

# RESEARCH BRIEF

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## **Point-in-Time Comparison (August 8, 2016 versus August 10, 2015) of FTES by Subgroups: College-Wide**

This Research Brief compares College-wide FTES enrollment disaggregated by campus and student demographic subgroups in Fall 2015 and Fall 2016. The data in this document provide a point-in-time comparison: Monday, August 8, 2016 compared to Monday, August 10, 2015.<sup>1</sup>

Overall, College-wide FTES for August 8, 2016 were about 6 percent (-1,245 FTES) lower than at a comparable point in time in Fall 2015. Table 1 presents College-wide FTES by campus and student characteristics.

### **Campus**

- FTES enrollment declined at all campuses relative to Fall 2015.
- The largest decrease in FTES occurred at Alexandria Campus (-11 percent, -440 FTES).
- In contrast, Manassas Campus FTES decreased by only 0.1 percent (-3 FTES).
- Campus FTES as a percentage of College-wide FTES remained the same at most campuses.
  - However, Alexandria Campus FTES comprised 16 percent of College-wide FTES in Fall 2016, compared to 17 percent in Fall 2015.
  - Manassas Campus FTES comprised 15 percent of college-wide FTES in Fall 2016, compared to 14 percent in Fall 2015.

### **Age**

- FTES among traditional college-age students (ages 18-21), which make up the largest group of NOVA students, decreased by 3 percent (-339 FTES).
- Notable declines were also evident among the following age groups:
  - 22-24: -7 percent (-223 FTES)
  - 25-29: -10 percent (-275 FTES)
  - 30-44: -7 percent (-210 FTES)
  - 45-59: -18 percent (-144 FTES)

### **Gender**

- FTES for male students decreased by just under 6 percent (-607 FTES), and over 5 percent (-631 FTES) for female students.
- Female students comprised a larger proportion of FTES than male students in both Fall 2015 and Fall 2016.

### **Student Type**

- FTES enrollment among first-time to college students decreased by 8 percent (-377 FTES), compared to a decrease of 5 percent (-883 FTES) for returning students.

<sup>1</sup> This data is a snapshot taken two weeks prior to the first day of classes and does not reflect final enrollment data for the semester.

- However, transfer student FTES increased from Fall 2015 to Fall 2016, by about 2 percent (21 FTES).

### Race/Ethnicity

- The largest decrease in FTES enrollment occurred among White students (-9 percent, -779 FTES).
- There were also notable decreases among the following groups:
  - Black Students: -6 percent (-203 FTES)
  - Hispanic Students: -4 percent (-139 FTES)
  - Asian Students: -2 percent (-81 FTES)

### Jurisdiction

- FTES enrollment among students from the following jurisdictions in NOVA's service area experienced the greatest decline from Fall 2015 to Fall 2016:
  - Fairfax County: -7 percent (-554 FTES)
  - Prince William County: -5 percent (-231 FTES)
  - Loudoun County: -5 percent (-148 FTES)

**Table 1. College-Wide FTES by Student Demographics: Fall 2015 and Fall 2016**

Category	Fall 2015		Fall 2016		Difference from Fall 2015 to Fall 2016	
	FTES	%	FTES	%	#	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,279</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>21,034</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-1,245</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>
<b>Campus</b>						
Alexandria	3,865	17.3%	3,425	16.3%	-440	-11.4%
Annandale	7,306	32.8%	6,958	33.1%	-348	-4.8%
Loudoun	3,929	17.6%	3,794	18.0%	-135	-3.4%
Manassas	3,057	13.7%	3,054	14.5%	-3	-0.1%
Medical Education	751	3.4%	689	3.3%	-63	-8.4%
Woodbridge	3,370	15.1%	3,114	14.8%	-256	-7.6%
<b>Age</b>						
Under 18	237	1.1%	190	0.9%	-47	-19.8%
18-21	12,375	55.5%	12,036	57.2%	-339	-2.7%
22-24	3,143	14.1%	2,920	13.9%	-223	-7.1%
25-29	2,818	12.6%	2,543	12.1%	-275	-9.7%
30-44	2,837	12.7%	2,626	12.5%	-210	-7.4%
45-59	789	3.5%	645	3.1%	-144	-18.2%
60 and Over	80	0.4%	72	0.3%	-8	-10.0%
<b>Gender</b>						
Male	10,565	47.5 %	9,958	47.4%	-607	-5.7%
Female	11,685	52.5%	11,055	52.6%	-631	-5.4%
<b>Student Type</b>						
First-Time	4,557	20.5%	4,180	19.9%	-377	-8.3%
Returning/Reapplying	16,526	74.2%	15,643	74.4%	-883	-5.3%
Transfer	1,189	5.3%	1,210	5.8%	21	1.8%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>						
White	8,303	37.3%	7,524	35.8%	-779	-9.4%
Black/African American	3,716	16.7%	3,513	16.7%	-203	-5.5%
Asian	3,961	17.8%	3,880	18.4%	-81	-2.0%
Hispanic/Latino	3,373	15.1%	3,234	15.4%	-139	-4.1%
American Indian/Alaska Native	50	0.2%	49	0.2%	-1	-2.3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	126	0.6%	96	0.5%	-30	-23.9%
Unknown	2,641	11.9%	2,669	12.7%	27	1.0%
Not specified	101	0.5%	68	0.3%	-33	-32.9%
<b>Jurisdiction</b>						
Alexandria City	1,903	8.5%	1,828	8.7%	-75	-3.9%
Arlington County	1,115	5.0%	1,024	4.9%	-91	-8.2%
Fairfax City	410	1.8%	409	1.9%	-1	-0.3%

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Fairfax County	7,934	35.6%	7,380	35.1%	-554	-7.0%
Falls Church City	514	2.3%	521	2.5%	7	1.4%
Loudoun County	3,072	13.8%	2,924	13.9%	-148	-4.8%
Manassas City	1,003	4.5%	951	4.5%	-52	-5.2%
Manassas Park City	147	0.7%	137	0.7%	-10	-7.0%
Prince William County	4,416	19.8%	4,184	19.9%	-231	-5.2%
Other Virginia	1,377	6.2%	1,343	6.4%	-34	-2.5%
District of Columbia	148	0.7%	130	0.6%	-18	-12.3%
Maryland	84	0.4%	71	0.3%	-13	-16.0%
Outside VA, MD, & DC	146	0.7%	131	0.6%	-14	-9.7%

Note: FTES may not add to total due to rounding and/or missing data.