



## Fall Enrollment Summary, Census Day (October 7, 2024)

Source: [Census Enrollment Dashboard](#)

### Executive Summary

In 2024, the University experienced a slight increase in total enrollment, driven by growth in undergraduate, University Park, College of Medicine, and World Campus students, while enrollment for graduate students and those at Commonwealth Campuses declined (Table 1).

Regarding diversity, enrollment trends for underrepresented minority students showed growth, while the international student population experienced a decline. Both First-generation undergraduate students and underrepresented minority transfer students saw an increase as well (Table 2).

Resident instruction enrollment saw mixed results with University Park experiencing growth and Commonwealth Campuses facing a decline. In contrast, World Campus consistently showed increases across all categories, including undergraduate and graduate enrollments (Table 3).

University Park and World Campus saw increases in both in-state and out-of-state enrollments, while Commonwealth Campuses experienced declines in both categories. Undergraduate in-state enrollment remained stable, with slight increases in out-of-state students, and graduate enrollment showed a decrease in in-state students but a modest rise in out-of-state students (Table 4).

University Park and World Campus also saw increases in first-time undergraduate and returning students, while Commonwealth Campuses experienced a decline in first-time undergraduates but an increase in returning students. Transfer student numbers varied slightly across all campuses (Table 5).

Overall, 1-year retention, as well as 4-year and 6-year graduation rates, have improved (Table 6). Graduation rates for underrepresented minority students, Pell recipients, and first-generation students have also increased for both the 4- and 6-year timeframes.

### Overall

- **Total Population:** The total student population increased by 92 (0.1%) from 87,903 in 2023 to 87,995 in 2024. The number of undergraduate students increased by 144 (0.2%) from 73,250 to 73,394, while the number of graduate students decreased by 53 (-0.4%) from 13,091 to 13,038.
- **University Park:** The overall student enrollment at University Park increased by 365 (0.8%) from 48,535 to 48,900.
- **Commonwealth Campuses:** Commonwealth Campuses experienced a decrease of 471 (2.0%) in student enrollment, from 23,940 in 2023 to 23,469 in 2024.
- **World Campus:** The overall enrollment of World Campus students increased by 210 (1.5%) from 13,564 to 13,774.
- **Penn State Dickinson Law:** Penn State Dickinson Law's enrollment increased by 4.1% (13 students) from 320 to 333.
- **Penn State Law:** Penn State Law's enrollment decreased by 28 (4.7%) from 599 to 571.
- **College of Medicine:** The College of Medicine student enrollment increased by 10 (1.0%) from 2023 to 2024, with current enrollment at 970 students.
- **First-Time, Full-Time:** The first-time, full-time undergraduate student population had a decline of 427 students (2.7%) from 16,014 to 15,587.

**Table 1 Overall**

	Fall 2024	Fall 2023	Difference	% Change
<b>Total</b>	87,995	87,903	92	0.1%
<b>Undergraduate</b>	73,394	73,250	144	0.2%
<b>Graduate</b>	13,038	13,091	-53	-0.4%
<b>University Park</b>	48,900	48,535	365	0.8%
<b>Commonwealth Campuses</b>	23,469	23,940	-471	-2.0%
<b>World Campus</b>	13,774	13,564	210	1.5%
<b>Penn State Dickinson Law - Unified</b>	0	1	-1	-100.0%
<b>Penn State Dickinson Law</b>	333	320	13	4.1%
<b>Penn State Law</b>	571	599	-28	-4.7%
<b>College of Medicine</b>	970	960	10	1.0%
<b>First-time, full-time, undergraduate</b>	15,587	16,014	-427	-2.67%

