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Leo Smith, University of Montana registrar, said Thursday he expects between 7,500-7,650 students to enroll at UM this fall.

An enrollment of 7,650 at the University would represent a gain of 382, a 5.2 per cent increase, compared with the 7,268 enrolled last fall, and an increase of 1,179, an 18.2 per cent gain, compared with the 6,471 who enrolled in the fall of 1967.

One of the big factors in this fall's enrollment on the Missoula campus may be an anticipated large class of new freshmen.

"Through Aug. 29 a total of 1,679 new entering freshmen had been accepted for enrollment," said Jack L. Hoover, UM director of admissions. "Some of those won't come, of course, but I expect we'll have 1,625 of that number on hand for classes Sept. 29."

More than two weeks still remain before the start of Freshman Orientation Week Sept. 21. Hoover said the additional time between now and then may result in the acceptance of more new freshmen.

Last fall 1,549 new freshmen were enrolled at the University of Montana, the largest first-year group ever recorded at UM.

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