

# **Arkansas Division of Higher Education**

## **Annual Report of Enrollment at Arkansas Institutions of Higher Education**

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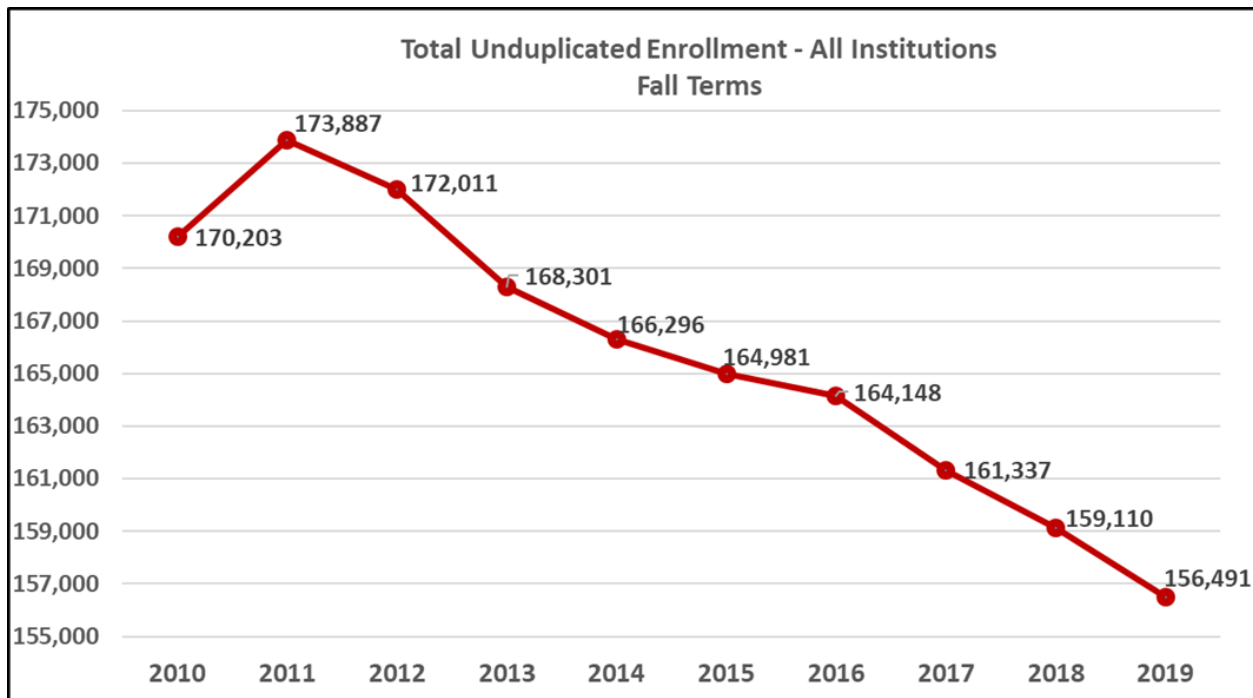
## ANNUAL ENROLLMENT REPORT

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The **total** unduplicated enrollment for the fall 2019 term in all sectors of Arkansas higher education, including public universities, public colleges, private/independent colleges and universities, and nursing schools<sup>1</sup> was **156,491 students**; representing a 1-year decline of 1.6 percent.

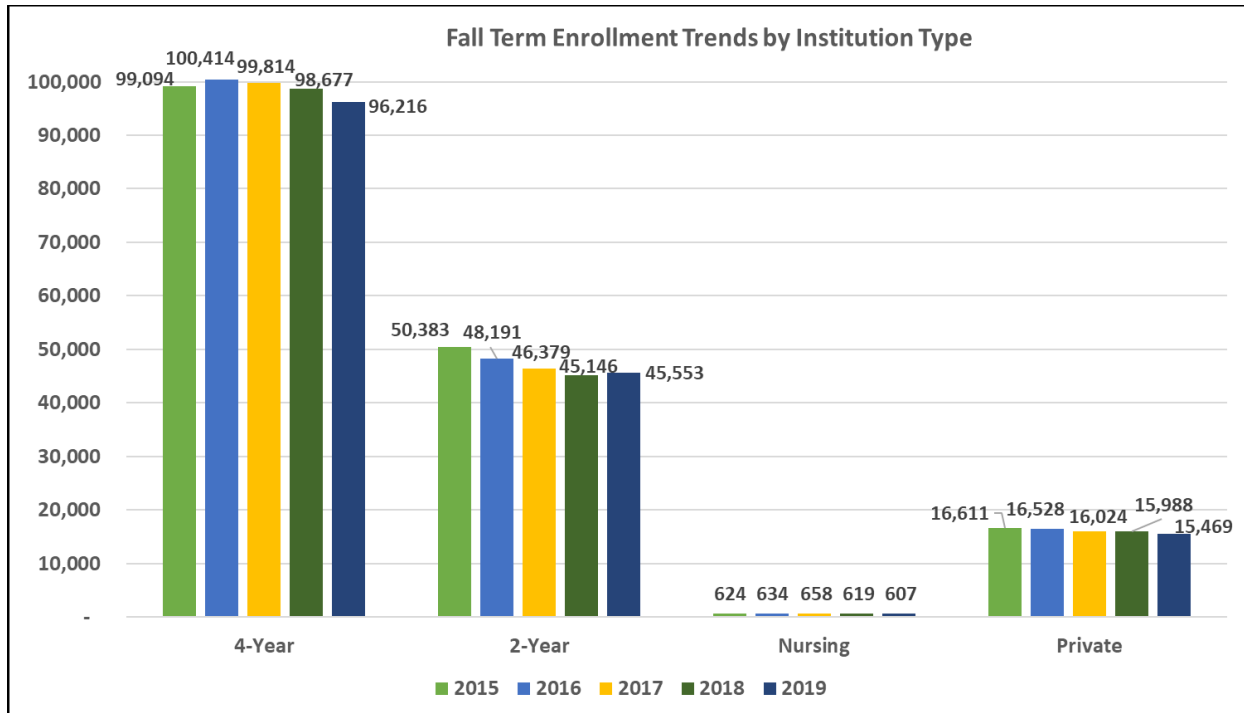
The last time Arkansas higher education reported an increase in fall term enrollment was the fall 2011 term. Fall 2011 total unduplicated enrollment of 173,887 represents the largest fall term enrollment ever. Although the declines from year to year range from .5 to 2.2 percent, Arkansas higher education currently has almost 18,000 fewer students compared to the fall 2011 term.

Of the 156,491 students enrolled in fall 2019, 1,203 students enrolled at more than one institution. This is only 1.2 percent of the total fall 2019 enrollment. The number of students attending more than one institution has been declining similar to overall enrollment. The largest number of students attending more than one institution was 3,110 in fall 2011.