### Diversity

- Race/Ethnicity: In 2024, the overall underrepresented minority (URM) student enrollment saw an increase of 516 (3.8%), bringing the total from 13,410 in 2023 to 13,926 in 2024. This change reflects a slight rise in URM representation, moving from 15.3% to 15.8%.
- Student Type with Race/Ethnicity: First-time, full-time undergraduate resident instruction URM students overall have decreased by 9.8% (-280 students) from Fall 2023. The same population at University Park has decreased by 24.6% (-379 students), and the Commonwealth Campuses and World Campus have seen an increase in this population by 7.5% (99 students) and 58.1% (18 students), respectively. When considering residency, the decline in this population is largely among non-Pennsylvania students, with a 16.5% decrease (-253 students), compared to a 2.0% decrease (-27 students) among Pennsylvania resident instruction students.
  - The incoming first-time, full-time undergraduate resident instruction Hispanic/Latino student population has increased significantly at the Commonwealth Campuses, 17.4% (121 students) from Fall 2023, while the same population decreased by 24.2% (-255 students) at University Park. World Campus has also increased for this same population by 33.3% (8 students).
  - URM undergraduate transfer student enrollment increased from last year by 8.4% (48).
- International Students: The number of international students decreased by 285 (2.9%) from 9,671 in 2023 to 9,386 in 2024, resulting in a slight decline in its share (11.0% to 10.7%).
- First-Generation: The first-generation undergraduate student population increased by 487 (2.7%) from 17,902 to 18,389, increasing the group's representation from 24.4% to 25.1%.

**Table 2 Diversity**

	Fall 2024	Fall 2023	Difference	% Change	Proportion Change
<b>Underrepresented Minority</b>	13,926	13,410	516	3.8%	15.3% -> 15.8%
<b>International</b>	9,386	9,671	-285	-2.9%	11.0% -> 10.7%
<b>First Generation</b>	18,389	17,902	487	2.7%	24.4% -> 25.1%*

\* The percentage is derived from the total number of undergraduate students.

### Resident Instruction and World Campus

- University Park: For University Park, the resident instruction enrollment increased from 48,535 in 2023 to 48,900 in 2024, marking a rise of 365 students (0.8%). The World Campus also saw growth, with enrollment rising from 8,930 to 8,991, an increase of 61 students or 0.7%

- **Commonwealth Campuses:** The Commonwealth Campuses experienced a decline in resident instruction enrollment, dropping from 23,940 in 2023 to 23,469 in 2024. This decrease of 471 students represents a 2.0% reduction. However, World Campus saw an increase, with enrollment rising from 4,618 to 4,761, an increase of 143 students (3.1%).
  - University Park, Commonwealth Campuses, and World Campus together observed an increase of 98 students (0.1%), from 86,023 in 2023 to 86,121 in 2024, in total.
- **Undergraduate:** Undergraduate resident instruction enrollment remained stable, with a slight increase of 38 students (0.1%) from 65,305 in 2023 to 65,343 in 2024, while World Campus enrollment increased from 7,945 to 8,051 (a rise of 106 students or 1.3%).
- **Graduate:** For graduate students, resident instruction saw a decline from 7,472 to 7,315 (-157 students, 2.1%), while World Campus enrollment increased from 5,619 to 5,723 (104 students, 1.9%).

**Table 3** Resident Instruction and World Campus

		Fall 2024	Fall 2023	Difference	% Change
<b>University Park</b>	Resident Instruction	48,900	48,535	365	0.8%
	World Campus	8,991	8,930	61	0.7%
<b>Commonwealth Campuses</b>	Resident Instruction	23,469	23,940	-471	-2.0%
	World Campus	4,761	4,618	143	3.1%
<b>Undergraduate</b>	Resident Instruction	65,343	65,305	38	0.1%
	World Campus	8,051	7,945	106	1.3%
<b>Graduate</b>	Resident Instruction	7,315	7,472	-157	-2.1%
	World Campus	5,723	5,619	104	1.9%

### Residency

- **University Park:** For University Park, the in-state enrollment increased slightly from 25,265 in 2023 to 25,367 in 2024, a rise of 102 students (0.4%). Out-of-state enrollment also saw a modest increase, growing from 23,270 to 23,533, an increase of 263 students or 1.1%.
- **Commonwealth Campuses:** At the Commonwealth Campuses, there was a decline in both in-state and out-of-state enrollments. In-state enrollment decreased from 18,451 in 2023 to 18,182 in 2024, a reduction of 269 students (-1.5%). Out-of-state enrollment also dropped from 5,489 to 5,287, a decrease of 202 students or 3.7%.
- **World Campus:** For the World Campus only, both in-state and out-of-state enrollments increased. In-state enrollment rose from 6,474 to 6,603, an increase of 129 students or 2.0%. Out-of-state enrollment grew from 7,090 to 7,171, an increase of 81 students (1.1%).
- **In-State Students:** The incoming in-state student population for Fall 2024 includes students from every county in Pennsylvania, reflecting our commitment to statewide accessibility and representation.
- **Undergraduate:** The in-state undergraduate student population rose slightly from 45,955 to 46,023 (68 students, 0.1%), while out-of-state students saw a modest increase, growing from 27,295 to 27,371 (76 students, 0.3%).
- **Graduate:** For graduate students, the in-state students count decreased from 4,364 to 4,242 (-119 students, 2.7%), while the out-of-state student population increased from 8,727 to 8,8793 (66 students, 0.8%).

