The University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Rural College is a centralized component of UAF’s College of Rural and Community Development (CRCD). It facilitates state-wide delivery of academic and vocational education and outreach with an emphasis on Alaska Natives and underserved communities, and also serves as the center for support and development of distance delivery of education throughout the university. CRCD geographically serves nearly two-thirds of the state, representing more than 160 primarily Native Alaska communities.

- The Rural College enrolled 2,890 students for credit in fall 2011, an increase of 34.5 percent over the past four years.
- More than half of students taking one or more classes at the Rural College were enrolled full-time at the UA system level.
- Nearly one in five Rural College students was Alaska Native/American Indian in fall 2011.
- The number of degree-seeking students reached 2,473 in fall 2011, 39.7 percent more than in fall 2007.
- More than two-thirds of the students were under the age of 30 with an average age of 28.
- More than 12,000 student credit hours (SCH) were delivered in fall 2011, excluding auditors.

*Headcount by race is unduplicated. “Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander” was recorded as “Asian” prior to Fall 2009. UA Scholars include any recipient who takes at least one course from the campus/MAU. Source: Data Supplied by MAUs via UA Information Systems: Banner SI Closing Extracts FY03-FY12. Compiled by UA Institutional Research and Analysis in conjunction with campus. Headcounts are unduplicated at the reporting level.