



Tab 18 Fall Enrollment Report

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
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BACKGROUND

The intent of this item is to present information regarding enrollment trends at Missouri's public and comprehensive independent colleges and universities. The attachment includes several tables displaying enrollment figures reported by sector and institution.

There are separate tables for full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment and enrollment based on headcount. Full-time equivalent enrollment is generally based on 15 credit hours for undergraduate students, 12 credit hours for graduate students, and varies by institution and program for professional students. Headcount enrollment counts the total unduplicated number of students enrolled at each institution at fall census date.

CURRENT STATUS

Fall 2021 enrollment declined again at the sector and state levels, but total full-time equivalent enrollment at the state level declined at the slowest rate (-2.5 percent) since fall 2015 to 2016, and about a third of all public and comprehensive independent institutions saw increases from fall 2020. Total first-time degree-seeking FTE undergraduate students at public institutions are down 3.5 percent since 2020 and 15.7 percent since 2016, but public Missouri high school graduates are predicted to increase slightly in the mid-2020s before leveling off again later in the decade. Non-traditional students have been declining as a percentage of total FTE in recent years; they were 18.4 percent of total FTE in fall 2021, down from 19.7 percent in 2016 and 24.6 percent in 2011.

Within sectors, fall 2021 FTE enrollment at public community and technical colleges declined 2.6 percent in the past year, and 18.6 percent since fall 2016. Public two-year headcount declined 1.7 percent in the past year, and 20.2 percent since fall 2016.

Public university FTE declined 2.6 percent in the past year, and 14.6 percent since fall 2016. Public four-year headcount declined 0.4 percent in the past year, and 11.1 percent since fall 2016. Headcount at comprehensive independent institutions declined 3.2 percent from fall 2020, and 20.6 percent since fall 2016. Independent FTE declined 2.3 percent in the past year, and 14.3 percent since 2016.

Overall, headcount at public and comprehensive independent institutions is down 1.6 percent from fall 2020 and 16.6 percent since fall 2016. Statewide FTE decreased 2.5 percent in the past year and 15.4 percent since fall 2016.

DHEWD staff continue to monitor changes in student demographics in comparison to the overall student population. At public institutions (two- and four-year), total FTE declined 2.6 percent from 2020, and 15.9 percent from 2016. Since 2020, however, Black/African-American FTE declined 4.4 percent, White student FTE declined 4.3 percent, Hispanic/Latino/a FTE increased 4.7 percent, and students whose race/ethnicity was other or unknown (including multi-racial students) increased 7.3 percent. Traditional age (-2.6 percent) and non-traditional students (age 25-64, -2.8 percent) also declined since 2020, but at a rate very comparable to the overall student population. Non-traditional students made up 18.4 percent of total student FTE, which was identical to their share in 2020, but down slightly from 19.7 percent in 2016. Students from rural Missouri (-4.2 percent) declined at a greater rate than urban student FTE (-3.6 percent) from fall 2020. Students whose geographic origin was unknown or outside Missouri increased by 2.7 percent.

DHEWD staff also monitor other data sources as predictors and comparative benchmarks for Missouri fall enrollment. Last year, Missouri resident FAFSA filing and enrollment reporting from the National Student Clearinghouse tracked relatively closely to fall enrollment reporting to the DHEWD by public and comprehensive

independent institutions. This year, they were less correlated. Total FAFSAs filed by Missouri residents were down 13.4 percent as of mid-October, and first-time students were down 16.8 percent. The National Student Clearinghouse reported Missouri's total headcount enrollment was down 4.4 percent from fall 2020. Additional institutions will report fall enrollment data to IPEDS later in the spring. It will bear watching the extent to which enrollment changes vary from 2020 across institutions and sectors.

CONCLUSION

Colleges and universities continue to navigate the COVID pandemic and demographic challenges in Missouri and the Midwest, although high school graduates and the state's overall population are predicted to be largely stable in the near term. The impact on institutions and sectors may be uneven, given indicators from FAFSA filing and the National Student Clearinghouse. IPEDS fall enrollment data, collected later in the spring, will provide a broader picture.

RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only.

ATTACHMENT

- Fall 2016-2021 Enrollment Tables

Tab 18 Attachment
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TRENDS IN HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT, FALL 2016 - 2021
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	1-year Change	3-year Change	5-year Change
Public Two-Year	Crowder College	5,434	4,959	4,521	4,398	4,197	3,982	-5.1%	-11.9%	-26.7%
	East Central College	2,966	2,897	2,629	2,649	2,593	2,657	2.5%	1.1%	-10.4%
	Jefferson College	4,692	4,439	4,431	4,196	3,735	3,672	-1.7%	-17.1%	-21.7%
	Metropolitan Community College	18,138	16,788	16,351	15,770	13,085	13,874	6.0%	-15.1%	-23.5%
	Mineral Area College	4,173	3,700	2,885	2,640	2,411	2,282	-5.4%	-20.9%	-45.3%
	Missouri State University - West Plains	1,941	1,918	1,869	1,951	1,920	1,960	2.1%	4.9%	1.0%
	Moberly Area Community College	5,004	4,865	5,174	4,834	4,862	4,492	-7.6%	-13.2%	-10.2%
	North Central Missouri College	1,722	1,841	1,855	1,746	1,599	1,644	2.8%	-11.4%	-4.5%
	Ozarks Technical Community College	13,255	12,688	12,217	11,758	11,236	10,553	-6.1%	-13.6%	-20.4%
	St. Charles Community College	6,755	6,563	6,269	6,363	6,014	5,702	-5.2%	-9.0%	-15.6%
	St. Louis Community College	19,052	18,835	18,157	17,294	15,206	14,910	-1.9%	-17.9%	-21.7%
	State Fair Community College	5,138	4,786	4,728	4,284	3,927	3,783	-3.7%	-20.0%	-26.4%
	State Technical College	1,227	1,256	1,471	1,724	1,927	2,023	5.0%	37.5%	64.9%
	Three Rivers College	3,505	3,226	3,076	2,965	2,753	2,685	-2.5%	-12.7%	-23.4%
Sector Subtotal	93,002	88,761	85,633	82,572	75,465	74,219	-1.7%	-13.3%	-20.2%	
Public Four-Year	Harris Stowe State University	1,470	1,442	1,716	1,630	1,400	1,210	-13.6%	-29.5%	-17.7%
	Lincoln University	2,738	2,619	2,478	2,436	2,012	1,794	-10.8%	-27.6%	-34.5%
	Missouri Southern State University	6,205	6,170	5,989	5,586	5,036	4,346	-13.7%	-27.4%	-30.0%
	Missouri State University	23,537	23,696	23,697	23,450	23,502	22,926	-2.5%	-3.3%	-2.6%
	Missouri University of Science & Technology	8,833	8,883	8,601	8,088	7,642	7,241	-5.2%	-15.8%	-18.0%
	Missouri Western State University	5,377	5,551	5,684	5,413	4,902	4,386	-10.5%	-22.8%	-18.4%
	Northwest Missouri State University	6,530	6,337	6,855	7,102	7,262	7,868	8.3%	14.8%	20.5%
	Southeast Missouri State University	11,791	11,437	11,038	10,603	9,984	9,838	-1.5%	-10.9%	-16.6%
	Truman State University	6,364	6,260	5,842	5,222	4,655	4,225	-9.2%	-27.7%	-33.6%
	University of Central Missouri	13,988	12,333	11,487	11,229	9,959	10,530	5.7%	-8.3%	-24.7%
	University of Missouri-Columbia	33,239	30,844	29,843	30,014	31,089	31,401	1.0%	5.2%	-5.5%
	University of Missouri-Kansas City	16,936	16,372	16,375	16,388	16,147	16,003	-0.9%	-2.3%	-5.5%
	University of Missouri-St. Louis	16,989	16,715	16,441	15,988	13,874	15,189	9.5%	-7.6%	-10.6%
Sector Subtotal	153,997	148,659	146,046	143,149	137,464	136,957	-0.4%	-6.2%	-11.1%	
Statewide Totals - Publics		246,999	237,420	231,679	225,721	212,929	211,176	-0.8%	-8.8%	-14.5%

