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Fall 2026 Oregon Public Institution Enrollment

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Enrollment fell 2.7% across all public institutions this fall, with differences by sector and institution

Community College - 95,583 students

The number of learners at community college is lower in 2026 than in 2025 (98,393), falling 2.9%. This decline follows three years of increased enrollment.

The number of full-time equivalent students **(FTE) is also lower** in 2026, at 22,186, falling 2.1% from 2025 (22,671).

Enrollment fell this year but remains above the low levels during the pandemic because of increases the previous three years. Compared to 2019, the number of students in 2026 is 17% lower and FTE enrollment is 13% lower.

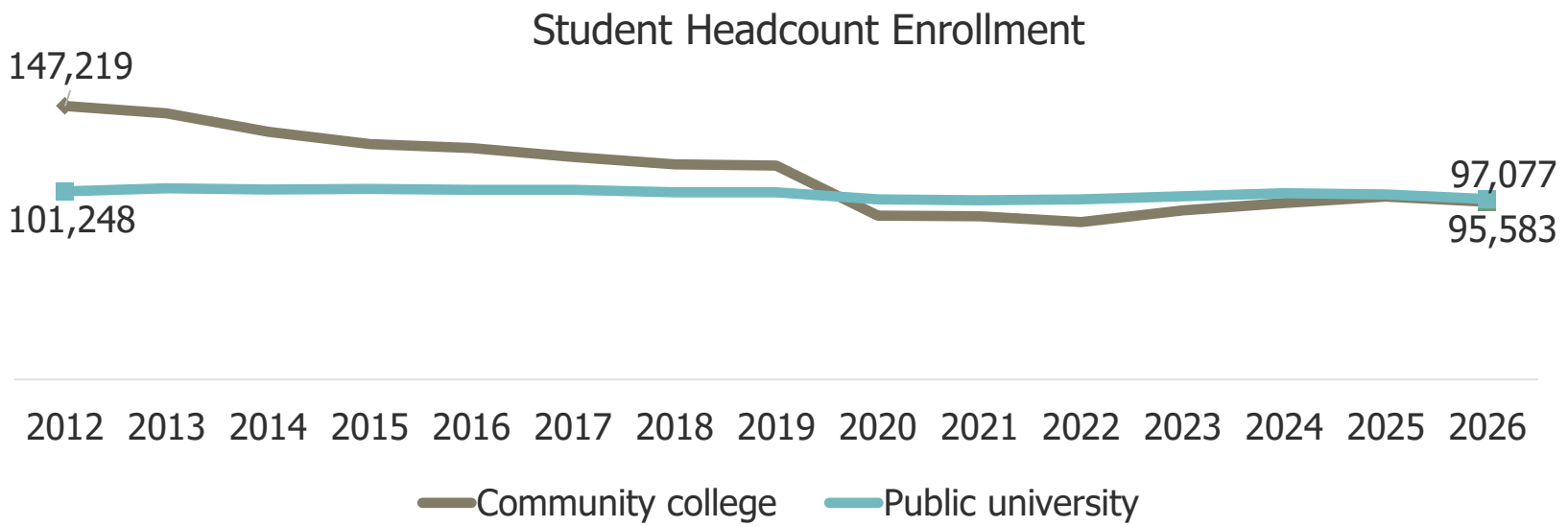
Public Universities - 97,077 students

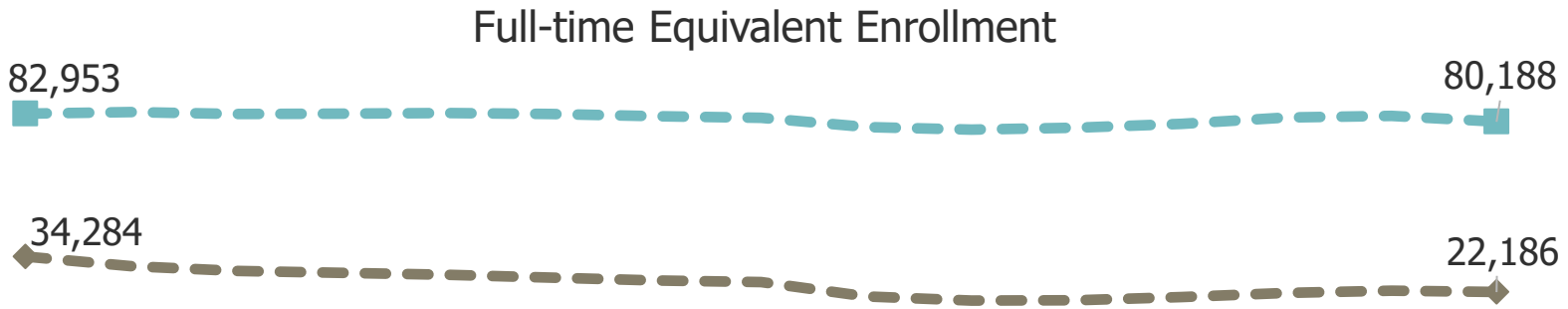
The number of public university learners is lower in 2026 than in 2025 (99,610), falling 2.5%. This follows a slight decline in 2025 and increases in 2024 & 2023. The number of admitted undergraduates is 1.9% lower, and the number of admitted graduate students is 5.4% lower this year.

