

Profile of New Freshmen Fall 2011 and Fall 2012

This report contains demographic and academic information for new freshmen who entered the University in Fall 2011 and Fall 2012. Information is included on:

Gender	Country of Citizenship	Full/Part-Time Status
Age	State of Permanent Address	Average Credit Hour Load
Minority Status	County of Permanent Residence	High School Class Quartile
Citizenship Status	Religious Affiliation	Program of Study
Racial/Ethnic Group	Entrance Test scores	First Major ¹

Please see page 2 for a note on test score (SAT and ACT) statistics.

Fall 2012

The freshmen class of Fall 2012 includes 518 students who entered the University in Summer 2012 or Fall 2012. Demographically, almost sixty-two percent (320) of the new freshmen are female, and seventy-five percent (388) are from racial or ethnic minority groups. Students with a Baptist religious affiliation make up twenty-three percent (23.2%) of the group, a decrease of six percent from last year.

For students with known addresses, 496 (96.1%) have Texas as their state of permanent address, representing 46 counties. Students from Harris, Fort Bend, and Brazoria county make up 75.8% of the class, down almost five percent from last year. Just under ninety-four percent of the class are U.S. citizens.

Among students who reported a high school class ranking, nearly sixty percent were in the top quartile of their high school graduating classes. The class had a mean score of 1102 for the SAT and 24 for the ACT examination. Twenty-one percent of students declared a major in Biology, while 17 percent declared Nursing and 8.5% were undecided.

Fall 2011

The freshmen class of Fall 2011 includes 500 students who entered the University in Summer 2011 or Fall 2011. Demographically, more than sixty-five percent (327) of the new freshmen are female, and seventy-three percent (365) are from racial or ethnic minority groups. Students with a Baptist religious affiliation make up twenty-nine percent (29.2%) of the group, an increase of nearly 3%.

For students with known addresses, 478 (95.6%) have Texas as their state of permanent address, representing 44 counties. Students from Harris, Fort Bend, and Brazoria county make up 80.3% of the class (although the percentage of students from Harris declined six percent while the percentage of students from Fort Bend increased almost five percent). Ninety-four percent of the class are U.S. citizens.

Among students who reported a high school class ranking, nearly sixty-four percent were in the top quartile of their high school graduating classes. The class had a mean score of 1096 for the SAT and 24 for the ACT examination. Approximately 25 percent of students declared a major in Biology, while 14 percent declared Nursing and 9 percent were undecided.

Test Score Calculations

For students with both an SAT and ACT score, only one score is counted. The ACT score is converted into the equivalent SAT score and compared to the actual SAT score, and only the higher is retained. Additionally, for students with multiple SAT test scores, the highest verbal and math subscores (from any test date) are added to get the student's final SAT score. For Fall 2006, this procedure resulted in an increase of approximately 6 points on the average SAT score, from 1074 to 1080.

Prior to Fall 2007, SAT scores were reported using Recruitment PLUS. Recruitment PLUS converted all ACT scores to an equivalent SAT score, and included the converted scores in the final mean.

¹ Due to the change from the double-major system to a primarily single-major system, the table by First and Second majors has been removed. In Fall 2011, only one freshman had a double major, and no freshman had a double major in Fall 2012.

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Gender	Fall 2011		Fall 2012	
	#	%	#	%
Male	173	34.6	198	38.2
Female	327	65.4	320	61.8
Total	500	100.0	518	100.0

Age Range	Fall 2011		Fall 2012	
	#	%	#	%
<18	29	5.8	41	7.9
18-19	461	92.2	474	91.5
20-21	5	1.0	2	0.4
22-24	2	0.4	.	.
25+	3	0.6	.	.
Unknown	.	.	1	0.2
Total	500	100.0	518	100.0

Minority Status	Fall 2011		Fall 2012	
	#	%	#	%
Minority	365	73.0	388	74.9
Non-Minority	135	27.0	130	25.1
Total	500	100.0	518	100.0

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Citizenship Status	Fall 2011		Fall 2012	
	#	%	#	%
U.S. Citizen	468	94.2	479	93.7
Resident Alien	19	3.8	20	3.9
Non-Resident Alien	10	2.0	12	2.3
Total	497	100.0	511	100.0

