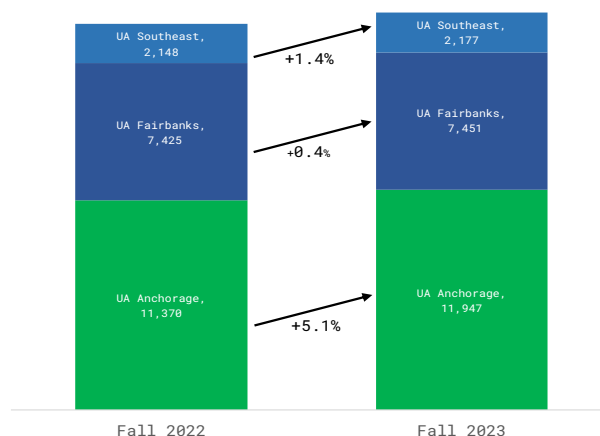UNIVERSITY of ALASKA
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Student Trends - Fall 2023

University of Alaska is the state's system for providing higher education, with three distinct, accredited universities. UA empowers Alaska, delivering relevant programs that qualify graduates to work in 90 percent of job occupations in the state. In fall semester 2023, UAA, UAF and UAS enrolled the equivalent of almost 4 percent of Alaska's adult population. Enrollment is growing again, reversing past enrollment declines tied to the pandemic and state funding cuts. A brief overview of enrollment activity at the close of the fall 2023 semester is below, followed by select data summary tables.
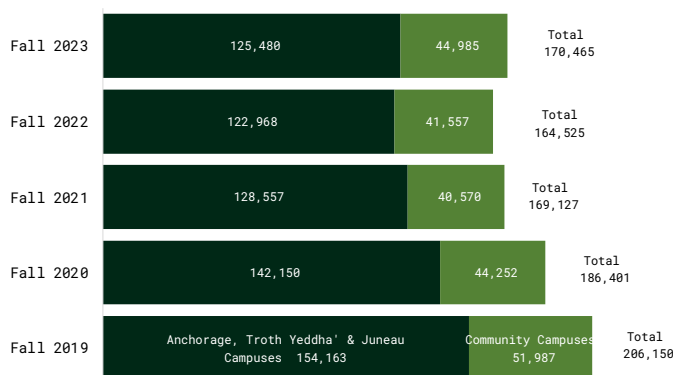
Student headcount grew 2.6 percent in total (more than 500 students) between fall 2022 and fall 2023, a significant overall improvement relative to the average 6.7 percent annual declines (~1,600 avg/year) occurring between fall 2019 and fall 2022 (p. 2). The growth in student headcount occurred across the board for each university.

The total number of student credit hours delivered to students also increased in fall 2023, up 3.6 percent (almost 6,000 SCH) year-over-year from fall 2022 (p. 3).

Student Headcount Growth

Community campus credit hour enrollment was especially impacted by the pandemic and has now returned to fall 2020 levels, growing 8 percent total in the last year. Anchorage, Troth Yeddha' and Juneau campuses typically deliver more than 70 percent of total UA credit hours, and in aggregate grew 2 percent between fall 2022 and fall 2023.

Student Credit Hours Delivered

The number of entering, first-time freshman from Alaska grew 15 percent (247) in the last year. A larger proportion of the entering class is being attracted from other U.S. states, increasing from 7 to 11 percent of incoming students each fall in the last 5 years. As new incoming students are retained over time and graduate, total enrollment will continue to increase.
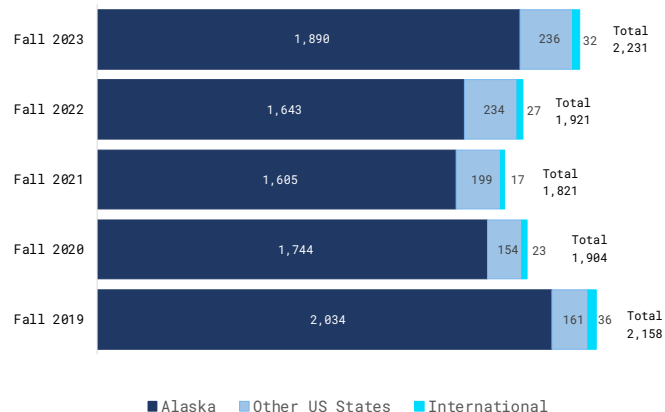
First-Time Freshmen by Origin

