

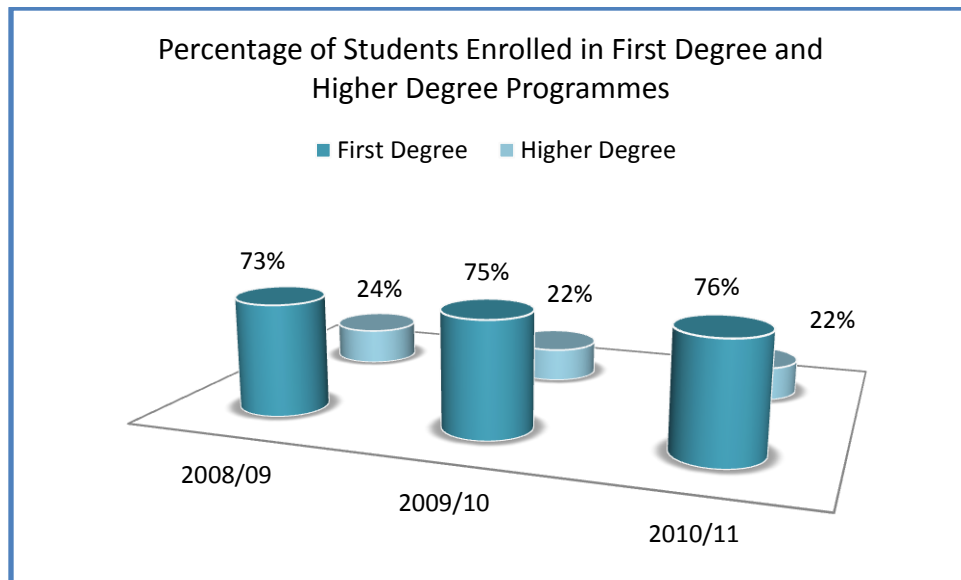
### Academic Profile of Students

The University of the West Indies, Mona continued to enrol record high numbers of students in 2010-11. Over 15,000 students were registered at the Campus, this despite a recession and continued government cutbacks.

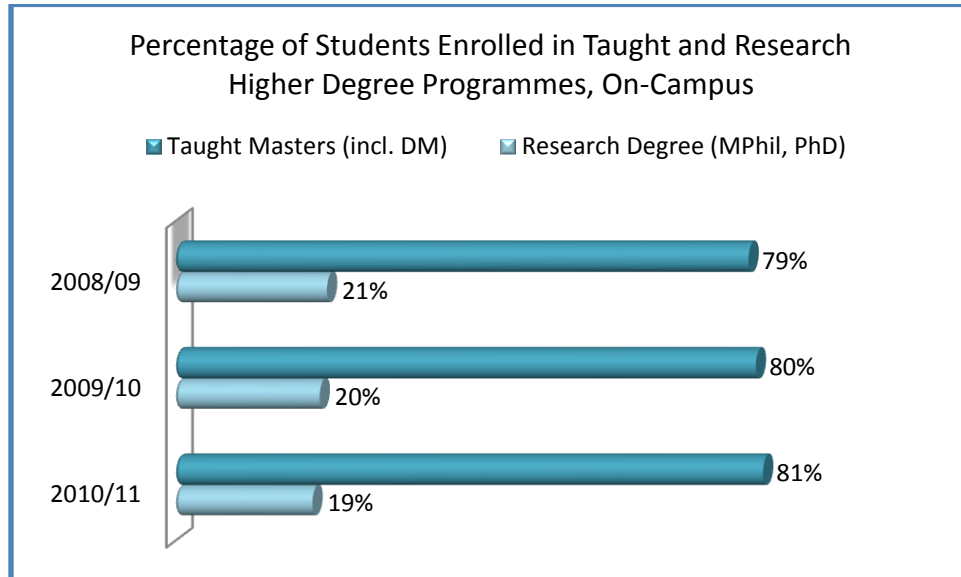
Faculty	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	% Change 2008-09 to 2010-11
Humanities & Education	3,472	3,553	3,339	-4
Law	62	194	265	327
Medical Sciences	2,774	3,081	3,236	17
Pure & Applied Sciences	2,334	2,636	2,653	14
Social Sciences	5,745	5,979	5,836	2
Graduate Studies	3	4	1	-67
Institute of Gender & Development Studies	24	34	62	158
Total	14,414	15,481	15,392	7

