

University of Tennessee Southern, Student Participation and Success **2022-23**

Report Supplement to the 2022-2023 Tennessee Higher Education Fact Book

Introduction

On July 1, 2021, Martin Methodist College (MMC) merged with University of Tennessee System as the University of Tennessee Southern (UTS)¹.

The purpose of this supplemental report to the 2023 [Tennessee Higher Education Fact Book](#) (Fact Book) is to provide a data summary and snapshot of UTS in relation to other public colleges across the state. This report supplement is reflective of fall 2022 and completions for the 2021-22 academic year.² The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) continues to work with the University of Tennessee System to integrate UTS enrollment and degree completion data into the THEC Student Information System (THECSIS). Beyond statistical reporting, timely and accurate data integration has implications for Quality Assurance Funding, the Outcomes Based Funding formula, and Academic Program Post-Approval Monitoring.

Data

UTS supplied aggregated data for this report supplement. Data for other public colleges and universities captured within this report come from the 2023 Fact Book and are sourced using THECSIS unless otherwise noted. Aggregated data reported by UTS are aligned with data and definitions reported by other institutions within THECSIS. Retention and graduation rates, as calculated for other public colleges within the Fact Book, are not included in this supplement due to insufficient data at the time of the report and incomparable data sources.

Unless otherwise noted, comparisons to the *University of Tennessee System* represent the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga; the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and the University of Tennessee, Martin. *All public universities* contain these three University of Tennessee institutions along with the six Locally Governed Institutions: Austin Peay State University, East Tennessee State University, Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee State University, Tennessee Technological University, and the University of Memphis. Comparisons to *all public community colleges and universities* include the aforementioned universities and the 13 community colleges. The comparison group does not capture Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology.

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¹ UTS is both the first university to be added to the University of Tennessee System in over 50 years and the first public university located in Southern Middle Tennessee. For more information on the merger, please visit [the University of Tennessee System's Transparency webpage](#).

² Academic year 2020-21 includes summer 2020, fall 2020, and spring 2021. Degrees conferred under this period would reflect MMC, as this is prior to MMC's merger with the UT System. Degrees awarded in summer 2021 were the first awards conferred under UT Southern.

Executive Summary

UTS is located in Southern Middle Tennessee as illustrated in **Figure 1**, which demonstrates the distribution of public community colleges and universities (main campuses only) across the state.