FTE enrollment is also lower in 2026, at 80,188, which is a 2.4% decline from 2025 (82,155).

Compared to before the pandemic, the number of university students is 3.6% lower in 2026 than in 2019, and FTE enrollment is 1.6% lower than in 2019.

The long-term trend shows pandemic declines, post-pandemic increases and this year's decrease





In Fall 2026, enrollment fell 2.9% at the colleges and 2.5% at the universities.

Fall 2026 enrollment remains lower than before the pandemic. FTE enrollment has fallen less steeply than headcount; students enrolled today are taking more classes on average than students before the pandemic.

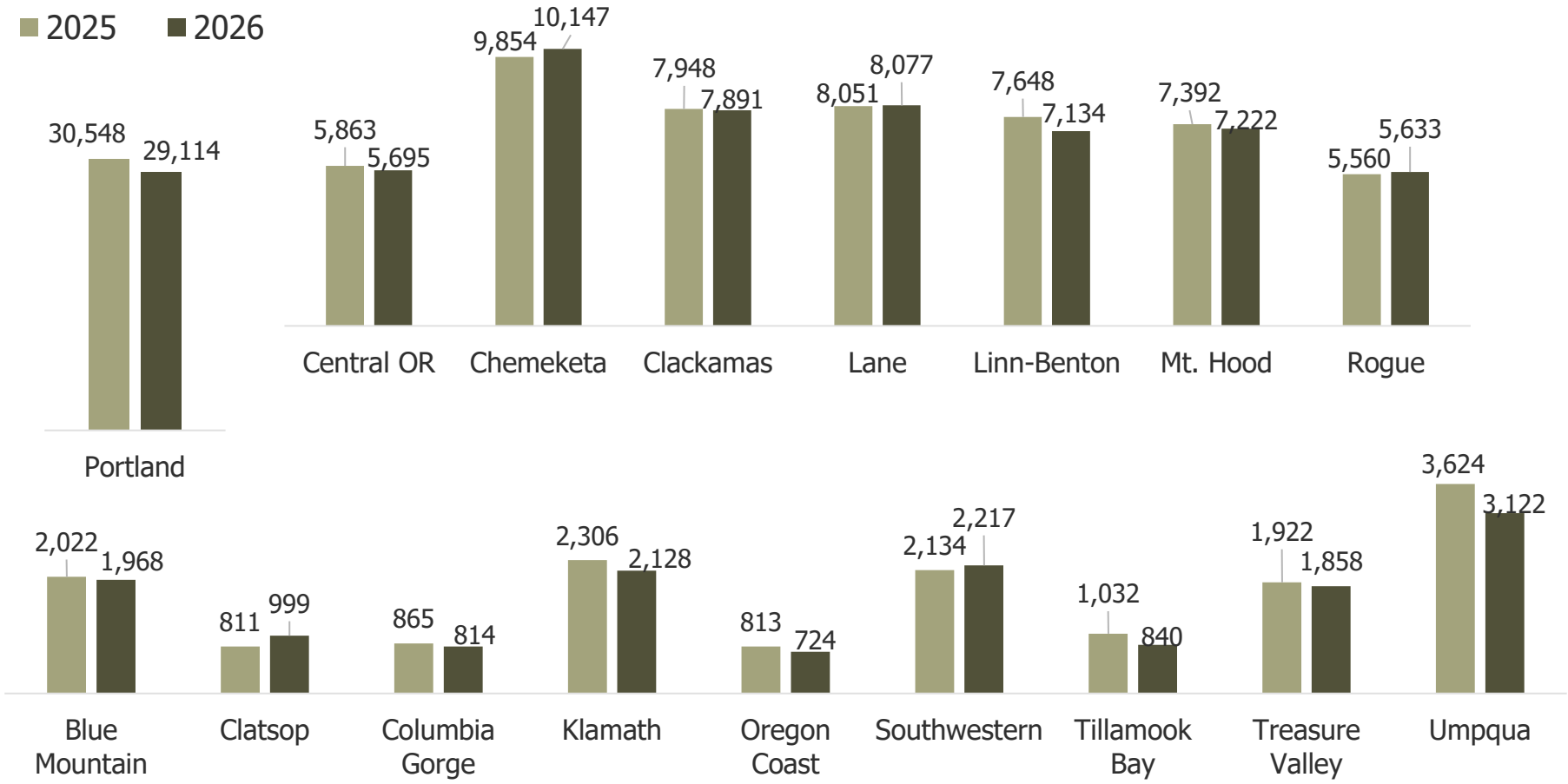
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Source: Fall enrollment data provided as aggregate counts by community colleges and as individual student records by public universities. Individual analyses are made by HECC staff.
Notes: Students enrolling in more than one institution in fall are included in both institutions' counts. Full-time equivalent counts are defined in the colleges as the total number of clock hours in which all students enrolled divided by 510, and in the universities as credit hours divided by 15 at the undergraduate level, by 12 at the graduate level (excluding PhD), and by 9 at the PhD level.

