

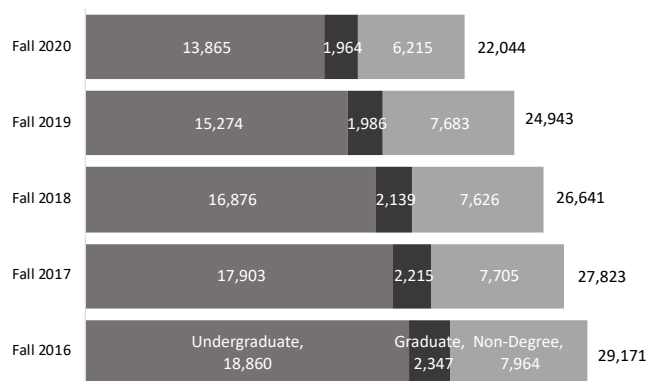


Student Trends - Fall 2020

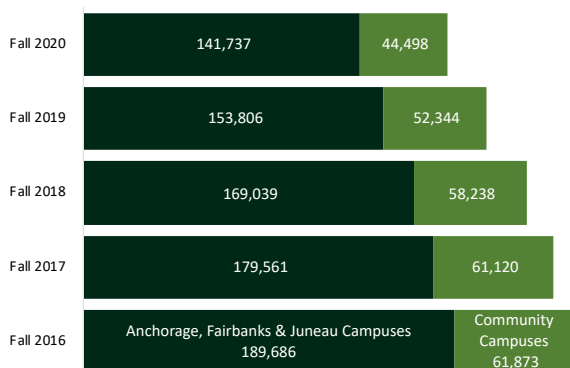
University of Alaska is the state’s system for providing higher education, with three distinct, accredited universities. In the last few years UA has experienced some enrollment declines and in response is moving forward to maintain the highest quality programs while resizing and stabilizing. UA is fundamental to Alaska’s economic recovery, delivering relevant programs that qualify graduates to take current and future jobs in the state. Last year, about 1 in 10 Alaska workers were graduates of UA Anchorage, UA Fairbanks or UA Southeast. In fall semester 2020, UAA, UAF and UAS enrolled the equivalent of more than 4 percent of Alaska’s adult population. Five-year student credit hour, enrollment and degree award trends are summarized below; detailed one-year trends by academic unit, campus and university follow on the next page.

Student headcount fell 24 percent in the last five years, with half the loss (12 percent) occurring last year following the COVID pandemic. Non-degree seeking student headcount remained relatively steady between fall 2016 and fall 2019, however dropped about 20 percent by fall 2020, reflecting this group’s higher sensitivity to economic instability. Degree-seeking enrollment was not impacted as much in the last year; undergraduate degree-seekers fell 9 percent from fall 2019 to fall 2020, and the number of graduate degree-seekers declined 1 percent.

Students by Level



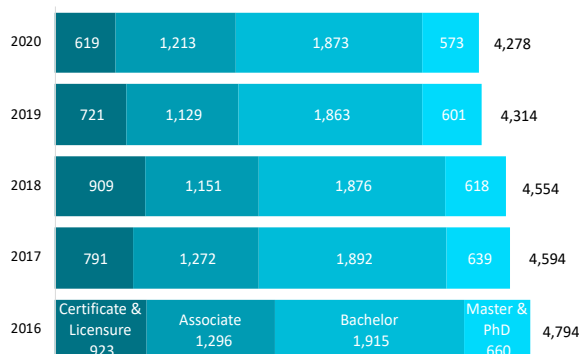
Student Credit Hours Delivered



Total student credit hours declined 26 percent in the last five years, from roughly 250,000 credit hours in fall 2016 to about 185,000 in fall 2020. COVID-19 accounted for about one-third of the overall loss in the last five years, with student credit hours dropping 10 percent between fall 2019 and fall 2020. Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau campuses deliver about three-quarters of total UA credit hours; in fall 2020 these campuses delivered 25 percent fewer credit hours than in fall 2016, and 8 percent fewer than in fall 2019. Community campus credit hour enrollment was especially impacted by the pandemic, dropping about 15 percent in the last year.

While total enrollment declined, the ratio of annual graduates to enrolled students each fall improved from 1:6 in 2016 to 1:5 in 2020, meaning a higher proportion of enrolled students earned a degree. Overall, the number of degrees awarded fell 11 percent in the last five years, with very little decline (1 percent) in the last year. Bachelor’s and associate level degree awards have started to rebound in the last year growing 1 percent and 7 percent, respectively; graduate program awards are projected to pick up soon as well. Of program graduates remaining in Alaska one year after graduation, 90 percent were employed in-state.

