Preliminary Course Registration and Admission Activity, Fall 2026
Week 9 of Instruction
October 19, 2026

This report summarizes Fall 2026 course registration and admission activity as of Monday, October 19, 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 9 remains remarkably stable compared to the same point in Fall 2025. Systemwide student headcount was essentially unchanged, decreasing by five students, while student credit hours (SCH) increased by 846 (0.5 percent). Enrollment gains at UAF and UAS largely offset modest declines at UAA, resulting in stable systemwide enrollment. Although enrollment levels remained flat, application and admissions activity increased substantially across the University of Alaska system.

Applications increased 15 percent (2,319) year-over-year, while admitted students increased 73 percent (5,076). A notable factor affecting these 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. Additionally, admission rates increased substantially across the system, contributing to higher admission volumes.

Despite substantial growth in applications and admissions, registered students remained nearly unchanged (12 fewer). Because admissions increased much faster than enrollment, the ratio of enrolled-to-admitted students declined from 70 percent to 40 percent. However, this change should not be interpreted as a direct measure of weakening student demand, as year-over-year comparisons have been influenced by changes in admission rates and application-processing practices. Continued monitoring will help determine whether these trends persist through future enrollment cycles.

Overall, the data suggest that universities are engaging a larger pool of applicants and admitting substantially more students, while final enrollment outcomes have thus far remained consistent with recent years. Looking ahead, historical enrollment patterns indicate continued growth between Week 9 and the close of the fall term. Based on enrollment behavior observed during prior years, Fall 2026 enrollment is projected to reach approximately 20,521 students (5 fewer than Fall 2025) and 186,406 SCH (853 more than Fall 2025) by the end of the semester.

Institutional Highlights

University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA)

UAA enrollment remained relatively stable compared to Fall 2025, with student headcount decreasing 1.7 percent (194) and SCH decreasing 1 percent (1,063). Applications decreased 11 percent (831), while admitted students increased 39 percent (1,194). Registered students decreased 3 percent (93). 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 (180) and SCH increasing 25.6 percent (637). Prince William Sound College also recorded growth in both enrollment (29.9 percent, 126 students) and credit hours (18.7 percent, 353 SCH). The School of Education demonstrated particularly strong momentum, with headcount increasing 24.1 percent (70) and SCH increasing 28 percent (330). These gains helped offset declines in several larger units, including the Anchorage Campus and Matanuska-Susitna College.

University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF)
UAF reported modest enrollment growth, with headcount increasing 1.7 percent (130) and SCH increasing 2.2 percent (1,442). Applications increased 39 percent (3,161) year-over-year, while admitted students more than doubled, increasing 112 percent (3,835). Although admissions activity expanded substantially, enrollment growth was comparatively modest. This pattern mirrors broader system trends and suggests that increases in admissions volume have not yet translated proportionally into enrollment gains. Continued monitoring of applicant-to-enrollment conversion patterns will help determine whether this reflects changes in applicant behavior, admissions practices, or other enrollment dynamics.

Several academic units recorded notable growth. The College of Liberal Arts increased headcount by 6.1 percent (197) and SCH by 6.9 percent (1,215). The College of Business and Security Management increased headcount by 10.5 percent (139) and SCH by 7.8 percent (623). The Rural College also increased headcount by 5.2 percent (37) and SCH by 4.5 percent (123), contributing to overall institutional growth.

University of Alaska Southeast (UAS)
UAS continued its recent pattern of enrollment growth, posting a 2.7 percent increase in headcount (54) and a 3.5 percent increase in SCH (467). Applications increased 3 percent (23) and admitted students increased 9 percent (44), while enrolled students increased 15 percent (47) year-over-year. Growth was broad-based across all three campuses. The Ketchikan Campus recorded particularly strong gains, with headcount increasing 25 percent (128) and SCH increasing 32 percent (647). The Sitka Campus recorded a 4 percent increase in headcount (26) and an 8.8 percent increase in SCH (254), year-over-year. UAS continued to post enrollment gains despite Alaska's challenging demographic environment, contributing to overall system stability.

