

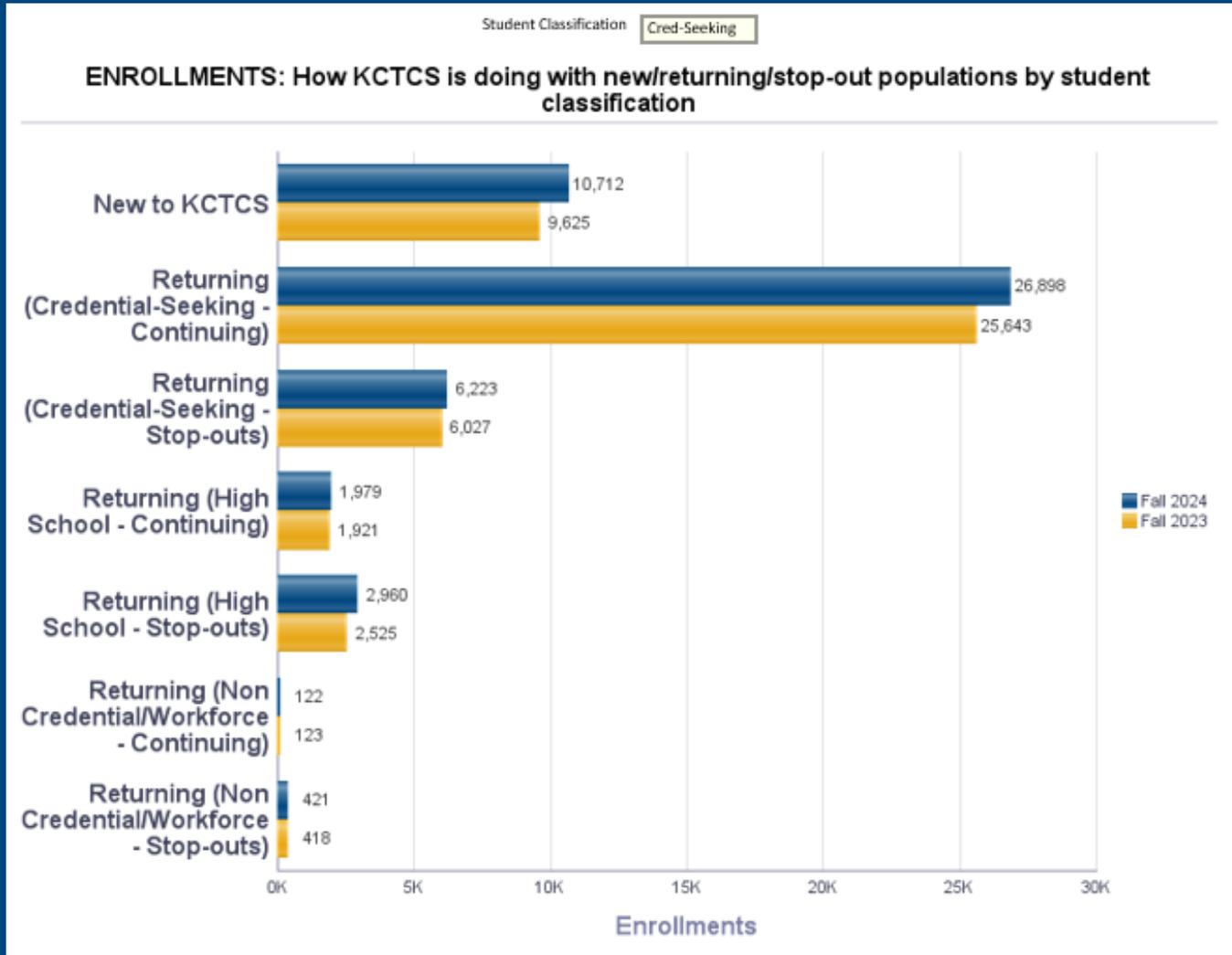
# ENROLLMENT REPORT

Board of Regents  
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# Fall 2024 – Overview

- Preliminary KCTCS enrollment for Fall 2024 is 84,125, an increase of 5,354 students or 6.8% compared Fall 2023.
  - This is the highest total enrollment across KCTCS in a decade (since Fall 2014).
- Credential-seeking enrollment increased by 6.6% for Fall 2024 compared to Fall 2023.
  - While every KCTCS college experienced growth in credential-seeking enrollment compared to Fall 2023, as a system, credential-seeking enrollment has not yet recovered to pre-COVID levels.

# Fall 2024 – Credential-Seeking



What is driving the year-over-year increase in credential-seeking students?

- The preliminary fall-to-fall retention rate of first-time, credential-seeking students is at an all time high.
- New students and former dual credit students matriculating to KCTCS have increased compared to the prior year.
- Enrollment of key subpopulations, such as adults, have increased compared to the prior year.

