

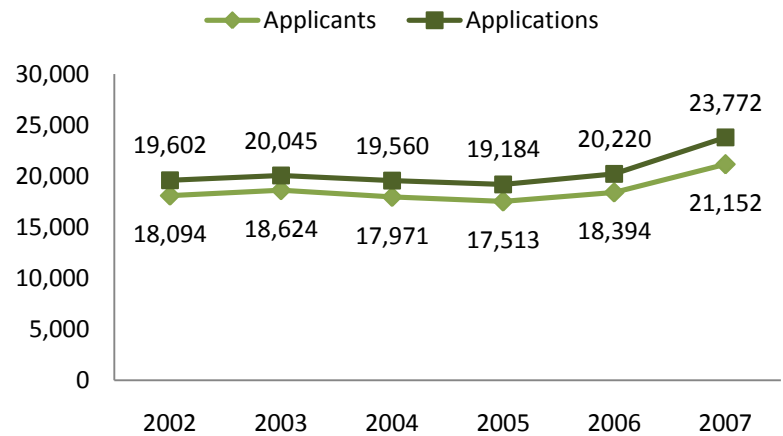
## IU Campus Cross-Applicants

This issue of *FYIU* focuses on current trends in cross-applications at IU-managed campuses (i.e., excluding Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne). Cross-applicants are those individuals who apply to more than one IU campus for a given academic semester.<sup>1</sup> This issue covers applications for admission to the fall semester of academic years 2002-03 through 2007-08. In this issue, applicants are limited to state residents who apply for admission to IU as first-time students (a.k.a. “beginners”).<sup>2</sup>

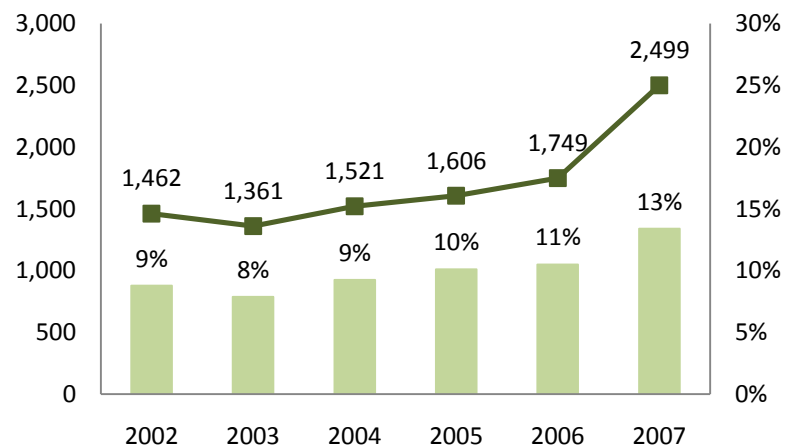
Between 2002 and 2007, the number of state residents who applied to IU for admission as first-time students increased by 17%, from 18,094 to 21,152 (See Figure 1). The number of *applications* to IU campuses, however, increased by 21% over this same period, from 19,602 to 23,772. This gap between the number of applications and the number of applicants, which has increased slightly over time, is the result of a larger number of these individuals submitting applications to more than one IU campus.

Over the past six years, cross-applicants increased both in number and as a percentage of all resident beginner applicants (See Figure 2). The number of cross-applicants increased by 71% between 2002 and 2007, from 1,462 to 2,499. As a percentage of all resident applicants, cross-applicants increased from 9% in 2002 to 13% in 2007. Although much of this increase occurred between 2006 and 2007, the overall trend in cross-applications within IU is characteristic of a national 40-year upward trend in the number of colleges to which potential students apply.<sup>3</sup>

**Figure 1.**  
**Resident Beginner Applicants and Applications**



**Figure 2.**  
**Count and % of IU applicants that applied to 2+ campuses**



<sup>1</sup> Cross-applicants are determined by looking across a set of campus-level snapshots of undergraduate admissions activities at the end of week 36 of the admissions cycle for incoming classes. These snapshots include for each campus all unduplicated, degree-seeking undergraduate applications for summer or fall from students who did not attend IU as degree-seeking students prior to the summer term. They are used to prepare the official admissions statistics for the fall semester at IU.

<sup>2</sup> The information presented in this report is not meant for official reporting purposes and it may vary slightly from information presented in official reports provided by the office of University Reporting and Research.

<sup>3</sup> Pryor, J.H., Hurtado, S., Saenz, V.B., Santos, J. L., & Korn, W. S. (2007). *The American Freshman: Forty Year Trends*. Los Angeles: Higher Education Research Institute, UCLA.





