Texas Higher Education
Fall 2020
Enrollment Update
&
Enrollment Forecast for
2021-2035



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Enrollments for fall 2020 were down 3.67% statewide with the largest drop at community colleges

	Certified Fall 2019 Enrollment	Certified* Fall 2020 Enrollment	% Change
Public Universities	657,985	667,046	1.38
Public Two-year Colleges**	754,711	687,909	-8.85
Health-Related (all types)	29,735	30,533	2.68
Independent Colleges and Univ.	125,918	125,373	-0.43
Total	1,568,349	1,510,861	-3.67

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**Due to a reporting change at two colleges, fall 2019 data were adjusted for this comparison.

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Final enrollment numbers for 2020 show decreases for all groups

	Certified 2019 Enrollment	Certified Fall 2020 Enrollment	% Change
African American	190,762	182,868	-4.1%
Hispanic	620,737	596,790	-3.9%
White	535,264	518,149	-3.2%
International	61,896	52,937	-14.5%
Other Groups	159,690	160,117	0.3%
Total	1,568,349	1,510,861	-3.7%

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First-time-in-college (FTIC) enrollments were down for both sectors

		Certified Fall 2020 FTIC Enrollment	% Change
Public Universities	90,197	89,271	-1.0%
Public Two-year Colleges	128,947	102,780	-20.3%
Total	219,144	192,051	-12.4%

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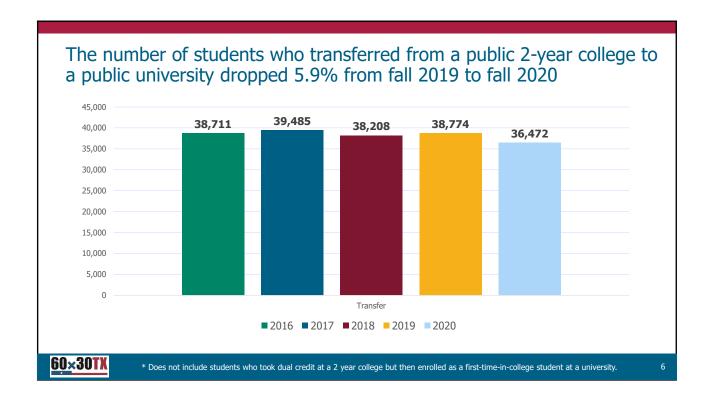
Semester Credit Hours (SCH) were down at two-year colleges

	Certified Fall 2019 SCH	Certified Fall 2020 SCH	% Change
Public Universities	7,515,518	7,593,955	1.0%
Public Two-year Colleges	5,901,111	5,291,785	-10.3%
Total	13,416,629	12,885,740	-4.0%

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Dual credit enrollments were down at both public universities and two-year colleges

	Certified Fall 2019 Dual Credit Enrollment	Certified Fall 2020 Dual Credit Enrollment	% Change
Public Universities	11,065	10,612	-4.1%
Public Two-year Colleges	191,352	173,112	-9.5%
Total	202,417	183,724	-9.2%

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The largest drops for dual credit enrollments were seen for African American and Hispanic students

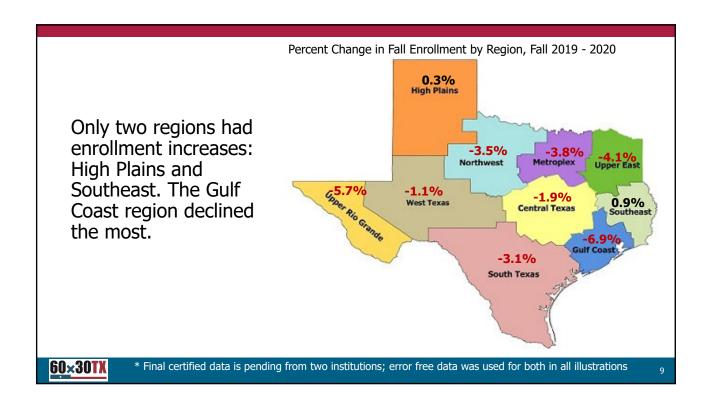
	Certified Fall 2019 Dual Credit Enrollment	Certified Fall 2020 Dual Credit Enrollment	% Change
African American	17,424	15,052	-13.6%
American	17,424	15,052	-13.070
Hispanic	97,530	85,341	-12.5%
White	65,290	61,839	-5.3%
Other			
Groups	22,173	21,492	-3.1%
Total	202,417	183,724	-9.2%

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The enrollment forecast informs state and institutional planning

- Its purpose is:
 - 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, twoyear public colleges, and independent institutions
 - to support planning for statewide and regional efforts, including THECB planning activities
- The enrollment forecast uses Texas Demographic Center population projection by age, race/ethnicity, and county and past feeder trends at institutions; it is designed to be conservative

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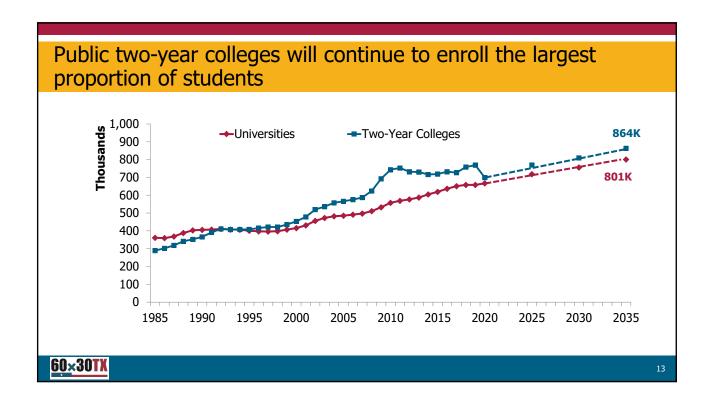
Fall headcount enrollment forecast predicts continued growth for all sectors

	2015-	2020	2020-2025		2025-2030		2030-2035	
	Increase/ Decrease	Percent Change	Increase	Percent Change	Increase	Percent Change	Increase	Percent Change
Public Universities	47,897	7.7%	51,369	7.7%	37,777	5.3%	44,674	5.9%
Public Two-year Colleges	-18,974	-2.6%	70,531	10.1%	39,846	5.2%	53,834	6.6%
Independent Universities	816	0.6%	875	0.7%	643	0.5%	761	0.6%
Total Increase	29,739	2.0%	122,774	8.2%	78,267	4.8%	99,268	5.9%

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All regions show growth, but 88% of enrollment growth is predicted for four regions of the state

	Actual	Actual Prelim.	Total Projections		
Regional Enrollment Totals (Public Institutions Only)	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035
Central Texas	238,630	238,857	256,952	267,428	280,859
Gulf Coast	287,340	277,615	313,329	339,696	369,959
High Plains	66,739	70,551	73,788	76,053	79,472
Metroplex	326,660	344,167	382,180	407,281	436,564
Northwest	17,308	17,547	18,404	18,657	19,183
South Texas	232,076	244,493	260,207	267,234	279,663
Southeast Texas	39,089	41,710	44,594	45,575	46,822
Upper East Texas	47,371	48,454	50,690	51,013	52,372
Upper Rio Grande	53,063	51,727	53,244	54,715	56,841
West Texas	29,446	31,524	35,156	38,515	42,941
Total	1,300,802	1,366,645	1,488,545	1,566,168	1,664,675

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