

Fall 2018 Enrollment Summary

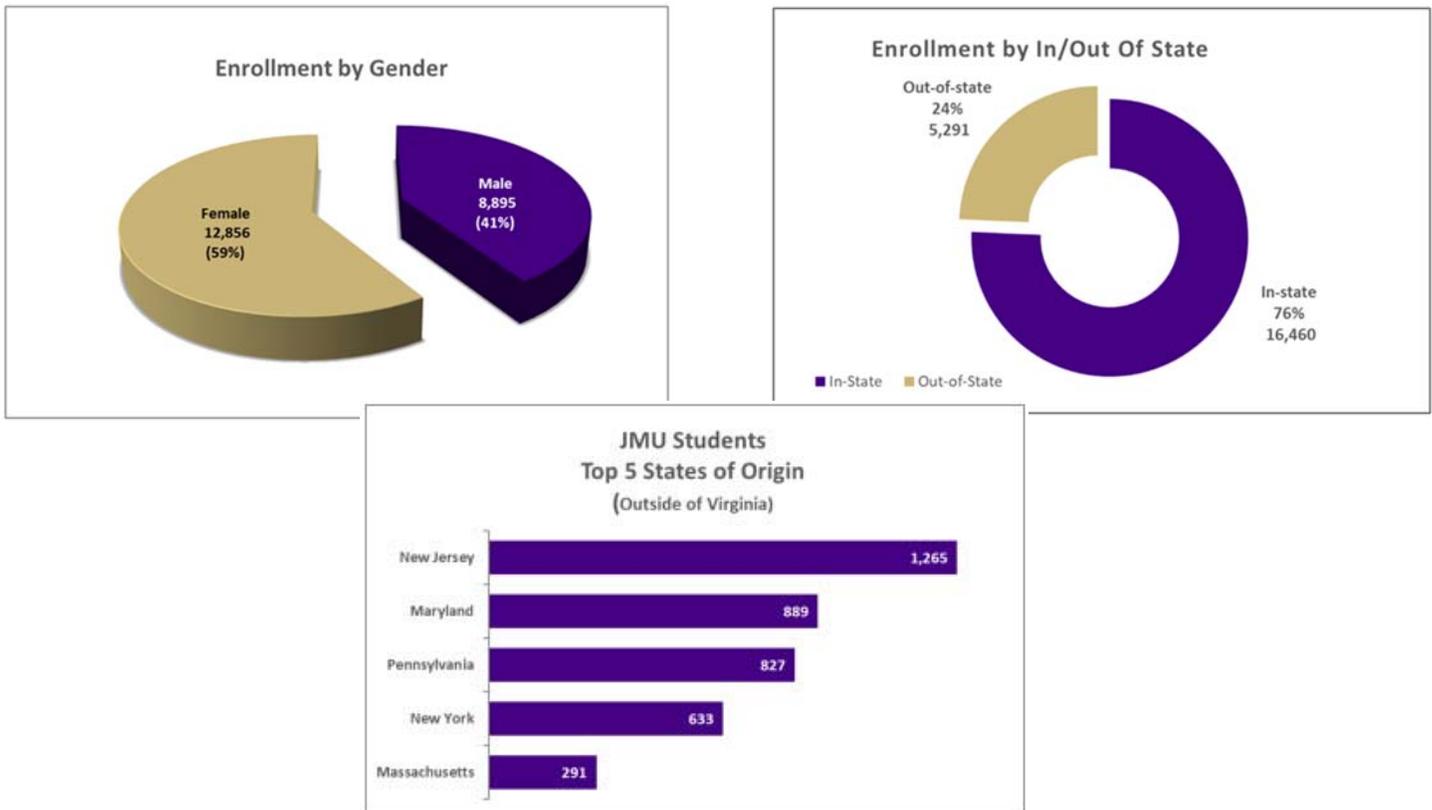
Intended as a quick snapshot, this research note focuses on the facts and figures documenting enrollment at James Madison University during the fall 2018 term. The information presented in this summary is derived from the official fall 2018 census and admissions data submitted to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), as well as trends and historical information from archived records and surveys produced by 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 2018-19 James Madison University [Fact Book](#). For questions related to this research note, please contact: [Jacob Loorimirim](#).

Overall Enrollment

Fall 2018 enrollment at JMU decreased from fall 2017.

- Total enrollment decreased by 0.4% (85 students) from 21,836 in 2017 to 21,751 in 2018.
- Full-time students decreased by 1% (11 students) from 19,925 in 2017 to 19,914 in 2018
- Part-time students decreased by 4 % (74 students) over the last year, from 1,911 to 1,837.
- Out-of-state students decreased by 1.7% (92 students) from 5,383 in 2017 to 5,291 in 2018.
- In-state students grew by 7 students in 2017 from 16,453 to 16,460 in 2018.

