

Executive Summary

Enrollment – Fall 2021

- Total census enrollment is 7,173, a decrease of 1,166 students (14.0%) from the previous fall semester.
- Total undergraduate enrollment is 6,147. This is a decrease of 1,162 students (15.9%) from fall 2020. Full-time undergraduate enrollment is 5,384, a decrease of 1,198 students (18.2%).
- Total degrees granted for 2020-21 is 2,191; an increase of 3.3 percent from last year. There were 1,550 Bachelor's degrees and 641 Masters and Advanced Certificates granted.
- Total graduate enrollment is 1,026, a decrease of 4 students (0.4%) from fall 2020.
- Total enrollment in the residence halls is 1,733. This is an increase of 79 students (4.8%) from fall 2020. Since fall 2017, residence hall occupancy has decreased by 29.6 percent.

Demographics – Fall 2021

- Ninety-six (95.9) percent of our total enrollment is from New York State. Fifty-three (52.5) percent is from Erie County; eight (7.5) percent is from Niagara County; twenty-four (24.1) percent is from the Metro NYC area, and twelve (11.7) percent is from other New York State Counties.
- Fifty-three (52.6) percent of the college's undergraduate enrollments are minority students. Forty-seven (47.1) percent of total undergraduates are classified as underrepresented minorities. Graduate minority student enrollment is 229 (22.3%). Graduate underrepresented minority student enrollment decreased slightly to twenty (19.7) percent from twenty-two (21.6) percent the previous fall.
- Women represent fifty-nine (59.2) percent of the total student population. Fifty-seven (56.7) percent of our undergraduates and seventy-four (74.3) percent of graduate student population are women. This is an increase of 1.8 percentage points for our graduate student population from previous fall.

New Students – Fall 2021

- New freshman enrollment is 1,365. This is a decrease of 274 students (16.7%) from fall 2020.
- New transfer enrollment is 487, a decrease of 111 students (18.6%) from fall 2020.
- New graduate enrollment is 271. This is a decrease of 26 students (8.8%) from fall 2020.

Academic Profile, First-time Full-time – Fall 2021

- The mean high school average for all first-time, full-time students decreased to 83.4 from 83.6 last fall. The mean SAT Composite (verbal and math) score for all first-time, full-time students increased to 1052 from 968. For Fall 2021 and Fall 2022, SUNY has directed campuses to be test-optional due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For fall 2021, only 19% of the First-time, Full-time matriculated students submitted standardized test scores. This resulted in a larger than expected increase in SAT Composite scores from Fall 2020.
- The mean high school average for honors students is 94.0. The mean SAT score for honors students decreased 3 points to 1177.
- The mean high school average for general freshmen decreased slightly to 84.0 from 84.1 the previous fall. The mean SAT Composite score increased 87 points to 1061.
- The mean high school average for EOP students decreased to 79.4 from 80.9 last fall. The mean SAT score increased 45 points to 968

FTE – Fall 2021

- Total FTE is estimated at 6,187. This is a decrease of 1,277 FTE (17.1%) from fall 2020.
- Total undergraduate FTE is estimated at 5,584. This is a decrease of 1,224 FTE (18.0%) from fall 2020.
- Total graduate FTE is estimated 604, down 52 FTE (7.9%) from the previous fall.

School of Arts and Sciences – Fall 2021

- Total enrollment is 2,913, a decrease of 412 students (12.4%) from fall 2020. The school enrollment represents forty-one (40.6) percent of the total college enrollment and forty-three (42.8) percent of the undergraduate population.

School of Education – Fall 2021

- Total enrollment is 1,117 a decrease of 61 students (5.2%) from fall 2020. It represents sixteen (15.6) percent of the total college enrollment and ten (10.0) percent of the undergraduate population. The School of Education's graduate enrollment of 503 represents forty-nine (49.0) percent of the graduate population and is the largest of the four graduate schools.

School of the Professions – Fall 2021

- Total enrollment is 2,585, a decrease of 347 students (11.8%) from fall 2020. The school represents thirty-six (36.0) percent of the college's total enrollment and thirty-nine (38.8) percent of the total undergraduate enrollment. The school represents nineteen (19.4) percent of the graduate enrollment.

First-Time, full-time, One-Year Retention Rate at Buffalo State (fall 2020 Cohort)

- The first-time, full-time retention rate is forty-eight (48.3) percent, sixteen (16.2) percentage points lower than last fall. First-year retention rate decreased for all three schools. The School of Education first-year retention was the highest among the four schools at 65.6% and the School of the Professions was the lowest at 46.2%.
- First-year retention rate for residential students decreased from sixty-one (61.4) percent to forty-three (42.7) percent. First-year retention rate for commuter students decreased from seventy (69.6) percent to fifty-four (54.0) percent.
- First-year retention rate for Muriel A. Howard Honors program (MAH) students decreased from eighty-five (85.4) to seventy-two (72.1) percent when compared to fall 2019 cohort. Muriel A. Howard Honors program (MAH) has the highest retention rate among all cohorts for fall 2020.
- First-year retention rate for Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) students decreased to fifty-one (50.5) percent from sixty-nine (69.3) percent when compared to fall 2019 cohort.
- First-year retention rate for female students (51.1%) is higher than the first-year rate for male students (44.7%). Male student first-year rate decreased by 14 percentage points from fall 2020. Since fall 2016, our female retention rate has decreased 17 percentage points from 68.1%.
- First-year retention rate for SAY YES students decreased to fifty-one (51.0) percent, a decrease of sixty-four (63.8) percent, an increase of thirteen (12.8) percentage points.