TRENDS IN FTE ENROLLMENT, FALL 2016 - 2021
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	1-year Change	3-year Change	5-year Change
Public Two-Year	Crowder College	3,175	3,024	2,838	2,743	2,678	2,529	-5.6%	-10.9%	-20.3%
	East Central College	1,896	1,854	1,738	1,677	1,642	1,725	5.1%	-0.7%	-9.0%
	Jefferson College	3,042	2,934	2,879	2,734	2,430	2,407	-0.9%	-16.4%	-20.9%
	Metropolitan Community College	10,669	10,274	10,045	9,786	8,530	8,718	2.2%	-13.2%	-18.3%
	Mineral Area College	3,386	2,911	2,158	1,921	1,732	1,652	-4.6%	-23.4%	-51.2%
	Missouri State University - West Plains	1,243	1,197	1,127	1,124	1,084	1,065	-1.8%	-5.5%	-14.3%
	Moberly Area Community College	3,242	3,161	3,264	3,083	3,139	2,858	-9.0%	-12.4%	-11.8%
	North Central Missouri College	1,060	1,113	1,131	1,081	1,014	1,054	3.9%	-6.8%	-0.6%
	Ozarks Technical Community College	8,440	8,167	7,889	7,674	7,428	6,988	-5.9%	-11.4%	-17.2%
	St. Charles Community College	4,491	4,408	4,216	4,312	4,223	4,054	-4.0%	-3.8%	-9.7%
	St. Louis Community College	11,223	11,152	10,614	10,056	8,935	8,616	-3.6%	-18.8%	-23.2%
	State Fair Community College	3,241	2,978	2,932	2,715	2,500	2,364	-5.4%	-19.4%	-27.1%
	State Technical College	1,226	1,242	1,467	1,710	1,866	2,007	7.6%	36.8%	63.7%
	Three Rivers College	2,460	2,245	2,096	2,022	1,926	1,816	-5.7%	-13.4%	-26.2%
Sector Subtotal	58,794	56,660	54,394	52,638	49,127	47,853	-2.6%	-12.0%	-18.6%	
Public Four-Year	Harris Stowe State University	1,251	1,254	1,523	1,453	1,179	1,062	-9.9%	-30.3%	-15.1%
	Lincoln University	2,160	2,035	1,899	1,848	1,575	1,415	-10.2%	-25.5%	-34.5%
	Missouri Southern State University	4,869	4,859	4,682	4,295	3,875	3,242	-16.3%	-30.8%	-33.4%
	Missouri State University	18,375	18,544	18,195	17,464	17,014	16,098	-5.4%	-11.5%	-12.4%
	Missouri University of Science & Technology	7,456	7,448	7,235	6,724	6,345	5,945	-6.3%	-17.8%	-20.3%
	Missouri Western State University	3,991	4,074	4,155	3,955	3,579	3,120	-12.8%	-24.9%	-21.8%
	Northwest Missouri State University	5,495	5,316	5,594	5,740	5,781	5,948	2.9%	6.3%	8.2%
	Southeast Missouri State University	9,174	9,000	8,519	8,350	7,969	7,764	-2.6%	-8.9%	-15.4%
	Truman State University	5,505	5,482	5,098	4,507	3,944	3,509	-11.0%	-31.2%	-36.3%
	University of Central Missouri	10,532	9,468	8,852	8,437	7,566	7,699	1.8%	-13.0%	-26.9%
	University of Missouri-Columbia	28,720	26,632	25,357	25,344	26,266	26,621	1.4%	5.0%	-7.3%
	University of Missouri-Kansas City	11,814	11,579	11,424	11,335	11,073	10,909	-1.5%	-4.5%	-7.7%
	University of Missouri-St. Louis	9,788	9,683	9,487	9,199	8,277	8,428	1.8%	-11.2%	-13.9%
Sector Subtotal	119,130	115,374	112,020	108,651	104,443	101,760	-2.6%	-9.2%	-14.6%	
Statewide Totals - Publics		177,924	172,034	166,414	161,289	153,570	149,613	-2.6%	-10.1%	-15.9%

