



# Public Institution Enrollment: Fall 2024

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# Across all public institutions, enrollment rose 3% this fall, compared to 2023, with differences by sector and institution

## Community College



94,898  
students

**The number of learners at community college is higher** in 2024 than in 2023 (90,961), rising 4.3%. This continues the upward trend of last year. Enrollment rose at 12 of the 17 colleges.

The number of full-time equivalent students (**FTE**) is **also higher** in 2024, at 21,897, than in 2023 (20,460). This is a 7.0% increase.

Enrollment has risen in the last two years, though it **remains lower than pre-pandemic levels**. The number of students in fall 2024 is 17.6% lower than in fall 2019 (115,104 learners). FTE enrollment is 14.2% lower than in fall 2019 (25,523).

## Public University



100,205  
students

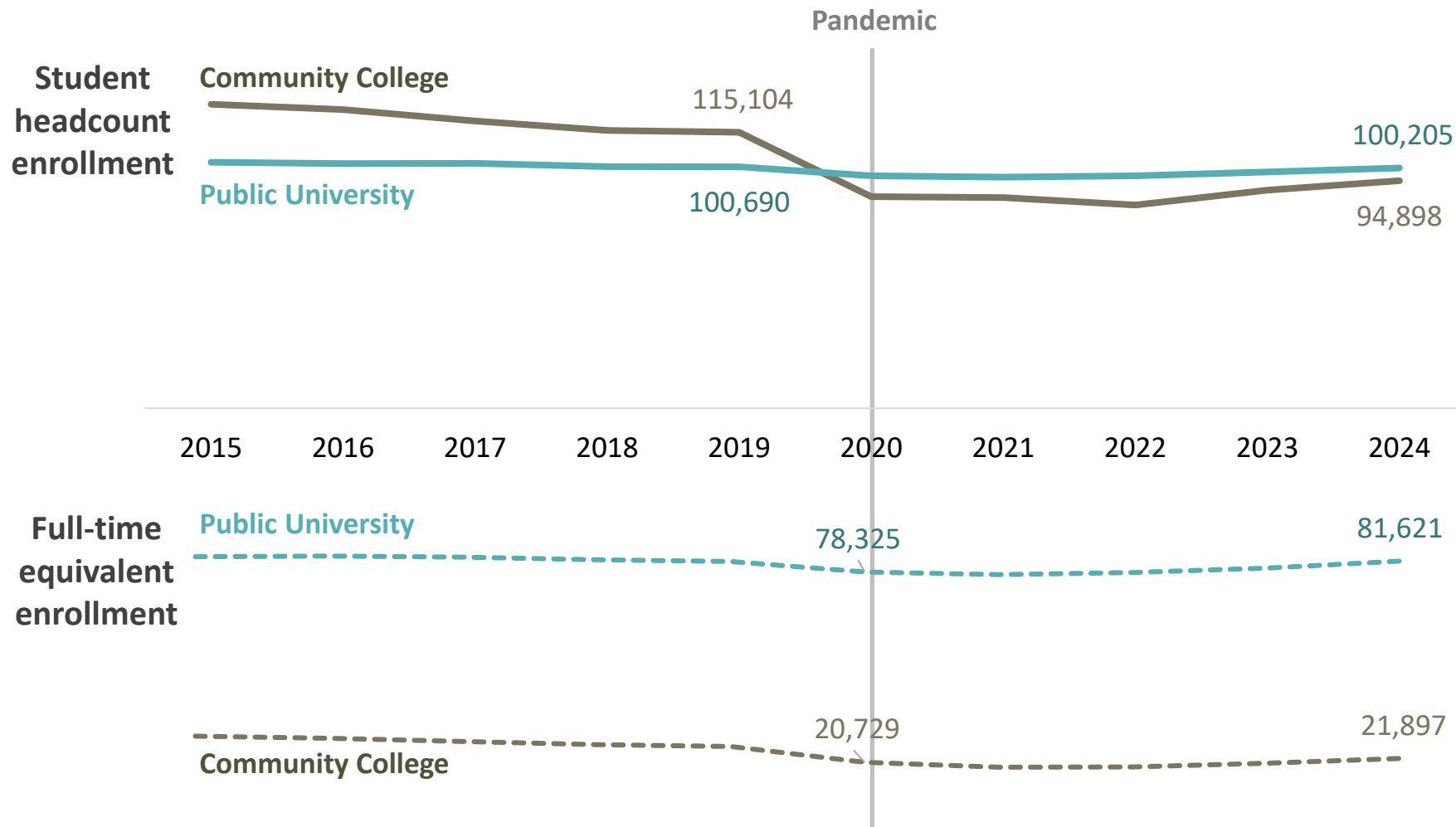
**The number of public university learners is slightly higher** in 2024 than in 2023 (98,545), rising 1.7%. This continues an upward trend since 2022. Enrollment rose at 4 of the 7 universities.

