

New Mexico Postsecondary Census Enrollment Trends Fall 2015-2024

Census enrollment is a snapshot of all enrolled students approximately 21 days after the first day of classes. This enrollment differs from the official, end-of-semester enrollment the New Mexico Higher Education Department normally reports, but the official enrollment is not available until several weeks after a semester ends -- there has to be time to ensure all grades are entered and to receive, edit, and process the files submitted to the agency by each institution. The Census enrollment provides an early snapshot of what the final enrollment is likely to look like. Typically, the final enrollment will be slightly higher than the Census enrollment, but the overall trend is usually consistent.

The tables in this report are from data collected by the New Mexico Higher Education Department from each institution after census date for the past nine years.

There are four summary percent-change columns to the right of each table:

- 2015 to 2019 -- represents the change in enrollment prior to the onset of the COVID pandemic in 2020;
- 2019 to 2024 -- represents the change over the pandemic years, from 2019 to the most recent fall in 2024;
- 2015 to 2024 -- represents the total change in enrollment from 2015 through fall 2024; and
- 2023 to 2024 -- represents the most recent one-year change from fall 2023 to fall 2024

Census Total Headcount Enrollment

Institution Type/Institution Name	2015 Head Count	2019 Head Count	2020 Head Count	2021 Head Count	2022 Head Count	2023 Head Count	2024 Head Count	2015 to 2019	2019 to 2024	2015 to 2024	2023 to 2024
Research Universities	45,415	38,903	38,157	37,380	38,051	39,280	40,439	-14.3%	3.9%	-11.0%	3.0%
New Mexico Tech	2,150	1,832	1,686	1,734	1,690	1,713	1,652	-14.8%	-9.8%	-23.2%	-3.6%
New Mexico State University	15,490	14,279	14,227	13,904	14,268	14,779	15,408	-7.8%	7.9%	-0.5%	4.3%
University of New Mexico	27,775	22,792	22,244	21,742	22,093	22,788	23,379	-17.9%	2.6%	-15.8%	2.6%
Comprehensive Universities	13,915	12,909	12,182	11,772	12,321	13,013	13,358	-7.2%	3.5%	-4.0%	2.7%
Eastern New Mexico University	5,946	5,694	5,268	4,990	5,106	5,398	5,737	-4.2%	0.8%	-3.5%	6.3%
New Mexico Highlands University	3,563	2,902	2,780	2,658	2,740	2,815	2,704	-18.6%	-6.8%	-24.1%	-3.9%
Northern New Mexico College	1,052	1,120	1,238	1,111	1,093	1,229	1,386	6.5%	23.8%	31.7%	12.8%
Western New Mexico University	3,354	3,193	2,896	3,013	3,382	3,571	3,531	-4.8%	10.6%	5.3%	-1.1%
Branch Community Colleges	21,817	20,319	16,719	16,371	17,562	18,438	18,838	-6.9%	-7.3%	-13.7%	2.2%
Eastern New Mexico University - Roswell	2,657	2,343	1,703	1,601	1,923	2,049	2,088	-11.8%	-10.9%	-21.4%	1.9%
Eastern New Mexico University - Ruidoso	723	679	679	605	694	745	775	-6.1%	14.1%	7.2%	4.0%
New Mexico State University - Alamogordo	1,848	1,537	941	946	1,032	1,088	1,152	-16.8%	-25.0%	-37.7%	5.9%
Doña Ana Community College	8,252	8,054	7,028	6,454	6,662	6,849	7,200	-2.4%	-10.6%	-12.7%	5.1%
New Mexico State University - Grants	824	813	622	692	825	834	754	-1.3%	-7.3%	-8.5%	-9.6%
University of New Mexico - Gallup	2,473	2,503	2,198	2,018	2,127	2,295	2,408	1.2%	-3.8%	-2.6%	4.9%
University of New Mexico - Los Alamos	965	929	954	846	1,014	985	983	-3.7%	5.8%	1.9%	-0.2%
University of New Mexico - Taos	1,793	1,225	1,487	1,280	1,282	1,283	1,292	-31.7%	5.5%	-27.9%	0.7%
University of New Mexico - Valencia	2,282	2,236	1,107	1,929	2,003	2,310	2,186	-2.0%	-2.2%	-4.2%	-5.4%
Independent Community Colleges	49,944	44,373	37,361	34,741	36,637	36,226	37,340	-11.2%	-15.8%	-25.2%	3.1%
Central New Mexico Community College	25,888	23,358	21,592	18,642	19,215	19,159	19,415	-9.8%	-16.9%	-25.0%	1.3%
Clovis Community College	3,696	3,050	2,426	2,309	2,420	2,448	2,455	-17.5%	-19.5%	-33.6%	0.3%
Luna Community College	1,485	1,151	683	818	746	737	711	-22.5%	-38.2%	-52.1%	-3.5%
Mesalands Community College	769	446	397	541	674	456	544	-42.0%	22.0%	-29.3%	19.3%
New Mexico Junior College	2,895	2,388	1,951	1,891	2,162	2,078	2,221	-17.5%	-7.0%	-23.3%	6.9%
San Juan College	7,062	6,621	5,280	5,350	5,615	5,796	6,082	-6.2%	-8.1%	-13.9%	4.9%
Santa Fe Community College	6,218	5,438	3,829	3,829	4,132	4,359	4,432	-12.5%	-18.5%	-28.7%	1.7%
Southeast New Mexico College**	1,931	1,921	1,203	1,361	1,673	1,193	1,480	-0.5%	-23.0%	-23.4%	24.1%
Formula Funded Total	131,091	116,504	104,419	100,264	104,571	106,957	109,975	-11.1%	-5.6%	-16.1%	2.8%
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New Mexico Military Institute	428	460	391	374	345	342	331	7.5%	-28.1%	-22.7%	-3.2%

