

Swarthmore College
Religious Preference of First Year Students

Your current religious preference	2015	2017	2019	2021	2023	Peers	Nat'l
						2023	2022
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Baptist	1.8%	2.1%	0.9%	2.2%	0.9%	1.7%	5.7%
Buddhist	4.2%	4.3%	1.9%	1.8%	2.3%	1.7%	1.0%
Church of Christ	0.6%	0.9%	1.4%	0.9%	0.9%	2.9%	5.3%
Eastern Orthodox	0.6%	0.4%	0.5%	0.9%	0.0%	0.5%	0.9%
Episcopalian	1.2%	3.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%
Hindu	1.2%	3.4%	0.0%	0.9%	2.8%	1.2%	1.7%
Jewish	7.8%	5.5%	5.6%	7.1%	6.9%	5.2%	3.2%
Lutheran	1.8%	0.0%	0.5%	0.9%	0.9%	1.1%	1.6%
Methodist	2.4%	0.9%	0.5%	1.3%	0.0%	0.9%	2.0%
Muslim	3.6%	3.8%	3.8%	3.5%	1.8%	1.6%	1.7%
Presbyterian	1.8%	3.0%	2.3%	2.2%	2.3%	1.5%	2.0%
Quaker	0.6%	1.7%	2.8%	0.4%	0.5%	0.2%	0.0%
Roman Catholic	9.6%	11.1%	9.4%	8.0%	10.1%	9.1%	20.0%
Seventh Day Adventist	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	1.2%
The Ch. of Christ of LDS	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.2%	0.3%
United Ch. of Christ/Congr'l	0.0%	0.9%	0.5%	0.4%	1.4%	0.3%	0.4%
Other Christian	6.0%	6.0%	8.5%	5.8%	7.8%	7.3%	14.6%
Other Religion	3.6%	4.7%	4.7%	3.1%	2.3%	4.0%	3.2%
None, Agnostic, or Atheist	53.1%	48.5%	55.9%	60.6%	57.6%	59.6%	34.1%
TOTAL (n)	166	235	213	226	239	4,218	33,039

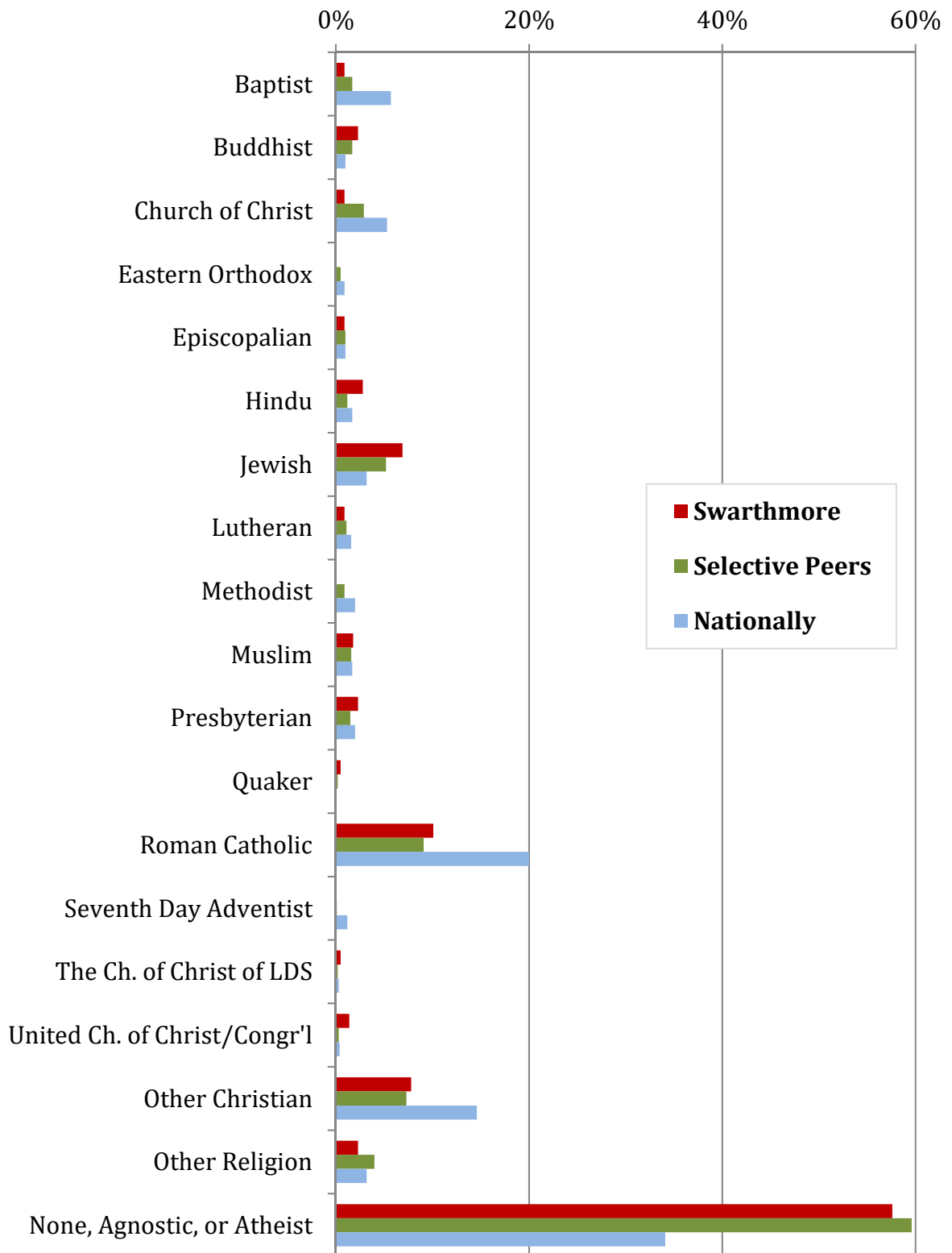
NOTES: Table reflects first-year students. Survey response rates were:
2015 - 48%; 2017- 65%; 2019 - 55%; 2021 - 58%; 2023 - 60%

"Peers" comprise approximately 20 very highly selective Private/Nonsectarian 4-year Colleges.

National totals include all participating baccalaureate institutions but are not nationally representative of all first-time, full-time, first-year students.

SOURCES: CIRP "Freshman Surveys," administered biennially.

Swarthmore College - Students Entering in 2023 Religious Preference



SOURCE: CIRP Survey; NOTE: National data reflect 2022 (2023 not available).