

# FALL 2008

## ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

ON and off campus headcount increased to 18,454 in Fall 2008, up 536 students (3.0%) from 17,918 in Fall 2007. Degrees were sought by 16,648 undergraduate and 1,241 graduate students. Another 565 non-degree seeking students were enrolled in regular credit courses. There were 17,098 full-time and 1,356 part-time students. There were 585 more full-time and 49 fewer part-time students than Fall 2007. Full-time degree seeking undergraduate enrollment increased by 557 (3.6%). Out-of-state students accounted for 29.2% of all enrollment, the same as Fall 2007. The entering freshman class had 3,957 students, up from 3,867 in Fall 2007. Past freshman performance suggests that roughly 91% of them will return in Fall 2009 and about 80% will graduate within six years. Undergraduate transfers decreased from 659 in Fall 2007 to 651 in Fall 2008. The number of enrolled students returning grew with 11,608 full-time undergraduates returning in Fall 2008, 481 students more than Fall 2007.

### Applications

Applications for admission to the entering freshman class increased 4.9% to 19,245 in Fall 2008 from 18,352 in Fall 2007. The University accepted 12,522 (65.1%) of these freshman applicants, up from 11,660 (63.5%) in Fall 2007. The yield rate (percentage of accepted students who enrolled) decreased from 33.2% in Fall 2007 to 31.6% in Fall 2008. The yield rate for Virginia applicants decreased from 39.0% in Fall 2007 to 37.5% in Fall 2008. The out-of-state yield decreased from 26.0% in Fall 2007 to 24.0% in Fall 2008. The percentage of minority entering class students in Fall 2008 was 12.8%, up from 11.5% in Fall 2007. The number of African-American entering class students increased from 133 in Fall 2007 to 142 in Fall 2008. In-state African-American entering class

students increased from 114 to 118. Asian/Pacific Islanders were the largest minority group in the entering class with 211 students. 276 entering students were counted as Unreported (multiracial and unknown).

### SAT Scores

Mean SAT scores for the Fall 2008 entering class were 568 critical reading, 581 math, and 1,148 composite. Each of these scores increased from scores of 565, 578 and 1,140, respectively. The highest mean SAT score since recentering began in 1995 was 1,186 in Fall 1995. The 2008 national average SAT composite was 1,017, while the average for Virginia was 1,023.

The percentage of males increased slightly from Fall 2007. Degree seeking undergraduate males increased from 6,382 (39.6%) in Fall 2007 to 6,712 (40.3%) in Fall 2008. Entering male freshmen increased from 1,465 (37.9%) in Fall 2007 to 1,531 (38.7%) in Fall 2008.

### Graduate Enrollment

Graduate enrollment (degree and non-degree seeking) increased 2.3% from 1,504 in Fall 2007 to 1,538 in Fall 2008. Full time graduate enrollment increased from 862 in Fall 2007 to 893 in Fall 2008. Graduate students represent 8.3% of all enrollment.

Ten year summary tables follow on the next page. More detailed enrollment tables are published in the *2008-09 James Madison University Statistical Summary*. The *Statistical Summary* is available online at <http://www.jmu.edu/instrsrch>. Copies of the *Statistical Summary* are also placed on reserve in the Carrier Library. See also the OIR Data Warehouse to search the census history and other student data at <http://web.jmu.edu/oir/>

TABLE 1  
Fall Headcount, 1999-2008

Fall	Degree Seeking		Non-degree Seeking	Total
	Undergraduate	Graduate		
1999	13,668	827	728	15,223
2000	13,824	733	769	15,326
2001	14,069	770	723	15,562
2002	14,403	813	749	15,965
2003	14,685	809	709	16,203
2004	14,677	972	459	16,108
2005	15,287	1,067	584	16,938
2006	15,653	1,138	602	17,393
2007	16,108	1,266	544	17,918
2008	16,648	1,241	565	18,454

TABLE 2  
Fall Entering Class Acceptances and SAT Scores, 1999-2008

Fall	Applied	Accepted	Enrolled	Percent Accepted	Percent Enrolled	Mean SAT Composite
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
2001	14,114	9,080	3,249	64.3	35.8	1,163
2002	15,639	9,048	3,283	57.9	36.3	1,165
2003	15,056	9,404	3,388	62.5	36.0	1,167
2004	15,013	9,472	3,285	63.1	34.7	1,162
2005	16,388	11,094	3,798	67.7	34.2	1,160
2006	17,765	11,137	3,748	62.7	33.7	1,140
2007	18,352	11,660	3,867	63.5	33.2	1,140
2008	19,245	12,522	3,957	65.1	31.6	1,148

TABLE 3  
Fall Headcount by Gender and Academic Level, 1999-2008

Year	Degree Seeking Undergraduate		Degree Seeking Graduate		Non-degree Seeking		Total	
	Male/Pct	Female/Pct	Male/Pct	Female/Pct	Male/Pct	Female/Pct	Male/Pct	Female/Pct
1999	5,837 (42.7)	7,831 (57.3)	354 (42.8)	473 (57.2)	330 (45.3)	398 (54.7)	6,521 (42.8)	8,702 (57.2)
2000	5,807 (42.0)	8,017 (58.0)	309 (42.2)	424 (57.8)	307 (39.9)	462 (60.1)	6,243 (41.9)	8,903 (58.1)
2001	5,829 (41.4)	8,240 (58.6)	310 (40.3)	460 (59.7)	302 (41.8)	421 (58.2)	6,441 (41.4)	9,121 (58.6)
2002	5,931 (41.2)	8,472 (58.8)	312 (38.4)	501 (61.6)	241 (32.2)	508 (67.8)	6,484 (40.6)	9,481 (59.4)
2003	5,889 (40.1)	8,796 (59.9)	309 (38.2)	500 (61.8)	225 (31.7)	484 (68.3)	6,423 (39.6)	9,780 (60.4)
2004	5,805 (39.6)	8,872 (60.4)	357 (36.7)	615 (63.3)	195 (42.5)	264 (57.5)	6,357 (39.5)	9,751 (60.5)
2005	6,022 (39.4)	9,265 (60.6)	383 (35.9)	684 (64.1)	215 (36.8)	369 (63.2)	6,620 (39.1)	10,318 (60.9)
2006	6,115 (39.1)	9,538 (60.9)	423 (37.2)	715 (62.8)	206 (34.2)	396 (65.8)	6,744 (38.8)	10,649 (61.2)
2007	6,382 (39.6)	9,726 (60.4)	474 (37.4)	792 (62.6)	177 (32.5)	367 (67.5)	7,033 (39.3)	10,885 (60.7)
2008	6,712 (40.3)	9,936 (59.7)	413 (33.3)	828 (66.7)	196 (34.7)	369 (65.3)	7,321 (39.7)	11,133 (60.3)