

# Arkansas Division of Higher Education

## Annual Enrollment Report

Fall 2021



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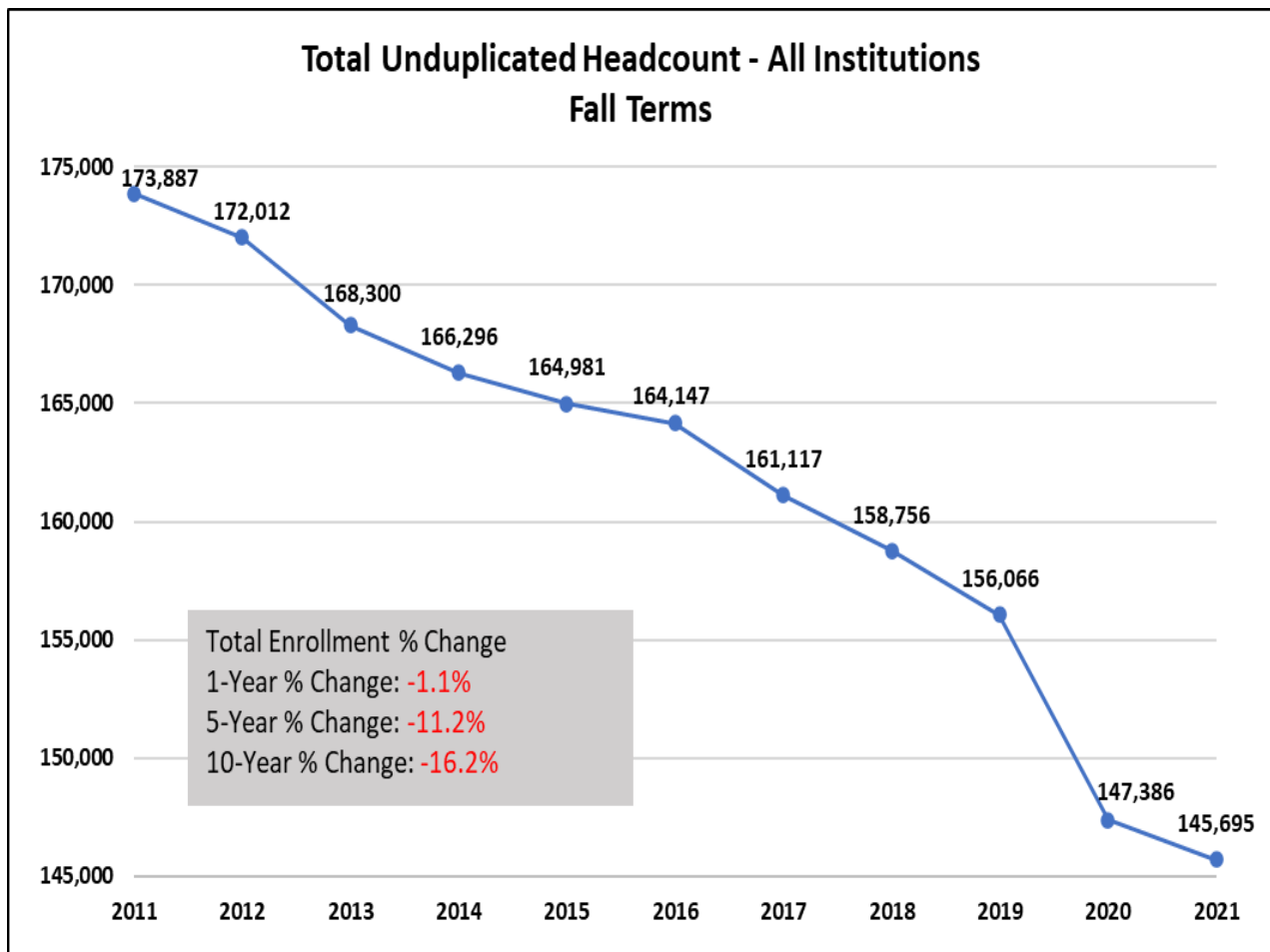
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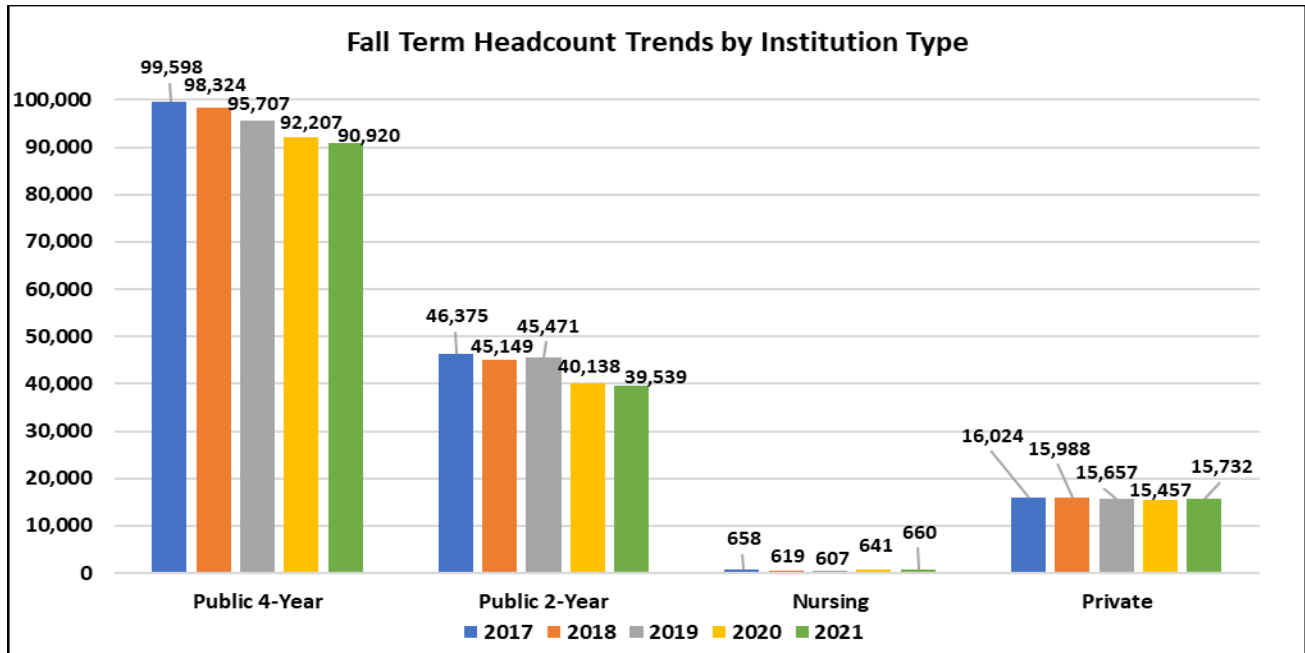
The **total** unduplicated headcount for the fall 2021 term in all sectors of Arkansas higher education, including public universities, public colleges, private/independent colleges and universities, and nursing schools was **145,695 students**, representing a decline of 1.1% from the fall 2020 term.

The last time all sectors of Arkansas higher education experienced an increase in fall term headcount was the fall 2011 term. Fall 2011 total unduplicated headcount of 173,887 represented the largest fall term headcount ever. Declines from year-to-year since the 2011 fall term range from .5% to 5.6%. Arkansas higher education currently has 28,192 fewer students than it did in the fall 2011 term.

