

C. Characteristics of Undergraduate Students

Fall 2011 Freshmen

A total of 12,585 individuals applied for admission as first-time freshmen to Montclair State University in fall 2011, up 65% from fall 2002. The University admitted 56.7% of these applicants, and 2,356 of those who were admitted to the University enrolled as freshmen for a yield of 33.0%. The fall 2011 admissions yield was approximately 5.3 percentage points lower than in fall 2002.

Fall 2011 freshmen entered MSU as either regular admits, special admits, or students admitted through the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) program. By admitting students using different admissions categories, the University fulfilled the hopes and aspirations of more of its applicants. Of MSU's 2,338 full-time, first-time students (IPEDS cohort), 89.9% were Regular Admits, 4.6% were admitted through the EOF program, and 5.5% were Special Admits (see Table II.C.1).

MSU's fall 2011 full-time, first-time students (IPEDS cohort) had an average combined (Math and Critical Reading) SAT score of 990. Regularly admitted full-time entrants had a mean SAT score of 1,003, while EOF entrants and special admits had mean combined SAT's of 826 and 925, respectively. For all full-time students (IPEDS cohort), the average math SAT score (503) exceeded the average critical reading (488) and writing (494) scores (see Table II.C.1).

TABLE II.C.1: Mean Math, Reading & Writing SAT for First-Time IPEDS Cohort, by Admission Status and Overall, Fall 2011

Type	Full-Time				Part-Time			
	Number	Math	Read	Write	Number	Math	Read	Write
Regular	2,109	509	494	500	7	497	490	463
EOF	108	414	411	413	0	-	-	-
Special	139	471	453	461	11	470	423	230
All	2,356	503	488	494	18	488	468	416
Missing	-	71	71	74	-	9	9	13

In fall 2011, Montclair State University used the College Board's suite of Accuplacer tests to assess college readiness in elementary algebra. College readiness in writing was initially assessed using the SAT essay and writing scores, in combination, followed by a faculty review of early writing samples.

Incoming freshmen whose SAT-Math scores were below 550, or who failed to attain at least a B-score in Algebra II in high school, were required to take the Accuplacer elementary algebra portion of Accuplacer. Everyone's SAT-W and SAT-essay scores were examined for possible placement into developmental writing; followed by a faculty review of writing samples.

Between 2006 and 2011, the number of undergraduates enrolled in one or more remedial courses declined 52%, while the number of full-time, first-time students in remediation declined 44%.

Table II.C.2: Enrollment in Remedial Courses, Fall 2011

Total Fall 2011 Undergraduate Enrollment	Number of Students Enrolled in One or More Remedial Courses	Percent of Total
14,590	619	4.2%
Total Number of Full-time, First-time Students	Number of FTFT Students Enrolled in One or More Remedial Courses	Percent of FTFT Students Enrolled in One or More Remedial Course
2,338	494	21.1%
Remedial Subject Area	Number of FTFT Students Enrolled in	Percent of FTFT Students Enrolled in
Reading	0	0.0%
Writing	266	11.4%
Math Computation	0	0.0%
Elementary Algebra	274	11.7%

A CIRP survey administered to fall 2010 first-time freshmen revealed that over 90% considered MSU their first or second choice among colleges. The survey also revealed that the top three reasons freshmen chose MSU were: a) its good academic reputation (64%), b) the success of its graduates in finding good jobs (51%), and c) its affordability (49%).

The profile of the fall 2011 entering class reflects the continuing commitment of the University to an ethnically and racially diverse student body. Excluding unknowns, 10% of first-time undergraduates identified themselves as African American, 5% as Asian, and 24% as Latino/a. Over 1% of first-time students were non-resident aliens, and nearly 61% were female.

Fall 2011 Undergraduates

In fall 2011, a total of 18,498 students attended Montclair State University. Of this total, 14,590 (or 78.9% of all enrollees) were registered as undergraduates. The number of undergraduates attending the University rose 12% between fall 2007 and fall 2011. Nearly 86% of fall 2011 undergraduates attended the University full-time, up two percentage points from fall 2007. MSU's undergraduates were racially/ethnically diverse. Excluding unknowns, nearly 24% of undergraduates identified themselves as Latino/a, 10% as African American, 6% as Asian, 55% White, and 4% non-resident aliens (see Table II.C.3.a).