Much of this growth has occurred in the Faculty of Law, with the introduction of a three-year Law programme at the Mona Campus. The Institute of Gender and Development Studies also doubled its student population in 2010-11 over the previous academic year. The Faculties of Medical Sciences and Pure and Applied Sciences also continued to attract new students and have expanded their programme offerings to include a DDS (Dentistry), a B.Sc. Medical Physics and Bio-Engineering, and a B.Sc. Electronics Engineering, within the last three years.

Most students are concentrated in First degree programmes. Since 2008-09, enrolment in First degree programmes increased by 3 percentage points to account for 76% of all student registrations in 2010-11.



While enrolment in higher degree programmes has remained stable, more students are pursuing taught programmes than research programmes.



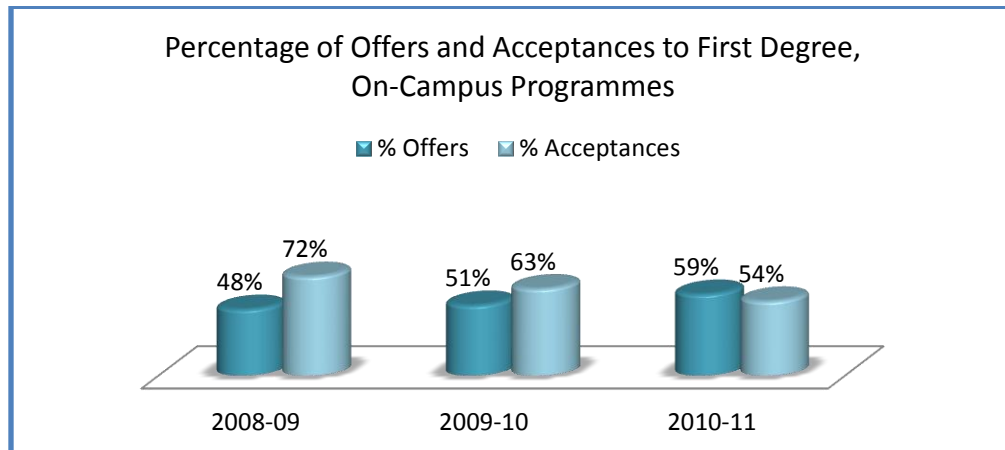
The Mona Campus will continue to address the need for increased enrolment in research programmes over the coming years.

### Market Demand for a UWI Education

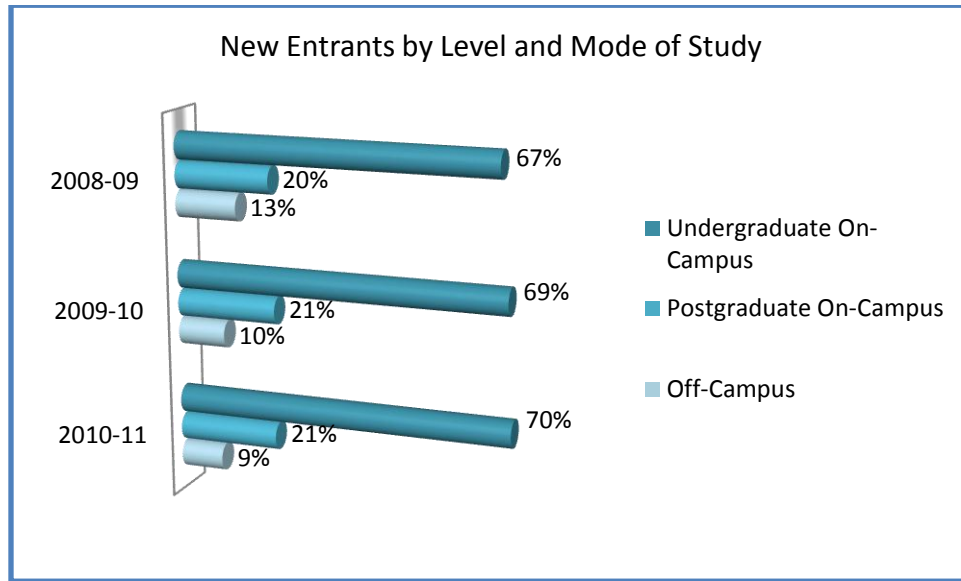
The University continues to attract more applicants than it can reasonably accommodate for a UWI education.