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INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	1-year Change	3-year Change	5-year Change	
Indp Two-Year	Wentworth Military Academy ^a	908	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	
	Sector Subtotal	908	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	
Independent Four-Year	Avila University	1,710	1,676	1,626	1,527	1,413	1,376	-2.6%	-15.4%	-19.5%
	Central Methodist University - CGES	4,483	4,199	3,433	3,821	3,429	3,244	-5.4%	-5.5%	-27.6%
	Central Methodist University - CLAS	1,093	1,060	1,148	1,145	1,141	1,143	0.2%	-0.4%	4.6%
	College of the Ozarks	1,522	1,508	1,565	1,546	1,489	1,478	-0.7%	-5.6%	-2.9%
	Columbia College ^b	16,430	13,504	12,097	9,920	8,347	6,767	-18.9%	-44.1%	-58.8%
	Cotley College	288	270	277	256	283	303	7.1%	9.4%	5.2%
	Culver-Stockton College	1,095	1,134	1,068	1,010	1,006	932	-7.4%	-12.7%	-14.9%
	Drury University ^c	3,569	3,359	1,729	1,741	1,691	1,615	-4.5%	-6.6%	-30.5%
	Drury University - CCPS			1,481	1,279	1,024	864	-15.6%	-41.7%	
	Evangel University	1,821	2,112	2,111	2,300	2,185	2,129	-2.6%	0.9%	16.9%
	Fontbonne University	1,526	1,390	1,290	1,199	1,112	955	-14.1%	-26.0%	-37.4%
	Hannibal-LaGrange University	1,103	972	874	805	740	1,167	57.7%	33.5%	5.8%
	Lindenwood University ^d	10,749	10,010	9,473	8,389	7,374	6,992	-5.2%	-26.2%	-35.0%
	Maryville University	6,828	7,689	9,139	10,013	10,979	10,599	-3.5%	16.0%	55.2%
	Missouri Baptist University	5,732	5,488	5,313	5,309	4,855	4,970	2.4%	-6.5%	-13.3%
	Missouri Valley College	1,808	1,820	1,869	1,769	1,675	1,773	5.9%	-5.1%	-1.9%
	Park University	10,866	10,795	11,243	11,319	10,084	8,634	-14.4%	-23.2%	-20.5%
	Rockhurst University	2,845	3,039	3,134	2,980	3,683	3,600	-2.3%	14.9%	26.5%
	Saint Louis University ^e	16,485	14,458	14,438	12,799	12,229	13,474	10.2%	-6.7%	-18.3%
	Southwest Baptist University	3,656	3,551	3,325	3,280	3,039	2,709	-10.9%	-18.5%	-25.9%
	Stephens College	949	862	756	661	622	593	-4.7%	-21.6%	-37.5%
	Washington University	15,047	15,303	15,852	16,191	15,449	16,973	9.9%	7.1%	12.8%
	Webster University	14,224	12,883	11,638	9,966	8,239	6,745	-18.1%	-42.0%	-52.6%
	Westminster College	856	767	717	658	609	654	7.4%	-8.8%	-23.6%
	William Jewell College	997	933	808	739	751	805	7.2%	-0.4%	-19.3%
	William Woods University	2,076	2,212	2,240	2,153	2,109	1,730	-18.0%	-22.8%	-16.7%
	Sector Subtotal	127,758	120,994	118,644	112,775	105,557	102,224	-3.2%	-13.8%	-20.0%
	Statewide Totals - Independents									
	128,666	120,994	118,644	112,775	105,557	102,224	-3.2%	-13.8%	-20.6%	
Statewide Totals - ALL INSTITUTIONS										
	375,665	358,414	350,323	338,496	318,486	313,400	-1.6%	-10.5%	-16.6%	

