

Supplement to the Fall 2008 Census Press Release Planning, Budget, and Analysis, PS, October 2008

There were several highlights concerning enrollment at fall 2008 census that were not mentioned in the final published version of the [official press release](#).

Details on the improved academic preparation of 2008's freshmen compared to 2007's.

The average high school grade-point average improved from 3.56 to 3.57, average high school rank rose from the 76th percentile to the 77th, average CCHE index score rose from 117 to 118, average ACT composite score increased from 25.7 to 26.0 and average SAT total rose from 1170 to 1177. Each of these measures is an all-time high.

Details on the resident/non-resident mix, and on requirements.

Of the 5,833 new freshmen, 3,064 -- or 53 percent -- are Colorado residents, while 2,769 are nonresidents. The total represents a 5 percent increase over 2007's total of 5,555, while the number of nonresidents increased by 24 percent. Residents decreased by 8 percent.

State requirements specify that residents must comprise 55 percent of new fall freshmen as a rolling 3-year average, a requirement that is comfortably met even with this year's 53 percent, because the percentages of resident freshmen in 2006 and 2007 were well over 55 percent.

Transfers

The number of transfer students also increased, with 1,320 compared to 1,299 in 2007. Total undergraduates increased by 607 from last fall, with nonresidents increasing by 730 compared to fall 2007.

Graduate students

Graduate enrollment increased by 114 students, from 4,515 to 4,629. There are 67 more nonresident graduate students and 47 more residents.

Chancellor's Achievement Scholars, President's Scholars

Among new freshman nonresidents, 584 are recipients of the Chancellor's Achievement Scholarship, an award of \$15,000 over four years to those whose academic qualifications put them in the top 25 percent of nonresident admits. Of these, 96 top students are also in the President's Scholars Program, and will receive an additional \$10,000 per year.

CCHE admissions standards

This year's admitted students easily met standards for CCHE Index scores. Allowable percentage of "window" admits (Index below 103) was 14 percent, actual was 5.8 percent. Allowable percentage of "floor" admit (below 93) was 1 percent, actual was 0.4 percent.