Preliminary Course Registration and Admission Activity, Fall 2026
Week 8 of Instruction
October 12, 2026

This report summarizes Fall 2026 course registration and admission activity as of Monday, October 12, 2026. Trend figures are normalized relative to the first day of instruction. The deadline for students to add or drop semester-length courses was Friday, September 4, 2026; however, students enrolling in short-session and late-start courses will continue to generate registration activity through the end of the term.

Executive Summary

Preliminary Fall 2026 enrollment at Week 8 remains highly stable compared to the same point in Fall 2025. Systemwide student headcount decreased by just 0.3 percent (19,896 to 19,828), while student credit hours (SCH) increased 0.2 percent (183,975 to 184,317). Although enrollment levels remain essentially unchanged, application and admissions activity increased substantially across the University of Alaska system.

Applications increased 15 percent year-over-year, while admitted students increased 67 percent. Registered students, however, remained nearly unchanged (4,867 compared to 4,868 last year). As a result, the proportion of admitted students who enrolled declined from 67 percent to 40 percent. This shift reflects a significant change in the enrollment environment and warrants continued monitoring throughout the remainder of the term. However, year-over-year yield measures should be interpreted carefully, as admission rates increased substantially and institutional application-processing practices changed in several areas.

A notable factor affecting year-over-year comparisons is the continuing refinement of application screening and fraud-prevention practices. UAA was particularly affected by fraudulent application activity in Fall 2025 and has implemented stronger safeguards during the current cycle. As a result, underlying student demand may be stronger than simple application comparisons suggest.

Despite significant changes throughout the recruitment and admissions pipeline, final enrollment outcomes have remained remarkably stable. The data suggest that while universities are engaging a larger pool of applicants and admitting substantially more students, overall enrollment levels have thus far remained consistent with recent years.

Looking ahead, historical enrollment patterns indicate continued growth between Week 8 and the close of the fall term. Based on enrollment behavior observed during prior years, Fall 2026 enrollment is projected to reach approximately 20,456 students and 185,898 student credit hours by the end of the semester.

Institutional Highlights

University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA)

UAA experienced modest enrollment declines compared to Fall 2025. Student headcount decreased 1.7 percent and SCH decreased 1 percent. Applications decreased and admissions increased substantially, with applications down 11 percent and admitted students up 41 percent. Despite this growth in the admissions pipeline, registered students decreased 3 percent.

Year-over-year application comparisons should be interpreted with caution. Enhanced screening processes implemented in response to fraudulent application activity experienced during Fall 2025 have improved application quality and may affect direct comparisons with prior-year totals.

Enrollment outcomes varied across academic units. Kodiak College posted continued growth, with student headcount increasing 28.3 percent and SCH increasing 25.5 percent. The School of Education demonstrated particularly strong momentum, with headcount increasing 19.6 percent and SCH increasing 20.6 percent. Prince William Sound College also recorded growth in both enrollment (+28.7 percent) and credit hours (+18.2 percent).

University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF)

UAF reported modest enrollment growth, with headcount increasing 1.2 percent and SCH increasing 2.2 percent. Applications increased 39 percent year-over-year, while admitted students nearly doubled, increasing 96 percent.

Although admissions activity expanded substantially, enrollment growth was comparatively modest. This pattern mirrors broader system trends and suggests that growth in admissions volume has not yet translated proportionally into enrollment gains. Continued monitoring of applicant-to-enrollment conversion rates will help determine whether this pattern reflects changes in applicant behavior, admissions practices, or other enrollment dynamics.

Several academic units recorded notable growth. The College of Business and Security Management increased headcount by 10.4 percent, while the College of Engineering and Mines increased SCH by 9.1 percent. Rural College enrollment remained stable and contributed to overall institutional growth.

University of Alaska Southeast (UAS)
UAS continued its recent pattern of enrollment growth, posting a 1.5 percent increase in headcount and a 0.2 percent decrease in SCH. Applications increased 3 percent and admitted students increased 10 percent, while enrolled students increased 16 percent.

