

## Changes in Fall Term Enrollment Patterns

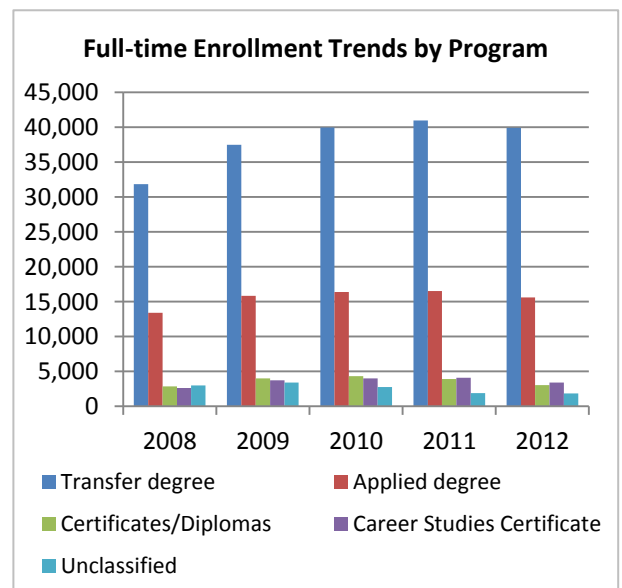
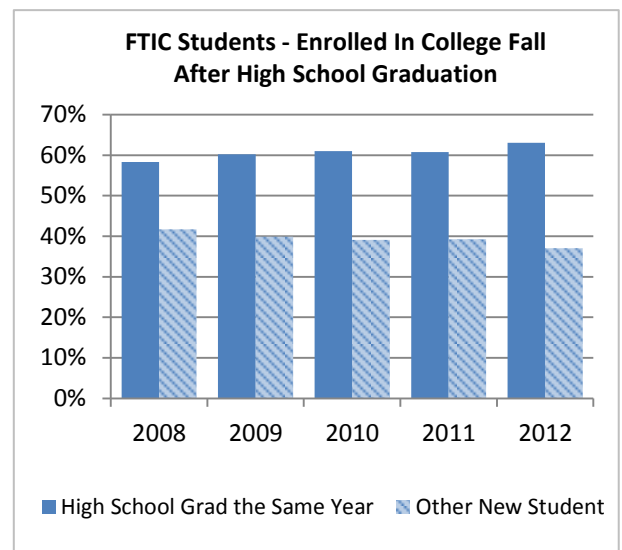
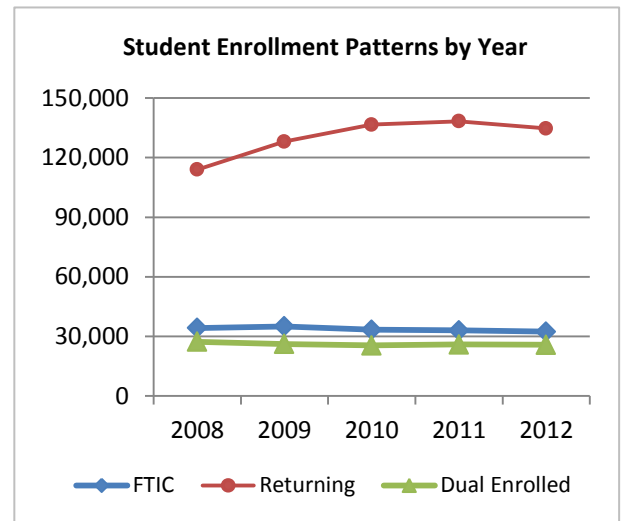
Over the past several years, enrollment patterns in the Virginia Community College System have been changing. The economic recession is a possible cause for the increase in the number of returning students starting in 2009 and continued until 2011. Since 2008, proportion of first time in college (FTIC) students entering the VCCS immediately out of high school increased 5%, but the number of students only increased by 438 in five years. This snapshot focuses on trends in fall enrollment patterns by demographics and program area.

### Highlights

- For the past three years, VCCS fall enrollments consisted of 70% returning students, 17% first time in college (FTIC) students, and 13% dual enrolled students.
- Full-time fall enrollment increased 18% across the system between 2008 and 2012. Part-time enrollment increased 6% during this same time period.
- The greatest increases in full-time fall enrollment from 2008 to 2012 were seen at Patrick Henry (25%), Paul D. Camp (24%), and Southwest Virginia (21%) Community Colleges.
- System-wide, the percent of FTIC students age 18-24 has climbed from 72% in fall 2008 to over 75% in fall 2012.
- Fall developmental enrollments decreased steadily from 11% in 2008 to 7% in 2012. Fall college-level enrollments grew from 89% in 2008 to 93% in 2012.
- Full-time fall enrollments in transfer and applied degrees steadily increased from 2008 to 2011 and decreased slightly in 2012.
- The percentage of FTIC students enrolled in transfer degree programs has increased from 51% in fall 2008 to 57% in fall 2012. The percentage of returning students enrolled in transfer degree programs has also increased significantly, from 45% in fall 2008 to 51% in fall 2012.

