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Transient Students at NOVA: Summer 2010 through Summer 2014

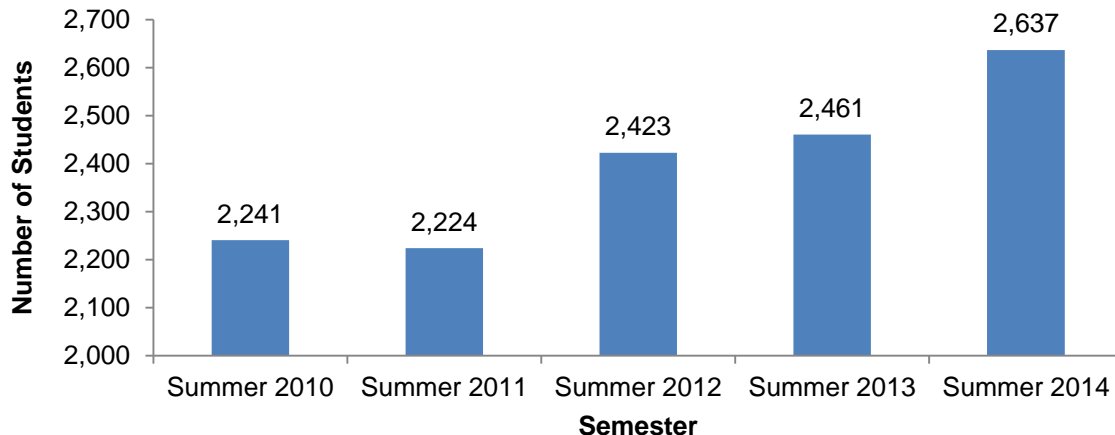
This Research Brief presents enrollment data for transient students who took classes at NOVA during the summer term. Transient, or visiting, students are those who are attending other universities and enroll in a class or classes at NOVA, typically during the summer term, with the intention of transferring the credits they earn at NOVA to their home university. Students do this for purposes such as taking courses not offered at their home institution, accruing credits during breaks from their home institution, or making up difficult courses. Data are shown for Summer 2010 through Summer 2014.

Table 1 and Figure 1 display the headcount of transient students from Summer 2010 through Summer 2014¹. Although there was a slight decrease in the number of transient students attending NOVA from Summer 2010 to Summer 2011, the number of students in attendance from Summer 2011 to Summer 2014 increased steadily from 2,224 to 2,637 students.

Table 1. Headcount of Transient Students: Summer 2010 through Summer 2014

	Summer 2010	Summer 2011	Summer 2012	Summer 2013	Summer 2014
Headcount	2,241	2,224	2,423	2,461	2,637

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¹ Curriculum code '025' was used to identify transient students.

Table 2 and Figure 2 show the number of courses (with one or more credit hours) taken by each student in a given semester, ranging from one course per student to five or more courses per student. As seen in the table and figure, for each summer semester, most students took only one course each. The number of students taking more than one course diminished as the number of courses taken increased.

Table 2. Number of Courses Taken Per Student: Summer 2010 through Summer 2014

Number of Courses	Summer 2010		Summer 2011		Summer 2012		Summer 2013		Summer 2014	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1	1,433	63.9%	1,442	64.8%	1,548	63.9%	1,579	64.2%	1,764	66.9%
2	638	28.5%	600	27.0%	656	27.1%	680	27.6%	679	25.7%
3	116	5.2%	117	5.3%	165	6.8%	151	6.1%	144	5.5%
4	46	2.1%	50	2.2%	46	1.9%	39	1.6%	43	1.6%
5 or more	8	0.4%	15	0.7%	8	0.3%	12	0.5%	7	0.3%
Total	2,241	100%	2,224	100%	2,423	100%	2,461	100%	2,637	100%

Note: Courses with one or more credit hours.