Growth was broad-based across several campuses, with Ketchikan Campus recording a 31.6 percent increase in SCH and Sitka Campus recording a 10.4 percent increase in SCH year-over-year. UAS also continued to benefit from strong retention and persistence patterns, contributing to steady enrollment growth despite a challenging statewide demographic environment.

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	Headcount					Credit Hours				
	Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Change	%		Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Change	%	
Anchorage Campus	8,909	8,822	-87	-1%	≈	78,077	76,967	-1,110	-1.4%	▽
Office of the Provost	39	34	-5	-12.8%	▽	79	85	6	7.6%	△
Consortium Library	10	10	0	0%	≈	9	10	1	11.1%	△
College of Arts and Sciences	6,027	5,805	-222	-3.7%	▽	40,551	39,310	-1,241	-3.1%	▽
College of Health	2,298	2,365	67	2.9%	△	15,766	16,063	297	1.9%	△
College of Business and Public Policy	1,372	1,337	-35	-2.6%	▽	7,942	7,704	-238	-3%	▽
Community and Technical College	1,284	1,275	-9	-0.7%	≈	7,938	7,775	-163	-2.1%	▽
College of Engineering	774	780	6	0.8%	≈	4,540	4,510	-30	-0.7%	≈
School of Education	301	360	59	19.6%	△	1,252	1,510	258	20.6%	△
Kenai Peninsula College	2,598	2,575	-23	-0.9%	≈	12,676	12,574	-102	-0.8%	≈
Kodiak College	635	815	180	28.3%	△	2,493	3,129	636	25.5%	△
Matanuska-Susitna College	1,760	1,638	-122	-6.9%	▽	9,756	8,933	-823	-8.4%	▽
Prince William Sound College	425	547	122	28.7%	△	1,899	2,245	346	18.2%	△
UA Anchorage	**11,249**	**11,060**	**-189**	**-1.7%**	▽	**104,901**	**103,848**	**-1,053**	**-1%**	▽

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Troth Yeddha	5,832	6,086	254	4.4%	△	48,779	51,227	2,448	5%	△
Office of the Provost	421	360	-61	-14.5%	▽	1,477	1,151	-326	-22.1%	▽
Rasmuson Library	471	491	20	4.2%	△	472	491	19	4%	△
College of Liberal Arts	3,207	3,405	198	6.2%	△	17,555	18,781	1,226	7%	△
College of Natural Science and Mathematics	2,222	2,329	107	4.8%	△	13,991	14,585	594	4.2%	△
College of Engineering and Mines	583	613	30	5.1%	△	3,685	4,021	336	9.1%	△
College of Business and Security Management	1,324	1,462	138	10.4%	△	7,988	8,614	626	7.8%	△
School of Education	322	334	12	3.7%	△	1,853	1,829	-24	-1.3%	▽
University of Alaska Museum of the North	4	4	0	0%	≈	6	9	3	50%	△
College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences	363	397	34	9.4%	△	1,722	1,746	24	1.4%	△
Bristol Bay Campus	286	249	-37	-12.9%	▽	839	712	-127	-15.1%	▽
Chukchi Campus	108	86	-22	-20.4%	▽	413	326	-87	-21.1%	▽
Kuskokwim Campus	290	264	-26	-9%	▽	1,155	1,022	-133	-11.5%	▽
Northwest Campus	99	35	-64	-64.6%	▽	350	167	-183	-52.3%	▽
Rural College	696	752	56	8%	△	2,708	2,863	155	5.7%	△
Community and Technical College	2,240	2,144	-96	-4.3%	▽	11,674	11,020	-654	-5.6%	▽
UA Fairbanks	**7,512**	**7,600**	**88**	**1.2%**	△	**65,918**	**67,337**	**1,420**	**2.2%**	△