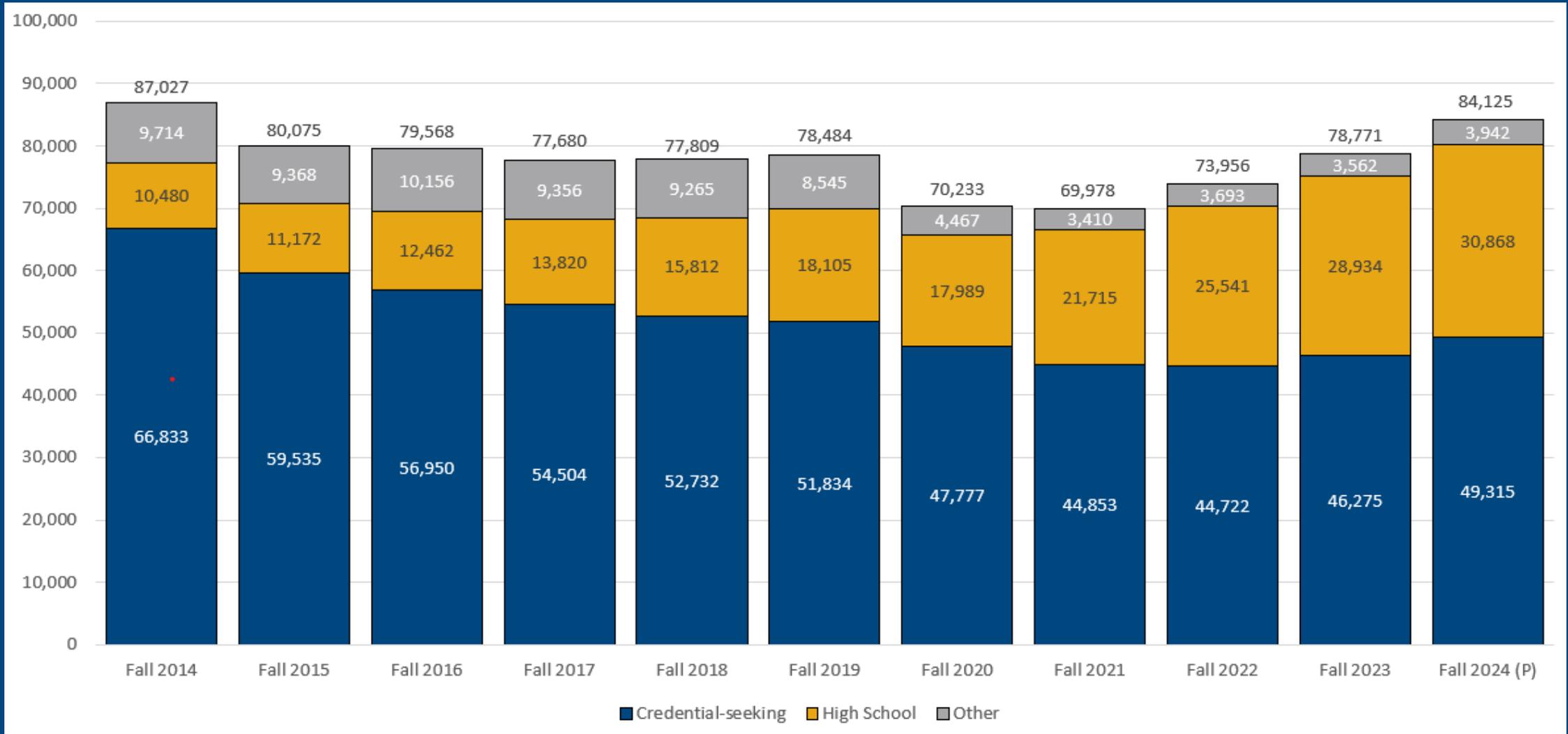
# Fall 2024 – By College

- Total Enrollment is up at fifteen colleges. Ashland held very steady – down seven students compared to Fall 2023.

College	Official					Unofficial	% Change
	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	
ASHLAND	2,598	2,400	2,479	2,515	2,559	2,552	-0.3% ↓
BIG SANDY	2,721	2,428	2,165	2,579	2,584	2,619	1.4% ↑
BLUEGRASS	10,144	10,182	9,757	10,323	11,625	12,965	11.5% ↑
ELIZABETHTOWN	6,684	5,857	5,663	5,658	6,216	6,428	3.4% ↑
GATEWAY	4,764	4,299	4,089	4,441	4,753	5,320	11.9% ↑
HAZARD	3,246	2,630	2,887	2,556	3,039	3,136	3.2% ↑
HENDERSON	1,609	1,331	1,456	1,506	1,606	1,944	21.0% ↑
HOPKINSVILLE	2,655	2,076	2,036	2,028	2,157	2,212	2.5% ↑
JEFFERSON	12,567	12,200	11,811	12,053	12,574	13,430	6.8% ↑
MADISONVILLE	3,737	3,104	3,239	3,493	3,535	3,570	1.0% ↑
MAYSVILLE	3,890	3,447	3,534	3,976	4,297	4,434	3.2% ↑
OWENSBORO	4,015	3,902	4,111	4,623	4,696	4,882	4.0% ↑
SOMERSET	5,657	4,840	5,022	5,535	5,769	6,162	6.8% ↑
SOUTHCENTRAL	4,305	4,137	4,368	4,732	5,084	5,826	14.6% ↑
SOUTHEAST	3,503	2,505	2,492	2,626	3,144	3,371	7.2% ↑
WEST KENTUCKY	6,389	4,895	4,869	5,312	5,133	5,274	2.7% ↑
<b>KCTCS</b>	<b>78,484</b>	<b>70,233</b>	<b>69,978</b>	<b>73,956</b>	<b>78,771</b>	<b>84,125</b>	<b>6.8% ↑</b>

Data Source: CPE Official data except for most recent time frame. Most recent data uses Unofficial Student Records.