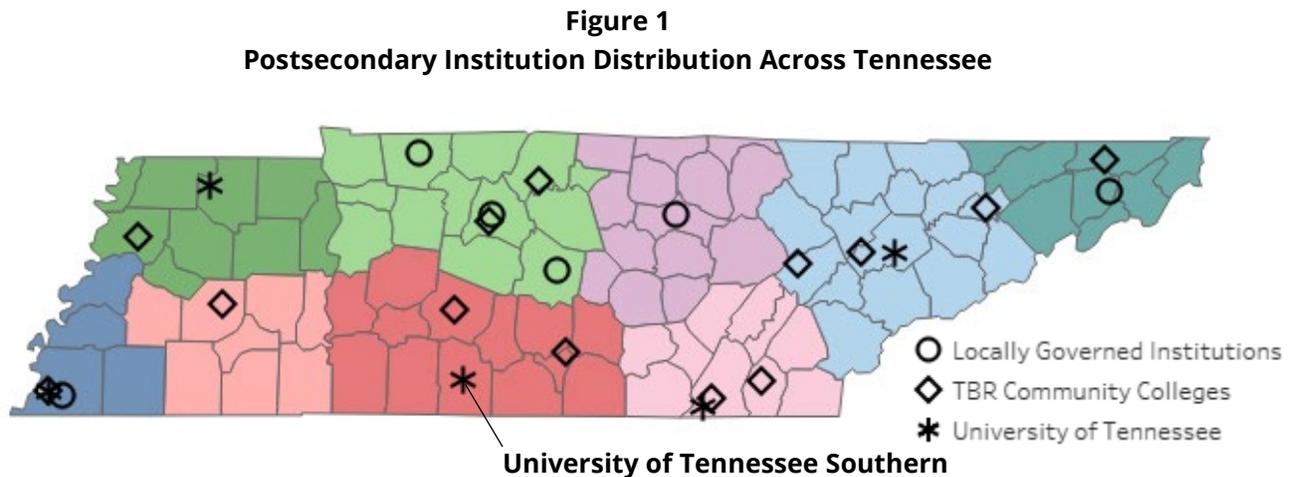
Student Participation, Fall 2022

In fall 2022, UTS enrolled a total of 934 students (800 full-time equivalent or FTE students), which makes it the smallest public university for enrollment in Tennessee (**Table 1**). Eighty-two percent of its students enrolled on a full-time basis in fall 2022, which represents a higher share of full-time students than across the University of Tennessee System and all other public universities (**Figure 4**). UTS enrollment is predominantly represented by undergraduate students (96 percent; **Table 1**). The majority (60 percent) of UTS undergraduates in fall 2022 were female, 37 percent were eligible for a federal Pell Grant, and over one-quarter (25 percent) enrolled from out of state (**Table 2**).

UTS's undergraduate population (N = 896) in fall 2022 shared a similar distribution by race/ethnicity to the larger University of Tennessee System, with over three-quarters of undergraduates represented by White, Not Hispanic students (**Figure 3**).

Student Success, Academic Year 2021-2022

UTS awarded 150 certificates and degrees (139 undergraduate credentials and 11 Master's degrees) in academic year 2021-2022, which represents summer 2021, fall 2021, and spring 2022 (**Figure 5**). Bachelor's degrees represented 85 percent of all UTS's undergraduate credentials awarded. The largest single share of undergraduate degrees by major were awarded in a business-related field (33 percent; **Table 3**).



Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), Data Collection Year 2020

Note: The figure above shows only main campus locations for public community colleges and universities as of 2020. Many higher education institutions in the state have satellite campuses and course offerings at off-campus locations.

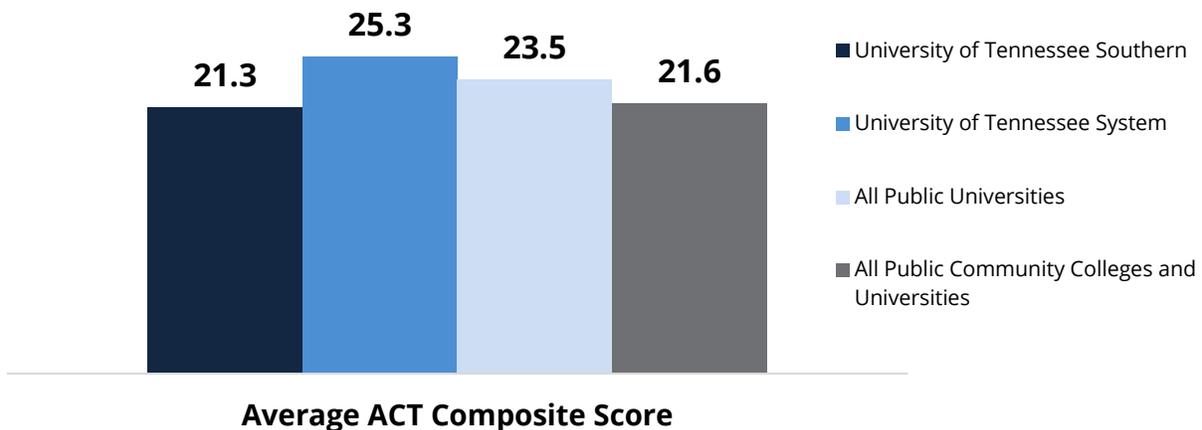
Student Participation Fall 2022

This section provides an overview of UTS enrollment in fall 2022 in comparison to other University of Tennessee institutions and all other public colleges and universities across the state. These data include measures of entering freshmen academics (see **Figure 2** below), student level, demographics, and enrollment intensity.

Table 1 provides a breakdown of UTS enrollment by student level: first-time freshmen, total undergraduates (inclusive of first-time freshmen), graduate students, and overall headcount and FTE. In fall 2022, UTS enrolled a total of 934 students (equating to 800 FTE students), which is predominantly represented by undergraduate students (96 percent of the total enrollment). **Table 2** and **Figure 3** provide a deeper perspective into the distribution of UTS's undergraduate population across demographic groups. The majority of UTS undergraduates in fall 2022 were female (60 percent), White (77 percent), ineligible for a Federal Pell Grant (63 percent), and under the age of 25 (98 percent). Over one-quarter of all UTS undergraduates come from outside of Tennessee. Overall, 82 percent of UTS's students (undergraduate and graduate) in fall 2022 enrolled full-time (see **Figure 4**).