TABLE II.C.3.a: Undergraduate Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity, Fall 2011

	Full-time		Part-time		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Native Amer.	15	0.1%	3	0.1%	18	0.1%
African Amer.	1,109	8.9%	193	9.3%	1,302	8.9%
Asian	677	5.4%	112	5.4%	789	5.4%
Latino/a	2,622	20.9%	473	22.9%	3,095	21.2%
White	6,220	49.7%	954	46.2%	7,174	49.2%
Non-Res. Alien	415	3.3%	57	2.8%	472	3.2%
Unknown	1,466	11.7%	274	13.3%	1,740	11.9%
Total	12,524	100.0%	2,066	100.0%	14,590	100.0%

In fall 2011, 60% of all undergraduates were female, and the average age of the undergraduate population was 22.4 years (see Tables II.C.3.b and II.C.3.c).

TABLE II.C.3.b: Undergraduate Enrollment by Sex, Fall 2011

	Full-time		Part-time		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Female	7,574	60.5%	1,235	59.8%	8,809	60.4%
Male	4,950	39.5%	831	40.2%	5,781	39.6%
Total	12,524	100.0%	2,066	100.0%	14,590	100.0%

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TABLE II.C.3.c: Undergraduate Enrollment by Age, Fall 2011

	Full-time		Part-time		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Less than 18	24	0.2%	24	1.2%	48	0.3%
18-19	3,833	30.6%	33	1.6%	3,866	26.5%
20-21	4,692	37.5%	187	9.1%	4,879	33.4%
22-24	2,823	22.5%	739	35.8%	3,562	24.4%
25-29	708	5.7%	445	21.5%	1,153	7.9%
30-34	232	1.9%	213	10.3%	445	3.1%
35-39	83	0.7%	133	6.4%	216	1.5%
40-49	93	0.7%	179	8.7%	272	1.9%
50-64	35	0.3%	106	5.1%	141	1.0%
More than 64	1	0.0%	7	0.3%	8	0.1%
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	12,524	100.0%	2,066	100.0%	14,590	100.0%

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During FY2011, MSU's undergraduates received financial aid from Federal, State, University, and private sources. Aid took multiple forms, from grants and scholarships, through loans and waivers. For those who needed financial assistance, the MSU Alumni Association and the MSU Foundation sponsored a number of scholarships, and special MSU program awards were substantial, amounting to nearly \$3.6 million during FY11. During the same fiscal year, Federal grants, loans, and work-study programs amounted to nearly \$92 million.

During FY11, MSU distributed over \$25 million in state-funded financial aid, including both scholarships and NJCLASS loans (see Table II.C.4). A total of 5,513 awards were made to MSU students, including 3,717 TAG Awards, 742 NJCLASS Loans, and 681 EOF Awards.

Table II.C.4: Financial Aid from Federal, State & Institution-Funded Programs, FY2011

	Recipients	\$ Dollars	\$/Recipient
<u>STATE PROGRAMS</u>			
TAG	3,717	\$15,463,000	\$4,160
EOF	681	\$791,000	\$1,162
Distinguished Scholars	110	\$100,000	\$909
Urban Scholars	96	\$85,000	\$885
NJCLASS Loans	742	\$8,008,000	\$10,792
NJ Stars	167	\$938,000	\$5,617
OSRP	0	\$0	--
<u>FEDERAL PROGRAMS</u>			
Pell Grants	5,325	\$22,065,000	\$4,144
College Work Study	485	\$636,000	\$1,311
Perkins Loans	152	\$309,000	\$2,033
SEOG	521	\$690,000	\$1,324
Stafford Loans (Subsidized)	7,129	\$29,932,000	\$4,199
Stafford Loans (Unsubsidized)	7,548	\$28,590,000	\$3,788
PLUS Loans	855	\$8,544,000	\$9,993
SMART & ACG or other	973	\$1,166,000	\$1,198
<u>INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMS</u>			
Grants/Scholarships	870	\$3,589,000	\$4,125
Loans	0	\$0	\$0

Of MSU's 2,338 full-time, first-time undergraduates who entered in fall 2011, 96% were New Jersey residents (see Table II.C.5). Most were from Bergen (387), Essex (281), and Passaic (248) counties.

Table II.C.5: Full-time, First-Time Student Enrollment by State of Residence, Fall 2011

State Residents	Non-State Residents	Total Students	% State Residents
2,232	106	2,338	95.5%

Fall 2011 Graduate Students

Of the 18,498 students who attended Montclair State University in fall 2011, 3,908 (21%) were graduate students. Graduate student enrollment rose more than 5% between fall 2007 and fall 2011.

Most graduate students (71%) attended MSU part-time, taking fewer than nine credits per semester. Seventy-two percent of fall 2010 graduate students were female, and the average age of the graduate student population was 32 years. Excluding unknowns, 9% of graduate students identified themselves as African American, 5% as Asian, 12% as Latino/a, 69% as White, and 4% as non-resident aliens. Nearly 94% of MSU's graduate students are New Jersey residents.