■ Alaska   □ Other US States   ■ International

Table 1 - Headcount by Academic Organization and University, 5 Year Trend

| | Fall Semester | | | | | % Change | |
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019-2023	2022-2023
Anchorage	11,879	11,144	9,802	9,072	9,471	-20.3	4.4
Kenai	2,142	1,736	1,578	1,851	2,284	6.6	23.4
Kodiak	641	492	494	617	623	-2.8	1.0
Mat-Su	1,409	1,455	1,251	1,097	1,183	-16.0	7.8
PWSC	821	420	594	693	725	-11.7	4.6
Troth Yeddha'	5,413	5,351	5,302	5,268	5,414	0.0	2.8
UAF CTC	2,531	2,177	2,108	2,089	2,290	-9.5	9.6
CRCD							
Bristol Bay	400	228	280	262	239	-40.3	-8.8
Chukchi	211	191	172	120	135	-36.0	12.5
Interior Alaska	349	264	255	259	263	-24.6	1.5
Kuskokwim	440	517	407	327	306	-30.5	-6.4
Northwest	342	232	219	246	85	-75.1	-65.4
Rural College	399	399	529	542	595	49.1	9.8
Juneau	1,636	1,475	1,384	1,260	1,293	-21.0	2.6
Ketchikan	634	677	637	601	630	-0.6	4.8
Sitka	740	735	631	724	735	-0.7	1.5
UA Anchorage	14,989	13,142	11,814	11,370	11,947	-20.3	5.1
UA Fairbanks	8,207	7,490	7,471	7,425	7,451	-9.2	0.4
UA Southeast	2,548	2,292	2,206	2,148	2,177	-14.6	1.4
UA System	24,943	22,093	20,745	20,228	20,745	-16.8	2.6

Note: Headcount is unduplicated at the reporting level, and is normalized to current structure to provide valid trend comparisons. Adding figures across reporting levels will result in duplication because it is common for students to be concurrently enrolled at more than one academic organization (AO) and/or more than one university in the same semester. Figures count students who audit for-credit courses and exclude students taking only one or more non-credit courses.

Table 2 - Student Credit Hours by Academic Organization, 5 Year Trend

	Fall Semester					% Change	
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019-2023	2022-2023
Anchorage	98,705	89,497	77,199	72,359	73,657	-25.4	1.8
Kenai	10,797	8,484	7,770	9,150	10,866	0.6	18.8
Kodiak	2,814	2,025	1,913	2,356	2,433	-13.5	3.3
Mat-Su	9,700	8,269	7,027	6,389	7,249	-25.3	13.5
PWSC	2,625	1,868	1,906	2,061	2,308	-12.1	12.0
Troth Yeddha'	44,454	43,273	42,424	41,972	43,684	-1.7	4.1
UAF CTC	12,726	10,800	10,364	9,850	10,823	-15.0	9.9
CRCD							
Bristol Bay	775	443	505	553	467	-39.7	-15.6
Chukchi	691	600	540	395	453	-34.4	14.7
Interior Alaska	1,201	979	840	837	756	-37.1	-9.7
Kuskokwim	1,861	1,946	1,756	1,422	1,189	-36.1	-16.4
Northwest	826	652	577	671	201	-75.7	-70.0
Rural College	1,631	1,527	1,916	2,167	2,324	42.5	7.2
Juneau	11,004	9,380	8,934	8,637	8,139	-26.0	-5.8
Ketchikan	3,028	3,162	2,724	2,429	2,823	-6.8	16.2
Sitka	3,313	3,497	2,733	3,277	3,094	-6.6	-5.6
UA Anchorage	124,641	110,143	95,814	92,315	96,512	-22.6	4.5
UA Fairbanks	64,164	60,220	58,922	57,867	59,897	-6.7	3.5
UA Southeast	17,345	16,039	14,391	14,343	14,056	-19.0	-2.0
UA System	206,150	186,401	169,127	164,525	170,465	-17.3	3.6

Note: Student credit hours do not include audited credit hours.
Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/

Table 3 - University of Alaska Headcount, Student Credit Hours and Academic Program Majors: Fall 2022 - Fall 2023