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Tribal Colleges	3,144	3,087	2,688	2,775	2,711	2,356	3,156	-1.8%	2.2%	0.4%	34.0%
Diné College	535	178	196	213	236	193	526	-66.7%	195.5%	-1.7%	172.5%
Institute of American Indian Arts	521	617	692	808	837	609	920	18.4%	49.1%	76.6%	51.1%
Navajo Technical University	1,686	1,849	1,350	1,399	1,354	1,554	1,710	9.7%	-7.5%	1.4%	10.0%
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute	402	443	450	355	284	0	0	10.2%			
Overall Total	134,663	120,051	107,498	103,413	107,627	109,655	113,462	-10.9%	-5.5%	-15.7%	3.5%

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Total Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Enrollment

Institution Type/Institution Name	2015 Total FTE	2019 Total FTE	2020 Total FTE	2021 Total FTE	2022 Total FTE	2023 Total FTE	2024 Total FTE	2015 to 2019	2019 to 2024	2015 to 2024	2023 to 2024
Research Universities	37,412	31,874	31,449	30,616	31,600	33,204	34,386	-14.8%	7.9%	-8.1%	3.6%
New Mexico Tech	1,820	1,510	1,465	1,496	1,467	1,463	1,376	-17.0%	-8.9%	-24.4%	-5.9%
New Mexico State University	12,585	11,723	11,813	11,410	11,651	12,194	12,701	-6.8%	8.3%	0.9%	4.2%
University of New Mexico	23,007	18,641	18,171	17,710	18,482	19,547	20,309	-19.0%	9.0%	-11.7%	3.9%
Comprehensive Universities	9,588	8,623	8,364	7,891	8,198	8,688	9,001	-10.1%	4.4%	-6.1%	3.6%
Eastern New Mexico University	4,023	3,710	3,547	3,247	3,330	3,604	3,931	-7.8%	5.9%	-2.3%	9.1%
New Mexico Highlands University	2,636	2,159	2,129	1,973	2,002	2,036	1,939	-18.1%	-10.2%	-26.4%	-4.8%
Northern New Mexico College	707	768	796	714	688	772	837	8.6%	9.0%	18.3%	8.4%
Western New Mexico University	2,222	1,986	1,893	1,957	2,178	2,276	2,294	-10.6%	15.5%	3.3%	0.8%
Branch Community Colleges	12,116	10,807	8,934	8,520	8,937	8,770	9,027	-10.8%	-16.5%	-25.5%	2.9%
Eastern New Mexico University - Roswell	1,570	1,466	1,035	1,070	1,234	1,228	1,297	-6.6%	-11.5%	-17.4%	5.6%
Eastern New Mexico University - Ruidoso	306	339	302	310	339	375	387	10.9%	14.1%	26.5%	3.2%
New Mexico State University - Alamogordo	880	673	429	424	465	515	537	-23.5%	-20.3%	-39.0%	4.2%
Doña Ana Community College	4,967	4,774	4,306	3,890	3,932	4,090	4,344	-3.9%	-9.0%	-12.5%	6.2%
New Mexico State University - Grants	350	302	249	278	347	351	355	-13.8%	17.5%	1.3%	1.0%
University of New Mexico - Gallup	1,636	1,438	1,158	1,071	1,112	1,069	1,071	-12.1%	-25.5%	-34.5%	0.2%
University of New Mexico - Los Alamos	402	362	359	311	338	190	178	-10.0%	-50.8%	-55.7%	-6.0%
University of New Mexico - Taos	850	534	651	447	449	388	398	-37.2%	-25.4%	-53.1%	2.8%
University of New Mexico - Valencia	1,155	919	446	719	723	565	459	-20.4%	-50.0%	-60.2%	-18.8%
Independent Community Colleges	25,558	21,708	18,993	17,345	17,859	18,030	18,451	-15.1%	-15.0%	-27.8%	2.3%
Central New Mexico Community College	13,909	11,872	10,862	9,374	9,586	9,704	9,775	-14.6%	-17.7%	-29.7%	0.7%
Clovis Community College	1,514	1,341	1,263	1,106	1,160	1,167	1,148	-11.4%	-14.4%	-24.2%	-1.7%
Luna Community College	667	511	409	441	411	422	415	-23.4%	-18.8%	-37.8%	-1.7%
Mesalands Community College	396	220	193	258	128	307	265	-44.4%	20.5%	-33.1%	-13.7%
New Mexico Junior College	1,680	1,598	1,338	1,286	1,381	1,390	1,520	-4.9%	-4.9%	-9.5%	9.3%
San Juan College	3,861	3,169	2,670	2,585	2,714	2,779	2,904	-17.9%	-8.4%	-24.8%	4.5%
Santa Fe Community College	2,656	2,195	1,696	1,696	1,652	1,707	1,751	-17.4%	-20.2%	-34.1%	2.6%
Southeast New Mexico College**	875	802	563	599	828	553	673	-8.3%	-16.1%	-23.1%	21.7%
Formula Funded Total	84,674	73,013	67,741	64,372	66,595	68,692	70,866	-13.8%	-2.9%	-16.3%	3.2%
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New Mexico Military Institute	510	383	471	445	412	410	413	-24.9%	7.8%	-19.0%	0.7%
Tribal Colleges	2,165	1,995	1,595	1,456	1,533	1,305	1,456	-7.9%	-27.0%	-32.7%	11.6%
Diné College	221	104	123	133	139	97	161	-52.7%	54.5%	-27.0%	66.4%
Institute of American Indian Arts	418	391	365	384	423	371	449	-6.5%	14.8%	7.4%	21.0%
Navajo Technical University	1,181	1,089	760	665	688	837	846	-7.7%	-22.4%	-28.4%	1.1%
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute	345	410	347	274	284						
Overall Total	87,349	75,391	69,807	66,272	68,540	70,407	72,735	-13.7%	-3.5%	-16.7%	3.3%