**Table 4** Residency

Campus	Residency	Fall 2024	Fall 2023	Difference	% Change
<b>University Park</b>	In-State	25,367	25,265	102	0.4%
	Out-of-State	23,533	23,270	263	1.1%

<b>Commonwealth Campuses</b>	In-State	18,182	18,451	-269	-1.5%
	Out-of-State	5,287	5,489	-202	-3.7%
<b>World Campus</b>	In-State	6,603	6,474	129	2.0%
	Out-of-State	7,171	7,090	81	1.1%
<b>Undergraduate</b>	In-State	46,023	45,955	68	0.1%
	Out-of-State	27,371	27,295	76	0.3%
<b>Graduate</b>	In-State	4,245	4,364	-119	-2.7%
	Out-of-State	8,793	8,727	66	0.8%

### Student Type for Undergraduate

- **University Park:** For University Park, the number of first-time undergraduate students increased from 9,040 in 2023 to 9,169 in 2024, a rise of 129 students or 1.4%. The number of transfer students slightly decreased from 372 to 351, a reduction of 21 students or 5.6%. Returning undergraduate students saw an increase from 32,811 to 33,099, an addition of 288 students or 0.9%.
- **Commonwealth Campuses:** At the Commonwealth Campuses, there was a notable decline in first-time undergraduate students, dropping from 6,864 in 2023 to 6,286 in 2024, a decrease of 578 students or 8.4%. The Fall 2023 incoming class benefited from the 1+3 program, which directed approximately 200 additional first-time students to the Commonwealth Campuses contributing to the larger difference in the Fall 2023 to Fall 2024 incoming population. Transfer students also decreased slightly from 1,215 to 1,162, a reduction of 53 students (4.4%). However, the number of returning students increased from 15,003 to 15,276, an addition of 273 students (1.8%).
- **World Campus:** Considering the World Campus only, the number of first-time undergraduate students increased from 335 in 2023 to 337 in 2024, a rise of 2 students or 0.6%. Transfer students saw an increase from 1,046 to 1,091, an addition of 45 students or 4.3%. Returning students also increased from 6,564 to 6,623, an addition of 59 students (0.9%).

**Table 5 Student Type for Undergraduate**

Campus	Student Type	Fall 2024	Fall 2023	Difference	% Change
<b>University Park</b>	First-Time	9,169	9,040	129	1.4%
	Transfer	351	372	-21	-5.6%
	Returning	33,099	32,811	288	0.9%
<b>Commonwealth Campuses</b>	First-Time	6,286	6,864	-578	-8.4%
	Transfer	1,162	1,215	-53	-4.4%
	Returning	15,276	15,003	273	1.8%
<b>World Campus</b>	First-Time	337	335	2	0.6%
	Transfer	1,091	1,046	45	4.3%
	Returning	6,623	6,564	59	0.9%

## Graduation and Retention

### Methodology

Overall, University Park, and Commonwealth campus rates are measured for first time, full time, bachelor’s degree seeking undergraduate students at all Campuses. When referencing World Campus specifically, the graduation and retention rates include all undergraduate degree-seeking students, including associate degree, part-time, and advanced standing admit-type students. Students are grouped by year into initial cohort counts. All data is based on initial cohort counts, not adjusted cohort counts. A cohort is a group of students entering in the fall term of a given year, including those who began in the preceding summer and continued into the fall.

