

Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board of Regents

Update Agenda Item: Fall 2024 Enrollment Report (as of 09-06-2024)

Background:

The overall KCTCS headcount as of 9/6/2024 is 70,895, marking an increase of 5,278 students or 8.0% compared to the same time last year. FTE enrollment also shows an increase over the prior year, up 3,104 students or 7.9%.

Enrollment has increased across all student classifications compared to the same time last year. As of today, the credential-seeking headcount is up 7.0%, the high school headcount is up 11.1%, and the workforce/non-degree headcount is up 3.5%. Comparable gains can be seen when evaluating FTE for credential seeking and high school students. Workforce/non-degree FTE students have decreased by 1.0%, however.

Among new students at KCTCS, we are seeing an increase of 11.9% for credential-seeking students and 7.6% for high school students. The number of new workforce/non-degree students are up 4.6% compared to the same time last year. Overall, new enrollment at KCTCS is up 9.5% compared to Fall 2023.

Thirteen KCTCS colleges are showing increases in total headcount compared to last year, with increases of over 10% being shown at Southeast (15.7%), Southcentral (15.6%), Jefferson (14.3%), Gateway (12.9%), and Hazard (12.0%). Additionally, every KCTCS college has seen an increase in credential-seeking enrollment as well as in FTE enrollment compared to the previous year, with Southcentral, Southeast, Gateway, Jefferson, and Hazard each reporting FTE gains of more than 10%. Gateway and Southcentral have exceeded their official enrollment total from Fall 2023.

Highlighted Subpopulations:

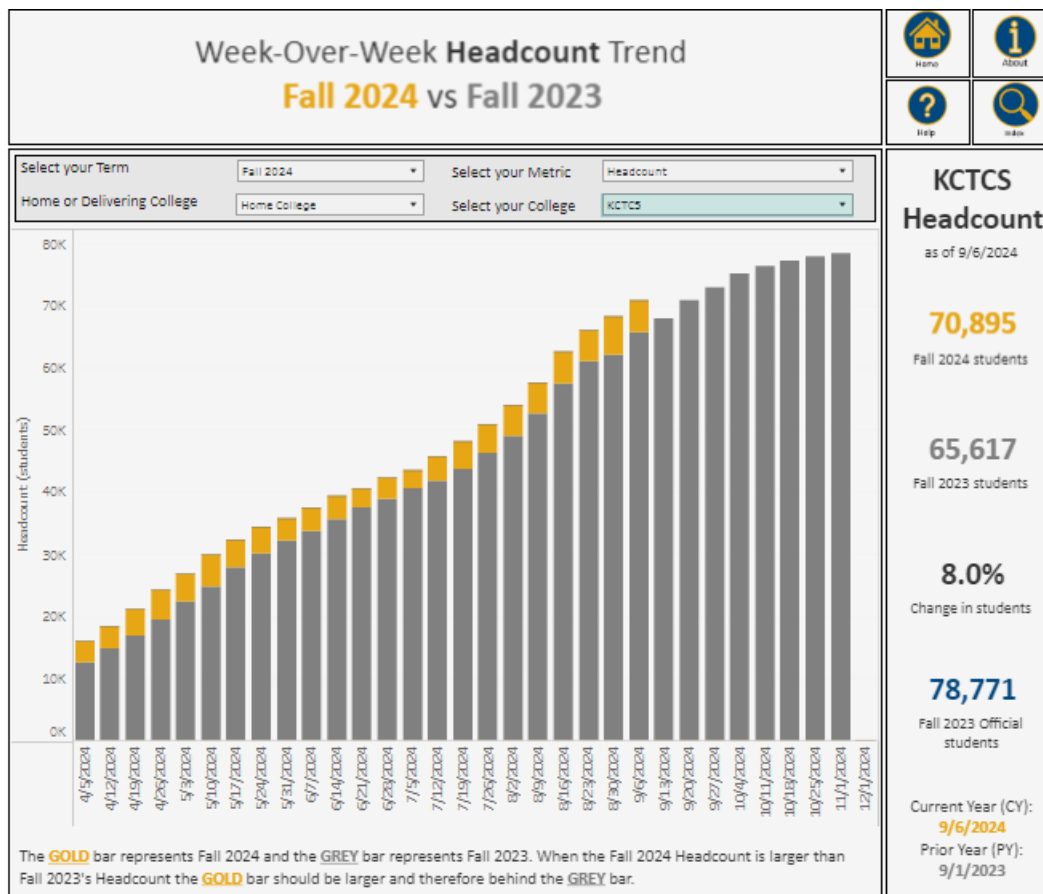
Currently we are seeing increases in headcount across all races/ethnicities. Compared to Fall 2023, the headcount for students identifying as Black/African American is up 12.0%, while Hispanic/Latinx and Two or More Races are showing gains of 21.5% and 12.7%, respectively. Similar trends can be seen when evaluating FTE by race/ethnicity, although the increases differ slightly in magnitude. Overall, URM enrollment is up 15.2% compared to last year while non-URM enrollment is up 4.6%.

We are seeing enrollment growth across all age groups compared to the prior year: under 18 (+11.2%), 18-19 (+4.4%), 20-24 (+5.9%), 25-34 (+10.0%), 35-44 (+11.6%), 45-54 (+8.0%), 55-64 (+0.9%), and 65+ (+4.1%). Enrollment among non-traditional students (adults aged 25 and over) has increased by 9.8% from the same time last year, now accounting for 29.8% of the total enrollment.

When evaluating enrollment headcount by academic load, we see that both full-time and part-time students are up compared to the prior year. Full-time enrollment (students taking 12 hours or more) is up 7.2% across the system and part-time enrollment (students taking less than 12 hours) is up 8.6%. Full-time students make up 37.7% of today's enrollment while part-time students make up 62.3% of today's (9-6-2024) enrollment.

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