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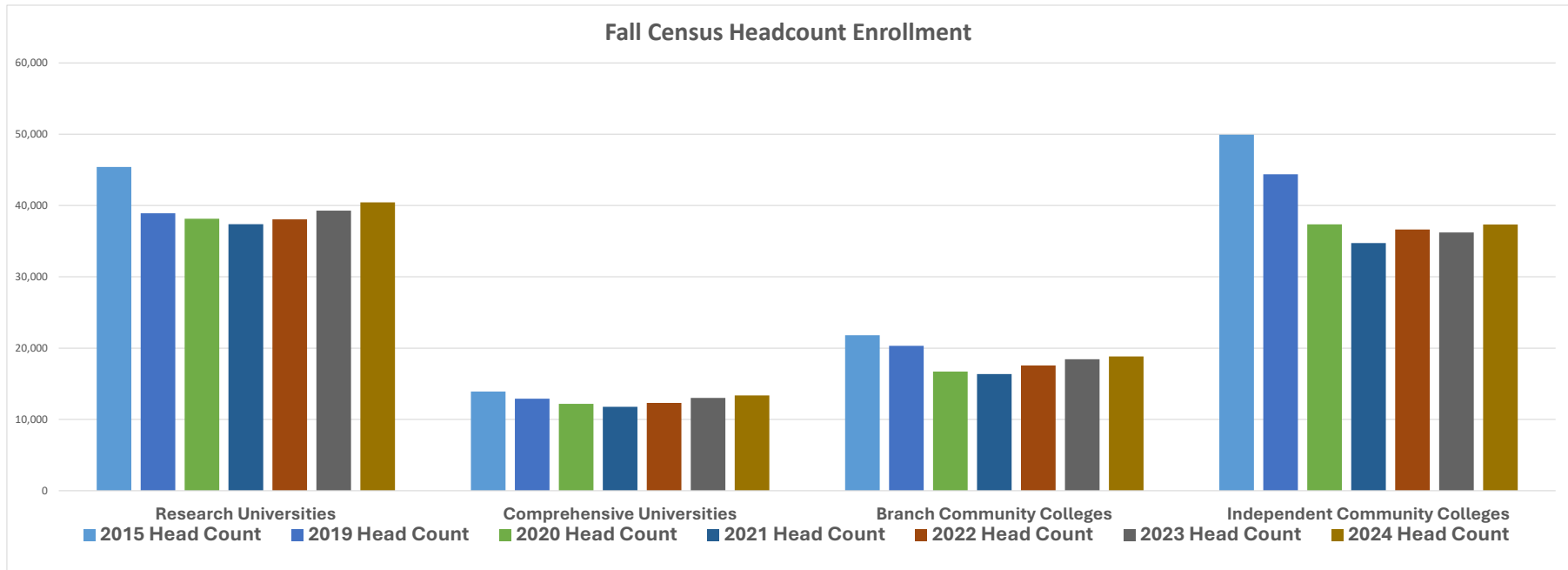
Total First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Enrollment