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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%	≈	78,024	76,988	-1,036	-1.3%	▽
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	6,028	5,804	-224	-3.7%	▽	40,556	39,308	-1,248	-3.1%	▽
College of Health	2,303	2,366	63	2.7%	△	15,772	16,068	296	1.9%	△
College of Business and Public Policy	1,372	1,340	-32	-2.3%	▽	7,942	7,725	-217	-2.7%	▽
Community and Technical College	1,285	1,274	-11	-0.9%	≈	7,943	7,772	-171	-2.1%	▽
College of Engineering	774	780	6	0.8%	≈	4,543	4,510	-33	-0.7%	≈
School of Education	290	360	70	24.1%	△	1,180	1,510	330	28%	△
Kenai Peninsula College	2,600	2,574	-26	-1%	▽	12,683	12,562	-121	-1%	≈
Kodiak College	635	815	180	28.3%	△	2,493	3,130	637	25.6%	△
Matanuska-Susitna College	1,783	1,639	-144	-8.1%	▽	9,833	8,937	-896	-9.1%	▽
Prince William Sound College	421	547	126	29.9%	△	1,887	2,240	353	18.7%	△
UA Anchorage	**11,252**	**11,058**	**-194**	**-1.7%**	▽	**104,920**	**103,857**	**-1,063**	**-1%**	▽

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	Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Change	%		Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Change	%	
Troth Yeddha	5,834	6,086	252	4.3%	△	48,788	51,224	2,436	5%	△
Office of the Provost	423	362	-61	-14.4%	▽	1,483	1,157	-326	-22%	▽
Rasmuson Library	470	491	21	4.5%	△	471	491	20	4.2%	△
College of Liberal Arts	3,207	3,404	197	6.1%	△	17,561	18,776	1,215	6.9%	△
College of Natural Science and Mathematics	2,222	2,330	108	4.9%	△	13,992	14,590	598	4.3%	△
College of Engineering and Mines	583	613	30	5.1%	△	3,685	4,018	333	9%	△
College of Business and Security Management	1,321	1,460	139	10.5%	△	7,982	8,605	623	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	364	398	34	9.3%	△	1,725	1,749	24	1.4%	△
Bristol Bay Campus	293	262	-31	-10.6%	▽	850	725	-125	-14.7%	▽
Chukchi Campus	108	86	-22	-20.4%	▽	413	326	-87	-21.1%	▽
Kuskokwim Campus	290	262	-28	-9.7%	▽	1,155	1,017	-138	-11.9%	▽
Northwest Campus	99	38	-61	-61.6%	▽	348	174	-174	-50%	▽
Rural College	714	751	37	5.2%	△	2,737	2,860	123	4.5%	△
Community and Technical College	2,238	2,192	-46	-2.1%	▽	11,668	11,075	-594	-5.1%	▽
UA Fairbanks	**7,534**	**7,664**	**130**	**1.7%**	△	**65,959**	**67,401**	**1,442**	**2.2%**	△