**Table 6 Graduation and Retention Rates**

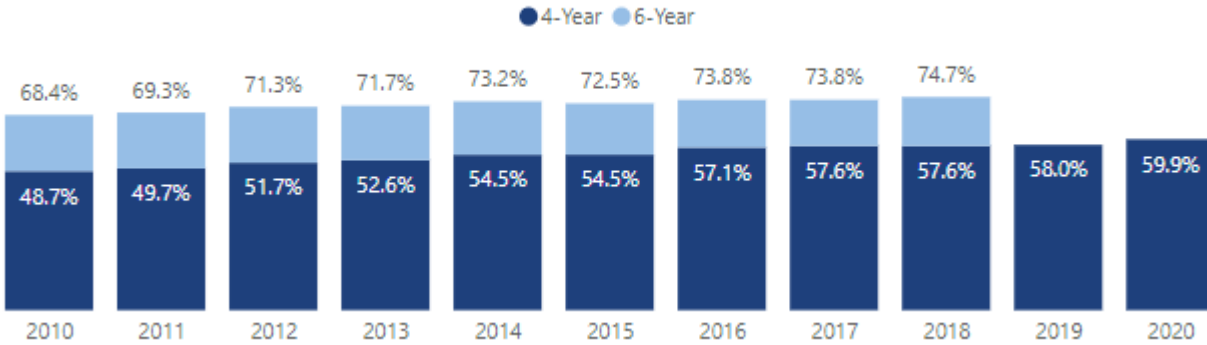
	Fall 2024	Fall 2023	% Change
<b>1-Year Retention</b>	86.8%	86.0%	0.8%
<b>4-Year Graduation</b>	59.9%	58.0%	1.9%
<b>6-Year Graduation</b>	74.7%	73.8%	0.9%

### Graduation Rates

- The 4-year graduation rates for the 2019 and 2020 cohorts, and the 6-year graduation rates for the 2017 and 2018 cohorts, are compared.
- Overall, the 4-year graduation rate has increased from 58.0% to 59.9%, marking a 1.9% increase. Similarly, the 6-year graduation rate improved from 73.8% to 74.7%, a 0.9% rise.
- At University Park, the 4-year graduation rate saw a 2.3% increase, from 70.7% to 73.0%, while the 6-year rate grew by 0.4%, from 85.6% to 86.0%.
- Commonwealth campuses also experienced an increase in graduation rates. 4-year graduation rates increased slightly, 0.2%, from 43.4% to 43.6% while the 6-year rates saw a larger increase at 0.6% from 61.8% to 62.4%
- For underrepresented minority (URM) students, the overall 6-year graduation rate increased by 2.9%, from 59.1% to 62.0%. At University Park the URM student 6-year graduation rate increased by 3.5%, from 75.3% to 78.8%.
- First-generation students saw a significant improvement in 6-year graduation rates, rising by 5.5%, from 58.6% to 64.1%. University Park and the Commonwealth Campuses both saw an increase in this population for 6-year rates. University Park increased by 5.4% from 75.3% to 80.7% while the Commonwealth Campuses increased by 3.8% from 53.0% to 56.8%.
- Recipients of a Pell Grant (within entering year) also saw an improvement in 4-year and 6-year graduation rates, increasing 2% from 42.3% to 44.3% and 3.2% from 59.7% to 62.9%, respectively.
- World Campus students experienced a 2.4% decrease in their 4-year graduation rate, from 31.6% to 29.2%. The 6-year rate improved by 2.4%, from 36.2% to 38.6%.
- Several Commonwealth campuses have seen consistent increases in their 6-year graduation rates over the past two years. Berks had an increase of 7%, going from 57.7%, 59.9% to 64.7% for the 2016-2018 cohorts. Dubois had an increase of 13.5% going from 51.9%, 63.5%, to 65.4% for the same cohorts.
- Over the past 10 years, 4-year graduation rates have steadily increased, rising by 11.2%, from 48.7% in 2010 to 59.9% in 2020.
- 6-year graduation rates have also risen since 2010, increasing by 6.3%, from 68.4% in 2010 to 74.7% for the 2018 cohort.



### Graduation Rates



### Retention Rates

- The 1-year retention rate changes are compared for the 2022 and 2023 cohorts.
- The Overall 1-year retention rate increased 0.8%, from 86.0% to 86.8%.
- The rate at University Park increased by 0.6%, from 92.0% to 92.6%.
- The rate for the Commonwealth Campuses increased 1.3%, 78.1% to 79.4%.
- The World Campus students rate increased 1.4% from 65.2% to 66.6%.
- For underrepresented minority (URM) students, the 1-year retention rate increased 1.9%, from 77.0% to 78.9%.

### 1-Year Retention Rate

