

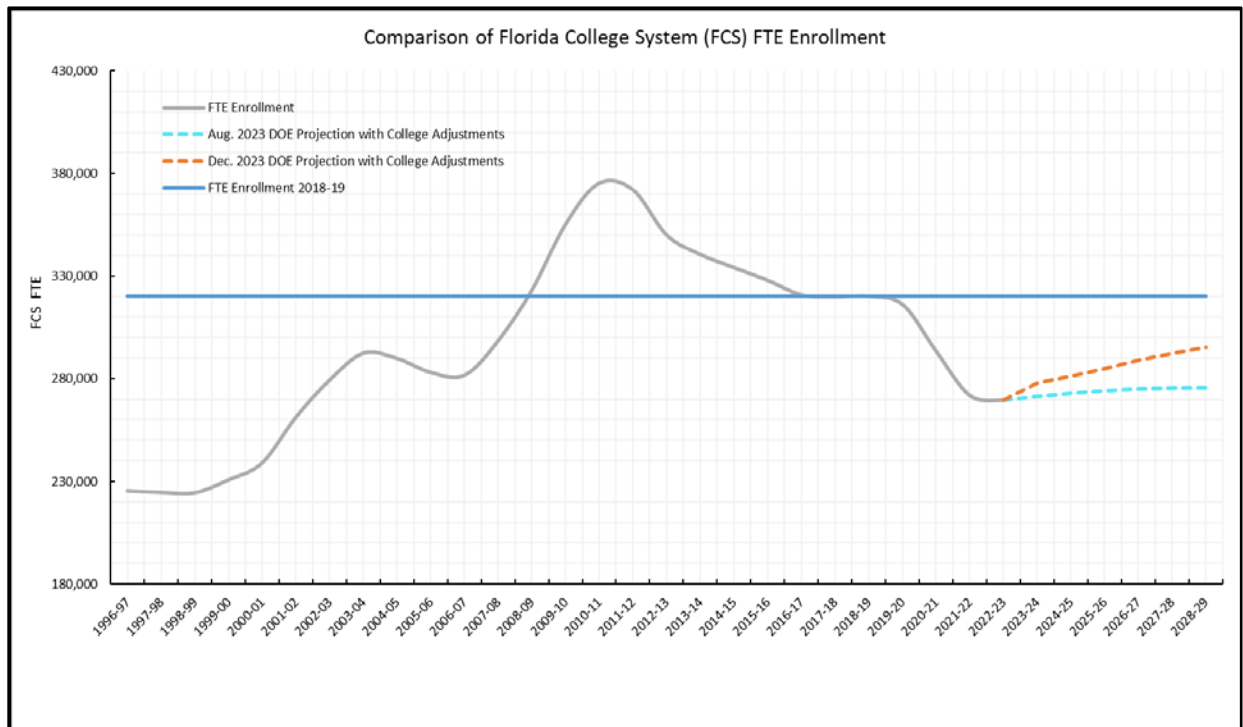
Education Estimating Conference Florida College System Enrollment Executive Summary December 4, 2023

The Education Estimating Conference on Florida College System Enrollment met on December 4, 2023 to review and adopt a new forecast for Florida College System full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment through FY 2028-29. The preliminary FY 2023-24 estimate is now based on college data from the summer end-of-term and fall beginning-of-term enrollment.

For FY 2023-24, a system-wide total of 277,859.0 FTE is projected which is an increase of 8,218.4 FTE (3.0%) from FY 2022-23 and a gain of 6,490.0 FTE (2.4%) from the prior forecast. For all Lower Division programs, FTE enrollment is expected to increase by 8,173.6 FTE (3.2%) from 252,399.4 FTE in FY 2022-23 to 260,573.0 FTE in FY 2023-24. A smaller enrollment increase of 44.8 FTE (0.3%) over the prior year is projected for the Upper Division programs. Upper Division FTE represent approximately 6.2% of total enrollment in FY 2023-24.