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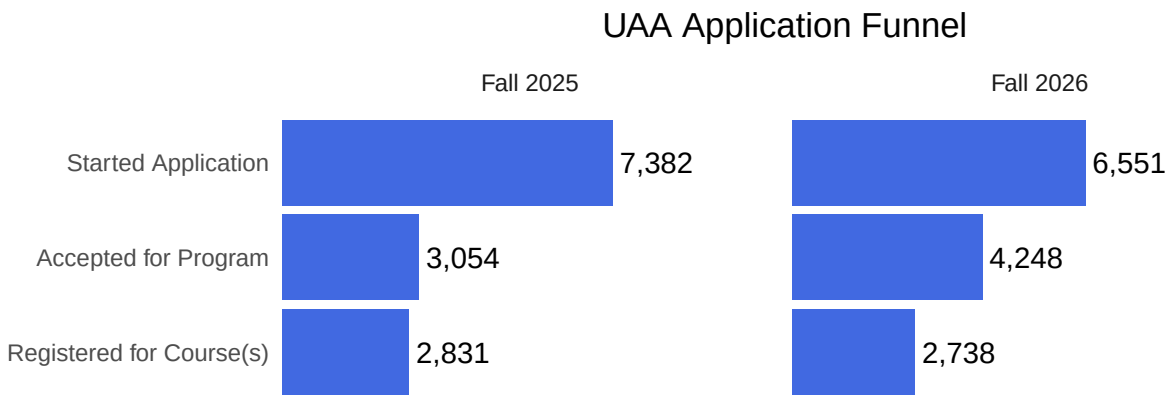
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	Fall 2025	**Fall 2026**	**Change**	**%**		**Fall 2025**	**Fall 2026**	**Change**	**%**	
Juneau Campus	1,273	1,232	-41	-3.2%	▽	8,401	7,967	-434	-5.2%	▽
School of Arts & Sciences	861	882	21	2.4%	△	6,198	5,924	-274	-4.4%	▽
School of Education	352	280	-72	-20.5%	▽	1,758	1,466	-292	-16.6%	▽
School of Career Education	106	114	8	7.5%	△	445	577	132	29.7%	△
Ketchikan Campus	511	639	128	25%	△	2,019	2,666	647	32%	△
Sitka Campus	649	675	26	4%	△	2,878	3,132	254	8.8%	△
UA Southeast	**1,995**	**2,049**	**54**	**2.7%**	△	**13,298**	**13,765**	**467**	**3.5%**	△
UA System	**19,972**	**19,967**	**-5**	**0%**	≈	**184,176**	**185,022**	**846**	**0.5%**	≈

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UA Anchorage	Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Change	%	
Started Application					
First-Time Students	4,390	3,953	-437	-10%	▽
UA Scholar	428	486	58	14%	△
Transfer/Other	2,515	2,272	-243	-10%	▽
All Undergraduate	6,905	6,225	-680	-10%	▽
Graduate	477	326	-151	-32%	▽
Accepted for Program					
First-Time Students	1,635	2,404	769	47%	△
UA Scholar	221	315	94	43%	△
Transfer/Other	1,230	1,663	433	35%	△
All Undergraduate	2,865	4,067	1202	42%	△
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	**7,382**	**6,551**	**-831**	**-11%**	▽
Accepted for Program	**3,054**	**4,248**	**1194**	**39%**	△
% accepted of those starting an application	41%	65%			
Registered for Course(s)	**2,831**	**2,738**	**-93**	**-3%**	▽
% registered of those accepted to a program/course	93%	64%			



