



Public Institution Enrollment: Fall 2023

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Across all public institutions, enrollment rose 4.3% this fall, compared to 2022

Enrollment trends vary by sector and institution

Community college



90,961
students

The number of learners at community college is higher in 2023 than in 2022 (84,740), rising 7.3%. Enrollment rose at 12 of the 17 colleges.

The number of full-time equivalent students (**FTE**) is **also higher** in 2023, at 20,460, than in 2022 (19,348). This is a 5.8% increase.

Though enrollment is higher than in the last few years, it remains lower than the pre-pandemic levels. The number of students (headcount) is 21.0% lower than in 2019 (115,104 learners). FTE is 20.0% lower than in 2019 (25,523).

Public university



98,545
students

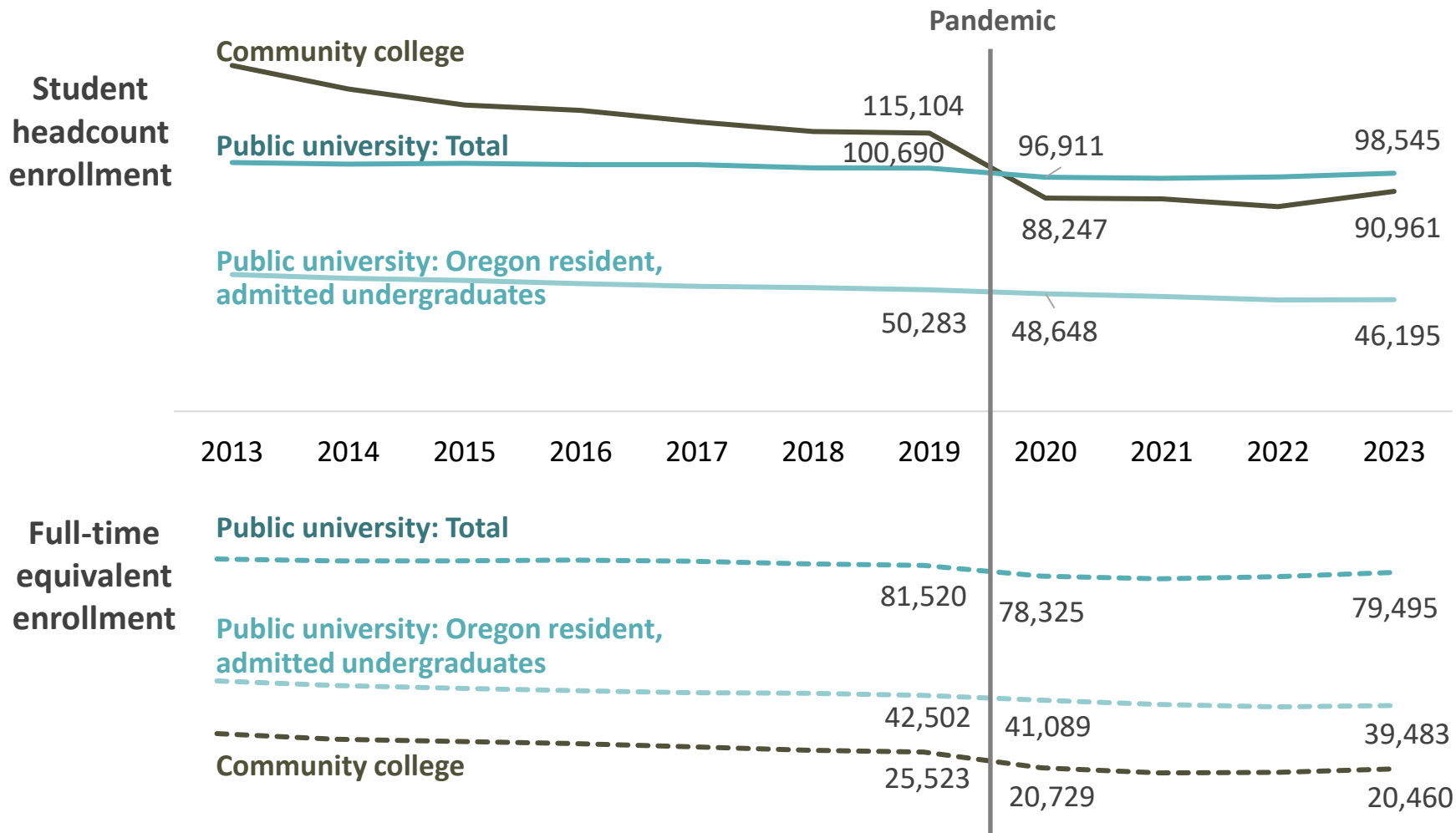
The number of public university learners is slightly higher in 2023 than in 2022 (96,950), rising 1.6%. Enrollment rose at some universities and fell at others.

