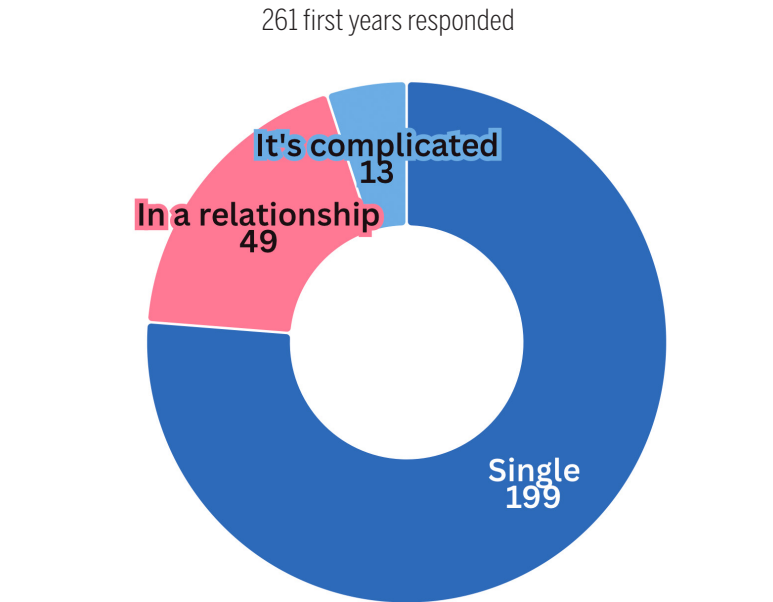
are trilingual

What area is your intended major in?



LIFESTYLE AND LOVE

What is your relationship status?

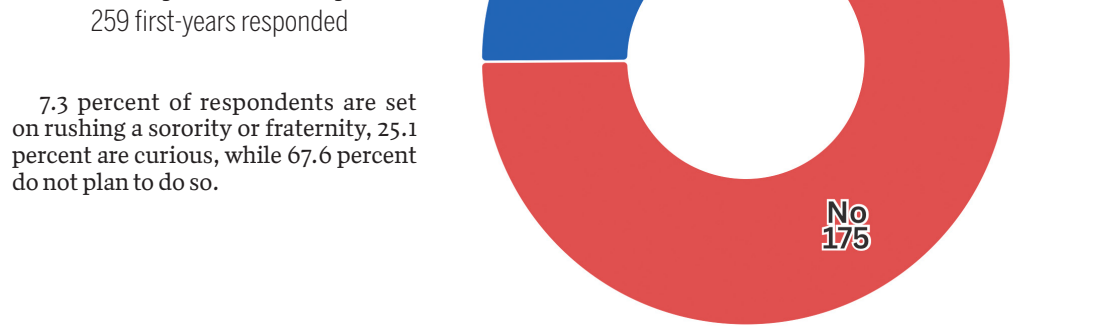


76.2 percent of respondents are single and 18.8 percent are in a relationship. For 5 percent of respondents, the most suitable option was “it’s complicated.”

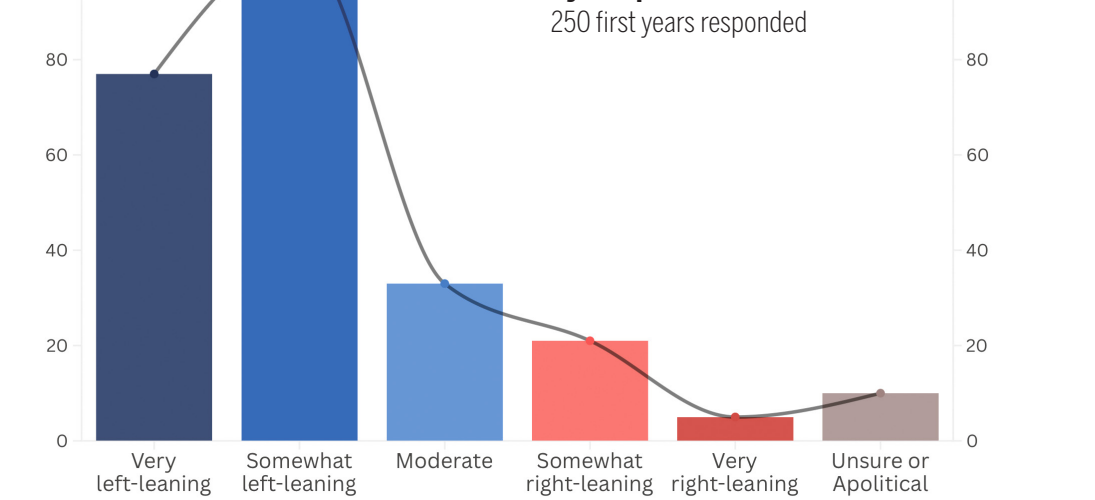
Respondents answered several yes/no questions about their social habits.

- 58.8 percent of respondents have had their first kiss.
- 24.8 percent have had sex. Of those 55 respondents, the majority have had one sexual partner, 22.2 percent have had two and 16.7 percent have had three or more.
- 45.8 percent drink alcohol. Moreover, 16.4 percent have used tobacco/nicotine, 23.7 percent have used marijuana and 4 percent have used hallucinogens.

Do you plan on rushing a sorority or fraternity?



What is your political affiliation?

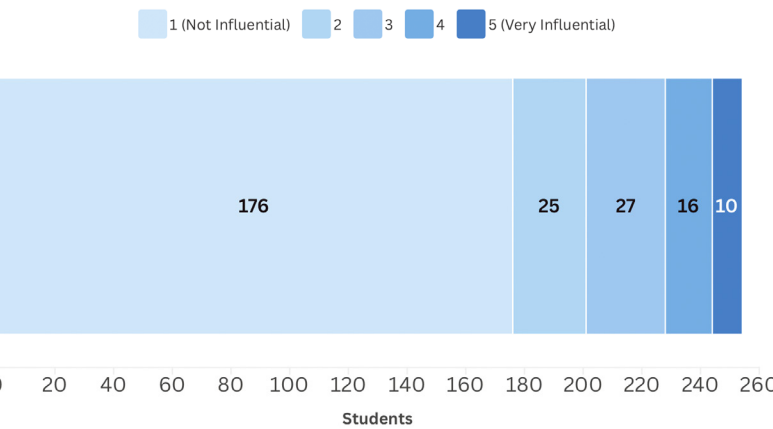


The majority of respondents sit on the left side of the political spectrum, with 30.8 percent identifying as very left-leaning and 41.6 percent as somewhat left-leaning. 10.4 percent of respondents presented as right-leaning, with only 2 percent identifying as strongly right-leaning. 13.2 percent are moderates and 4 percent are unsure or apolitical.

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