Racial/Ethnic Group*	Fall 2011		Fall 2012	
	#	%	#	%
African American/Black	101	20.2	121	23.4
American Indian or Alaskan Native	3	0.6	.	.
Asian	62	12.4	42	8.1
Hispanic	142	28.4	158	30.5
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	4	0.8	.	.
White	124	24.8	123	23.7
Two or More Races	46	9.2	67	12.9
Ethnicity Unknown	18	3.6	7	1.4
Total	500	100.0	518	100.0

Racial/Ethnic Group - Non-Resident Aliens Partitioned*	Fall 2011		Fall 2012	
	#	%	#	%
African American/Black	99	19.8	117	22.6
American Indian or Alaskan Native	3	0.6	.	.
Asian	58	11.6	41	7.9
Hispanic	139	27.8	155	29.9
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	4	0.8	.	.
White	123	24.6	121	23.4
Two or More Races	46	9.2	65	12.5
Ethnicity Unknown	18	3.6	7	1.4
Non-Resident Alien	10	2.0	12	2.3
Total	500	100.0	518	100.0

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Country of Citizenship	Fall 2011		Fall 2012	
	#	%	#	%
Bolivia	1	0.2	.	.
China	4	0.8	.	.
Germany	.	.	1	0.2
India	.	.	2	0.4
Mexico	1	0.2	.	.
Nigeria	2	0.4	2	0.4
Uganda	.	.	1	0.2
United Kingdom	1	0.2	.	.
United States	468	93.6	479	92.5
Unknown	21	4.2	32	6.2
Unknown Nation	1	0.2	.	.
Vietnam	1	0.2	1	0.2
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State of Permanent Address	Fall 2011		Fall 2012	
	#	%	#	%
Arizona	2	0.4	1	0.2
California	6	1.2	5	1.0
Colorado	1	0.2	.	.
Georgia	.	.	2	0.4
Hawaii	.	.	1	0.2
Illinois	1	0.2	4	0.8
Kansas	.	.	1	0.2
Kentucky	1	0.2	.	.
Louisiana	.	.	1	0.2
Maryland	.	.	1	0.2
Massachusetts	.	.	1	0.2
Michigan	1	0.2	.	.
Mississippi	.	.	1	0.2
Nevada	.	.	1	0.2
New Mexico	1	0.2	.	.
Oklahoma	1	0.2	1	0.2
South Carolina	1	0.2	.	.
Texas	478	95.6	496	95.8
US Territories/Military Addr	1	0.2	.	.
Unknown	5	1.0	2	0.4
Washington	1	0.2	.	.
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County of Permanent Address (Texas)	Fall 2011		Fall 2012	
	#	%	#	%
Anderson	.	.	1	0.2
Angelina	.	.	2	0.4
Aransas	.	.	1	0.2
Atascosa	.	.	1	0.2
Bandera	1	0.2	.	.
Bastrop	1	0.2	1	0.2
Bell	2	0.4	5	1.0
Bexar	2	0.4	4	0.8
Blanco	.	.	2	0.4
Brazoria	16	3.3	17	3.4
Brazos	.	.	1	0.2
Brown	1	0.2	.	.
Burleson	2	0.4	.	.
Cameron	3	0.6	3	0.6
Collin	1	0.2	9	1.8
Colorado	2	0.4	.	.
Comal	.	.	1	0.2
Comanche	.	.	1	0.2
Coryell	.	.	1	0.2
Dallas	12	2.5	10	2.0
Denton	.	.	2	0.4
Ector	1	0.2	.	.
El Paso	1	0.2	.	.
Ellis	.	.	1	0.2
Fayette	1	0.2	.	.
Fort Bend	130	27.2	117	23.6
Galveston	13	2.7	8	1.6
Gonzales	.	.	1	0.2
Gregg	.	.	1	0.2
Guadalupe	.	.	2	0.4
Hale	1	0.2	.	.
Hardin	1	0.2	1	0.2
Harris	238	49.8	242	48.8
Harrison	1	0.2	1	0.2