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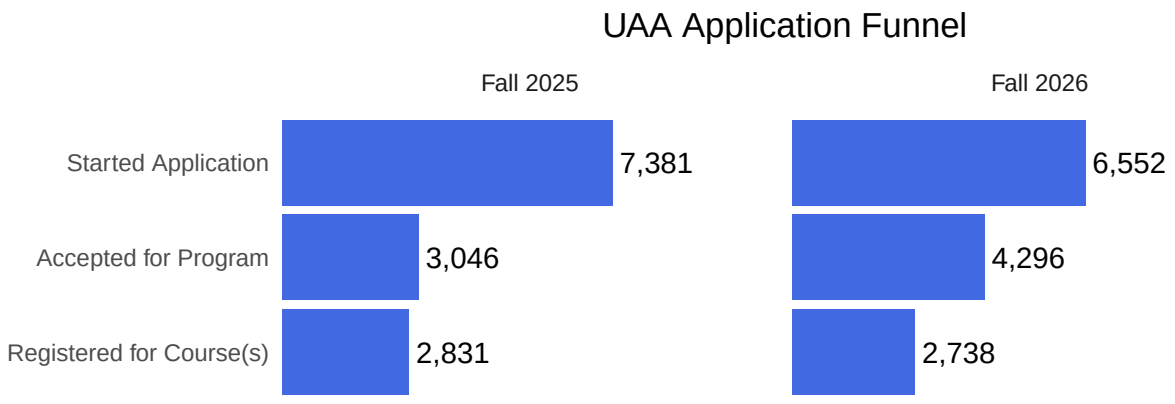
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	Fall 2025	**Fall 2026**	**Change**	**%**		**Fall 2025**	**Fall 2026**	**Change**	**%**	
Juneau Campus	1,257	1,170	-87	-6.9%	▽	8,358	7,406	-952	-11.4%	▽
School of Arts & Sciences	862	835	-27	-3.1%	▽	6,195	5,459	-736	-11.9%	▽
School of Education	336	273	-63	-18.8%	▽	1,720	1,451	-269	-15.6%	▽
School of Career Education	104	101	-3	-2.9%	▽	443	496	53	12%	△
Ketchikan Campus	510	634	124	24.3%	△	2,014	2,650	636	31.6%	△
Sitka Campus	615	661	46	7.5%	△	2,785	3,076	291	10.4%	△
UA Southeast	**1,943**	**1,972**	**29**	**1.5%**	△	**13,157**	**13,132**	**-25**	**-0.2%**	≈
UA System	**19,896**	**19,828**	**-68**	**-0.3%**	≈	**183,975**	**184,317**	**342**	**0.2%**	≈

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UA Anchorage	Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Change	%	
Started Application					
First-Time Students	4,389	3,954	-435	-10%	▽
UA Scholar	428	486	58	14%	△
Transfer/Other	2,515	2,272	-243	-10%	▽
All Undergraduate	6,904	6,226	-678	-10%	▽
Graduate	477	326	-151	-32%	▽
Accepted for Program					
First-Time Students	1,627	2,420	793	49%	△
UA Scholar	220	318	98	45%	△
Transfer/Other	1,230	1,695	465	38%	△
All Undergraduate	2,857	4,115	1258	44%	△
Graduate	189	181	-8	-4%	▽
Registered for Courses(s)					
First-Time Students	1,502	1,509	7	0%	≈
UA Scholar	203	221	18	9%	△
Transfer/Other	1,144	1,081	-63	-6%	▽
All Undergraduate	2,646	2,590	-56	-2%	▽
Graduate	185	148	-37	-20%	▽
Started Application	**7,381**	**6,552**	**-829**	**-11%**	▽
Accepted for Program	**3,046**	**4,296**	**1250**	**41%**	△
% accepted of those starting an application	41%	66%			
Registered for Course(s)	**2,831**	**2,738**	**-93**	**-3%**	▽
% registered of those accepted to a program/course	93%	64%			



