Fall 2009 Enrollment Summary

Intended as a quick snapshot, this research note focuses on the facts and figures documenting enrollment at James Madison University during the fall 2009 term. The information presented in this summary is derived from official headcount data from the fall 2009 census as well as trends and historical information from archived records and surveys kept in the Office of Institutional Research. Unless otherwise noted, figures include on and off campus students.

More detailed census histories, enrollment tables, and other student data are published in the 2009-10 James Madison University Statistical Summary and the OIR Data Warehouse. Both resources are available online at: www.jmu.edu/instresrch. For questions related to this research note, contact: Lou Hedrick at: hedriclj@jmu.edu

Overall Enrollment
Fall 2009 enrollment at JMU rose slightly from fall 2008.

- Total enrollment grew 2.8% (517 students) from 18,454 in 2008 to 18,971 in fall 2009
- Full-time students grew by 2% (364) to 17,462.
- Part-time students saw a very small 1% (153) increase over last year to 1,509.
- Out-of-state students increased .01% (53), a slight change when compared with fall 2008.

Enrollment by Gender

- Male: 7,478 (35%)
- Female: 11,493 (61%)

Enrollment by In/Out of State

- In-State: 13,528 (71%)
- Out-of-State: 5,443 (29%)

JMU Students Top 5 States of Origin (outside of Virginia)

- Maryland: 1205
- New Jersey: 1195
- Pennsylvania: 957
- New York: 600
- Connecticut: 267
Undergraduate Enrollment
17,281 undergraduate students make up 91% of JMU’s total enrollment.

Other Undergraduate Enrollment Facts:
- 91.7% of our 2008 first-time freshmen returned this fall.
- Full-time degree-seeking undergraduates increased 1.8% (294 students) to 16,462.
- The number of full-time undergrads returning to JMU this fall grew by 2.4% (275) for a total of 11,883.
- 792 students make up JMU’s part-time undergraduate population.

Graduate Enrollment
Graduate degree-seeking and non-degree-seeking student enrollment increased 9.9% over 2008 to 1,690 students.

Other Graduate Enrollment Facts:
- Full time enrollment increased 8.9% from 893 in fall 2008 to 973 in fall 2009.
- Part-time graduate enrollment increased 11.2% (72 students) to 717 in fall 2009.
- Degree-seeking graduate students increased to 1,334.
- Graduate students represent 8.9% of JMU’s total enrollment, up from 6.8% in 2000.
Admissions

3,952 or 30.7% of accepted students enrolled at JMU this fall.

Additional Admissions Statistics:

- Total applications for first-time freshmen increased 8.9% from 19,245 in fall 2008 to 20,963 in fall 2009.
- JMU accepted 61.4% (12,872) of its freshman applicants. This compares with 65.1% (12,522) in fall 2008.
- 36.9% of Virginia applicants chose to enroll this fall - a slight decrease from 37.5% in 2008.
- 23% of out-of-state applicants enrolled this fall - a 1% decrease when compared to 2008.
- The percentage of first-time freshmen who applied to 5 or more schools increased 13% from 30% in 2000 to 43% in 2009.

First-time Freshmen

JMU’s freshman class remains constant for the second year at 3,952 students.

Other interesting freshman facts:

- First-time freshmen make up 20.8% of JMU’s total enrollment.
- Average age of first-time freshmen is 18.
- Males decreased from 1,531 (38.7%) in fall 2008 to 1,463 (37%) in fall 2009.
- First-time female freshmen increased slightly from 2,426 (61.3%) in 2008, to 2,489 (63%) in fall 2009.
- 2009 freshman SAT scores show a small decrease from 2008 scores of 568 Verbal, 581 Math, and 1149 Combined.
- JMU freshman mean SAT scores exceed both Virginia and National averages.
Transfer Enrollment
683 students transferred to JMU this fall – a 5% increase over last year.

Additional transfer student information:
- The number of female transfer students increased almost 10% from 2008 to 2009.
- Average age of transfers is 21.

International Students
264 international students representing 69 countries attend JMU.

Additional international student data:
- 79% of JMU’s international students are undergraduates; 16% are pursuing doctoral/graduate degrees; and 5% are enrolled as Continuing Ed. students.
- Gender is roughly split with 51% men and 49% women.
**Student Body Race & Ethnicity:**
Asian/Pacific Islanders continue to be the largest reported minority group at JMU.

**Additional Race/Ethnicity Information:**
- Between fall 2008 and 2009, the percentage of incoming minority students increased from 12.8% to 13.6%.
- The number of first-time freshmen African-American students increased from 142 in fall 2008 to 149 in fall 2009.
- In-state African-American entering class students increased from 118 to 123.