

**Delaware Valley College
PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2005**

Applicants to the Class

Applicants: **1332**

Acceptances: **1144**

Enrolled: **495** (includes transfers, re-entries and students who remained freshmen)

First time Freshmen, Transfers and Readmits: **453** (Transfer Students: **82**; Re-Entry: **9**)

New Freshmen: **362**

Percent Male..... **51%**
 Percent Female..... **49%**
 Percent from minority groups..... **10%**
 Percent receiving financial aid (academic and need-based)..... **96%**
 Percent receiving need-based financial aid..... **75%**
 Percent of freshman living on campus..... **82%**

Mean SAT Scores - 2001

		<u>Verbal</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>% with SAT scores</u>
<u>National</u>		506	514	1020	45
<u>Pennsylvania</u>		500	499	999	71
<u>DVC</u>					
	<u>W/O CHCS</u>	500	504	1004	85
	<u>With CHCS</u>	486	490	976	98

Distribution by Mean SAT Scores (n = 302 freshmen, without Choices students):

<u>Score</u>	<u>Verbal (n)</u>	<u>Verbal (%)</u>	<u>Math (n)</u>	<u>Math (%)</u>
700-800	3	1.0%	1	<1%
650-699	6	2.0%	12	4.0%
600-649	25	8.3%	23	7.6%
550-599	43	14.2%	47	15.6%
500-549	66	21.8%	73	24.2%
450-499	100	33.1%	89	29.5%
400-449	43	14.2%	45	14.9%
350-399	12	4.0%	12	4.0%
300-349	3	1.0%	0	0
250-299	1	<1%	0	0
200-249	0	0	0	0

Mean SAT Scores for DVC Freshman Class: 1998 to 2001 (without Choices Students)

Year	Verbal	Math	Total
1998	497	495	993
1999	498	497	995
2000	501	505	1006
2001	500	504	1004

Freshman Class (First Time Freshmen) Distribution by Major-Fall 2001

<u>Major</u>	<u>Number of students</u>		
Agribusiness	12	Education	9
Agronomy & Environmental Science	24	Equine Science	23
Animal Science – Large	24	English	1
Animal Science – Small	44	Dairy Science	6
Biology	25	Food Science	3
Business Administration	45	Horticulture	10
Chemistry	4	Mathematics	0
Choices	47	Ornamental Horticulture	23
Computer Information Systems	17	Undeclared	18
Criminal Justice Administration	17		
		Total:	

Top Feeder High Schools (for New Freshmen 2001)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
Central Bucks HS East	8	Bucks	PA
Central Bucks HS West	7	Bucks	PA
WB Saul HS Agric. Science	6	Philadelphia	PA
Conwell – Egan Catholic HS	5	Bucks	PA
Red Lion Area Senior HS	4	York	PA
Father Judge HS	4	Philadelphia	PA
Upper Moreland HS	4	Montgomery	PA
Spring Ford HS	4	Montgomery	PA
Council Rock HS	4	Bucks	PA
Methacton HS	4	Montgomery	PA
North Penn HS	4	Montgomery	PA
Bensalem HS	4	Bucks	PA
Palisades HS	4	Bucks	PA
Pennridge HS	4	Bucks	PA
Plymouth-Whitemarsh HS	4	Montgomery	PA

Geographic Diversity of New Freshmen-2001

<u>State</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Pennsylvania	212	59.6
New Jersey	90	25.3
Maryland	19	5.3
New York	12	3.4
Connecticut	5	1.4
Virginia	4	1.1
Rhode Island	2	0.6
Colorado	1	*
Maine	1	*
Vermont	1	*
Tennessee	1	*
Total		

Learning and Study Skills Inventory (LASSI) Scores – 2001

During the student summer orientation sessions, 279 Freshmen (including Choices students) completed the 2001 LASSI. The LASSI contains ten subscales. Scores below the 50%ile are considered “at risk” and those above the 75%ile are considered exceptionally strong.

2001 LASSI Score Distribution by Subscale										
	ATT	MOT	TMT	ANX	CON	INP	SMI	STA	SFT	TST
Benchmark: 50%ile score	32.0	31.0	23.0	26.0	25.0	26.5	18.0	24.5	25.0	30.0
Benchmark: 75%ile score	34.5	34.5	28.0	31.0	29.0	30.0	20.0	28.0	28.5	32.5
Mean for all students	31.4	29.5	23.9	24.6	25.1	26.4	17.4	24.6	24.6	27.9

