

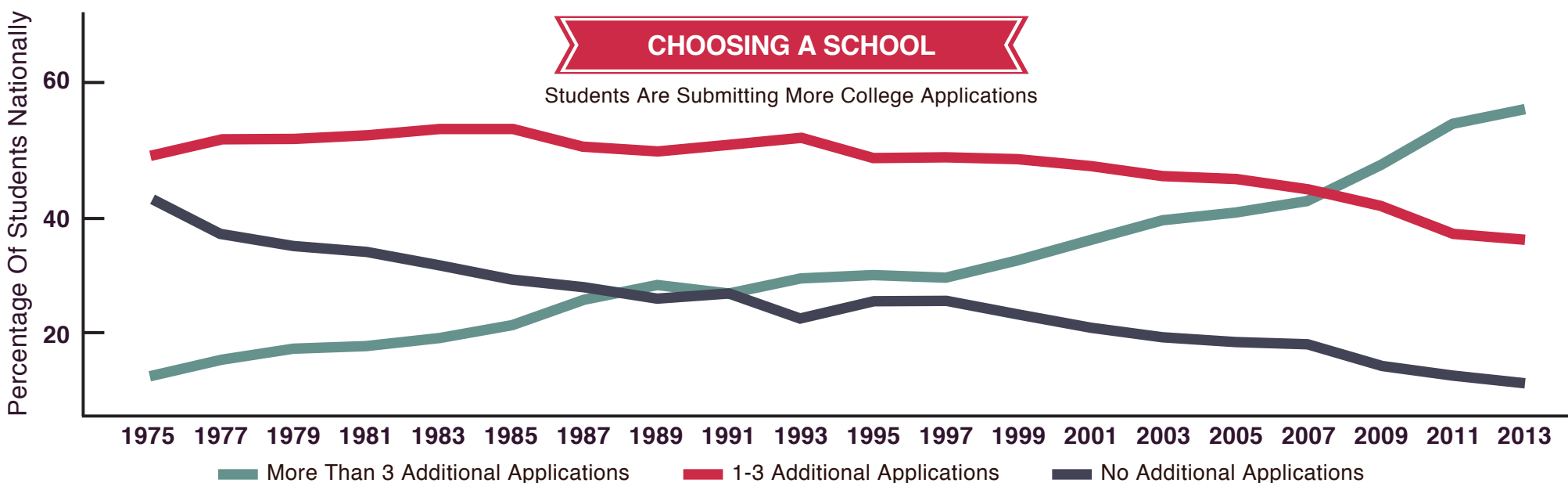
# FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

— AT A GLANCE —



While national statistics suggest just 38% of this year's freshman class will graduate in 4 years, 84% expect to do so. Below is a snapshot of the beginning of their college career.

National results are shown in BLACK | College of Charleston results are shown in GRAY



**IN FACT, 24% SUBMITTED MORE THAN 7 APPLICATIONS IN ADDITION TO THE SCHOOL WHERE THEY ENROLLED.**



**76%**  
Were Admitted To Their First Choice



**57%**  
Actually Enrolled In That School

## When Choosing A School Cost Was Almost As Important As Academics



**64%**

Academic Reputation

**46%**

Cost Of Attendance



**49%**

Financial Aid

## A Connected Classroom

As society becomes more technological, so do our students.



**42%**

Used An Online Instructional Website Assigned For A Class



**69%**

Did So To Learn Something On Their Own



But just 7% expect to take online courses at their institution. And only 3% expect to do so at another college.

## Embracing Diversity

Students are coming from more racially diverse high schools and most feel confident working with people from all backgrounds.



**46%**

Attended A High School That Is At Least Half Non-White



**54%**

Believe They Work Cooperatively With Diverse People



**44%**

Think They Can See The World From Others' Perspectives



Only 27% were open to having their views challenged.

## Political Viewpoints

46% of students classify themselves politically as "middle of the road."



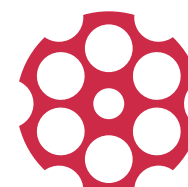
**83%**

Agree That Gays And Lesbians Should Be Able To Legally Adopt A Child



**37%**

Think The Government Should Raise Taxes To Reduce The Deficit



**64%**

Believe Handgun Sales Should Be More Controlled



Information about students entering college helps enrollment planning, retention efforts, and provides a baseline for understanding college effectiveness. Register for the CIRP Freshman Survey at [www.cirpsurveys.org](http://www.cirpsurveys.org). The 2013 CIRP Freshman Survey report is available as a free download at [heri.ucla.edu/tfsPublications](http://heri.ucla.edu/tfsPublications)

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