In Fall 2015, 15,057 students applied for admission to Montclair State University as new freshmen. Montclair State University accepted 71% (10,751) of these applicants. Forty-two percent (4,458) of those accepted enrolled in classes (see Table 1). The average combined SAT score was 1,020 for accepted full-time, first-time freshmen, regardless of admission type, and 975 for those who enrolled. The average class rank was 68 for accepted students and 66 for enrolled students.

Table 7 shows 63% of enrolled full-time, first-time freshmen were female. Of those who disclosed their race/ethnicity information, 14% were Black/African American, 31% were Hispanic and 45% were White. Three percent indicated they were two or more races. Additionally, a little over 1% were international students. Ninety-eight of full-time, first-time freshmen resided in New Jersey. The highest population of full-time, first-time enrolled freshmen came from 4 counties: Essex (16%), Passaic (11%), Morris (10%), with the leading county being Bergen (23%).

Fifty-nine percent of enrolled first-time, full- and part-time transfer students were female. Of those students who disclosed their race/ethnicity information, 5% were Asian or Pacific Islander, 10% were Black/African American, 27% were Hispanic and 43% were White. Two percent indicated they were two or more races, and an additional 2% were international students. Seventy-three percent of newly enrolled transfer students transferred from New Jersey public community colleges. Over half of the New Jersey community college students came from three community colleges in particular: Bergen Community College (22%), Essex County College County (7%) and College of Morris (10%).

In summary, 4,441 new undergraduate students started MSU in Fall 2015. New transfer students made up 30% of all new students, followed by new freshmen at 70%.