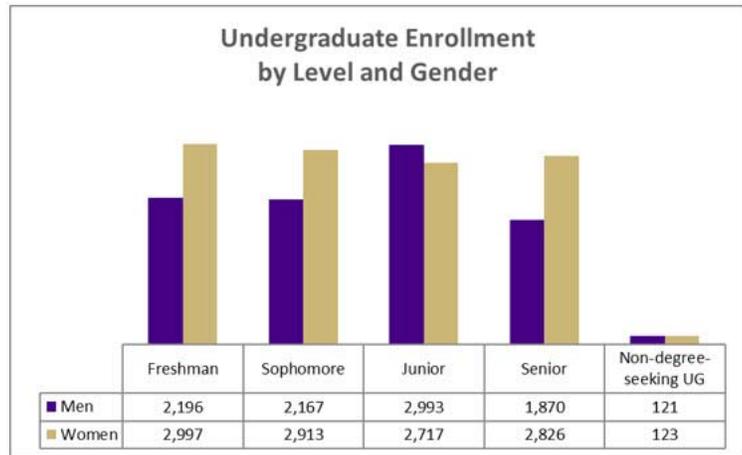


Undergraduate Enrollment

Degree-seeking and non-degree-seeking undergraduate (UG) students make up 91.6% of JMU's total enrollment (19,923).

Other undergraduate enrollment facts:

- 90.4 % of JMU's 2017 first-time freshmen returned this fall. This represents a 0.2% increase from the 2016 retention rate of 90.2%.
- Full-time, degree-seeking undergraduates decreased 0.2 % (39) to 18,821.
- The number of full-time, degree-seeking undergraduates returning to JMU this fall increased by 0.6 % (86) for a total of 14,281.
- JMU's part-time undergraduate population decreased by 2.6 % (28) to 1,042 students this fall.



Graduate Enrollment

Degree-seeking and non-degree-seeking graduate student enrollment decreased by 1.8% (33) from (1,861) fall 2017 to (1,828) fall 2018.

Other graduate enrollment facts:

- Full-time enrollment increased by 1.3 % (13) from 1,020 in fall 2017 to 1,033 in fall 2018.
- Part-time graduate enrollment decreased by 5.5% (46) from 841 in fall 2017 to 795 in fall 2018.
- The number of degree-seeking graduate students decreased by 0.3% (5) from (1,679) in 2017 to (1,674) in 2018.
- The proportion of graduate students to JMU's total enrollment decreased from 8.5% in 2017 to 8.4% in 2018.

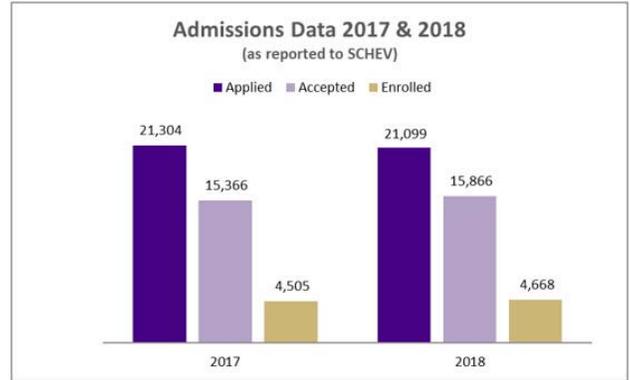


Admissions

A total of 4,668 (29.4%) of accepted first-time, first-year students enrolled at JMU this fall.

Additional admissions facts:

- Total applications for first-time freshmen decreased 0.96% (205) from 21,304 in fall 2017 to 21,099 in fall 2018.
- JMU accepted 75% (15,866) of its freshman applicants.
- 37% of accepted in-state applicants chose to enroll this fall, which represent a 1% increase from last year.
- A total of 19% of accepted, out-of-state applicants enrolled this fall which represents 1% decrease from fall 2017.

