

# Ten-Year Summary of Retention and Graduation Outcomes of New JMU Freshmen and Transfers

Until now, James Madison University has had no numeric data about the 10 year retention and graduation rates of students who either graduated from JMU or transferred to another institution without graduating from JMU. There were also no data about the names and locations of institutions to which they transferred.

In spring 2015 OIR downloaded data from the National Student Clearinghouse on fall 2004 new students to examine these long-term outcomes. The National Student Clearinghouse has a very rich database of the attendance and graduation rates of nearly 98% of higher education students enrolled each term.

## Ten-Year Retention and Graduation

Students who enroll at JMU as either a first-time, full-time freshman or transfer have a very high probability of graduating with a bachelor's degree within 10 years of matriculation.

The data in the following table show that:

- Ninety-eight percent (98%) of new freshmen reenrolled at either JMU (92%) or another institution (6%) after one year.
- Eighty-three percent (83%) of new first-time freshmen will graduate from JMU within 10 years.
- Eighty-one percent (81%) of transfers will graduate from JMU within 10 years.
- Another 10 percent of the new freshmen will graduate from another institution within 10 years with a bachelor's degree, and nearly one percent will earn an associate's degree without earning a bachelor's degree.
- One hundred seventy-five (29%) transfers earned an associate's degree prior to enrolling at JMU. One hundred ten (18%) earned an associate's degree from a two-year institution after leaving JMU.

Category	First-Time, Full-Time		Transfers		Total	
	Headcount	Percent	Headcount	Percent	Headcount	Percent
Enrolled	3,285		602		3,887	
Enrolled JMU Second Year	2,983	90.8%	529	87.9%	3,512	90.4%
Enrolled Other Institution Second Year	245	7.5%	38	6.3%	283	7.3%
Total Enrolled Second Year	3,214	97.8%	437	72.6%	3,651	93.9%
Bachelor's Degree						
Graduated from JMU						
Two Years	-	0	113	18.8%	113	2.9%
Three Years	42	1.3%	381	63.3%	423	10.9%
Four Years	2,174	66.2%	78	13.0%	2,252	57.9%
Five Years	430	13.1%	24	4.0%	454	11.7%
Six Years	71	2.2%	3	0.5%	74	1.9%
Seven to Ten Years	64	1.9%	7	1.2%	71	1.8%
Graduated from JMU (each graduate counted one time, thus not including multiple degrees (B.A., B.S.))	2,736	83.3%	487	80.9%	3,223	82.9%
Graduated from Other Institution						
Six Years, Other Four-Year Institution	365	11.1%	46	7.6%	411	10.6%
Ten Years, Other Four-Year Institution	396	12.1%	59	9.8%	455	11.7%
Bachelor's Degree Summary						
Total Bachelor's Graduated Ten Years	3,046	92.7%	530	88.0%	3,576	92.0%
Graduated Associate Degree Only	28	0.9%	38	6.3%	66	1.7%
Graduated Any Institution, Any Degree	3,074	93.6%	568	94.4%	3,642	93.7%
No Bachelor's, Still Enrolled Fall 2014	36	1.1%	3	0.5%	39	1.0%

### Former JMU First-Time Freshmen and Transfers Graduate from a Wide Variety of Institutions.

The table below displays the institutions from which the students who transferred from JMU enrolled and graduated in the highest numbers. Former students graduated from 25 in-state and 122 out-of-state institutions. Ninety-four percent (94%) of the graduates completed their degree at a Virginia institution.

College State (VA Others)	College Name	First-Time Full-Time Freshmen	Percent of Total	Transfer	Percent of Total	Grand Total	Percent of Total
Virginia	James Madison University	2,736	89.8%	487	91.9%	3,223	90.1%
	Marymount University	46	1.5%	6	1.1%	52	1.5%
	Virginia Commonwealth University	32	1.1%	5	0.9%	37	1.0%
	University of Virginia	32	1.1%	1	0.2%	33	0.9%
	George Mason University	24	0.8%	7	1.3%	31	0.9%
	Old Dominion University	15	0.5%	4	0.8%	19	0.5%
	Other Virginia Institutions	57	1.9%	16	3.0%	73	2.0%
	<b>Total Virginia</b>	<b>2,870</b>	<b>94.2%</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>97.5%</b>	<b>3,387</b>	<b>94.7%</b>
Non-Virginia	University of Maryland - College Park	14	0.5%	0	0.0%	14	0.4%
	University of Delaware	8	0.3%	0	0.0%	8	0.2%
	Towson University	7	0.2%	0	0.0%	7	0.2%
	Salisbury University	5	0.2%	1	0.2%	6	0.2%
	New York University	4	0.1%	1	0.2%	5	0.1%
	Rutgers -The State University of NJ -New Brunswick	5	0.2%	0	0.0%	5	0.1%
	University of Connecticut	5	0.2%	0	0.0%	5	0.1%
	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill	4	0.1%	0	0.0%	4	0.1%
	Other Non-Virginia Institutions	192	6.3%	14	2.6%	206	5.8%
	<b>Total Non-Virginia</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>6.0%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>3,046</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,576</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### Virginia Students Are More Likely to Graduate from a Virginia Institution than Non-Virginia Students

The table below shows that a higher percentage Virginia native students (97%) graduate from a Virginia institution than non-Virginia students.

Domicile at Matriculation	Graduation Institution	First-Time Freshmen	Percent Within Domicile	Transfers	Percent Within Domicile	Total	Percent Within Domicile
Virginia	James Madison University	1,871	90.8%	432	91.5%	2,303	91.0%
	Other Virginia Institution	127	6.2%	30	6.4%	157	6.2%
	Graduated Non-Virginia Institution	62	3.0%	10	2.1%	72	2.8%
	<b>Total Virginia Domicile</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Non-Virginia	James Madison University	865	84.6%	55	91.7%	920	85.0%
	Other Virginia Institution	19	1.9%	-	0.0%	19	1.8%
	Graduated Non-Virginia Institution	138	13.5%	5	8.3%	143	13.2%
	<b>Total Non-Virginia Domicile</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,082</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### In Summary

- Ninety-three percent (93%) of students who enrolled as first-time full-time freshmen at JMU will graduate with a baccalaureate degree from JMU or another institution within 10 years of matriculation.
- Eighty-three percent (83%) of new first-time freshmen will graduate from JMU within 10 years.
- Eighty-one percent (81%) of transfers will graduate from JMU within 10 years.
- One hundred forty-seven (147) institutions are represented among the first-time freshmen who graduated elsewhere.
- Native Virginia first-time freshmen and transfers are more likely to graduate from a Virginia institution than non-Virginia students.