The number of admitted undergraduates is 0.9% higher; the number of admitted graduate students is 2.2% higher.

FTE enrollment is also slightly higher, 79,495, a 1.7% increase from 2022 (78,172).

Compared to pre-pandemic levels, the number of students, or headcount, is 2.1% lower than in 2019 (100,690 learners). FTE is 2.5% lower than in 2019 (81,520).

The long-term trend shows the decline during the pandemic and this year's increase



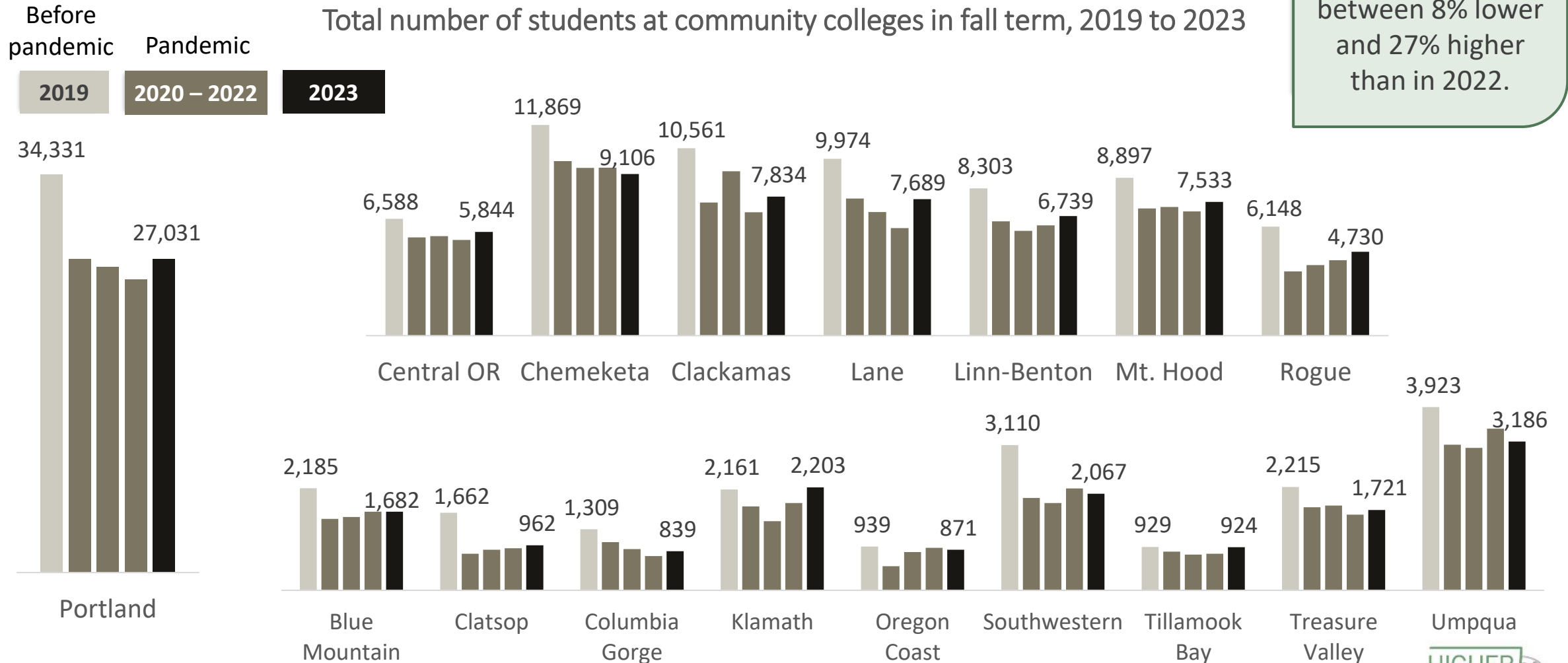
In fall 2023, total enrollment at the colleges and universities showed the largest increase since the pandemic began. However, enrollment has not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels.

