

Profile of New Freshmen Fall 2007 and Fall 2008

This report contains demographic and academic information for new freshmen who entered the University in Fall 2007 and Fall 2008. 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 and Second Majors

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

Fall 2008

The freshmen class of Fall 2008 includes 560 students who entered the University in Summer 2008 or Fall 2008. Demographically, sixty-two percent (349) of the new freshmen are female, and 68.6 percent (384) are from racial or ethnic minority groups. Students with a Baptist religious affiliation make up almost thirty-nine percent (38.8%) of the group.

For students with known addresses, 545 (98.0%) have Texas as their state of permanent address, representing 43 counties. Students from Harris, Fort Bend, and Brazoria county make up 79.1% of the class. Ninety-three percent of the class are U.S. citizens.

Among students who reported a high school class ranking, fifty-six percent were in the top quartile of their high school graduating classes. The class had a mean score of 1079 for the SAT and 22 for the ACT examination. Approximately 21 percent of students declared a major in Biology, while 18 percent declared Nursing and 14 percent Business Administration.

Fall 2007

The freshmen class of Fall 2007 includes 456 students who entered the University in Summer 2007 or Fall 2007. Demographically, sixty-six percent (303) of the new freshmen are female, and 61.8 percent (282) are from racial or ethnic minority groups. Students with a Baptist religious affiliation make up thirty-four percent (34.2%) of the group.

For students with known addresses, 436 (97.5%) have Texas as their state of permanent address, representing 40 counties. Students from Harris, Fort Bend, and Brazoria county make up 81.7% of the class. Ninety percent of the class are U.S. citizens.

Among students who reported a high school class ranking, forty-seven percent were in the top quartile of their high school graduating classes. The class had a mean score of 1084 for the SAT and 22 for the ACT examination. Approximately 29 percent of students declared a major in Biology, while 15 percent declared Nursing and 13 percent Business Administration.

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.

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Demographic Information

Gender	Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	#	%	#	%
Male	153	33.6	211	37.7
Female	303	66.4	349	62.3
Total	456	100.0	560	100.0

Age Range	Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	#	%	#	%
<18	37	8.1	47	8.4
18-19	393	86.2	504	90.0
20-21	12	2.6	3	0.5
22-24	4	0.9	.	.
25+	10	2.2	6	1.1
Total	456	100.0	560	100.0

Minority Status	Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	#	%	#	%
Minority	282	61.8	384	68.6
Non-Minority	174	38.2	176	31.4
Total	456	100.0	560	100.0

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Citizenship Status	Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	#	%	#	%
U.S. Citizen	412	90.4	521	93.0
Resident Alien	25	5.5	22	3.9
Non-Resident Alien	19	4.2	17	3.0
Total	456	100.0	560	100.0

Racial/Ethnic Group	Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	#	%	#	%
African American/Black	96	21.1	136	24.3
American Indian/Alaska Native	2	0.4	4	0.7
Asian or Pacific Islander	83	18.2	85	15.2
Hispanic or Latino	101	22.1	150	26.8
White non-Hispanic	161	35.3	161	28.8
Other	.	.	9	1.6
Ethnicity Unknown	13	2.9	15	2.7
Total	456	100.0	560	100.0

Racial/Ethnic Group - Non-Resident Aliens Partitioned	Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	#	%	#	%
African American/Black	92	20.2	131	23.4
American Indian/Alaska Native	2	0.4	4	0.7
Asian or Pacific Islander	78	17.1	78	13.9
Hispanic or Latino	96	21.1	148	26.4
White non-Hispanic	156	34.2	161	28.8
Other	.	.	7	1.3
Ethnicity Unknown	13	2.9	14	2.5
Non-Resident Alien	19	4.2	17	3.0
Total	456	100.0	560	100.0