Headcount enrollment declined at 12 and rose at 5 of the 17 colleges

Total number of students at community colleges in fall term, 2025 and 2026



Most enrollment change at individual colleges is slight.

At small colleges, a few students can lead to a large difference, making larger percentage changes more common there.

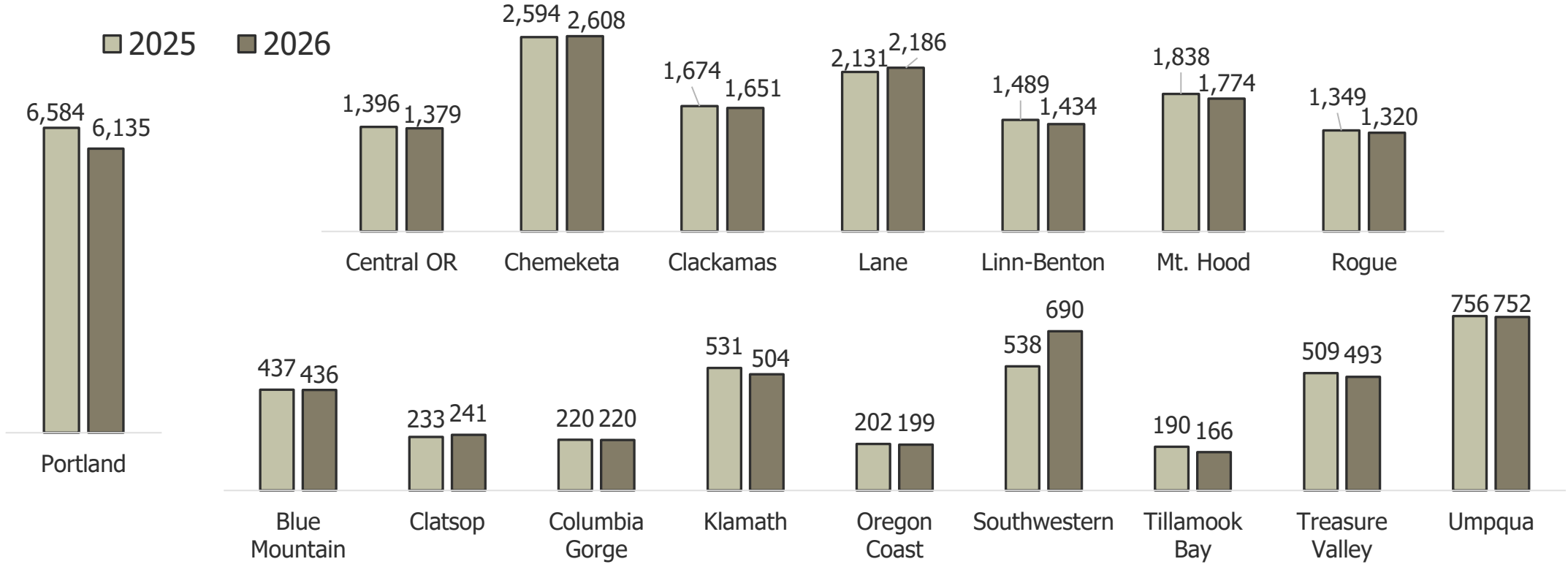
Colleges are grouped by relative size.

