Fall 2011 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 2011 term. The information presented in this summary is derived from the official fall 2011 census data submitted to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, trends and historical information from archived records and surveys kept in the Office of Institutional Research. Unless otherwise noted, figures include both on-off-campus students.

More detailed census histories, enrollment tables, and other student data are published in the 2011-12 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, please contact: Lou Hedrick.

Overall Enrollment

Fall 2011 enrollment at JMU rose slightly from fall 2010.

- Total enrollment grew 1.5% (288 students) from 19,434 in 2010 to 19,722 in fall 2011.
- Full-time students grew by 1.6% (294 students) to 18,166.
- Part-time students saw a .4% decrease (6 students) over the last year falling from 1,562 to 1,556.
- For the first time since the fall of 2004, out-of-state students decreased 2.4% (129).
- In-state students increased by 2.9% (417) over fall 2010.

Enrollment by Gender

- Female students: 11,864 (60%)
- Male students: 7,858 (40%)

Enrollment by In/Out of State

- In-State: 14,374 (73%)
- Out-of-State: 5,348 (27%)

JMU Students

Top 5 States of Origin (outside of Virginia)

- New Jersey: 1,206
- Maryland: 1,174
- Pennsylvania: 916
- New York: 557
- Connecticut: 258
Undergraduate Enrollment
17,900 undergraduate students make up 91% of JMU’s total enrollment.

Other Undergraduate Enrollment Facts:

- 91.3% of JMU’s 2010 first-time freshmen returned this fall.
- Full-time degree-seeking undergraduates increased 1.4% (235 students) to 17,038.
- The number of full-time undergrads returning to JMU this fall grew by 1.1% (135) for a total of 12,324.
- 814 students make up JMU’s part-time undergraduate population.

Graduate Enrollment
Graduate degree-seeking and non-degree-seeking student enrollment increased 2.5% from 1,777 in fall 2010 to 1,822 in fall 2011.

Other Graduate Enrollment Facts:

- Full-time enrollment increased 5.2% from 1,027 in fall 2010 to 1,080 in fall 2011.
- Part-time graduate enrollment decreased 1.1% (8 students) to 742 in fall 2011.
- Degree-seeking graduate students increased to 1,513, an increase of 4% over last year.
- The proportion of graduate students to JMU’s total enrollment increased from 6.2% in 2001 to 9.2% in 2011.
Admissions

4,029 or 29.4% of accepted first-time, first-year students enrolled at JMU this fall.

Additional Admissions Statistics:

- Total applications for first-time freshmen increased .6% from 22,221 in fall 2010 to 22,349 in fall 2011.
- JMU accepted 61% (13,706) of its freshman applicants. This compares with 60% (13,307) in fall 2010.
- 35.7% of accepted Virginia applicants chose to enroll this fall, a slight decrease from 2010.
- 20.8% of accepted, out-of-state applicants enrolled this fall, a 1% decrease when compared to 2010.

First-time Freshmen

JMU’s freshman class slightly increased .7% over 2010 to 4,029 students.

Other interesting freshman facts:

- First-time freshmen make up 20.4% of JMU’s total enrollment.
- Average age of first-time freshmen is 18.
- The number of males slightly increased from 1,517 (37.9%) in fall 2010 to 1,553 (38.5%) in fall 2011.
- First-time female freshmen decreased slightly from 2,484 (62%) in 2010, to 2,476 (61.4%) in fall 2011.
- 2011 freshman SAT scores remain consistent with 2010: 569 Verbal, 578 Math, and 1147 Combined.
- JMU freshman mean SAT scores exceed both Virginia and National averages.
Transfer Enrollment
733 students transferred to JMU this fall, an 11.1% increase over last year.

Additional transfer student information:
- Between 2010 and 2011, the number of female transfer students increased by 10.1% while the number of males increased 12%.
- Average age of an undergraduate transfer student is 21.5.

International Students
302 international students representing 75 countries attend JMU.

Additional international student data:
- 81% of JMU’s international students are degree-seeking undergraduates; 15% are pursuing doctoral/graduate degrees; and 4% are enrolled as Continuing Education students.
- Gender is roughly split with 52% men and 48% women.
Student Body Race & Ethnicity:

Beginning fall 2010, JMU was required to use the new federal race/ethnicity reporting categories for all mandated federal and state reporting. The new categories included: Hispanic, Multi-racial, and the separation of Asian/Pacific Islander into the two new categories of Asian, and Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. Note: This data is self reported by students and may be changed by the student at any time.

Race/Ethnicity Information:

- Asian is the largest reported minority group at JMU and grew by 7.4% between 2010 and 2011.
- Students reporting Hispanic as their race/ethnicity increased 11% since fall 2010.
- 1.8% fewer students reported Black or African American as their race/ethnicity between 2010 and 2011.
- Students reporting Multi-racial increased by 140 or 79% over fall 2010.
- Among first-time freshmen, students reporting Asian increased 19% between fall 2010 and fall 2011.
- First-time Black or African-American freshmen comprise 3.7% of this fall’s freshman class, this is essentially unchanged from 2010.
- 2.9% of JMU’s first-time freshmen class chose to select Multi-racial as their race/ethnicity category.
Interesting Facts About JMU’s Student Body:

What's in a name?

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When is your birthday?

| Most Common Day of Birth               | May 7th & August 26th |
| Least Common Day of Birth              | February 29th with December 31st running a close 2nd. |

How old are you?

| Youngest Degree-seeking Undergraduate | 16 years old |
| JMU's Oldest Student for the fall 2011 semester | 77 years old |

What's your major?

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