

Enrollment Forecast 2019-2030

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The enrollment forecast informs state and institutional planning

- To advise institutions what their enrollments are projected to be if they do not change their demographic and geographic drawing patterns
- To provide statewide baseline enrollment figures for universities, two-year public colleges, and independent institutions
- To plan for statewide and regional efforts, including THECB planning activities

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What is included in the forecast?

- Designed to reflect current trends and is intentionally conservative
- 5 years of historical enrollment by age, race/ethnicity, and county
- Updated Texas Demographic Center population projections by age, race/ethnicity, and county
- Non-resident participation factors
- Institutional input on local conditions

When are adjustments made to the enrollment projections?

Institutional/Local Factors

- Program or facilities expansions
- Increased online programs
- Local economic factors

Results often interact: accelerated enrollment increases at some institutions may result in slower increases or decreases at others.

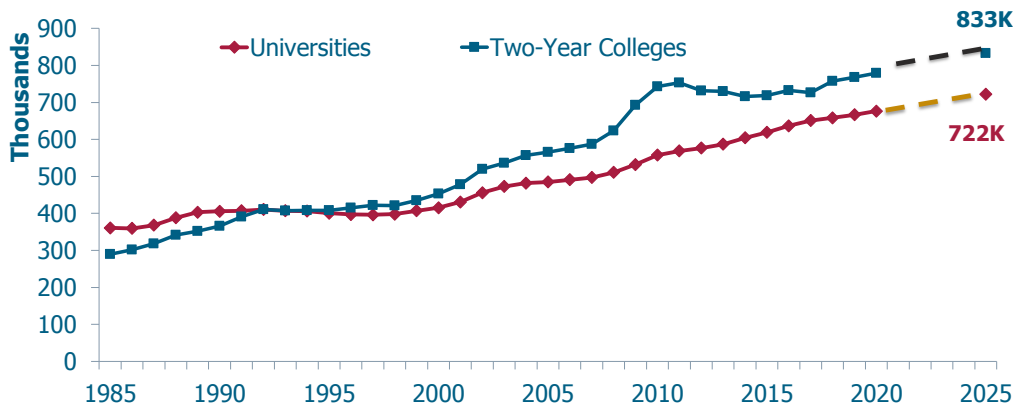
Fall headcount enrollment forecast predicts growth in college and university populations for all sectors

	Actual 2010	Actual 2015	Actual Prelim. 2018	Total Projections			
				2019	2020	2025	2030
Public Universities	557,550	619,175	658,222	666,757	676,716	721,829	758,659
Public Two-Year Colleges	743,252	718,547	758,061	768,477	779,740	832,640	877,311
Independent Universities	122,894	125,440	126,241	127,438	127,913	130,063	131,819
Total	1,423,696	1,463,162	1,542,524	1,562,673	1,584,369	1,684,531	1,767,789

Enrollment forecast predicts 1.77M enrollees in fall 2030; Public universities and two-year colleges show the strongest increases

- The enrollment forecast predicts Texas public and independent 2- and 4-year institutions’ enrollment to increase:
 - 42,200 from 2018 to 2020
 - 18,500 increase at 4-year public institutions
 - 22,000 increase at 2-year public institutions
 - 1,700 increase at independent institutions
 - 225,000 increase from 2018 to 2030
 - 100,000 increase at 4-year public institutions
 - 119,000 increase at 2-year public institutions
 - 6,000 increase at independent institutions

Public two-year colleges will continue to enroll the largest proportion of students



Forecasted increases in fall headcount participation indicate slowing growth over time

	2010-2015 (actual)		2015-2020		2020-2025		2025-2030	
	Increase/ Decrease	Percent Change	Increase	Percent Change	Increase	Percent Change	Increase	Percent Change
Public Universities	61,625	11.1%	57,541	9.3%	45,113	6.7%	36,830	5.1%
Public Two-Year Colleges	-24,705	-3.3%	61,193	8.5%	52,899	6.8%	44,672	5.4%
Independent Universities	2,546	2.1%	2,473	2.0%	2,150	1.7%	1,756	1.4%
Total Increase	39,466	2.8%	121,207	8.3%	100,162	6.3%	83,258	4.9%

Regional participation projections are valuable tools for local and statewide planning purposes

Regional Enrollment Totals (Public Institutions Only)	Actual	Actual	Actual Prelim.	Total Projections			
	2010	2015	2018	2019	2020	2025	2030
Central Texas	232,570	238,630	246,420	249,200	251,663	264,426	273,847
Gulf Coast	273,046	287,340	308,190	313,764	319,723	352,051	381,614
High Plains	63,910	66,739	70,083	70,961	71,631	74,850	76,875
Metroplex	309,686	326,660	353,562	360,026	368,004	403,686	430,684
Northwest	19,260	17,308	18,638	18,922	19,055	19,568	20,018
South Texas	231,827	232,076	242,329	243,905	247,042	255,203	262,072
Southeast Texas	40,968	39,089	40,076	40,201	40,387	41,470	42,296
Upper East Texas	50,937	47,371	49,261	49,700	49,857	50,840	51,159
Upper Rio Grande	51,435	53,063	55,189	55,408	55,323	54,923	56,489
West Texas	27,163	29,446	32,535	33,147	33,771	37,450	40,917
Total	1,300,802	1,337,722	1,416,283	1,435,235	1,456,456	1,554,468	1,635,970



All regions show growth, but 90% of enrollment growth is predicted for four regions of the state

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Key Takeaways

- Recent enrollments have remained high despite very low levels of unemployment in Texas, bucking the trend in many states across the country
- Current enrollment projections predict steady increases in enrollment, but unexpected economic changes may alter these predictions, as might a range of other variables
- The population growth shows slowing growth for our younger aged population as we near 2030, which is reflected in the forecast
- Growth is not consistent across regions of the state

Questions?