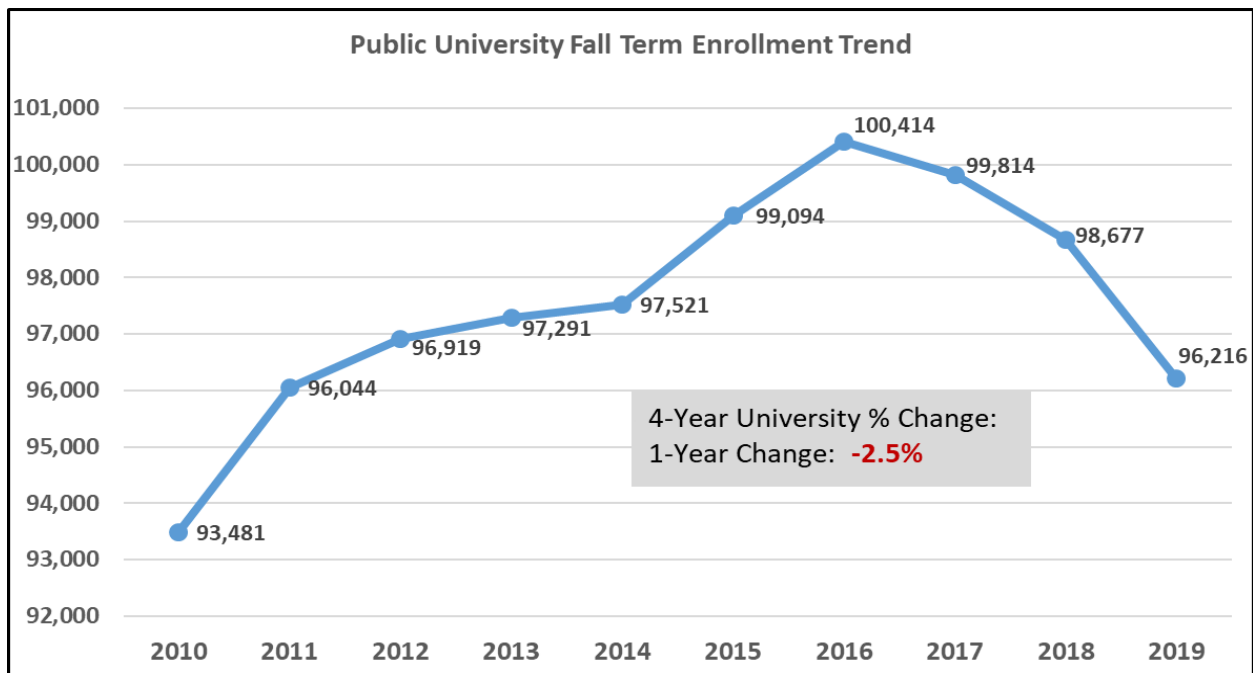


<sup>1</sup> The nursing schools of BSN (Baptist Health College) and JSN (Jefferson Regional Medical School of Nursing) report data to ADHE due to the Academic Challenge Scholarship reporting requirements.

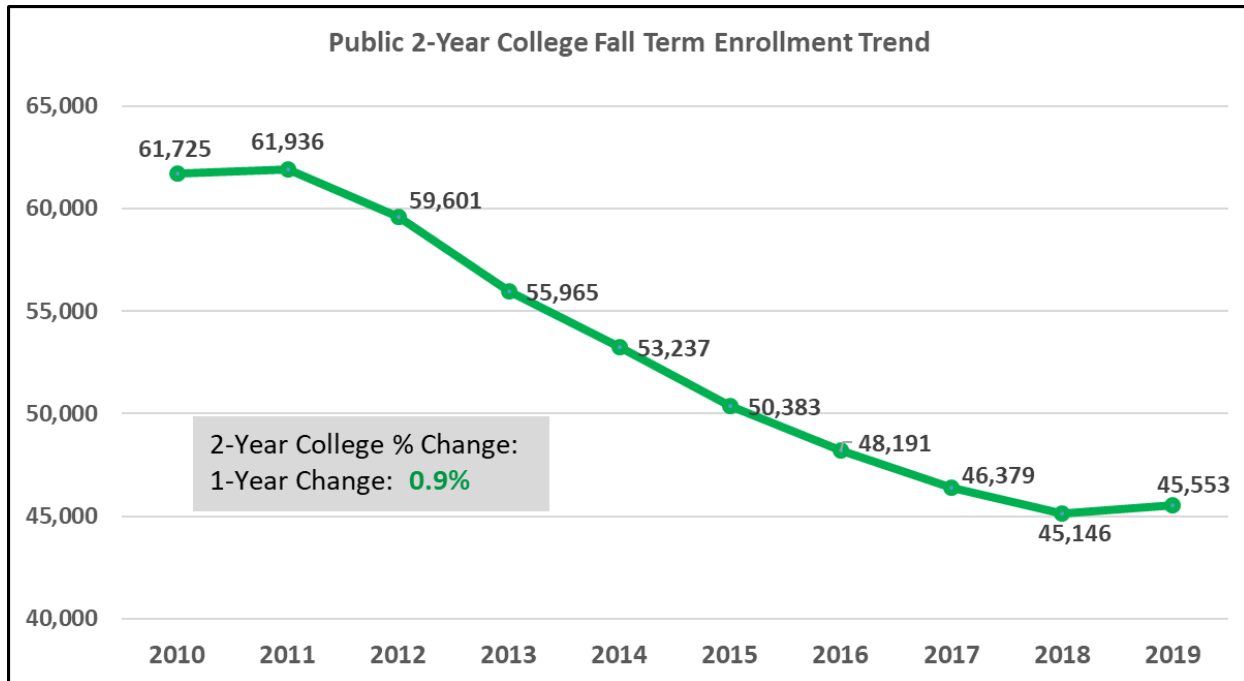
The following graph provides a five-year total enrollment trend for each sector of Arkansas higher education. 4-Year universities, nursing schools, and the private and independent institutions all experienced a decline in enrollment, while the 2-Year colleges reported their first increase in enrollment since fall 2011.



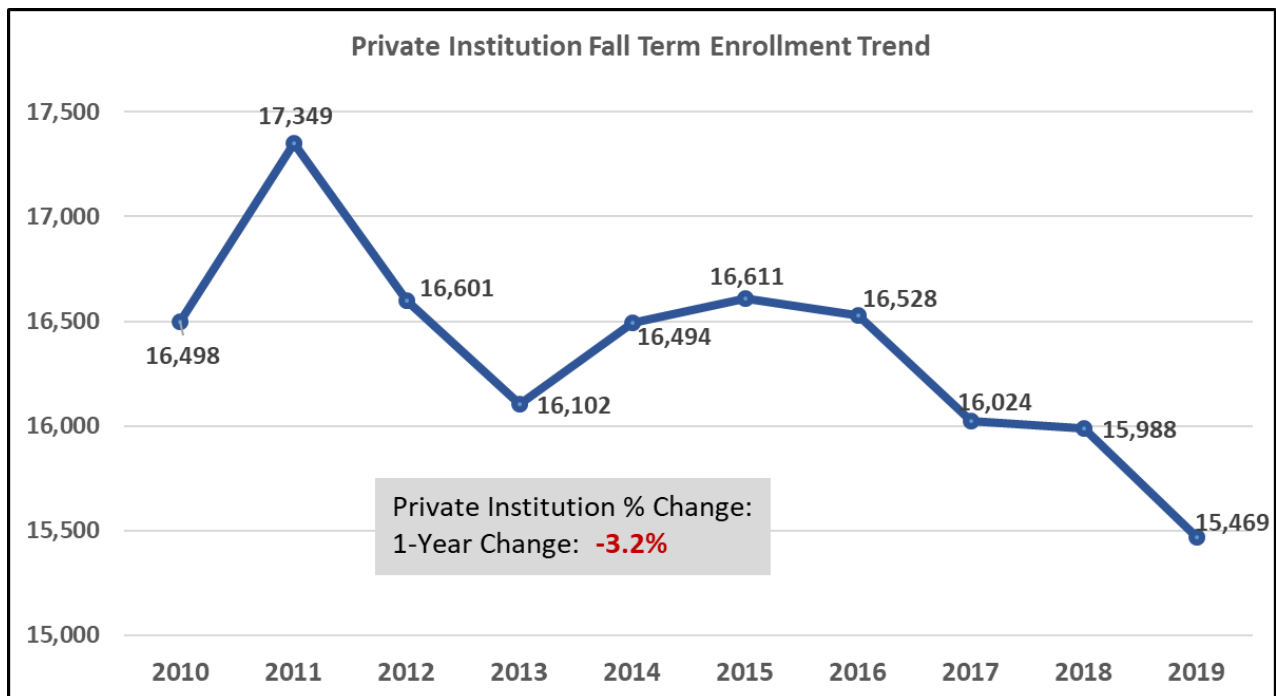
The 4-Year Public Universities reported a fall term decline for the third year in a row. They experienced their highest enrollment in the fall 2016 term of 100,414.