The number of admitted undergraduates is 1.5% higher; the number of admitted graduate students is 1.8% higher.

**FTE enrollment is also higher, at 81,622**, which is a 2.7% increase from 2023 (79,495).

**Enrollment at universities is now close to pre-pandemic levels**. The number of students is 0.5% lower in 2024 than in 2019 (100,690 learners), and FTE enrollment is 0.1% higher than in 2019 (81,520).

# The long-term trend shows the decline during the pandemic and the more recent increase



In fall 2024, total enrollment at the colleges and universities continued the increase seen in the last 2-3 years.

Full-time equivalent enrollment also rose in both sectors in 2024.

Fall 2024 enrollment is similar to pre-pandemic levels at the universities and remains lower than pre-pandemic levels at the colleges.

Source: Fall enrollment data provided as aggregate counts by community colleges and as individual student records by public universities. Individual analyses are made by HECC staff. Notes: Students enrolling in more than one institution in fall are included in both institutions' counts. Full-time equivalent counts are defined in the colleges as the total number of clock hours in which all students enrolled divided by 510, and in the universities as credit hours divided by 15 at the undergraduate level, by 12 at the graduate level (excluding PhD), and by 9 at the PhD level.

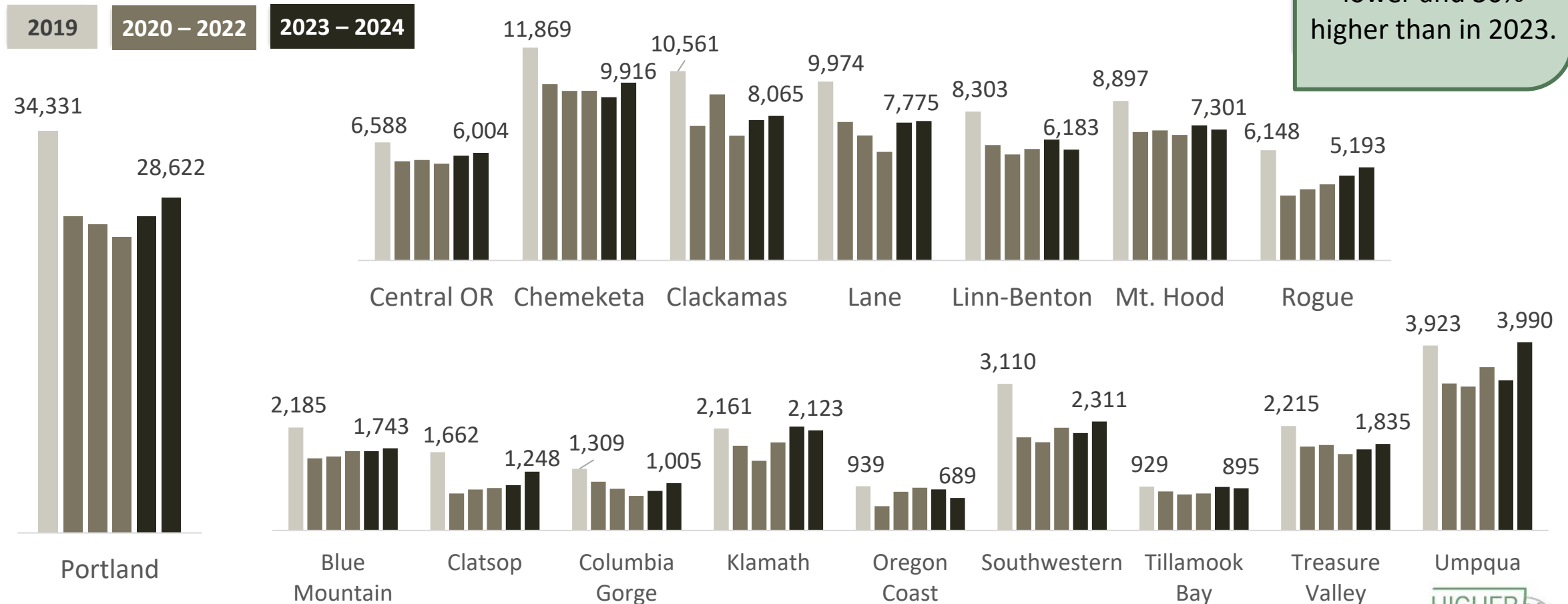


# At community colleges, headcount enrollment rose at 12 of the 17

Across the colleges, the number of students in 2024 was between 21% lower and 30% higher than in 2023.

Before pandemic      Pandemic

Total number of students at community colleges in fall term, 2019 to 2024



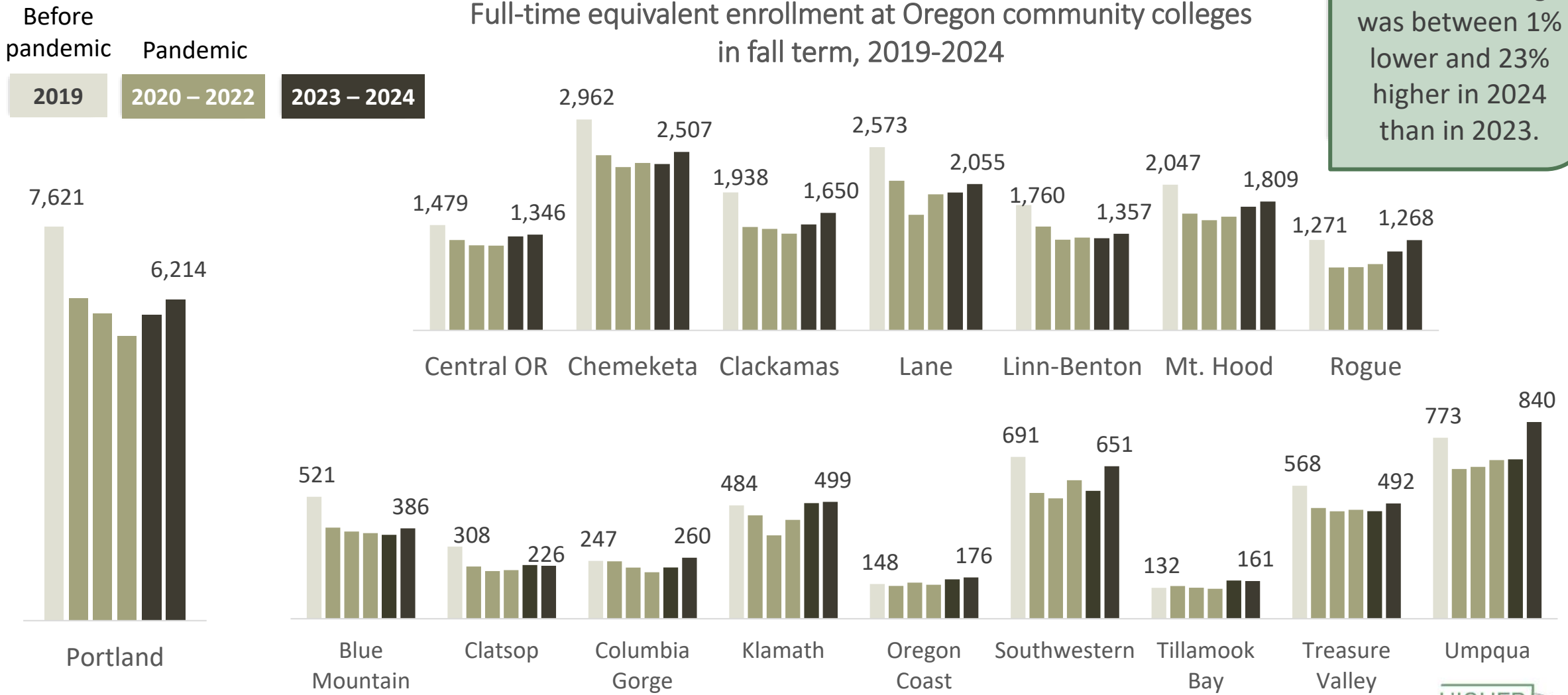
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# Full-time equivalent enrollment rose at 15 of the 17 colleges