Full-time equivalent enrollment also rose in both sectors in 2023.

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.

Headcount enrollment increased at 12 of the 17 community colleges

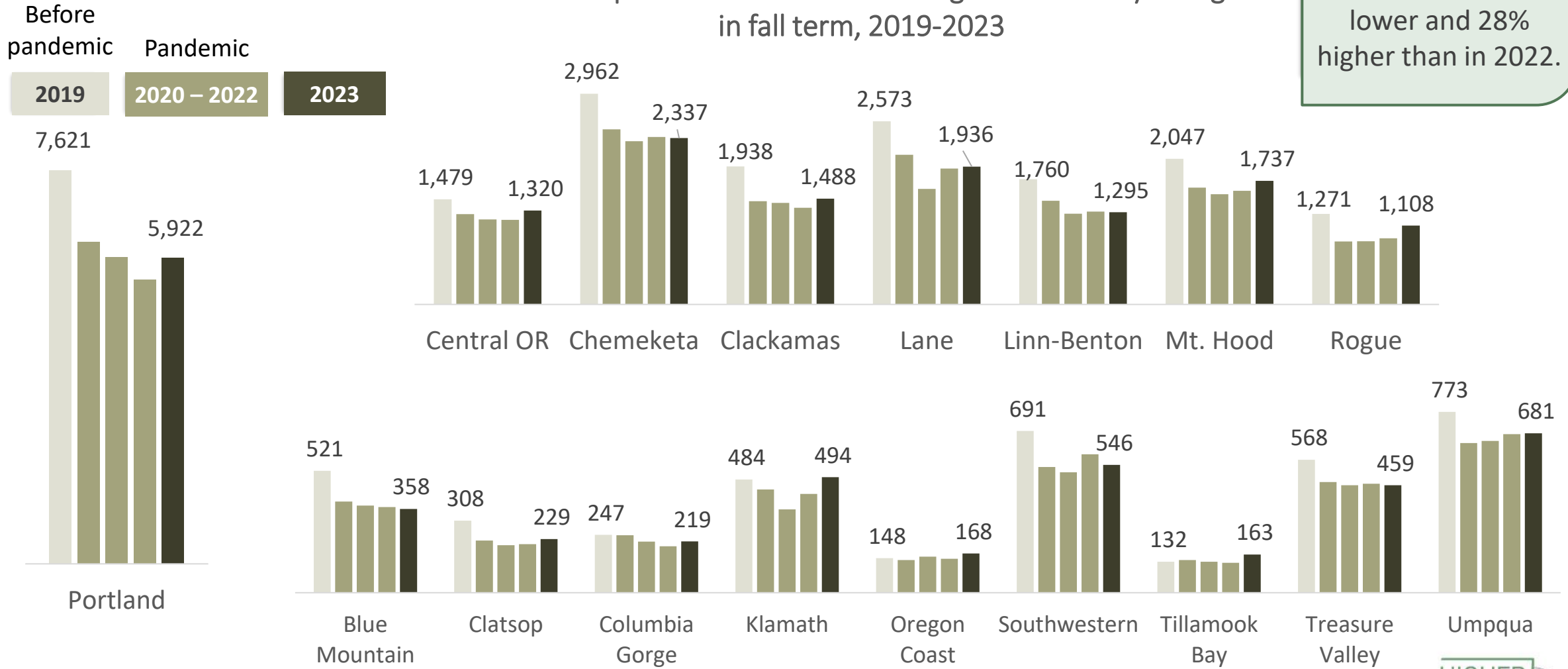
The number of students at each college in 2023 was between 8% lower and 27% higher than in 2022.



Full-time equivalent enrollment rose at 13 of the colleges

FTE enrollment at each college in 2023 was between 8% lower and 28% higher than in 2022.