- ATT – attitude and interest
- MOT – motivation, diligence, self-discipline, and willingness to work hard
- TMT – use of time-management principles for academic tasks
- ANX – anxiety and worry about school performance
- CON – concentration and attention to academic tasks
- INP – information processing, acquiring knowledge, and reasoning
- SMI – Selecting main ideas and recognizing important information
- STA – Use of support techniques and materials
- SFT – self testing, reviewing, and preparing for classes
- TST – test strategies and preparing for tests

LASSI Score Distribution by Subscale 1997 - 2001										
	ATT	MOT	TMT	ANX	CON	INP	SMI	STA	SFT	TST
Benchmark: 50%ile score	32.0	31.0	23.0	26.0	25.0	26.5	18.0	24.5	25.0	30.0
Benchmark: 75%ile score	34.5	34.5	28.0	31.0	29.0	30.0	20.0	28.0	28.5	32.5
Mean for all students—97	32.7	30.1	24.2	27	26.4	27.8	18.9	25.6	26.3	30.1

Mean for all students—98	32.5	30.2	23.9	25.8	26	27.1	17.4	25.5	25.5	28.3
Mean for all students-- 99	32.3	29.9	23.2	24.9	25.2	26.8	17.5	25.2	25.4	28
Mean for all students-- 00	31.4	29.5	23.3	25.1	25.4	26.4	17.5	24.6	24.3	27.8
Mean for all students-- 01	31.4	29.5	23.9	24.6	25.1	26.4	17.4	24.6	24.6	27.9

**Delaware Valley College
2001 Freshman Student Profile
Office of Institutional Research
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Introduction

The 2001 Freshman Student Profile Survey was scheduled and administered on Saturday, August 26th from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. as part of the Welcome Week activities. A total of 235 freshmen (49% of the 2000 Freshman class) completed the questionnaire answering the majority of the questions. Some students did not answer all of the questions.

Student responses to the questionnaire are used to provide a general profile of DVC's freshman class. The profile of the College's 2001 freshman class is presented below. Charts depicting student responses to each of the questions are presented on pages 9 through 16.

2001 Freshman Student Profile

Demographics

- The group of freshmen surveyed is comprised of individuals who are mostly of White ethnicity (95%); 3 percent of the respondents indicated their ethnic background to be Black, 1 percent said they were of Hispanic background and 1 percent indicated their ethnic background to be Asian/Pacific Islander (question 3).
- The majority of DVC's incoming freshmen are between 18 and 25 years of age (question 2).
- The 2000 freshman class is comprised of 51 percent male and 49 percent female students (data from Registrar's Office).
- Ninety-nine of the freshman student respondents are single individuals who have never been married (Question 4)
- About half of the freshmen are Pennsylvania residents and the majority of their homes are no further than 100 miles away (questions 8 and 11).
- While attending college, the majority of the freshman class is living on-campus (question 9).
- The majority of the respondents do not have a working knowledge of a language other than English (question 37).

Socio-Economic and Family Background

- The College's 2000 freshmen primarily come from middle-income families, with the majority of total family incomes being at least \$50,000 annually (question 24).

- A little over half of the freshman respondents indicated that at least one of their parents is a college graduate (question 20).
- The majority of respondents indicated that they were not the first in their immediate families to attend college (question 21).
- Most of the freshman respondents indicated that they have 1 or 2 siblings (question 22).
- Approximately one-third of the freshmen indicated that they were the oldest sibling and one-third indicated they were the youngest sibling (question 23).

High School Background

- Just over half of the student respondents attended high school in a suburban setting (question 5).
- Most of the freshmen responded that they attended a public high school whose student population fell between the 500 to 999 or the 1000 to 1500 student ranges (questions 6 and 7).
- The majority of respondents indicated that they participated in extra-curricular activities while in high school (question 12).
- About half of the freshman respondents indicated that they participated in high school athletic varsity teams (question 14).

Selection of Attendance at DVC and Plans for Further Study

- When asked if Delaware Valley College was their first, second, third, fourth or fifth choice for attending college, the majority of freshman respondents answered that it was their first choice (question 18).
- When asked how they learned about Delaware Valley College, a quarter of the respondents selected the responses “through a friend,” “alumni,” or “by mail/brochure” respectively (question 17).
- “Major of interest” was the reason chosen by the majority of freshman respondents as the most important factor in deciding to attend DVC (question 19).
- About half of the respondents indicated that they planned to ultimately attain a Master’s or Doctoral degree (question 24).

Extra-curricular Collegiate Activities and On-Campus Weekend Participation

- The majority of freshman respondents anticipate participating in extra-curricular activities while at DVC (question 13).
- Slightly less than one half of the respondents indicated that they would be participating in intercollegiate sports while at DVC (question 15).
- Slightly less than one half of the freshman respondents indicated that they would be participating in intramural sports while at DVC (question 16).