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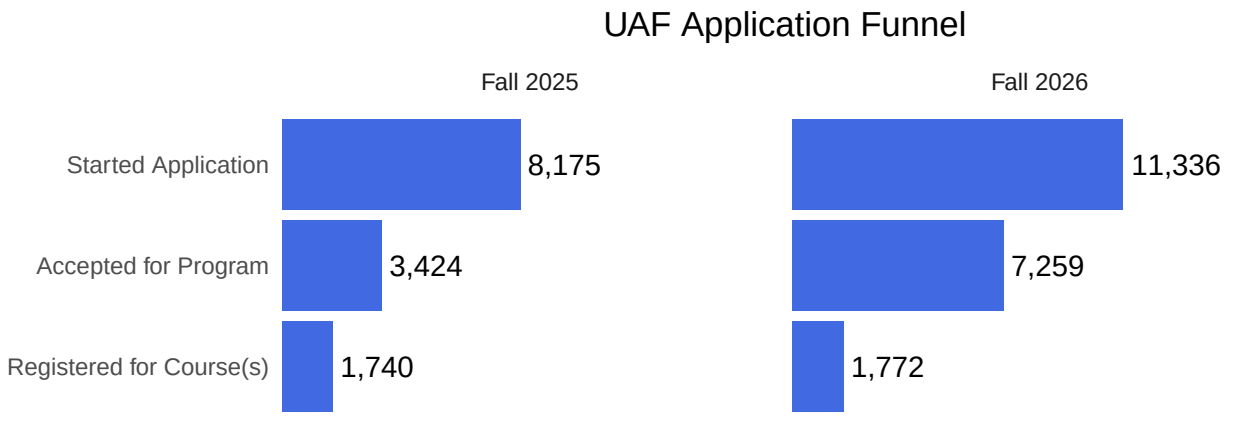
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	Started Application					Accepted for Program					Registered for University Course(s)				
	Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Change	%		Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Change	%		Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Change	%	
Anchorage Campus															
Office of the Provost	241	214	-27	-11%	▽	109	147	38	35%	△	108	101	-7	-6%	▽
College of Arts and Sciences	1,554	1,464	-90	-6%	▽	619	892	273	44%	△	593	575	-18	-3%	▽
College of Health	2,261	2,161	-100	-4%	▽	887	1,453	566	64%	△	856	883	27	3%	△
College of Business and Public Policy	832	606	-226	-27%	▽	344	392	48	14%	△	330	259	-71	-22%	▽
Community and Technical College	976	810	-166	-17%	▽	346	545	199	58%	△	335	322	-13	-4%	▽
College of Engineering	639	569	-70	-11%	▽	255	351	96	38%	△	244	249	5	2%	△
School of Education	207	155	-52	-25%	▽	93	91	-2	-2%	▽	85	69	-16	-19%	▽
Kenai Peninsula College	286	226	-60	-21%	▽	177	156	-21	-12%	▽	137	124	-13	-9%	▽
Kodiak College	64	68	4	6%	△	39	47	8	21%	△	30	36	6	20%	△
Matanuska-Susitna College	157	179	22	14%	△	108	114	6	6%	△	73	87	14	19%	△
Prince William Sound College	165	98	-67	-41%	▽	77	60	-17	-22%	▽	40	33	-7	-18%	▽
Other*	0	1	1		△	0	0	0		≈	0	0	0		≈
UA Anchorage	**7,382**	**6,551**	**-831**	**-11%**	▽	**3,054**	**4,248**	**1,194**	**39%**	△	**2,831**	**2,738**	**-93**	**-3%**	▽

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UA Fairbanks	Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Change	%	
Started Application					
First-Time Students	5,841	9,054	3213	55%	△
UA Scholar	388	409	21	5%	△
Transfer/Other	1,289	1,228	-61	-5%	▽
All Undergraduate	7,130	10,282	3152	44%	△
Graduate	1,045	1,054	9	1%	≈
Accepted for Program					
First-Time Students	2,357	6,239	3882	165%	△
UA Scholar	226	213	-13	-6%	▽
Transfer/Other	740	699	-41	-6%	▽
All Undergraduate	3,097	6,938	3841	124%	△
Graduate	327	321	-6	-2%	▽
Registered for Courses(s)					
First-Time Students	881	959	78	9%	△
UA Scholar	177	169	-8	-5%	▽
Transfer/Other	598	547	-51	-9%	▽
All Undergraduate	1,479	1,506	27	2%	△
Graduate	261	266	5	2%	△
Started Application	**8,175**	**11,336**	**3161**	**39%**	△
Accepted for Program	**3,424**	**7,259**	**3835**	**112%**	△
% accepted of those starting an application	42%	64%			
Registered for Course(s)	**1,740**	**1,772**	**32**	**2%**	△
% registered of those accepted to a program/course	51%	24%			