Full-time equivalent enrollment at Oregon community colleges in fall term, 2019-2023

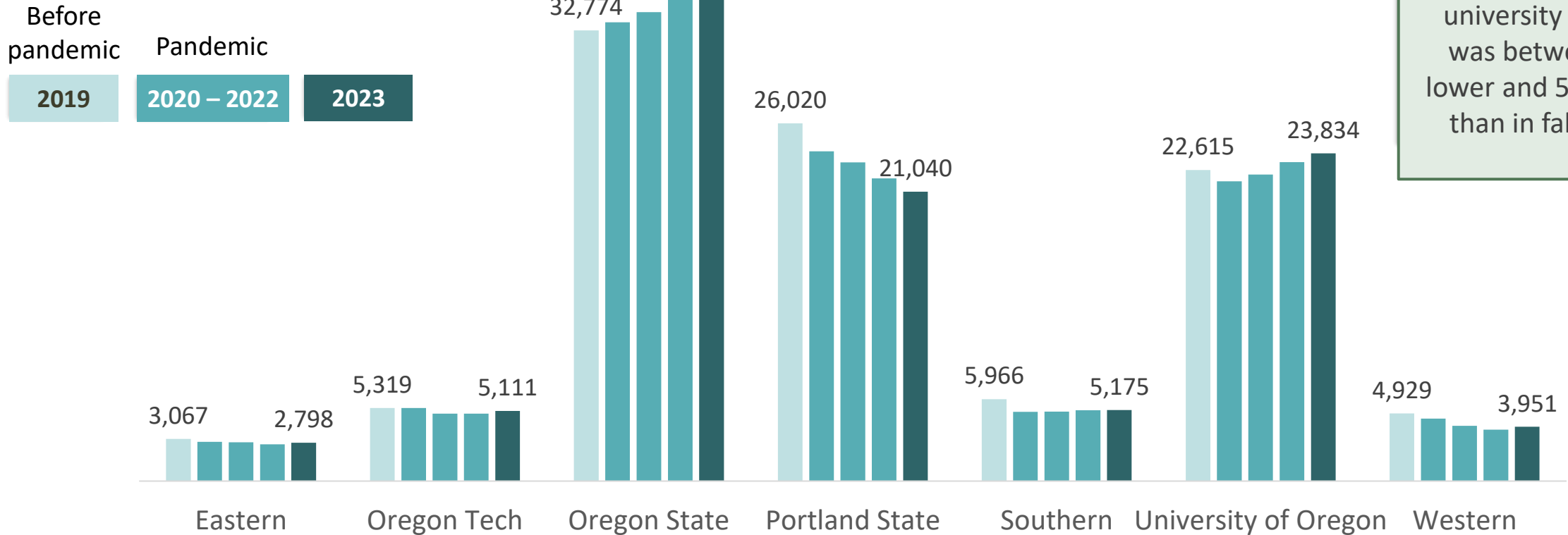


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Headcount enrollment rose at six of the seven public universities

Total number of students at public universities in fall term, 2018 to 2022



The number of students at each university in 2023 was between 4% lower and 5% higher than in fall 2022.

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Statewide, the number of admitted undergraduates rose 1 percent, and the number of admitted graduate students rose 2 percent

Number of students at public universities in fall term by admission level, 2019 to 2023