The number of persons applying for on-campus, First degree programmes grew from 8,386 in 2008-09 to 8,953 in 2010-11.

In its drive to increase student enrolment, the Mona Campus has increased the percentage of offers to qualified applicants, from 48% in 2008-09 to 59% in 2010-11. Despite this initiative, an increasing percentage of applicants, perhaps for financial reasons, are unable to accept these offers of admission.



Nonetheless, among those who accept and are admitted to the Campus, most entrants are admitted to undergraduate on-campus programmes while fewer entrants are admitted to off-campus programmes.



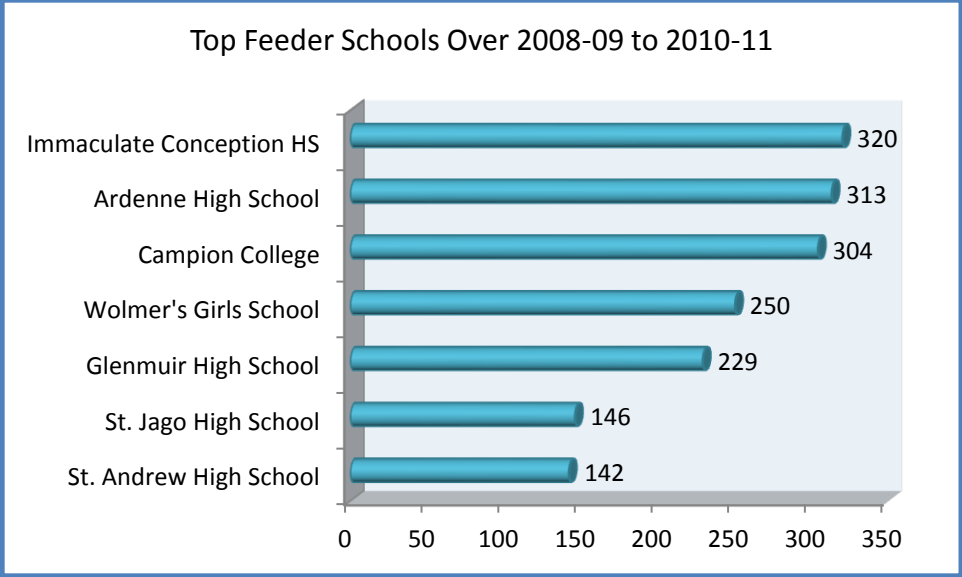
A growing percentage of First degree entrants are less than 24 years of age.

Table: First Degree Entrants by Age Group, On-Campus

Age Group	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
24 & Under	65%	83%	87%
25-34	28%	12%	10%
35-44	5%	4%	3%
45-54	2%	0.9%	1%
55+	0.1%	0%	0%
Total N	2,918	3,452	2,865

