

**Education Estimating Conference on
Florida College System Enrollment
Executive Summary
December 7, 2020**

The Education Estimating Conference on Florida College System Enrollment met on December 7, 2020 to review and adopt a new forecast for Florida College System full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment. The estimates are based on preliminary FY 2020-21 Term 1 enrollment data, the Division of Florida Colleges' enrollment projection model based on that data, and adjustments to the model provided by the colleges.

Overall, estimates for FY 2020-21 reflect the impact of the Coronavirus outbreak on college operations, as well as the persistent pandemic-induced economic contraction. In particular, the shape of the forecast is colored by the reinstatement of historic patterns of increasing enrollment when the unemployment rate is high, once the immediate threat of the pandemic is ameliorated by the widespread distribution of an effective vaccine.

The Division of Florida Colleges FTE-1 estimate was 302,205.0 FTE for FY 2020-21. After taking into account adjustments submitted by the colleges, the FTE-1A estimate is 301,948.0, a decrease of 257.0 FTE (-0.1%) below FTE-1. The Conference adopted the FTE-1A estimate by college for FY 2020-21 as presented.

This adopted FTE-1A estimate is lower than the August projection by 10,432.0 FTE (-3.3%). Compared to prior year enrollment, the FTE-1A estimate reflects a decrease of 14,327.9 FTE (-4.5%). Additionally, three colleges are expecting increases in enrollment, twenty-four colleges are anticipating declines in enrollment, and one college is expecting enrollment to be unchanged over the prior year.

For all Lower Division programs, FTE enrollment is expected to decrease by 15,797.9 FTE (-5.3%) compared to the prior year. The most significant enrollment decline is anticipated to occur in the Advanced and Professional program, by 9,117.0 FTE (-4.3%) from the prior year. For Upper Division programs, the FTE-1A estimate reflects an increase of 1,470.0 FTE (8.0%) over the prior year. Upper Division FTE is expected to represent approximately 6.6% of total enrollment in FY 2020-21.

The following table shows the adopted FY 2020-21 FTE-1A enrollment compared to the prior year enrollment as well as to the August 2020 estimate.

Florida College System FTE Enrollment							
	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21					
	Actual (FTE-3)	AUG 2020 Adopted Estimate	DEC 2020 Adopted Estimate	DEC 2020 Compared to AUG 2020	% Change	DEC 2020 Compared to 2019-20 Final	% Change
Lower Division	297,817.9		282,020.0			-15,797.9	-5.3%
Upper Division	18,458.0		19,928.0			1,470.0	8.0%
Total	316,275.9	312,380.0	301,948.0	-10,432.0	-3.3%	-14,327.9	-4.5%

Going forward, the Conference believes that traditional patterns of increasing enrollment when the unemployment rate is high will come back into play—at least as soon the immediate threat of the pandemic is ameliorated by the widespread distribution of effective vaccines. Since this is expected in early FY 2021-22, it produces an atypically high growth rate of 4.2% for the transition year.

The Conference adopted forecasts by college for FY 2020-21 through FY 2023-24 are shown below.

Florida College System Enrollment Projections				
FTE Enrollment	2020-21 FTE-1A Estimate	2021-22 Estimate	2022-23 Estimate	2023-24 Estimate
1 - EASTERN FLORIDA	10,288	10,752	10,869	10,967
2 - BROWARD	24,508	26,496	25,771	25,021
3 - CENTRAL FLORIDA	4,650	4,785	4,727	4,666
4 - CHIPOLA	1,379	1,399	1,399	1,399
5 - DAYTONA	10,837	11,442	11,574	11,733
6 - FL SOUTHWESTERN	10,526	10,192	10,020	9,831
7 - FL SC AT JAX	16,313	16,915	17,028	17,132
8 - FLORIDA KEYS	781	900	1,042	1,184
9 - GULF COAST	3,189	3,221	3,086	2,962
10 - HILLSBOROUGH	18,768	19,711	20,163	20,605
11 - INDIAN RIVER	11,700	11,356	10,847	10,317
12 - FLORIDA GATEWAY	2,335	2,457	2,497	2,538
13 - LAKE-SUMTER	3,164	3,508	3,597	3,684
14 - SC FL MNTEE-SRST	6,664	7,636	7,795	7,910
15 - MIAMI DADE	42,723	44,636	44,636	44,636
16 - NORTH FLORIDA CC	806	834	837	837
17 - NORTHWEST FL SC	3,638	3,879	3,909	3,871
18 - PALM BEACH SC	19,963	20,612	20,519	20,404
19 - PASCO-HERNANDO CC	7,084	7,466	7,482	7,480
20 - PENSACOLA SC	6,610	6,760	6,657	6,553
21 - POLK SC	6,289	6,752	6,762	6,759
22 - ST. JOHNS RIVER SC	4,533	4,769	4,846	4,919
23 - ST. PETERSBURG	17,143	17,857	17,971	18,069
24 - SANTA FE	9,816	10,147	9,972	9,788
25 - SEMINOLE SC OF FL	12,285	12,666	12,719	12,766
26 - SOUTH FLORIDA SC	2,309	2,382	2,429	2,482
27 - TALLAHASSEE CC	8,723	8,809	8,718	8,629
28 - VALENCIA	34,924	36,193	37,480	38,727
System	301,948	314,532	315,352	315,869
% Change from Prior Year		4.2%	0.3%	0.2%