Fall 2012 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 2012 term. The information presented in this summary is derived from the official fall 2012 census 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 2012-13 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 2012 enrollment at JMU rose slightly from fall 2011.

- Total enrollment grew 1.0% (205 students) from 19,722 in 2011 to 19,927 in fall 2012.
- Full-time students grew by 1.2% (226 students) to 18,392.
- Part-time students saw a 1.4% decrease (21 students) over the last year, falling from 1,556 to 1,535.
- Out-of-state students increased 2.4% (133) from 5,348 in 2011 to 5,481 in fall 2012.
- In-state students increased by .5% (72) over fall 2011.
Undergraduate Enrollment

18,107 undergraduate (UG) students make up 91% of JMU’s total enrollment.

Other Undergraduate Enrollment Facts:

- 91.4% of JMU’s 2011 first-time freshmen returned this fall.
- Full-time degree-seeking undergraduates increased 1.5% (264 students) to 17,302.
- The number of full-time undergrads returning to JMU this fall grew by .5% (71) for a total of 12,395.
- JMU’s part-time undergraduate population decreased by 4.4% (36) to 778 students this fall.

Graduate Enrollment

Degree-seeking and non-degree-seeking graduate student enrollment remained essentially unchanged between fall 2011 (1,822) and fall 2012 (1,820).

Other Graduate Enrollment Facts:

- Full-time enrollment decreased 1.6% from 1,080 in fall 2011 to 1,063 in fall 2012.
- Part-time graduate enrollment increased 2.0% from 742 in fall 2011 to 757 in fall 2012.
- The number of degree-seeking graduate students remained essentially unchanged between 2011 (1,513) and 2012 (1,512).
- The proportion of graduate students to JMU’s total enrollment increased from 6.2% in 2001 to 9.1% in 2012.
Admissions

A total of 4,325 or 30% of accepted first-time, first-year students enrolled at JMU this fall.

Additional Admissions Statistics:

- Total applications for first-time freshmen increased 1.3% from 22,349 in fall 2011 to 22,648 in fall 2012.
- JMU accepted 64% (14,392) of its freshman applicants. This compares with 61% (13,706) in fall 2011.
- Almost 36% of accepted Virginia applicants chose to enroll this fall. This remains unchanged from 2011.
- A total of 23% of accepted, out-of-state applicants enrolled this fall, a slight increase when compared with 21% in 2011.

First-time Freshmen

JMU’s freshman class increased 7.3% over 2011 to 4,325 students.

Other interesting freshmen facts:

- First-time freshmen make up 22% of JMU’s total enrollment.
- The average age of first-time freshmen is 18.
- The number of males increased 10.0% from 1,553 in fall 2011 to 1,710 in fall 2012.
- First-time freshmen females increased 5.6% from 2,476 in 2011, to 2,615 in fall 2012.
- The ratio of first-time freshmen men to women has changed from 36% men and 64% women in 2003 to 40% men and 60% women in fall 2012.
- 2012 freshmen SAT scores have increased slightly when compared with 2011: 569 to 570 Verbal, 578 to 580 Math, and 1147 to 1150 Combined.
- JMU freshmen mean SAT scores exceed both Virginia and national averages.
Transfer Enrollment

A total of 626 students transferred to JMU this fall, a 14.6% decrease over last year.

Additional transfer student information:

- Between 2011 and 2012, the number of female transfer students decreased by 16.8% while the number of males also decreased 12.4%.
- The average age of an undergraduate transfer student is 21.5.

International Students

A total of 359 international students representing 67 countries attend JMU.

Additional international student data:

- JMU’s international student population grew 19% from 302 students in fall 2011 to 359 in fall 2012.
- A total of 82% of JMU’s international students are degree-seeking undergraduates; 14% are pursuing doctoral/graduate degrees; and 4% are enrolled as Continuing Education students.
- The number of men increased 29% (45) between 2011 and 2012 while the number of women increased only 8% (12).
- The gender distribution is 56% men and 44% women.
Student Body Race & Ethnicity:
Asian continues to be the largest reported race/ethnic minority group at JMU, comprising 28% of reported minorities and 4.1% 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.

Race/Ethnicity Information:
- Asian continues to be the largest reported race/ethnic group at JMU, comprising 28% of reported minorities and 4.1% of JMU’s total fall enrollment.
- Students reporting Hispanic as their race/ethnicity increased by 130 or 20% since fall 2011.
- Since the new Federal reporting guidelines began in fall 2010, students choosing Black or African American as their race/ethnicity increased 2.6% between 2010 and 2012.
- Students reporting Two or More Races increased by 321 or 183% since fall 2010. The increase from 2011 to 2012 was less but still significant at 57%.
- Among first-time freshmen, students reporting Hispanic increased 52% between fall 2011 and fall 2012.
- First-time Black or African-American freshmen comprise 3.9% of this fall’s freshman class, this represents a 14% (21) increase from 2011.
- A total of 3.8% of JMU’s first-time freshmen class chose to select Two or More Races as their race/ethnicity category.
Interesting Facts About JMU’s Student Body:

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When is your birthday?

- Most Common Day of Birth: May 28th
- Least Common Day of Birth: February 29th

How old are you?

- Youngest Degree-seeking Undergraduate: 17 years old
- JMU's Oldest Student for the fall 2012 Semester: 78 years old

What's your major?

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Top 5 First-time Freshmen Majors

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