College headcount data here

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Full-time equivalent enrollment fell at 13 colleges and rose at 4

Full-time equivalent enrollment at community colleges in fall term, 2025 and 2026



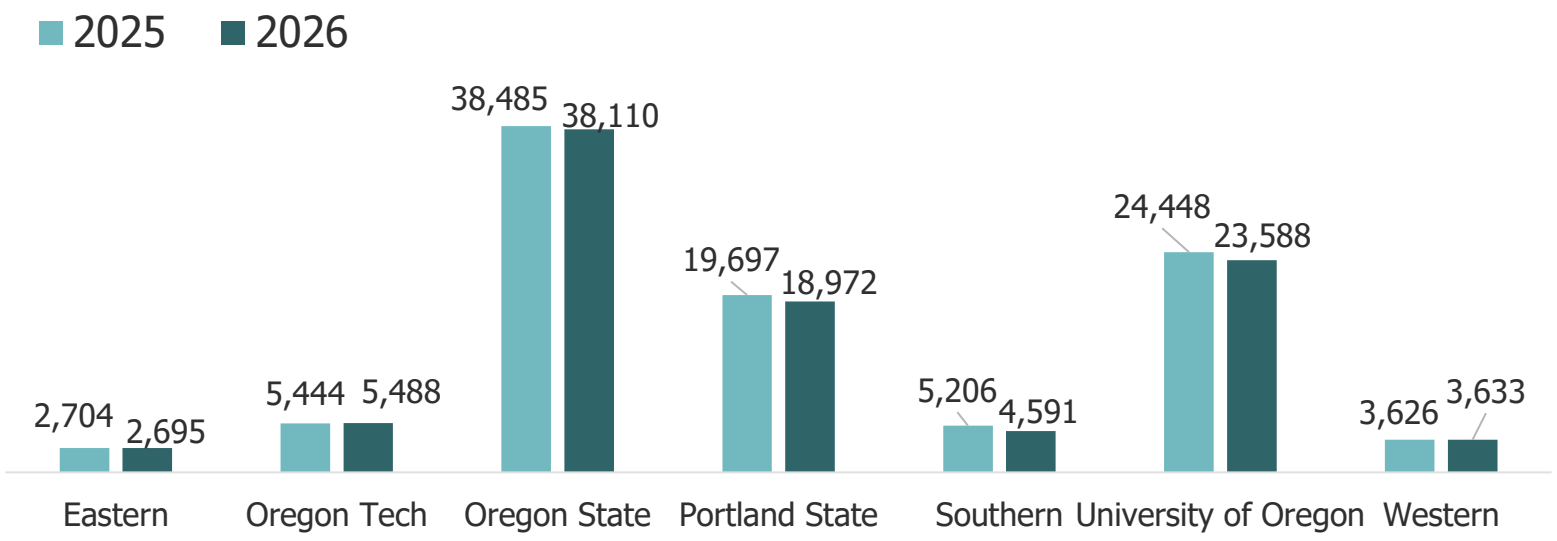
Most declines at individual colleges were slight, under 4%, though three colleges saw declines of 7% or more.

College FTE data here

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Headcount enrollment fell at 5 of the universities and rose at 2

Total number of students at public universities in fall term, 2025 and 2026



Enrollment change at most institutions was small, less than 4 percent.

