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Understanding the Implications of The SCOTUS Affirmative Action Decision: What Have We Learned, and New Approaches

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- Best bet for today: Collections of individual college data



Undergrad Admissions



The New York Times

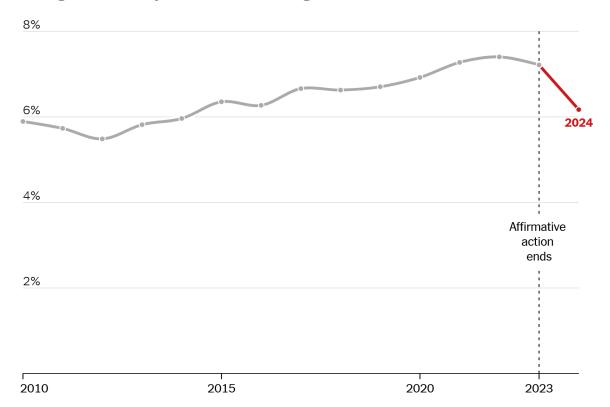
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What Happened to Enrollment at Top Colleges After Affirmative Action Ended

Three findings from the first class to enter college without raceconscious admissions.

By <u>Aatish Bhatia</u>, <u>Ben Blatt</u>, <u>Francesca Paris</u>, <u>Alicia Parlapiano</u> and <u>Eve Washington</u>
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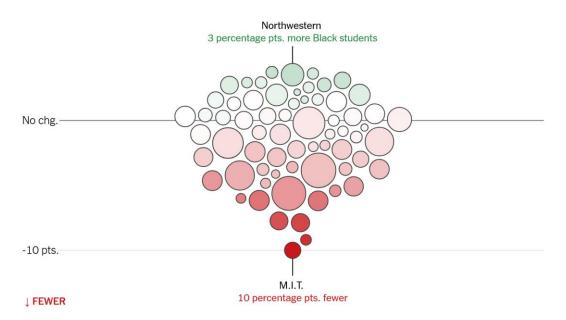
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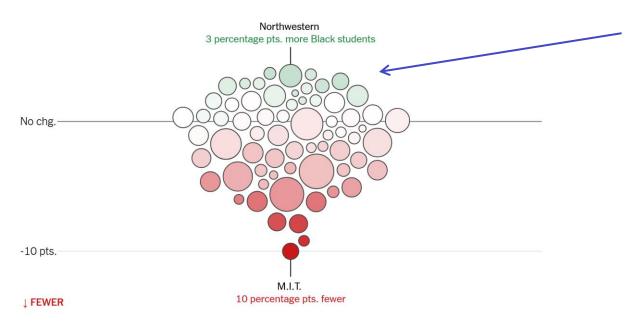
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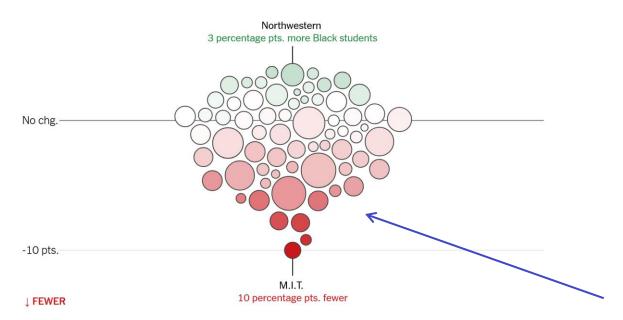
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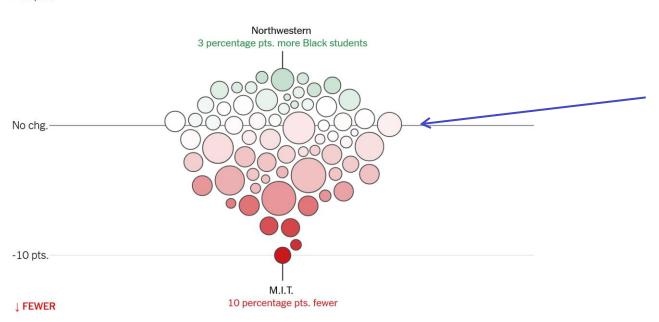
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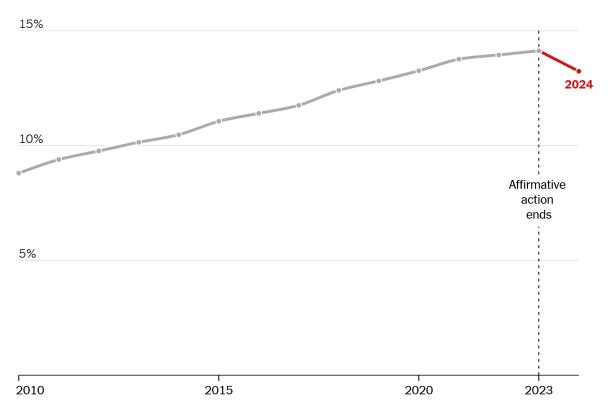
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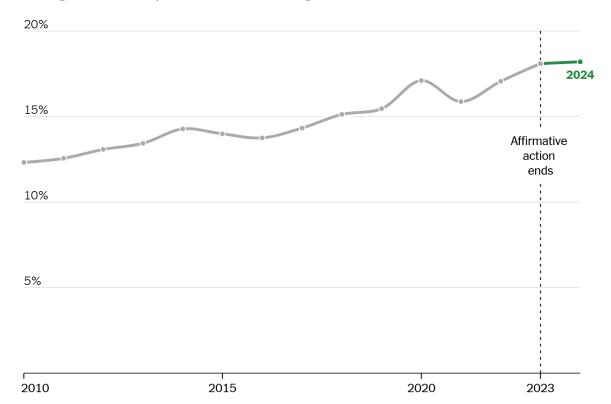


