

TO: Institutional Research Directors

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RE: Fall 2025 Enrollment Survey Summary

In October 2025, the Chancellor's Office requested that colleges provide an estimate of the change in FTES (full time equivalent students) and headcount in the Fall 2025 term compared to Fall 2024 overall and headcount changes for three specific subgroups: veterans, former foster youth, and dual enrollments. The goal was to receive an early estimate of enrollment trends to use for system planning and budget advocacy. We received information for 77 of the 116 colleges (67% response rate) and the responses of the participating districts and colleges were greatly appreciated. Colleges were asked:

- What is your best estimate of the percent change in FTES between Fall 2025 and Fall 2024?
- What is your best estimate of the percent change in headcount between Fall 2025 and Fall 2024?
- Provide your best estimates for the percent change in headcount from Fall 2024 to Fall 2025 for each subgroup if available.
 - K-12 Dual Enrollment
 - Veterans
 - Current or former foster youth

The median reported headcount change was +4.8%. Applying this estimate of the increase in headcount to Fall 2024 and then last year's ratio between fall and spring enrollments results in a projection of approximately 2.205 million students. FTES increases were less than headcount changes suggesting part time enrollment was increasing faster than full time enrollments. Of the key Vision 2030 special populations surveyed, dual enrollment showed the greatest increase with

an average of 14%, followed by veterans with a 1.9% increase, and foster youth with a 1% increase. Despite the overall increases, there was variability among colleges. Summary results from the survey are in the table below.

	F24 to F25 FTES Change	F24 to F25 Headcount Change	F24 to F25 Dual Enrollment Headcount Change	F24 to F25 Veterans Headcount Change	F24 to F25 Foster Youth Headcount Change
25th Percentile	1.3%	2.3%	4.0%	0.0%	-1.2%
Median	3.0%	4.8%	14.0%	1.9%	1.0%
75th Percentile	5.0%	7.1%	23.0%	16.1%	10.4%

Note these are preliminary values. Final Fall 2025 data will be available after MIS submissions are completed, which are due 30 days after term end.

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