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## Enrollment of New Student Orientation (NSO) Attendees: Fall 2013

As part of the Achieving the Dream initiative, New Student Orientation (NSO) sessions are conducted at NOVA to help incoming students make a smooth transition to college life. This Research Brief presents Fall 2013 enrollment status data for students who attended NSO sessions offered at the Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, and Woodbridge Campuses in Summer 2013.

Enrollment data were analyzed in terms of:

- Initial enrollment – Headcount of students who were enrolled in one or more courses during Fall 2013 and they may or may not have remained enrolled for the duration of Fall 2013.
- Remained enrolled – Headcount of students enrolled in one or more courses for the duration of Fall 2013.
- Dropped – Headcount of students who dropped all the courses in which they enrolled earlier in the semester and did not re-enroll in any course.
- Never enrolled – Headcount of students who never enrolled in any course during Fall 2013.

Figure 1 presents the Fall 2013 college-wide enrollment data for students who attended an NSO session in the preceding summer semester (Summer 2013). Of the 2,134 NSO attendees, 2,027 students (95%) initially enrolled in classes, while 107 NSO attendees (5%) never enrolled in any courses at NOVA. Among the NSO attendees who initially enrolled in Fall 2013, 2,001 students (94%) remained enrolled throughout the semester and 26 students (1%) dropped all courses.

**Figure 1. College-Wide Enrollment Status of NSO Attendees: Fall 2013**

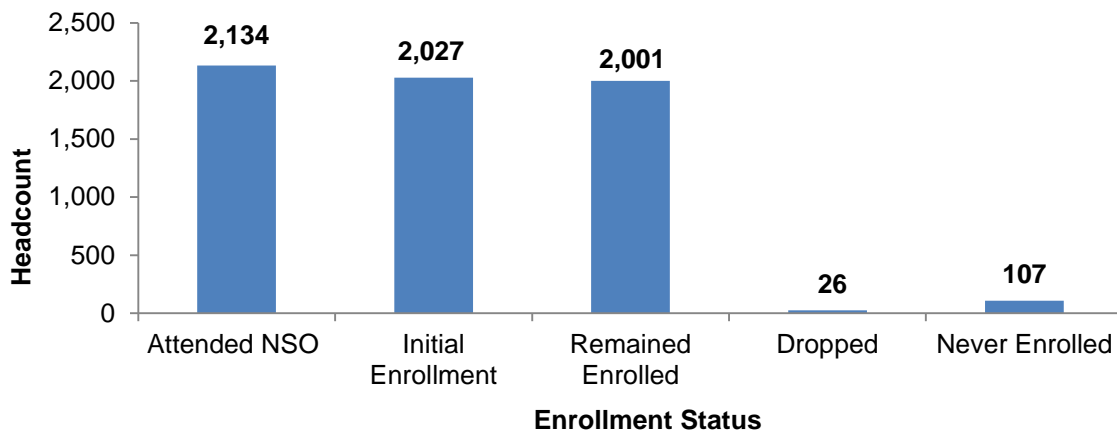


Table 1 and Figure 2 show the enrollment status for NSO attendees by the campus at which they attended the NSO session. Of the five campuses included in this analysis, the Loudoun Campus had the highest number of NSO attendees (580) and the Manassas Campus had the lowest (241). While there was variation in the number of NSO attendees at the individual campuses, the percentage of students who enrolled for classes in Fall 2013 did not vary substantially across the campuses. ‘Initial enrollment’ and ‘remained enrolled’ rates ranged from 93% to 97% and from 91% to 96%, respectively. The Loudoun Campus had the highest percentage of students who initially enrolled (97%) and remained enrolled (96%). Accordingly, the Loudoun Campus also had the lowest percentage of never enrolled students (3%) during the Fall 2013 semester. Among the five campuses, the Alexandria and Woodbridge Campuses showed the lowest initial enrollment rate (93% each). The Woodbridge Campus had the lowest rate of students who remained enrolled throughout the fall semester (91%) and had the highest percentage of students who dropped all courses (2%) and students who never enrolled (8%).

**Table 1. Enrollment Status by NSO Campus: Fall 2013**

NSO Campus*	Attended NSO	Initial Enrollment		Remained Enrolled		Dropped		Never Enrolled	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alexandria	317	294	92.7%	290	91.5%	4	1.3%	23	7.3%
Annandale	570	544	95.4%	539	94.6%	5	0.9%	26	4.6%
Loudoun	580	563	97.1%	555	95.7%	8	1.4%	17	2.9%
Manassas	241	232	96.3%	230	95.4%	2	0.8%	9	3.7%
Woodbridge	426	394	92.5%	387	90.8%	7	1.6%	32	7.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>2,027</b>	<b>95.0%</b>	<b>2,001</b>	<b>93.8%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>5.0%</b>

\*NSO Campus is the campus at which students attended New Student Orientation sessions.

**Figure 2. Enrollment Status by NSO Campus: Fall 2013**