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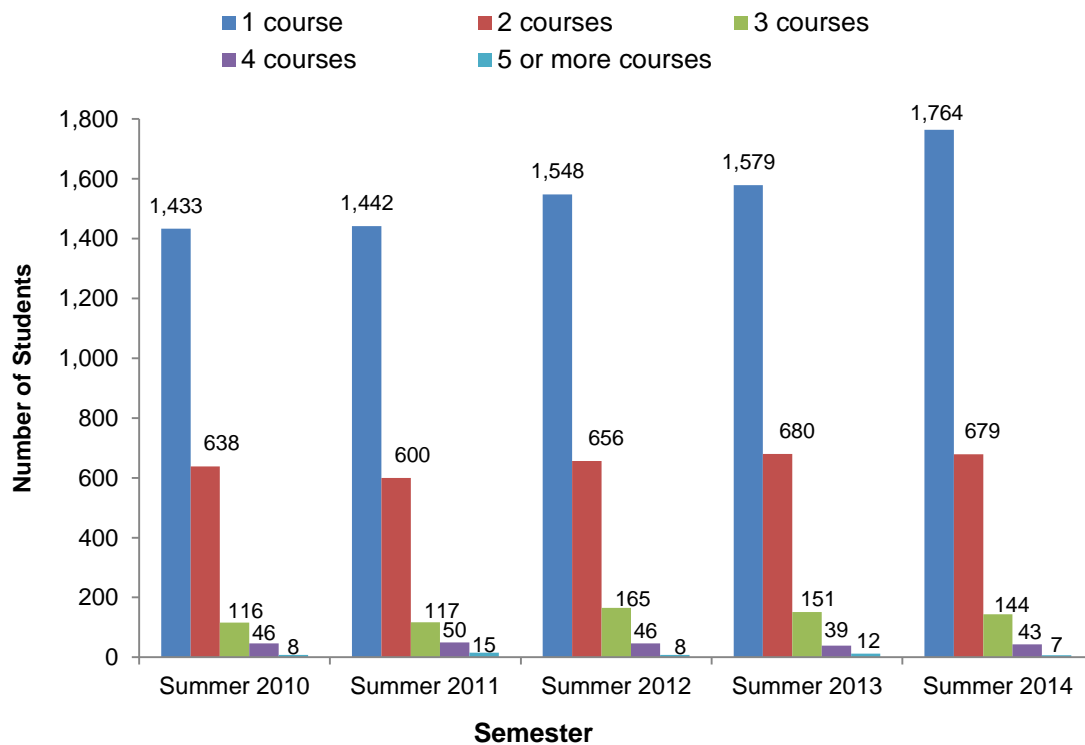


Table 3 and Figure 3 depict enrollment by campus. The table and figure show the duplicated headcount of students based on courses (with one or more credit hours) taken. For instance, a student would be counted twice if he/she enrolled in two courses during a summer session.

As displayed in the table and figure below, enrollment was highest at the Annandale Campus during each of the five summer semesters. This was followed by enrollment at the Loudoun and Alexandria Campuses. Enrollment was lowest at the Medical Education Campus.

Table 3. Enrollment by Campus: Summer 2010 through Summer 2014*

Campus	Summer 2010		Summer 2011		Summer 2012		Summer 2013		Summer 2014	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alexandria	602	18.3%	588	18.0%	631	17.6%	595	16.5%	639	17.0%
Annandale	1,465	44.6%	1,516	46.3%	1,617	45.2%	1,611	44.6%	1,653	43.9%
Loudoun	640	19.5%	603	18.4%	696	19.4%	722	20.0%	722	19.2%
Manassas	203	6.2%	204	6.2%	240	6.7%	294	8.1%	318	8.5%
Medical Education	33	1.0%	36	1.1%	21	0.6%	28	0.8%	22	0.6%
Woodbridge	342	10.4%	324	9.9%	375	10.5%	360	10.0%	408	10.8%
Total	3,285	100%	3,271	100%	3,580	100%	3,610	100%	3,762	100%

*Duplicated headcount.

