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ICAC Oversight

- The Institutional Certification Advisory Committee is mandated by Arkansas law and is appointed by the Commissioner of ADHE.
- ICAC has oversight of out-of-state postsecondary institutions that are not in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA) and Arkansas private institutions.
- Institutions exempt from ICAC oversight:
 - Church-related training
 - Institutions on military bases
 - Institutions in regional and national reciprocity agreements (like SARA)

Out-of-State and Arkansas Private Institutions

2024-25: 44 Institutions

8 Arkansas Campuses

36 Institutions with programs delivered only through distance technology to Arkansas students

5 Institutions offering programs both on Arkansas campuses and delivered through distance technology

3 Institutions offering programs only on an Arkansas campus

Degrees Offered

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

| Type of Degree | Number of degrees offered |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Undergraduate | 289 |
| Graduate | 538 |
| Total | 827 |

ADHE did not see a substantial increase in programs were certified from last year and made available for students to enroll.

Student Enrollment and Graduates

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

- Online Enrollment – 3,725
- Onsite Enrollment – 3,226
- Total Enrollment – 6,951
(340 less than last year)
- Total Graduates – 1,562
(221 more than last year)

Graduates by Degree

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

| Type of Degree | Number of Graduates by Degree Type |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Certificates | 392 |
| Associate of Applied Science Degrees | 473 |
| Associate of Arts/Science Degrees | 22 |
| Bachelor's Degrees | 174 |
| Master's Degrees | 168 |
| Doctoral Degrees | 333 |
| Total | 1, 562 |

Institutions Exempt from Certification

- 31 institutions offering only church-related training (at Arkansas institutions, seminaries, and churches, and online from other states)
- 2 institutions offering programs on military installations
The majority (51% of total annual enrollment) of students enrolled at the institution located on the military installation must be active or retired military personnel and/or their dependents
- Out-of-state institutions approved by state higher education agencies to offer degrees by distance technology through a recognized regional or national education compact such as SARA

State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA)

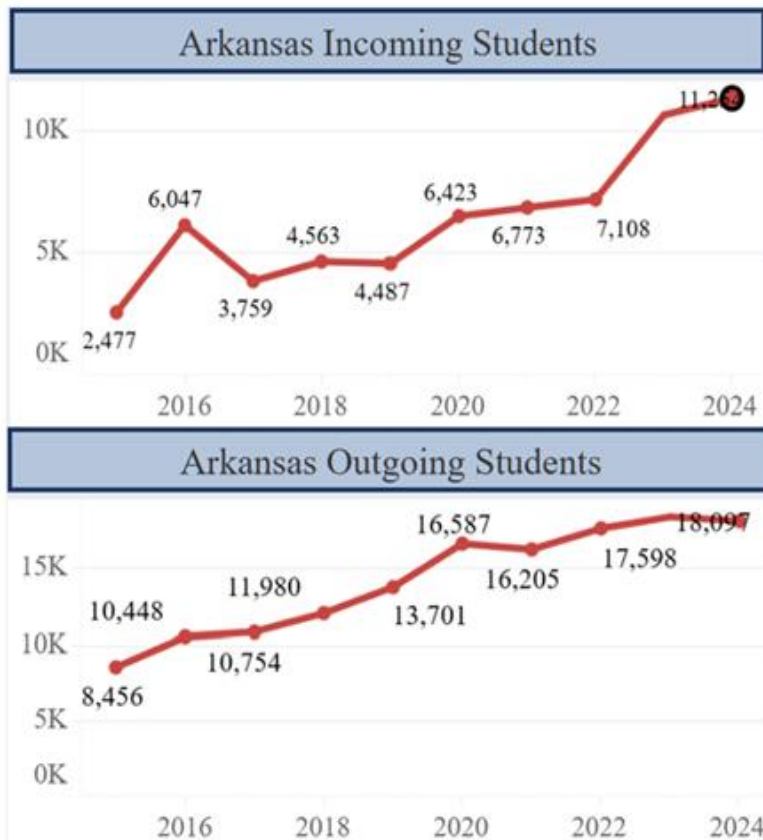
- ADHE must approve Arkansas colleges and universities offering distance technology programs for SARA participation based on institutional accreditation, financial stability, and student complaint resolution policy and procedures.
- 38 Arkansas institutions are in SARA; over 2,400 institutions nationwide have joined.
- SARA participation is optional for Arkansas institutions.
- Applications to ADHE from out-of-state institutions have decreased as more states and institutions have joined SARA.
- Every state, Puerto Rico, D.C., and the Virgin Islands has joined SARA except California.
- For more information and data on Arkansas enrollments, go to: nc-sara.org/

State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA)

NC-SARA Data Reporting

- The following three slides are from the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements.
- More information is available from this report including information on the out-of-state institutions where Arkansans are enrolling and the savings of institutions participating in SARA.