FTE enrollment across the colleges was between 1% lower and 23% higher in 2024 than in 2023.

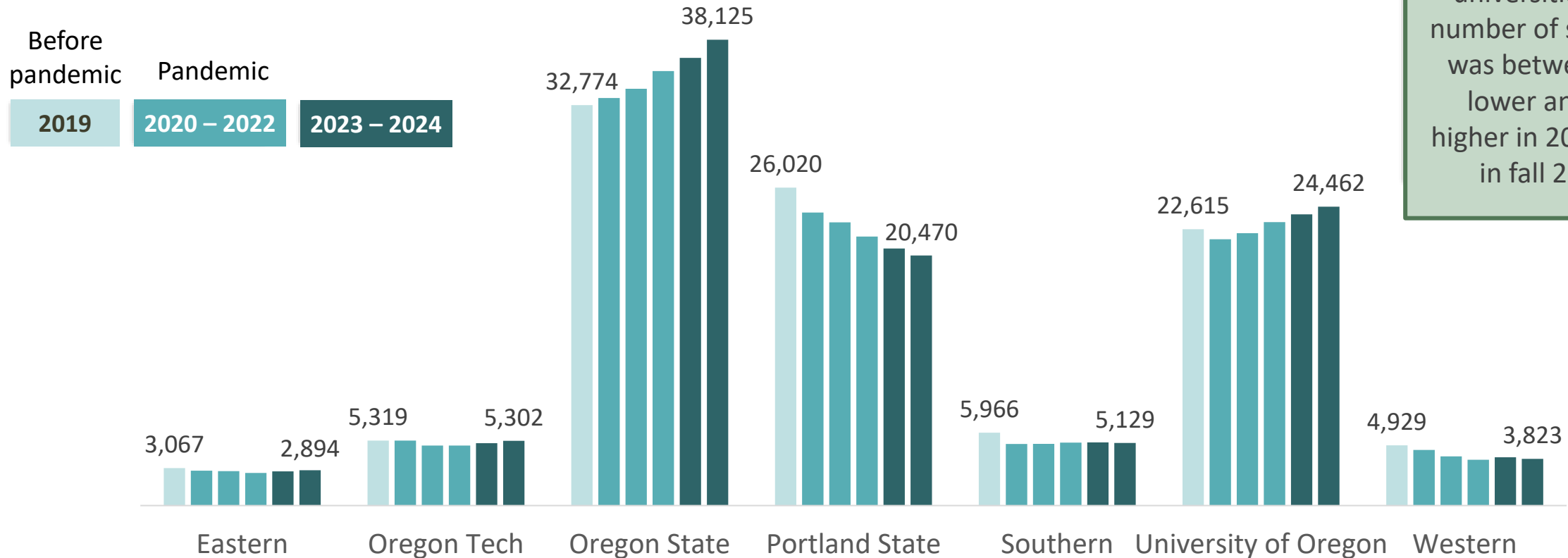


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# At public universities, headcount enrollment rose at four of the seven