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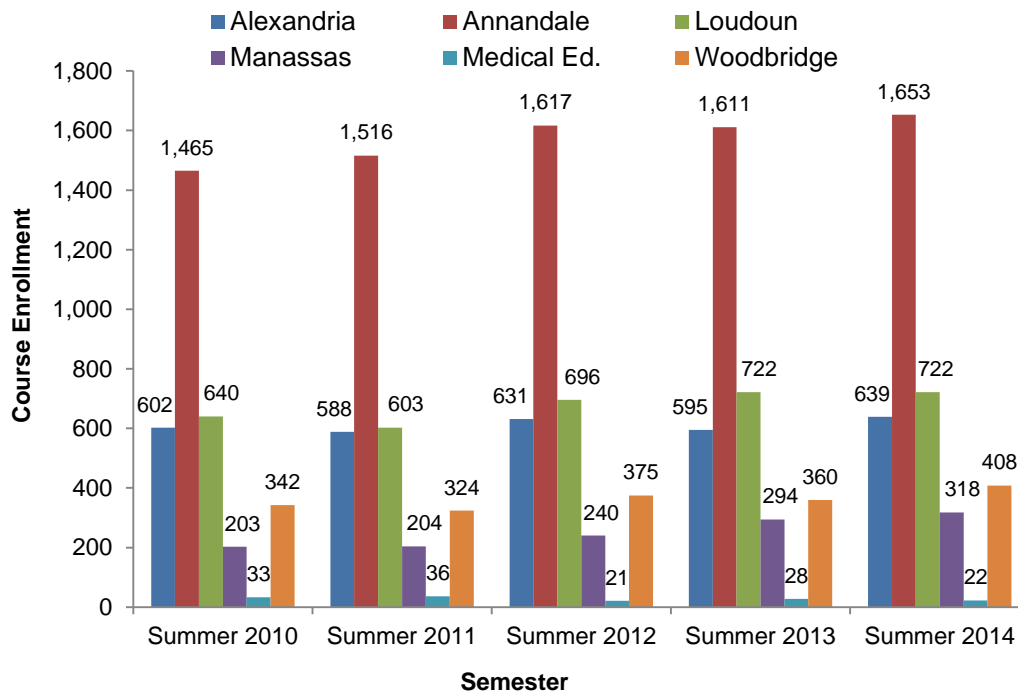


Table 4 shows enrollment for transient students by top 10 courses and presents the duplicated headcount of students based on courses (with one or more credit hours) taken.

Courses are listed in descending order of enrollment by semester. In each semester shown below, Economics 201-Principles of Macroeconomics (ECO 201) was taken most frequently by transient students. Other courses with high enrollment included Accounting 211-Principles of Accounting I (ACC 211) and Economics 202-Principles of Microeconomics (ECO 202).

Table 4. Enrollment by Top 10 Courses: Summer 2010 through Summer 2014*

Summer 2010		Summer 2011		Summer 2012		Summer 2013		Summer 2014	
ECO 201	130	ECO 201	137	ECO 201	133	ECO 201	174	ECO 201	147
ACC 211	113	ACC 211	121	ACC 211	112	ECO 202	134	ECO 202	123
ENG 112	102	BIO 101	100	ECO 202	104	ACC 211	107	CHM 111	103
ECO 202	94	ECO 202	96	CHM 112	89	ENG 112	87	CHM 112	101
BIO 101	82	BIO 141	86	ENG 112	85	CHM 112	82	BIO 101	94
ACC 212	72	ENG 112	77	BIO 141	79	BIO 101	80	ENG 112	92
BIO 141	71	ACC 212	74	BIO 101	78	MTH 174	76	MTH 174	88
CHM 111	65	PSY 201	63	MTH 163	77	MTH 173	72	ACC 211	84
HIS 121	59	CHM 111	62	MTH 174	75	BIO 141	69	MTH 277	83
PSY 201	58	CHM 112	58	CHM 111	70	MTH 277	67	BIO 141	81
Other	2,439	Other	2,397	Other	2,678	Other	2,662	Other	2,766
Total	3,285	Total	3,271	Total	3,580	Total	3,610	Total	3,762

*Duplicated headcount.

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