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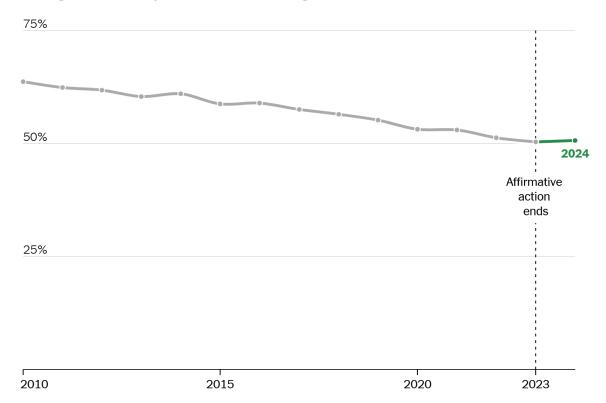


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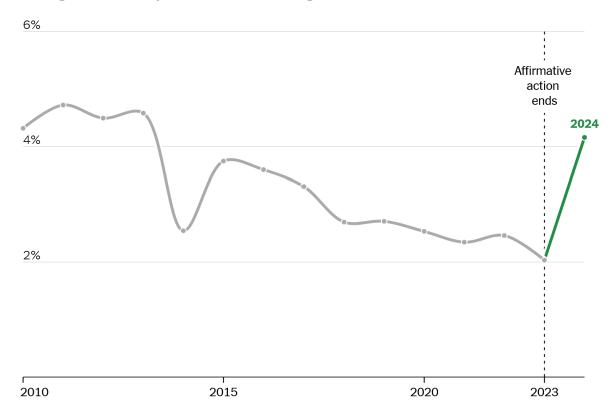


Average share of white students





Average share of students who didn't report their race





Grad Admissions



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The New York Times

Black Student Enrollment at Harvard Law Drops by More Than Half

After a Supreme Court decision ended race-based admissions, some law schools saw a decline in Black and Hispanic students entering this fall. Harvard appeared to have the steepest drop.

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HEALTH

Medical schools report steep drop in enrollment of Black and Hispanic students after Supreme Court ruling

The new data reflect the first class selected since the court banned the use of race in admissions

From the STAT article

"The number of Black enrollees fell by 11.6% compared to last year, while the number of Hispanic enrollees decreased 10.8%. The numbers were even starker for Indigenous students; the number of American Indian or Alaska Natives dropped by 22.1%, while students who were Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islanders dropped by 4.3%."

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 - Test-optional admissions
 - Preparatory programs

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- The best, most general advice is to work to create mission-driven admissions practices based on each individual institution's mission



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