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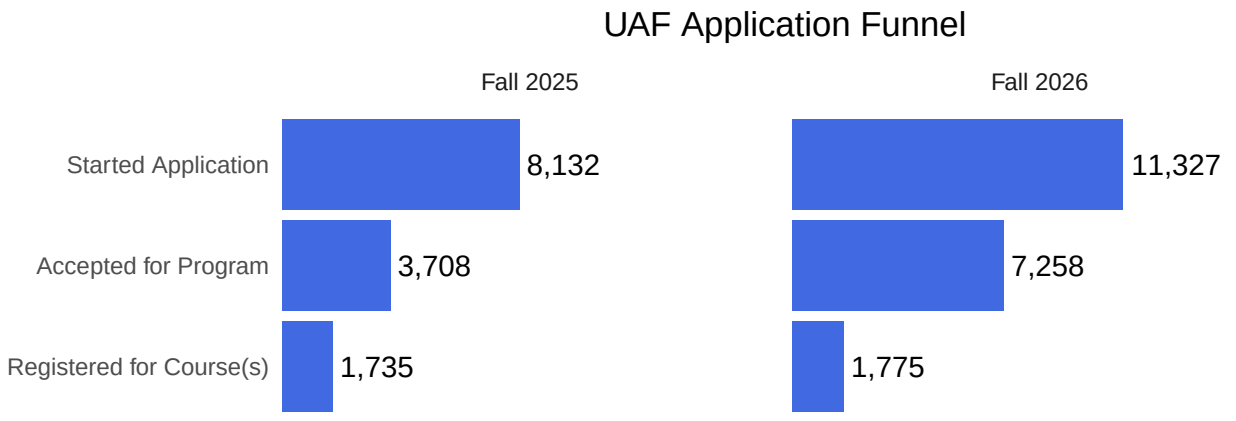
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	Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Change	%		Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Change	%		Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Change	%	
Anchorage Campus															
Office of the Provost	245	213	-32	-13%	▽	111	147	36	32%	△	110	102	-8	-7%	▽
College of Arts and Sciences	1,557	1,467	-90	-6%	▽	613	902	289	47%	△	589	579	-10	-2%	▽
College of Health	2,259	2,154	-105	-5%	▽	887	1,468	581	66%	△	858	880	22	3%	△
College of Business and Public Policy	829	605	-224	-27%	▽	341	394	53	16%	△	327	256	-71	-22%	▽
Community and Technical College	972	816	-156	-16%	▽	345	558	213	62%	△	336	322	-14	-4%	▽
College of Engineering	642	571	-71	-11%	▽	253	359	106	42%	△	244	251	7	3%	△
School of Education	206	156	-50	-24%	▽	92	93	1	1%	△	85	69	-16	-19%	▽
Kenai Peninsula College	283	227	-56	-20%	▽	178	155	-23	-13%	▽	138	123	-15	-11%	▽
Kodiak College	65	68	3	5%	△	39	47	8	21%	△	30	37	7	23%	△
Matanuska-Susitna College	159	176	17	11%	△	111	113	2	2%	△	75	86	11	15%	△
Prince William Sound College	164	98	-66	-40%	▽	76	60	-16	-21%	▽	39	33	-6	-15%	▽
Other*	0	1	1		△	0	0	0		≈	0	0	0		≈
UA Anchorage	**7,381**	**6,552**	**-829**	**-11%**	▽	**3,046**	**4,296**	**1,250**	**41%**	△	**2,831**	**2,738**	**-93**	**-3%**	▽

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Started Application					
First-Time Students	5,806	9,049	3243	56%	△
UA Scholar	386	409	23	6%	△
Transfer/Other	1,282	1,224	-58	-5%	▽
All Undergraduate	7,088	10,273	3185	45%	△
Graduate	1,044	1,054	10	1%	≈
Accepted for Program					
First-Time Students	2,634	6,240	3606	137%	△
UA Scholar	228	213	-15	-7%	▽
Transfer/Other	748	697	-51	-7%	▽
All Undergraduate	3,382	6,937	3555	105%	△
Graduate	326	321	-5	-2%	▽
Registered for Courses(s)					
First-Time Students	877	964	87	10%	△
UA Scholar	177	169	-8	-5%	▽
Transfer/Other	598	545	-53	-9%	▽
All Undergraduate	1,475	1,509	34	2%	△
Graduate	260	266	6	2%	△
Started Application	**8,132**	**11,327**	**3195**	**39%**	△
Accepted for Program	**3,708**	**7,258**	**3550**	**96%**	△
% accepted of those starting an application	46%	64%			
Registered for Course(s)	**1,735**	**1,775**	**40**	**2%**	△
% registered of those accepted to a program/course	47%	24%			



