

## Spring 2015 End-of-Term Student Enrollment Report

The thirteen colleges that comprise the Colorado Community College System (CCCS) ended the Spring 2015 semester with 82,264 students and 23,241 full-time equivalent (FTE) students. An FTE is a way to measure a student's academic enrollment activity; on an annual basis, 30 credit hours equal one FTE student. The FTEs in this report are annualized. Thus, student credit hours are divided by 30 to arrive at the college and system FTE count for the Spring semester.

CCCS colleges serve a wide variety of communities, which is evident in the number of students enrolled at different colleges. Front Range Community College is the largest college in the CCCS with about 23 percent of the system's Spring FTE, followed by Pikes Peak Community College at 18 percent, Red Rocks Community College and the Community College of Denver at 11 percent, and Arapahoe Community College at 10 percent. At the other end of the spectrum, Lamar Community College, Colorado Northwestern Community College, and Morgan Community College each enrolled less than 2 percent of the system's Spring FTE count.

Compared to Spring 2014 end of term, both student headcount and FTE declined 5.1 percent. On an FTE basis, Otero Junior College experienced the largest percentage decline, at 8.2 percent, followed by Morgan Community College at 7.6 percent and Arapahoe Community College at 7.4 percent. Not all colleges experienced an enrollment decline. The FTE count at Colorado Northwestern Community College increased 11.8 percent, while Northeastern Junior College's FTE count increased just under one percent. Although the system headcount and FTE declined by the same percentage, this was not uniformly the case for individual colleges. For example, Colorado Northwestern Community College's 11.8 percent increase in FTE was associated with a headcount that was comparable to the prior year. Conversely, Trinidad State Junior College also had a headcount that was consistent with Spring 2014, but its FTE dropped 4.8 percent. Generally, an increase in FTE relative to enrollment – like that experienced by Colorado Northwestern Community College – indicates students are taking more classes, while a decrease in FTE compared to enrollment suggests students are taking fewer classes.

## Comparison of CCCS Spring 2014 and Spring 2015 End of Term FTE and Headcount

College	FTE				Headcount			
	2014	2015	Change	% Change	2014	2015	Change	% Change
Arapahoe Community College	2,553.1	2,363.7	-189.4	-7.4%	10,171	9,544	-627	-6.2%
Community College of Aurora	1,999.9	1,876.4	-123.5	-6.2%	8,217	7,791	-426	-5.2%
Community College of Denver	2,594.0	2,581.9	-12.2	-0.5%	10,055	9,741	-314	-3.1%
Colorado Northwestern Community College	341.0	381.4	40.4	11.8%	1,259	1,264	5	0.4%
Front Range Community College	5,611.8	5,233.2	-378.6	-6.7%	19,866	18,829	-1,037	-5.2%
Lamar Community College	295.6	287.2	-8.4	-2.8%	814	786	-28	-3.4%
Morgan Community College	447.1	413.2	-33.9	-7.6%	1,787	1,753	-34	-1.9%
Northeastern Junior College	612.3	617.6	5.3	0.9%	2,043	1,954	-89	-4.4%
Otero Junior College	532.2	488.7	-43.5	-8.2%	1,572	1,497	-75	-4.8%
Pueblo Community College	1,793.7	1,727.4	-66.3	-3.7%	5,669	5,402	-267	-4.7%
Pikes Peak Community College	4,321.1	4,065.2	-255.9	-5.9%	14,175	13,298	-877	-6.2%
Red Rocks Community College	2,755.1	2,603.2	-151.9	-5.5%	9,232	8,595	-637	-6.9%
Trinidad State Junior College	632.5	602.0	-30.5	-4.8%	1,809	1,810	1	0.1%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>24,489.3</b>	<b>23,241.0</b>	<b>-1,248.3</b>	<b>-5.1%</b>	<b>86,669</b>	<b>82,264</b>	<b>-4,405</b>	<b>-5.1%</b>

Source: CCCS ODS Database, June 3, 2015.

