

# 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 marginally over the last three years, from 408.1 in fall 2021 to 409.4 in fall 2023. The UA Fairbanks regular instruction faculty FTE increased from 264.2 in fall 2021 to 276.1 in fall 2023, up 4.5 percent. In the same time span, regular instruction FTE faculty at UA Southeast decreased by about 2 percent, from 85.7 to 84.1 (Table 3.12).

The total number of fall semester course credits taught by instructional faculty FTE system wide dropped about 6.6 percent (0.7 course credits), decreasing from 10.7 in 2021 to 10 in 2023. At UA Anchorage, the number of course credits taught per instructional faculty FTE decreased 8.6 percent (0.9 course credits) from 10.5 in 2021 to 9.6 in 2023. The course credits per instructional faculty at UA Fairbanks decreased by about 5.6 percent (0.6) from 10.7 in fall 2021 to 10.1 in fall 2022 and UA Southeast faculty course loads remained consistent from 2021 to 2023 at about 11.6 (Table 3.13).

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 was just over 10:1 in fall 2021 and just under 10:1 in both fall 2022 and fall 2023 (Table 3.12). The highest student to regular faculty ratio in fall 2023 was at UA Anchorage, approaching 11:1, while UA Fairbanks had a ratio of about 9:1, UA Southeast had the lowest ratio at just over 8:1 (Table 3.12).

Tables 3.12 and 3.13 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)<sup>1</sup>.

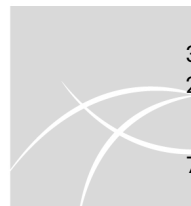
Numbers available for national comparison state a national average for public institutions of 14:1 in fall 2021, compared to a ratio of 11:1 for UAA and UAF, and a ratio of 9:1 for UAS, using the alternate federal methodology.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d22/tables/dt22\\_314.10.asp](https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d22/tables/dt22_314.10.asp)

Table 3.12 Direct Student-Regular Faculty Ratio by Academic Organization Fall 2021 - 2023

	2021		Fall Semester 2022		2023	
	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	356.9	10.9	342.3	10.5	353.1	10.3
Kenai	18.7	13.6	20.6	13.6	25.1	14.0
Kodiak	8.4	12.2	8.0	10.9	7.1	15.6
Mat-Su	15.0	12.1	18.0	10.9	18.0	11.7
PWSC	9.1	7.0	6.4	8.5	6.2	6.6
Troth Yeddha' CRCD	199.9	9.1	210.2	8.9	207.9	9.4
Bristol Bay	2.6	1.3	3.1	2.1	0.9	4.9
Chukchi						
Interior Alaska	6.3	6.1	5.1	8.4	7.0	6.1
Kuskokwim	7.5	8.5	6.5	8.8	5.2	11.3
Northwest	1.5	8.7	1.8	6.6	1.5	1.2
Rural College	16.5	9.0	18.6	7.1	19.6	5.4
UAF CTC	30.0	12.1	33.0	10.3	34.0	11.0
Juneau	59.8	8.3	54.7	8.4	59.4	7.3
Ketchikan	13.2	9.8	12.1	10.1	11.8	10.6
Sitka	12.7	8.3	13.0	9.1	12.9	9.7
UA Anchorage	408.1	11.0	395.3	10.6	409.4	10.6
UA Fairbanks	264.2	9.3	278.2	8.9	276.1	9.2
UA Southeast	85.7	8.6	79.8	8.7	84.1	8.2
UA System	758.0	10.1	753.3	9.8	769.6	9.8



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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/](http://www.alaska.edu/ir/)

Table 3.13 Regular Faculty Course Load by Academic Organization Fall 2021 - 2023

	Fall 2021			Fall 2022			Fall 2023		
	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	9.4	0.8	10.2	8.6	0.8	9.4	8.4	0.7	9.1
Kenai	4.8	9.7	14.5	5.1	9.0	14.1	12.6	0.4	13.0
Kodiak	10.9	2.5	13.4	13.0	0.3	13.3	14.2		14.2
Mat-Su	7.5	4.6	12.1	12.9	0.8	13.7	11.8		11.8
PWSC	6.5	5.0	11.5	7.7	6.4	14.1	10.9	1.3	12.2
Troth Yeddha' CRCD	5.3	5.5	10.8	5.7	4.5	10.2	6.0	4.4	10.4
Bristol Bay	3.5	0.2	3.7	0.3	4.3	4.6	1.1	7.8	8.9
Chukchi									
Interior Alaska	2.9	3.9	6.8	4.4	3.7	8.2	4.7	3.7	8.4
Kuskokwim	3.1	5.5	8.6	4.3	4.8	9.1	3.6	7.8	11.4
Northwest	2.0	9.3	11.3	3.6	9.7	13.3	2.7		2.7
Rural College	3.5	9.3	12.8	2.4	4.7	7.1	3.7	3.4	7.0
UAF CTC	5.8	4.8	10.7	5.7	4.2	9.9	6.0	4.4	10.4
Juneau	5.4	6.2	11.6	5.8	6.1	11.9	10.2	0.9	11.1
Ketchikan	11.6	0.9	12.5	10.2	0.7	10.9	13.1	0.3	13.4
Sitka	10.7	0.6	11.3	10.8	0.5	11.3	11.8	0.2	12.0
UA Anchorage	9.0	1.5	10.5	8.7	1.3	10.0	8.9	0.6	9.6
UA Fairbanks	5.1	5.6	10.7	5.3	4.5	9.8	5.7	4.4	10.1
UA Southeast	7.2	4.6	11.7	7.3	4.4	11.7	10.8	0.7	11.6
UA System	7.5	3.3	10.7	7.3	2.8	10.1	8.0	2.0	10.0



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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