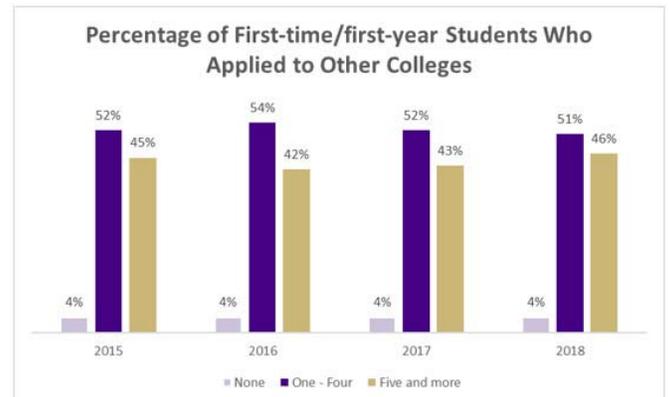
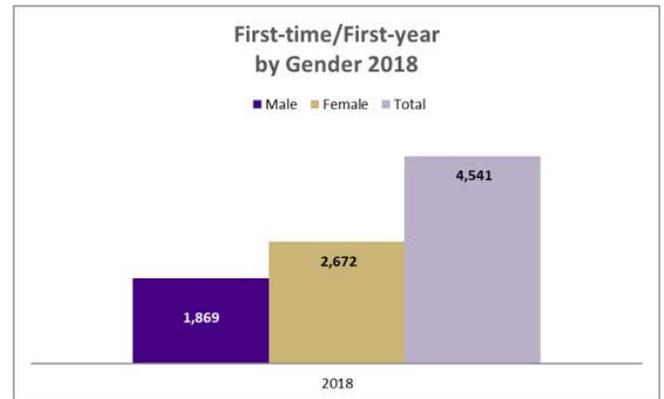


First-time Freshmen

JMU's freshman class increased by 3.6% between fall 2017 (4,505) and fall 2018 (4,668).

Other interesting freshmen facts:

- First-time freshmen make up 21% of JMU's total enrollment.
- The number of males decreased by 1.4% from 1,895 in 2017 to 1,869 in 2018.
- First-time freshmen females decreased by 3.6% from last year's 2,773 to 2,672 in 2018.
- Since fall 2008, the ratio of first-time freshmen men to women has changed from 39% men and 61% women to 41% men and 59% women in 2018.
- Of all 2018 first-time freshmen, only 4% applied to JMU alone.
- Of all 2018 first-time freshmen, 51% applied to one to four colleges other than JMU.
- Of all 2018 first-time freshmen, 46% applied to 5 or more other colleges other than JMU.
- 78% of the fall 2018 first-time freshmen indicated JMU as their *first* choice.

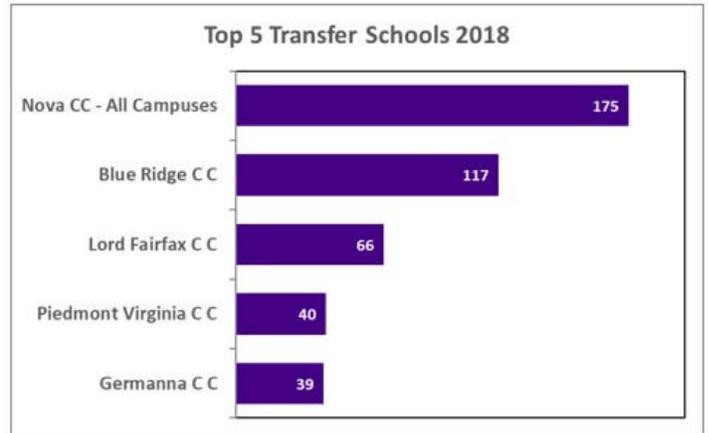
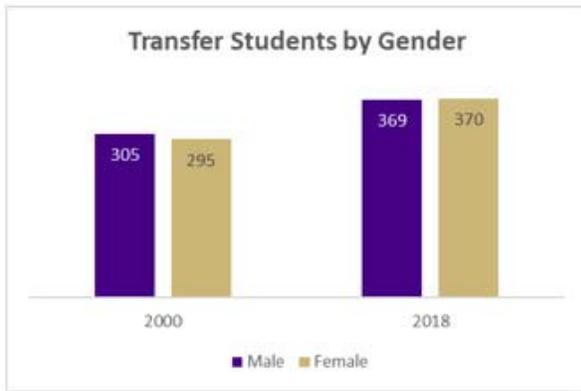


Transfer Enrollment

A total of 739 students transferred to JMU this fall. In 2017, 814 transfers enrolled.

Additional transfer student information:

- In 2018, 94% of transfers were from Virginia compared to 82% in 2000.
- In Fall 2018, 50% of all transfers were male compared to 51% in 2000.
- The average age of an undergraduate transfer student is 21.

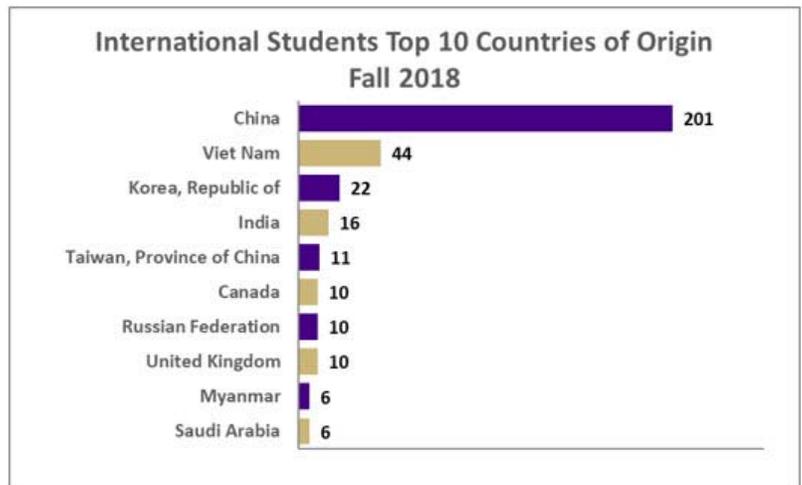


International Students

A total of 484 international students representing 80 countries attend JMU.