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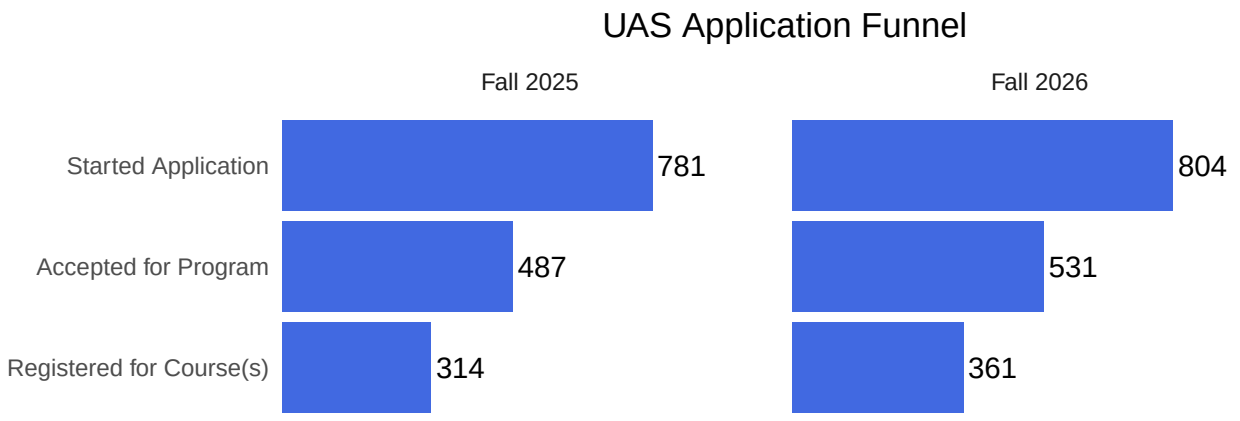
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Office of the Provost	514	1,045	531	103%	△	222	679	457	206%	△	131	136	5	4%	△
College of Liberal Arts	1,322	2,007	685	52%	△	526	1,308	782	149%	△	251	280	29	12%	△
College of Natural Science and Mathematics	1,766	2,209	443	25%	△	630	1,243	613	97%	△	287	274	-13	-5%	▽
College of Engineering and Mines	1,253	1,634	381	30%	△	456	1,025	569	125%	△	188	181	-7	-4%	▽
College of Business and Security	824	1,137	313	38%	△	412	724	312	76%	△	262	249	-13	-5%	▽
School of Education	205	314	109	53%	△	98	193	95	97%	△	61	75	14	23%	△
College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences	286	301	15	5%	△	119	184	65	55%	△	64	72	8	13%	△
Bristol Bay Campus	7	1	-6	-86%	▽	3	1	-2	-67%	▽	2	1	-1	-50%	▽
Chukchi Campus	3	4	1	33%	△	1	2	1	100%	△	0	1	1		△
Kuskokwim Campus	26	29	3	12%	△	21	16	-5	-24%	▽	18	9	-9	-50%	▽
Northwest Campus	2	1	-1	-50%	▽	1	1	0	0%	≈	0	0	0		≈
Rural College	203	213	10	5%	△	109	100	-9	-8%	▽	75	52	-23	-31%	▽
Community and Technical College	1,764	2,440	676	38%	△	826	1,782	956	116%	△	401	442	41	10%	△
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UA Southeast	Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Change	%	
Started Application					
First-Time Students	368	420	52	14%	△
UA Scholar	44	45	1	2%	△
Transfer/Other	310	301	-9	-3%	▽
All Undergraduate	678	721	43	6%	△
Graduate	103	83	-20	-19%	▽
Accepted for Program					
First-Time Students	216	260	44	20%	△
UA Scholar	27	25	-2	-7%	▽
Transfer/Other	216	211	-5	-2%	▽
All Undergraduate	432	471	39	9%	△
Graduate	55	60	5	9%	△
Registered for Courses(s)					
First-Time Students	121	161	40	33%	△
UA Scholar	17	16	-1	-6%	▽
Transfer/Other	147	150	3	2%	△
All Undergraduate	268	311	43	16%	△
Graduate	46	50	4	9%	△
Started Application	**781**	**804**	**23**	**3%**	△
Accepted for Program	**487**	**531**	**44**	**9%**	△
% accepted of those starting an application	62%	66%			
Registered for Course(s)	**314**	**361**	**47**	**15%**	△
% registered of those accepted to a program/course	64%	68%			