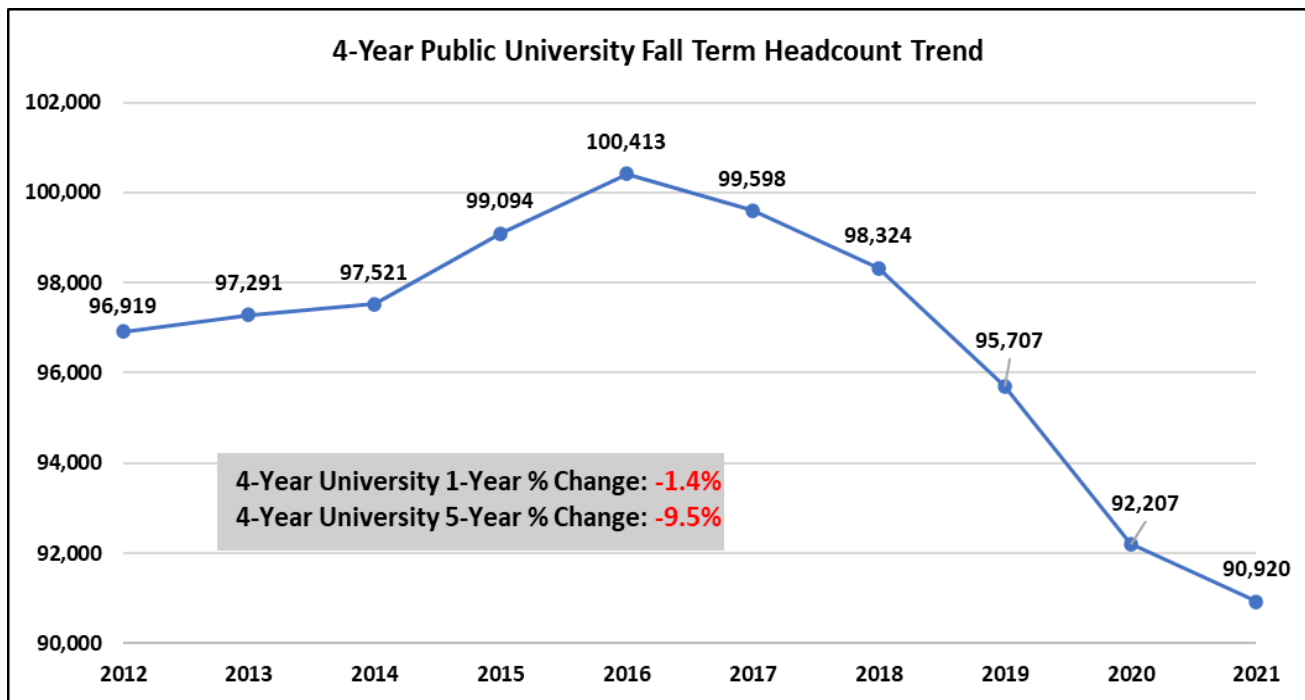
Of the 145,695 students enrolled in fall 2021, 1,548 students are enrolled at more than one institution and represent one percent of the total fall 2021 headcount.



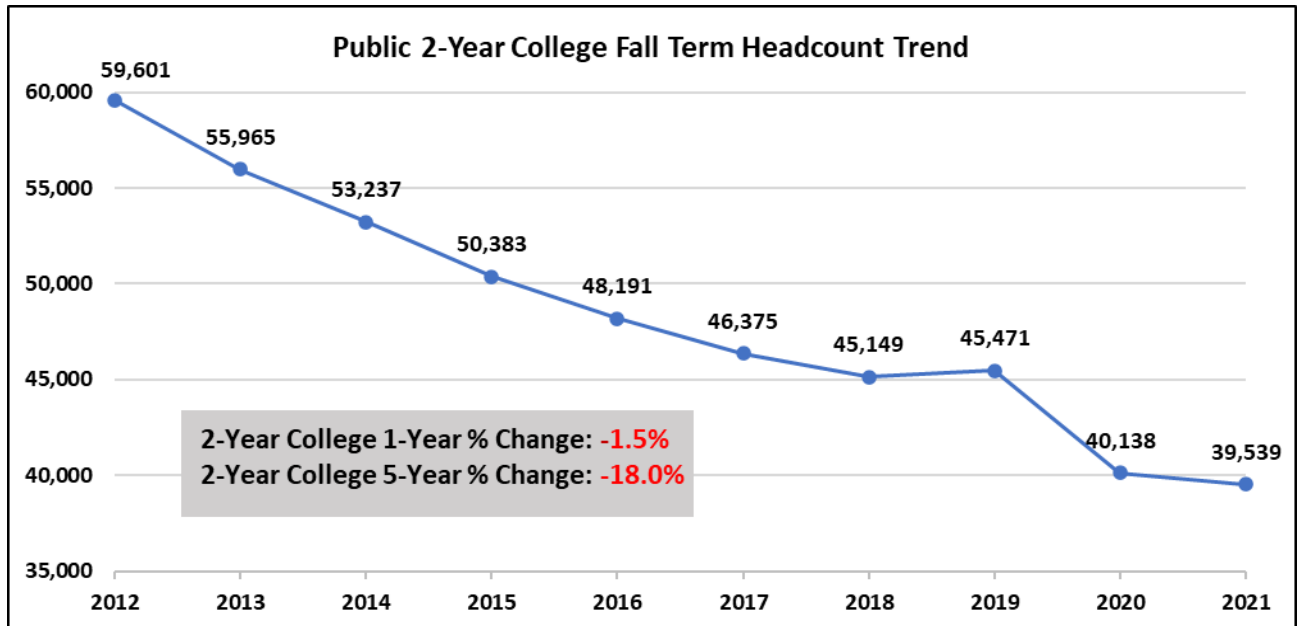
The following graph depicts a five-year total headcount trend for each sector of Arkansas higher education. Four-year universities and 2-year colleges all experienced an overall decline in headcount, while private/independent institutions and nursing institutions reported an increase.



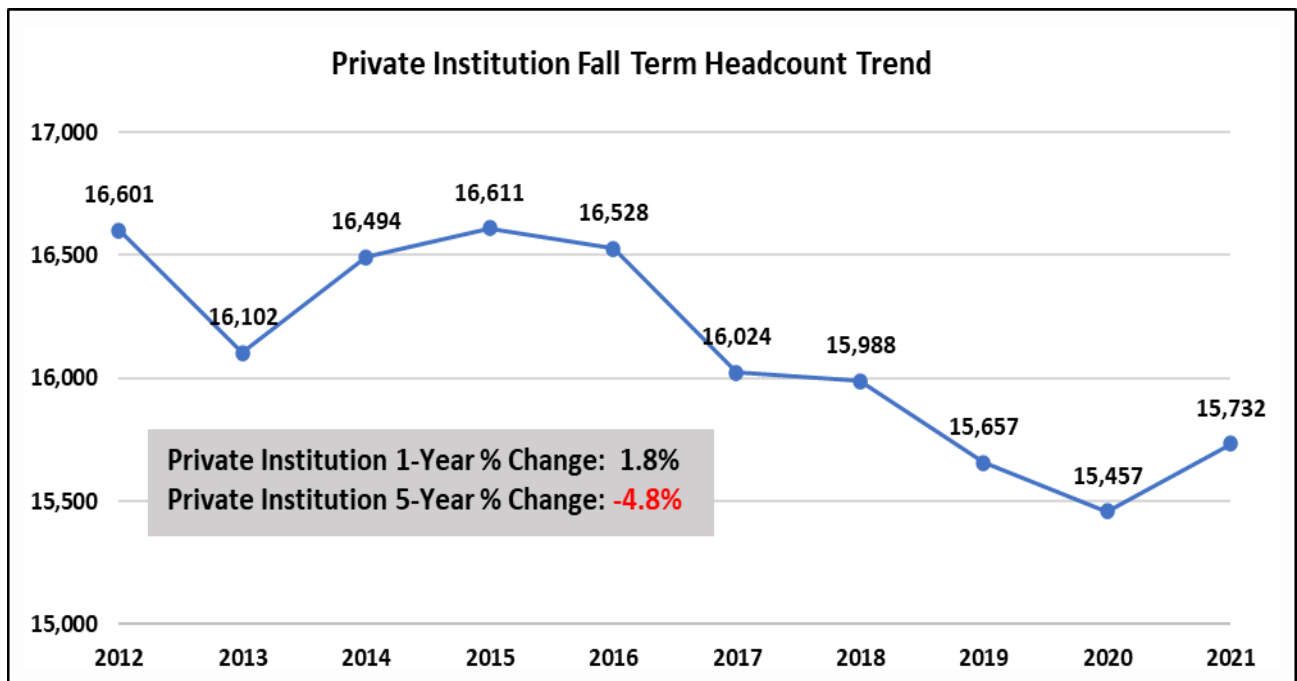
The 4-year public universities reported a fall term decline for a fifth consecutive year. They experienced their highest headcount in the fall 2016 term of 100,413.



