2016-17 Tennessee Higher Education Fact Book | Data Snapshot
Tennessee Higher Education Commission

242,728 students enrolled in public higher education

19,673 TCAT students

86,172 community college students

136,883 university students

University number includes 49,380 students in the UT system

38,698 recent high school graduates enrolled in college in Fall 2016

The number of students enrolling in college directly after high school is at a historic high.

199,410 undergraduate students (community colleges & universities)

23,637 graduate students (universities)

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Freshman to Sophomore Retention Rate
Fall 2015 to Fall 2016

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56.0% at community colleges
81.8% at universities