

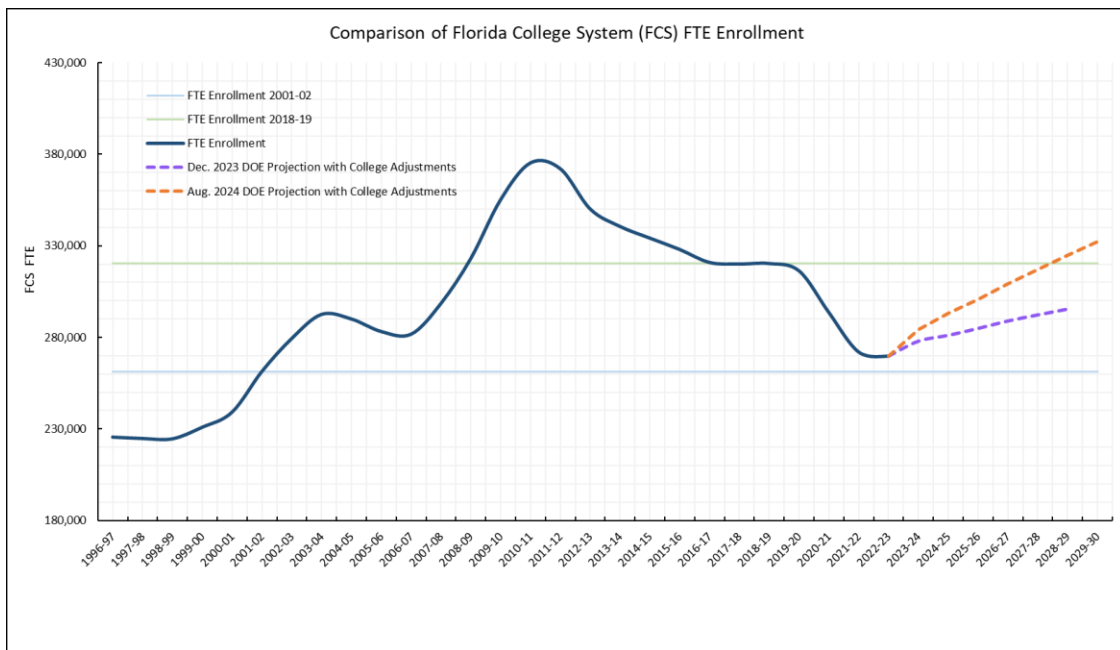
# Education Estimating Conference Florida College System Enrollment Executive Summary August 9, 2024

The Education Estimating Conference on Florida College System Enrollment met on August 9, 2024, to review and adopt a new forecast for Florida College System full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment through FY 2029-30 incorporating final FY 2023-24 FTE.

Final FY 2023-24 data indicate a system-wide total FTE of 284,140.6, an increase of 14,500.0 FTE (5.4%) from FY 2022-23 and a gain of 6,281.6 FTE (2.3%) from the prior forecast. For all Lower Division programs, FTE enrollment increased by 14,202.2 FTE (5.6%) from 252,399.4 FTE in FY 2022-23 to 266,601.6 FTE in FY 2023-24. A smaller enrollment increase of 297.8 FTE (1.7%) over the prior year occurred in Upper Division programs. Upper Division FTE represented approximately 6.2% of total enrollment in FY 2023-24.

Final FTE for FY 2023-24 is -36,161.4 FTEs (-11.3%) below the pre-pandemic enrollment level that occurred in FY 2018-19. Nevertheless, FY 2023-24 is the first year of positive growth since the pandemic. This turn-around supported a stronger college system FTE forecast. Relative to the December conference, the new forecast has increases each year ranging from 11,945 FTE (FY 2024-25) to 29,285 FTE (FY 2028-29). By the end of the forecast horizon (FY 2029-30), FTE enrollment is expected to reach 332,455 FTE, with 312,334 FTE in Lower Division programs and 20,121 FTE in Upper Division programs.

Overall, the outer forecast years anticipate FTE to rise above pre-pandemic levels. The last two years of the forecast (FY 2028-29 and FY 2029-30) surpass pre-pandemic enrollment by 4,470.6 FTE (1.4%) and 12,152.6 (3.8%) FTE respectively. As a note, the Conference only addresses state-funded FTE, meaning the total FTE enrollment activity at colleges may differ.



