

FALL ENROLLMENT - ALASKA EDUCATION GRANT RECIPIENTS

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Summary: Alaska Education Grant Recipients

The Alaska Legislature created the Alaska Education Grant (AEG) program to provide need-based financial assistance to eligible Alaska students attending qualifying postsecondary education institutions in Alaska. The grant awards typically range from \$500 to \$4,000 per academic year. To be eligible, a student must demonstrate a financial need by calculating the Student Aid Index (SAI) contribution shown on their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and apply before the academic year begins. Enrollment level and full-time vs part-time attendance is also used to determine the award amount. The program makes awards to students with the highest financial need first, continuing until funds are exhausted.

In Fall 2024, there were 1,882 AEG recipients enrolled in the UA System. Of those, 1,045 were new recipients, while 837 were continuing recipients. This was an increase of 41.7 percent from the previous year, and an increase of 76.1 percent from 2020. UA Anchorage enrolled 1,230 AEG recipients, an increase of 44.4 percent from the previous Fall semester. UA Fairbanks enrolled 637 AEG recipients, up 41.6 percent from the previous year. UA Southeast enrolled 116 AEG recipients, a total increase of 24.7 percent from the previous year (Table 1).

The Fall 2024 aggregate AEG award amount distributed to UA students increased by 29.1 percent (approximately \$560.0 thousand) in the last year and by 56.2 percent (approximately \$890.0 thousand) over the last five years, driven by the increase in students receiving the award. The average amount distributed to an AEG recipient for the Fall 2024 semester alone was \$1,311 (Table 2).

Over 70 percent of AEG recipients were seeking a bachelor's degree in Fall 2024, with almost all of the remaining students pursuing a 2-year or shorter degree program (Table 4).

Of Fall 2024 AEG recipients, three program areas accounted for more than half of all majors: Health (411 students, 22 percent); Business and Public Administration (356 students, 19 percent); and Letters, Communication, and Philosophy (239 students, 13 percent) (Table 5).

The top major for AEG recipients was Nursing/Pre-major Nursing (151 students) at UA Anchorage, Biological Sciences (43 students) at UA Fairbanks and Business Administration (18 students) at UA Southeast (Table 6).

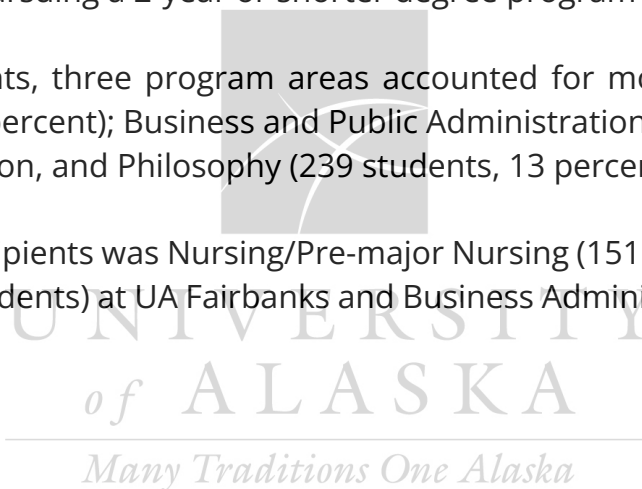


Table 1. Alaska Education Grant Recipient Headcount by University, 5 Year Trend

	2020	Fall Semester			2023	2024	% Change	
		2021	2022	2020-2024			2023-2024	
UA Anchorage								
New Recipients	259	239	209	303	662	155.6	118.5	
Other Recipients	456	437	398	549	568	24.6	3.5	
Total	715	676	607	852	1,230	72.0	44.4	
UA Fairbanks								
New Recipients	137	136	105	187	379	176.6	102.7	
Other Recipients	190	208	197	263	258	35.8	-1.9	
Total	327	344	302	450	637	94.8	41.6	
UA Southeast								
New Recipients	41	42	13	28	55	34.1	96.4	
Other Recipients	35	44	57	65	61	74.3	-6.2	
Total	76	86	70	93	116	52.6	24.7	
UA System								
New Recipients	421	397	317	500	1,045	148.2	109.0	
Other Recipients	648	660	614	828	837	29.2	1.1	
Total	1,069	1,057	931	1,328	1,882	76.1	41.7	

Table 2. Alaska Education Grant Aggregate Award Amount by University, 5 Year Trend

