



## **Fall 2023 TACC Preliminary Enrollment Report**

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### ***Executive Summary***

In September 2023, TACC collected preliminary enrollment data from 45 member colleges. Initial data reporting indicates that our colleges have started to rebound from the impacts of the pandemic. How these enrollment trends correlate with outcomes for dual credit, credit, and continuing education students will become increasingly important based on the new community college finance model created in [HB 8](#).

### **Key takeaways:**

- For Fall 2023, preliminary data from our member colleges show a projected increase of 3.3% compared to Fall 2022. This is an additional 16,796 students enrolled compared to last Fall.
  - Initial data reporting projects a similar increase of 3.4% compared to Fall 2021.
- For our 45 member colleges who provided data, the majority (n=35) are projecting an increase in enrollment compared to last year. See Table 1 below for additional details.
  - 13 colleges project an increase of 5% or more compared to Fall 2022
- Preliminary member data indicates that community colleges will see an increase in enrollment in Fall 2023 across institutions of all sizes and peer groups compared to Fall 2022. Please see Table 2 and Table 3 for additional details.
  - Medium colleges are projecting the largest increase at 4.9%
  - Colleges in the North TACC Region account for the largest increase at 4%
- Additional analysis of a subset of reporting colleges (n=43) indicates that student demographics have remained relatively flat with a small increase in male students compared to previous years. See Table 4 for additional details.
- There have been more noteworthy shifts in student type (n=30) including an increase of 2.3% in dual credit compared for Fall 2021. See Table 5 for additional details.
  - Economically disadvantaged student enrollment is projected to decrease by 16.5%
  - Academically disadvantaged student enrollments have remained relatively flat
- Analysis of new data reporting on continuing education enrollment, for FY23 quarters 3 and 4, show shifts in demographics and student type. See Table 6 and Table 7 for additional details.
  - Projected enrollments indicate an increase in Hispanic or Latino students of 1.7% and a decrease of 4.3% for Caucasian students
  - At the same time, there is a projected increase in full-time students of 2.8%

### **Key Caveats**

- Enrollments may continue to shift as the Fall 2023 and Quarter 4 data are finalized and certified.
  - These shifts are likely to be most dramatic across student types given that data is only available for 30 community colleges at this time.
- Publicly available certified data via the THECB Accountability System were limited for many of the breakouts reported here. Certified data was used in lieu of submitted data if there was a discrepancy between the data submitted to TACC and the publicly posted certified data.

Sources: Fall 2023 TACC Enrollment Data Request; Fall 2022 TACC Enrollment Data Request; THECB [Accountability System](#).

TACC may publish a follow-up enrollment report when certified data are made available from THECB.

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**Table 1. Fall 2023 Preliminary Enrollment (n=45)**

College	Fall 2021 Certified	Fall 2022 Certified	FALL 2023 Preliminary	1-year % Change (2022 to 2023)	2-year % Change (2021 to 2023)
Alamo	50,201	52,522	55,528	5.7%	10.6%
Alvin	4,970	5,175	5,279	2.0%	6.2%
Amarillo	9,140	8,930	9,024	1.1%	-1.3%
Austin	32,890	32,008	32,997	3.1%	0.3%
Blinn	17,077	17,554	18,086	3.0%	5.9%
Brazosport	3,914	4,044	4,100	1.4%	4.8%
Central Texas	6,641	6,681	6,542	-2.1%	-1.5%
Cisco	3,090	2,882	2,997	4.0%	-3.0%
Clarendon	1,401	1,284	1,281	-0.2%	-8.6%
College of the Mainland	4,133	4,484	4,967	10.8%	20.2%
Dallas	61,925	58,771	61,541	4.7%	-0.6%
Del Mar	10,395	9,725	9,725	0.0%	-6.4%
El Paso	23,824	24,171	24,662	2.0%	3.5%
Frank Phillips	1,583	1,682	1,754	4.3%	10.8%
Galveston	1,870	2,026	2,124	4.8%	13.6%
Grayson	3,865	3,906	4,172	6.8%	7.9%
Hill	3,826	3,689	4,012	8.8%	4.9%
Houston	38,861	39,654	40,255	1.5%	3.6%
Howard	3,930	3,217	3,338	3.8%	-15.1%
Kilgore	5,081	5,177	6,107	18.0%	20.2%
Laredo	9,968	9,293	10,317	11.0%	3.5%
Lee	7,159	7,811	8,204	5.0%	14.6%
McLennan	7,329	6,927	7,210	4.1%	-1.6%
Midland	5,045	5,160	5,092	-1.3%	0.9%
Navarro	6,456	6,187	6,395	3.4%	-0.9%
North Central Texas	7,574	7,303	7,545	3.3%	-0.4%
Northeast Texas	2,823	2,794	3,005	7.6%	6.4%
Odessa	7,943	7,965	8,163	2.5%	2.8%
Panola	2,475	2,387	2,386	0.0%	-3.6%
Paris Junior	4,297	4,210	4,461	6.0%	3.8%
San Jacinto	31,577	30,593	31,255	2.2%	-1.0%
South Plains	8,925	8,552	8,884	3.9%	-0.5%
South Texas	28,184	27,236	26,034	-4.4%	-7.6%
Southwest Texas	5,594	6,262	6,608	5.5%	18.1%
Tarrant	36,264	40,131	41,727	4.0%	15.1%
Temple	3,959	4,231	4,749	12.2%	20.0%
Texarkana	3,573	3,794	3,869	2.0%	8.3%
Texas Southmost	7,527	7,648	8,193	7.1%	8.8%
Trinity Valley	5,426	5,626	5,473	-2.7%	0.9%
Tyler Junior	11,898	11,878	11,964	0.7%	0.6%
Vernon	2,358	2,249	2,146	-4.6%	-9.0%
Victoria	3,125	3,017	3,164	4.9%	1.2%
Weatherford	5,645	5,445	5,504	1.1%	-2.5%
Western Texas	1,430	1,394	1,435	2.9%	0.3%
Wharton	5,479	5,495	5,692	3.6%	3.9%
<b>Reporting CC Total</b>	<b>510,650</b>	<b>511,170</b>	<b>527,966</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>