- When asked how often they anticipated going home on the weekends, the majority of the freshman responded that they would probably be going home at least one weekend per month, with a third of the respondents planning on going home 2 to 3 weekends per month (question 10).
- The majority of the College's freshmen plan to hold a job while attending college, with two-thirds of the respondents planning to work between 10 and 20 hours per week (question 26).

Studying Skills and Needs

- When asked if they would be likely to attend a study skills workshop, slightly less than half of the respondents indicated that they would (question 30).
- The majority of the freshman respondents indicated that they were familiar with the services of the Tutoring Center (question 36).
- Half of the student respondents indicated that they preferred to study alone rather than in a group (question 29).
- The majority of the respondents indicated that they would be using their dormitory room for studying (question 27).
- When asked about their familiarity with using the library for doing research, a little over a half of the freshman respondents indicated that they were "somewhat familiar" and a little over a third of the respondents felt they were "very familiar" (question 28).

Computer Usage

- Almost one third of the freshman respondents felt they were "very familiar" with computers and almost two thirds felt they were "somewhat familiar" (question 31).
- When asked if they would be likely to attend a computer-training workshop, two-thirds of the freshman respondents answered "no" (question 32).
- Two-thirds of the freshman respondents indicated that they would be using their own personal computer while a student at DVC (question 33).

Familiarity with Student Support Services

- When asked if they knew there existed a Learning Support Services (Disabilities Services) Office, the majority of respondents answered "yes" (question 34).
- When asked if they were familiar with the services of the Counseling Center, half of the respondents answered "yes" (question 35).

Use of Tobacco and Alcohol

- The majority of the students answered “no” when asked if they smoked cigarettes (question 38).
- When asked to describe their level of consumption of alcohol at any given party or occasion in a typical two week period, less than half of the respondents indicated that they do not drink, and slightly less than half said they were “moderate” drinkers (question 39).

**Compilation of Student Responses to the 2001 Freshman Student Profile
Questionnaire**

<i>Question 1: While a student at Delaware Valley College, will you be living on-campus or off-campus?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=256)	Percent of total %
On-campus	243	95
Off-campus	13	5

<i>Question 2: If you will be living on-campus, how often do you anticipate going home on the weekends?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=246)	Percent of total %
Every weekend	29	12
2-3 weekends/month	86	35
1 weekend/month	76	31
Less than 1 weekend/month	55	22

<i>Question 3: How far is your home from Delaware Valley College?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=256)	Percent of total %
Less than 50 miles away	83	32
Between 50 and 100 miles away	88	34
Between 100 and 500 miles away	72	28
Over 500 miles away	13	5

<i>Question 4: Did you participate in extra-curricular activities while in high school?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=255)	Percent of total %
Yes	230	90
No	25	10

<i>Question 5: Do you anticipate participating in extra-curricular activities while in college?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=256)	Percent of total %
Yes	240	94
No	16	6

<i>Question 6: Did you participate in high school athletic varsity teams?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=255)	Percent of total %
Yes	170	66
No	85	33

<i>Question 7: Will you be participating in intercollegiate sports?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=256)	Percent of total %
Yes	157	61
No	99	39

<i>Question 8: Will you be participating in intramural sports?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=253)	Percent of total %
Yes	116	46
No	137	54

<i>Question 9: How did you learn about Delaware Valley College?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=255)	Percent of total %
Mail/brochure	62	24
High school counselor	56	22
Webpage	20	8
Alumni/friend	115	45
Other	2	<1

<i>Question 10: Please indicate if Delaware Valley College was your first, second, third, fourth, or fifth choice for attending college.</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=256)	Percent of total %
First	171	67
Second	58	23
Third	20	8
Fourth	6	2
Fifth	1	<1

<i>Question 11: What factor was most important in your decision to attend Delaware Valley College?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=255)	Percent of total %
Location of College	47	18
Major of interest	126	49
Career opportunities	37	14
College reputation	19	7
Tuition assistance	26	10

<i>Question 12: Are either or both of your parents college graduates?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=254)	Percent of total %
One	72	28
Both are	73	29
Neither are	109	43

<i>Question 13: Are you the first in your immediate family to attend college?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=256)	Percent of total %
Yes	94	37
No	162	63

<i>Question 14: How many siblings do you have?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=256)	Percent of total %
0	23	9
1	110	43
2	69	27
3	20	8
4 or more	34	13

<i>Question 15: Are you the oldest, youngest, or middle child?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=255)	Percent of total %
Oldest	90	35
Middle	53	21
Youngest	88	35

