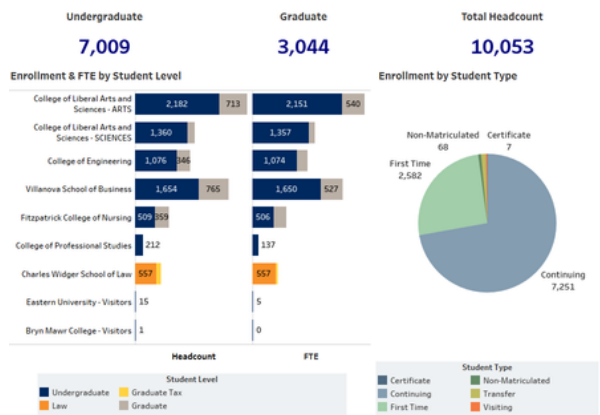**OFFICE OF DECISION SUPPORT AND DATA INTEGRITY**

Welcome to the first edition of the Office of Decision Support and Data Integrity (ODSDI) newsletter! Our goal is to keep you informed about key external survey reporting dates, dashboard updates, data governance initiatives, and the latest higher education data-related news to support data-informed decision making efforts at Villanova University.

University Statistics & Dashboard Updates

Student Profile Overview Fall 2024

Dashboard Updates – The following dashboards are now updated with Fall 2024 Census data:

- Data Insights Academic Enterprise Key Metrics
- Web Dashboards:
  - Enrollment Statistics
  - Student Profile
  - Undergraduate Retention and Graduation
  - Degree Completions

Degree Completions Statistics

	AY2021-22	AY2022-23	AY2023-24
Associate Degree		5	6
Bachelor Degree	1,762	1,771	1,742
Certificate	274	331	230
Doctoral Degree	233	238	291
Masters Degree	1,250	1,231	1,004
Grand Total	3,265	3,277	3,060

Important Dates

Stay up to date with key deadlines for ensuring the accuracy and timeliness of report submissions. Below are essential census data freeze and survey submission dates to keep in mind for various reporting areas.

Fall Census Data Freeze Dates:
- Degree Completions: August 1, 2024
- Student Admissions & Enrollment: September 17, 2024
- Student Financial Aid: November 20, 2024
- Staff and Faculty: October 21, 2024

Fall Survey Submission:
- IPEDS Surveys - Completions and 12-month Enrollment: October 16, 2024
- *US News & World Report* Online Program Surveys (CPS, COE, VSB): October 21, 2024
- Other Submissions - Dates Vary
  - S&P, Moody's (enrollment data)
  - AACSB (VSB), AACN and NLN (FCN)
  - Common Data Set

Upcoming Meetings

Mark your calendars for key events that will focus on data governance, policy discussions, and enhancing data literacy to maximize the use of the data at Villanova.

Data Governance Meetings:
- Data Governance Board - **Nov. 11, 2024, 1 to 2 p.m.**
- Data Stewards Committee - **Dec. 3, 2024, 1 to 2 p.m.**

Data Insights User Group Training:
- **Nov. 13, 2024, 12 to 1:15 p.m.**

This casual, hands-on session is a great opportunity to connect with fellow Data Insights users across campus and sharpen your Tableau skills. Plus, we'll provide pizza for lunch! Whether you're a Data Insights pro or just getting started, we'd love to have you join. Calendar invitation to follow soon.

Data Insights Resources

Explore Our Data Insights Page:
Access the Data Insights Tableau User Guide for helpful information and our Data Dashboard Library, where you will find the most widely shared data dashboards. *Note that the dashboards are not accessible from a mobile device.*

Data Insights Platform Login Instructions:

- If using an ethernet connection, you can login using your VU SSO credentials and DUO authentication on your mobile device.
- If using WIFI (VUMobile) or off-campus, please log in to VPN (Global Protect) and DUO authentication before logging into the platform.

Data Governance

Current Initiatives in Progress:

- **Data Classification Matrix and Data Retention Policy** - Department meetings across campus will continue though the fall to classify data elements in each area as well as review current/future retention periods.
- **Data Definitions/Dictionary** - We are working with UNIT to evaluate tools and identify/leverage the knowledge of data around campus.
- **Data Stewards Best Practices** - Admission/Student groups using Slate met to share data challenges and solutions. Future discussions will expand on data integrity.
- **External Survey Reporting Guidelines** - Please refer to these when reporting data externally.

Current Higher Ed Topics

- **Federal Financial Value Transparency and Gainful Employment Reporting (FVT/GE):** Higher education institutions are required to report information on graduates' earnings, debt levels, and employment outcomes to measure the financial value of their educational programs. An interdepartmental effort is underway to ensure Villanova's submission is validated and submitted in a timely manner. The due date is January 15. See here for more information.
- **IPEDS Race/Ethnicity Definition Changing:** The federal government has updated its race and ethnicity definitions. Middle Eastern or North African (MENA) will have its own reporting category and data on race and ethnicity are now combined into one question, rather than asking about Hispanic or Latino ethnicity separate from race. Higher education institutions will have to comply with these changes by March of 2029, if not sooner. See here for more information.

How to Make Data Requests

We're here to support your data needs! Here are the different options to make data requests or get project support through ODSDI:

- **Data Insights Access/Project Request Form:** Use this request form to request access to the Data Insights Platform or to submit project requests through ODSDI's website.
- **Nova Data Request Form:** You can also submit formal requests to ODSDI using the Nova Data Request form**.** Select "ODSDI" under subject area of report dropdown menu.
- **Contact Us Directly:** Data requests can also be made by emailing us directly at odsdi@villanova.edu.

Data Request Protocol: When submitting a data request, please clearly state:

- The purpose of your request.
- Detailed information about the data you need.
- Anticipated timeline to ensure timely delivery.
- If applicable, provide the name of the external agency with whom you intend to share this data.

Did You Know?

- Villanova Data Insights currently offers more than 50 interactive dashboards, providing comprehensive data on various aspects of university operations and performance.
- Web Dashboards: Since Fall 2020 there have been more than 50,000 views of our web dashboards available here.
- Our Data Insights platform is utilized by more than 200 users across different departments and roles, facilitating data-informed decision making at all levels of the university.

These resources are designed to help you access and analyze the data you need, when you need it.

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