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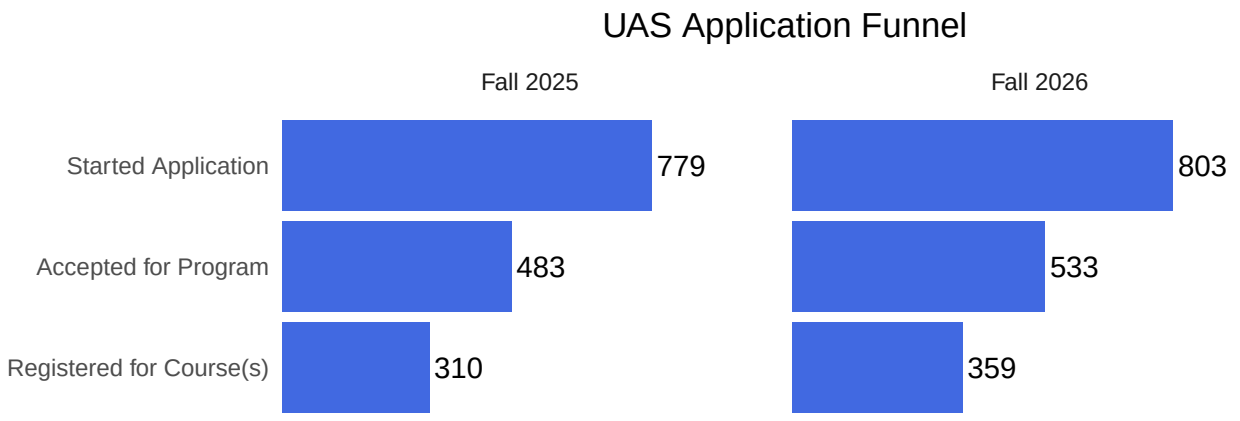
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Office of the Provost	516	1,049	533	103%	△	260	685	425	163%	△	133	142	9	7%	△
College of Liberal Arts	1,317	2,013	696	53%	△	567	1,313	746	132%	△	249	284	35	14%	△
College of Natural Science and Mathematics	1,751	2,206	455	26%	△	694	1,243	549	79%	△	285	272	-13	-5%	▽
College of Engineering and Mines	1,241	1,636	395	32%	△	507	1,024	517	102%	△	189	180	-9	-5%	▽
College of Business and Security	822	1,134	312	38%	△	425	716	291	68%	△	258	242	-16	-6%	▽
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College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences	285	300	15	5%	△	133	183	50	38%	△	64	71	7	11%	△
Bristol Bay Campus	7	1	-6	-86%	▽	3	1	-2	-67%	▽	2	1	-1	-50%	▽
Chukchi Campus	3	3	0	0%	≈	2	1	-1	-50%	▽	0	0	0		≈
Kuskokwim Campus	26	30	4	15%	△	21	17	-4	-19%	▽	18	11	-7	-39%	▽
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First-Time Students	368	420	52	14%	△
UA Scholar	44	45	1	2%	△
Transfer/Other	309	301	-8	-3%	▽
All Undergraduate	677	721	44	6%	△
Graduate	102	82	-20	-20%	▽
Accepted for Program					
First-Time Students	216	263	47	22%	△
UA Scholar	27	26	-1	-4%	▽
Transfer/Other	214	211	-3	-1%	▽
All Undergraduate	430	474	44	10%	△
Graduate	53	59	6	11%	△
Registered for Courses(s)					
First-Time Students	121	159	38	31%	△
UA Scholar	17	16	-1	-6%	▽
Transfer/Other	145	150	5	3%	△
All Undergraduate	266	309	43	16%	△
Graduate	44	50	6	14%	△
Started Application	**779**	**803**	**24**	**3%**	△
Accepted for Program	**483**	**533**	**50**	**10%**	△
% accepted of those starting an application	62%	66%			
Registered for Course(s)	**310**	**359**	**49**	**16%**	△
% registered of those accepted to a program/course	64%	67%			