Total number of students at public universities in fall term, 2019 to 2024

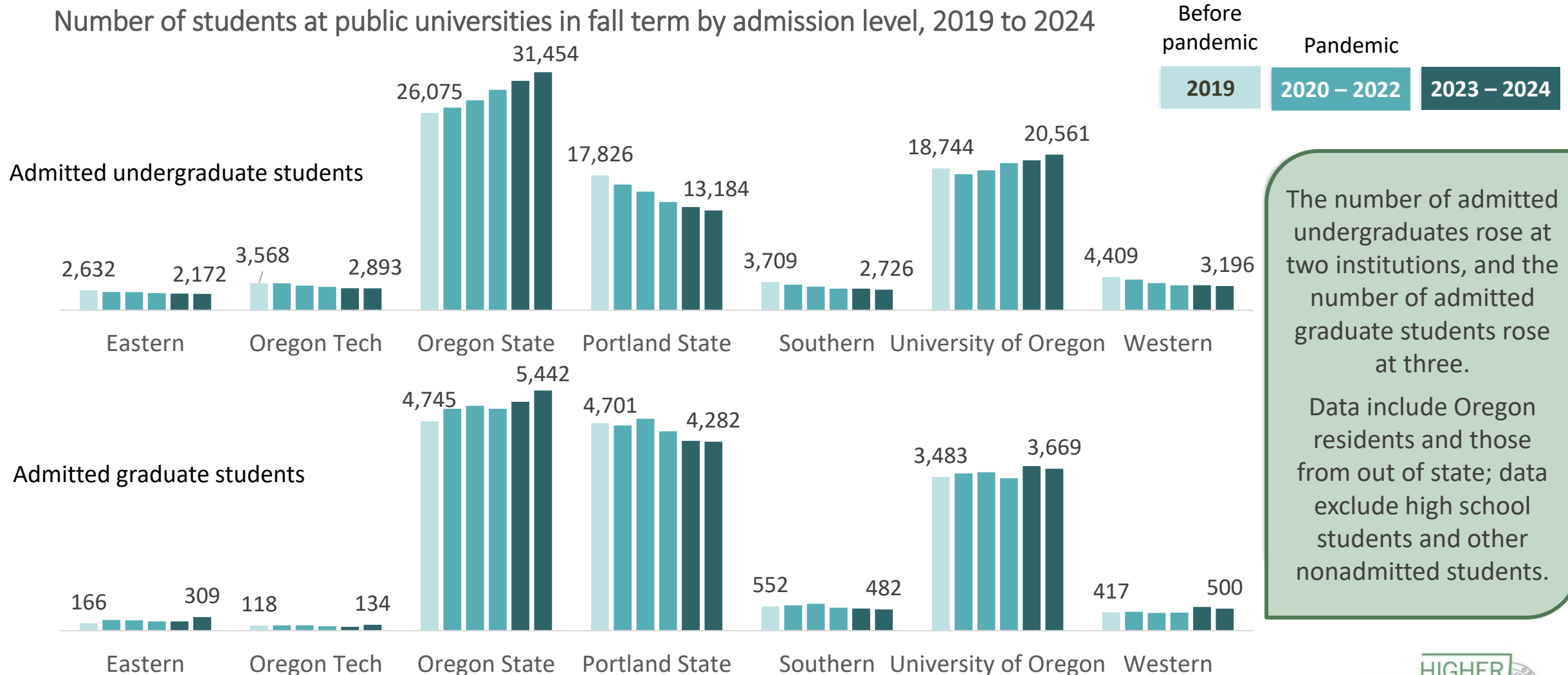


Across the universities, the number of students was between 3% lower and 4% higher in 2024 than in fall 2023.

Source: Fall enrollment data provided as individual student records by public universities. Individual analyses are made by HECC staff. Notes: Students enrolling in more than one institution in fall are included in both institutions' counts. Full-time equivalent counts are defined in the universities as credit hours divided by 15 at the undergraduate level, by 12 at the graduate level (excluding PhD), and by 9 at the PhD level.