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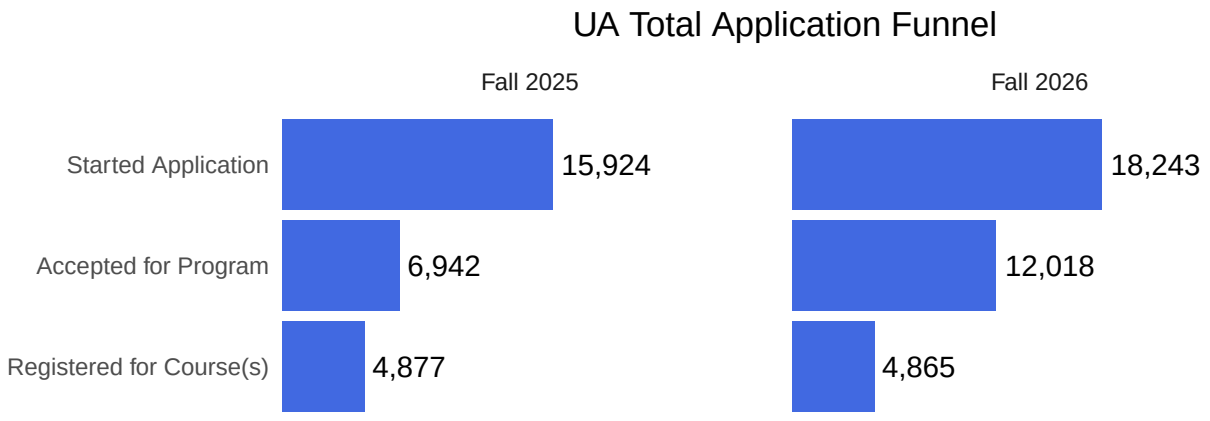
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Greater than 1% growth △ **Minimal change +/- 1%** ≈ **Greater than 1% decrease** ▽

	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	456	14	3%	△	266	272	6	2%	△	169	178	9	5%	△
School of Education	107	97	-10	-9%	▽	57	69	12	21%	△	47	55	8	17%	△
School of Career Education	92	79	-13	-14%	▽	59	54	-5	-8%	▽	28	28	0	0%	≈
Ketchikan Campus	35	34	-1	-3%	▽	22	24	2	9%	△	12	12	0	0%	≈
Sitka Campus	91	121	30	33%	△	75	103	28	37%	△	54	81	27	50%	△
UA Southeast	**781**	**804**	**23**	**3%**	△	**487**	**531**	**44**	**9%**	△	**314**	**361**	**47**	**15%**	△