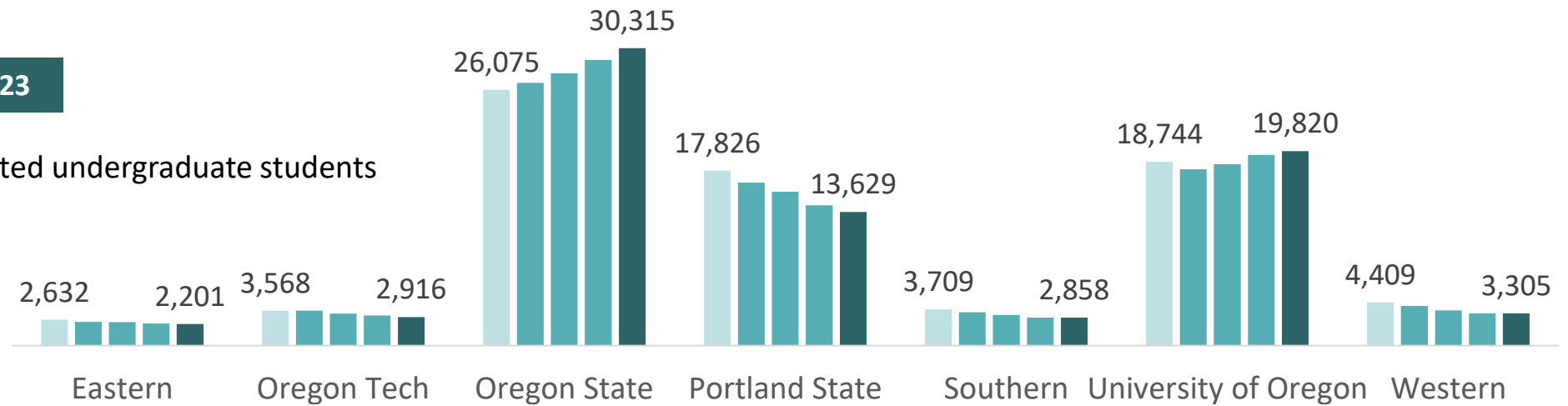
Before pandemic
2019

Pandemic
2020 – 2022

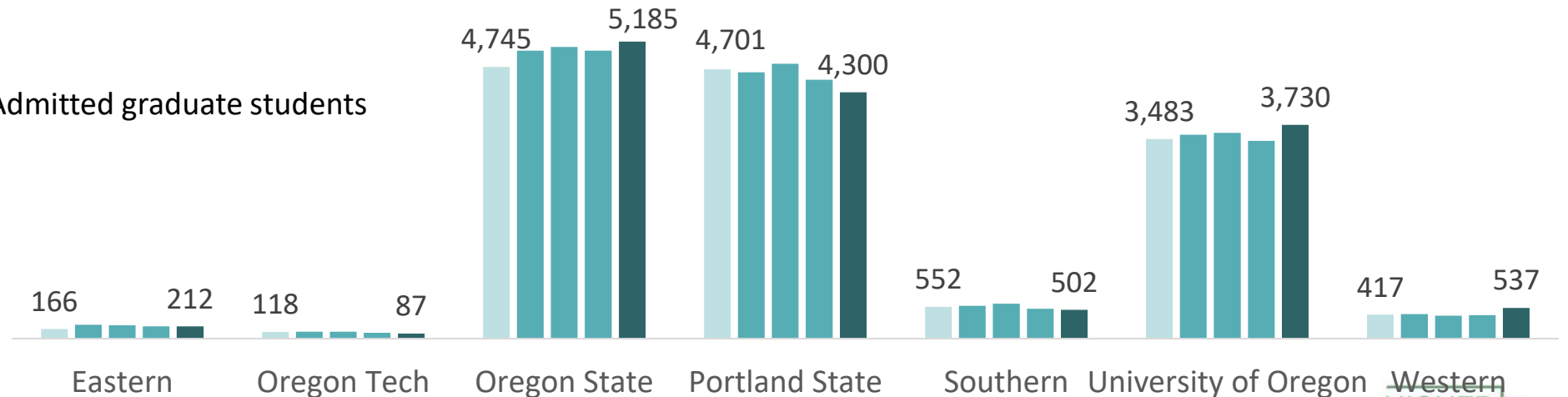
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The number of admitted undergraduates rose at two institutions, was stable at two, and declined at three. Data include Oregon residents and those from out of state; data exclude high school students and other nonadmitted students.

