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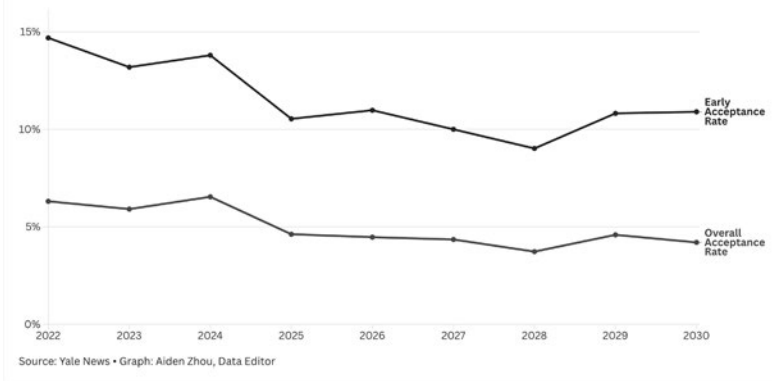
"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt."
MARGARET ATWOOD BLUEBEARD'S EGG

College regular decisions released, with 1,431 let in

Yale College acceptance rates by class (2022–2030)



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In total, the undergraduate admissions office accepted 2,328 students to the Yale College class of 2030 out of a pool of 54,919 applicants.

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included in Yale's totals for the regular decision round, not early action.

According to the announcement, admitted students represent all 50 states, Washington, D.C., two U.S. territories and 75 countries, and they will graduate from more than 1,650 secondary schools. Prospective majors span 83 of Yale's undergraduate programs.

"As always, the quality of the pool of applicants is much more important than the number of applications we receive," Dean of Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid Jeremiah Quinlan '03 wrote in a statement to the News. "This year's applicant pool included thousands of extremely well qualified students."

Quinlan added that the admissions committee faced difficult decisions because of the number of strong applicants but ultimately selected students "with the greatest potential to contribute to the Yale community and to take advantage of its extraordinary resources."

This year's regular-decision admissions come after Yale College announced an expansion of its financial aid program, guaranteeing free tuition for families earning under $200,000 and eliminating all expected costs for families earning under $100,000.

"With this announcement, we reiterate and reinforce Yale's commitment to ensuring that cost will never be a barrier between promising students and a Yale College education," Quinlan said in the Yale press release.

Dunn wrote that the financial aid expansion could not have influenced applicants' decisions to apply to Yale because their applications were due before the announcement.

"However, these newly admitted students will benefit from the new aid policies, and I expect that many will find that Yale is their family's most affordable option," Dunn wrote to the News. He added that the expansion may influence future applicants, particularly younger students beginning their college search.

Admitted students have until May 1 to accept their offer of admission.

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Elicker nominates 18-year dept. veteran

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department, the mayor said. State police arrested Jacobson last month on two charges of first-degree larceny. His lawyer has said in a statement that "an arrest is not evidence of guilt and allegations are not proof."

Zannelli graduated from the University of New Haven with a master's degree in public administration and is an 18-year veteran of the New Haven Police Department. He has supervised its homicide unit and led the internal affairs unit.

"I'd like to thank him for placing his trust in me to lead the best law enforcement agency in the country at this time," Zannelli said at the Wednesday press conference, referring to Elicker. "Thank you, mayor. This is truly a dream come true."

If confirmed, Zannelli would like to return to traditional community policing efforts such as walking beats while still exploring other, more innovative approaches, he said at the press conference.

He also said he hopes to ensure that morale in the department remains high by focusing on applicant diversity while continuing to hire the most well-qualified candidates.

Zannelli does not currently reside in New Haven, a requirement for New Haven police chiefs. Elicker is currently looking to change that requirement, he said at the press conference.

According to the New Haven Independent, Zannelli lives in Stonington, Connecticut, about an hour's drive from New Haven.

Alder Frank Redente Jr., who represents Fair Haven's Ward 15, serves as the Board of Alders' representative on the Civilian Review Board, which handles civilian complaints against the police.

"He's a stand-up guy and an incredible person. The mayor made the right choice," he said, adding that he was confident Zannelli's nomination would go through. "He's got an incredible amount of support in the Board of Alders.