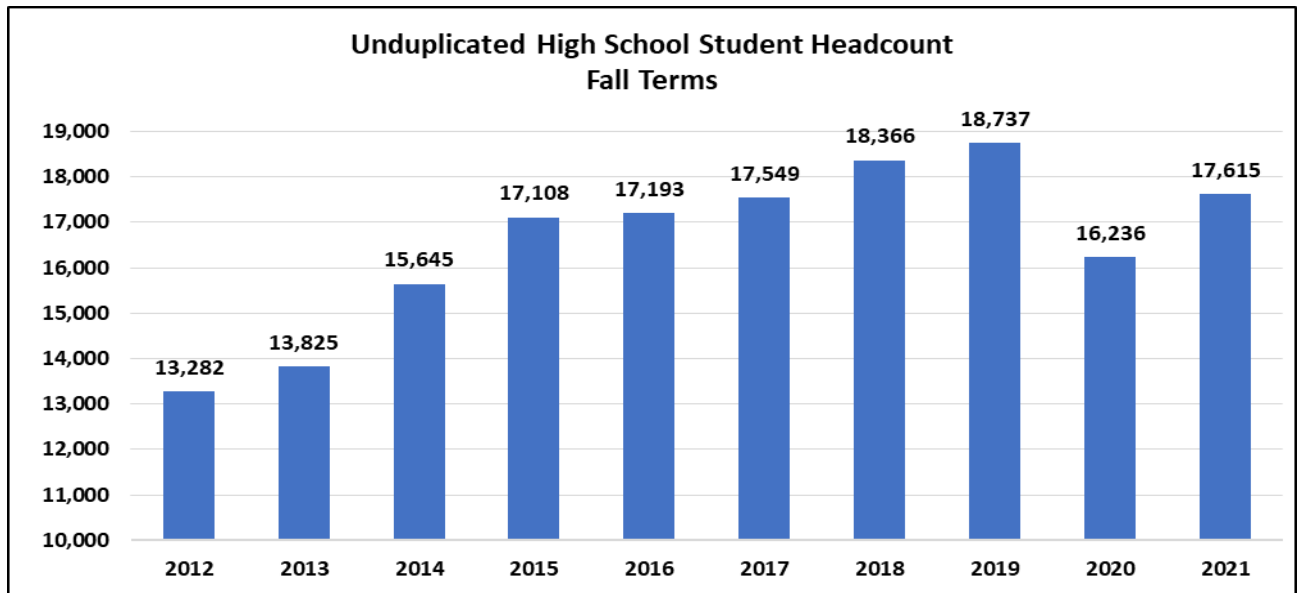
The 2-year public colleges reported a decrease from 2020 of 1.5%. They experienced their highest headcount in the fall 2012 term of 59,601.



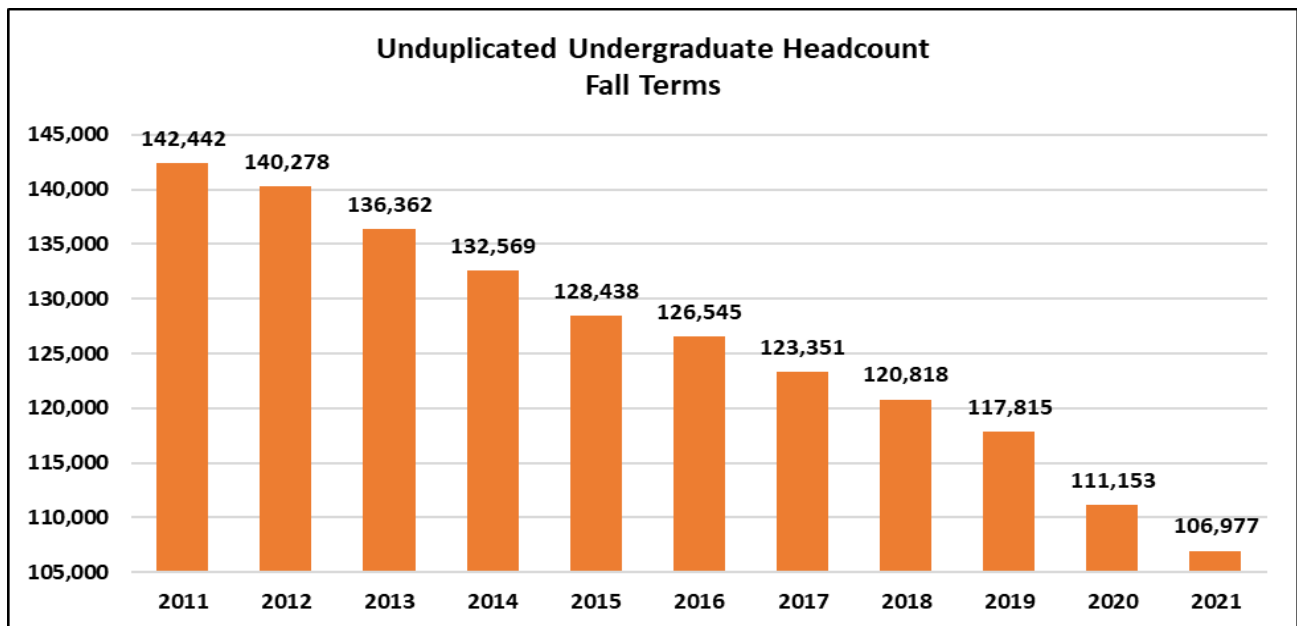
Private/independent colleges reported an increase of 275 students. They experienced their highest headcount in the fall 2015 term of 16,611.



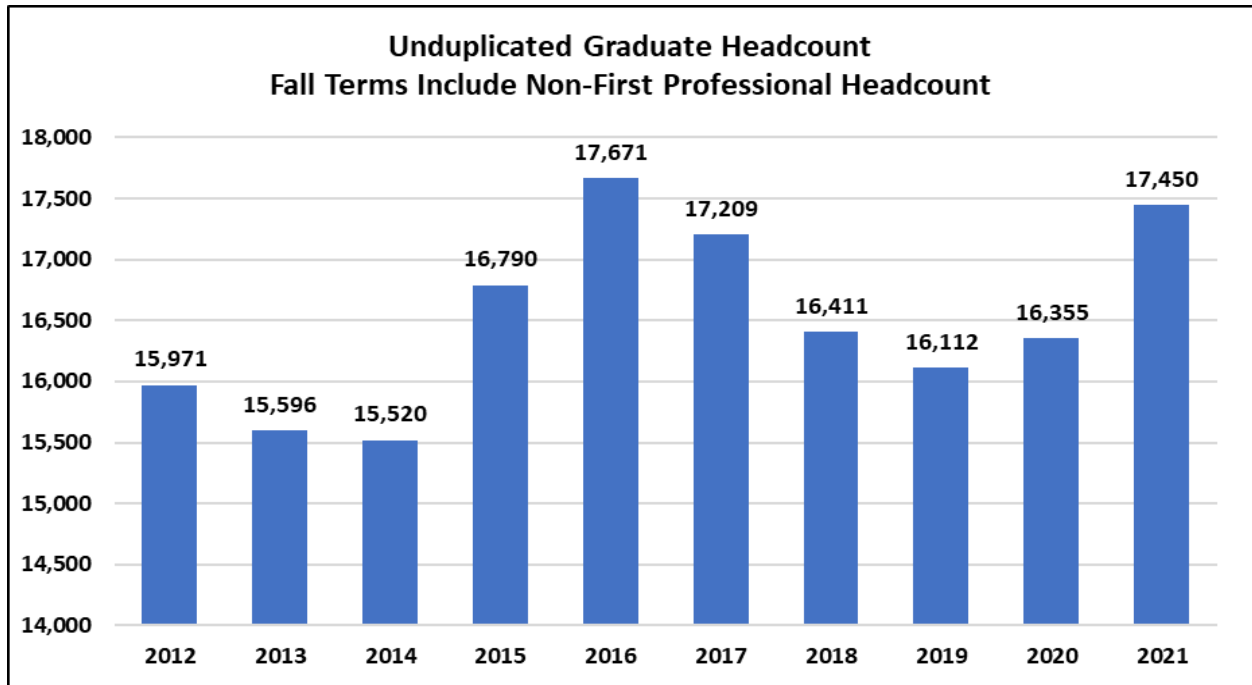
High School student headcount, including both concurrent and dually enrolled students, increased from last year by 1,379 students. Covid-19 is believed to have been a significant factor in the decline in high school headcounts in AY 2020. While high school headcounts in AY 2021 have rebounded over AY 2020, they have not returned to pre-pandemic enrollment levels. There are 683 high school students enrolled in concurrent courses with more than one institution, which is 3.9% of the total high school concurrent headcount.