**Table 2. Fall 2023 Preliminary Enrollment by Peer Group (n=45)**

THECB Peer Group	Fall 2023 Preliminary Composite	1-year % Change (2022 to 2023)	2-year % Change (2021 to 2023)
Small Colleges	3.3%	0.6%	-2.2%
Medium Colleges	20.5%	4.9%	2.6%
Large Colleges	16.8%	2.7%	13.9%
Very Large Colleges	59.5%	2.8%	3.4%

**Table 3. Fall 2023 Preliminary Enrollment by TACC Region (n=45)**

TACC Region	Fall 2023 Preliminary Composite	1-year % Change (2022 to 2023)	2-year % Change (2021 to 2023)
Central	15.2%	3.5%	2.3%
East	7.1%	3.0%	-6.4%
North	23.8%	4.0%	4.1%
South	22.6%	3.3%	14.3%
Southeast	19.3%	2.6%	4.0%
West	12.1%	2.0%	0.7%

**Table 4. TACC Preliminary Fall 2023 Changes in Student Demographics (n=43)**

	Fall 2023 Preliminary Composition	1-year % Change (2022 to 2023)	2-year % Change (2021 to 2023)
<i>Race/ethnicity</i>			
Hispanic or Latino	51.5%	-0.1%	-0.6%
Black/ African-American	10.8%	-0.2%	-1.1%
White	24.7%	-1.3%	0.1%
Asian	4.2%	0.0%	0.2%
International	2.0%	0.2%	0.0%
Multiracial/ American Indian/ Alaskan Native/ Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	2.7%	0.1%	-0.6%
Ethnic Origin/Race Unknown	4.5%	1.4%	2.3%
<i>Gender</i>			
Female	57.9%	0.2%	-0.4%
Male	41.6%	1.6%	2.1%

**Table 5. TACC Preliminary Fall 2023 Changes in Student Type (n=30)**

	Fall 2023 Preliminary Composition	1-year % Change (2022 to 2023)	2-year % Change (2021 to 2023)
<i>Student Type</i>			
Dual Credit	29.2%	1.0%	2.3%
First Time in College	16.4%	-0.4%	-0.2%
First-time Transfer	4.7%	-0.2%	-0.7%
Returning Students	59.4%	-2.5%	-6.3%
<i>Enrollment Status</i>			
Full-Time (>= 12 SCH)	27.9%	-1.5%	-0.3%
Part-Time (<12 SCH)	72.1%	1.4%	0.3%
<i>Student Characteristics</i>			
Academically Disadvantaged	26.2%	0.6%	-0.3%
Economically Disadvantaged	29.0%	-9.2%	-16.5%

**Table 6. TACC Preliminary Fall 2023 Changes in Continuing Education Student Demographics (n=46)**

	Q3 FY23 Composite (35,367 students)	1-year % Change Quarter 3 (2022 to 2023)	Q4 FY23 Preliminary Composite (37,854 students)	1-year % Change Quarter 4 (2022 to 2023)
<i>Race/ethnicity</i>				
Hispanic or Latino	35.9%	-1.5%	38.7%	1.7%
White	36.8%	-2.4%	36.0%	-4.3%
Black/African-American	11.6%	0.5%	11.4%	0.2%
Asian	2.5%	-0.1%	3.1%	0.0%
International	1.7%	0.3%	1.3%	0.3%
Multiracial/ American Indian/ Alaskan Native/ Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.7%	0.1%	1.6%	0.0%
Ethnic Origin/Race Unknown	12.9%	2.1%	10.1%	1.0%
<i>Gender</i>				
Female	38.4%	2.1%	37.0%	-2.3%
Male	63.4%	-3.7%	64.1%	0.6%

**Table 7. TACC Preliminary Fall 2023 Changes in Continuing Education Student Type (n=33)**

	Q3 FY23 Composite	1-year % Change Quarter 3 (2022 to 2023)	Q4 FY23 Preliminary Composite	1-year % Change Quarter 4 (2022 to 2023)
<i>Enrollment Type</i>				
Full-Time (>= 12 SCH equivalent)	6.6%	1.2%	7.3%	-3.1%
Part-Time (<12 SCH equivalent)	93.3%	-1.4%	92.8%	2.8%