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Country of Citizenship	Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	#	%	#	%
Angola	.	.	1	0.2
Brazil	.	.	1	0.2
Canada	.	.	2	0.4
Cote d'Ivoire	.	.	1	0.2
Ecuador	1	0.2	.	.
Egypt	.	.	1	0.2
Ghana	.	.	1	0.2
India	.	.	1	0.2
Indonesia	1	0.2	.	.
Mexico	1	0.2	1	0.2
Nigeria	1	0.2	1	0.2
Pakistan	.	.	1	0.2
Philippines	1	0.2	2	0.4
Sweden	1	0.2	.	.
Trinidad and Tobago	1	0.2	.	.
United Kingdom	3	0.7	.	.
United States	412	90.4	521	93.0
Unknown	34	7.5	24	4.3
Vietnam	.	.	2	0.4
Total	456	100.0	560	100.0

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State of Permanent Address	Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	#	%	#	%
Alaska	1	0.2	.	.
Arkansas	1	0.2	.	.
California	.	.	7	1.3
Colorado	1	0.2	.	.
Florida	1	0.2	.	.
Georgia	2	0.4	.	.
Idaho	1	0.2	.	.
Maryland	1	0.2	.	.
Massachusetts	1	0.2	.	.
Montana	.	.	1	0.2
New York	.	.	2	0.4
Pennsylvania	.	.	1	0.2
Texas	436	95.6	545	97.3
US Territories/Military Addr	1	0.2	.	.
Unknown	9	2.0	4	0.7
Virginia	1	0.2	.	.
Total	456	100.0	560	100.0

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County of Permanent Address (Texas)	Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	#	%	#	%
Anderson	.	.	1	0.2
Angelina	1	0.2	1	0.2
Atascosa	.	.	1	0.2
Austin	1	0.2	1	0.2
Bell	3	0.7	1	0.2
Bexar	1	0.2	5	0.9
Blanco	.	.	1	0.2
Brazoria	12	2.8	15	2.8
Brazos	.	.	1	0.2
Caldwell	.	.	2	0.4
Calhoun	.	.	1	0.2
Cameron	1	0.2	.	.
Chambers	1	0.2	1	0.2
Collin	2	0.5	3	0.6
Cooke	1	0.2	.	.
Dallas	5	1.1	13	2.4
Denton	7	1.6	3	0.6
Ector	.	.	1	0.2
Fort Bend	121	27.8	133	24.4
Galveston	11	2.5	11	2.0
Grayson	.	.	1	0.2
Gregg	2	0.5	.	.
Grimes	.	.	2	0.4
Hale	.	.	1	0.2
Hardin	3	0.7	.	.
Harris	223	51.1	292	53.6
Hays	1	0.2	1	0.2
Hidalgo	2	0.5	.	.
Hopkins	1	0.2	.	.
Houston	.	.	3	0.6
Jefferson	2	0.5	4	0.7
Kaufman	1	0.2	.	.
Kendall	1	0.2	.	.
Kerr	1	0.2	.	.
Kleberg	1	0.2	.	.
LaVaca	1	0.2	.	.

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County of Permanent Address (Texas)	Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	#	%	#	%
Lee	1	0.2	.	.
Liberty	1	0.2	1	0.2
Limestone	.	.	1	0.2
Matagorda	.	.	2	0.4
McLennan	1	0.2	.	.
Montgomery	10	2.3	13	2.4
Nacogdoches	1	0.2	2	0.4
Newton	.	.	1	0.2
Orange	2	0.5	.	.
Parker	1	0.2	1	0.2
Parmer	1	0.2	.	.
Polk	2	0.5	1	0.2
Rockwall	.	.	1	0.2
San Patricio	.	.	1	0.2
Smith	1	0.2	.	.
Tarrant	2	0.5	7	1.3
Travis	2	0.5	3	0.6
Tyler	.	.	2	0.4
Unknown	.	.	2	0.4
Victoria	1	0.2	2	0.4
Washington	.	.	2	0.4
Webb	.	.	1	0.2
Wharton	2	0.5	.	.
Williamson	2	0.5	2	0.4
Wilson	.	.	1	0.2
Total	436	100.0	545	100.0