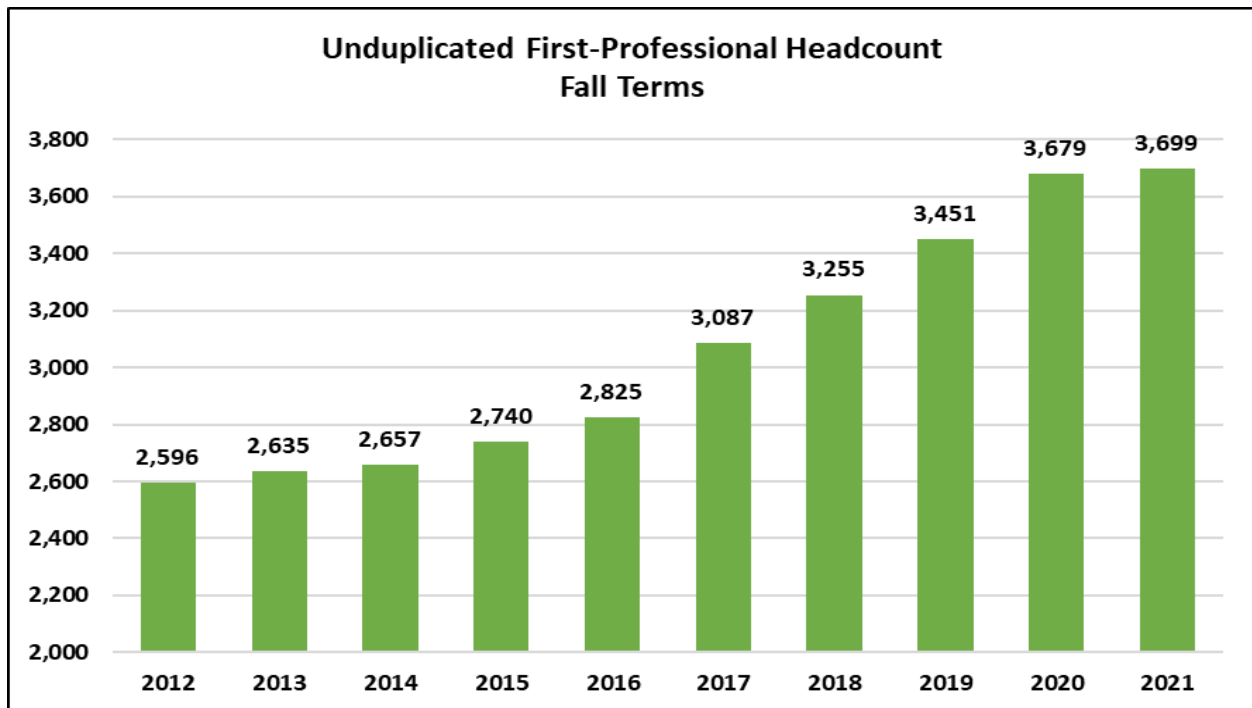
Undergraduate headcount declined by 3.8%. The largest undergraduate class on record is 142,442 reported in fall 2011. Undergraduate headcount reported here does not include high school student headcount.



Graduate headcount for all public and private institutions increased for fall 2021 term by 1,095 students representing an increase of 6.7% from the fall 2020 term.