On Tuesday, the Civilian Review Board sent a letter to Elicker advocating for Zannelli's nomination.

"He creates an environment of trust, honesty and includes the community, something very important," AnneMarie Rivera-Berrios, the review board's chair, wrote in the letter. "He is involved with the youth and is eager to keep them involved and safe. He has shown integrity, dedication and professional competence necessary to continue leading our law enforcement team effectively."

Asked Wednesday whether or not he would allow the New Haven Police Department to cooperate with federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, Zannelli said that the work of the police department would remain separate from that of federal agents.

"We don't care about somebody's documentation status. We care if you commit a crime. If you commit a crime, you're still going to be arrested the same way," he said.

Amid President Donald Trump's deportation push, ICE has conducted a number of arrests in New Haven.

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Mayor Justin Elicker on Wednesday announced his choice of David Zannelli to permanently lead the New Haven Police Department. Zannelli became the acting chief after the departure of chief Karl Jacobson amid allegations of embezzlement.



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Yale Police dispatchers will be relocated from the police department's headquarters to Yale's new Public Safety Operations Center. The police union is asking Yale Public Safety to reverse the plan.

Facing relocation, Yale police dispatchers sound the alarm

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move "to consolidate Yale Public Safety's disparate communications and monitoring centers" after the firm performed a "comprehensive assessment" of the police department in 2020.

"The myriad recommendations offered by the 21CP report provided Yale Public Safety with a roadmap of opportunity that ultimately positions Yale as a leader in campus public safety," Lovello wrote in the announcement.

If the proposal to move the center as part of the 21CP plan goes ahead, Yale Security and dispatchers will operate out of a new public safety operations center at 25 Science Park, which is a mile away from the Rose Center. Police officers will continue to work out of the Ashmun Street department.

Senior dispatcher Anthony Notarino, who said has been a Yale dispatcher since March 25, 1996, was one of many dispatchers who approached Hall with concerns about the move after he saw the online announcement. The center employs 11 dispatchers.

"This was definitely a group effort. Nobody wants to go," Notarino wrote in a text message to the News.

"We want to stay in our home, and we don't want to be separated from the cops," Notarino said in a phone interview.

In response to concerns he heard from Notarino and other dispatchers, Hall said he spoke with Lovello on Monday to inform him of "opposition" among dispatchers. Hall added that he plans to send Yale Public Safety a letter officially opposing the move.

In a draft of the letter reviewed by the News, the union demanded that "dispatch remain physically housed within the Police Department."

The letter, which is signed by Hall, states that "this position is not rooted in resistance to modernization, nor is it based on tradition or convenience. It is based on operational structure, officer safety, supervisory integration, and risk management."

Dispatchers worry the move will cause "enormous inconvenience," Hall said, especially because he does not know of "any plan" to staff the new dispatch center with police officers.

The "dispatch center is more or less a welcome center" that is staffed constantly and where dispatchers and police officers collaborate closely, Hall said. He added that "cops have no reason to go to 25 Science Park so those relationships will just end."

Dispatchers "do a lot of leg work" for police officers while they are in the field, Hall said, including providing officers with records, warrants and motor vehicle checks.

Dispatchers located in the building "develop a working familiarity with personnel, patrol deployment patterns, and command expectations that enhances field safety," according to the letter. "They recognize tone changes, stress indicators, and contextual nuances that are often not captured in CAD entries or radio transmissions alone," the letter reads, referring to computer-aided dispatch systems.

He said that dispatchers feel like they are a part of the police department and "that familiarity is built through proximity and daily interaction."

"You're just a call-taker, you're not a police dispatcher anymore," Hall said of how dispatchers may feel after the relocation. "It's going to be odd."

"Our function is with the police officers and we need to be with them," Notarino wrote in an email.

New Haven Police Department dispatchers and officers operate together out of that police department's main headquarters, an arrangement that Hall said was the norm for most local police departments.

The Rose Center opened in 2006, named for benefactor Deborah Rose '72, who donated a gift to the University for the new department building, according to a press release.

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