Admitted undergraduate students



Admitted graduate students

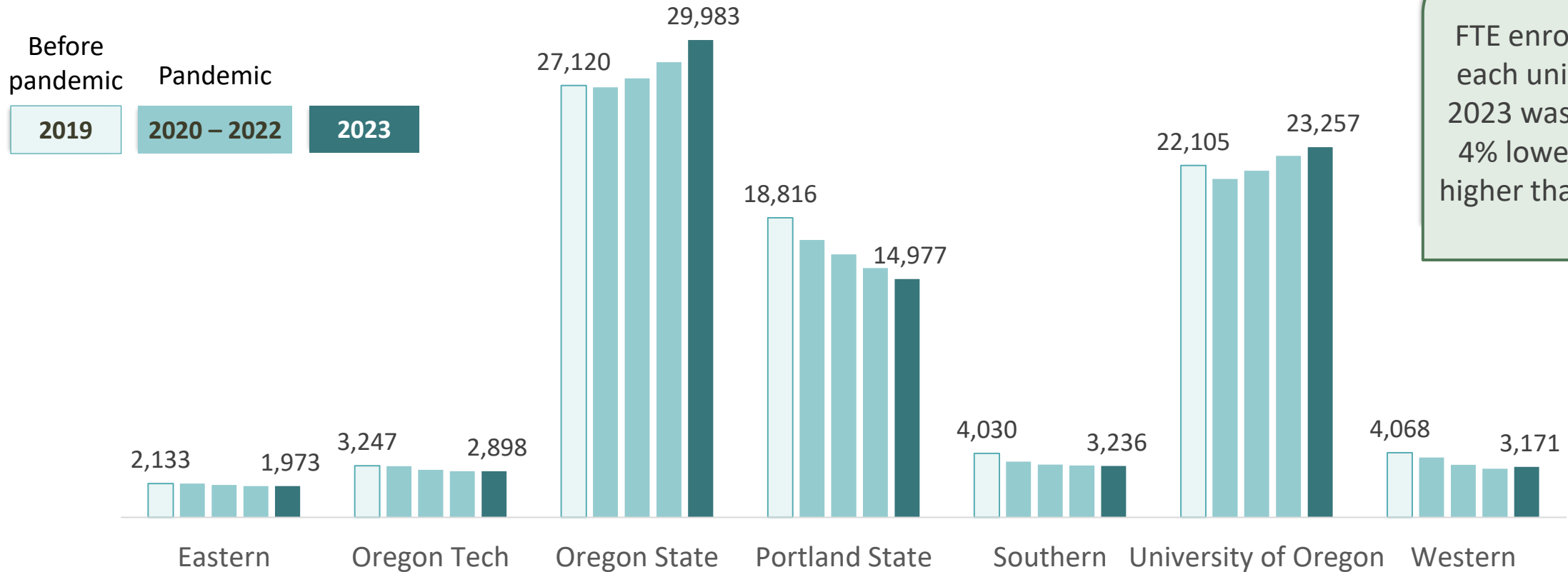


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Total full-time equivalent enrollment rose or was stable at five of the universities

Full-time equivalent enrollment at Oregon public universities in fall term, 2019-2023



FTE enrollment at each university in 2023 was between 4% lower and 5% higher than in 2022.

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Key takeaways

The number of students enrolled at public universities and community colleges in fall 2023 rose this year and is higher than at any time since the pandemic began.

Statewide, enrollment remains lower than it was before the pandemic.

In the community college sector, headcount enrollment rose 7.3%, though not all colleges saw increases.

The increase at Oregon community colleges is higher than the national trend of 4.4%.¹

In the public university sector, headcount enrollment rose 1.6%. Not all universities saw increases.

The increase at Oregon public universities is higher than the national trend of 0.8%.¹

At both colleges and universities, full-time equivalent enrollment also rose, indicating students are taking more classes, on average, than in 2022.

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

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Blue Mountain	2,875	3,327	2,491	2,766	2,442	2,185	1,561	1,569	1,685	1,682
Central Oregon	8,754	8,575	8,463	7,504	7,254	6,588	5,534	5,603	5,394	5,844
Chemeketa	15,400	14,726	14,071	13,094	12,494	11,869	9,832	9,460	9,462	9,106
Clackamas	9,792	9,341	9,108	9,165	9,209	10,561	7,506	9,261	6,954	7,834
Clatsop	1,750	1,694	1,546	1,868	1,741	1,662	784	868	901	962
Columbia Gorge	1,339	1,385	1,433	1,268	1,492	1,309	1,034	884	733	839
Klamath	1,751	2,059	1,874	2,217	1,954	2,161	1,797	1,478	1,868	2,203
Lane	12,421	11,292	11,357	10,688	10,635	9,974	7,723	6,968	6,057	7,689
Linn Benton	9,055	8,778	8,514	8,597	8,636	8,303	6,437	5,911	6,216	6,739
Mt Hood	10,545	9,319	9,892	9,381	9,258	8,897	7,164	7,252	7,006	7,533
Oregon Coast	805	1,013	922	1,067	944	939	516	821	908	871
Portland	40,099	37,279	36,485	35,258	33,789	34,331	27,040	26,333	25,263	27,031
Rogue	6,761	6,830	7,083	7,662	6,203	6,148	3,619	3,973	4,245	4,730
Southwestern	3,505	3,507	3,640	3,376	2,910	3,110	1,976	1,871	2,180	2,067
Tillamook Bay	981	692	832	764	941	929	827	764	784	924
Treasure Valley	2,899	2,521	2,285	1,819	2,175	2,215	1,779	1,813	1,621	1,721
Umpqua	4,662	4,449	4,542	3,295	3,785	3,923	3,118	3,052	3,463	3,186
State	133,394	126,787	124,538	119,789	115,862	115,104	88,247	87,881	84,740	90,961

Source: Community college aggregate reports.