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

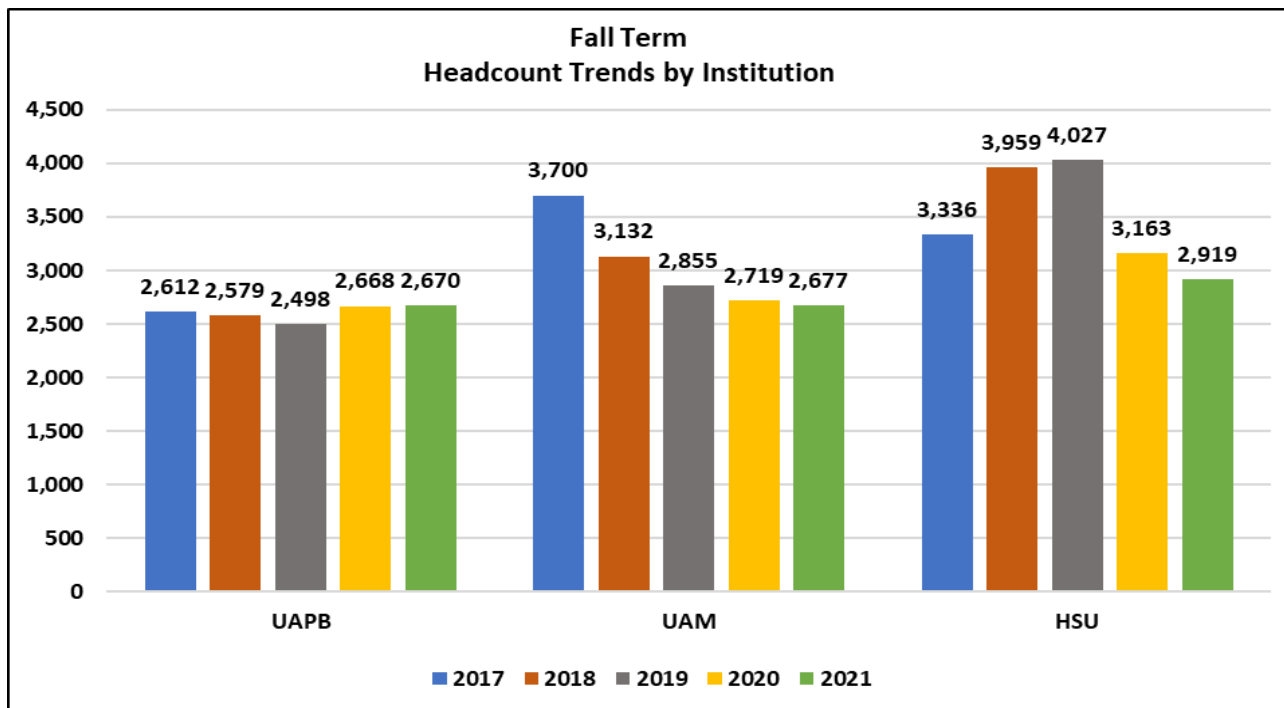


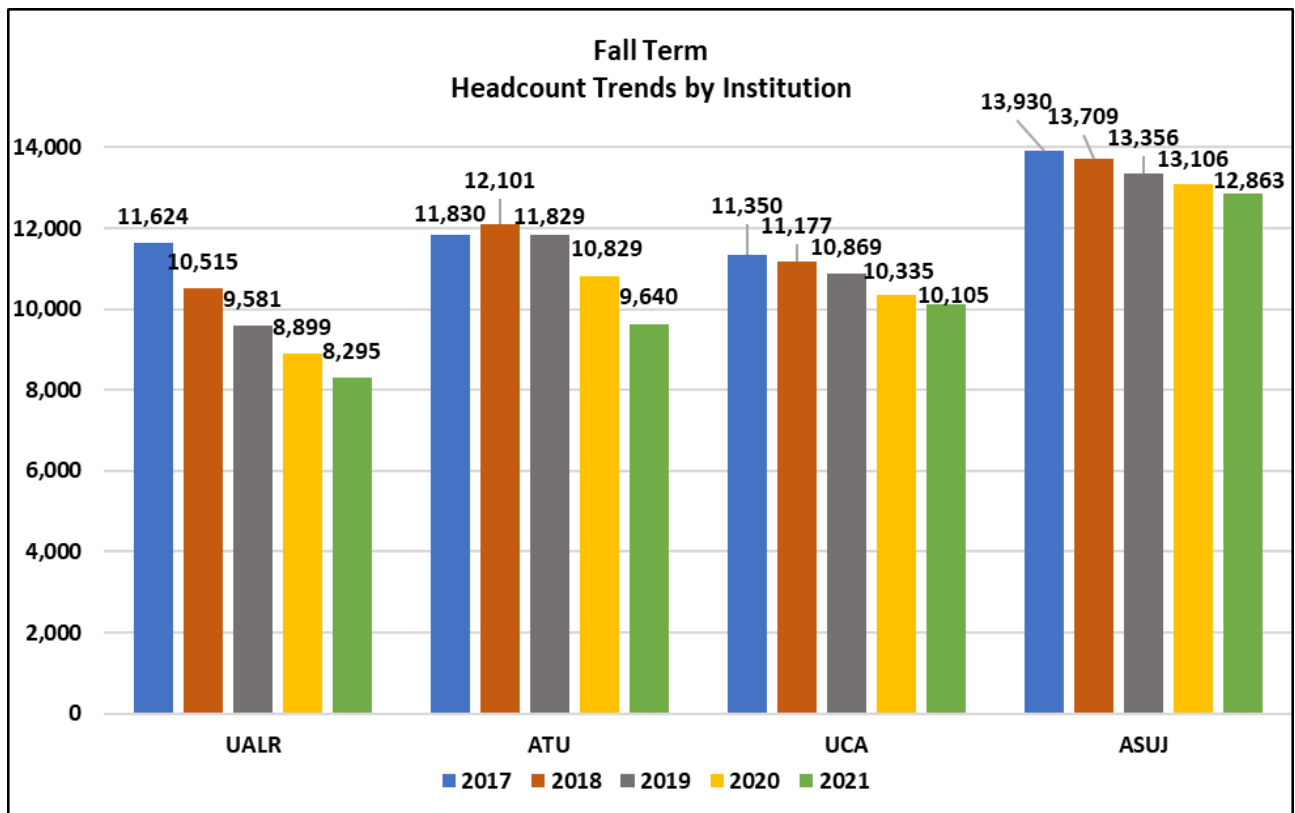
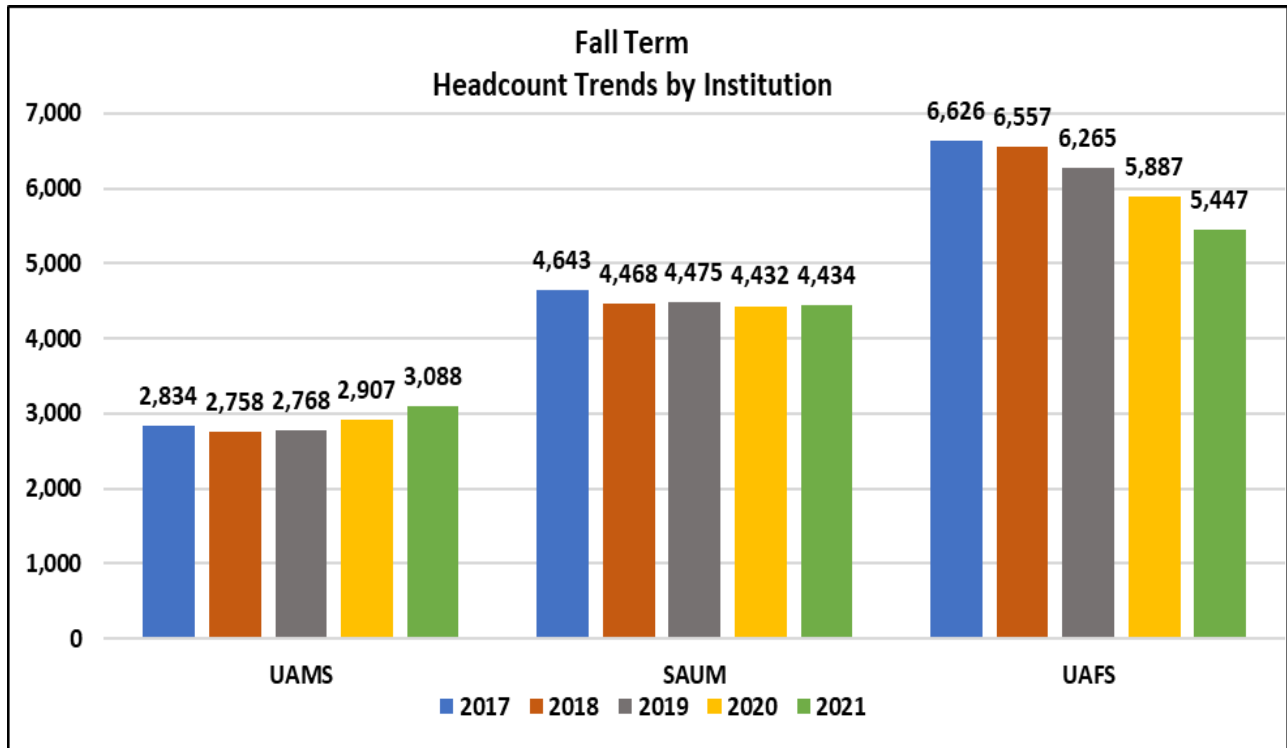
### Public 4-Year Universities Fall Term Headcount Trends

The following chart provides a five-year fall term headcount trend for all public 4-year universities. The two 4-year universities reporting the largest increase in fall term 2021 were UAF with an increase of 5.5% and UAMS with an increase of 6.2%.

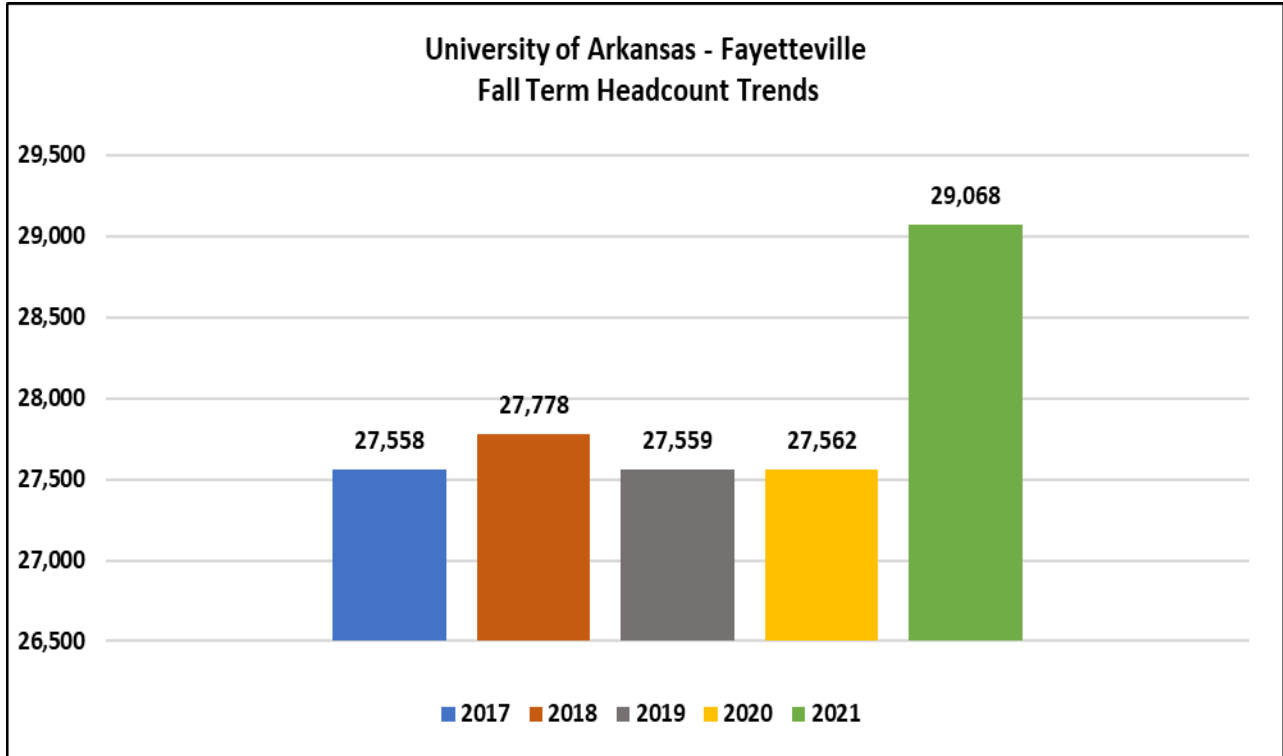
Institution	Fall Term					Change from Fall 2020	Change from Fall 2017
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
ASUJ	13,930	13,709	13,356	13,106	12,863	-1.9%	-7.7%
ATU	11,830	12,101	11,829	10,829	9,640	-11.0%	-18.5%
HSU	3,336	3,959	4,027	3,163	2,919	-7.7%	-12.5%
SAUM	4,643	4,468	4,475	4,432	4,434	0.05%	-4.5%
UAF	27,558	27,778	27,559	27,562	29,068	5.5%	5.5%
UAFS	6,626	6,557	6,265	5,887	5,447	-7.5%	-17.8%
UALR	11,624	10,515	9,581	8,899	8,295	-6.8%	-28.6%
UAM	3,700	3,132	2,855	2,719	2,677	-1.5%	-27.6%
UAMS	2,834	2,758	2,768	2,907	3,088	6.2%	9.0%
UAPB	2,612	2,579	2,498	2,668	2,670	0.1%	2.2%
UCA	11,350	11,177	10,869	10,335	10,105	-2.2%	-11.0%

Headcounts in the graphs below are provided for fall terms 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Universities are grouped by those with similar headcounts to allow for better graphing results.







