

FTE Student Enrollment Reports

These reports highlight the recent changes in enrollment reporting procedures within the Nevada System of Higher Education. In past years, official enrollment was based on preliminary FTE enrollment; however, now final enrollments are used in official enrollment reports to NSHE and for budgetary reports. Therefore, we will post enrollments based on both preliminary and final enrollment reports.

The primary difference between **preliminary and final enrollments** reports is timing. Both represent official census data at different points in time. A preliminary enrollment report is a snapshot of enrollment data taken at the beginning of a term, specifically, the last day of late registration. A final report is a snapshot of these data taken at the end of the term after grades are posted.

In most cases, you should use preliminary data for FTE trend analyses. Final FTE should be used to estimate budget impacts of enrollment, since the final enrollments are the official figures submitted to the legislature.

FTE student enrollments are calculated using student credits and level of instruction. Student credits are obtained by multiplying the number of credits for which a course is offered by the number of students enrolled in that course. **FTE** is an abbreviation for **full-time equivalent student enrollments** and is part of the legislatively approved formula for funding instruction. To calculate FTE students, undergraduate student credits are divided by 15, masters-level credits are divided by 12, and doctoral credits are divided by 9.

Full-time equivalent students should be distinguished from the Registrar's classification of full-time students, which is a classification of individual students. The funding formula applies only to **state-supported enrollments**. Although state-supported, Law, Dental Medicine, and Executive MBA enrollments are not included in the funding formula, and therefore are not in FTE enrollments.

Annual FTE enrollments are an average of fall and spring semester FTE enrollments.