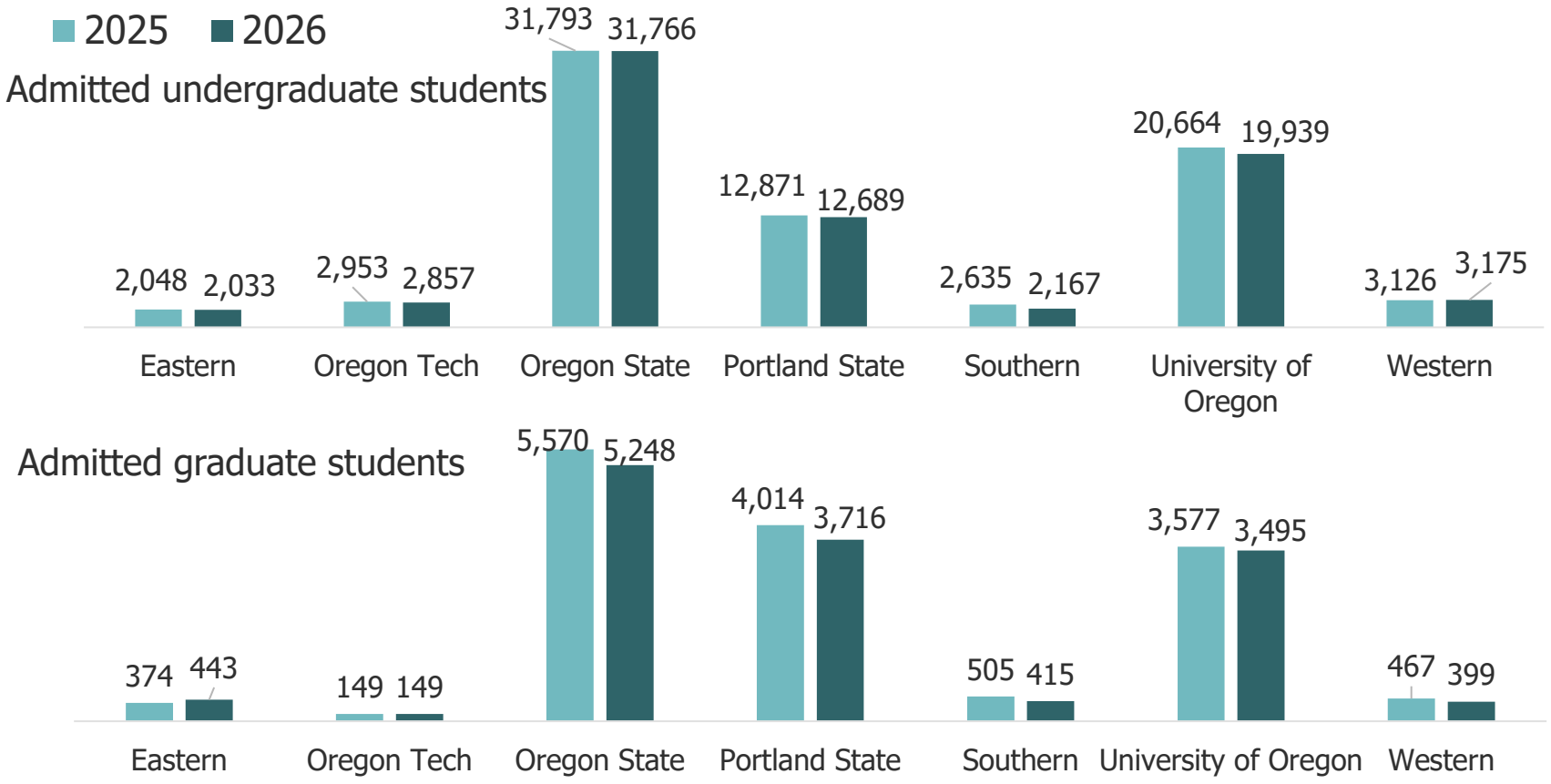
Enrollment rose slightly at Oregon Tech and Western Oregon University, (less than 1 percent).

University headcount data here

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Statewide, the number of admitted undergraduates was 1.9% lower, and the number of admitted graduate students was 5.4% lower.

Number of students at public universities in fall term by admission level, 2025 and 2026



The number of admitted undergraduates fell at all institutions except Western.

The number of admitted graduate students fell at five universities, remained the same at Oregon Tech, and rose at Eastern.

Totals include Oregon residents and those from outside Oregon. Admitted students do not include high school students taking dual credit classes and other nonadmitted students.

