

Enrollment Definitions

Sector

Institutions are categorized into sectors: research universities, comprehensive universities, state universities, and state colleges. Sectors differ by mission, complexity, degree offerings (in both breadth and depth), and admissions standards. Institutions within a sector, while sharing a common core mission, may still vary considerably.

Headcount Enrollment

The sum of the institutional counts of students taken on a census date after the end of the drop/add period.

Headcount Enrollment: All

All currently enrolled students are counted within institutions. The System's enrollment is the sum of institutions' enrollments.

Headcount Enrollment: First-Time Freshmen

Students who enroll in college for the first time in a given term of a given year constitute the first-time freshmen cohort. First-time freshmen (FTF) are those who have earned no previous college credit hours, but they also include students who have earned college credits while in high school through joint enrollment in college courses.

Two subsets of first-time freshmen are:

- *First-Time Freshmen—Recent High School Graduates*: those first-time freshmen who are same-year high school graduates. For example, in Fall 2014 this cohort includes those students who graduated from high school in Spring 2014. This cohort is the largest subset of FTF.
- *First-Time Freshmen—25 or Over at Matriculation*: those first-time freshmen who delayed first entry into college until they were 25. Although there are many definitions of non-traditional students, this definition is used for this report. Age for each term is calculated based on a date that is fixed in the matriculation term; for Fall terms, age is calculated as of October 15th. For more information, see the SER definitions at http://www.usg.edu/research/documents/enrollment_reports/ser_definitions.pdf.

First-Time Transfers

Students who enroll in college for the first time in a given term of a given year with transfer credit. For this report, this group excludes those freshmen with some transfer credit who are in the cohort of First-Time Freshmen, above. First-Time Transfers include other transfer freshmen (not included in First-Time Freshmen) who are admitted under freshmen admissions policies and "transfer

students," those admitted under the transfer admissions policy (with at least 30 transferable college credit hours).

FTE Enrollment

Full-time Equivalent (FTE) enrollment is calculated as follows:

Undergraduate FTE: Count each full-time student as 1 (where full-time is defined as attempting 12 or more credit hours. Count all hours enrolled for the remaining undergraduates and divide those hours by 12; Add the two numbers together.

Graduate and Professional FTE: Count each full-time student as 1 (where full-time is defined as attempting 9 or more hours); Count all hours enrolled for the remaining Graduate and Professional students and divide those hours by 9; Add the two numbers together.

"Other" undergraduate enrollments, such as auditors and transients, are counted with undergraduate enrollment. Enrollment is frozen approximately two weeks after the end of the drop/add period.

Undergraduates

Undergraduates include students with student levels of freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Graduate Students

Graduate students are those taking graduate level courses and pursuing an Advanced Certificate, Master's, Education Specialist, or Doctoral degree.

Professional Students

These students are enrolled in First Professional degree programs: veterinary medicine, law, medicine, dentistry, or doctor of pharmacy. This group also includes students who are medical, dental, or veterinary medicine interns and residents.

Residents and Interns

Medical, dental, and veterinary medicine interns and residents are a subset of First Professional level students.

Other Student Levels

Other student levels are those not classified into one of the other categories, including:

- joint enrollment (a student enrolled in both high school and college);

- transient students (students enrolled at one institution, and who may or may not be taking courses this term at the home institution, but who are taking courses at another institution with permission to transfer those hours back to the home institution)
- unclassified undergraduates--those students who have a bachelor's degree but who are enrolled for credit at the undergraduate level but not pursuing another degree:
 - auditors—students admitted to audit one or more courses;
 - post-baccalaureate—students who have a bachelor's degree and are taking graduate or first professional coursework.

Gender

Gender is either male or female. Gender information is self-reported by the student at the time of application; however, it is not required information on the application. Institutions collect the information at registration if there is no information on the application. The category "unknown" is not allowed in USG reporting. If a student refuses to indicate gender, the institution makes a judgment.

Race/Ethnicity

Race/ethnicity is categorized into one of the following groups. Ethnicity, whether Hispanic or non-Hispanic, is considered like a race for purposes of reporting.

Black, Non-Hispanic—A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa, except those of Hispanic origin.

American Indian/Alaskan Native—A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

Asian—A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent.

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander--A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific islands.

Hispanic—A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

White, Non-Hispanic—A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa or the Middle East, except those of Hispanic origin.

Two or More Races—A person in more than one of the above categories.

Race/Ethnicity is self-reported by the student at the time of application; however, it is not required information on the application. The category of "unknown" is used to report students whose racial/ethnic category is undeclared.