

FACULTY RATIOS

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Summary: Faculty Course Credits & Student-Faculty Ratios

Regular instruction faculty full-time equivalents (FTE) employed by UA Anchorage increased 1.9 percent over the last three years, from 409.4 in Fall 2023 to 417.4 in Fall 2025. The UA Fairbanks regular instruction faculty FTE increased slightly from 276.1 in Fall 2023 to 277.4 in Fall 2025, up 0.5 percent. In the same time span, regular instruction FTE faculty at UA Southeast decreased by 2.3 percent, from 84.1 to 82.2 (Table 1).

The total number of Fall semester course credits taught by instructional faculty FTE system wide has remained consistent from Fall 2023 to Fall 2025. Across all three universities, there are minimal changes in the course credits taught by instructional faculty FTE from Fall 2023 to Fall 2025 (Table 2).

Each university has a different target undergraduate student-faculty ratio, informed by differences in underlying institutional mission, program offerings, student body demographics and other factors. The overall ratio of direct student FTE to regular faculty FTE in the UA system increased from just under 10:1 in Fall 2023 to approaching 11:1 in Fall 2025 (Table 1). The highest student to regular faculty ratio in Fall 2025 was at UA Anchorage, approaching 12:1, while UA Fairbanks had a ratio of over 10:1 and UA Southeast had the lowest ratio at slightly under 8:1 (Table 1).

Tables 1 and 2 utilize a common student-faculty ratio calculation designed to allow for drill-down analysis within an institution that has been identified as meaningful for program review. An alternate calculation is used by the federal government, which differs from the program review calculation, but allows for national comparison. Standardized full-time undergraduate student-faculty ratio information is publicly available for most U.S. postsecondary institutions via the federal Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)¹.

Numbers available for national comparison state a national average for public institutions of 14:1 in Fall 2022, compared to a ratio of 11:1 for UAA and UAF, and a ratio of 9:1 for UAS, using the alternate federal methodology².



¹ https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d23/tables/dt23_314.10.asp

² <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov>

Table 1. Direct Student-Regular Faculty Ratio by Academic Organization Fall 2023 - 2025

	2023		Fall Semester 2024		2025	
	Regular Instruction Faculty FTE	Direct Student to Regular Faculty Ratio	Regular Instruction Faculty FTE	Direct Student to Regular Faculty Ratio	Regular Instruction Faculty FTE	Direct Student to Regular Faculty Ratio
Anchorage	353.1	10.3	355.4	10.7	356.2	11.3
Kenai	25.1	14.0	26.5	14.6	24.1	14.6
Kodiak	7.1	15.6	9.8	10.5	8.8	13.4
Mat-Su	18.0	11.7	20.7	12.4	20.6	13.6
PWSC	6.2	6.6	7.5	8.3	7.8	8.4
Troth Yeddha'	207.9	9.4	219.5	9.6	210.7	10.4
College of Indigenous Studies						
Bristol Bay	0.9	4.9	1.0	6.9	3.0	6.3
Chukchi						
Interior Alaska	7.0	6.1	3.2	15.8	0.0	0.0
Kuskokwim	5.2	11.3	3.8	9.5	5.4	11.1
Northwest	1.5	1.2	0.8	0.0	0.8	28.5
Rural College	19.6	5.4	23.5	4.3	20.1	7.1
UAF CTC	34.0	11.0	37.0	10.2	37.4	12.4
Juneau	59.4	7.3	57.7	7.8	53.0	7.9
Ketchikan	11.8	10.6	11.7	11.5	15.7	6.4
Sitka	12.9	9.7	12.2	9.2	13.5	9.1
UA Anchorage	409.4	10.6	419.9	10.9	417.4	11.6
UA Fairbanks	276.1	9.2	288.7	9.2	277.4	10.4
UA Southeast	84.1	8.2	81.5	8.5	82.2	7.8
UA System	769.6	9.8	790.1	10.1	777.1	10.8



Note: These figures do not consider year-round instructional activity and exclude student full-time equivalent (FTE) taught by adjunct faculty. Figures include regular faculty full-time equivalents paid on unrestricted, instruction funds. Regular faculty on sabbatical assignments are excluded.

Source: Data Analysis & Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/

Table 2. Regular Faculty Course Load by Academic Organization Fall 2023 - 2025

	Fall 2023			Fall 2024			Fall 2025		
	Course Credits Per Regular Instructional Faculty FTE			Course Credits Per Regular Instructional Faculty FTE			Course Credits Per Regular Instructional Faculty FTE		
	Group	Tutorial	Total	Group	Tutorial	Total	Group	Tutorial	Total
Anchorage	8.4	0.7	9.1	8.2	0.8	9.0	8.2	0.8	9.0
Kenai	12.6	0.4	13.0	11.9	0.1	12.0	11.7	0.2	11.9
Kodiak	14.2		14.2	9.9		9.9	10.8		10.8
Mat-Su	11.8		11.8	11.7	0.1	11.9	12.0	0.3	12.2
PWSC	10.9	1.3	12.2	9.6	1.5	11.1	8.8	0.9	9.7
Troth Yeddha'	6.0	4.4	10.4	6.6	3.9	10.5	6.3	3.9	10.2
College of Indigenous Studies									
Bristol Bay	1.1	7.8	8.9	3.1	7.1	10.2	1.5	5.1	6.7
Chukchi									
Interior Alaska	4.7	3.7	8.4	6.3	6.6	12.9			
Kuskokwim	3.6	7.8	11.4	5.0	5.3	10.3	4.1	7.8	11.8
Northwest	2.7		2.7					8.0	8.0
Rural College	3.7	3.4	7.0	5.6	1.3	6.9	5.3	4.5	9.8
UAF CTC	6.0	4.4	10.4	5.8	3.9	9.7	6.8	4.3	11.1
Juneau	10.2	0.9	11.1	9.7	1.0	10.7	9.6	0.8	10.4
Ketchikan	13.1	0.3	13.4	11.1		11.1	8.8	0.6	9.4
Sitka	11.8	0.2	12.0	11.3	0.6	11.9	11.8	0.7	12.5
UA Anchorage	8.9	0.6	9.6	8.7	0.7	9.4	8.7	0.7	9.4
UA Fairbanks	5.7	4.4	10.1	6.4	3.7	10.1	6.2	4.1	10.3
UA Southeast	10.8	0.7	11.6	10.1	0.8	10.9	9.8	0.8	10.6
UA System	8.0	2.0	10.0	8.0	1.8	9.8	7.9	1.9	9.9



Note: These figures do not consider year-round instructional activity and exclude activity for courses taught by adjunct faculty. Ratios include regular faculty full-time equivalents teaching courses and paid on unrestricted, instruction funds.

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