	2020	Fall Semester			2023	2024	% Change	
		2021	2022	2020-2024			2023-2024	
UA Anchorage								
New Recipients	\$ 419,016	\$ 352,500	\$ 324,552	\$ 477,969	\$ 833,000	98.8	74.3	
Other Recipients	\$ 594,111	\$ 555,000	\$ 491,937	\$ 697,000	\$ 699,000	17.7	0.3	
Total	\$ 1,013,127	\$ 907,500	\$ 816,489	\$ 1,174,969	\$ 1,532,000	51.2	30.4	
UA Fairbanks								
New Recipients	\$ 219,222	\$ 212,250	\$ 162,250	\$ 302,025	\$ 488,530	122.8	61.8	
Other Recipients	\$ 239,000	\$ 266,000	\$ 238,000	\$ 335,460	\$ 338,000	41.4	0.8	
Total	\$ 458,222	\$ 478,250	\$ 400,250	\$ 637,485	\$ 826,530	80.4	29.7	
UA Southeast								
New Recipients	\$ 63,500	\$ 58,250	\$ 19,500	\$ 37,500	\$ 53,750	-15.4	43.3	
Other Recipients	\$ 45,000	\$ 47,729	\$ 69,750	\$ 61,000	\$ 55,000	22.2	-9.8	
Total	\$ 108,500	\$ 105,979	\$ 89,250	\$ 98,500	\$ 108,750	0.2	10.4	
UA System								
New Recipients	\$ 701,738	\$ 623,000	\$ 506,302	\$ 817,494	\$ 1,375,280	96.0	68.2	
Other Recipients	\$ 878,111	\$ 868,729	\$ 799,687	\$ 1,093,460	\$ 1,092,000	24.4	-0.1	
Total	\$ 1,579,849	\$ 1,491,729	\$ 1,305,989	\$ 1,910,954	\$ 2,467,280	56.2	29.1	

Notes: The above tables represent awards during the Fall semester only. Student counts for awards made over the course of an entire aid year displayed in other tables are higher due to considering a different, longer period of time.

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

Table 3. Alaska Education Grant (AEG) Recipient Headcount and Student Credit Hours (SCH) by Class Standing and Academic Organization, Fall 2024

	Headcount								SCH
	Freshman		Sophomore	Junior	Senior	UA DS	NDS	Total	
	1st Time	Cont.							
Anchorage	197	196	187	194	236	57	1	1,068	10,208
Kenai	3	6	12	5	1	336	1	364	1,708
Kodiak	6	9	3	1		92		111	453
Mat-Su	10	13	9	2		163	1	198	1,033
PWSC	2	2				18		22	115
Troth Yeddha'	88	50	81	79	133	97		528	4,874
UAF CTC	36	34	29	14	3	130		246	1,484
College of Indigenous Studies									
Bristol Bay						13		13	36
Chukchi						1		1	4
Interior Alaska		2	1			38		41	139
Kuskokwim			1	2		19		22	83
Northwest						1		1	4
Rural College						81		81	377
Juneau	8	8	15	11	21	11	1	75	605
Ketchikan	1	2				50		53	248
Sitka	1	1		1		34		37	163
UA Anchorage	239	250	235	216	245	44	1	1,230	13,517
UA Fairbanks	132	94	122	109	144	36		637	7,001
UA Southeast	11	17	23	13	23	28	1	116	1,016
UA System	383	362	383	338	414		2	1,882	21,534



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Note: The credit hours of a degree-seeking student enrolled in courses offered by the student's program AO are reported at the degree level of the student's program (for example, at the baccalaureate level). UA degree seeking (UA DS) students taking courses from an AO other than their program AO are reported at the UA DS level. Credit hours taken by non-degree seeking students are reported at the non-degree seeking (NDS) level. Reporting level headcount is unduplicated and headcount includes students who audit credit courses. AO headcount for UA DS and NDS totals add up to more than University totals and University headcounts add up to more than the system total. This occurs because it is common for students to be concurrently enrolled at multiple AOs and/or multiple Universities in the same semester. Therefore, some students would be double counted if headcounts were summed across AOs and Universities.

Table 4. Alaska Education Grant (AEG) Recipient Headcount by Level and Academic Organization (AO) Fall 2024

	Certificate	Associate (AAS)	Associate (AA)	Bachelor's	UA Degree Seeking	Non-Degree Seeking	Total
Anchorage	4	191	21	794	57	1	1,068
Kenai	2	11	14		336	1	364
Kodiak		3	16		92		111
Mat-Su		16	18		163	1	198
PWSC		3	1		18		22
Troth Yeddha'			20	411	97		528
UAF CTC	25	72	19		130		246
College of Indigenous Studies							
Bristol Bay					13		13
Chukchi					1		1
Interior Alaska		2	1		38		41
Kuskokwim		3			19		22
Northwest					1		1
Rural College					81		81
Juneau	2	7	8	46	11	1	75
Ketchikan		2	1		50		53
Sitka	1	1	1		34		37
UA Anchorage	6	255	83	841	44	1	1,230
UA Fairbanks	26	90	55	430	36		637
UA Southeast	3	13	18	53	28	1	116
UA System	36	358	158	1328		2	1,882



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Note: Within the UA System every student is admitted into one program uniquely defined by AO, degree and major, thus determining the student's status to degree seeking or non-degree seeking (NDS). When reporting at the university level, degree-seeking status for students enrolled at multiple AOs within the University is counted only once and is classified by the student's highest degree status. Degree status at the system level for students enrolled at multiple Universities is counted only once and is classified by the student's highest University degree status within the system. Students pursuing a degree at an AO or University other than the one at which they are taking courses are reported as UA degree seeking (UA DS). Students who are not pursuing a degree at any campus within the UA System are reported as non-degree seeking (NDS) students. Certificate includes OEC, 1-Year and 2-Year degree programs.