Combining the two divisions, each of the remaining years in the forecast has also been increased relative to the August 2023 forecast. These upward adjustments grow from an additional 8,224.0 FTE in FY 2024-25 to 19,925.0 FTE in FY 2028-29.

The new forecast suggests that FY 2023-24 will only have 86.7% (42,443.4 fewer FTEs) of the students recorded in the pre-pandemic enrollment year of FY 2018-19. This is still a noteworthy improvement from the August 2023 forecast that projected only 84.7% (48,933.4 fewer FTEs) for the current year. Overall, the outer forecast years anticipate FTE to increase, but not back to pre-pandemic levels. The last year of the forecast (FY 2028-29) reaches 92.3% of the pre-pandemic enrollment. As a note, the Conference only addresses state-funded FTE, meaning the total FTE enrollment activity at colleges may differ.



Florida College System FTE Enrollment Forecast Summary - Total

	August 9, 2023	December 4, 2023	Difference	% Difference
FY 2017-18	320,042.5	320,042.5		
FY 2018-19	320,302.4	320,302.4		
FY 2019-20	316,275.9	316,275.9		
FY 2020-21	293,493.0	293,493.0		
FY 2021-22	271,915.8	271,915.8		
FY 2022-23	269,640.6	269,640.6		
FY 2023-24 Forecast vs FTE-1A	271,369.0	277,859.0	6,490.0	2.4%
FY 2024-25 Forecast	272,860.0	281,084.0	8,224.0	3.0%
FY 2025-26 Forecast	274,116.0	284,880.0	10,764.0	3.9%
FY 2026-27 Forecast	274,930.0	288,959.0	14,029.0	5.1%
FY 2027-28 Forecast	275,388.0	292,312.0	16,924.0	6.1%
FY 2028-29 Forecast	275,563.0	295,488.0	19,925.0	7.2%

Florida College System FTE Enrollment Forecast Summary - Lower Division

	August 9, 2023	December 4, 2023	Difference	% Difference
FY 2017-18	303,490.8	303,490.8		
FY 2018-19	302,701.0	302,701.0		
FY 2019-20	297,817.9	297,817.9		
FY 2020-21	273,959.4	273,959.4		
FY 2021-22	253,658.3	253,658.3		
FY 2022-23	252,399.4	252,399.4		
FY 2023-24 Forecast vs FTE-1A	253,795.0	260,573.0	6,778.0	2.7%
FY 2024-25 Forecast	255,101.0	263,296.0	8,195.0	3.2%
FY 2025-26 Forecast	256,314.0	266,881.0	10,567.0	4.1%
FY 2026-27 Forecast	257,092.0	270,737.0	13,645.0	5.3%
FY 2027-28 Forecast	257,536.0	273,978.0	16,442.0	6.4%
FY 2028-29 Forecast	257,726.0	277,055.0	19,329.0	7.5%

Florida College System FTE Enrollment Forecast Summary - Upper Division

	August 9, 2023	December 4, 2023	Difference	% Difference
FY 2017-18	16,551.7	16,551.7		
FY 2018-19	17,601.4	17,601.4		
FY 2019-20	18,458.0	18,458.0		
FY 2020-21	19,533.6	19,533.6		
FY 2021-22	18,257.5	18,257.5		
FY 2022-23	17,241.2	17,241.2		
FY 2023-24 Forecast vs FTE-1A	17,574.0	17,286.0	(288.0)	-1.6%
FY 2024-25 Forecast	17,759.0	17,788.0	29.0	0.2%
FY 2025-26 Forecast	17,802.0	17,999.0	197.0	1.1%
FY 2026-27 Forecast	17,838.0	18,222.0	384.0	2.2%
FY 2027-28 Forecast	17,852.0	18,334.0	482.0	2.7%
FY 2028-29 Forecast	17,837.0	18,433.0	596.0	3.3%