Program Completions



	District Headcount ¹ - Enrolled				Student Credit Hours Delivered				Program Majors ²				Degrees & Certificates			
	Fall	Fall	Change	%	Fall	Fall	Change	%	Fall	Fall	Change	%	FY19	FY20	Change	%
	2019	2020			2019	2020			2019	2020						
Anchorage	11,879	11,112	-767	-6.5%	98,705	89,416	-9,290	-9.4%	9,456	8,511	-945	-10.0%	2,058	2,097	39	1.9%
UAA College of Arts and Sciences	8,774	8,121	-603	-6.9%	53,425	48,244	-5,181	-9.7%	2,609	2,270	-339	-13.0%	685	732	47	6.9%
School of Education	2,133	1,980	-153	-7.2%	5,009	4,568	-441	-8.8%	144	135	-9	-6.3%	141	84	-57	-40.4%
College of Business and Public Policy	1,759	1,594	-165	-9.4%	11,369	10,095	-1,274	-11.2%	1,364	1,205	-159	-11.7%	318	283	-35	-11.0%
College of Engineering	991	906	-85	-8.6%	6,014	5,429	-585	-9.7%	1,026	856	-170	-16.6%	187	167	-20	-10.7%
College of Health	2,778	2,526	-252	-9.1%	17,372	17,114	-259	-1.5%	624	596	-28	-4.5%	612	658	46	7.5%
Community and Technical College	1,806	1,501	-305	-16.9%	10,283	8,422	-1,861	-18.1%	909	811	-98	-10.8%	256	257	1	0.4%
Consortium Library	15	9	-6	-40.0%	15	9	-6	-40.0%								
Office of the Provost	77	32	-45	-58.4%	227	103	-124	-54.6%	421	319	-102	-24.2%	87	85	-2	-2.3%
Kenai	2,142	1,736	-406	-19.0%	10,797	8,484	-2,313	-21.4%	332	268	-64	-19.3%	87	85	-2	-2.3%
Kodiak	641	492	-149	-23.2%	2,814	2,025	-789	-28.0%	107	87	-20	-18.7%	24	27	3	12.5%
Mat-Su	1,409	1,455	46	3.3%	9,700	8,269	-1,431	-14.8%	346	255	-91	-26.3%	127	114	-13	-10.2%
PWSC	821	420	-401	-48.8%	2,625	1,864	-761	-29.0%	50	44	-6	-12.0%	21	16	-5	-23.8%
Fairbanks	5,413	5,314	-99	-1.8%	44,097	42,968	-1,129	-2.6%	3,961	3,960	-1	0.0%	881	883	2	0.2%
College of Engineering and Mines	657	573	-84	-12.8%	4,366	3,915	-451	-10.3%	616	571	-45	-7.3%	141	148	7	5.0%
College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences	267	279	12	4.5%	1,233	1,263	30	2.4%	140	154	14	10.0%	42	28	-14	-33.3%
College of Liberal Arts	2,962	2,880	-82	-2.8%	16,326	15,929	-397	-2.4%	965	927	-38	-3.9%	233	216	-17	-7.3%
College of Natural Science and Mathematics	2,327	2,316	-11	-0.5%	14,436	13,793	-643	-4.5%	1,219	1,179	-40	-3.3%	282	267	-15	-5.3%
School of Education	364	395	31	8.5%	2,362	2,338	-24	-1.0%	428	389	-39	-9.1%	112	111	-1	-0.9%
School of Management	1,069	1,058	-11	-1.0%	6,438	6,926	488	7.6%	671	750	79	11.8%	133	171	38	28.6%
Office of the Provost	272	240	-32	-11.8%	954	750	-204	-21.4%	350	379	29	8.3%	50	53	3	6.0%
Rasmuson Library	338	356	18	5.3%	338	356	18	5.3%								
University of Alaska Museum of the North	4	12	8	200.0%	6	36	30	500.0%								
UAF CTC	2,531	2,171	-360	-14.2%	12,726	10,779	-1,948	-15.3%	1,090	1,004	-86	-7.9%	404	389	-15	-3.7%
CRCD																
Bristol Bay	400	229	-171	-42.8%	775	445	-330	-42.5%	18	19	1	5.6%	18	7	-11	-61.1%
Chukchi	211	191	-20	-9.5%	691	600	-91	-13.2%	3	4	1	33.3%	9	1	-8	-88.9%
Interior Alaska	349	264	-85	-24.4%	1,201	979	-222	-18.5%	222	125	-97	-43.7%	79	53	-26	-32.9%
Kuskokwim	440	511	71	16.1%	1,861	1,916	55	3.0%	84	62	-22	-26.2%	25	23	-2	-8.0%
Northwest	342	232	-110	-32.2%	826	652	-174	-21.1%	29	18	-11	-37.9%	4	11	7	175.0%
Rural College	399	576	177	44.4%	1,988	1,826	-162	-8.1%	91	94	3	3.3%	12	16	4	33.3%
Juneau	1,636	1,465	-171	-10.5%	11,004	9,353	-1,651	-15.0%	1,275	1,206	-69	-5.4%	436	395	-41	-9.4%
Office of the Chancellor/Provost									70	63	-7	-10.0%	19	10	-9	-47.4%
Alaska College of Education	423	433	10	2.4%	2,314	2,330	16	0.7%	339	350	11	3.2%	166	160	-6	-3.6%
School of Arts & Sciences	1,027	988	-39	-3.8%	7,782	6,507	-1,275	-16.4%	732	668	-64	-8.7%	183	188	5	2.7%
School of Career Education	223	88	-135	-60.5%	908	516	-392	-43.2%	89	74	-15	-16.9%	68	37	-31	-45.6%
Ketchikan	634	677	43	6.8%	3,028	3,162	134	4.4%	50	39	-11	-22.0%	12	32	20	166.7%
Sitka	740	735	-5	-0.7%	3,313	3,497	184	5.6%	146	133	-13	-8.9%	117	129	12	10.3%
UA Anchorage	14,989	13,110	-1,879	-12.5%	124,641	110,058	-14,583	-11.7%	10,291	9,165	-1,126	-10.9%	2,317	2,339	22	0.9%
UA Fairbanks	8,207	7,460	-747	-9.1%	64,164	60,165	-4,000	-6.2%	5,498	5,286	-212	-3.9%	1,432	1,383	-49	-3.4%
UA Southeast	2,548	2,282	-266	-10.4%	17,345	16,012	-1,333	-7.7%	1,471	1,378	-93	-6.3%	565	556	-9	-1.6%
UA System	24,943	22,044	-2,899	-11.6%	206,150	186,234	-19,916	-9.7%	17,260	15,829	-1,431	-8.3%	4,314	4,278	-36	-0.8%

¹ Represents unduplicated number of students taking at least one course from the entity reported. Students often take courses from multiple academic units, campuses and universities at the same time. ² Excludes non-degree seeking students.