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	Sector Subtotal	480	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Independent Four-Year	Avila University	1,390	1,366	1,330	1,267	1,183	1,150	-2.8%	-13.5%	-17.3%
	Central Methodist University - CGES	2,062	2,493	1,814	2,002	1,773	1,717	-3.2%	-5.3%	-16.7%
	Central Methodist University - CLAS	1,113	1,084	1,172	1,124	1,173	1,183	0.9%	0.9%	6.3%
	College of the Ozarks	1,716	1,660	1,718	1,655	1,616	1,869	15.7%	8.8%	8.9%
	Columbia College ^b	9,288	7,690	6,855	5,600	4,837	4,016	-17.0%	-41.4%	-56.8%
	Cottey College	295	276	282	259	285	303	6.3%	7.4%	2.7%
	Culver-Stockton College	1,055	1,095	1,035	984	972	880	-9.5%	-15.0%	-16.6%
	Drury University ^c	2,811	2,812	1,599	1,593	1,532	1,449	-5.4%	-9.4%	-28.5%
	Drury University - CCPS			1,031	859	685	561	-18.1%	-45.6%	
	Evangel University	1,723	1,792	1,788	1,907	1,826	1,921	5.2%	7.4%	11.5%
	Fontbonne University	1,217	1,125	1,049	1,006	945	795	-15.9%	-24.2%	-34.7%
	Hannibal-LaGrange University	895	834	730	692	608	772	27.0%	5.8%	-13.7%
	Lindenwood University ^d	8,372	7,797	7,465	6,467	5,886	5,488	-6.8%	-26.5%	-34.4%
	Maryville University	4,605	5,245	6,150	6,695	7,290	7,026	-3.6%	14.2%	52.6%
	Missouri Baptist University	2,978	2,839	2,872	2,875	2,618	2,577	-1.6%	-10.3%	-13.5%
	Missouri Valley College	1,481	1,495	1,544	1,514	1,472	1,568	6.5%	1.6%	5.9%
	Park University	5,715	5,823	6,338	6,526	5,894	5,087	-13.7%	-19.7%	-11.0%
	Rockhurst University	2,311	2,415	2,439	2,273	2,822	2,719	-3.6%	11.5%	17.7%
	Saint Louis University ^e	11,824	11,208	11,174	10,809	10,706	11,021	2.9%	-1.4%	-6.8%
	Southwest Baptist University	2,876	2,797	2,702	2,635	2,483	2,201	-11.4%	-18.5%	-23.5%
	Stephens College	864	798	714	640	611	578	-5.4%	-19.0%	-33.1%
	Washington University	13,966	14,296	14,825	15,184	14,508	16,024	10.4%	8.1%	14.7%
	Webster University	8,519	7,848	7,158	6,407	5,408	4,517	-16.5%	-36.9%	-47.0%
	Westminster College	864	757	714	657	606	640	5.6%	-10.4%	-25.9%
	William Jewell College	1,021	950	816	746	757	800	5.7%	-2.0%	-21.6%
	William Woods University	1,416	1,459	1,445	1,331	1,271	1,034	-18.6%	-28.4%	-27.0%
	Sector Subtotal	90,377	87,954	86,759	83,707	79,767	77,896	-2.3%	-10.2%	-13.8%
	Statewide Totals - Independents		90,857	87,954	86,759	83,707	79,767	77,896	-2.3%	-10.2%
Statewide Totals - ALL INSTITUTIONS		268,781	259,988	253,173	244,996	233,337	227,509	-2.5%	-10.1%	-15.4%

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