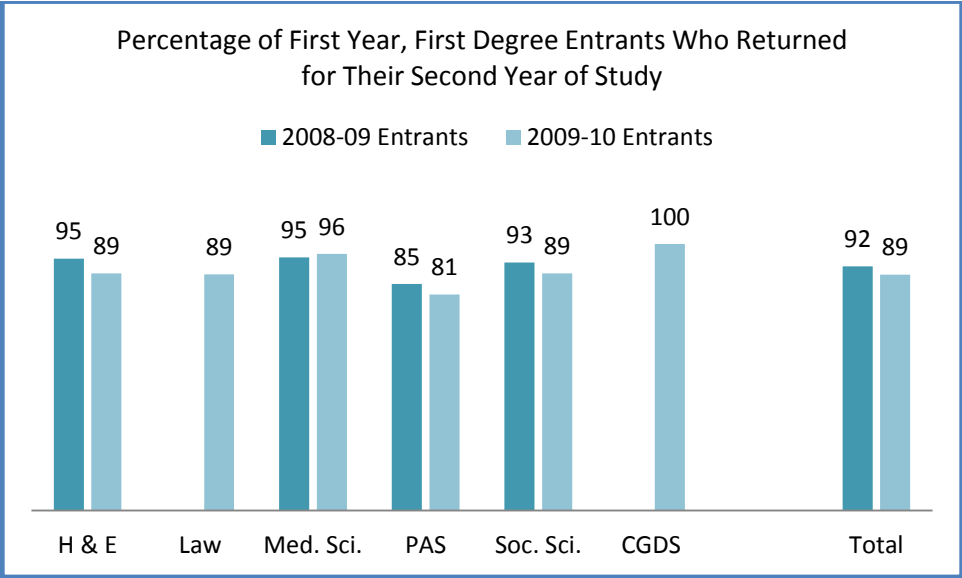
Over the three-year period, the percentage of First degree entrants aged 24 and under in on-campus programmes grew from 65% in 2008-09 to 87% in 2010-11.

Not surprisingly, many of these entrants come from traditional high schools in Jamaica.



**Performance of UWI Students**

Students who are admitted to the University generally remain active throughout their course of study. The first year retention rate among First degree entrants has averaged 90% over the decade and 89% more recently. This compares favourably to a first year retention rate of 76% among four-year, public colleges in the United States.<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> The National Centre for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) using data from the National Centre for Education Statistics, IPEDS Enrollment Survey. Accessed March 28, 2011. <http://www.higheredinfo.org/dbrowser/?level=nation&mode=data&state=0&submeasure=224>

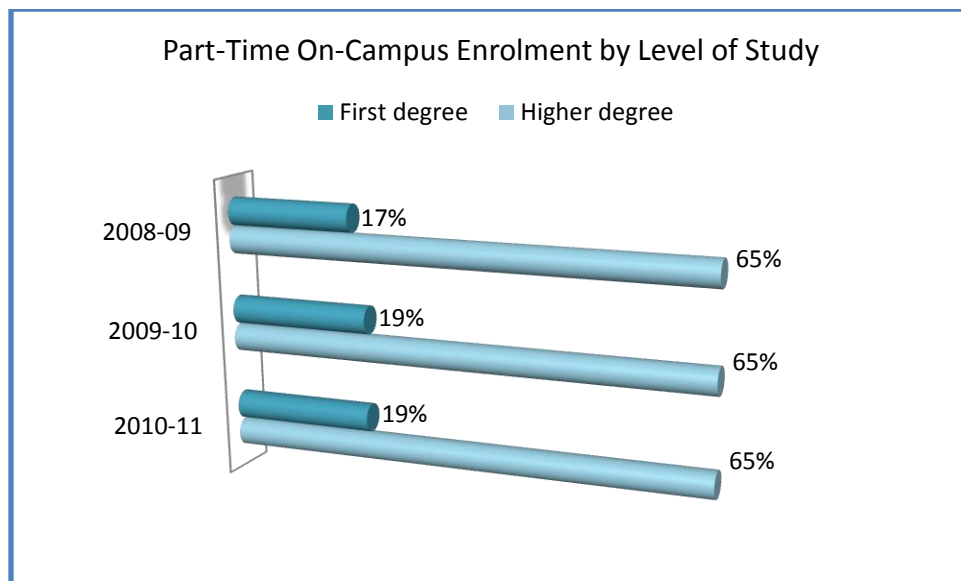
Approximately 43% of all First degree entrants complete their programme on-time. The on-time completion rate is much higher, however, for entrants in the B.Ed. and B.Sc. (Med. Sci.) programmes.

