Spring 2023

CENSUS REPORT & ACADEMIC YEAR OUTCOMES

View the accessible Spring 2023 Census Report

MEETING OUR RESIDENT FTES TARGET

Sacramento State met and exceeded the Chancellor's Office Resident Full Time Equivalent Students (FTES) target by approximately +1.4% with an annual Resident FTES of 24,711*. While we exceeded our CO target, our total headcount (HC) did decrease slightly compared to Spring 2022 as our entering student population continues to be affected by the lower enrollment numbers at the Community College level. The FTES and HC data highlight how our students are beginning to enroll in more units than in past years as we also saw a higher Average Unit Load (AUL) for our undergraduate population. The Enrollment Management team, in partnership with Academic Affairs, and OIREP, will monitor these enrollment trends with the goal to ensure that our students continue timely progress to graduation while also ensuring continuous enrollment growth in what we anticipate being an increasingly competitive region.

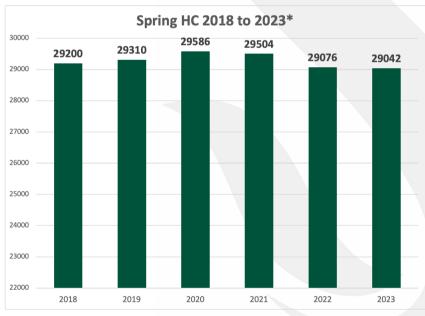


Fig. 2 Visualization of Headcount from 2017 to 2023 *Preliminary Spring 2023 Census Numbers. ACE Enrollment not included.

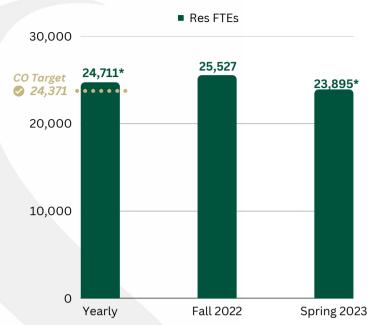


Fig. 1 Visualization of Res FTEs by Semester
*Based on preliminary Spring 2023 Census Numbers without
accounting for ACE Student Enrollment

BUILDING OUR FUTURE ENROLLMENT

Beginning with the Spring 2022 semester, Sac State has experienced a decline in new transfer enrollment. This decline aligns with the California Community Colleges' downward enrollment trends. While Sac State was able to increase the number of first-year students for Fall 2022, enrollment challenges such as the lower transfer population slightly decreased our total Spring 2023 headcount by 0.3% compared to last Spring's enrollment (pending final review). To boost retention, a number of campus-wide initiatives are taking place. Amongst these initiatives, Sac State has been reviewing student administrative barriers, deploying proactive call and chatbot campaigns, and developing a more sustainable and targeted support model via early alerts.

AVERAGE UNITS LOAD

| AUL | Freshmen | Sophmore | Junior | Senior | Total UG |
|----------|----------|----------|--------|--------|----------|
| SP 22 | 13.30 | 13.39 | 12.62 | 12.09 | 12.57 |
| SP 23* | 13.31 | 13.59 | 12.80 | 12.21 | 12.70 |
| Outcomes | +0.07% | +1.49% | +1.41% | +1.01% | +1.03% |

In Spring 2023, our Hornet Launch 2022 cohort had a preliminary AUL of 13.86 units at census with a total HC of 3166.

*Preliminary Spring 23 AULs. ACE Enrollment is not included.



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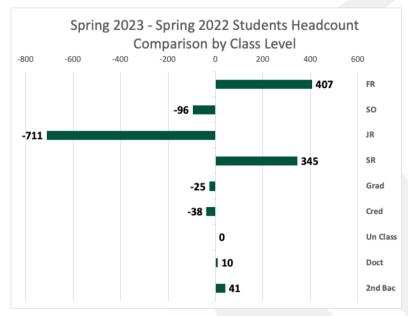


Fig. 3 Visualization of class level deltas from Spring 22 to Spring 23 Spring 2023 Census Report available on www.csus.edu/student-affairs/enrollment-services

THE PANDEMIC WAVE

Similarly to Fall 22, Spring 23 has seen a noticeable delta (-711) in Juniors while retaining a larger (+407) First Year class (Fig. 3). As we look back towards the start of the pandemic, Sac State saw a decline in student retention, paired with a lower number of incoming first-year and transfer students, created what we have been calling "the pandemic wave". The chart in figure 4 visualizes the pandemic wave as it moves through our student class levels at the start of each academic year. Additionally, the Enrollment Management and Admission & Outreach offices have been monitoring the lower enrollment at the community college level which persisted post-pandemic and will likely continue to impact our transfer junior population. To counter this trend, and to help stabilize enrollment, Sac State has been building strategic partnerships with local Community Colleges to boost our transfer applicants while removing administrative barriers that may impact the transfer to a four-year campus.



Fig. 4 Pandemic Wave visualization by class level from Fall 2019 to Fall 2023 (projection). This projection takes in consideration the JR class that is projected to move into SR status as well as a larger graduating class which will affect the total number of SRs in Fall 2023

Enact and
Maintain the
Strategic Enrollment
Plan

Next Steps

Collaborate with
Academic Affairs,
OIREP, and the Region
on Enrollment Plans

Focus on Retention,
Recruit Back, and
Eliminating
Administrative Barriers