

**TABLE 1.5**  
**FULL-TIME FIRST-TIME ENROLLED FRESHMEN**  
**BY BACKGROUND CHARACTERISTICS**  
**FALL 1998-FALL 2002**

| CHARACTERISTIC         | FALL 1998 |       | FALL 1999 |       | FALL 2000 |       | FALL 2001 |       | FALL 2002 |       | % CHANGE<br>1998-2002 |
|------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------------------|
|                        | N         | %     | N         | %     | N         | %     | N         | %     | N         | %     |                       |
| <b>SEX</b>             |           |       |           |       |           |       |           |       |           |       |                       |
| FEMALE                 | 662       | 59.7  | 827       | 61.9  | 833       | 62.7  | 825       | 60.0  | 891       | 60.1  | 34.6                  |
| MALE                   | 446       | 40.3  | 510       | 38.1  | 495       | 37.3  | 550       | 40.0  | 591       | 39.9  | 32.5                  |
| TOTAL                  | 1,108     | 100.0 | 1,337     | 100.0 | 1,328     | 100.0 | 1,375     | 100.0 | 1,482     | 100.0 | 33.8                  |
| MISSING                | 0         |       | 0         |       | 0         |       | 0         |       | 0         |       |                       |
| <b>AGE</b>             |           |       |           |       |           |       |           |       |           |       |                       |
| 17 AND UNDER           | 21        | 1.9   | 30        | 2.2   | 24        | 1.8   | 18        | 1.3   | 20        | 1.4   | -4.8                  |
| 18-20                  | 1,052     | 95.0  | 1,269     | 95.0  | 1,272     | 95.8  | 1,313     | 95.5  | 1,430     | 96.8  | 35.9                  |
| 21-24                  | 24        | 2.2   | 20        | 1.5   | 22        | 1.7   | 32        | 2.3   | 16        | 1.1   | -33.3                 |
| 25-34                  | 8         | 0.7   | 13        | 1.0   | 6         | 0.5   | 7         | 0.5   | 7         | 0.5   | -12.5                 |
| 35-44                  | 2         | 0.2   | 4         | 0.3   | 2         | 0.2   | 3         | 0.2   | 2         | 0.1   | 0.0                   |
| 45-54                  | 0         | 0.0   | 0         | 0.0   | 1         | 0.1   | 2         | 0.1   | 2         | 0.1   | 0.0                   |
| 55-64                  | 0         | 0.0   | 0         | 0.0   | 0         | 0.0   | 0         | 0.0   | 0         | 0.0   | --                    |
| 65 AND OVER            | 0         | 0.0   | 1         | 0.1   | 1         | 0.1   | 0         | 0.0   | 1         | 0.1   | 0.0                   |
| TOTAL                  | 1,107     | 100.0 | 1,336     | 100.1 | 1,328     | 100.0 | 1,375     | 100.0 | 1,478     | 100.0 | 33.5                  |
| MISSING                | 1         |       | 1         |       | 0         |       | 0         |       | 4         |       |                       |
| <b>RACE/ETHNICITY</b>  |           |       |           |       |           |       |           |       |           |       |                       |
| AFRICAN AMERICAN       | 131       | 12.2  | 191       | 14.6  | 169       | 13.1  | 175       | 13.5  | 159       | 11.1  | 21.4                  |
| ASIAN                  | 72        | 6.7   | 71        | 5.4   | 74        | 5.7   | 98        | 7.6   | 73        | 5.1   | 1.4                   |
| LATINO/A               | 226       | 21.0  | 253       | 19.3  | 230       | 17.8  | 199       | 15.3  | 230       | 16.0  | 1.8                   |
| NATIVE AMERICAN        | 3         | 0.3   | 2         | 0.2   | 5         | 0.4   | 1         | 0.1   | 3         | 0.2   | 0.0                   |
| WHITE                  | 646       | 59.9  | 759       | 58.0  | 775       | 60.1  | 789       | 60.8  | 931       | 64.8  | 44.1                  |
| INTERNATIONAL*         | --        | --    | 32        | 2.4   | 37        | 2.9   | 35        | 2.7   | 40        | 2.8   | --                    |
| TOTAL                  | 1,078     | 100.0 | 1,308     | 100.0 | 1,290     | 100.0 | 1,297     | 100.0 | 1,436     | 100.0 | 33.2                  |
| MISSING                | 30        |       | 29        |       | 38        |       | 78        |       | 46        |       |                       |