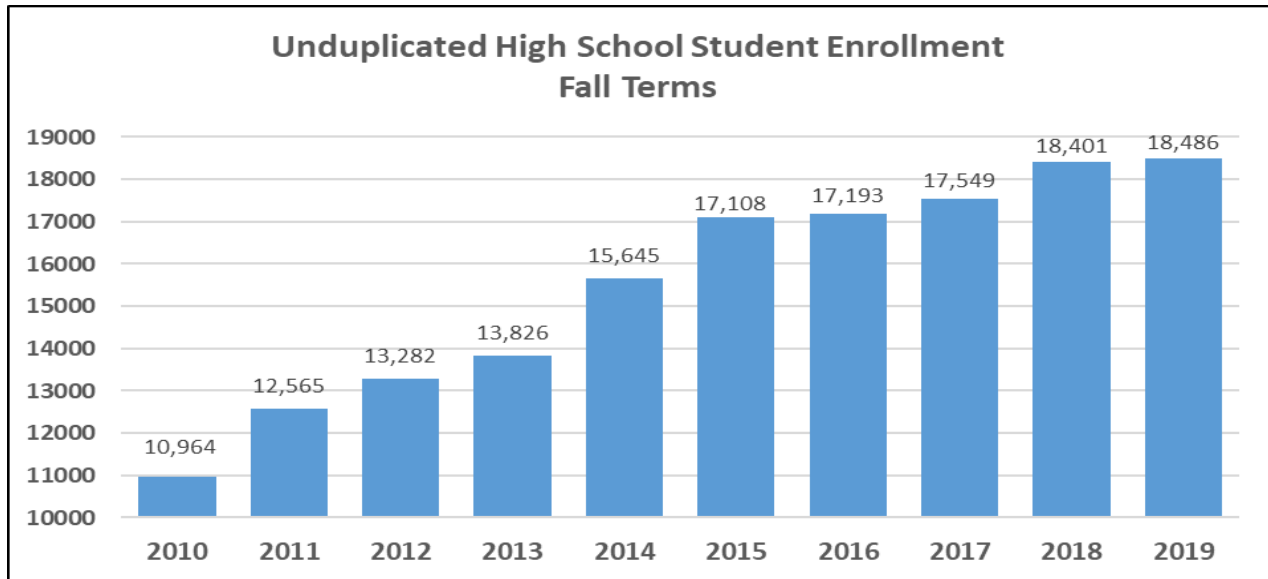
The 2-Year Public Colleges reported their first fall term enrollment increase since fall 2011 where they reported their highest enrollment of 61,936.



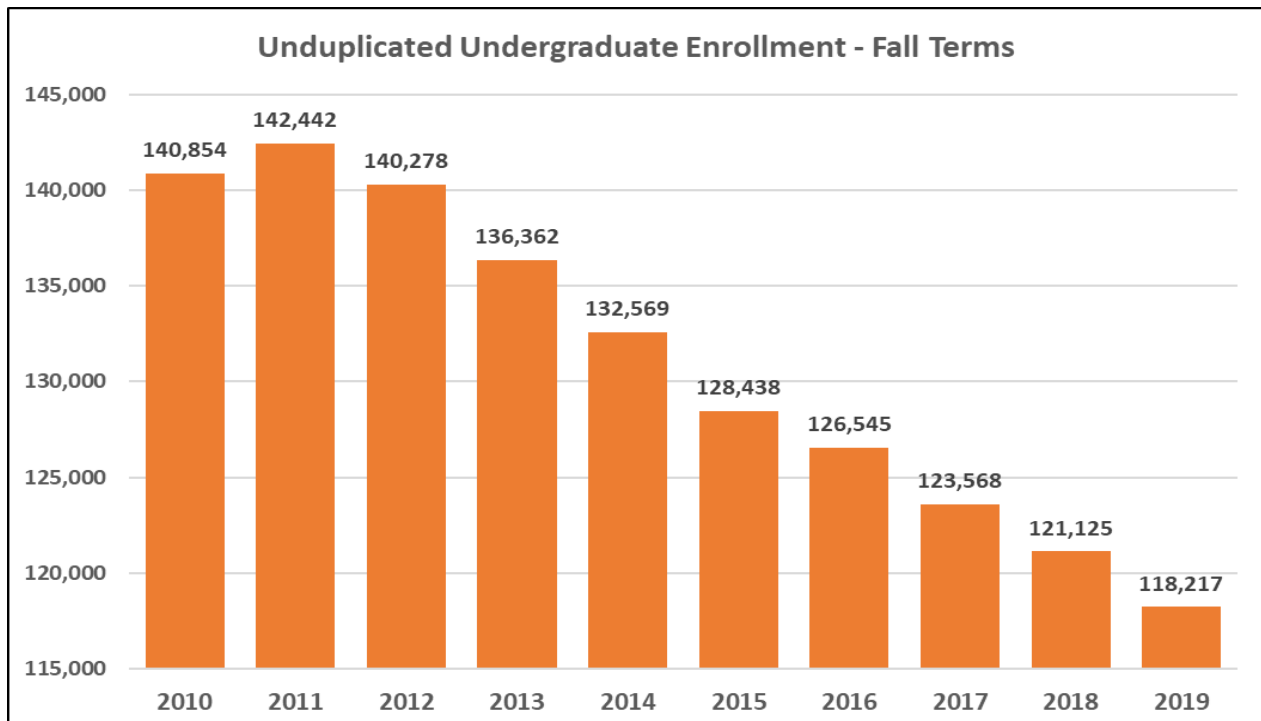
The Private/Independent Colleges fall term enrollment has declined the last four years. The 17,349 students reported in fall 2011 is their largest fall enrollment ever.



