

Student Achievement - Enrollment

Goal: Continue to Grow Texas Southmost College Student Body

Vision 2023 Goal: Foster Student Success

Criteria: Increase fall-to-fall on-campus enrollment headcount by 2% annually

Threshold of Acceptability: 1.5% growth in on-campus fall-to-fall enrollment headcount annually

Fall On-Campus Enrollment Headcount

	Enrollment Headcount	Percent Change Fall-to-Fall	
Fall 2016	3,600		Baseline
Fall 2017	3,816	+6.0%	Target Achieved
Fall 2018	3,908	+2.4%	Target Achieved
Fall 2019	4,349	+11.3%	Target Achieved
Fall 2020	4,213	-3.1%	Not Achieved
Fall 2021	3,861	-8.4%	Not Achieved
Fall 2022	3,644	-5.6%	Not Achieved
Fall 2023	3,453	-5.2%	Not Achieved
Fall 2024	3,372	-2.3%	Not Achieved

Table 1

Fall On-Campus Enrollment Headcount - By Gender

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Percent Change Fall 2016 - Fall 2024
Total	3,600	3,816	3,908	4,349	4,213	3,861	3,644	3,453	3,372	-6.3%
Male	1,571	1,676	1,775	1,946	1,759	1,640	1,612	1,528	1,443	-8.1%
Female	2,029	2,140	2,133	2,403	2,454	2,221	2,032	1,925	1,929	-4.9%

Table 2

Results:

Texas Southmost College (TSC) regularly tracks enrollment headcount through the Office of Institutional Research. This data tracking originated from the TSC Strategic Plan – Vision 2023 Strategic Goals, and continues to be part of the Strategic Priorities FY24. Institutional data for this outcome was compiled from Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), Accountability System Reports (2016 – 2023) for Texas Community, Technical, and State Colleges. The most recent Fall 2024 data was compiled from the certified THECB CBM0C1 Student Census Report – institutional data files.

Table 1 shows a steady increase on the on-campus enrollment in the first three years where the target was achieved. This positive trend was visible up until the year of the COVID pandemic (2020). In the last five years (during and after COVID) the on-campus student enrollment shifted to decline. The Fall 2021 shows the lowest percent change of -8.4% when compared to its previous Fall.

Table 2 shows this negative trend of -6.3% as the overall nine-year percent change from Fall 2016 to Fall 2024. This negative trend was higher on the Males (-8.1%) than on the Females (-4.9%).