Beyond the statistics presented in this section, additional information on fall 2022 enrollment at UTS is available in Section III (Academic and Fiscal Trends) of the [2023 Fact Book](#), which includes admissions data and lower division courses by faculty type and by distance education status.

Figure 2
Average ACT Composite Score of Incoming Freshmen by Institution
Fall 2022



Source: UTS, THECSIS

Notes: See **Table 1.10** of the 2023 [Fact Book](#) for more information. ACT Composite scores range from 0-36. UTS average score is institutionally reported and is based off of 185 valid scores. Average scores for other institutions are based on valid ACT scores reported by institutions into THECSIS. THEC does not superscore.

Averages reported for the University of Tennessee System and all other public community colleges and universities as comparison points **do not include UTS**.

Table 1

Enrollment by Student Level and Institution								
Fall 2022								
Institution	First-Time Freshmen		Total Undergraduate		Graduate & Professional		Total Enrollment	
	Headcount	Percent of Total	Headcount	Percent of Total	Headcount	Percent of Total	Headcount	FTE Enrollment
University of Tennessee Southern	209	23.3%	896	95.9%	38	4.1%	934	800
University of Tennessee, Chattanooga	2,240	19.9%	9,867	87.6%	1,397	12.4%	11,264	10,097
University of Tennessee, Knoxville	6,793	20.1%	26,986	80.0%	6,736	20.0%	33,722	30,075
University of Tennessee, Martin	1,103	16.1%	6,153	89.6%	718	10.4%	6,871	5,201
University of Tennessee, Medical Health Sci Center	-	0.0%	296	9.4%	2,845	90.6%	3,141	3,141
University of Tennessee System (including UTS)	10,345	18.5%	44,198	79.0%	11,734	21.0%	55,932	49,313
All Public Universities	24,475	17.4%	113,847	81.0%	26,780	19.0%	140,627	117,962
All Public Community Colleges and Universities	40,206	18.9%	185,649	87.4%	26,780	12.6%	212,429	163,335

Source: UTS, THECSIS

Note: See **Tables 1.1, 1.3, and 1.6** of the 2023 [Fact Book](#) for more information. For undergraduate students, FTE is the total number of credits attempted divided by 15. For graduate students, FTE is the total number of credits attempted divided by 12. For specialized institutions (such as ETSU's Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy, the UT Medical Health Science Center, and the UT Veterinary School), FTE is equivalent to headcount. **Totals include UTS.**