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Religious Affiliation	Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	#	%	#	%
Assembly of God	.	.	5	0.9
Baptist	156	34.2	217	38.8
Buddhist	3	0.7	8	1.4
Catholic	74	16.2	86	15.4
Christian Church	21	4.6	13	2.3
Church of Christ	15	3.3	9	1.6
Church of God	5	1.1	6	1.1
Eastern Orthodox	.	.	1	0.2
Episcopalian	5	1.1	3	0.5
Evangelical Free Church	1	0.2	1	0.2
Hindu	7	1.5	5	0.9
Jehovah's Witness	.	.	1	0.2
Lutheran	6	1.3	7	1.3
Methodist	14	3.1	20	3.6
Moslem (Islam, Muslim)	25	5.5	13	2.3
No Preference	29	6.4	29	5.2
Non-denominational	27	5.9	41	7.3
Other	47	10.3	28	5.0
Pentecostal	8	1.8	9	1.6
Presbyterian	5	1.1	11	2.0
Reformed	.	.	1	0.2
Seventh Day Adventist	1	0.2	3	0.5
Undeclared	7	1.5	43	7.7
Total	456	100.0	560	100.0

Interquartile Range	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
25th Percentile	960	970
75th Percentile	1200	1170

	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Mean	1084	1079

SAT Distribution	Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	#	%	#	%
< 900	37	10.5	19	4.2
900-990	70	19.9	114	25.4
1000-1090	90	25.6	138	30.7
1100-1190	65	18.5	86	19.2
1200-1290	58	16.5	50	11.1
1300+	32	9.1	42	9.4
Total	352	100.0	449	100.0

Median Scores by Gender	Fall 2007			Fall 2008		
	Verbal	Math	Total	Verbal	Math	Total
Male	530	560	1125	520	550	1060
Female	530	520	1050	515	520	1040

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 2007	Fall 2008
25th Percentile	20	20
75th Percentile	24	24

	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Mean	22	22

ACT Distribution	Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	#	%	#	%
< 20	33	34.7	31	37.8
20-21	10	10.5	12	14.6
22-24	29	30.5	20	24.4
25-27	14	14.7	7	8.5
28-29	3	3.2	10	12.2
30+	6	6.3	2	2.4
Total	95	100.0	82	100.0

Median Scores by Gender	Fall 2007			Fall 2008		
	Engl	Math	Comp	Engl	Math	Comp
Male	21	24	22	21	24	21
Female	21	21	22	21	22	21

Note:

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2. The highest SAT is compared to the highest ACT and only the better score is retained.

Full/Part-Time Status	Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	#	%	#	%
Full-Time	449	98.5	556	99.3
Part-Time	7	1.5	4	0.7
Total	456	100.0	560	100.0

Average Credit Hour Load*	Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	#	Average	#	Average
College of Arts and Humanities	15	11.2	19	15.4
College of Business/Economics	57	9.7	76	14.1
College of Nursing	68	10.4	98	15.6
Smith College General Studies	316	10.2	339	14.6
The Honors College	.	.	28	14.8
Total	456	10.2	560	14.7

High School Class Quartile**	Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	#	%	#	%
First Quartile	158	46.7	226	55.9
Second Quartile	96	28.4	104	25.7
Third Quartile	64	18.9	58	14.4
Fourth Quartile	20	5.9	16	4.0
Total	338	100.0	404	100.0

Program of Study	Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	#	%	#	%
Associate in Nursing	5	1.1	2	0.4
Bachelor of Arts	197	43.2	220	39.3
Bachelor of Business Administration	57	12.5	77	13.8
Bachelor of Music	15	3.3	21	3.8
Bachelor of Science	119	26.1	142	25.4
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	63	13.8	98	17.5
Total	456	100.0	560	100.0

* Hours are not strictly comparable since Fall 2007 was on the quarter calendar while Fall 2008 is on the semester calendar.

