

VCU Key Facts 2012

Enrollment

- Virginia Commonwealth University enrolled 31,899 students in the Fall of 2011. VCU's in-state undergraduate population is 90%.
- VCU's in-state enrollment has increased 38% from 19,694 in 1996 to 27,245 in 2011.
- More than 1 in 3 (36%) of the students at VCU are minority students.
- Each fall term, Virginia Commonwealth University enrolls more than 5,500 freshman and transfer students. The overall size of the incoming freshman class at VCU increased from 1,928 students in 1996 to 3,803 students in 2011. The number of Virginia community college transfer students has increased from 803 in 2001 to 1,430 in 2011.
- From 1996 to Fall 2011 the average high school GPA of incoming freshmen increased from 2.96 to 3.52 and the average SAT score increased from 1002 to 1088.
- 86% of the first-time freshmen last year returned this year, up from 73% for the 1998 freshman class.
- VCU awarded 7,192 degrees and certificates in 2010-11, a 76% increase over 10 years.

University and Student Finances

- In FY 2011, VCU received \$12.6 million less in state support than in FY 2002 despite enrolling 7,302 more students (29%). By FY 2012, state support for VCU will have been reduced by a net of \$65.2 million since 2008 – approximately 32%.
- VCU's FY 2011 tuition and fee charges rank 7th among Virginia's four-year institutions – slightly below the average for all four-year institutions. Between FY 2001 and FY 2012, VCU will have been cut \$4,353 per in-state student – more than any Virginia institution except VMI. Even with these reasonable tuition rates, almost 70% of VCU's entering freshman class receives some type of student financial aid. The majority of VCU's undergraduates (60%) will be the first in their families to graduate from college.
- VCU has the largest General Fund (GF) base adequacy funding deficit among the Virginia four-year institutions. According to recent SCHEV estimates the deficiency is approximately \$88.2 million.
- VCU classroom and laboratory space utilization rate exceeds SCHEV's standard. SCHEV has identified a need for approximately 80,000 square feet of additional space on the Monroe Park Campus of VCU.
- VCU is a self-help university with private donors having contributed 48% of all funding for instructional and research space since 1990.

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VCU Health System (VCUHS), Research and Economic Impact

- VCU and the VCU Health System is the largest employer in the Richmond metropolitan area (6th largest in the State), employing more than 19,000 workers in 2011.
- The annual impact of VCU in Virginia is an estimated \$3.6 billion and more than 43,000 jobs. \$2.9 billion of that impact is within the Richmond metro area and more than \$1.2 billion in the City of Richmond.
- \$1 of state investment in VCU generates \$6.70 in the City of Richmond, \$15.30 in the Richmond, MSA, and \$19.00 in Virginia (according to analysis by Chmura Economics & Analytics, December 2010).
- The VCUHS records over 33,000 admissions and more than 550,000 outpatient visits each year to our 55 outpatient clinics. Our emergency department, the area's only Level I Trauma Center, sees nearly 84,000 visits annually and is the only facility in central Virginia to offer 24-hour access to all pediatric specialists.
- The VCUHS continues to provide more indigent healthcare services than any other hospital in the Commonwealth. In addition, VCUHS is one of Virginia's largest Medicaid providers.
- VCU sponsored research has nearly tripled from \$90 million in 1997 to \$255 million in 2010. This has resulted in 370 patents and transfer licenses awarded to VCU in the last 12 years, with 29 start-up companies formed to commercialize the inventions.
- VCU Massey Cancer Center holds the prestigious distinction of being one of only 65 National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated centers, placing it among the top 5% of 1,500 cancer centers nationwide.
- Massey offers more clinical trials than any other cancer center in Virginia. In the past five years, patients have come to Massey from all of Virginia's 134 counties and cities.

For more information on VCU's state and federal priorities, please visit our website: <http://www.govrel.vcu.edu/priorities.shtml>

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