# Statewide, the number of admitted undergraduates rose 1.5 percent, and the number of admitted graduate students rose 1.8 percent

Number of students at public universities in fall term by admission level, 2019 to 2024



The number of admitted undergraduates rose at two institutions, and the number of admitted graduate students rose at three.

Data include Oregon residents and those from out of state; data exclude high school students and other nonadmitted students.

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# Total full-time equivalent enrollment rose at four of the universities

Full-time equivalent enrollment at Oregon public universities in fall term, 2019-2024

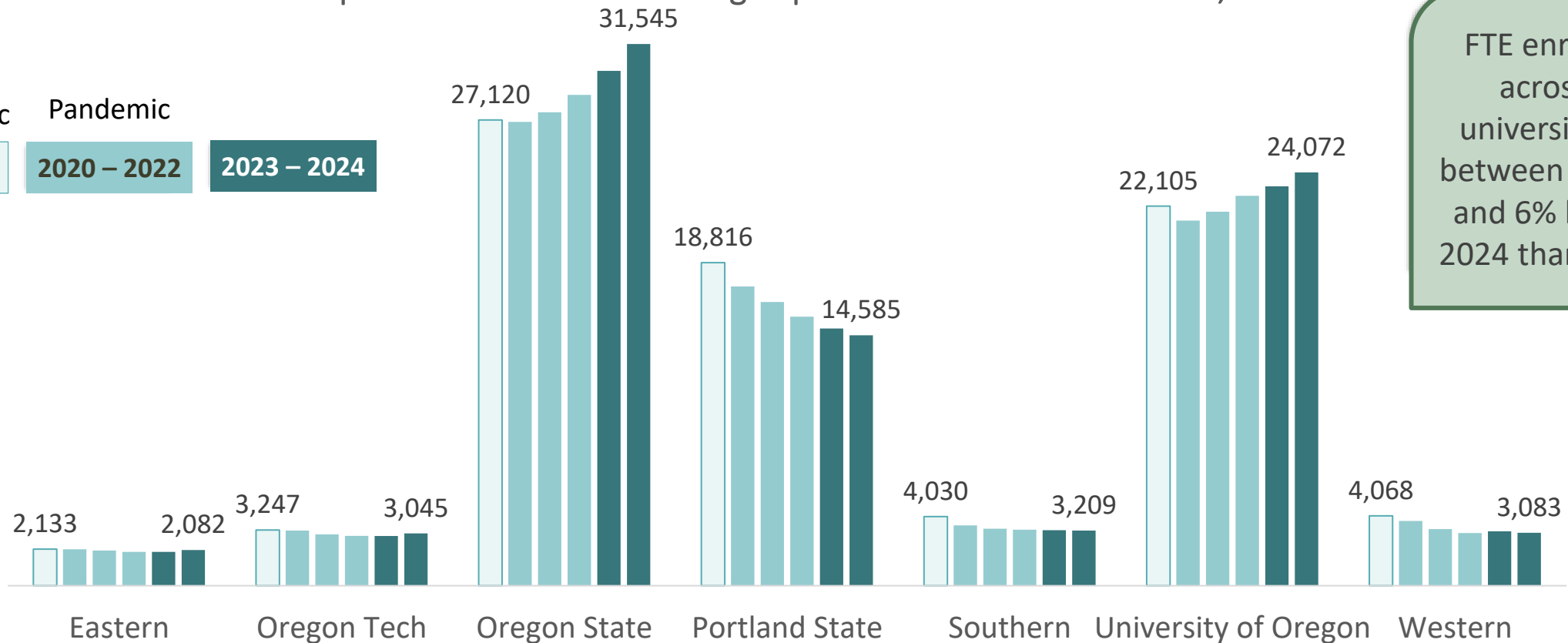
Before pandemic

Pandemic

2019

2020 – 2022

2023 – 2024



FTE enrollment across the universities was between 3% lower and 6% higher in 2024 than in 2023.

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# Key takeaways for fall 2024

The total number of students enrolled at Oregon public universities and community colleges rose 3% in 2024. This year's increase continues the upward trend of total statewide enrollment seen last year.