	Headcount[1]				Student Credit Hours				Academic Program Majors[2]			
	2022	2023	Change	%	2022	2023	Change	%	2022	2023	Change	%
Anchorage	9,072	9,471	399	4.4%	72,359	73,657	1,298	1.8%	6,921	7,059	138	2.0%
Office of the Provost	13	16	3	23.1%	13	17	4	30.8%	134	122	-12	-9.0%
Consortium Library	13	5	-8	-61.5%	12	4	-8	-66.7%				
College of Arts and Sciences	5,185	5,380	195	3.8%	36,154	36,901	747	2.1%	1,778	1,756	-22	-1.2%
College of Health	2,078	2,134	56	2.7%	15,191	14,797	-395	-2.6%	2,478	2,509	31	1.3%
College of Business and Public Policy	1,181	1,187	6	0.5%	6,846	6,745	-101	-1.5%	915	919	4	0.4%
Community and Technical College	1,042	1,066	24	2.3%	6,384	6,349	-35	-0.5%	660	743	83	12.6%
College of Engineering	745	765	20	2.7%	4,362	4,289	-73	-1.7%	786	776	-10	-1.3%
School of Education	1,234	1,496	262	21.2%	2,951	4,043	1,092	37.0%	170	234	64	37.6%
Kenai	1,851	2,284	433	23.4%	9,150	10,866	1,716	18.8%	233	236	3	1.3%
Kodiak	617	623	6	1.0%	2,356	2,433	77	3.3%	78	81	3	3.8%
Mat-Su	1,097	1,183	86	7.8%	6,389	7,249	860	13.5%	212	218	6	2.8%
PWSC	693	725	32	4.6%	2,061	2,308	247	12.0%	43	49	6	14.0%
UA Anchorage	11,370	11,947	577	5.1%	92,315	96,512	4,198	4.5%	7,487	7,643	156	2.1%
Troth Yeddha'	5,268	5,414	146	2.8%	41,972	43,684	1,712	4.1%	3,942	3,982	40	1.0%
Office of the Provost	378	410	32	8.5%	1,195	1,172	-23	-1.9%	355	327	-28	-7.9%
Rasmuson Library	367	399	32	8.7%	368	400	32	8.7%				
College of Liberal Arts	2,899	3,006	107	3.7%	16,209	16,765	556	3.4%	930	974	44	4.7%
College of Natural Science and Mathematic	1,773	2,010	237	13.4%	10,846	12,013	1,167	10.8%	824	902	78	9.5%
College of Engineering & Mines	491	528	37	7.5%	3,110	3,261	151	4.9%	483	499	16	3.3%
College of Business & Security	1,199	1,166	-33	-2.8%	7,181	6,953	-228	-3.2%	794	748	-46	-5.8%
School of Education	334	310	-24	-7.2%	1,850	1,708	-142	-7.7%	373	332	-41	-11.0%
University of Alaska Museum of the North	3	3	0	0.0%	6	4	-2	-33.3%				
College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences	265	311	46	17.4%	1,154	1,412	258	22.4%	183	200	17	9.3%
UAF CTC	2,089	2,290	201	9.6%	9,850	10,823	973	9.9%	723	793	70	9.7%
CRCD												
Bristol Bay	262	239	-23	-8.8%	553	467	-86	-15.6%	11	9	-2	-18.2%
Chukchi	120	135	15	12.5%	395	453	58	14.7%	4	3	-1	-25.0%
Interior Alaska	259	263	4	1.5%	837	756	-81	-9.7%	110	88	-22	-20.0%
Kuskokwim	327	306	-21	-6.4%	1,422	1,189	-233	-16.4%	60	73	13	21.7%
Northwest	246	85	-161	-65.4%	671	201	-470	-70.0%	17	3	-14	-82.4%
Rural College	542	595	53	9.8%	2,167	2,324	157	7.2%	166	165	-1	-0.6%
UA Fairbanks	7,425	7,451	26	0.4%	57,867	59,897	2,030	3.5%	5,033	5,116	83	1.6%
Juneau	1,384	1,260	-124	-9.0%	8,637	8,139	-498	-5.8%	978	965	-13	-1.3%
Office of the Provost									34	28	-6	-17.6%
School of Arts & Sciences	827	853	26	3.1%	5,936	5,788	-148	-2.5%	584	571	-13	-2.2%
School of Education	362	347	-15	-4.1%	2,072	1,765	-307	-14.8%	275	287	12	4.4%
School of Career Education	101	80	-21	-20.8%	556	458	-98	-17.6%	85	79	-6	-7.1%
Ketchikan	601	630	29	4.8%	2,429	2,823	394	16.2%	30	38	8	26.7%
Sitka	724	735	11	1.5%	3,277	3,094	-183	-5.6%	122	115	-7	-5.7%
UA Southeast	2,148	2,177	29	1.4%	14,343	14,056	-287	-2.0%	1,130	1,118	-12	-1.1%
UA System	20,228	20,745	517	2.6%	164,525	170,465	5,940	3.6%	13,650	13,877	227	1.7%

[1]Represents unduplicated number of students taking at least one course from the entity reported. Headcount includes auditors; SCH do not. Students often take courses from multiple academic units, campuses and universities at the same time. [2]Excludes non-degree seeking students. Data are normalized for current organizational structure.