Additional international student data:

- JMU’s international student population decreased by 8.9% from 531 students in fall 2017 to 484 in fall 2018.
- 73% of JMU’s international students are degree-seeking undergraduates.
- 10% are pursuing graduate/doctoral degrees; and 17% are enrolled as Non-degree seeking undergraduates students.
- The number of women decreased by 12% from 252 in fall 2017 to 227 in 2018.
- The gender distribution is 53% men (257) and 47% women (227).



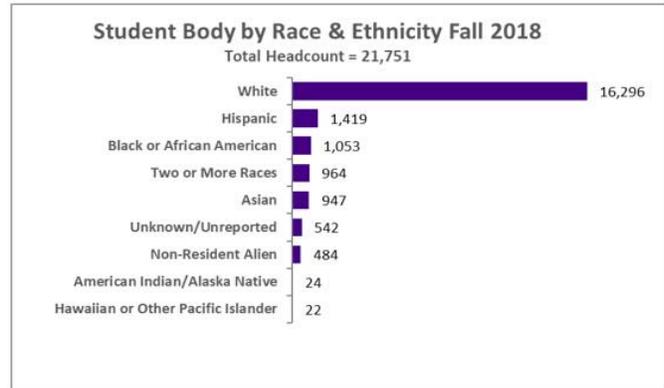
Student Body Race & Ethnicity:

For the fourth year in a row, Hispanic remains the largest reported minority race/ethnic group at JMU, comprising 32% of reported minorities and 6.5 % 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. Students identifying as Non-Resident Aliens and Unknown/Unreported are not considered minority groups.

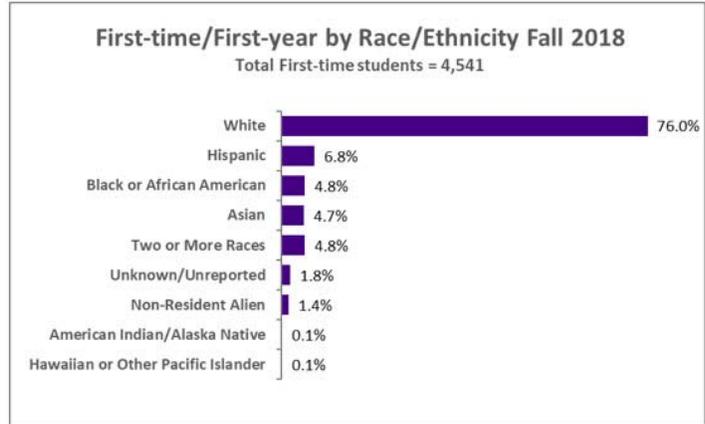
Student Body Race/Ethnicity:

- For the second year in a row, Black or African American continues to be the second largest reported race/ethnic group, comprising 23.8% of reported minorities and 4.8% of JMU’s total fall enrollment.
- Students reporting Hispanic as their race/ethnicity increased by 140% (827) from fall 2010 to fall 2018.
- Students reporting Two or More Races increased by 788 or 448% since fall 2010.



First-time Freshmen Race/Ethnicity:

- For the sixth year in a row the largest minority population of first-time freshmen is Hispanic with 308 students, a 6% decrease from fall 2017.
- First-time Black or African-American freshmen comprise 4.4% of this fall’s freshman class, a 7% (21) decrease from fall 2017 and represents the second largest minority group.
- The number of first-time Asian students increased by 4.7% (12) between fall 2017 and 2018.
- The overall percentage of first-time freshmen, who identify as a minority, changed from (20.1%) 2017 to 21% in 2018.



Interesting Facts about JMU's Student Body:

Fall 2018 When is your birthday?	
Most Common Undergraduate Birthday	September 23rd - 85 Students
Least Common Undergraduate Birthday	February 29th - 14 Students

What's your name? Top 10 First Names by Gender	
Men	Women
Matthew	Emily
Michael	Sarah
John	Lauren
Ryan	Rachel
Andrew	Megan
William	Madison
Nicholas	Jessica
Joseph	Elizabeth
Christopher	Samantha
James	Katherine

Fall 2018 How old are you?	
Youngest Degree-seeking Undergraduate	16 years old
Oldest Degree-seeking Undergraduate	68 years old