Institution Type/Institution Name	2015 1stTime HC Full Time Degree Seeking	2019 1stTime HC Full Time Degree Seeking	2020 1stTime HC Full Time Degree Seeking	2021 1stTime HC Full Time Degree Seeking	2022 1stTime HC Full Time Degree Seeking	2023 1stTime HC Full Time Degree Seeking	2024 1stTime HC Full Time Degree Seeking	2015 to 2019	2019 to 2024	2015 to 2024	2023 to 2024
Research Universities	5,605	4,855	5,107	5,096	5,737	5,871	5,710	-13.4%	20.9%	4.7%	-2.7%
New Mexico Tech	338	250	279	296	299	222	185	-26.0%	-11.2%	-34.3%	-16.7%
New Mexico State University	1,978	2,158	2,146	1,994	2,295	2,366	2,339	9.1%	9.6%	19.6%	-1.1%
University of New Mexico	3,289	2,447	2,682	2,806	3,143	3,283	3,186	-25.6%	34.2%	-0.2%	-3.0%
Comprehensive Universities	1,191	1,205	879	786	1,015	1,105	1,314	1.2%	-8.3%	-7.2%	18.9%
Eastern New Mexico University	601	550	428	336	412	478	568	-8.5%	-13.1%	-20.5%	18.8%
New Mexico Highlands University	298	275	187	146	225	222	214	-7.7%	-19.3%	-25.5%	-3.6%
Northern New Mexico College	118	129	89	98	121	114	135	9.3%	-11.6%	-3.4%	18.4%
Western New Mexico University	174	251	175	206	257	291	397	44.3%	15.9%	67.2%	36.4%
Branch Community Colleges	2,294	1,733	1,690	1,371	1,538	1,505	1,626	-24.5%	-13.2%	-34.4%	8.0%
Eastern New Mexico University - Roswell	455	311	255	324	311	226	290	-31.6%	-27.3%	-50.3%	28.3%
Eastern New Mexico University - Ruidoso	37	54	39	35	40	46	42	45.9%	-14.8%	24.3%	-8.7%
New Mexico State University - Alamogordo	156	124	60	73	95	109	100	-20.5%	-12.1%	-30.1%	-8.3%
Doña Ana Community College	957	1,088	986	834	936	976	1,067	13.7%	-10.3%	2.0%	9.3%
New Mexico State University - Grants	45	53	33	44	82	79	72	17.8%	49.1%	75.6%	-8.9%
University of New Mexico - Gallup	263	50	94	26	51	40	35	-81.0%	-20.0%	-84.8%	-12.5%
University of New Mexico - Los Alamos	64	23	53	15	4	9	5	-64.1%	-60.9%	-85.9%	-44.4%
University of New Mexico - Taos	67	19	125	6	7	7	6	-71.6%	-63.2%	-89.6%	-14.3%
University of New Mexico - Valencia	250	11	45	14	12	13	9	-95.6%	18.2%	-94.8%	-30.8%
Independent Community Colleges	3,334	3,719	2,691	2,557	2,486	2,574	2,845	11.5%	-30.8%	-22.8%	10.5%
Central New Mexico Community College	1,753	2,165	1,594	1,411	1,347	1,301	1,484	23.5%	-39.9%	-25.8%	14.1%
Clovis Community College	163	151	158	132	153	109	121	-7.4%	-27.8%	-33.1%	11.0%
Luna Community College	93	113	105	127	83	122	100	21.5%	8.0%	31.2%	-18.0%
Mesalands Community College	115	44	17	34	2	50	42	-61.7%	13.6%	-56.5%	-16.0%
New Mexico Junior College	278	507	319	365	414	442	486	82.4%	-12.8%	59.0%	10.0%
San Juan College	479	342	228	233	237	199	390	-28.6%	-41.8%	-58.5%	96.0%
Santa Fe Community College	309	295	170	170	147	165	146	-4.5%	-44.1%	-46.6%	-11.5%
Southeast New Mexico College**	144	102	100	85	103	186	76	-29.2%	82.4%	29.2%	-59.1%
Formula Funded Total	12,424	11,512	10,367	9,810	10,776	11,055	11,495	-7.3%	-4.0%	-11.0%	4.0%
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New Mexico Military Institute	230	199	229	189	193	179	194	-13.5%	-10.1%	-22.2%	8.4%
Tribal Colleges	422	578	387	414	410	212	200	37.0%	-63.3%	-49.8%	-5.7%
Diné College	21	14	6	7	7	3	0	-33.3%	-78.6%	-85.7%	
Institute of American Indian Arts	63	62	30	35	53	46	55	-1.6%	-25.8%	-27.0%	19.6%
Navajo Technical University	224	129	53	117	165	163	145	-42.4%	26.4%	-27.2%	-11.0%
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute	114	373	298	255	185			227.2%			
Overall Total	13,076	12,289	10,983	10,413	11,379	11,446	11,889	-6.0%	-6.9%	-12.5%	3.9%

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Census Total Headcount Enrollment

