

**Education Estimating Conference on
Florida College System Enrollment
Executive Summary
December 14, 2021**

The Education Estimating Conference on Florida College System Enrollment met on December 14, 2021, to review and adopt a new forecast for Florida College System full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment through FY 2026-27. New data since the last conference includes preliminary FY 2021-22 Fall Term FTE enrollment. The results reflect significant uncertainty due to the Coronavirus outbreak and its lingering effect on college enrollment.

The Division of Florida Colleges FTE-1 estimate was 275,599.0 FTE for FY 2021-22. After taking into account adjustments submitted by the colleges, the FTE-1A estimate is 277,279.0, an increase of 1,680.0 FTE (0.6%) above FTE-1. The Conference adopted the FTE-1A estimate by college for FY 2021-22 as presented.

The adopted FTE-1A estimate is lower than the August projection by 15,597.0 FTE (-5.3%). Compared to prior year enrollment, the FTE-1A estimate reflects a decrease of 16,214.0 FTE (-5.5%). Additionally, only seven colleges are expecting increases in enrollment over the prior year, with the remaining twenty-one colleges anticipating declines.

For all Lower Division programs, FTE enrollment decreased by 15,573.4 FTE (-5.7%) from 273,959.4 FTE in FY 2020-21 to 258,386.0 FTE in FY 2021-22. The most significant enrollment decline occurred in the Advanced and Professional program, which decreased by 13,436.4 FTE (-6.8%) from the prior year. For Upper Division programs, the FTE-1A estimate reflects a decrease of 640.6 FTE (-3.3%) over the prior year. Upper Division FTE is expected to represent approximately 6.8% of total enrollment in FY 2021-22.

The following table shows the adopted FY 2021-22 FTE-1A enrollment compared to the prior year enrollment as well as to the August 2021 estimate.

Florida College System FTE Enrollment							
	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22					
	Actual (FTE-3)	AUG 2021 Adopted Estimate	DEC 2021 Adopted Estimate	DEC 2021 Compared to AUG 2021	% Change	DEC 2021 Compared to 2020-21 Final	% Change
Lower Division	273,959.4	273,331.0	258,386.0	-14,945.0	-5.5%	-15,573.4	-5.7%
Upper Division	19,533.6	19,545.0	18,893.0	-652.0	-3.3%	-640.6	-3.3%
Total	293,493.0	292,876.0	277,279.0	-15,597.0	-5.3%	-16,214.0	-5.5%

For the longer term, the Conference also adopted the college-adjusted estimates for FY 2022-23 through FY 2026-27 that are shown in the table below. Markedly, the Florida College System is expected to continue its year-over-year declines after FY 2022-23, dropping a cumulative 15.8% (over 50,000 FTEs) by FY 2026-27 from the largely pre-pandemic enrollment year of FY 2019-20. Sixteen colleges anticipate continuing to lose ground from the COVID period of FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22. The combined estimates at the end of the forecast period suggest that undergraduate enrollment at the State University System will soon exceed the Florida College System, a situation not seen since the data series

began in FY 2004-05. Research by the Legislative Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the Division of Florida Colleges regarding the root causes is currently underway.

Florida College System Enrollment Projections						
FTE Enrollment	2021-22 FTE-1A Estimate	2022-23 Estimate	2023-24 Estimate	2024-25 Estimate	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Estimate
1 - EASTERN FLORIDA	8,903	9,465	9,476	9,478	9,473	9,460
2 - BROWARD	22,263	22,157	21,524	20,819	20,066	19,351
3 - CENTRAL FLORIDA	4,059	3,909	3,595	3,269	2,930	2,589
4 - CHIPOLA	1,300	1,281	1,284	1,284	1,284	1,284
5 - DAYTONA	9,937	10,035	10,135	10,135	10,135	10,135
6 - FL SOUTHWESTERN	9,599	9,488	10,300	10,394	9,365	8,702
7 - FL SC AT JAX	14,287	14,025	13,254	12,457	11,626	10,770
8 - FLORIDA KEYS	840	960	1,176	1,234	1,262	1,291
9 - GULF COAST	3,005	3,035	3,065	3,096	3,127	3,158
10 - HILLSBOROUGH	18,616	18,633	18,240	17,798	17,212	16,588
11 - INDIAN RIVER	10,335	9,724	8,964	8,160	7,331	6,488
12 - FLORIDA GATEWAY	2,098	2,078	2,019	1,955	1,894	1,827
13 - LAKE-SUMTER	2,858	2,915	2,973	3,033	3,094	3,155
14 - SC FL MNTEE-SRST	6,588	6,918	7,021	7,079	7,123	7,124
15 - MIAMI DADE	41,527	42,151	42,782	43,211	43,641	44,078
16 - NORTH FLORIDA CC	819	832	856	843	828	812
17 - NORTHWEST FL SC	3,110	2,971	2,714	2,446	2,173	1,889
18 - PALM BEACH SC	15,717	16,165	16,643	17,142	17,662	18,191
19 - PASCO-HERNANDO CC	6,400	6,591	6,660	6,744	6,813	6,863
20 - PENSACOLA SC	5,916	5,794	5,661	5,529	5,396	5,263
21 - POLK SC	5,447	5,449	5,254	5,087	4,962	4,877
22 - ST. JOHNS RIVER SC	3,990	3,982	3,806	3,619	3,421	3,207
23 - ST. PETERSBURG	15,383	14,924	14,929	14,998	15,071	15,147
24 - SANTA FE	9,514	9,027	8,457	7,871	7,271	6,669
25 - SEMINOLE SC OF FL	11,513	11,419	11,327	11,310	11,322	11,307
26 - SOUTH FLORIDA SC	2,358	2,380	2,401	2,416	2,435	2,451
27 - TALLAHASSEE CC	9,277	8,895	8,839	8,780	8,714	8,645
28 - VALENCIA	31,620	32,936	33,999	34,352	34,638	34,922
System	277,279	278,139	277,354	274,539	270,269	266,243
% Change from Prior Year	-5.5%	0.3%	-0.3%	-1.0%	-1.6%	-1.5%