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Tennessee Higher Education Commission Announces Fall 2023 College Enrollment Data

NASHVILLE, TN – The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) today released the latest student enrollment data for the fall 2023 semester, indicating that 214,476 students across the state enrolled at community colleges and public universities for fall 2023. This represents an increase of 4,528 students, which is a 2.2% increase compared with fall 2022.

“More and more Tennesseans are eager to enroll in college to secure a thriving future,” said interim THEC Executive Director Dr. Steven Gentile. “We must build on this momentum year to ensure Tennesseans not only recognize the value of higher education but seize it.”

Last fall, THEC created “*Momentum Year 2023*” to renew and articulate the value of education in Tennessee and to increase enrollment in education and training beyond high school. The initiative, supported by college access partners and higher education stakeholders, saw several significant milestones, including an increased number of Tennessee Promise applicants and FAFSA-filing rates from the previous year.

The Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) reported that 72,289 students enrolled in community colleges this fall, with the system experiencing 2.8% growth in headcount over last year. The University of Tennessee (UT) system experienced the largest gains in enrollment, increasing 4.8% over last fall. Among locally governed institutions (LGIs), headcount increased the most at Austin Peay State University and Tennessee Tech University.

For more information about THEC’s research, data, and statewide higher education reports, please visit www.tn.gov/thecc/research.

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The Tennessee Higher Education Commission was created in 1967 by the Tennessee General Assembly. The Commission develops, implements, evaluates postsecondary education policies and programs in Tennessee while coordinating the state’s systems of higher education, and is relentlessly focused on increasing the number of Tennesseans with a postsecondary credential.

APPENDIX A

FALL 2023 14TH DAY ENROLLMENT & YEAR-OVER-YEAR CHANGE

	Overall Headcount		
	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	1YR Change
Tennessee Board of Regents			
Chattanooga State Community College	6,429	6,601	2.7%
Cleveland State Community College	3,180	3,254	2.3%
Columbia State Community College	4,963	5,115	3.1%
Dyersburg State Community College	2,683	3,143	17.1%
Jackson State Community College	3,459	3,081	-10.9%
Motlow State Community College	5,636	6,060	7.5%
Nashville State Community College	6,617	6,608	-0.1%
Northeast State Community College	5,100	5,474	7.3%
Pellissippi State Community College	8,452	8,710	3.1%
Roane State Community College	4,457	4,825	8.3%
Southwest Tennessee Community College	6,903	6,980	1.1%
Volunteer State Community College	6,957	6,605	-5.1%
Walters State Community College	5,477	5,833	6.5%
TOTAL	70,313	72,289	2.8%
LGIs			
Austin Peay State University	9,000	9,649	7.2%
East Tennessee State University	13,480	13,578	0.7%
Middle Tennessee State University	20,086	20,183	0.5%
Tennessee State University	9,218	8,198	-11.1%
Tennessee Technological University	9,902	10,117	2.2%
University of Memphis	21,917	21,736	-0.8%
TOTAL	83,603	83,461	-0.2%
UT			
University of Tennessee, Chattanooga	11,283	11,380	0.9%
University of Tennessee, Knoxville	33,805	36,304	7.4%
University of Tennessee, Martin	6,868	6,941	1.1%
University of Tennessee, Southern	934	978	4.7%
University of Tennessee Health Science Center	3,142	3,123	-0.6%
TOTAL	56,032	58,726	4.8%
University TOTAL	139,635	142,187	1.8%
GRAND TOTAL	209,948	214,476	2.2%

Source: 2022 Census Data Reported from BOT 14th Day Enrollment Files (fall 2022). 2023 Census Data reported by systems and institutions to THEC.

Notes:

- Chattanooga State, Nashville State, Roane State, Southwest, and Austin Peay operate multiple terms within the fall term. This data is reflective of their first fall term.
- Jackson State and Dyersburg State have revised service areas as of Fall 2023.
- East Tennessee State University includes the Medical and Pharmacy schools.
- The University of Tennessee, Knoxville includes the Veterinary School and UT Space Institute.