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County of Permanent Address (Texas)	Fall 2011		Fall 2012	
	#	%	#	%
Hemphill	.	.	1	0.2
Henderson	1	0.2	1	0.2
Hidalgo	1	0.2	2	0.4
Hopkins	1	0.2	.	.
Houston	.	.	1	0.2
Jefferson	5	1.0	5	1.0
Kaufman	2	0.4	1	0.2
Kendall	2	0.4	.	.
LaVaca	1	0.2	.	.
Liberty	.	.	5	1.0
Matagorda	1	0.2	.	.
McLennan	.	.	1	0.2
Montgomery	9	1.9	13	2.6
Nacogdoches	1	0.2	.	.
Nueces	.	.	4	0.8
Orange	.	.	1	0.2
Parker	1	0.2	.	.
Parmer	1	0.2	.	.
Polk	1	0.2	.	.
Rockwall	.	.	1	0.2
Rusk	1	0.2	.	.
San Jacinto	.	.	1	0.2
San Patricio	2	0.4	.	.
Shelby	1	0.2	.	.
Smith	.	.	1	0.2
Tarrant	3	0.6	12	2.4
Taylor	.	.	2	0.4
Travis	5	1.0	4	0.8
Trinity	1	0.2	.	.
Unknown	2	0.4	.	.
Victoria	2	0.4	2	0.4
Walker	1	0.2	.	.
Wharton	1	0.2	1	0.2
Willacy	1	0.2	.	.

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County of Permanent Address (Texas)	Fall 2011		Fall 2012	
	#	%	#	%
Williamson	1	0.2	1	0.2
Total	478	100.0	496	100.0

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Religious Affiliation	Fall 2011		Fall 2012	
	#	%	#	%
Assembly of God	2	0.4	3	0.6
Baptist	146	29.2	120	23.2
Buddhist	3	0.6	4	0.8
Catholic	91	18.2	75	14.5
Christian Church	29	5.8	29	5.6
Church of Christ	11	2.2	16	3.1
Church of God	4	0.8	2	0.4
Disciples of Christ (Christian	1	0.2	4	0.8
Eastern Orthodox	1	0.2	3	0.6
Episcopalian	.	.	2	0.4
Evangelical Free Church	1	0.2	1	0.2
Hindu	7	1.4	8	1.5
Jehovah's Witness	1	0.2	.	.
Lutheran	1	0.2	3	0.6
Methodist	15	3.0	16	3.1
Moslem (Islam, Muslim)	16	3.2	17	3.3
No Preference	30	6.0	31	6.0
Non-denominational	29	5.8	68	13.1
Other	49	9.8	32	6.2
Pentecostal	16	3.2	15	2.9
Presbyterian	1	0.2	7	1.4
Seventh Day Adventist	.	.	3	0.6
Undeclared	46	9.2	59	11.4
Total	500	100.0	518	100.0

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SAT Recentered Scores

Interquartile Range	Fall 2011	Fall 2012
25th Percentile	980	1000
75th Percentile	1200	1190

	Fall 2011	Fall 2012
Mean	1096	1102

SAT Distribution	Fall 2011		Fall 2012	
	#	%	#	%
< 900	2	0.5	1	0.2
900-990	110	28.1	96	23.9
1000-1090	107	27.4	118	29.4
1100-1190	66	16.9	92	22.9
1200-1290	71	18.2	62	15.4
1300+	35	9.0	33	8.2
Total	391	100.0	402	100.0

Median Scores by Gender	Fall 2011			Fall 2012		
	Verbal	Math	Total	Verbal	Math	Total
Male	520	550	1080	510	570	1100
Female	520	540	1050	530	540	1070

Note:

1. Although submission of entrance test scores generally is required in the admission process, in each entering class there were a small number of students who were admitted without entrance test scores. Therefore, the number of SAT scores plus the number of ACT scores does not equal the total class size.
2. The highest SAT is compared to the highest ACT and only the better score is retained.