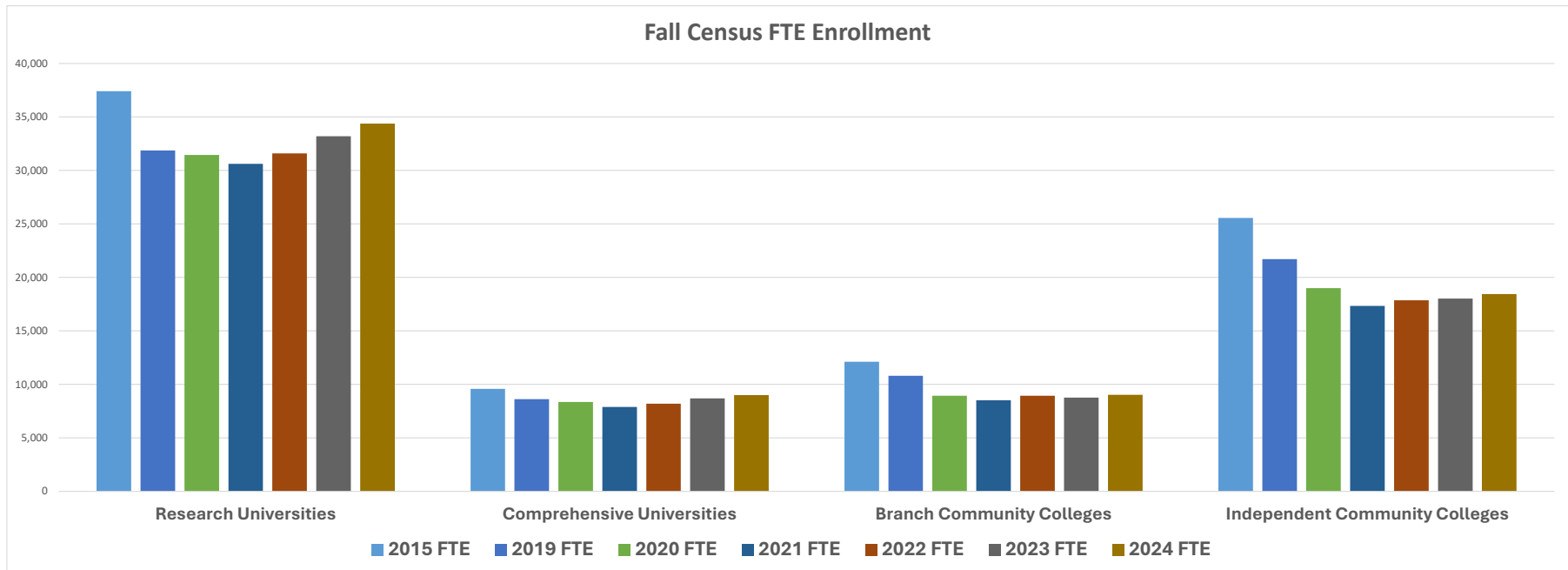
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Branch Community Colleges	21,817	20,319	16,719	16,371	17,562	18,438	18,838	-6.9%	-7.3%	-13.7%	2.2%
Independent Community Colleges	49,944	44,373	37,361	34,741	36,637	36,226	37,340	-11.2%	-15.8%	-25.2%	3.1%
Formula Funded Total	131,091	116,504	104,419	100,264	104,571	106,957	109,975	-11.1%	-5.6%	-16.1%	2.8%



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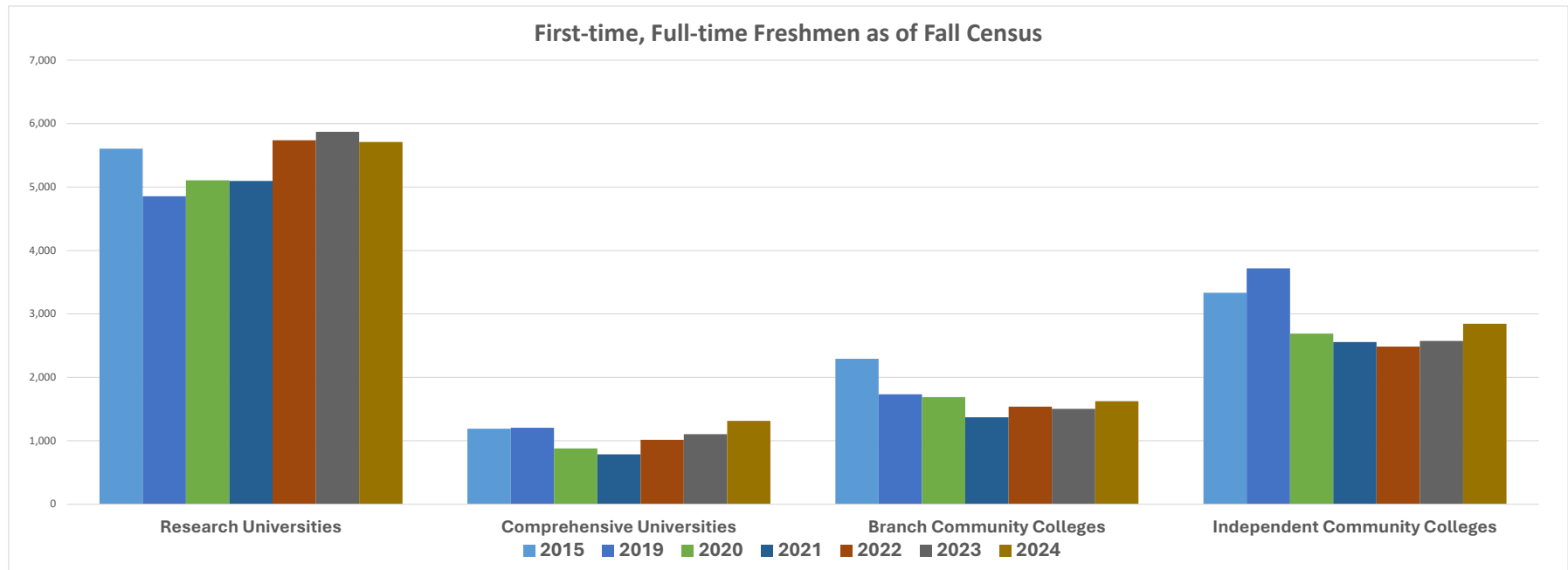
Institution Type/Institution Name	2015 FTE	2019 FTE	2020 FTE	2021 FTE	2022 FTE	2023 FTE	2024 FTE	2015 to 2019	2019 to 2024	2015 to 2024	2023 to 2024
Research Universities	37,412	31,874	31,449	30,616	31,600	33,204	34,386	-14.8%	7.9%	-8.1%	3.6%
Comprehensive Universities	9,588	8,623	8,364	7,891	8,198	8,688	9,001	-10.1%	4.4%	-6.1%	3.6%
Branch Community Colleges	12,116	10,807	8,934	8,520	8,937	8,770	9,027	-10.8%	-16.5%	-25.5%	2.9%
Independent Community Colleges	25,558	21,708	18,993	17,345	17,859	18,030	18,451	-15.1%	-15.0%	-27.8%	2.3%
Formula Funded Total	84,674	73,013	67,741	64,372	66,595	68,692	70,866	-13.8%	-2.9%	-16.3%	3.2%