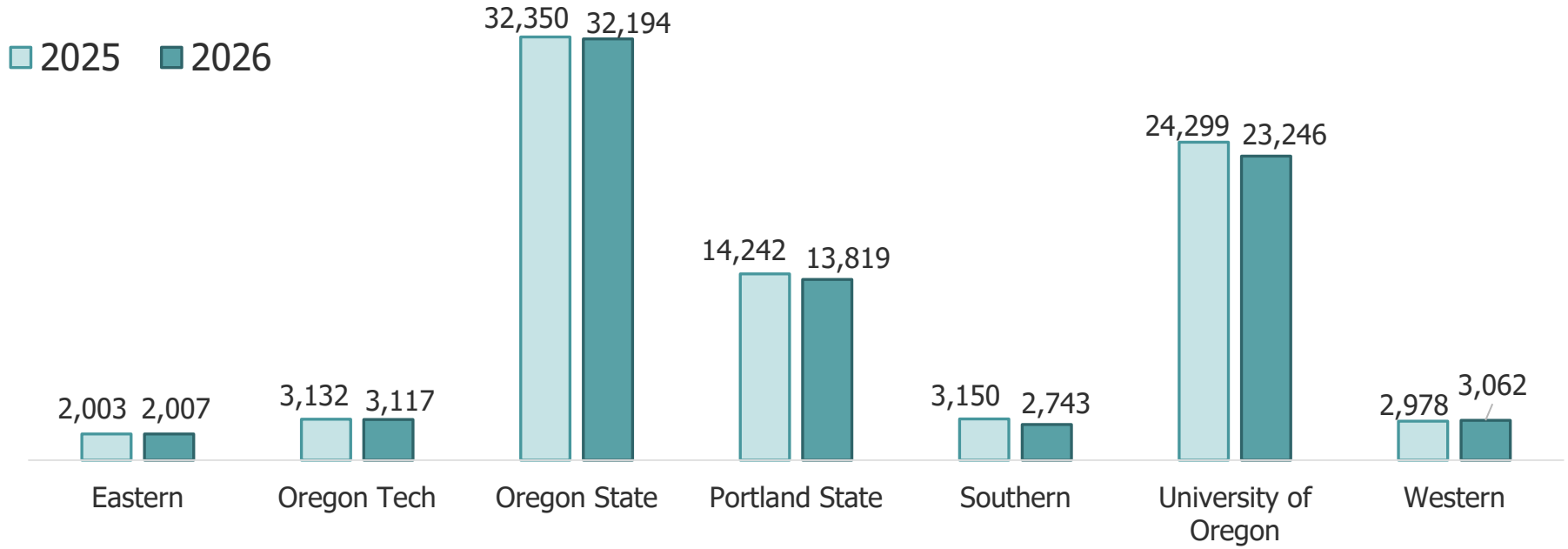
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Total full-time equivalent enrollment fell at 5 of the universities and rose at 2

Full-time equivalent enrollment at Oregon public universities in fall term, 2025 and 2026



University FTE data here

FTE enrollment at individual universities was between 13% lower and 3% higher in 2026 than in 2025.

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Key Takeaways for Fall 2026

Overall

The total number of students enrolled at Oregon public universities and community colleges fell 2.7% in 2026.

This year's decrease follows three years of increases in total enrollment.

Community Colleges

At community colleges, headcount enrollment fell 2.9% overall, and most colleges saw decreases.

The decline at Oregon community colleges differs from the national trend; enrollment at community colleges nationwide rose 1.6% in 2026.[1]

Public Universities

At public universities, headcount enrollment fell 2.5%, and most universities saw declines.

The decline differs from the national trend, where enrollment at public universities rose 0.3%.[1]

Post-Pandemic

At both the colleges and the universities, enrollment is lower than before the pandemic. This is especially true at the colleges.

This year's enrollment decrease follows recent increases, suggesting that post-pandemic trends have not yet fully stabilized.

[1] *Preliminary Fall Enrollment Trends*, National Student Clearinghouse, 2026, https://nscresearchcenter.org/prelim-fall-enrollment-trends/

Headcount enrollment at Oregon community colleges in fall term, by institution and year