** 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 2007		Fall 2008	
	#	%	#	%
Accounting	3	0.7	12	2.1
Art	4	0.9	4	0.7
Biblical Languages	.	.	4	0.7
Bilingual Education	1	0.2	2	0.4
Biology	94	20.6	99	17.7
Business	19	4.2	36	6.4
Business Administration	51	11.2	47	8.4
Chemistry	6	1.3	11	2.0
Child Development	7	1.5	5	0.9
Christianity	16	3.5	15	2.7
Church Music	1	0.2	.	.
Computer Info Systems Mgmt	1	0.2	5	0.9
Economics	.	.	1	0.2
English	9	2.0	5	0.9
Entrepreneurship	1	0.2	.	.
Finance	.	.	3	0.5
French	.	.	1	0.2
History	5	1.1	8	1.4
Interdisciplinary Studies	10	2.2	4	0.7
International Business	3	0.7	5	0.9
Kinesiology (Education)	5	1.1	5	0.9
Kinesiology Athletic Training	.	.	7	1.3
Kinesiology(Non-Education)	7	1.5	14	2.5
Management	.	.	4	0.7
Management Information Systems	.	.	1	0.2
Marketing	1	0.2	3	0.5
Mass Communication	9	2.0	16	2.9
Mathematics	6	1.3	7	1.3
Molecular Biology/Biochemistry	32	7.0	21	3.8
Multidisciplinary Studies	2	0.4	6	1.1
Music (Liberal Arts)	5	1.1	8	1.4
Music Education	2	0.4	9	1.6
Music-Composition	.	.	1	0.2
Music-Performance	9	2.0	9	1.6
Music-Theory	2	0.4	2	0.4
Music/Teacher Certification-BM	1	0.2	.	.

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First Major	Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	#	%	#	%
Nursing	68	14.9	100	17.9
Pedagogy	6	1.3	6	1.1
Physics	1	0.2	2	0.4
Political Science	10	2.2	12	2.1
Psychology	25	5.5	30	5.4
Public Policy	1	0.2	1	0.2
Sociology	2	0.4	.	.
Spanish	1	0.2	3	0.5
Speech Communication	2	0.4	2	0.4
Undeclared	25	5.5	22	3.9
Writing	3	0.7	2	0.4
Total	456	100.0	560	100.0

First & Second Major*	Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	#	%	#	%
Accounting	8	1.0	19	1.9
Art	7	0.9	4	0.4
Biblical Languages	3	0.4	8	0.8
Bilingual Education	5	0.6	6	0.6
Biology	130	16.6	120	12.3
Business	33	4.2	67	6.9
Business Administration	57	7.3	77	7.9
Chemistry	26	3.3	34	3.5
Child Development	10	1.3	12	1.2
Christianity	26	3.3	29	3.0
Church Music	1	0.1	.	.
Computer Info Systems Mgmt	7	0.9	8	0.8
Economics	6	0.8	2	0.2
English	12	1.5	12	1.2
Entrepreneurship	5	0.6	.	.
Finance	4	0.5	7	0.7
French	1	0.1	3	0.3
History	12	1.5	16	1.6
Interdisciplinary Studies	11	1.4	6	0.6
International Business	8	1.0	15	1.5
Kinesiology (Education)	6	0.8	5	0.5
Kinesiology Athletic Training	.	.	7	0.7
Kinesiology(Non-Education)	11	1.4	21	2.2
Management	3	0.4	18	1.8
Management Information Systems	.	.	2	0.2
Marketing	9	1.1	9	0.9
Mass Communication	11	1.4	30	3.1
Mathematics	7	0.9	12	1.2
Molecular Biology/Biochemistry	32	4.1	42	4.3
Multidisciplinary Studies	3	0.4	6	0.6
Music (Liberal Arts)	8	1.0	19	1.9
Music Education	3	0.4	9	0.9
Music-Composition	.	.	1	0.1
Music-Performance	10	1.3	9	0.9
Music-Theory	2	0.3	2	0.2
Music/Teacher Certification-BM	1	0.1	.	.

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First & Second Major*	Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	#	%	#	%
Nursing	68	8.7	100	10.3
Pedagogy	9	1.1	10	1.0
Physical Science	1	0.1	.	.
Physics	6	0.8	6	0.6
Political Science	19	2.4	23	2.4
Psychology	42	5.4	53	5.4
Public Policy	1	0.1	3	0.3
Sociology	6	0.8	12	1.2
Spanish	6	0.8	9	0.9
Speech Communication	4	0.5	3	0.3
Undeclared	136	17.4	105	10.8
Writing	7	0.9	14	1.4
Total	783	100.0	975	100.0

* In this table a student is counted once for each major (a duplicate count).