| <b>PLACE OF ORIGIN</b> |           |       |           |       |           |       |           |       |           |       |                       |
| ATLANTIC               | 14        | 1.3   | 14        | 1.0   | 23        | 1.7   | 23        | 1.7   | 14        | 0.9   | 0.0                   |
| BERGEN                 | 188       | 17.1  | 232       | 17.4  | 238       | 17.9  | 222       | 16.1  | 220       | 14.8  | 17.0                  |
| BURLINGTON             | 16        | 1.5   | 19        | 1.4   | 21        | 1.6   | 23        | 1.7   | 26        | 1.8   | 62.5                  |
| CAMDEN                 | 19        | 1.7   | 13        | 1.0   | 16        | 1.2   | 12        | 0.9   | 15        | 1.0   | -21.1                 |
| CAPE MAY               | 2         | 0.2   | 5         | 0.4   | 11        | 0.8   | 17        | 1.2   | 10        | 0.7   | 400.0                 |
| CUMBERLAND             | 8         | 0.7   | 7         | 0.5   | 3         | 0.2   | 4         | 0.3   | 5         | 0.3   | -37.5                 |
| ESSEX                  | 188       | 17.1  | 238       | 17.8  | 213       | 16.0  | 263       | 19.1  | 257       | 17.3  | 36.7                  |
| GLOUCESTER             | 5         | 0.5   | 8         | 0.6   | 5         | 0.4   | 10        | 0.7   | 14        | 0.9   | 180.0                 |
| HUDSON                 | 124       | 11.3  | 148       | 11.1  | 133       | 10.0  | 152       | 11.1  | 126       | 8.5   | 1.6                   |
| HUNTERDON              | 6         | 0.5   | 5         | 0.4   | 6         | 0.5   | 4         | 0.3   | 6         | 0.4   | 0.0                   |
| MERCER                 | 7         | 0.6   | 10        | 0.7   | 15        | 1.1   | 17        | 1.2   | 17        | 1.1   | 142.9                 |
| MIDDLESEX              | 53        | 4.8   | 66        | 4.9   | 71        | 5.3   | 84        | 6.1   | 83        | 5.6   | 56.6                  |
| MONMOUTH               | 53        | 4.8   | 56        | 4.2   | 63        | 4.7   | 61        | 4.4   | 66        | 4.5   | 24.5                  |
| MORRIS                 | 57        | 5.2   | 88        | 6.6   | 65        | 4.9   | 80        | 5.8   | 119       | 8.0   | 108.8                 |
| OCEAN                  | 30        | 2.7   | 46        | 3.4   | 47        | 3.5   | 24        | 1.7   | 48        | 3.2   | 60.0                  |
| PASSAIC                | 175       | 16.0  | 203       | 15.2  | 190       | 14.3  | 201       | 14.6  | 218       | 14.7  | 24.6                  |
| SALEM                  | 0         | 0.0   | 7         | 0.5   | 5         | 0.4   | 5         | 0.4   | 9         | 0.6   | 0.0                   |
| SOMERSET               | 13        | 1.2   | 21        | 1.6   | 14        | 1.1   | 22        | 1.6   | 30        | 2.0   | 130.8                 |
| SUSSEX                 | 31        | 2.8   | 31        | 2.3   | 22        | 1.7   | 22        | 1.6   | 37        | 2.5   | 19.4                  |
| UNION                  | 71        | 6.5   | 71        | 5.3   | 94        | 7.1   | 74        | 5.4   | 84        | 5.7   | 18.3                  |
| WARREN                 | 3         | 0.3   | 5         | 0.4   | 15        | 1.1   | 12        | 0.9   | 10        | 0.7   | 233.3                 |
| ALL NJ COUNTIES        | 1,063     | 96.9  | 1,293     | 96.7  | 1,270     | 95.6  | 1,332     | 96.9  | 1,414     | 95.4  | 33.0                  |
| OUT OF STATE           | 34        | 3.1   | 44        | 3.3   | 58        | 4.4   | 43        | 3.1   | 68        | 4.6   | 100.0                 |
| TOTAL                  | 1,097     | 100.0 | 1,337     | 100.0 | 1,328     | 100.0 | 1,375     | 100.0 | 1,482     | 100.0 | 35.1                  |
| MISSING                | 11        |       | 0         |       | 0         |       | 0         |       | 0         |       |                       |

\*International students are classified as nonresident aliens. Prior to 1999, they were not reported separately.

The average age of enrolled first-time full-time freshmen is 18.5 years.

Sources: Institutional Research, Semester Enrollment Reports, Fall 1998-Fall 2002