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

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Blue Mountain	572.0	620.0	551.0	582.0	547.0	521.0	389.1	372.3	365.7	358.3
Central Oregon	1,922.0	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
Chemeketa	3,430.0	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
Clackamas	1,883.0	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
Clatsop	310.0	312.0	303.0	335.0	310.0	308.0	222.7	203.3	207.7	229.2
Columbia Gorge	297.0	267.0	277.0	253.0	266.0	247.0	245.3	218.5	198.6	219.0
Klamath	451.0	539.0	408.0	472.0	441.0	484.0	441.5	356.2	422.0	493.6
Lane	3,032.0	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
Linn Benton	1,694.0	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
Mt Hood	2,563.0	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
Oregon Coast	145.0	161.0	148.0	160.0	143.0	148.0	139.9	154.0	145.2	167.9
Portland	9,107.0	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
Rogue	1,388.0	1,429.0	1,417.0	1,308.0	1,356.0	1,271.0	883.6	887.7	930.8	1,107.6
Southwestern	835.0	855.0	785.0	763.0	662.0	691.0	537.0	514.1	591.4	546.1
Tillamook Bay	139.0	106.0	134.0	133.0	146.0	132.0	139.7	132.3	127.6	163.4
Treasure Valley	789.0	724.0	645.0	600.0	559.0	568.0	472.8	458.8	465.4	459.5
Umpqua	774.0	793.0	827.0	782.0	780.0	773.0	639.4	648.4	677.5	680.7
State	29,331	28,678	28,034	27,066	26,083	25,523	20,729	19,244	19,348	20,460

Source: Community college aggregate reports.

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

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Eastern Oregon University	3,653	3,488	3,176	3,016	2,978	3,067	2,853	2,825	2,674	2,798
Oregon Institute of Technology	4,273	4,786	5,232	5,490	5,341	5,319	5,325	4,910	4,913	5,111
Oregon State University	29,723	30,451	31,310	31,905	32,017	32,774	33,359	34,108	35,239	36,636
Portland State University	28,241	28,076	27,229	27,305	26,379	26,020	23,979	23,177	22,014	21,040
Southern Oregon University	6,203	6,215	6,088	6,139	6,119	5,966	5,041	5,056	5,156	5,175
University of Oregon	24,191	24,138	23,645	22,996	22,774	22,629	21,809	22,298	23,202	23,834
Western Oregon University	6,058	5,445	5,382	5,285	5,185	4,929	4,554	4,029	3,752	3,951
State	102,332	102,586	102,044	102,119	100,774	100,690	96,911	96,403	96,950	98,545

Source: HECC analysis of student-level data

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

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Eastern Oregon University	2,392	2,274	2,221	2,152	2,171	2,133	2,124	2,050	1,973	1,973
Oregon Institute of Technology	2,906	3,108	3,239	3,236	3,218	3,247	3,214	2,990	2,907	2,898
Oregon State University	25,431	25,878	26,527	26,865	26,779	27,120	27,013	27,575	28,585	29,983
Portland State University	20,214	20,162	19,721	19,563	19,252	18,816	17,428	16,522	15,668	14,977
Southern Oregon University	4,347	4,408	4,293	4,383	4,204	4,030	3,512	3,321	3,264	3,236
University of Oregon	22,832	22,598	22,629	22,207	22,081	22,105	21,263	21,781	22,706	23,257
Western Oregon University	4,761	4,513	4,529	4,452	4,310	4,068	3,769	3,300	3,069	3,171
State	82,883	82,941	83,159	82,857	82,015	81,520	78,325	77,539	78,172	79,495

Source: HECC analysis of student-level data