Table: Percentage of First Degree Entrants Graduating On-Time

Faculty/School	2005-06 Entrants	2006-07 Entrants	2007-08 Entrants
Humanities (B.A.) 3 yrs	39.5	43.4	41.1
Education (B.Ed.) 2-3 yrs	87.8	84.8	87.9
Medical Sciences (B.Sc.) 3 yrs	79.0	77.1	71.9
Medical Sciences (MBBS) 5 yrs	62.4		
Pure and Applied Sciences (B.Sc.) 3-4 yrs	31.0	34.3	32.8
Social Sciences (B.Sc.) 3 yrs	43.8	38.1	44.4
Average All Programmes	42.6	42.9	43.1

By the fifth year, approximately 74% of First degree entrants, on average, have completed their studies at Mona. This compares favourably to a six-year graduation rate of 58% among four-year, public colleges in the United States.<sup>2</sup>

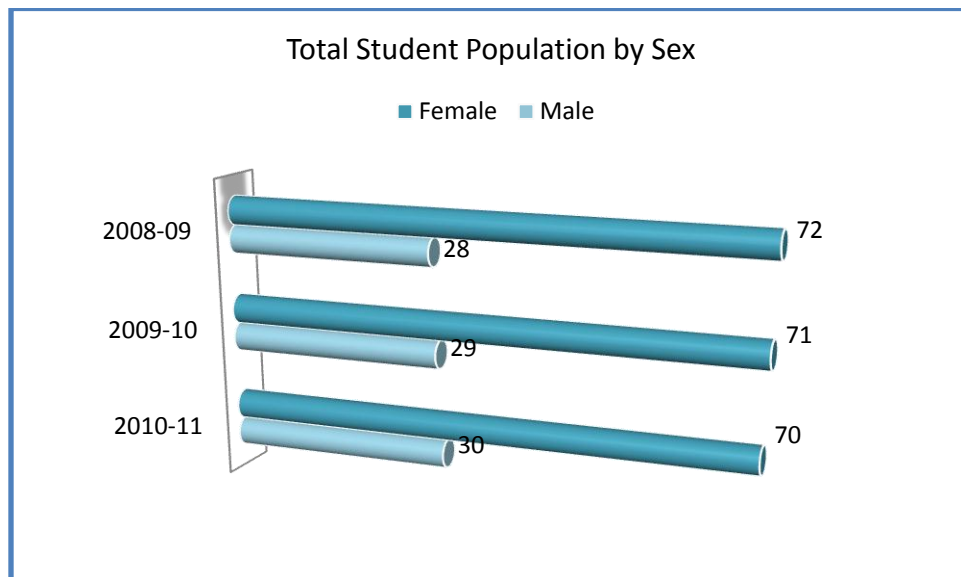
At the postgraduate level, students remain active for longer periods of time as many are enrolled on a part-time basis and frequently “stop out” from their studies.



<sup>2</sup> Knapp, L.G., Kelly-Reid, J.E., & Ginder, S.A. (2011). *Enrollment in Postsecondary Institutions, Fall 2009; Graduation Rates, 2003 & 2006 Cohorts; and Financial Statistics, Fiscal Year 2009, First Look*. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Education. Accessed December 5, 2011 at <http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2011230>

## Student Characteristics

The Mona Campus is cognizant of the gender imbalance at the University. A number of new programmes in the Sciences, Cultural Studies, and Management Studies have been introduced in an effort to attract more male applicants to the UWI. Modest gains have been made in the percentage of male students at the Mona Campus. The percentage of males now stands at 30%, an increase of 2 percentage points over 2008-09.