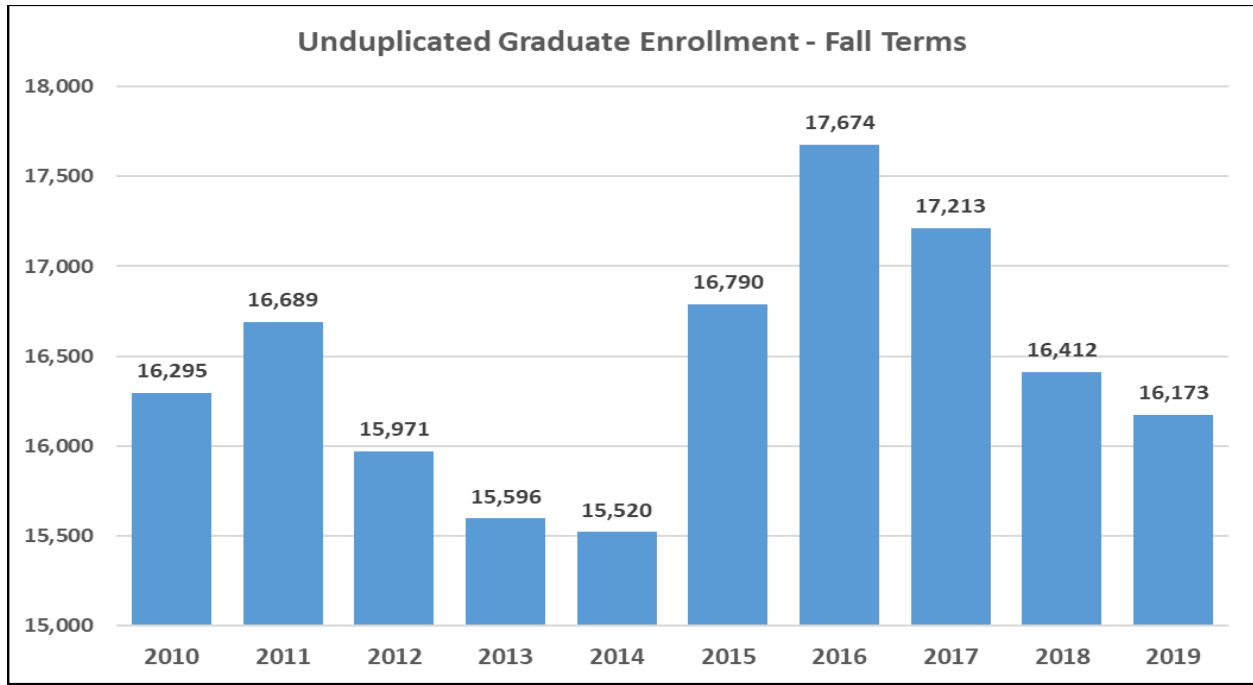
High School student enrollment, including both concurrent and dually enrolled students, continued to increase, but fall 2019 gained only 85 students over fall 2018 high school student enrollment. Each fall term, about 700 or 4 percent of high school students enroll in courses at more than one institution.



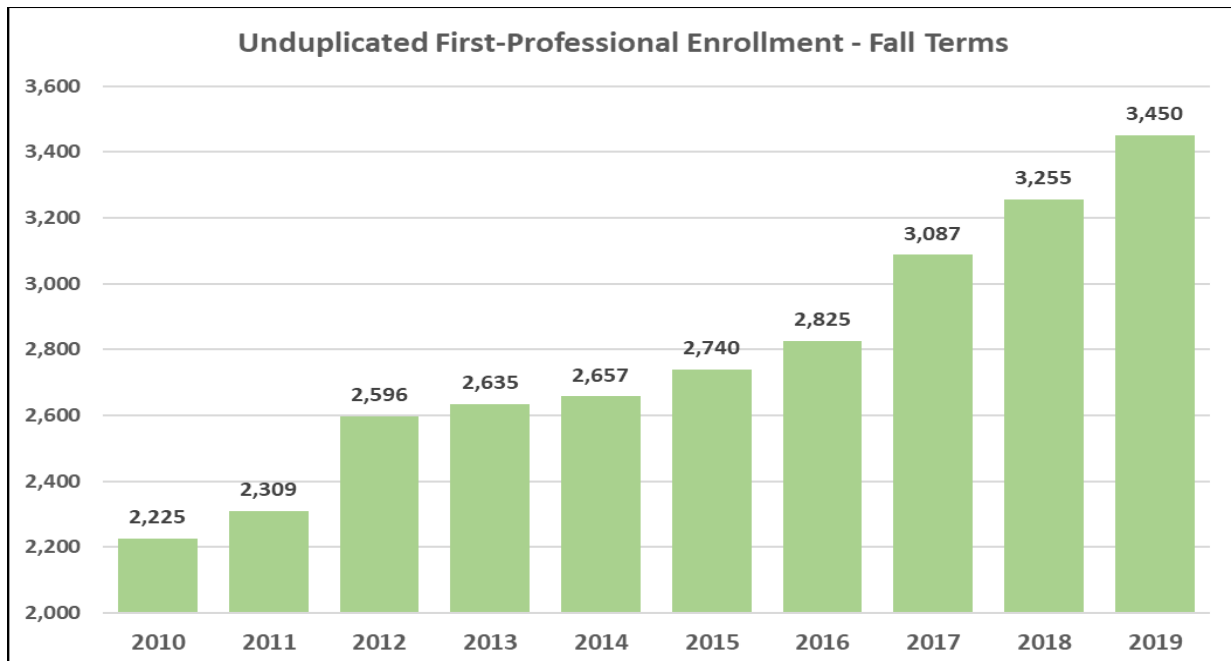
Undergraduate enrollment had its largest decline in five years of -2.6 percent. The largest undergraduate class on record is 142,442 reported in fall 2011. Undergraduate enrollment reported here does not include high school student enrollment.



Graduate enrollment for all public and private institutions is reporting a decline for the third year in a row. The largest graduate enrollment on record was reported in fall 2016 at 17,674.



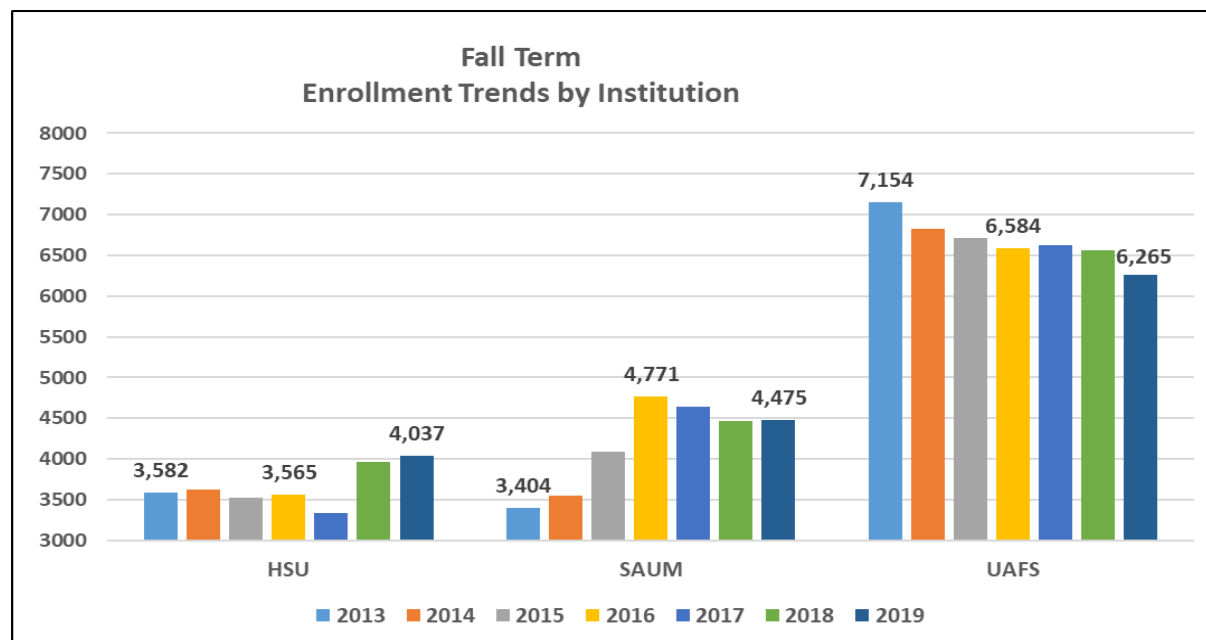
First-Professional enrollment has grown each of the last ten years. Enrollment includes students in law, medicine, pharmacy, advanced nursing programs, occupational and physical therapies.