Only	24	9
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<i>Question 16: What is your total family income range?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=249)	Percent of total %
\$5,000 - \$20,000	12	5
\$20,001 - \$50,000	72	28
\$50,000 - \$75,000	81	32
\$75,000 - \$100,000	55	22
100,001 plus	29	12

<i>Question 17: Level of education you would like to ultimately obtain?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=255)	Percent of total %
Associates	5	2
Bachelors	134	53
Masters	69	27
Doctorate	47	18

<i>Question 18: Do you anticipate holding a job while in college?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=256)	Percent of total %
Do not plan to work	54	22
10-20 hours/week	160	62
20-30 hours/week	39	15
30-40 hours/week	2	<1
More than 40 hours/week	1	<1

<i>Question 19: Where do you plan to study?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=254)	Percent of total %
Library	65	26
Dorm room	155	61
Lounge	5	2
Other	29	11

<i>Question 20: Are you familiar with how to do library research?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=256)	Percent of total %
Very familiar	88	34
Somewhat familiar	150	59
Not familiar	18	7

<i>Question 21: Do you prefer to study alone or in a group?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=255)	Percent of total %
Alone	179	70
In a Group	76	30

<i>Question 22: Would you be likely to attend study skills workshops ?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=256)	Percent of total %
Yes	113	44
No	143	56

<i>Question 23: How familiar are you with computers?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=256)	Percent of total %
Very familiar	111	43
Somewhat familiar	130	51
Not familiar	15	6

<i>Question 24: Would you be likely to attend a computer-training workshop?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=254)	Percent of total %
Yes	88	35
No	166	65

<i>Question 25: Will you be using your own personal computer while a student at Delaware Valley College?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=255)	Percent of total %
Yes	206	81
No	49	19

<i>Question 26: Do you know there is a Learning Support Services (Disabilities Services) Office on the DVC campus?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=255)	Percent of total %
Yes	142	56
No	113	44

<i>Question 27: Are you familiar with the services of the Counseling or Guidance Center?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=255)	Percent of total %
Yes	153	60
No	102	40

<i>Question 28: Have you used the services of a Counseling or Guidance Center in the past?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=252)	Percent of total %
Yes	99	39
No	153	61

<i>Question 29: Did you use the services of a Counseling or Guidance Center for any of the following reasons?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=255)	Percent of total %
Mainly college/career counseling	88	35
Mainly personal problems	21	8
Both for college/career counseling and personal problems	30	12
Other	11	4
Did not use services	105	41

<i>Question 30: Are you familiar with the services of a Tutoring Center?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=256)	Percent of total %
Yes	157	61
No	99	39

<i>Question 31: Have you used the services of a Tutoring Center in the past?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=255)	Percent of total %
Yes	37	15
No	218	85

<i>Question 32: Do you have a working ability with a language other than English?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=256)	Percent of total %
Yes	77	30
No	179	70

<i>Question 33: Do you smoke cigarettes?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=255)	Percent of total %
Yes	35	14
No	220	86

<i>Question 34: Which best describes your level of consumption of alcohol at any given "party" or occasion in a typical two week period?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=255)	Percent of total %
I don't drink	105	41
Moderate	97	38
Heavy	53	21

<i>Question 35: What is your gender?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=253)	Percent of total %
Male	126	49
Female	127	50

<i>Question 36: What is your age group?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=256)	Percent of total %
Under 18 years old	32	12
18 to 25 years of age	222	87
26 to 34 years old	1	<1
35 to 45 years old	1	<1
Over 45 years old	0	0

<i>Question 37: What is your ethnic background?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=252)	Percent of total %
Black	18	7
White, non-Hispanic	227	91
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	1
Native American	1	<1
Hispanic	4	2

<i>Question 38: What is your current marital status?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=256)	Percent of total %
Single	252	98
Married	3	1
Separated	1	<1
Divorced	0	0
Widowed	0	0

<i>Question 39: Was the high school you attended in an urban (city with population over 50,000), suburban (outside of city with population between 2,501 and 49,999), or rural setting (population under 2,500)?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=251)	Percent of total %
Urban	45	18
Suburban	118	47
Rural	88	35

<i>Question 40: What type of high school did you attend?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=249)	Percent of total %
Public	197	79
Private, non-sectarian	9	4
Private, religious	43	17

<i>Question 41: In terms of school population, how large was your high school?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=251)	Percent of total %
1-500 students	62	25
501-999 students	66	26
1000-1500 students	63	25
1501-2000 students	30	12
2000 plus students	30	12

<i>Question 42: Are you a Pennsylvania resident?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=244)	Percent of total %
Yes	132	54
No	112	46

