Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Student Success Initiatives

# RESEARCH BRIEF 

## Key Findings

- Between Fall 2014 and Fall 2016, dual enrollment headcount has increased substantially from 5 to 11 percent of total headcount; while FTES generated by dual enrollment has increased from 2 to 5 percent of total FTES.
- The largest increase in dual enrollment occurred at the Loudoun Campus, where the headcount of dual enrolled students increased by 138 percent.
- In Fall 2016, the median number of credits taken by dual enrolled students was 3.0 while the median number of credits taken by all other students was 9.0.

Dual enrollment has gained importance at NOVA over the past three years. College-wide, the dual-enrolled population has burgeoned from 5 percent of the student body in Fall 2014 to 11 percent in Fall 2016. ${ }^{1}$ However, the significance of dual enrollment varies substantially across campuses. For example, in Fall 2016, dual enrolled students accounted for 4 percent of the Annandale Campus and Woodbridge Campus student population but over a quarter (28 percent) of the Loudoun Campus student population (Figure 1, next page).

Although the proportion of dual enrolled students has increased substantially, the increase in dual enrollment FTES has not been commensurate. As stated above, College-wide, dual enrolled students accounted for 11 percent of the student population but only 5 percent of FTES in Fall 2016. To take another example, dual enrollment accounted for 28 percent of the Loudoun Campus headcount but only 12 percent of the Loudoun Campus FTES (Figure 2, next page). This may be because dual enrolled students tend to enroll in fewer credit hours a semester. In Fall 2016 the median credit hours for dual enrolled students was 3.0, compared to 9.0 for all other students. ${ }^{2}$

[^0]Figure 1. Proportion of Dual Enrolled Students by Campus: Fall 2016


Figure 2. Proportion of Dual Enrollment FTES by Campus: Fall 2016


College-wide, from Fall 2014 through Fall 2016, even as total headcount decreased by 1 percent and total FTES decreased by 4 percent, dual enrolled headcount and FTES increased steadily (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Total and Dual Enrollment Headcount and FTES: Fall 2014 through Fall 2016 College-Wide Headcount


From Fall 2014 through Fall 2016, total headcount and FTES have decreased at all campuses except for the Loudoun and Manassas campuses. However dual enrollment headcount and FTES have increased at all campuses. Dual enrollment headcount increased by the most at the Loudoun Campus (138 percent) and the least at the Alexandria Campus ( 41 percent). In terms of absolute FTES, dual enrollment FTES increased the most at the Loudoun Campus (423 FTES) and by the least at the Medical Education Campus (15 FTES). Figures 4 and 5 illustrate these campus-level variations.

Figure 4. Total and Dual Enrollment Headcount by Campus: Fall 2014 through Fall 2016


Figure 4. (Cont'd) Total and Dual Enrollment Headcount by Campus:
Fall 2014 through Fall 2016


Figure 5. Total and Dual Enrollment FTES by Campus: Fall 2014 through Fall 2016


Figure 5. (Cont'd) Total and Dual Enrollment FTES by Campus: Fall 2014 through Fall 2016

| Loudoun Campus |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & 6,000 \\ & 5,400 \\ & 4,800 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 800 \\ 600 \\ 400 \\ 200 \\ 0 \end{array}$ |  |
| Manassas Campus |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 4,200 \\ & 3,600 \\ & 3,000 \end{aligned}$ |  | 250 <br> 200 <br> 150 <br> 100 <br> 50 <br> 0 |  |
| Medical Education Campus |  |  |  |
| 900 800 700 |  | $\left.\begin{array}{r} 20 \\ 15 \\ 10 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{array}\right]$ |  |
| Woodbridge Campus |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 4,800 \\ & 4,200 \\ & 3,600 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 150 \\ 100 \\ 50 \\ 0 \end{array}$ |  |