**Florida College System FTE Enrollment Forecast Summary - Total**

|                            | <b>December 4, 2023</b> | <b>August 9, 2024</b> | <b>Difference</b> | <b>% Difference</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| FY 2017-18                 | 320,042.5               | 320,042.5             |                   |                     |
| FY 2018-19                 | 320,302.4               | 320,302.4             |                   |                     |
| FY 2019-20                 | 316,275.9               | 316,275.9             |                   |                     |
| FY 2020-21                 | 293,493.0               | 293,493.0             |                   |                     |
| FY 2021-22                 | 271,915.8               | 271,915.8             |                   |                     |
| FY 2022-23                 | 269,640.6               | 269,640.6             |                   |                     |
| FY 2023-24 FTE-1A vs FTE-3 | 277,859.0               | 284,140.6             | 6,281.6           | 2.3%                |
| FY 2024-25 Forecast        | 281,084.0               | 293,029.0             | 11,945.0          | 4.2%                |
| FY 2025-26 Forecast        | 284,880.0               | 300,804.0             | 15,924.0          | 5.6%                |
| FY 2026-27 Forecast        | 288,959.0               | 309,241.0             | 20,282.0          | 7.0%                |
| FY 2027-28 Forecast        | 292,312.0               | 317,059.0             | 24,747.0          | 8.5%                |
| FY 2028-29 Forecast        | 295,488.0               | 324,773.0             | 29,285.0          | 9.9%                |
| FY 2029-30 Forecast        |                         | 332,455.0             |                   |                     |

**Florida College System FTE Enrollment Forecast Summary - Lower Division**

|                            | <b>December 4, 2023</b> | <b>August 9, 2024</b> | <b>Difference</b> | <b>% Difference</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| FY 2017-18                 | 303,490.8               | 303,490.8             |                   |                     |
| FY 2018-19                 | 302,701.0               | 302,701.0             |                   |                     |
| FY 2019-20                 | 297,817.9               | 297,817.9             |                   |                     |
| FY 2020-21                 | 273,959.4               | 273,959.4             |                   |                     |
| FY 2021-22                 | 253,658.3               | 253,658.3             |                   |                     |
| FY 2022-23                 | 252,399.4               | 252,399.4             |                   |                     |
| FY 2023-24 FTE-1A vs FTE-3 | 260,573.0               | 266,602.0             | 6,029.0           | 2.3%                |
| FY 2024-25 Forecast        | 263,296.0               | 275,045.0             | 11,749.0          | 4.5%                |
| FY 2025-26 Forecast        | 266,881.0               | 282,319.0             | 15,438.0          | 5.8%                |
| FY 2026-27 Forecast        | 270,737.0               | 290,249.0             | 19,512.0          | 7.2%                |
| FY 2027-28 Forecast        | 273,978.0               | 297,682.0             | 23,704.0          | 8.7%                |
| FY 2028-29 Forecast        | 277,055.0               | 305,019.0             | 27,964.0          | 10.1%               |
| FY 2029-30 Forecast        |                         | 312,334.0             |                   |                     |

**Florida College System FTE Enrollment Forecast Summary - Upper Division**

|                            | <b>December 4, 2023</b> | <b>August 9, 2024</b> | <b>Difference</b> | <b>% Difference</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| FY 2017-18                 | 16,551.7                | 16,551.7              |                   |                     |
| FY 2018-19                 | 17,601.4                | 17,601.4              |                   |                     |
| FY 2019-20                 | 18,458.0                | 18,458.0              |                   |                     |
| FY 2020-21                 | 19,533.6                | 19,533.6              |                   |                     |
| FY 2021-22                 | 18,257.5                | 18,257.5              |                   |                     |
| FY 2022-23                 | 17,241.2                | 17,241.2              |                   |                     |
| FY 2023-24 FTE-1A vs FTE-3 | 17,286.0                | 17,538.6              | 252.6             | 1.5%                |
| FY 2024-25 Forecast        | 17,788.0                | 17,984.0              | 196.0             | 1.1%                |
| FY 2025-26 Forecast        | 17,999.0                | 18,485.0              | 486.0             | 2.7%                |
| FY 2026-27 Forecast        | 18,222.0                | 18,992.0              | 770.0             | 4.2%                |
| FY 2027-28 Forecast        | 18,334.0                | 19,377.0              | 1,043.0           | 5.7%                |
| FY 2028-29 Forecast        | 18,433.0                | 19,754.0              | 1,321.0           | 7.2%                |
| FY 2029-30 Forecast        |                         | 20,121.0              |                   |                     |