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Total First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Enrollment

Institution Type/Institution Name	2015	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2015 to 2019	2019 to 2024	2015 to 2024	2023 to 2024
Research Universities	5,605	4,855	5,107	5,096	5,737	5,871	5,710	-13.4%	17.6%	1.9%	-2.7%
Comprehensive Universities	1,191	1,205	879	786	1,015	1,105	1,314	1.2%	9.0%	10.3%	18.9%
Branch Community Colleges	2,294	1,733	1,690	1,371	1,538	1,505	1,626	-24.5%	-6.2%	-29.1%	8.0%
Independent Community Colleges	3,334	3,719	2,691	2,557	2,486	2,574	2,845	11.5%	-23.5%	-14.7%	10.5%
Formula Funded Total	12,424	11,512	10,367	9,810	10,776	11,055	11,495	-7.3%	-0.1%	-7.5%	4.0%



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Compare Census to EOS by Sector

Final Enrollment tends to be larger than the census count, but the overall relationship has remained fairly constant over time.

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Comprehensive Universities	13,915	14,037	13,547	13,541	12,909	12,182	11,772	12,321	13,013	13,358
Branch Community Colleges	21,817	21,819	20,576	20,017	20,319	16,719	16,371	17,562	18,438	18,838
Independent Community Colleges	49,944	48,203	47,051	45,338	44,373	37,361	34,741	36,637	36,226	37,340
Total by Category Type	131,091	128,109	123,893	119,473	116,504	104,419	100,264	104,571	106,957	109,975

Total End-of-Semester (EOS) Headcount Enrollment

Institutional Sector	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Research University	45,537	44,405	43,011	40,794	39,126	38,348	37,443	38,171	39,285	
Comprehensive University	14,383	14,288	13,727	13,626	13,117	12,315	11,990	12,580	13,228	
Branch Community College	22,348	22,344	21,032	20,608	20,608	17,290	16,788	17,811	18,799	
Independent Community Colleges	50,686	49,215	48,006	45,468	45,468	38,341	35,843	37,493	37,000	
Total by Category Type	132,954	130,252	125,776	120,496	118,319	106,294	102,064	106,055	108,312	

Percent Difference EOS to Census Headcount Enrollment

Institutional Sector	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Research University	0.3%	0.8%	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	
Comprehensive University	3.4%	1.8%	1.3%	0.6%	1.6%	1.1%	1.9%	2.1%	1.7%	
Branch Community College	2.4%	2.4%	2.2%	3.0%	1.4%	3.4%	2.5%	1.4%	2.0%	
Independent Community Colleges	1.5%	2.1%	2.0%	0.3%	2.5%	2.6%	3.2%	2.3%	2.1%	
Total by Category Type	1.4%	1.7%	1.5%	0.9%	1.6%	1.8%	1.8%	1.4%	1.3%	

