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FALL 2000 ON-CAMPUS ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

On-campus headcount enrollment increased to 14,961 in Fall 2000, up 147 students (1.0%) from 14,814 in Fall 1999. This was the largest on-campus enrollment ever. Enrollment in Fall 2000 included 13,850 full-time and 1,111 part-time students, of which 13,824 were undergraduates, 609 were graduate students, and 528 were special students enrolled in regular credit courses. There was an increase of 144 full-time and three part-time students from Fall 1999. Full-time undergraduate enrollment increased by 170 (1.3%). Out-of-state students accounted for 29.3% of JMU's total on-campus enrollment in Fall 2000, compared with 29.2% in Fall 1999. There were 3,226 entering class students, up from 3,039 in Fall 1999. Based on historical patterns, we can expect 91% of the entering class students to return for Fall 2001. We can also expect 80% of these new students to graduate within six years. Undergraduate transfers decreased from 615 in Fall 1999 to 600 in Fall 2000. The number of enrolled students returning remained constant, with 9,561 full-time undergraduates returning in Fall 2000, only one student more than Fall 1999.

Applications for admission as entering class students increased 4.6% to 13,573 in Fall 2000 from 12,980 in Fall 1999. Overall, the University accepted 8,712 (64.2%) of its applicants for the entering class, up from 8,494 (65.4%) in Fall 1999. The yield rate (the percentage of those offered admission who accepted the offer and enrolled) increased from 35.8% in Fall 1999 to 37.0% in Fall 2000. The yield rate for Virginia applicants increased slightly from 42.0% in Fall 1999 to 42.4% in Fall 2000 while the out-of-state yield increased from 26.5% in Fall 1999 to 30.4% in Fall 2000. The percentage of minority entering class students in Fall 2000 was 10.7%, up from 10.3% in Fall 1999. The number of African-American entering class students in Fall 2000 was 124, up from 121 in Fall 1999. In-state African-American entering class students decreased from 109 to 102. Asian-American/Pacific Islanders continued to grow as the largest minority with 166 entering class students, up from 139 in Fall 1999. For the first time, State guidelines allowed "unknown" or unreported ethnicity to be reported in student enrollment data files.

Mean SAT scores, using the current recentered values, for entering class students in Fall 2000 were 582 verbal, 589 math, and 1,171 composite. The 2000 composite is one point above the composite of 1,170 for Fall 1999. The highest mean SAT score in the last ten years was 1,192 in 1993 and 1994. The 2000 national average SAT composite score was 1,019, while the average for Virginia was 1,009.

A December 2000 article in *Time Magazine* showed that male undergraduate enrollment nationally has declined since 1992 to 44%. The percentage of males in the JMU undergraduate student body (42.0%) decreased from Fall 1999 (42.7%). Thirty-nine percent of entering freshmen were male.

Graduate enrollment decreased from 680 in Fall 1999 to 609 in Fall 2000. The greatest number of graduate students in the 1990's was 859 in 1995. Full-time graduate enrollment decreased from 420 in Fall 1999 to 373 in Fall 2000. Graduate students account for 4.1% of on-campus enrollment.

Ten-year summary tables appear on the next page. More detailed enrollment tables will be published in the 2000-01 James Madison University *Statistical Summary*. Copies of the *Statistical Summary* are placed on reserve in Carrier Library. Also, the *Statistical Summary* is available online at <http://www.jmu.edu/instresrch>.

TABLE 1
Total Fall On-Campus Headcount Enrollment
1991-2000

Fall	Undergraduate	Graduate	Special	Total
1991	9,946	766	552	11,264
1992	9,787	815	601	11,203
1993	9,927	811	616	11,354
1994	10,152	795	592	11,539
1995	10,503	859	565	11,927
1996	11,643	759	561	12,963
1997	12,551	743	420	13,714
1998	13,225	723	466	14,414
1999	13,668	680	466	14,814
2000	13,824	609	528	14,961

TABLE 2
Entering Class Acceptances and SAT Scores
1991-2000

Fall	Applied	Accepted	Enrolled	Percent Accepted	Percent Enrolled	Mean SAT Composite (Recentered)
1991	11,726	5,225	2,123	44.6	40.6	1,187
1992	11,832	5,201	2,042	44.0	39.3	1,187
1993	11,223	5,285	2,082	47.1	39.4	1,192
1994	11,712	6,167	2,289	52.7	37.1	1,192
1995	12,314	6,989	2,539	56.8	36.3	1,179
1996	13,322	8,434	3,258	63.3	38.6	1,172
1997	14,005	7,688	3,062	54.9	39.8	1,174
1998	13,157	7,818	2,973	59.4	38.0	1,175
1999	12,980	8,494	3,039	65.4	35.8	1,170
2000	13,573	8,712	3,226	64.2	37.0	1,171

TABLE 3
STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY GENDER AND ACADEMIC LEVEL
FALL 1991-2000

Year	Undergraduates		Graduates		Specials		Total	
	Male/Pct	Female/Pct	Male/Pct	Female/Pct	Male/Pct	Female/Pct	Male/Pct	Female/Pct
1991	4,468 (44.9)	5,478 (55.1)	310 (40.5)	456 (59.5)	186 (33.7)	366 (66.3)	4,964 (44.1)	6,300 (55.9)
1992	4,398 (44.9)	5,389 (55.1)	305 (37.4)	510 (62.6)	242 (40.3)	359 (59.7)	4,945 (44.1)	6,258 (55.9)
1993	4,467 (45.0)	5,460 (55.0)	287 (35.4)	524 (64.6)	233 (37.8)	383 (62.2)	4,987 (43.9)	6,367 (56.1)
1994	4,688 (46.2)	5,464 (53.8)	255 (32.1)	540 (67.9)	216 (36.5)	376 (63.5)	5,159 (44.7)	6,380 (55.3)
1995	4,800 (45.7)	5,703 (54.3)	304 (35.4)	555 (64.6)	234 (41.4)	331 (58.6)	5,338 (44.8)	6,589 (55.2)
1996	5,250 (45.1)	6,393 (54.9)	261 (34.4)	498 (65.6)	243 (43.3)	318 (56.7)	5,754 (44.4)	7,209 (55.6)
1997	5,586 (44.5)	6,965 (55.5)	283 (38.1)	460 (61.9)	176 (41.9)	244 (58.1)	6,045 (44.1)	7,669 (55.9)
1998	5,759 (43.6)	7,466 (56.4)	254 (35.1)	469 (64.9)	203 (43.6)	263 (56.4)	6,216 (43.1)	8,198 (56.9)
1999	5,837 (42.7)	7,831 (57.3)	232 (34.1)	448 (65.9)	177 (38.0)	289 (62.0)	6,246 (42.2)	8,568 (57.8)
2000	5,807 (42.0)	8,017 (58.0)	211 (34.6)	398 (65.4)	200 (37.9)	328 (62.1)	6,218 (41.6)	8,743 (58.4)