

Executive Summary

Enrollment – Fall 2024

- Total census enrollment is 6,138, a decrease of 267 students (4.2%) from the previous fall semester.
- Total undergraduate enrollment is 5,205. This is a decrease of 302 students (5.5%) from fall 2023. Full-time undergraduate enrollment is 4,697, a decrease of 212 students (4.3%).
- Total degrees granted for 2023-24 is 1,576; a decrease of 13.5 percent from last year. There were 1,097 Bachelor's degrees and 479 Masters and Advanced Certificates granted.
- Total graduate enrollment is 933, an increase of 35 students (3.9%) from fall 2023.
- Total enrollment in the residence halls is 1,893. This is a decrease of 13 students (0.7%) from fall 2023. Since fall 2020, residence hall occupancy has increased by 14.4 percent.

Demographics – Fall 2024

- Ninety-five (95.1) percent of our total enrollment is from New York State. Fifty-four (54.0) percent is from Erie County; seven (7.3) percent is from Niagara County; twenty (20.3) percent is from the Metro NYC area, and thirteen (13.4) percent is from other New York State Counties.
- Fifty-three (52.9) percent of the college's undergraduate enrollments are minority students. Forty-six (46.4) percent of total undergraduates are classified as underrepresented minorities. Graduate minority student enrollment is 265 (28.4%). Graduate underrepresented minority student enrollment increased to twenty-four (24.2) percent from twenty-two (21.9) percent the previous fall.
- Women represent fifty-nine (58.7) percent of the total student population. Fifty-six (55.8) percent of our undergraduates and seventy-five (75.3) percent of graduate student population are women. This is an increase of one percentage point for our graduate student population from the previous fall.

New Students – Fall 2024

- New freshman enrollment is 1,247. This is a decrease of 239 students (16.1%) from fall 2023. This notable decrease in first-time enrollment is attributed to the change in admission standards from a high school GPA of 76 to 78.
- New transfer enrollment is 471, a decrease of 88 students (15.7%) from fall 2023.
- New graduate enrollment is 379, an increase of 16 students (4.4%) from fall 2023.

Academic Profile, First-time Full-time – Fall 2024

- The mean high school average for all first-time, full-time students increased slightly to 85.0 from 84.0 last fall. This increase is attributed to the change in admission standards from a high school average of 76 to 78. The mean SAT Composite (verbal and math) score for all first-time, full-time students increased to 1118 from 1081. Since Fall 2021, SUNY has directed campuses to be test-optional due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For fall 2024, only 9.5% of the First-time, Full-time matriculated students submitted standardized test scores. This resulted in a larger than expected increase in SAT Composite scores since Fall 2021.
- The mean high school average for honors students is 94.9. The mean SAT score for honors students decreased 6 points to 1206.
- The mean high school average for general freshmen increased slightly to 85.7 from 84.5 the previous fall. The mean SAT Composite score increased 42 points to 1126.
- The mean high school average for EOP students increased slightly to 79.6 from 79.0 last fall. The mean SAT score decreased 68 points to 980.

FTE – Fall 2024

- Total FTE is estimated at 5,383. This is a decrease of 193 FTE (3.5%) from fall 2023.
- Total undergraduate FTE is estimated at 4,812. This is a decrease of 237 FTE (4.7%) from fall 2023.
- Total graduate FTE is estimated 570, up 43 FTE (8.2%) from the previous fall.

School of Arts and Sciences – Fall 2024

- Total enrollment is 2,516, a decrease of 61 students (2.4%) from fall 2023. The school enrollment represents forty-one (40.9) percent of the total college enrollment and forty-four (43.6) percent of the undergraduate population.

School of Education – Fall 2024

- Total enrollment is 1,035 a decrease of 4 students (0.4%) from fall 2023. It represents seventeen (16.9) percent of the total college enrollment and ten (10.1) percent of the undergraduate population. The School of Education's graduate enrollment of 509 represents fifty-five (54.6) percent of the graduate population and is the largest of the four graduate schools.

School of the Professions – Fall 2024

- Total enrollment is 2,139, a decrease of 87 students (3.9%) from fall 2023. The school represents thirty-five (34.8) percent of the college's total enrollment and thirty-eight (38.3) percent of the total undergraduate enrollment. The school represents sixteen (15.5) percent of the graduate enrollment.

First-Time, full-time, One-Year Retention Rate at Buffalo State (fall 2023 Cohort)

- The first-time, full-time retention rate is fifty-eight (57.7) percent, three (3.0) percentage points higher than last fall. First-year retention rate increased to fifty-nine (59.2) percent from fifty-seven (57.2) for the School of Arts & Sciences. First-year retention decreased slightly for School of Education and increased slightly for the School of the Professions. The School of Education first-year retention was the highest among the three schools at 65.6% and the School of the Professions was the lowest at 53.9%.
- First-year retention rate for residential students increased from fifty-one (50.8) percent to fifty-three (52.9) percent. First-year retention rate for commuter students increased from sixty-two (61.5) percent to sixty-seven (67.0) percent.
- First-year retention rate for Muriel A. Howard Honors program (MAH) students increased from seventy-eight (77.6) percent to eighty-four (84.0) percent when compared to the fall 2022 cohort. Muriel A. Howard Honors program (MAH) has the highest retention rate among all cohorts for fall 2023.
- First-year retention rate for Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) students remained steady at sixty (59.8) percent when compared to the fall 2022 cohort.
- First-year retention rate for female students (58.0%) is only slightly higher than the first-year rate for male students (57.4%). Male student first-year rate increased by 7.6 percentage points from fall 2023. The university achieved gender parity in retention rates for the first time since fall 2005, with male and female first-time students being retained at similar rates. This is a significant achievement, reflecting the university's commitment to gender equality.
- First-year retention rate for SAY YES students increased to sixty-three (63.2) percent from fifty (50.0) percent, an increase of three (13.2) percentage points.