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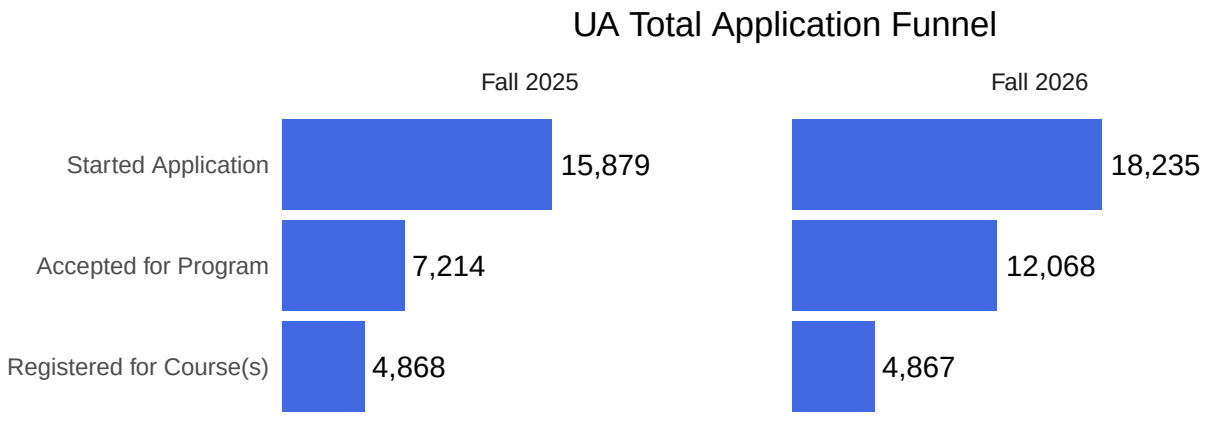
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Greater than 1% growth △ **Minimal change +/- 1%** ≈ **Greater than 1% decrease** ▽

	Started Application					Accepted for Program					Registered for University Course(s)				
	Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Change	%		Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Change	%		Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Change	%	
Juneau Campus															
Office of the Provost	14	17	3	21%	△	8	9	1	13%	△	4	7	3	75%	△
School of Arts and Sciences	442	454	12	3%	△	265	273	8	3%	△	168	177	9	5%	△
School of Education	106	97	-9	-8%	▽	55	69	14	25%	△	45	55	10	22%	△
School of Career Education	92	80	-12	-13%	▽	59	55	-4	-7%	▽	28	27	-1	-4%	▽
Ketchikan Campus	34	34	0	0%	≈	21	24	3	14%	△	11	12	1	9%	△
Sitka Campus	91	121	30	33%	△	75	103	28	37%	△	54	81	27	50%	△
UA Southeast	**779**	**803**	**24**	**3%**	△	**483**	**533**	**50**	**10%**	△	**310**	**359**	**49**	**16%**	△