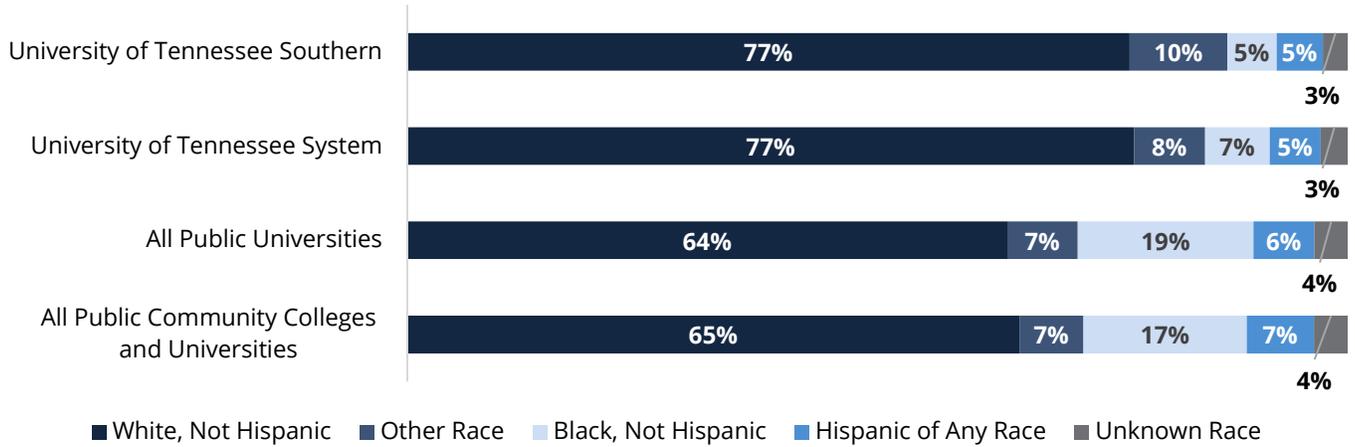
Table 2

Undergraduate Enrollment by Student Demographics and Institution					
Fall 2022					
Institution	Headcount	Female	Pell Eligible	Adult	Out-of-State
University of Tennessee Southern	896	59.5%	37.3%	1.9%	25.3%
University of Tennessee, Chattanooga	9,867	57.9%	40.5%	10.0%	11.5%
University of Tennessee, Knoxville	26,986	54.5%	24.1%	4.5%	33.5%
University of Tennessee, Martin	6,153	62.3%	47.3%	9.9%	8.9%
University of Tennessee, Medical Health Sci Center	296	92.2%	30.4%	28.7%	26.7%
University of Tennessee System (includes UTS)	44,198	56.7%	31.3%	6.6%	25.0%
All Public Universities	113,847	57.1%	40.3%	12.2%	21.8%
All Public Community Colleges and Universities	185,649	58.9%	45.7%	17.5%	14.6%

Source: UTS, THECSIS

Note: See **Table 1.7** of the 2023 [Fact Book](#) for more information. Pell-Eligible students are defined as in-state students who were eligible to receive a Pell grant at any time during their college career. Due to data limitations, out-of-state students who are Pell eligible are not captured in the numerator. Readers are advised that the share of Pell-eligible undergraduates may be underestimated in this table, especially for institutions enrolling greater shares of students from out of state. Adult is defined as an individual 25 years or older. Out-of-state column includes foreign students. **Totals include UTS.**

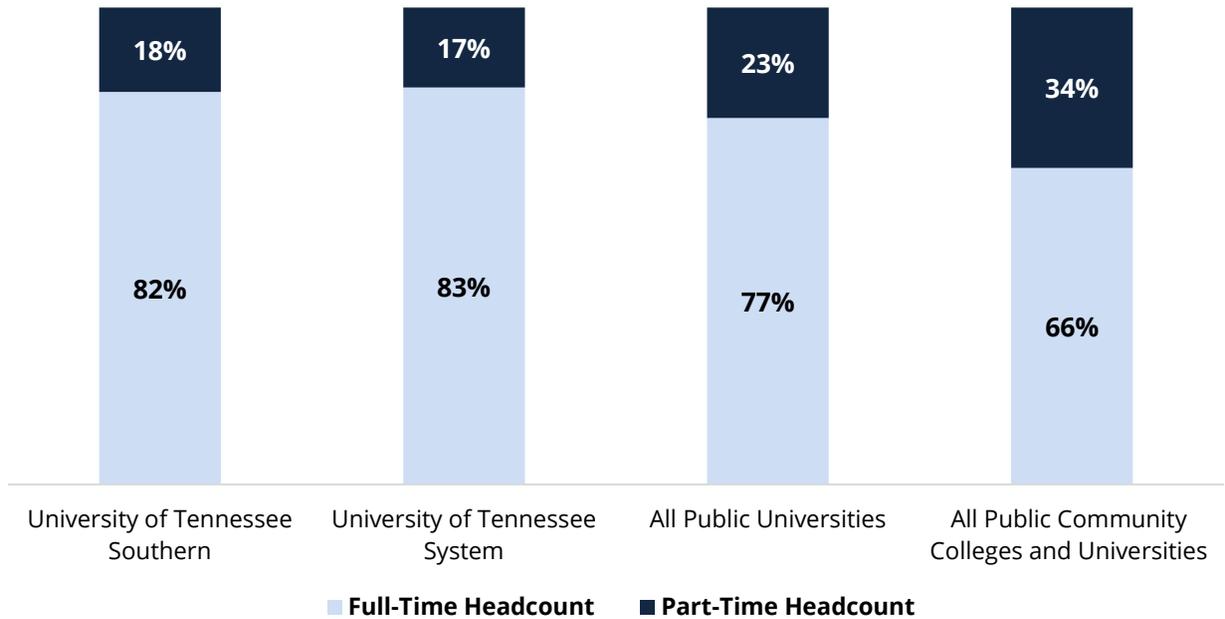
Figure 3
Undergraduate Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Institution
Fall 2022



Source: UTS, THECSIS

Notes: See **Table 1.8** of the 2023 [Fact Book](#) for more information. Other includes American Indian, Native Alaskan, Asian and Pacific Islander, and Multiracial. **Totals include UTS.**