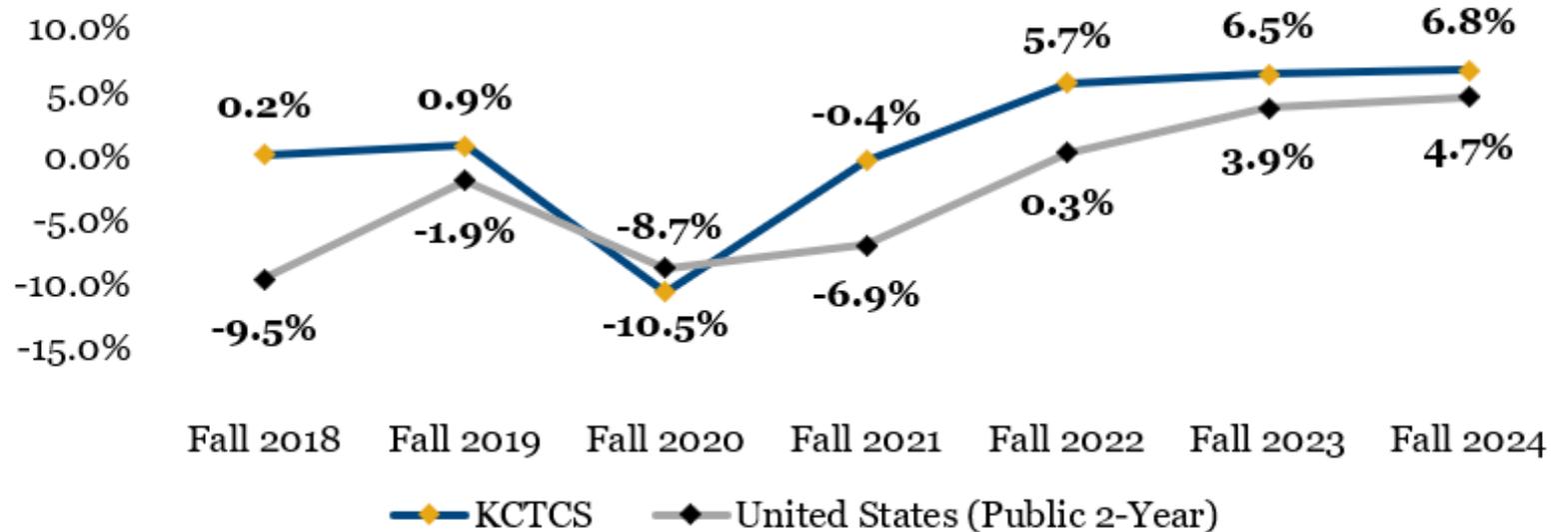
# Fall Enrollment Trend – by Student Type



# Fall Enrollment Trend – National Comparison

- Except for Fall 2020, the growth at KCTCS in every fall semester from Fall 2018 to the present has surpassed the national average for public 2-year institutions.
- The trend continues this fall, with KCTCS showing an increase in total enrollment of 6.8% compared to a preliminary 4.7% increase nationally.

## National Comparison – Percent Increase/Decrease in Fall Semesters – Seven-Year Trend



Notes: National comparison data limited to undergraduate enrollment at public 2-year institutions. Fall 2024 national comparison and KCTCS data are preliminary and subject to change.  
Sources: National Student Clearinghouse [Fall 2022 Enrollment Estimates](#) (for Fall 2018 national comparison); National Student Clearinghouse [Fall 2023 Enrollment Estimates](#) (for Fall 2019-Fall 2022 national comparison); National Student Clearinghouse [First Look at Fall 2024](#) (For Fall 2023-Fall 2024 national comparison); Official data as reported to CPE (Type 1); Unofficial data as reported in PeopleSoft as of 11-1-2024.

# Spring 2025

- As of November 15<sup>th</sup>, Spring 2025 enrollment is 29,929, an increase of 4,474 students or 17.6% compared to the same time last year.
  - Total enrollment is up at thirteen colleges.
- This early in the registration cycle, the majority of the enrollment is credential-seeking - 22,135 students. This represents an increase of 2,503 students or 12.7% compared to the same time last year.
  - Credential-seeking enrollment is up at fifteen colleges.

*\* KCTCS is still very early in the Spring 2025 registration cycle. Enrollment will more than double before the official snapshot.*

