Intented as a quick snapshot, this research note focuses on the facts and figures documenting enrollment at James Madison University during the fall 2014 term. The information presented in this summary is derived from the official fall 2014 census and admissions data submitted to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), trends and historical information from archived records and surveys kept in the Office of Institutional Research. Unless otherwise noted, figures include both on and off-campus students.

More detailed census histories, enrollment tables, and other student data are published in the 2014-15 James Madison University Statistical Summary available online at: www.jmu.edu/instresrch. For questions related to this research note, please contact: Lou Hedrick or Jacob Loorimirim.

**Overall Enrollment**

Fall 2014 enrollment at JMU rose slightly from fall 2013.

- Total enrollment grew 3.3% (674 students) from 20,181 in 2013 to 20,855 in fall 2014.
- Full-time students grew by 2.7% (497 students) to 19,123.
- Part-time students grew by 11.4% (177 students) over the last year, from 1,555 to 1,732.
- Out-of-state students grew 1.2% (65 students) over last year’s 5,424 in 2013 to 5,489 in fall 2014.
- In-state students went up by 4% (609) over fall 2013.

**Enrollment by Gender**

- Female: 12,428 (60%)
- Male: 8,427 (40%)

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

- New Jersey: 1,294
- Maryland: 1,065
- Pennsylvania: 796
- New York: 643
- Connecticut: 288
**Undergraduate Enrollment**

19,144 undergraduate (UG) students make up 92% of JMU’s total enrollment.

Other Undergraduate Enrollment Facts:

- 92.4% of JMU’s 2014 first-time freshmen returned this fall.
- Full-time degree-seeking undergraduates increased 2.7% (466) to 17,970.
- The number of full-time degree-seeking undergraduates returning to JMU this fall grew by 2% (255) for a total of 12,992.
- JMU’s part-time undergraduate population increased by 20% (182) to 1087 students this fall.

**Graduate Enrollment**

Degree-seeking and non-degree-seeking graduate student enrollment decreased by 2.2% (39) between (1,750) fall 2013 and (1,711) fall 2014.

Other Graduate Enrollment Facts:

- Full-time enrollment decreased by 3.1% from 1,100 in fall 2013 to 1,066 in fall 2014.
- Part-time graduate enrollment decreased by 0.8% from 650 in fall 2013 to 645 in fall 2014.
- The number of degree-seeking graduate students decreased by 3.4% (53) from (1,543) in 2013 to (1,490).
- The proportion of graduate students to JMU’s total enrollment decreased from 8.7% in 2013 to 8.2% in 2014.
Admissions

A total of 4,364 or 29.4% of accepted first-time, first-year students enrolled at JMU this fall.

Additional Admissions facts:

- Total applications for first-time freshmen decreased 3.6% or 850 from 23,400 in fall 2013 to 22,550 in fall 2014.
- JMU accepted 66% (14,823) of its freshman applicants.
- 36% of accepted in-state applicants chose to enroll this fall.
- A total of 20% of accepted, out-of-state applicants enrolled this fall, a slight decrease when compared with 21% in fall 2013.

First-time Freshmen

JMU’s freshman class increased by 3.8% from 4,202 fall 2013 to 4,364 fall 2014.

Other interesting freshmen facts:

- First-time freshmen make up 21% of JMU’s total enrollment.
- The average age of first-time freshmen is 18.
- The number of males increased by 6.4% from 1,588 in fall 2013 to 1,690 in fall 2014.
- First-time freshmen females grew by 2.3% (60) from last year’s 2,614 to 2674 in fall 2014.
- Since fall 2004, the ratio of first-time freshmen men to women has changed from 36% men and 64% women to 39% men and 61% women in fall 2014.
- 2014 freshmen SAT Critical Reading scores have decreased slightly when compared with 2013: 572 to 567.
- Average SAT Math scores have also decreased when compared with 2013: 580 to 574.
- Combined scores also decreased from 1152 in 2013 to 1141 in fall 2014.
- JMU freshmen mean SAT scores continue to exceed both Virginia and national averages.
Transfer Enrollment

A total of 677 students transferred to JMU this fall, a 9% increase over last year.

Additional transfer student information:

- The number of female transfer students increased by 7% from 319 (2013) to 341 (2014) and likewise the number of males also increased by 11% from 302(2013) to 336(2014).
- The average age of an undergraduate transfer student is 23.

International Students

A total of 495 international students representing 69 countries attend JMU.

Additional international student data:

- JMU’s international student population grew 20% from 411 students in fall 2013 to 495 in fall 2014.
- A total of 70% of JMU’s international students are degree-seeking undergraduates; 7% are pursuing doctoral/graduate degrees; and 22% are enrolled as Continuing Education students.
- The number of women increased by 27% (52) between 2013 and 2014 while the number of men increased only 15% (32).
- The gender distribution is 50% men and 50% women.
**Student Body Race & Ethnicity:**

For the second year in a row, Hispanic remains the largest reported race/ethnic minority group at JMU, comprising 29% of reported minorities and 5% of JMU’s total fall enrollment.

**Note:** All race ethnicity data are self reported by students and may be changed by the student at any time. Calculations for this report exclude Non-Resident Aliens and Unknown/Unreported as part of JMU’s minority groups.

**Student Body Race/Ethnicity:**

- Asian continues to be the second largest reported race/ethnic group at JMU, comprising 25% of reported minorities and 4.3% of JMU’s total fall enrollment.
- Students reporting Hispanic as their race/ethnicity increased by 123 or 13.4% since fall 2013.
- Since the new Federal reporting guidelines began in fall 2010, students choosing Black or African American as their race/ethnicity increased 14% (104) between 2010 and 2014.
- Students reporting Two or More Races increased by 533 or 303% since fall 2010.

**First-time Freshmen Race/Ethnicity:**

- For the third year in a row the largest minority population of first-time freshmen is Hispanic with 253 students, an increase of 14.5% (32) from 221 in 2013.
- The number of first-time Asian students increased by 26% between fall 2013 and 2014 and represents the second largest minority group.
- First-time Black or African-American freshmen comprise 4.4% of this fall’s freshman class, a 12.4% (21) increase from fall 2013.
Interesting Facts about JMU’s Student Body:

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Top 10 First Names by Gender

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**Fall 2014**
When is your birthday?

- Most Common Undergraduate Birthday: October 13th
- Least Common Undergraduate Birthday: February 29th

**Fall 2014**
How old are you?

- Youngest Degree-seeking Undergraduate: 17 years old
- Oldest Degree-seeking Undergraduate: 70 years old

**JMU Students**
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**What’s your major?**
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