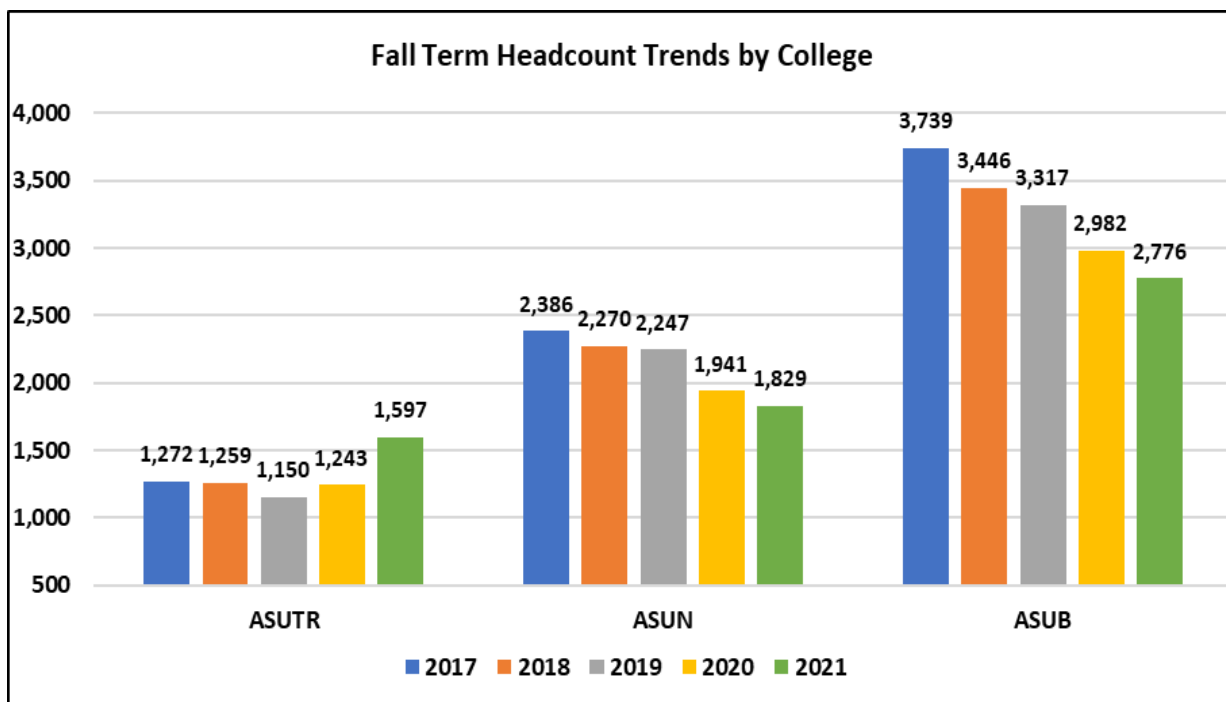
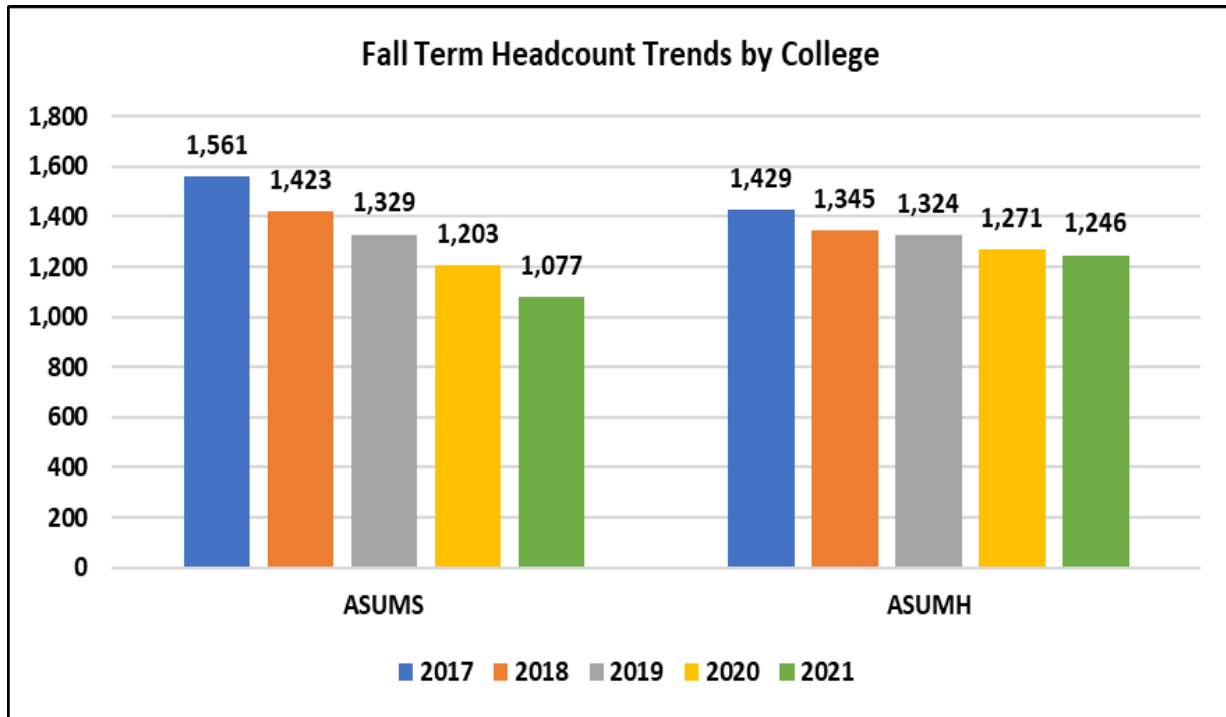