In the community college sector, headcount enrollment rose 4.3%, though not all colleges saw increases.

The increase at Oregon community colleges is the same as the national trend, also 4.3%.<sup>1</sup>

In the public university sector, headcount enrollment rose 1.7%, though not all universities saw increases.

The increase at Oregon public universities is on par with the national trend of 1.9%.<sup>1</sup>

At the community colleges, enrollment remains lower than it was before the pandemic.

At the public universities, enrollment is now about the same as it was before the pandemic.

At both colleges and universities, full-time equivalent enrollment also rose, and the increase is greater than for the number of students. This indicates that students are taking more classes, on average, than in 2023.

# Headcount enrollment at Oregon community colleges in fall term, by year

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Blue Mountain	3,327	2,491	2,766	2,442	2,185	1,561	1,569	1,685	1,682	1,743
Central Oregon	8,575	8,463	7,504	7,254	6,588	5,534	5,603	5,394	5,844	6,004
Chemeketa	14,726	14,071	13,094	12,494	11,869	9,832	9,460	9,462	9,106	9,916
Clackamas	9,341	9,108	9,165	9,209	10,561	7,506	9,261	6,954	7,834	8,065
Clatsop	1,694	1,546	1,868	1,741	1,662	784	868	901	962	1,248
Columbia Gorge	1,385	1,433	1,268	1,492	1,309	1,034	884	733	839	1,005
Klamath	2,059	1,874	2,217	1,954	2,161	1,797	1,478	1,868	2,203	2,123
Lane	11,292	11,357	10,688	10,635	9,974	7,723	6,968	6,057	7,689	7,775
Linn Benton	8,778	8,514	8,597	8,636	8,303	6,437	5,911	6,216	6,739	6,183
Mt Hood	9,319	9,892	9,381	9,258	8,897	7,164	7,252	7,006	7,533	7,301
Oregon Coast	1,013	922	1,067	944	939	516	821	908	871	689
Portland	37,279	36,485	35,258	33,789	34,331	27,040	26,333	25,263	27,031	28,622
Rogue	6,830	7,083	7,662	6,203	6,148	3,619	3,973	4,245	4,730	5,193
Southwestern	3,507	3,640	3,376	2,910	3,110	1,976	1,871	2,180	2,067	2,311
Tillamook Bay	692	832	764	941	929	827	764	784	924	895
Treasure Valley	2,521	2,285	1,819	2,175	2,215	1,779	1,813	1,621	1,721	1,835
Umpqua	4,449	4,542	3,295	3,785	3,923	3,118	3,052	3,463	3,186	3,990
<b>State</b>	<b>126,787</b>	<b>124,538</b>	<b>119,789</b>	<b>115,862</b>	<b>115,104</b>	<b>88,247</b>	<b>87,881</b>	<b>84,740</b>	<b>90,961</b>	<b>94,898</b>

Source: Community college aggregate reports.