Institution	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Blue Mountain	2,766	2,442	2,185	1,531	1,569	1,685	1,682	1,743	2,022	1,968
Central Oregon	7,504	7,254	6,588	5,534	5,603	5,394	5,844	6,004	5,863	5,695
Chemeketa	13,094	12,494	11,869	9,832	9,460	9,462	9,106	9,916	9,854	10,147
Clackamas	9,165	9,209	10,561	7,506	9,261	6,954	7,834	8,065	7,948	7,891
Clatsop	1,868	1,741	1,662	784	868	901	962	1,248	811	999
Columbia Gorge	1,268	1,492	1,309	1,034	884	733	839	1,005	865	814
Klamath	2,217	1,954	2,161	1,797	1,478	1,868	2,203	2,123	2,306	2,128
Lane	10,688	10,635	9,974	7,723	6,968	6,057	7,689	7,775	8,051	8,077
Linn Benton	8,597	8,636	8,303	6,437	5,911	6,216	6,739	6,183	7,648	7,134
Mt Hood	9,381	9,258	8,897	7,164	7,252	7,006	7,533	7,301	7,392	7,222
Oregon Coast	1,067	944	939	516	821	908	871	689	813	724
Portland	35,258	33,789	34,331	27,040	26,333	25,263	27,031	28,622	30,548	29,114
Rogue	7,662	6,203	6,148	3,619	3,973	4,245	4,730	5,193	5,560	5,633
Southwestern	3,376	2,910	3,110	1,976	1,871	2,180	2,067	2,311	2,134	2,217
Tillamook Bay	764	941	929	827	764	784	924	895	1,032	840
Treasure Valley	1,819	2,175	2,215	1,779	1,813	1,621	1,721	1,835	1,922	1,858
Umpqua	3,295	3,785	3,923	3,118	3,052	3,463	3,186	3,990	3,624	3,122
State	**119,789**	**115,862**	**115,104**	**88,247**	**87,881**	**84,740**	**90,961**	**94,898**	**98,393**	**95,583**

Source: Community college aggregate reports, November 16, 2026.

Full-time equivalent enrollment at Oregon community colleges in fall term, by institution and year

Institution	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Blue Mountain	582.0	547.0	521.0	389.1	372.3	365.7	358.0	385.8	437.3	435.7
Central Oregon	1,627.0	1,532.0	1,479.0	1,268.6	1,195.2	1,189.4	1,320.0	1,345.6	1,395.7	1378.5
Chemeketa	3,251.0	3,217.0	2,962.0	2,460.8	2,293.9	2,352.1	2,337.0	2,506.9	2,594.1	2607.8
Clackamas	1,925.0	1,833.0	1,938.0	1,451.8	1,426.1	1,358.7	1,488.0	1,650.2	1,674.5	1650.6
Clatsop	335.0	310.0	308.0	222.7	203.3	207.7	229.0	225.9	232.6	241.4
Columbia Gorge	253.0	266.0	247.0	245.3	218.5	198.6	219.0	260.5	219.7	219.5
Klamath	472.0	441.0	484.0	441.5	356.2	422.0	494.0	499.0	531.2	504.0
Lane	2,629.0	2,577.0	2,573.0	2,101.7	1,622.9	1,910.9	1,936.0	2,054.8	2,130.8	2186.3
Linn Benton	1,827.0	1,783.0	1,760.0	1,457.6	1,274.0	1,303.3	1,295.0	1,357.1	1,489.0	1434.1
Mt Hood	2,234.0	2,154.0	2,047.0	1,639.9	1,548.2	1,597.0	1,737.0	1,809.0	1,838.0	1773.7
Oregon Coast	160.0	143.0	148.0	139.9	154.0	145.2	168.0	176.2	202.0	199.2
Portland	8,185.0	7,777.0	7,621.0	6,237.8	5,937.4	5,504.7	5,922.0	6,213.9	6,583.7	6135.0
Rogue	1,308.0	1,356.0	1,271.0	883.6	887.7	930.8	1,108.0	1,267.6	1,349.5	1320.0
Southwestern	763.0	662.0	691.0	537.0	514.1	591.4	546.0	651.4	538.0	689.6
Tillamook Bay	133.0	146.0	132.0	139.7	132.3	127.6	163.0	161.0	190.0	166.1
Treasure Valley	600.0	559.0	568.0	472.8	458.8	465.4	459.0	492.2	508.9	492.9
Umpqua	782.0	780.0	773.0	639.4	648.4	677.5	681.0	840.0	756.0	751.6
State	**27,066.0**	**26,083.0**	**25,523.0**	**20,729.2**	**19,243.5**	**19,347.8**	**20,460.0**	**21,896.9**	**22,670.9**	**22,186.0**

Source: Community college aggregate reports, November 16, 2026.