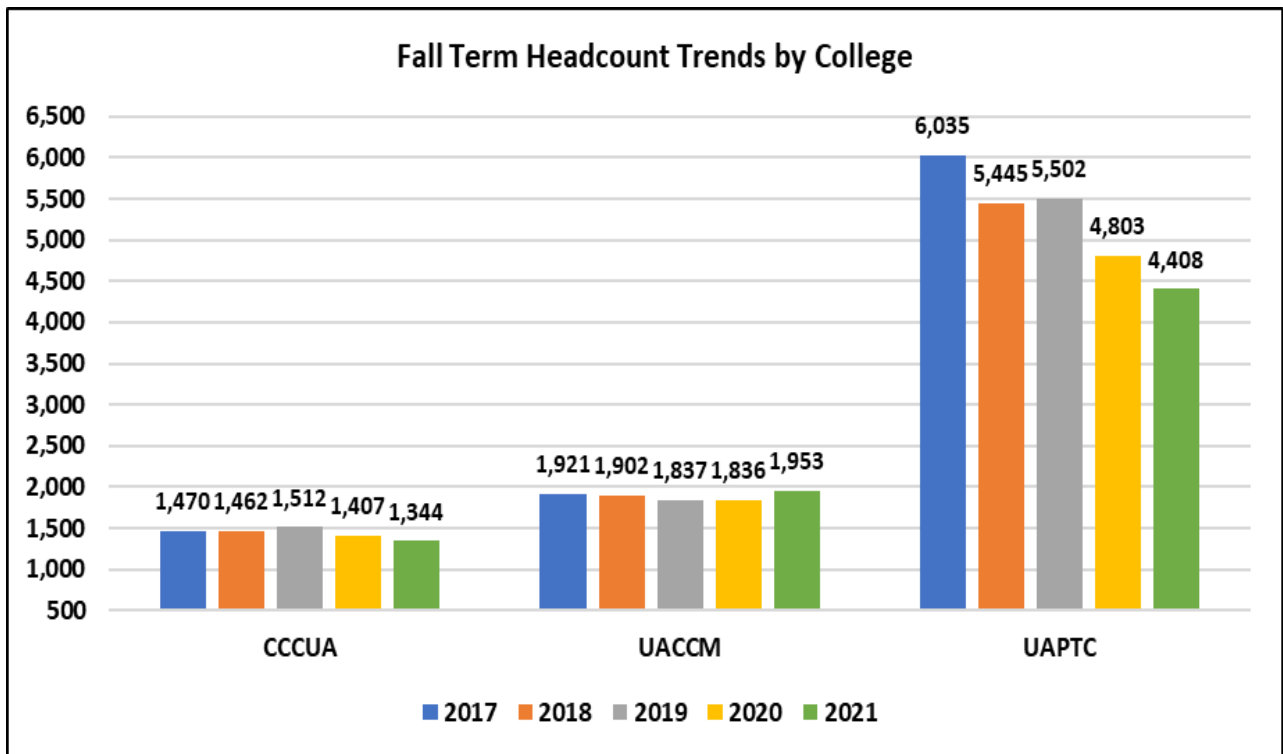
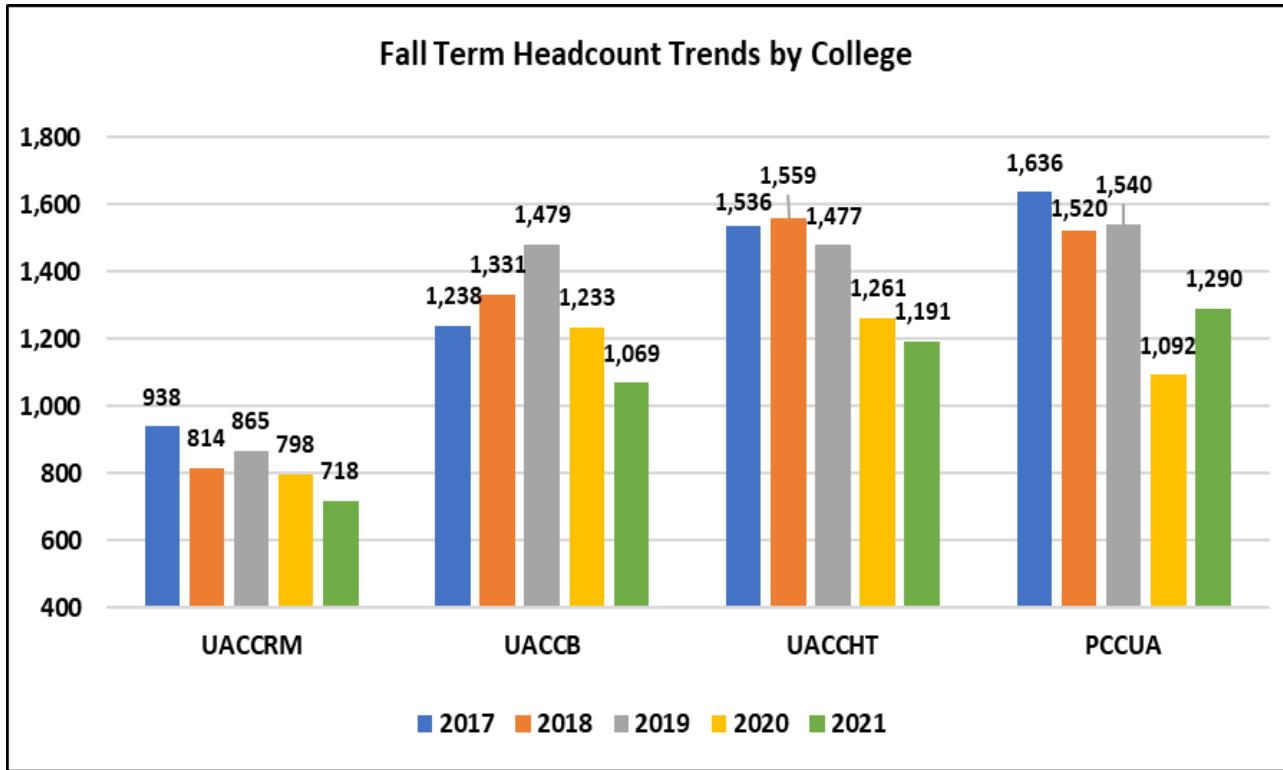
**Public 2-Year College Fall Term Headcount Trends**

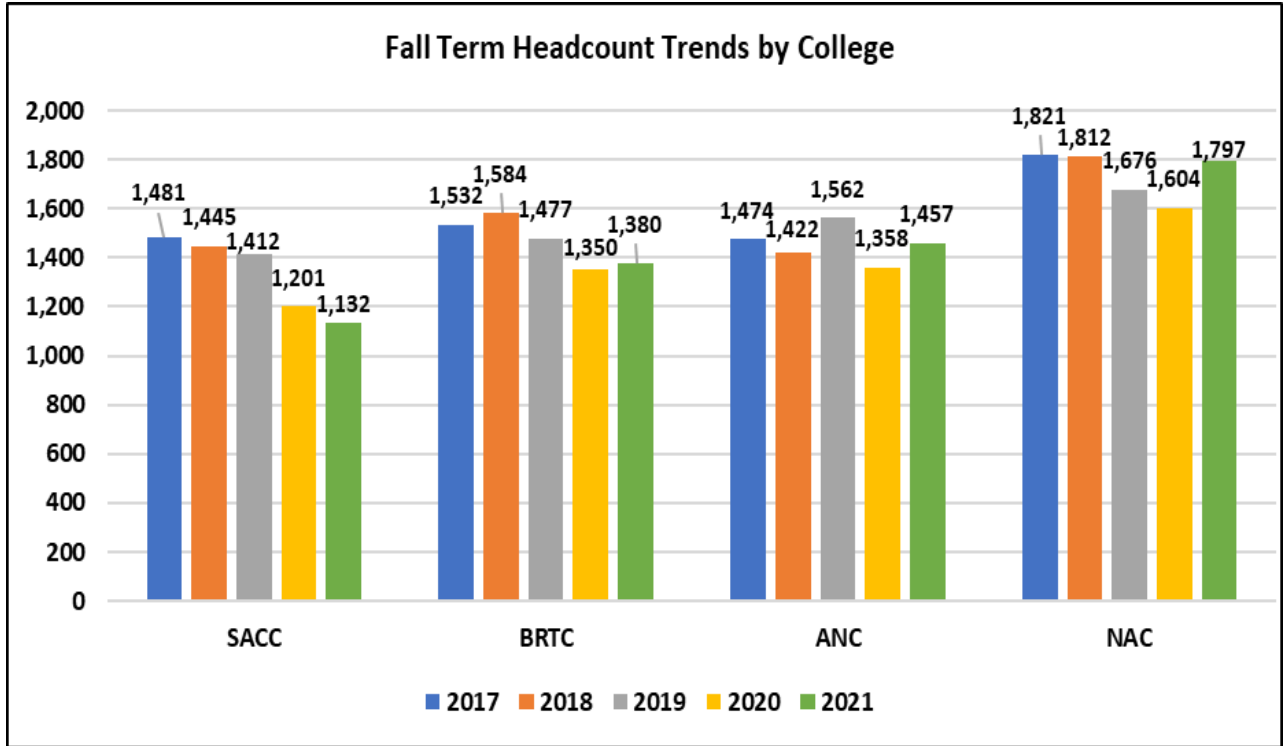
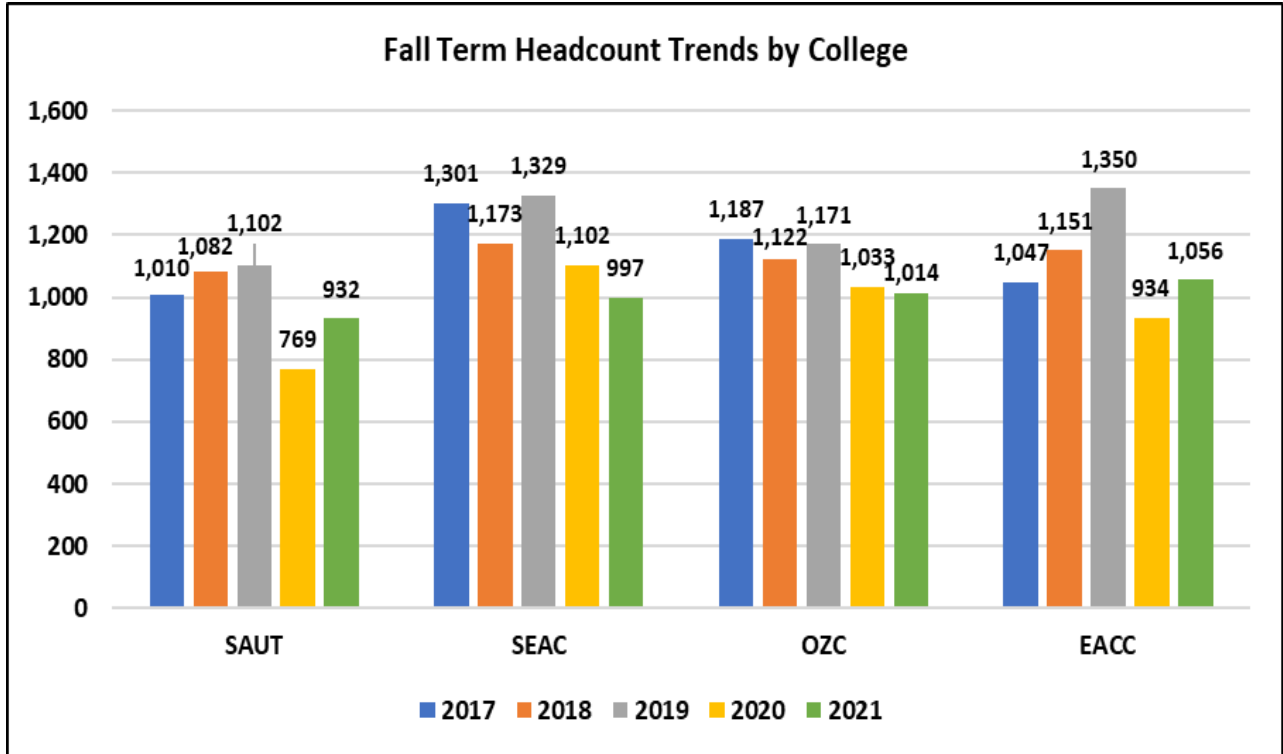
The following chart provides a five-year fall term headcount trend for all public 2-year colleges. Eight 2-year colleges reported increases in fall term headcount. ASU-Three Rivers showed 28.5% growth and Southern Arkansas University Tech showed 21.2% growth.