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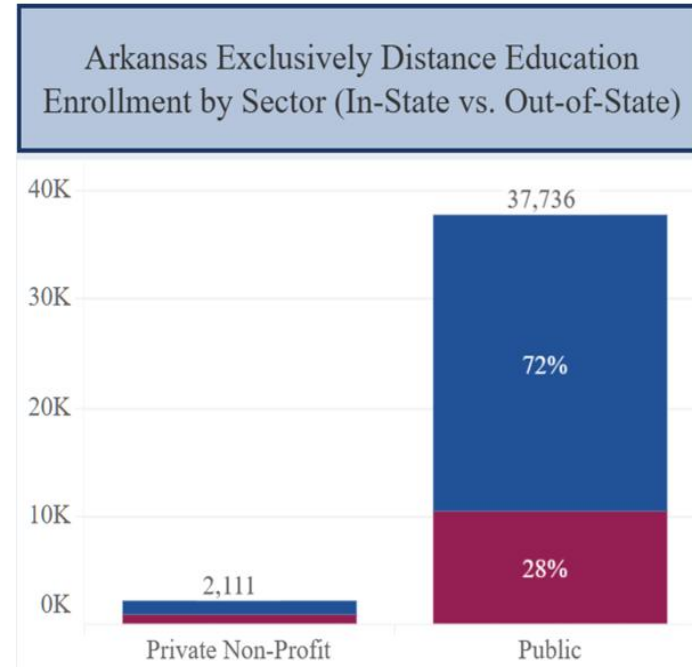
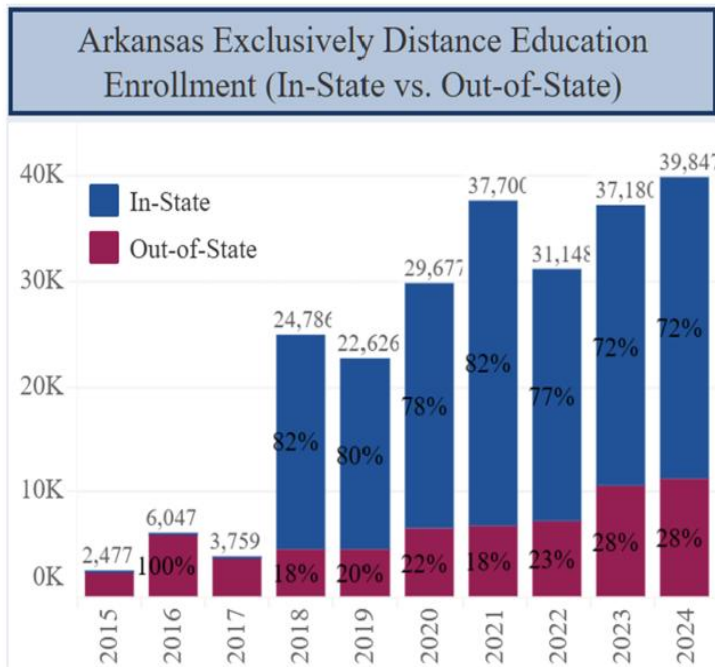


Out-of-State Student Trends in Arkansas

Fall 2024 Exclusively Distance Education Enrollment (EDEE)

Arkansas Total EDEE & Sector Trends

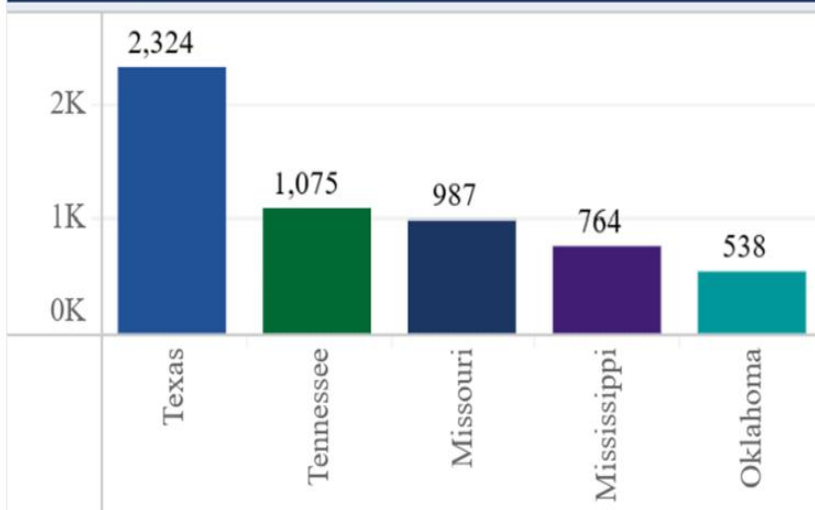
- **39,847 EDEE in Arkansas**
 - **28,593 In-State**
 - **11,254 Out-of-State**



Who is attending Arkansas institutions?

- In Fall 2024, 11,254 out-of-state students attended an Arkansas institution exclusively via distance education.
- 93% attended a public institution and 7% attended a private non-profit.

Top States Sending Students - Arkansas



Types of Institutions Attended by Arkansas Incoming Students

