



### Alaska High School Graduates Enrolling at UA

Below is a recap of the college attendance patterns of Alaska high school graduates from fall 1996 through fall 2007. UA continues to attract a growing number of Alaska high school graduates and now enrolls 2,200 recent graduates annually compared to 1,151 in fall 1996.

UA's market share of college-bound Alaska high school graduates has increased from 45% in fall 1996 to 60% in fall 2007. In fall 2007, almost one in three Alaska high school graduates attended UA, compared to one in five in fall 1996.

The growth in Alaska public high school graduation is expected to continue at a modest rate of 3% (220 students) annually, peaking in 2009; however this trend will reverse and a decline of 14% is predicted from 2009 to 2018 (1,040 students)<sup>1</sup>. If the rate of college bound students remains at 48%, UA will need to garner 70% of those students in 2018 to retain the current level of Alaska high school graduates attending UA.

#### College Attendance Rates for Alaska High School Graduates

College Semester	HS Grads <sup>2</sup>	College Bound		Attend UA			Attend In-State	
		Recent HS Grads <sup>3</sup>	%	Recent HS Grads <sup>4</sup>	%	% All HS Grads	Recent HS Grads <sup>5</sup>	%
Fall 96	6,018	2,564	42.6	1,151	44.9	19.1	1,169	45.6
Fall 00	6,668	3,066	46.0	1,649	53.8	24.7	1,662	54.2
Fall 02	6,945	3,380	48.7	1,840	54.4	26.5	1,867	55.2
Fall 04	7,290	3,504	48.1	2,003	57.2	27.5	2,093	59.7
Fall 06	7,361	3,490	47.4	2,211	63.4	30.0	2,316	66.4
Fall 07	7,666	3,640*	47.5*	2,200	60.4	28.7	2,277*	62.6*
National Average for 4-year Public Colleges in Fall 2004 <sup>6</sup>								59.3
National Average for all Public Colleges in Fall 2004 <sup>7</sup>								73.4
National Average for all Public and Private Colleges in Fall 2004 <sup>8</sup>								81.0

#### \*Preliminary Estimates

<sup>1</sup> Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, Knocking at the College Door, 1988-2018.

<sup>2</sup> State of Alaska Department of Education, Statistics and Reports, High School Graduates, 1996-2007. <http://www.eed.state.ak.us/stats/HSGraduates>

<sup>3</sup> National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, 1996-2006, including FTF reclassified in fall 2006.

<sup>4</sup> University of Alaska Information Systems: Banner SI Fall Closing Extracts, 1996-2007. FTF reclassified in fall 2006. Recent HS graduates are defined as first-time freshmen under 20 years of age with an origin of Alaska.

<sup>5</sup> University of Alaska, Alaska Bible College, Alaska Pacific University, Alaska Vocational Technical Center, Sheldon Jackson College.

<sup>6</sup> National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, Fall 2004.

<sup>7</sup> Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, Regional Fact Book, Fall 2004.

<sup>8</sup> National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics, 2005, Table 203. [http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/305/table/dt05\\_203.asp](http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/305/table/dt05_203.asp)