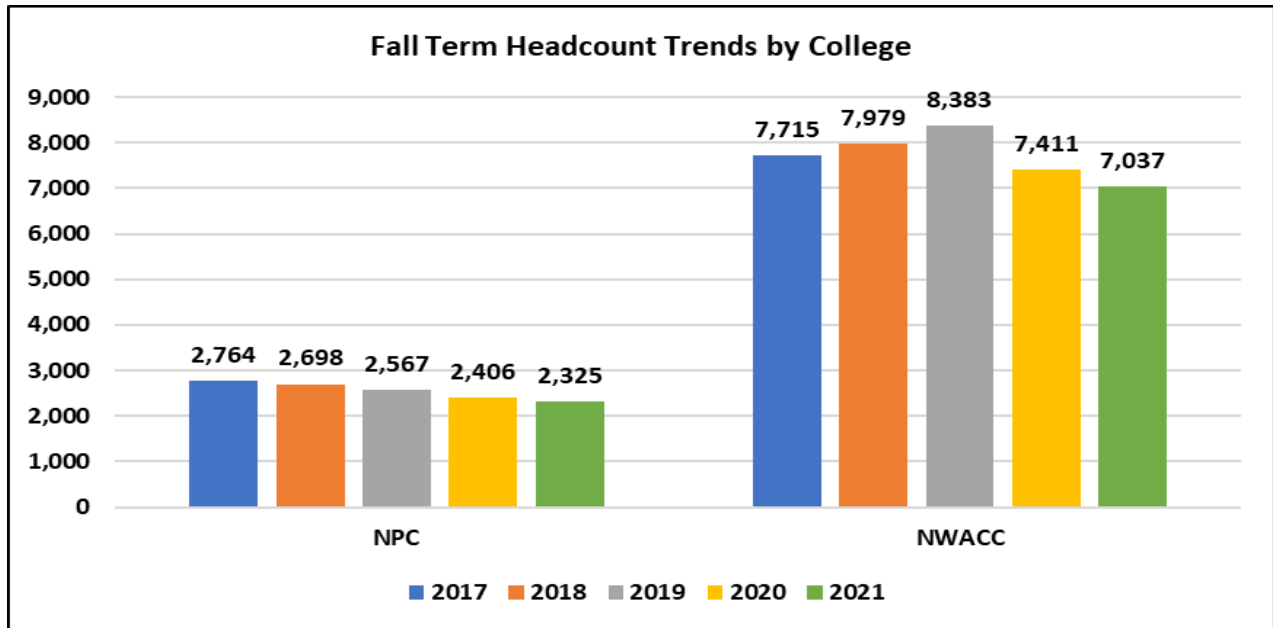
Institution	Fall Term					Change from Fall 2020	Change from Fall 2017
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
ANC	1,474	1,422	1,562	1,358	1,457	7.3%	-1.2%
ASUB	3,739	3,446	3,317	2,982	2,776	-6.9%	-25.8%
ASUMH	1,429	1,345	1,324	1,271	1,246	-2.0%	-12.8%
ASUMS	1,561	1,423	1,329	1,203	1,077	-10.5%	-31.0%
ASUN	2,386	2,270	2,247	1,941	1,829	-5.8%	-23.3%
ASUTR	1,272	1,259	1,150	1,243	1,597	28.5%	25.6%
BRTC	1,532	1,584	1,477	1,350	1,380	2.2%	-9.9%
CCCUA	1,470	1,462	1,512	1,407	1,344	-4.5%	-8.6%
EACC	1,047	1,151	1,350	934	1,056	13.1%	0.9%
NAC	1,821	1,812	1,676	1,604	1,797	12.0%	-1.3%
NPC	2,764	2,698	2,567	2,406	2,325	-3.4%	-15.9%
NWACC	7,715	7,979	8,383	7,411	7,037	-5.0%	-8.8%
OZC	1,187	1,122	1,171	1,033	1,014	-1.8%	-14.6%
PCCUA	1,636	1,520	1,540	1,092	1,290	18.1%	-21.1%
SACC	1,481	1,445	1,412	1,201	1,132	-5.7%	-23.6%
SAUT	1,010	1,082	1,102	769	932	21.2%	-7.7%
SEAC	1,301	1,173	1,329	1,102	997	-9.5%	-23.4%
UACCB	1,238	1,331	1,479	1,233	1,069	-13.3%	-13.7%
UACCHT	1,536	1,559	1,477	1,261	1,191	-5.6%	-22.5%
UACCM	1,921	1,902	1,837	1,836	1,953	6.4%	1.7%
UACCRM	938	814	865	798	718	-10.0%	-23.5%
UAPTC	6,035	5,445	5,502	4,803	4,408	-8.2%	-27.0%

The following charts depict headcount trends for fall terms 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 grouped by 2-year colleges within the Arkansas State University System, University of Arkansas System and colleges unaffiliated with either system.









**Private/Independent/Nursing – Total Headcount Trends**

Seven private/independent and nursing schools reported fall term headcount declines ranging from -3.7% to -12.1%. The remaining eleven schools reported increases ranging from 0.3% to 31.8%.

Institution	Fall Term					Change from Fall 2020	Change from Fall 2017
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
BHCLR	612	558	561	607	621	2.3%	1.5%
JSN	46	61	46	34	39	14.7%	-15.2%
ABC	529	486	515	432	413	-4.4%	-21.9%
ACHE	162	318	516	678	718	5.9%	343.2%
CBC	745	730	699	631	633	0.3%	-15.0%
CCC	-	92	80	66	87	31.8%	-
CRC	215	193	187	192	196	2.1%	-8.8%
EC	190	200	194	168	153	-8.9%	-19.5%
HC	1,233	1,206	1,121	1,076	1,120	4.1%	-9.2%
HU	5,511	5,052	4,793	4,579	4,879	6.6%	-11.5%
JBU	2,613	2,440	2,319	2,278	2,397	5.2%	-8.3%
LC	669	671	661	661	581	-12.1%	-13.2%
NWTI	-	-	-	215	207	-3.7%	-
OBU	1,545	1,689	1,633	1,705	1,764	3.5%	14.2%
PSC	891	1,000	996	799	710	-11.1%	-20.3%
SC	472	565	568	546	480	-12.1%	1.7%
UO	752	872	824	836	784	-6.2%	4.3%
WBU	502	488	554	614	630	2.6%	25.5%