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

Table 5. Alaska Education Grant (AEG) Recipient Headcount by University and Program Discipline Area Fall 2024

Program Discipline Area	UA Anchorage	UA Fairbanks	UA Southeast	UA System
Health	364	39	8	411
Business and Public Administration	182	154	20	356
Letters, Comm., and Philosophy	132	86	21	239
Social Sciences	107	53	8	168
Vocational Education	114	27	2	143
Math, Physical and Life Sciences	52	54	6	112
Computer and Information Science	68	28		96
Engineering	56	35		91
Visual and Performing Arts	52	31		83
Education	27	33	15	75
Interdisciplinary Studies	26	19	6	51
Natural Resources		38	4	42
Foreign Languages	6	7		13
Undeclared		1	1	2
Total	1,186	605	91	1,882



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Note: Degree programs are classified into disciplines based on the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes. AEG recipients are reported once at the university administering their degree program in the above table.

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

Table 6. Top Majors (All Degree Levels) of Alaska Education Grant (AEG) Recipients by University Program Fall 2024

UA Anchorage		UA Fairbanks		UA Southeast	
Nursing/Pre-Major Nursing	151	Biological Sciences	43	Business Administration	18
General Program	78	Business Administration	32	General Program	15
Psychology	73	General Program	30	Elementary Education	8
Computer Science	50	Psychology	30	Special Education	7
Accounting	45	Social Work	29	Health Science	6
Management	45	Elementary Education	19	Marine Biology	6
Biological Sciences	40	Mechanical Engineering	19	Social Science	5
Art	39	Art	17	Bachelor Intended	3
Human Services	34	Accounting	16	General Science	3
Health Sciences	31	Info Technology Specialist	16	AK Native Lang & Studies	2



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Note: AEG recipients are reported at the university they received the award from, even if taking courses from a different university.

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

Table 7. Alaska Education Grant (AEG) Recipient Headcount by Ethnicity, Race and Academic Organization Fall 2024

	Ethnicity		Total	Race						
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic		Alaska Native / American Indian	Hawaiian Native / Pacific Islander	Asian	Black	White	Unknown	
Anchorage	159	909	1,068	216	30	196	81	465	80	
Kenai	43	321	364	73	9	43	32	186	21	
Kodiak	19	92	111	18	3	28	8	46	8	
Mat-Su	30	168	198	35	5	15	11	112	20	
PWSC	3	19	22	4	1	2	1	11	3	
Troth Yeddha'	42	486	528	144	8	40	30	268	38	
UAF CTC	15	231	246	79	1	11	19	121	15	
College of Indigenous Studies										
Bristol Bay	2	11	13	8				4	1	
Chukchi		1	1	1						
Interior Alaska	4	37	41	12	3	4	1	20	1	
Kuskokwim	2	20	22	14				5	3	
Northwest		1	1		1					
Rural College	6	75	81	51		4	1	19	6	
Juneau	11	64	75	26	1	8	1	36	3	
Ketchikan	7	46	53	18	2	7	3	22	1	
Sitka		37	37	15		3	1	18		
UA Anchorage	177	1,053	1,230	247	34	214	88	560	87	
UA Fairbanks	51	586	637	192	8	42	36	316	43	
UA Southeast	13	103	116	41	2	12	4	54	3	
UA System	230	1,652	1,882	458	42	261	124	870	127	
Percent of Total	12.2	87.8	100.0	24.3	2.2	13.9	6.6	46.2	6.7	



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Table 8. Alaska Education Grant (AEG) Recipient Developmental Course Enrollment by Subject, 5 Year Trend

	Fall Semester					% Change	
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020-2024	2023-2024
Developmental English	22	28	21	14	20	-9.1	42.9
Developmental Math	65	63	91	105	180	176.9	71.4
Developmental Math &/or English	76	82	104	110	184	142.1	67.3

Table 9. First-Time Freshman Alaska Education Grant (AEG) Recipient Developmental Course Enrollment by Subject, 5 Year Trend

	Fall Semester					% Change	
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020-2024	2023-2024
Developmental English	11	22	15	10	14	27.3	40.0
Developmental Math	26	34	38	48	99	280.8	106.3
Developmental Math &/or English	32	47	46	52	102	218.8	96.2



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Note: Developmental courses provide basic or supplemental preparation for introductory college courses and are available in several areas, with math and English making up the vast majority of courses taken. Developmental coursework is not applicable to transcripted certificates or to associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degrees, even by petition. Headcount includes students who audit credit courses. Headcount is unduplicated at the reporting level, so a student taking a developmental math course and a developmental English course is counted only once in the "Developmental math &/or English" category. Developmental math courses are those with the subject code of DEVM or MATH, with a course number between 050 and 099. Developmental English courses are those with the subject code of DEVE, WRTG, and PREP, with a course number between 050 and 099. A first-time freshman is a degree seeking student enrolled in the first semester of an undergraduate degree program. Transfer undergraduate, graduate and non-degree students are not considered first-time freshmen, by definition.

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