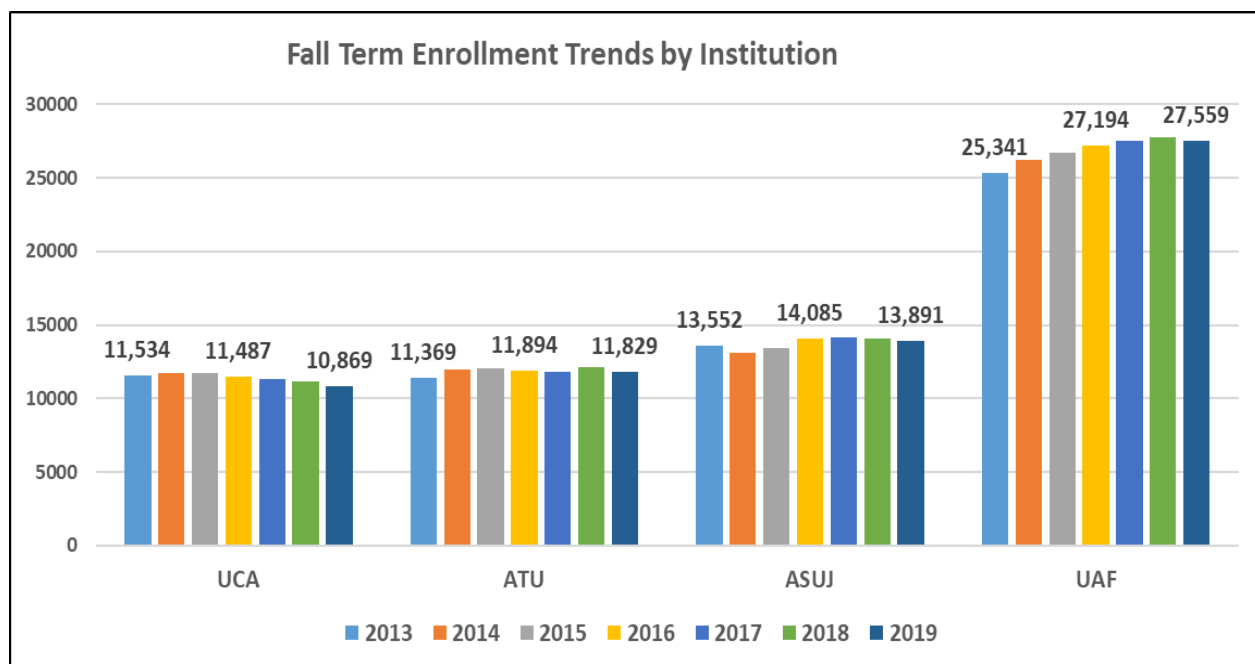
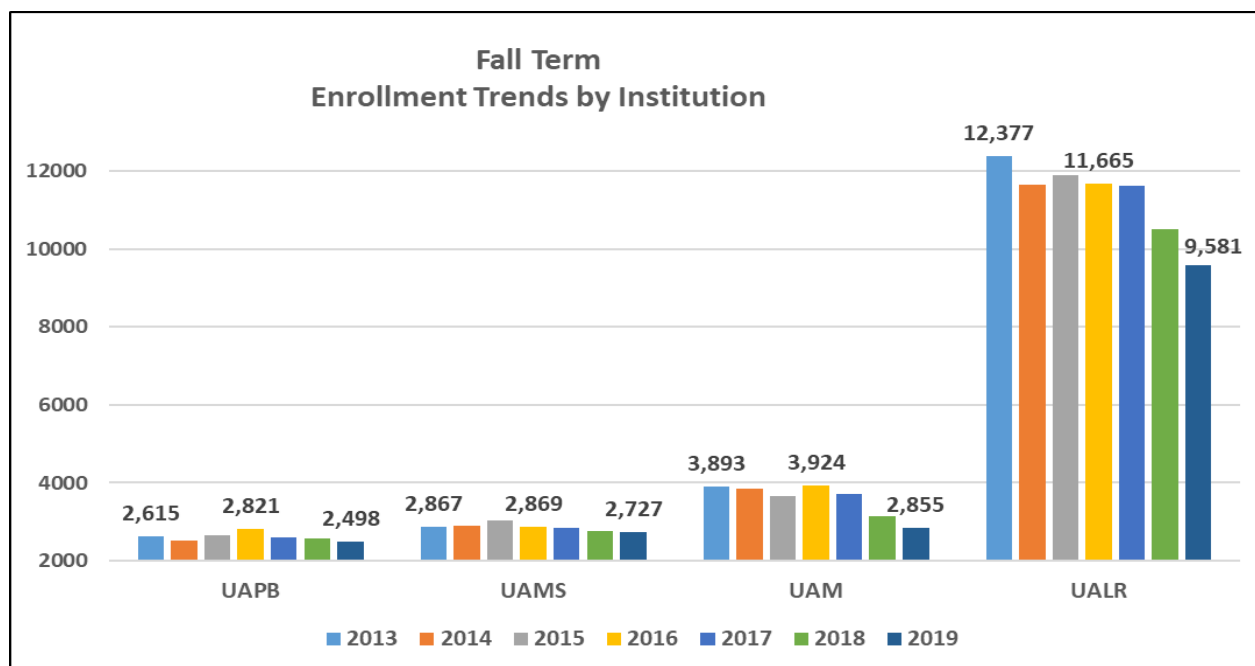


### Public 4-Year College Fall Term Enrollment Trends

The following charts provide a five- and seven-year fall term enrollment trend for all public 4-year universities. Actual enrollment counts in the graphs are provided for fall terms 2013, 2016 and 2019. Henderson State University and Southern Arkansas University-Magnolia were the only two 4-Year universities reporting an increase in fall term enrollment for fall 2019.

| Public Universities - Total Enrollment Trends |           |        |        |        |        |                          |                          |
|---|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Fall Term |        |        |        |        | Change from<br>Fall 2015 | Change from<br>Fall 2018 |
|   | 2015      | 2016   | 2017   | 2018   | 2019   |                          |                          |
| ASUJ  | 13,410    | 14,085 | 14,144 | 14,058 | 13,891 | 3.6%                     | -1.2%                    |
| ATU   | 12,054    | 11,894 | 11,830 | 12,101 | 11,829 | -1.9%                    | -2.2%                    |
| HSU   | 3,529     | 3,565  | 3,336  | 3,959  | 4,037  | 14.4%                    | 2.0%                     |
| SAUM  | 4,095     | 4,771  | 4,643  | 4,468  | 4,475  | 9.3%                     | 0.2%                     |
| UAF   | 26,754    | 27,194 | 27,558 | 27,778 | 27,559 | 3.0%                     | -0.8%                    |
| UAFS  | 6,710     | 6,584  | 6,626  | 6,557  | 6,265  | -6.6%                    | -4.5%                    |
| UALR  | 11,891    | 11,665 | 11,624 | 10,515 | 9,581  | -19.4%                   | -8.9%                    |
| UAM   | 3,646     | 3,924  | 3,700  | 3,132  | 2,855  | -21.7%                   | -8.8%                    |
| UAMS  | 3,021     | 2,869  | 2,834  | 2,758  | 2,727  | -9.7%                    | -1.1%                    |
| UAPB  | 2,658     | 2,821  | 2,612  | 2,579  | 2,498  | -6.0%                    | -3.1%                    |
| UCA   | 11,754    | 11,487 | 11,350 | 11,177 | 10,869 | -7.5%                    | -2.8%                    |