### Reflections

As local and national economic conditions continue to change, VCCS institutions may see the percentage of 18-24 year-old students increase as older students return to the workforce. Implementation of recent dual enrollment legislation (for example, HB1184) may result in an increase in the number and percentage of dual enrollment students. These and other trends support increased college emphasis on student success and retention efforts (including first-year experience programs) and initiatives to help students develop a range of workforce readiness skills.



## ENROLLMENT TRENDS BY POPULATION, FALL 2008-FALL 2012

	First Time in College (%)					Returning (%)					Dual Enrollment (%)				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Blue Ridge	22	21	20	19	19	63	65	67	68	66	15	15	14	14	15
Central Virginia	21	18	19	17	18	55	57	57	57	57	24	24	24	25	26
Dabney S. Lancaster	24	17	16	15	15	50	56	53	51	51	26	27	30	34	34
Danville	20	19	17	17	17	51	53	56	57	57	29	28	27	26	26
Eastern Shore	22	19	19	20	17	54	65	61	64	63	23	16	21	16	20
Germanna	21	19	19	18	18	60	64	65	67	67	19	17	17	15	15
J. Sargeant Reynolds	17	17	16	17	15	64	73	77	77	80	19	10	7	6	5
John Tyler	17	17	15	15	16	57	59	62	62	60	25	24	23	24	24
Lord Fairfax	22	19	19	17	16	53	56	55	58	56	25	25	26	24	28
Mountain Empire	21	18	22	20	17	54	56	54	57	57	25	26	24	22	27
New River	20	17	16	14	14	61	61	63	62	62	18	22	20	23	24
Northern Virginia	19	19	17	17	18	78	79	81	80	80	3	2	2	3	3
Patrick Henry	19	17	17	18	17	59	65	67	67	62	21	18	16	15	20
Paul D. Camp	22	17	16	15	14	49	57	59	60	56	29	26	25	25	30
Piedmont Virginia	17	14	14	13	14	60	64	64	65	64	23	22	22	22	22
Rappahannock	16	16	14	13	12	38	41	41	44	41	46	43	45	43	47
Southside Virginia	20	19	16	15	13	44	52	53	52	48	36	30	31	33	39
Southwest Virginia	21	18	16	17	19	61	61	60	55	57	19	21	24	28	24
Thomas Nelson	19	19	17	16	17	64	68	75	76	74	17	12	8	8	9
Tidewater	20	21	18	19	19	75	76	79	78	79	4	4	3	3	3
Virginia Highlands	20	21	17	16	16	53	54	57	57	60	27	25	25	26	24
Virginia Western	19	17	16	15	16	58	58	60	62	61	23	25	23	23	23
Wytheville	21	18	16	15	14	46	55	59	59	57	33	27	25	26	29
<b>VCCS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>

## ENROLLMENT TRENDS BY AGE, FALL 2008-FALL 2012

	First Time in College (%)					Returning (%)					Overall (%)				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<18	10	9	8	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	17	15	14	14	15
18-24	72	73	74	75	76	49	49	49	49	50	47	47	48	48	48
25-34	9	10	10	10	9	26	26	27	27	27	19	20	20	21	20
35+	9	8	8	7	7	25	24	24	23	23	18	18	18	17	17

## ENROLLMENT TRENDS BY PROGRAM, FALL 2008-FALL 2012

	First Time in College (%)					Returning (%)					Overall (%)				
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
Transfer degree	51	52	53	56	57	45	46	48	49	51	47	47	49	50	52
Applied degree	19	20	19	20	19	27	26	26	26	26	25	25	24	25	25
Certificates/Diplomas	6	7	8	7	6	5	6	6	6	5	5	6	6	6	5
Career Studies Certificate	8	9	10	10	9	6	7	8	8	7	7	8	8	8	8
Unclassified	15	13	10	8	9	17	15	13	12	11	17	15	13	11	11

### How Were Data Generated?

CRT class files were used to produce enrollment data.

### For More Information

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