## Executive Summary

**Enrollment – Fall 2026**

- Total census enrollment is 5,723, a decrease of 372 students (6.1%) from the previous fall semester.

- Total undergraduate enrollment is 4,857. This is a decrease of 339 students (6.5%) from fall 2025. Full-time undergraduate enrollment is 4,406, a decrease of 265 students (5.7%).

- Total degrees granted for 2025-26 are 1,639; a decrease of 0.8 percent from last year. There were 1,018 bachelor's degrees and 621 Masters and Advanced Certificates granted.

- Total graduate enrollment is 866, a decrease of 33 students (3.7%) from fall 2025.

- Total enrollment in the residence halls is 1,827. A decrease of 135 students (6.9%) from fall 2025.

**Demographics – Fall 2026**

- Ninety-four (94.1) percent of our total enrollment is from New York State. Fifty-three (52.7) percent is from Erie County; seven (6.6) percent is from Niagara County; fifteen (14.8) percent is from the Metro NYC area, and nineteen (20.0) percent is from other New York State Counties.

- Fifty-five (55.4) percent of the college's undergraduate enrollments are minority students. Forty-nine (49.0) percent of total undergraduates are classified as underrepresented minorities. Graduate minority student enrollment is 260 (30.0%). Graduate underrepresented minority student enrollment increased to twenty-six (25.6) percent from twenty-four (20.9) percent the previous fall.

- Women represent fifty-nine (59.3) percent of the total student population. Fifty-five (55.4) percent of our undergraduates and seventy-four (74.0) percent of graduate student population are women. This is an increase of 0.6 percentage point for our graduate student population from the previous fall.

**New Students – Fall 2026**

- New freshman enrollment is 1,043. This is a decrease of 250 students (19.3%) from fall 2025.

- New transfer enrollment is 442, an increase of 42 students (10.5%) from fall 2025.

- New graduate enrollment is 293, an increase of 30 students (11.4%) from fall 2025.

**Academic Profile, First-time Full-time – Fall 2026**

- The mean high school average for all first-time, full-time students remained flat at 84.6 from last fall. The mean SAT Composite (verbal and math) score for all first-time, full-time students increased 26 points from 1060 from 1086. Since Fall 2021, SUNY has directed campuses to be test-optional due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For fall 2026, only 13.5% 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 increased to 95 from 94.1. The mean SAT score for honors students increased 13 points from 1183.

- The mean high school average for general freshmen increased slightly from 85.0 to 85.3 when compared to the previous fall. The mean SAT Composite score increased 30 points to 1095.

- The mean high school average for EOP students increased 79.7 from 79.5. The mean SAT score increased 37 points to 973.

- The mean high school average for ACE students decreased from 85.9 to 85.7. The mean SAT score decreased 85 points to 916.

- The mean high school average for Roar 2 Success students decreased by 1 point from 79.4 to 78.4. The mean SAT score decreased 46 points to 987.

**FTE – Fall 2026**

- Total FTE is estimated at 5,118. This is a decrease of 265 FTE (4.1%) from fall 2025.

- Total undergraduate FTE is estimated at 4,582. This is a decrease of 195 FTE (4.1%) from fall 2025.

- Total graduate FTE is estimated 536, down 26 FTE (4.5%) from the previous fall.

**School of Arts and Sciences – Fall 2026**

- Total enrollment is 2,141, a decrease of 194 students (8.3%) from fall 2025. The school of Arts and Sciences enrollment represents thirty-seven (37.4) percent of the total college enrollment and forty (40.0) percent of the undergraduate population and twenty-two (22.4) percent of the graduate student population.

**School of Education and Applied Professions– Fall 2026**

- Total enrollment is 3,310, a decrease of 114 students (3.3%) from fall 2025. It represents fifty-eight (57.8) percent of the total college enrollment and fifty-five (55.2) percent of the undergraduate population. The School of Education and Applied Professions' graduate enrollment of 629 represents seventy-three (72.6) percent of the graduate population.

**First-Time, full-time, One-Year Retention Rate at Buffalo State (fall 2025 Cohort)**

- The first-time, full-time retention rate is sixty-two (62.3) percent, three (3.2) percentage points lower than last fall. First-year retention rate decreased to sixty-three (62.8) percent from sixty-six (66.1) for the School of Arts & Sciences, a decrease of three (3.2) percentage points from fall 2024. First-year retention increased for the School of Education and Applied Professions decrease to sixty-four (63.7) percent from sixty-five (65.1), a decrease of 1.4 percentage point from fall 2014.

- First-year retention rate for residential students decreased five (5.2) percentage points from sixty-five (65.1) percent to sixty (59.9) percent. First-year retention rate for commuter students increased to sixty-seven (67.3) percent from sixty-six (66.3) percent.

- First-year retention rate for Muriel A. Howard Honors program (MAH) students increased to eighty-one (80.9) percent from seventy-eight (78.1) percent when compared to the fall 2024 cohort. Muriel A. Howard Honors program (MAH) has the highest retention rate among all cohorts for fall 2025.

- First-year retention rate for Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) students decreased to fifty-five (54.7) percent from seventy-two (71.9) percent when compared to the fall 2024 cohort. A decrease of seventeen (17.2) percentage points.

- First-year retention rate for female students (65.8%) is significantly higher than the first-year rate for male students (58.2%). Male student first-year rate decreased by 8.0 percentage points from fall 2024.

- First-year retention rate for SAY YES students increased to sixty-six (65.5) percent from sixty (59.8) percent, an increase of six (5.7) percentage points.

- First-year retention rate for ACE students increased to seventy-six (76.0) percent from seventy-two (72.2) percent, an increase of four (3.8) percentage points.

- First-year retention rate for Roar2Success students decreased to fifty-two (52.3) percent from sixty-five (65.4) percent, a decrease of thirteen (13.1) percentage points.