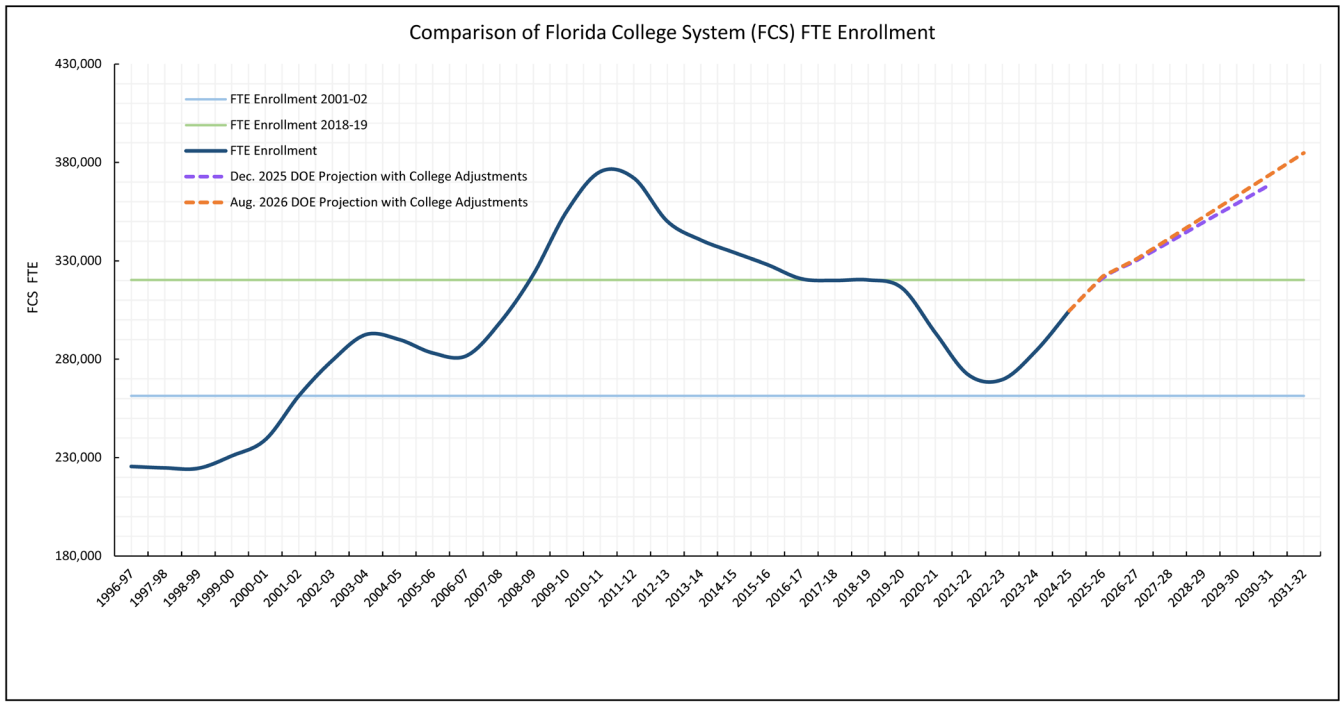
Education Estimating Conference
Florida College System Enrollment
Executive Summary
August 6, 2026

The Education Estimating Conference on Florida College System Enrollment met on August 6, 2026, to develop a new forecast for full-time equivalent (FTE) college enrollment through FY 2031-32. Relative to the prior conference held in December, final enrollment data was available for FY 2025-26. These data indicated that 11 of Florida's 28 colleges had adjustments within one percent. The Conference adopted these numbers as the final product for FY 2025-26.

The pre-pandemic level of 320,302.4 FTE in FY 2018-19 was surpassed in FY 2025-26 with a systemwide total of 322,187.9 FTE. Relative to FY 2024-25, enrollment grew by 17,583.6 FTE (5.8%) and increased by 938.9 FTE (0.3%) as compared to the prior forecast. For all Lower Division programs in FY 2025-26, FTE enrollment increased by 741.1 FTE (0.2%) over the prior forecast, with the annual estimate moving from 301,808.0 FTE to 302,549.1 FTE. The Upper Division programs also exceeded the prior projection in FY 2025-26 by 197.8 FTEs (1.0%), with the preliminary total increasing from 19,441.0 FTE to 19,638.8 FTE. These FTE enrollment figures show that Upper Division enrollment represented approximately 6.1 percent of total in FY 2025-26.

The new forecast has increases that grow from 678.0 additional FTE in FY 2026-27 to 5,145.0 additional FTE in FY 2030-31. FTE enrollment is expected to reach 384,803.0 FTE in FY 2031-32; split between 361,077.0 FTE in Lower Division programs and 23,726.0 FTE in Upper Division programs. The Upper Division programs are growing at a faster pace than the Lower Division programs throughout the new forecast.

By FY 2031-32, total FTE surpasses the previous peak of 375,292.2 FTE that occurred in FY 2010-11 by 9,510.8 FTE.



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

	December 16, 2025	August 6, 2026	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	284,140.6	284,140.6		
FY 2024-25	304,604.3	304,604.3		
FY 2025-26	321,249.0	322,187.9	938.9	0.3%
FY 2026-27 Forecast	330,158.0	330,836.0	678.0	0.2%
FY 2027-28 Forecast	339,685.0	341,543.0	1,858.0	0.5%
FY 2028-29 Forecast	349,538.0	352,208.0	2,670.0	0.8%
FY 2029-30 Forecast	359,126.0	363,063.0	3,937.0	1.1%
FY 2030-31 Forecast	368,764.0	373,909.0	5,145.0	1.4%
FY 2031-32 Forecast		384,803.0		

Florida College System FTE Enrollment Forecast Summary - Lower Division

	December 16, 2025	August 6, 2026	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	266,601.6	266,601.6		
FY 2024-25	286,195.4	286,195.4		
FY 2025-26	301,808.0	302,549.1	741.1	0.2%
FY 2026-27 Forecast	310,385.0	310,665.0	280.0	0.1%
FY 2027-28 Forecast	319,388.0	320,654.0	1,266.0	0.4%
FY 2028-29 Forecast	328,736.0	330,621.0	1,885.0	0.6%
FY 2029-30 Forecast	337,812.0	340,770.0	2,958.0	0.9%
FY 2030-31 Forecast	346,924.0	350,900.0	3,976.0	1.1%
FY 2031-32 Forecast		361,077.0		

Florida College System FTE Enrollment Forecast Summary - Upper Division

	December 16, 2025	August 6, 2026	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	17,539.0	17,539.0		
FY 2024-25	18,408.9	18,408.9		
FY 2025-26	19,441.0	19,638.8	197.8	1.0%
FY 2026-27 Forecast	19,773.0	20,171.0	398.0	2.0%
FY 2027-28 Forecast	20,297.0	20,889.0	592.0	2.9%
FY 2028-29 Forecast	20,802.0	21,587.0	785.0	3.8%
FY 2029-30 Forecast	21,314.0	22,293.0	979.0	4.6%
FY 2030-31 Forecast	21,840.0	23,009.0	1,169.0	5.4%
FY 2031-32 Forecast		23,726.0		