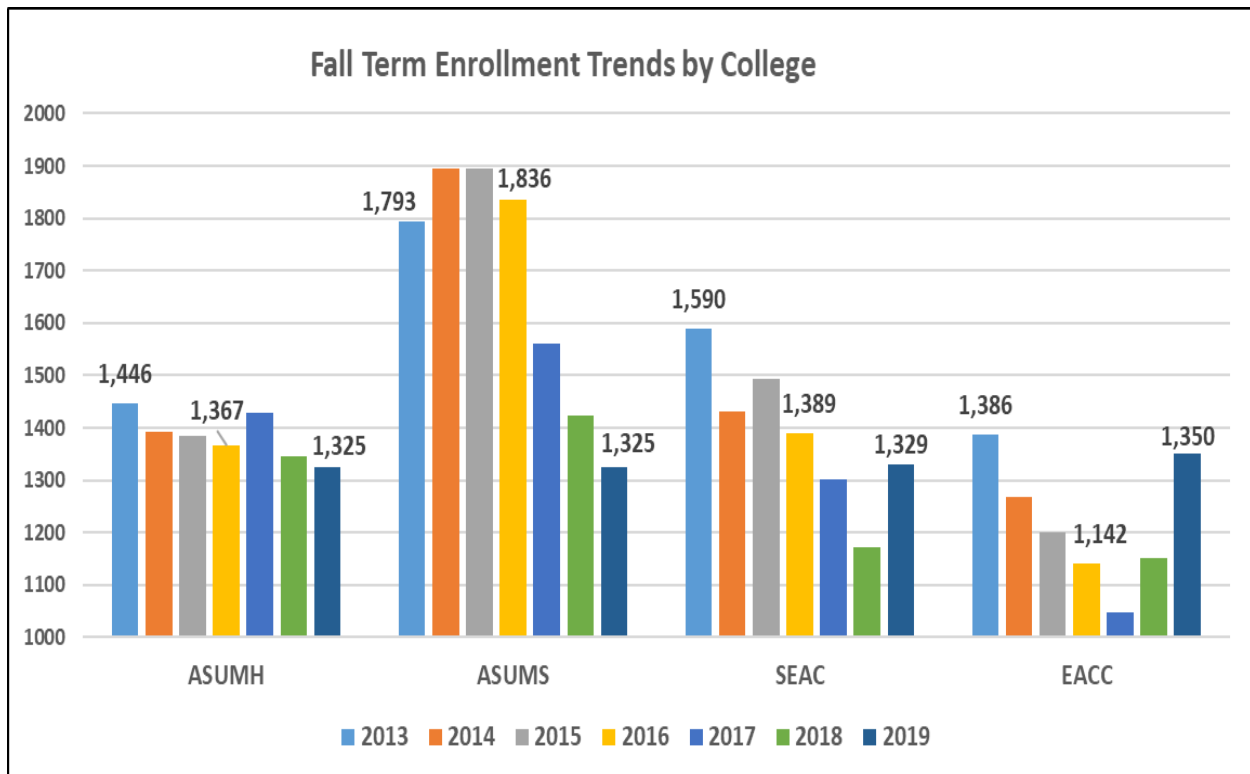
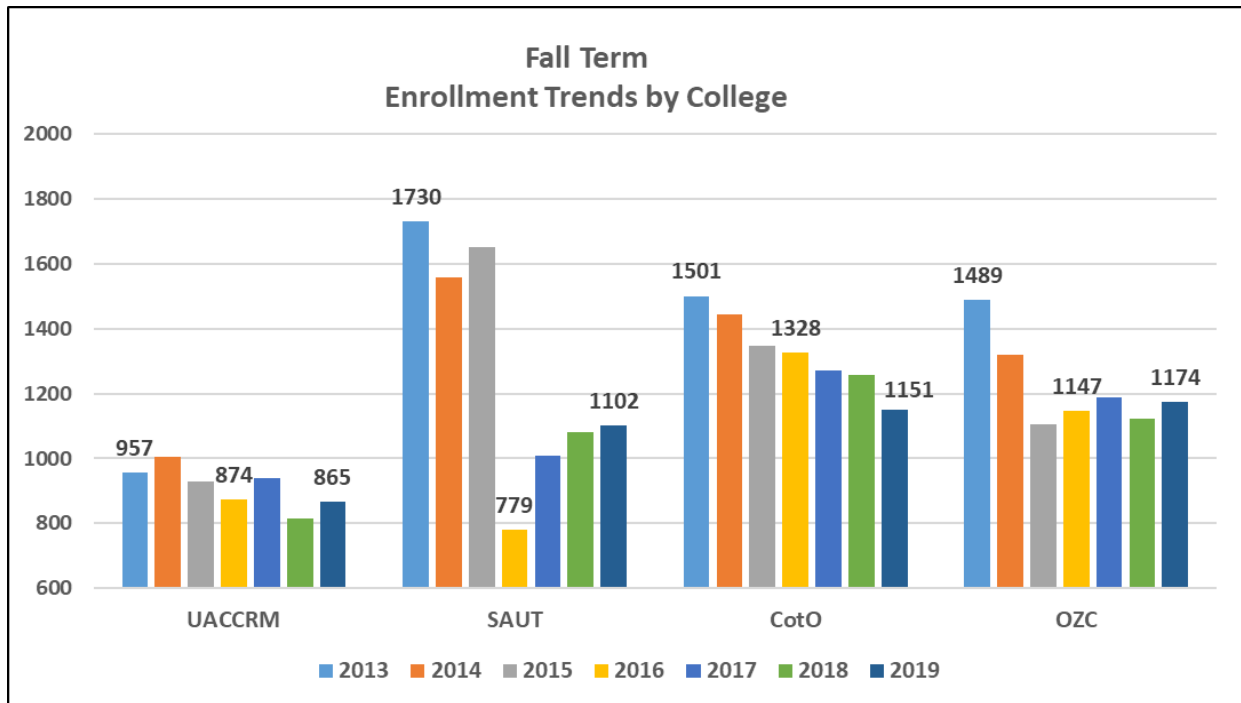