The UWI prides itself on being a regional institution. The establishment of a fourth Campus, the UWI Open Campus, which specializes in distance and blended forms of instruction, has witnessed significant growth in enrolment from the UWI-12 territories since 2007-08. This growth may explain, in part, the

Origin	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	% Change 2008-09 to 2010-11
Jamaica	12,809	13,882	13,864	7.6
Contributing Caribbean Countries	1,360	1,367	1,243	-9.4
Non-Contributing Caribbean Countries	11	10	37	70.3
South Central America	8	9	7	-14.3
Asia	26	28	34	23.5
Middle East	2	1	1	-100.0
Africa	86	93	92	6.5
North America	53	49	60	11.7
Europe	57	41	53	-7.5
South Pacific	2	1	1	-100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,414</b>	<b>15,481</b>	<b>15,392</b>	<b>6.4</b>

Note: Increase in students from Non-Contributing Caribbean Countries in 2010-11 due to intake of Haitian students following earthquake.

decline in students at the Mona Campus from contributing Caribbean countries since 2008-09. On the other hand, the Mona Campus has succeeded in attracting international students from regions such as the wider Caribbean, Asia, Africa, and North America.

The Mona Campus hopes to continue to attract students from the world over in the upcoming years.

### UWI Graduates

In November 2011, the Mona Campus graduated 3,454 students. This represented a 10% increase over November 2009.

Programme	Graduates		
	2009	2010	2011
First Degree	2,187	2,434	2,485
Certificate	70	32	1
Diploma	17	19	15
Advanced Diploma	22	68	54
Higher Degree	835	844	899
Total	3,131	3,397	3,454

Just over 70% of graduates obtained First degrees, while one quarter of graduates obtained higher degrees in 2011. Both First degree and higher degree programmes experienced growth over the period.

The Faculty of Social Sciences accounted for 40% of all graduates in 2011. Since 2008-09, the Faculty of Medical Sciences had the largest increase in graduates (51%) over the period.

Faculty	Graduates		
	2009	2010	2011
Humanities & Education	904	857	792
Medical Sciences	550	771	828
Pure & Applied Sciences	362	396	447
Social Sciences	1,312	1,369	1,386
Gender & Development Studies	3	4	1
Total	3,131	3,397	3,454

Among First degree graduates, over 50% of students graduated with either Lower or Upper Second Class Honours. In comparison, 11% of students graduated with First Class Honours, while 22% of students obtained a Pass.

First Degree Programme	2009	2010	2011
	% Distribution		
First Class Honours/Distinction	9	12	11
Upper Second Class Honours	27	26	28
Lower Second Class Honours	44	39	38
Pass	20	23	22
Total	100	100	100

Studies of our graduates have shown success in the market place and with employers of UWI graduates.

One year after graduation, First degree graduates have enjoyed employment rates of 85% or better. This has occurred during a period of recession and hardship in Jamaica.

Table: Employment of First Degree Graduates

Year of Graduation	2007	2008	2009
No. of Grads Traced	N=633	N=745	N=943
	%		
Employed	90.0	85.0	85.0
Unemployed	10.0	15.0	15.0
Public Sector	53.8	47.7	45.5
Private Sector	30.6	30.5	31.7
Other	5.5	6.5	7.5
No Answer	10.1	15.3	15.3

Note: Graduates surveyed 1 year after graduation.

24% of First degree graduates were traced in 2007; 30% in 2008; and 42% in 2009.

In addition, a recent survey of employers of UWI graduates (2011) found that most graduates were employed as professionals such as Managers (35.9%), Supervisors (20.5%), Specialists (10.3%), Officers (25.6%) and in entry level positions (7.7%).

Employers also reported being satisfied with the technical competence of graduates, as well as their leadership skills and interest in lifelong learning. Despite their general satisfaction with UWI graduates, employers suggested the need for graduates to obtain more practical, hands-on experience in the world of work. This, the Mona Campus will improve upon through curricular and extra-curricular intervention.