Overall headcount enrollment at Oregon public universities in fall term, by institution and year

Institution	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Eastern Oregon University	3,016	2,978	3,067	2,853	2,825	2,674	2,798	2,894	2,704	2,695
Oregon Institute of Technology	5,490	5,341	5,319	5,325	4,910	4,913	5,111	5,302	5,444	5,488
Oregon State University	31,904	32,012	32,774	33,359	34,108	35,239	36,636	38,125	38,485	38,110
Portland State University	27,305	26,379	26,020	23,979	23,177	22,014	21,040	20,470	19,697	18,972
Southern Oregon University	6,139	6,119	5,966	5,041	5,056	5,156	5,175	5,129	5,206	4,591
University of Oregon	22,980	22,760	22,615	21,800	22,298	23,202	23,834	24,462	24,448	23,588
Western Oregon University	5,285	5,185	4,929	4,554	4,029	3,752	3,951	3,823	3,626	3,633
State	**102,119**	**100,774**	**100,690**	**96,911**	**96,403**	**96,950**	**98,545**	**100,205**	**99,610**	**97,077**

Source: Public university aggregate reports, November 18, 2026.

Admitted undergraduate headcount enrollment at Oregon public universities in fall term, by institution and year

Institution	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Eastern Oregon University	2,526	2,587	2,632	2,415	2,397	2,262	2,201	2,172	2,048	2,033
Oregon Institute of Technology	3,545	3,560	3,568	3,571	3,257	3,089	2,916	2,893	2,953	2,857
Oregon State University	25,648	25,510	26,075	26,774	27,749	29,124	30,315	31,454	31,793	31,766
Portland State University	18,631	18,571	17,826	16,614	15,676	14,303	13,629	13,184	12,871	12,689
Southern Oregon University	4,328	3,960	3,709	3,390	3,123	2,859	2,858	2,726	2,635	2,167
University of Oregon	19,168	18,926	18,744	17,974	18,490	19,444	19,820	20,561	20,664	19,939
Western Oregon University	4,764	4,624	4,409	4,056	3,587	3,292	3,305	3,196	3,126	3,175
State	**78,610**	**77,738**	**76,963**	**74,794**	**74,279**	**74,373**	**75,044**	**76,186**	**76,090**	**74,626**

Source: Public university aggregate reports, November 18, 2026.

Admitted graduate headcount enrollment at Oregon public universities in fall term, by institution and year

Institution	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Eastern Oregon University	227	200	166	241	234	212	212	309	374	443
Oregon Institute of Technology	80	108	118	120	123	100	87	134	149	149
Oregon State University	4,449	4,631	4,745	5,027	5,094	5,027	5,185	5,442	5,570	5,248
Portland State University	5,082	4,978	4,701	4,650	4,801	4,518	4,300	4,282	4,014	3,716
Southern Oregon University	374	455	552	574	609	521	502	482	505	415
University of Oregon	3,349	3,349	3,483	3,561	3,590	3,453	3,730	3,669	3,577	3,495
Western Oregon University	445	421	417	427	402	410	537	500	467	399
State	**14,006**	**14,142**	**14,182**	**14,600**	**14,853**	**14,241**	**14,553**	**14,818**	**14,656**	**13,865**

Source: Public university aggregate reports, November 18, 2026.

Full-time equivalent enrollment at Oregon public universities in fall term, by institution and year

Institution	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Eastern Oregon University	2,152	2,171	2,133	2,124	2,050	1,973	1,973	2,082	2,003	2,007
Oregon Institute of Technology	3,236	3,218	3,247	3,214	2,990	2,907	2,898	3,045	3,132	3,117
Oregon State University	26,865	26,779	27,120	27,013	27,575	28,585	29,983	31,545	32,350	32,194
Portland State University	19,563	19,255	18,816	17,428	16,522	15,672	14,977	14,585	14,242	13,819
Southern Oregon University	4,383	4,204	4,030	3,512	3,321	3,264	3,236	3,209	3,150	2,743
University of Oregon	22,207	22,081	22,105	21,263	21,781	22,706	23,257	24,072	24,299	23,246
Western Oregon University	4,452	4,310	4,068	3,769	3,300	3,069	3,171	3,083	2,978	3,062
State	**82,858**	**82,018**	**81,520**	**78,325**	**77,539**	**78,176**	**79,495**	**81,622**	**82,154**	**80,188**

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