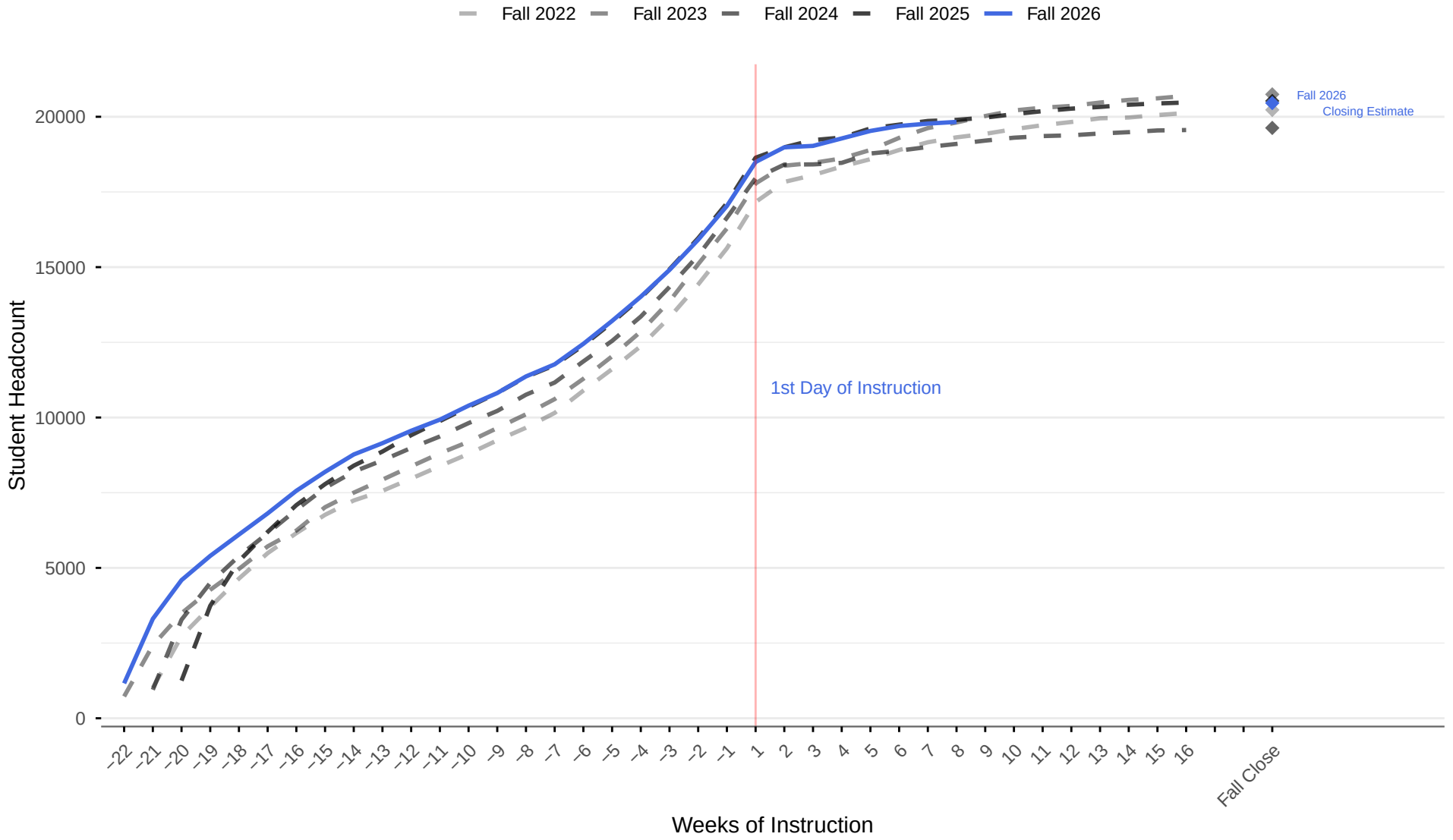
Applications, Admissions and Enrollment
Week 8 of Instruction
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UA Total (Unduplicated)	Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Change	%	
Started Application					
First-Time Students	10,209	13,031	2822	28%	△
UA Scholar	805	882	77	10%	△
Transfer/Other	4,053	3,750	-303	-7%	▽
All Undergraduate	14,262	16,781	2519	18%	△
Graduate	1,617	1,454	-163	-10%	▽
Accepted for Program					
First-Time Students	4,462	8,907	4445	100%	△
UA Scholar	470	553	83	18%	△
Transfer/Other	2,184	2,601	417	19%	△
All Undergraduate	6,646	11,508	4862	73%	△
Graduate	568	560	-8	-1%	▽
Registered for Courses(s)					
First-Time Students	2,499	2,629	130	5%	△
UA Scholar	395	404	9	2%	△
Transfer/Other	1,880	1,775	-105	-6%	▽
All Undergraduate	4,379	4,404	25	1%	≈
Graduate	489	463	-26	-5%	▽
Started Application	**15,879**	**18,235**	**2356**	**15%**	△
Accepted for Program	**7,214**	**12,068**	**4854**	**67%**	△
% accepted of those starting an application	45%	66%			
Registered for Course(s)	**4,868**	**4,867**	**-1**	**0%**	≈
% registered of those accepted to a program/course	67%	40%			



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Student Headcount: UA System, Fall Semester



Student Credit Hour Registration: UA System, Fall Semester