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ACT Composite Scores

Interquartile Range	Fall 2011	Fall 2012
25th Percentile	22	21
75th Percentile	27	25

	Fall 2011	Fall 2012
Mean	24	24

ACT Distribution	Fall 2011		Fall 2012	
	#	%	#	%
< 20	14	13.1	19	16.5
20-21	9	8.4	17	14.8
22-24	36	33.6	38	33.0
25-27	28	26.2	26	22.6
28-29	13	12.1	12	10.4
30+	7	6.5	3	2.6
Total	107	100.0	115	100.0

Median Scores by Gender	Fall 2011			Fall 2012		
	Engl	Math	Comp	Engl	Math	Comp
Male	21	24	25	22	24	24
Female	22	24	23	22	23	24

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Full/Part-Time Status	Fall 2011		Fall 2012	
	#	%	#	%
Full-Time	496	99.2	514	99.2
Part-Time	4	0.8	4	0.8
Total	500	100.0	518	100.0

Average Credit Hour Load*	Fall 2011		Fall 2012	
	#	Average	#	Average
College of Arts and Humanities	7	14.4	7	15.6
School of Business	74	14.6	66	14.8
School of Nursing and Allied Health	72	14.6	87	14.8
Smith College of General Studies	300	14.7	306	14.8
The Honors College	27	15.3	30	15.5
No College Designated	20	14.6	22	14.4
Total	500	14.7	518	14.8

High School Class Quartile**	Fall 2011		Fall 2012	
	#	%	#	%
Quartile 1	242	63.7	229	59.8
Quartile 2	89	23.4	97	25.3
Quartile 3	38	10.0	39	10.2
Quartile 4	11	2.9	18	4.7
Total	380	100.0	383	100.0

Program of Study	Fall 2011		Fall 2012	
	#	%	#	%
Bachelor of Arts	121	24.2	139	26.8
Bachelor of Business Administration	78	15.6	70	13.5
Bachelor of Fine Arts	3	0.6	3	0.6
Bachelor of Music	4	0.8	5	1.0
Bachelor of Science	294	58.8	301	58.1
Total	500	100.0	518	100.0

* Education and many Science and Mathematics students are included under Smith College due to the way double majors are coded in Banner.

** High School Quartile data may not be available for each student in the class. Therefore, the total does not equal the total class size.

First Major	Fall 2011		Fall 2012	
	#	%	#	%
Accounting	19	3.8	15	2.9
All-Level Special Education	1	0.2	.	.
Art	4	0.8	5	1.0
Biblical Languages	4	0.8	.	.
Biology	123	24.6	109	21.0
Chemistry	14	2.8	12	2.3
Christianity	8	1.6	12	2.3
Church Music	.	.	1	0.2
Communication and Rhetoric	1	0.2	4	0.8
Composite Science 4-8	1	0.2	.	.
Economics	5	1.0	4	0.8
English	8	1.6	9	1.7
English Language Arts 4-8	.	.	2	0.4
English/Language Arts 8-12	1	0.2	1	0.2
Finance	6	1.2	9	1.7
Government	9	1.8	10	1.9
History	2	0.4	6	1.2
History - Teacher Certificatio	1	0.2	1	0.2
Interdisciplinary Studies Ed	7	1.4	2	0.4
International Business	16	3.2	13	2.5
Journalism and Mass Communicat	5	1.0	9	1.7
Kinesiology (Education)	2	0.4	1	0.2
Kinesiology Athletic Training	15	3.0	10	1.9
Kinesiology-Wellness Mgmt	7	1.4	11	2.1
Life Science	1	0.2	1	0.2
Management	23	4.6	22	4.2
Marketing	11	2.2	8	1.5
Mass Communication	1	0.2	.	.
Math Studies 4-8	1	0.2	.	.
Math Studies 8-12	1	0.2	5	1.0
Mathematics	9	1.8	28	5.4
Molecular Biology/Biochemistry	28	5.6	16	3.1
Multidisciplinary Studies	6	1.2	5	1.0
Music	4	0.8	1	0.2

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First Major	Fall 2011		Fall 2012	
	#	%	#	%
Music Education	.	.	2	0.4
Music Performance-Voice	.	.	2	0.4
Music/Teacher Certification-BM	.	.	5	1.0
Nursing	72	14.4	87	16.8
Philosophy	2	0.4	2	0.4
Physics	4	0.8	6	1.2
Psychology	30	6.0	32	6.2
Sociology	2	0.4	1	0.2
Spanish	.	.	1	0.2
Studio Art	3	0.6	3	0.6
Undeclared	43	8.6	44	8.5
Writing	.	.	1	0.2
Total	500	100.0	518	100.0