

# RESEARCH BRIEF

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

This Research Brief compares FTES enrollment at Alexandria Campus disaggregated by 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>

At the Alexandria Campus, FTES declined by 11 percent (-440 FTES) from Fall 2015 to Fall 2016 as of August 8, 2016 (Table 1). The following is a summary of the trends among different student demographic sub-groups.

### **Age**

- Among traditional age students (18 to 21 years old), FTES at the Alexandria Campus decreased by 7 percent (-108 FTES).
- Alexandria also saw a similar loss of FTES (-107 FTES, -16 percent) among students ages 25 to 29.
- FTES among the following large age groups also showed a decrease equal to or greater than the overall campus decrease of 11 percent:
  - 22-24: -14 percent (-85 FTES)
  - 30-44: -11 percent (-78 FTES)
  - 45-59: -28 percent (-54 FTES)

### **Gender**

- The decline in FTES among female students (-15 percent, -313 FTES) at the Alexandria Campus was more than double that of male students (-7 percent, -121 FTES).

### **Student Type**

- FTES enrollment of returning students decreased by 12 percent (-371 FTES).
- FTES enrollment of first-time students decreased by 11 percent (-59 FTES).

### **Race/Ethnicity**

- The FTES enrollment of Hispanic students declined by 14 percent (-91 FTES) from Fall 2015 to Fall 2016.

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<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.

- The other large racial/ethnic groups showed the following declines in FTES:
  - White Students: -12 percent (-128 FTES)
  - Black Students: -12 percent (-124 FTES)
  - Asian Students: -7 percent (-40 FTES)

### Jurisdiction

- FTES enrollment at the Alexandria among students from the following jurisdictions in NOVA's service area experienced the greatest decline from Fall 2015 to Fall 2016:
  - Fairfax County: -16 percent (-173 FTES)
  - Alexandria City: -8 percent (-84 FTES)
  - Arlington County: -11 percent (-85 FTES)

**Table 1. Alexandria Campus 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>3,865</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,425</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-440</b>	<b>-11.4%</b>
<b>Age</b>						
Under 18	26	0.7%	16	0.5%	-10	-38.5%
18-21	1,635	42.3%	1,527	44.6%	-108	-6.6%
22-24	601	15.6%	516	15.1%	-85	-14.1%
25-29	668	17.3%	561	16.4%	-107	-16.0%
30-44	721	18.6%	643	18.8%	-78	-10.8%
45-59	190	4.9%	136	4.0%	-54	-28.4%
60 and Over	25	0.6%	26	0.8%	1	5.3%
<b>Gender</b>						
Male	1,723	44.7%	1,602	46.8%	-121	-7.0%
Female	2,134	55.3%	1,821	53.2%	-313	-14.7%
<b>Student Type</b>						
First-Time	525	13.6%	465	13.6%	-59	-11.3%
Returning/Reapplying	3,097	80.2%	2,726	79.6%	-371	-12.0%
Transfer	241	6.2%	234	6.8%	-8	-3.2%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>						
White	1,108	28.7%	980	28.6%	-128	-11.6%
Black/African American	1,024	26.5%	900	26.3%	-124	-12.1%
Asian	599	15.5%	559	16.3%	-40	-6.7%
Hispanic/Latino	670	17.3%	579	16.9%	-91	-13.6%
American Indian/Alaska Native	7	0.2%	6	0.2%	-1	-14.3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	18	0.5%	11	0.3%	-7	-38.9%
Unknown	413	10.7%	372	10.9%	-41	-9.9%
Not specified	23	0.6%	16	0.5%	-7	-30.4%
<b>Jurisdiction</b>						
Alexandria City	1,074	27.8%	990	28.9%	-84	-7.8%
Arlington County	751	19.4%	666	19.4%	-85	-11.3%
Fairfax City	30	0.8%	28	0.8%	-2	-6.7%
Fairfax County	1,084	28.0%	911	26.6%	-173	-16.0%
Falls Church City	170	4.4%	166	4.8%	-4	-2.4%
Loudoun County	116	3.0%	94	2.7%	-22	-19.0%
Manassas City	44	1.1%	33	1.0%	-11	-25.0%
Manassas Park City	6	0.2%	5	0.1%	-1	-16.7%
Prince William County	259	6.7%	240	7.0%	-19	-7.3%
Other Virginia	170	4.4%	153	4.5%	-17	-10.2%
District of Columbia	84	2.2%	78	2.3%	-6	-7.4%
Maryland	38	1.0%	33	1.0%	-5	-14.0%
Outside VA, MD, & DC	35	0.9%	29	0.8%	-6	-18.3%

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