

Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board of Regents

Update Agenda Item: Spring 2025 Enrollment Report (as of 02-27-2025)

Background:

The overall KCTCS headcount as of 2/27/2025 was 71,849, an increase of 4,748 students or 7.1% compared to last year at this time. Full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment has also improved over the prior year, increasing by 3,120 students or 8.3%. A total of 14 KCTCS colleges are reporting an increase in headcount compared to last year, with the most significant gains being seen at Henderson (17.2%), Gateway (13.9%), Somerset (13.8%), and Hazard (10.0%). All 16 KCTCS colleges are experiencing growth in FTE, with Henderson, Gateway, Hopkinsville, Somerset, and Southcentral all showing increases of 10% or more over the prior year.

Ashland, Bluegrass, Gateway, Hazard, Henderson, Hopkinsville, Jefferson, Maysville, Owensboro, Somerset, and Southcentral have exceeded their official enrollment total from Spring 2024.

For students that are new to KCTCS, we are seeing increases across all student classifications. Credential-seeking students are up 14.1%, workforce/non-degree students are up 9.0%, and high school students are up 0.5%. Overall, new enrollment at KCTCS is up 7.1% compared to Spring 2024.

Highlighted Subpopulations:

When evaluating headcount by age group, we are experiencing increases across the following categories compared to the same time last year: under 18 (+3.5%), 18-19 (+7.2%), 20-24 (+6.8%), 25-34 (+10.9%), 35-44 (+10.7%), and 45-54 (+8.9%). We are seeing a decrease in headcount for ages 55-64 (-4.3%) and 65+ (-9.0%). Enrollment among non-traditional students (adults aged 25 and over) has increased by 9.8% from the same time last year, accounting for 30.5% of total enrollment.

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HOME COLLEGE HEADCOUNT COMPARISONS				
College	Prior Term	Current Term	Difference	% Change
ASHLAND	2,119	2,242	123	5.8
BIG SANDY	2,033	1,987	-46	-2.3
BLUEGRASS	10,650	11,475	825	7.7
ELIZABETHTOWN	5,428	5,307	-121	-2.2
GATEWAY	4,445	5,062	617	13.9
HAZARD	2,438	2,682	244	10.0
HENDERSON	1,053	1,234	181	17.2
HOPKINSVILLE	1,904	2,083	179	9.4
JEFFERSON	11,973	13,019	1,046	8.7
MADISONVILLE	2,624	2,743	119	4.5
MAYSVILLE	3,212	3,374	162	5.0
OWENSBORO	3,594	3,897	303	8.4
SOMERSET	4,804	5,468	664	13.8
SOUTHCENTRAL	4,477	4,802	325	7.3
SOUTHEAST	2,431	2,524	93	3.8
WEST KENTUCKY	3,916	3,950	34	0.9
KCTCS	67,101	71,849	4,748	7.1

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