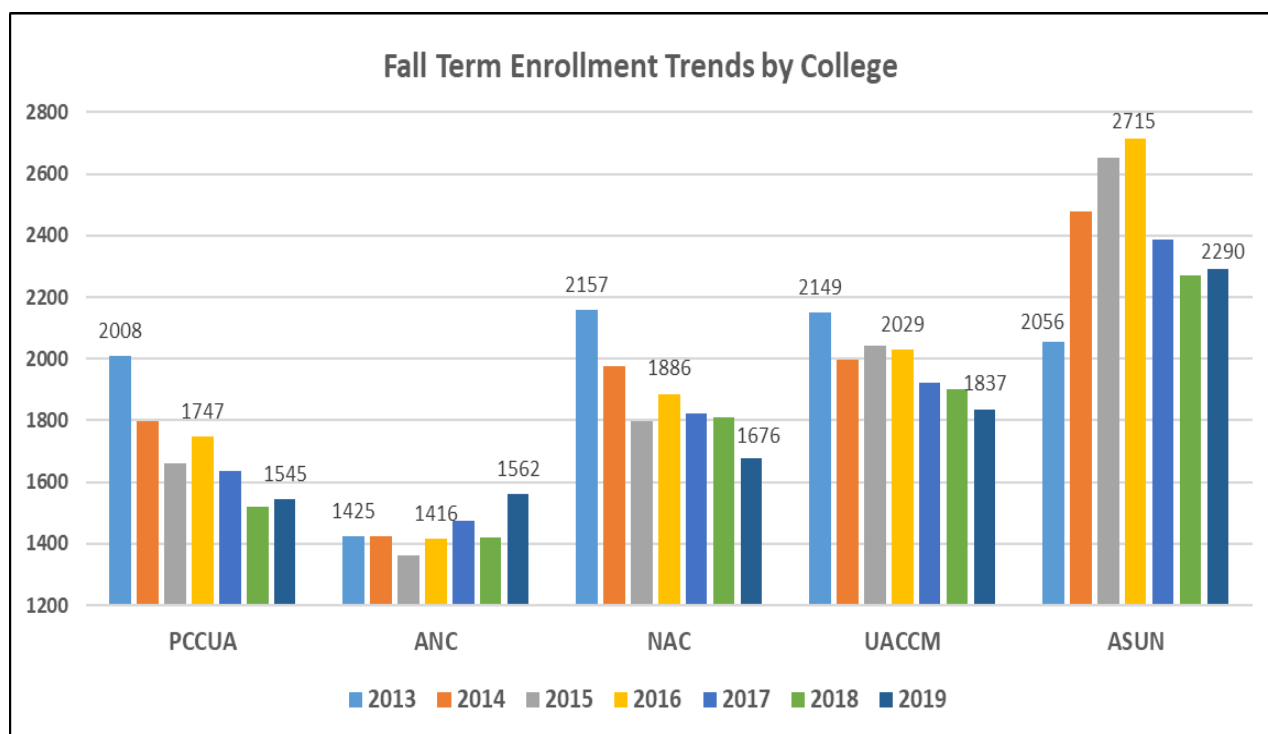
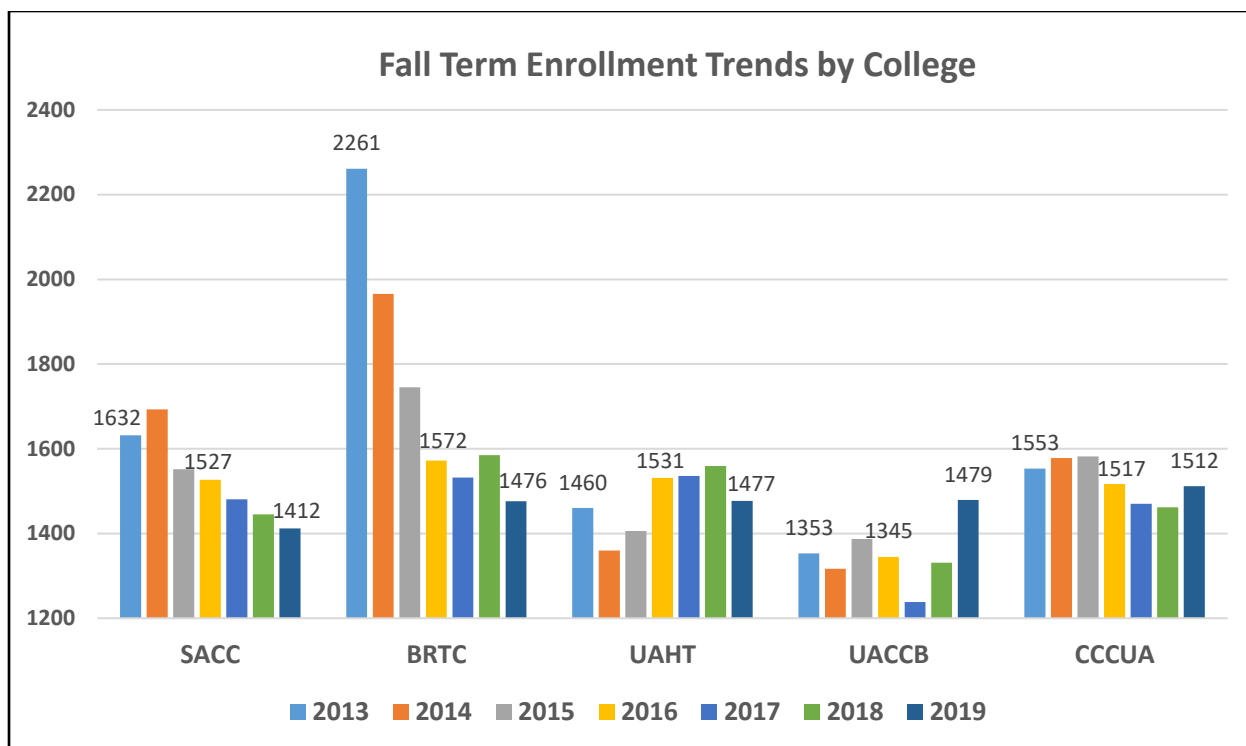


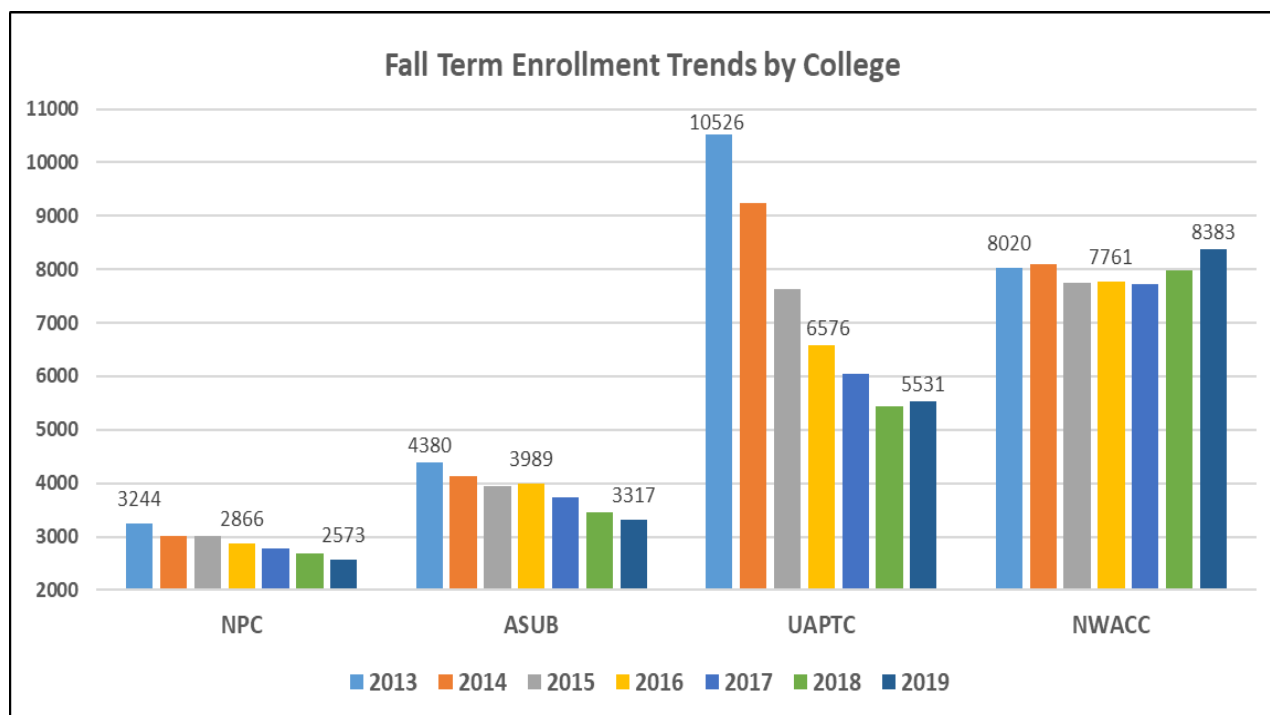
### Public 2-Year College Fall Term Enrollment Trends