# Full-time equivalent enrollment at Oregon community colleges in fall term, by year

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Blue Mountain	620.0	551.0	582.0	547.0	521.0	389.1	372.3	365.7	358.3	385.8
Central Oregon	1,777.0	1,722.0	1,627.0	1,532.0	1,479.0	1,268.6	1,195.2	1,189.4	1,319.5	1,345.6
Chemeketa	3,621.0	3,449.0	3,251.0	3,217.0	2,962.0	2,460.8	2,293.9	2,352.1	2,337.3	2,506.9
Clackamas	1,936.0	2,036.0	1,925.0	1,833.0	1,938.0	1,451.8	1,426.1	1,358.7	1,487.8	1,650.2
Clatsop	312.0	303.0	335.0	310.0	308.0	222.7	203.3	207.7	229.2	225.9
Columbia Gorge	267.0	277.0	253.0	266.0	247.0	245.3	218.5	198.6	219.0	260.5
Klamath	539.0	408.0	472.0	441.0	484.0	441.5	356.2	422.0	493.6	499.0
Lane	2,892.0	2,784.0	2,629.0	2,577.0	2,573.0	2,101.7	1,622.9	1,910.9	1,936.4	2,054.8
Linn Benton	1,811.0	1,832.0	1,827.0	1,783.0	1,760.0	1,457.6	1,274.0	1,303.3	1,294.9	1,357.1
Mt Hood	2,397.0	2,379.0	2,234.0	2,154.0	2,047.0	1,639.9	1,548.2	1,597.0	1,737.0	1,809.0
Oregon Coast	161.0	148.0	160.0	143.0	148.0	139.9	154.0	145.2	167.9	176.2
Portland	8,438.0	8,337.0	8,185.0	7,777.0	7,621.0	6,237.8	5,937.4	5,504.7	5,922.1	6,213.9
Rogue	1,429.0	1,417.0	1,308.0	1,356.0	1,271.0	883.6	887.7	930.8	1,107.6	1,267.6
Southwestern	855.0	785.0	763.0	662.0	691.0	537.0	514.1	591.4	546.1	651.4
Tillamook Bay	106.0	134.0	133.0	146.0	132.0	139.7	132.3	127.6	163.4	161.0
Treasure Valley	724.0	645.0	600.0	559.0	568.0	472.8	458.8	465.4	459.5	492.2
Umpqua	793.0	827.0	782.0	780.0	773.0	639.4	648.4	677.5	680.7	840.0
<b>State</b>	<b>28,678</b>	<b>28,034</b>	<b>27,066</b>	<b>26,083</b>	<b>25,523</b>	<b>20,729</b>	<b>19,244</b>	<b>19,348</b>	<b>20,460</b>	<b>21,897</b>

Source: Community college aggregate reports.

# Headcount enrollment at Oregon public universities in fall term, by year

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Eastern Oregon University	3,488	3,176	3,016	2,978	3,067	2,853	2,825	2,674	2,798	2,894
Oregon Institute of Technology	4,786	5,232	5,490	5,341	5,319	5,325	4,910	4,913	5,111	5,302
Oregon State University	30,451	31,310	31,905	32,017	32,774	33,359	34,108	35,239	36,636	38,125
Portland State University	28,076	27,229	27,305	26,379	26,020	23,979	23,177	22,014	21,040	20,470
Southern Oregon University	6,215	6,088	6,139	6,119	5,966	5,041	5,056	5,156	5,175	5,129
University of Oregon	24,138	23,645	22,996	22,774	22,629	21,809	22,298	23,202	23,834	24,462
Western Oregon University	5,445	5,382	5,285	5,185	4,929	4,554	4,029	3,752	3,951	3,823
<b>State</b>	<b>102,586</b>	<b>102,044</b>	<b>102,119</b>	<b>100,774</b>	<b>100,690</b>	<b>96,911</b>	<b>96,403</b>	<b>96,950</b>	<b>98,545</b>	<b>100,205</b>

Source: HECC analysis of student-level data

# Full-time equivalent enrollment at Oregon public universities in fall term, by year

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Eastern Oregon University	2,274	2,221	2,152	2,171	2,133	2,124	2,050	1,973	1,973	2,082
Oregon Institute of Technology	3,108	3,239	3,236	3,218	3,247	3,214	2,990	2,907	2,898	3,045
Oregon State University	25,878	26,527	26,865	26,779	27,120	27,013	27,575	28,585	29,983	31,545
Portland State University	20,162	19,721	19,563	19,252	18,816	17,428	16,522	15,668	14,977	14,585
Southern Oregon University	4,408	4,293	4,383	4,204	4,030	3,512	3,321	3,264	3,236	3,209
University of Oregon	22,598	22,629	22,207	22,081	22,105	21,263	21,781	22,706	23,257	24,072
Western Oregon University	4,513	4,529	4,452	4,310	4,068	3,769	3,300	3,069	3,171	3,083
<b>State</b>	<b>82,941</b>	<b>83,159</b>	<b>82,857</b>	<b>82,015</b>	<b>81,520</b>	<b>78,325</b>	<b>77,539</b>	<b>78,172</b>	<b>79,495</b>	<b>81,622</b>

Source: HECC analysis of student-level data