Table 1. Headcount by Dual Enrollment Status: Fall 2014 through Fall 2016

| Campus | Dual Enrollment Status | Fall 2014 |  | Fall 2015 |  | Fall 2016 |  | Difference from Fall 2014 to Fall 2016 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% |
| Alexandria | Dual Enrolled | 518 | 4.7\% | 643 | 6.0\% | 732 | 7.5\% | 214 | 41.3\% |
|  | Not Dual | 10,605 | 95.3\% | 10,097 | 94.0\% | 9,068 | 92.5\% | -1,537 | -14.5\% |
|  | Total | 11,123 | 100.0\% | 10,740 | 100.0\% | 9,800 | 100.0\% | -1,323 | -11.9\% |
| Annandale | Dual Enrolled | 375 | 2.6\% | 372 | 2.6\% | 548 | 4.0\% | 173 | 46.1\% |
|  | Not Dual | 14,197 | 97.4\% | 13,865 | 97.4\% | 13,046 | 96.0\% | -1,151 | -8.1\% |
|  | Total | 14,572 | 100.0\% | 14,237 | 100.0\% | 13,594 | 100.0\% | -978 | -6.7\% |
| Loudoun | Dual Enrolled | 1,277 | 14.1\% | 2,095 | 20.6\% | 3,036 | 28.2\% | 1,759 | 137.7\% |
|  | Not Dual | 7,811 | 85.9\% | 8,081 | 79.4\% | 7,736 | 71.8\% | -75 | -1.0\% |
|  | Total | 9,088 | 100.0\% | 10,176 | 100.0\% | 10,772 | 100.0\% | 1,684 | 18.5\% |
| Manassas | Dual Enrolled | 403 | 5.7\% | 569 | 7.7\% | 705 | 9.7\% | 302 | 74.9\% |
|  | Not Dual | 6,653 | 94.3\% | 6,861 | 92.3\% | 6,580 | 90.3\% | -73 | -1.1\% |
|  | Total | 7,056 | 100.0\% | 7,430 | 100.0\% | 7,285 | 100.0\% | 229 | 3.2\% |
| Medical Ed. | Dual Enrolled | 9 | 0.4\% | 9 | 0.4\% | 14 | 0.7\% | 5 | 55.6\% |
|  | Not Dual | 2,220 | 99.6\% | 2,035 | 99.6\% | 1,989 | 99.3\% | -231 | -10.4\% |
|  | Total | 2,229 | 100.0\% | 2,044 | 100.0\% | 2,003 | 100.0\% | -226 | -10.1\% |
| Woodbridge | Dual Enrolled | 173 | 2.3\% | 219 | 2.9\% | 318 | 4.3\% | 145 | 83.8\% |
|  | Not Dual | 7,246 | 97.7\% | 7,232 | 97.1\% | 7,063 | 95.7\% | -183 | -2.5\% |
|  | Total | 7,419 | 100.0\% | 7,451 | 100.0\% | 7,381 | 100.0\% | -38 | -0.5\% |
| College | Dual Enrolled | 2,755 | 5.4\% | 3,907 | 7.5\% | 5,353 | 10.5\% | 2,598 | 94.3\% |
|  | Not Dual | 48,732 | 94.6\% | 48,171 | 92.5\% | 45,482 | 89.5\% | -3,250 | -6.7\% |
|  | Total | 51,487 | 100.0\% | 52,078 | 100.0\% | 50,835 | 100.0\% | -652 | -1.3\% |

Note: Figures may not add to total due to rounding.
Table 2. FTES by Dual Enrollment Status: Fall 2014 through Fall 2016

| Campus | Dual Enrollment Status | Fall 2014 |  | Fall 2015 |  | Fall 2016 |  | Difference from Fall 2014 to Fall 2016 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% |
| Alexandria | Dual Enrolled | 117 | 2.0\% | 151 | 2.7\% | 150 | 3.1\% | 33 | 28.6\% |
|  | Not Dual | 5,785 | 98.0\% | 5,411 | 97.3\% | 4,704 | 96.9\% | -1,081 | -18.7\% |
|  | Total | 5,901 | 100.0\% | 5,562 | 100.0\% | 4,854 | 100.0\% | -1,047 | -17.7\% |
| Annandale | Dual Enrolled | 131 | 1.3\% | 143 | 1.4\% | 204 | 2.1\% | 72 | 55.3\% |
|  | Not Dual | 10,282 | 98.7\% | 10,124 | 98.6\% | 9,605 | 97.9\% | -677 | -6.6\% |
|  | Total | 10,413 | 100.0\% | 10,268 | 100.0\% | 9,808 | 100.0\% | -605 | -5.8\% |
| Loudoun | Dual Enrolled | 270 | 5.3\% | 461 | 8.6\% | 692 | 12.4\% | 423 | 156.8\% |
|  | Not Dual | 4,786 | 94.7\% | 4,889 | 91.4\% | 4,873 | 87.6\% | 87 | 1.8\% |
|  | Total | 5,055 | 100.0\% | 5,350 | 100.0\% | 5,565 | 100.0\% | 510 | 10.1\% |
| Manassas | Dual Enrolled | 122 | 3.4\% | 186 | 4.8\% | 203 | 5.2\% | 81 | 66.2\% |
|  | Not Dual | 3,491 | 96.6\% | 3,706 | 95.2\% | 3,666 | 94.8\% | 175 | 5.0\% |
|  | Total | 3,613 | 100.0\% | 3,891 | 100.0\% | 3,869 | 100.0\% | 256 | 7.1\% |
| Medical Ed. | Dual Enrolled | 3 | 0.4\% | 17 | 2.0\% | 19 | 2.4\% | 15 | 464.6\% |
|  | Not Dual | 833 | 99.6\% | 829 | 98.0\% | 765 | 97.6\% | -68 | -8.1\% |
|  | Total | 836 | 100.0\% | 846 | 100.0\% | 784 | 100.0\% | -52 | -6.2\% |
| Woodbridge | Dual Enrolled | 36 | 0.8\% | 65 | 1.5\% | 105 | 2.5\% | 69 | 189.0\% |
|  | Not Dual | 4,433 | 99.2\% | 4,284 | 98.5\% | 4,079 | 97.5\% | -355 | -8.0\% |
|  | Total | 4,470 | 100.0\% | 4,349 | 100.0\% | 4,184 | 100.0\% | -286 | -6.4\% |
| College | Dual Enrolled | 679 | 2.2\% | 1,022 | 3.4\% | 1,373 | 4.7\% | 694 | 102.1\% |
|  | Not Dual | 29,609 | 97.8\% | 29,244 | 96.6\% | 27,691 | 95.3\% | -1,918 | -6.5\% |
|  | Total | 30,289 | 100.0\% | 30,266 | 100.0\% | 29,064 | 100.0\% | -1,225 | -4.0\% |

[^1]
[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Dual enrolled students taking ELI courses only have accounted for less than 2 percent of headcount and FTES since 2015.
    ${ }^{2}$ Median credit hours was determined using IRIS data.

[^1]:    Note: Figures may not add to total due to rounding.