The following charts provide a five- and seven-year fall term enrollment trend for all public 2-year colleges. Actual enrollment counts in the graphs are provided for fall terms 2013, 2016 and 2019. Colleges are grouped by similar enrollment counts to allow for better graphing results. Twelve 2-Year colleges reported an increase in fall term enrollment. East Arkansas Community College showed 17.3% growth, which was the largest percent increase. College of the Ouachitas reported the largest decline in fall term enrollment at 8.6%. Only six 2-year colleges reported a one year increase in the Fall 2018.

| 2-Year Colleges - Total Enrollment Trends |           |       |       |       |       |                          |                          |
|---|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Fall Term |       |       |       |       | Change from<br>Fall 2015 | Change from<br>Fall 2018 |
|   | 2015      | 2016  | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  |                          |                          |
| ANC                                       | 1,361     | 1,416 | 1,474 | 1,422 | 1,562 | 14.8%                    | 9.8%                     |
| ASUB                                      | 3,935     | 3,989 | 3,739 | 3,446 | 3,317 | -15.7%                   | -3.7%                    |
| ASUMH                                     | 1,384     | 1,367 | 1,429 | 1,345 | 1,325 | -4.3%                    | -1.5%                    |
| ASUMS                                     | 1,896     | 1,836 | 1,561 | 1,423 | 1,325 | -30.1%                   | -6.9%                    |
| ASUN                                      | 2,651     | 2,715 | 2,386 | 2,270 | 2,275 | -14.2%                   | 0.2%                     |
| BRTC                                      | 1,745     | 1,572 | 1,532 | 1,585 | 1,476 | -15.4%                   | -6.9%                    |
| CCCUA                                     | 1,582     | 1,517 | 1,470 | 1,462 | 1,512 | -4.4%                    | 3.4%                     |
| COTO                                      | 1,346     | 1,328 | 1,272 | 1,259 | 1,151 | -14.5%                   | -8.6%                    |
| EACC                                      | 1,200     | 1,142 | 1,047 | 1,151 | 1,350 | 12.5%                    | 17.3%                    |
| NAC                                       | 1,796     | 1,886 | 1,821 | 1,812 | 1,676 | -6.7%                    | -7.5%                    |
| NPC                                       | 3,015     | 2,866 | 2,768 | 2,695 | 2,573 | -14.7%                   | -4.5%                    |
| NWACC                                     | 7,744     | 7,761 | 7,715 | 7,979 | 8,383 | 8.3%                     | 5.1%                     |
| OZC                                       | 1,105     | 1,147 | 1,187 | 1,122 | 1,174 | 6.2%                     | 4.6%                     |
| PCCUA                                     | 1,661     | 1,747 | 1,636 | 1,520 | 1,545 | -7.0%                    | 1.6%                     |
| SACC                                      | 1,552     | 1,527 | 1,481 | 1,445 | 1,412 | -9.0%                    | -2.3%                    |
| SAUT                                      | 1,650     | 779   | 1,010 | 1,082 | 1,102 | -33.2%                   | 1.8%                     |
| SEAC                                      | 1,494     | 1,389 | 1,301 | 1,173 | 1,329 | -11.0%                   | 13.3%                    |
| UACCB                                     | 1,387     | 1,345 | 1,238 | 1,331 | 1,479 | 6.6%                     | 11.1%                    |
| UACCM                                     | 2,044     | 2,029 | 1,921 | 1,902 | 1,837 | -10.1%                   | -3.4%                    |
| UACCRM                                    | 929       | 874   | 938   | 814   | 865   | -6.9%                    | 6.3%                     |
| UAHT                                      | 1,406     | 1,531 | 1,536 | 1,559 | 1,477 | 5.0%                     | -5.3%                    |
| UAPTC                                     | 7,641     | 6,576 | 6,035 | 5,445 | 5,531 | -27.6%                   | 1.6%                     |







| Private/Independent/Nursing - Total Enrollment Trends |           |       |       |       |       |                          |                          |
|---|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Fall Term |       |       |       |       | Change from<br>Fall 2015 | Change from<br>Fall 2018 |
|   | 2015      | 2016  | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  |                          |                          |
| BHCLR   | 597       | 587   | 612   | 558   | 561   | -6.0%                    | 0.5%                     |
| JSN   | 27        | 47    | 46    | 61    | 46    | 70.4%                    | -24.6%                   |
| ABC   | 956       | 843   | 529   | 486   | 515   | -46.1%                   | 6.0%                     |
| ACHE  | 0         | 0     | 162   | 318   | 515   | -                        | 61.9%                    |
| CBC   | 881       | 832   | 745   | 730   | 518   | -41.2%                   | -29.0%                   |
| CCC   | 0         | 0     | 0     | 92    | 80    | -                        | -13.0%                   |
| CRC   | 226       | 229   | 215   | 193   | 185   | -18.1%                   | -4.1%                    |
| EC  | 198       | 209   | 190   | 200   | 194   | -2.0%                    | -3.0%                    |
| HC  | 1,339     | 1,328 | 1,233 | 1,206 | 1,121 | -16.3%                   | -7.0%                    |
| HU  | 5,984     | 5,875 | 5,511 | 5,052 | 4,793 | -19.9%                   | -5.1%                    |
| JBU   | 2,780     | 2,707 | 2,613 | 2,440 | 2,318 | -16.6%                   | -5.0%                    |
| LC  | 715       | 689   | 669   | 671   | 661   | -7.6%                    | -1.5%                    |
| OBU   | 1,537     | 1,494 | 1,545 | 1,689 | 1,633 | 6.2%                     | -3.3%                    |
| PSC   | 585       | 765   | 891   | 1,000 | 996   | 70.3%                    | -0.4%                    |
| SC  | 236       | 408   | 472   | 565   | 568   | 140.7%                   | 0.5%                     |
| UO  | 651       | 686   | 752   | 872   | 824   | 26.6%                    | -5.5%                    |
| WBU   | 531       | 464   | 502   | 488   | 554   | 4.3%                     | 13.5%                    |