Figure 4
Full-Time and Part-Time Enrollment by Institution
Fall 2022



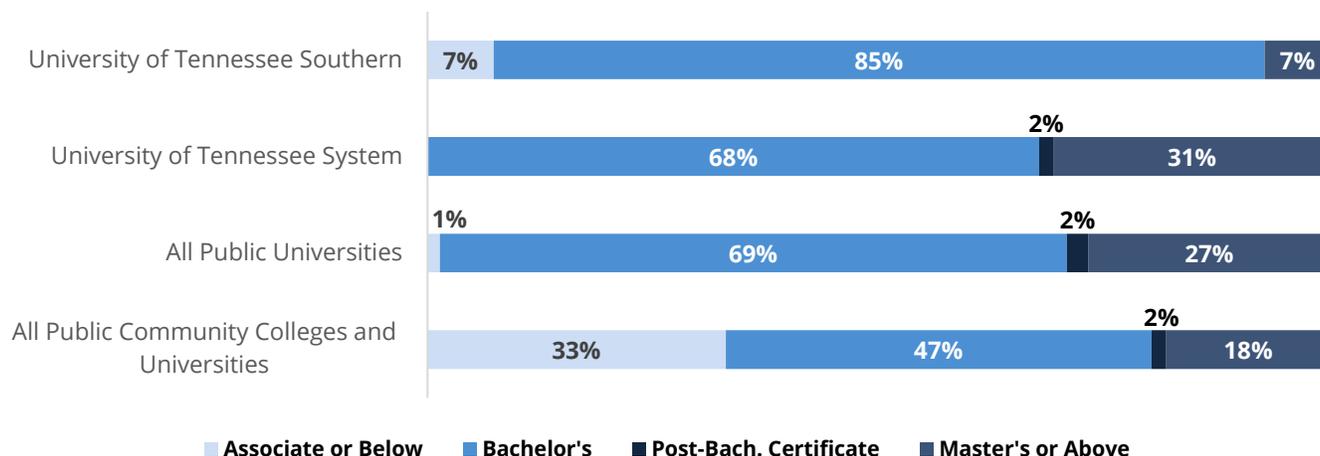
Source: UTS, THECSIS

Notes: See **Figures 1.4** and **1.5** of the 2023 [Fact Book](#) for more information. Reflects total enrollment, both undergraduate and graduate. A **full-time** student is an undergraduate enrolled in 12 or more hours of degree credit per semester, or a graduate student enrolled in 9 or more hours of degree credit per semester. A **part-time** student is an undergraduate enrolled in fewer than 12 hours of degree credit per semester, or a graduate student enrolled in fewer than 9 hours of degree credit per semester. In alignment with Fact Book reporting, statistics reported in Figure 4 for the three comparison groups include the University of Tennessee Medical Health Science Center. **Totals include UTS.**

Student Success Academic Year 2021-2022

This section provides an overview of degree production at UTS during academic year 2021-2022. Currently UTS is the only University of Tennessee institution awarding credentials below a bachelor's degree, as illustrated in **Figure 5**. The greatest share of awards conferred was represented by bachelor's degrees (85 percent). Business represented the largest single major field for undergraduate degree production, as illustrated in **Table 3**, with 33 percent of total undergraduate credentials.

Figure 5
Share of Awards by Award Level and Institution, Academic Year 2021-2022



Source: UTS, THECSIS

Notes: See Table 2.4 of the 2023 [Fact Book](#) for more information. **UTS conferred awards** ranging from <1 year certificates to master's degrees. Across the **University of Tennessee System, degrees** ranged from bachelor's to doctoral degrees. Across **all public universities and across all public 2- and 4-year colleges, degrees conferred** ranged from <1 year certificates to doctoral degrees. Statistics reported for the University of Tennessee System and all other public community colleges and universities as comparison points **do not include** UTS.

Table 3

Undergraduate Awards by Five Most Utilized Major Fields Academic Year 2021-2022		
Major Field	Count of Awards	Percent of All Undergraduate Awards
Business	46	33.1%
General Studies	18	12.9%
Multi-Interdisciplinary Study	14	10.1%
Biology	11	7.9%
Recreation and Fitness	11	7.9%

Source: UTS

Notes: See Table 2.8 of the [Fact Book](#) for more information. Major fields are defined by their two-digit THEC CIP code and may not represent program-specific titles and are based on end-of-term data.