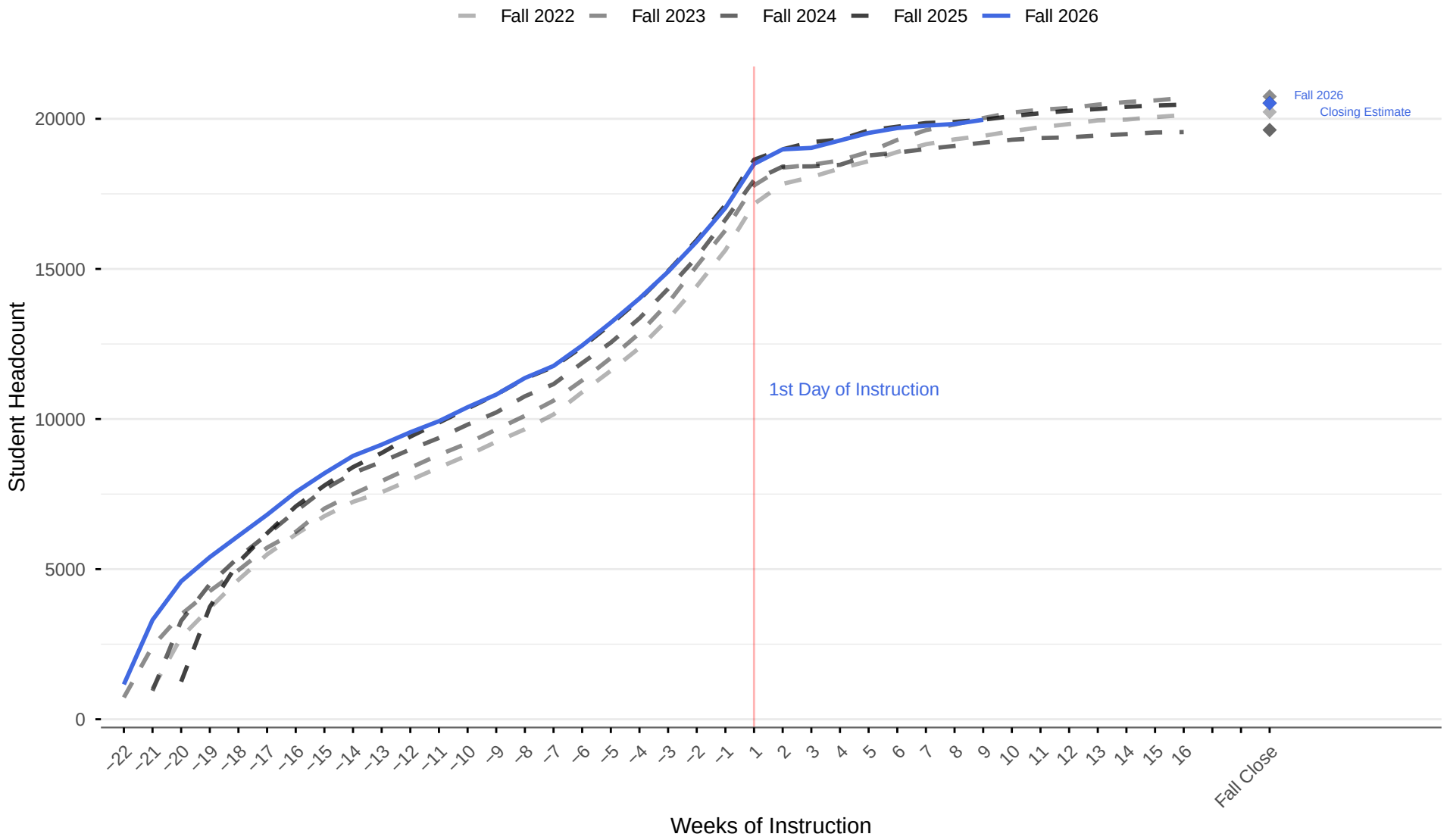
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UA Total (Unduplicated)	Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Change	%	
Started Application					
First-Time Students	10,243	13,034	2791	27%	△
UA Scholar	807	882	75	9%	△
Transfer/Other	4,062	3,754	-308	-8%	▽
All Undergraduate	14,305	16,788	2483	17%	△
Graduate	1,619	1,455	-164	-10%	▽
Accepted for Program					
First-Time Students	4,193	8,886	4693	112%	△
UA Scholar	469	549	80	17%	△
Transfer/Other	2,178	2,571	393	18%	△
All Undergraduate	6,371	11,457	5086	80%	△
Graduate	571	561	-10	-2%	▽
Registered for Courses(s)					
First-Time Students	2,503	2,625	122	5%	△
UA Scholar	395	404	9	2%	△
Transfer/Other	1,882	1,777	-105	-6%	▽
All Undergraduate	4,385	4,402	17	0%	≈
Graduate	492	463	-29	-6%	▽
Started Application	**15,924**	**18,243**	**2319**	**15%**	△
Accepted for Program	**6,942**	**12,018**	**5076**	**73%**	△
% accepted of those starting an application	44%	66%			
Registered for Course(s)	**4,877**	**4,865**	**-12**	**0%**	≈
% registered of those accepted to a program/course	70%	40%			



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Student Headcount: UA System, Fall Semester



Student Credit Hour Registration: UA System, Fall Semester

