

Estimated Fall 2009 Enrollment

September 25, 2009

Kentucky estimates that postsecondary enrollment will hit another historic high this fall with over 250,000 students studying in our public and independent colleges and universities. Enrollment in all levels increased 5 percent over last year, and 40 percent over the last 10 years. Final fall enrollment numbers will not be available until January 2010.

- The largest enrollment growth was seen at KCTCS, which estimates that enrollment hit 100,000 for the first time. Community and technical college enrollments often spike during recessions as workers invest in new job skills.
- Public universities saw modest growth of 2 percent over last year overall.
- Notable overall growth was seen at Kentucky State University and Western Kentucky University (7 percent and 5 percent, respectively), with significant growth at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.
- Graduate enrollments were flat at the research universities, but have grown at those comprehensive universities that have added new graduate programs in education.
- AIKCU institutions saw modest growth at the undergraduate level, but several institutions' expansion of graduate programs produced an 11 percent increase in graduate enrollments in this sector.

