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Illinois Community College Board

**FISCAL YEAR 2007 SPRING ENROLLMENT REPORT**

Community colleges report opening Spring term enrollment figures to the Illinois Community College Board via a brief web based survey. These figures reflect only those students enrolled in credit courses that were operational on the census date (last day for course registration for regular classes). Enrollment for classes beginning after the census date are reflected in the annual enrollment counts. The following report summarizes the survey results.

**Background.** This report contains information on student enrollments as of the end of registration (usually the 10th day of the term) for the Spring semester. Statewide Spring 2007 **headcount enrollments increased** and full-time equivalent (**FTE**) **enrollments increased slightly** compared with the same term one year ago. The Spring 2007 semester headcount was 355,140 compared to 352,020 last year (an increase of 3,120 or 0.9 percent). The FTE count was 192,070 compared with 191,820 a year ago (an increase of 250 or 0.1 percent). Overall, compared to last year results of the fiscal year 2007 survey show relative continuity at the state level.

Table 1 contains comparative statewide Spring 2007 tenth-day enrollments for the last five years. After registering two years of decreases, statewide Spring headcount enrollments rose this year. Current systemwide headcount enrollments remain below the average of the last four years. Systemwide FTE enrollments registered a slight increase this year and are above 2003 FTE enrollments. Current FTE enrollments are below the average of the last four years. Figure 1 on the next page illustrates a comparison of headcount and FTE trends from 2003 - 2007.

Table 1

SUMMARY OF OPENING SPRING ENROLLMENTS IN  
ILLINOIS PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGES FROM 2003 TO 2007

	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Headcount	360,603*	367,547	357,602	352,020	355,140
Percent Change	4.7%	1.9%	-2.7%	-1.6%	0.9%
FTE	191,309*	195,702*	196,054	191,820	192,070
Percent Change	6.4%	2.3%	0.2%	-2.2%	0.1%

\* Adjusted Total

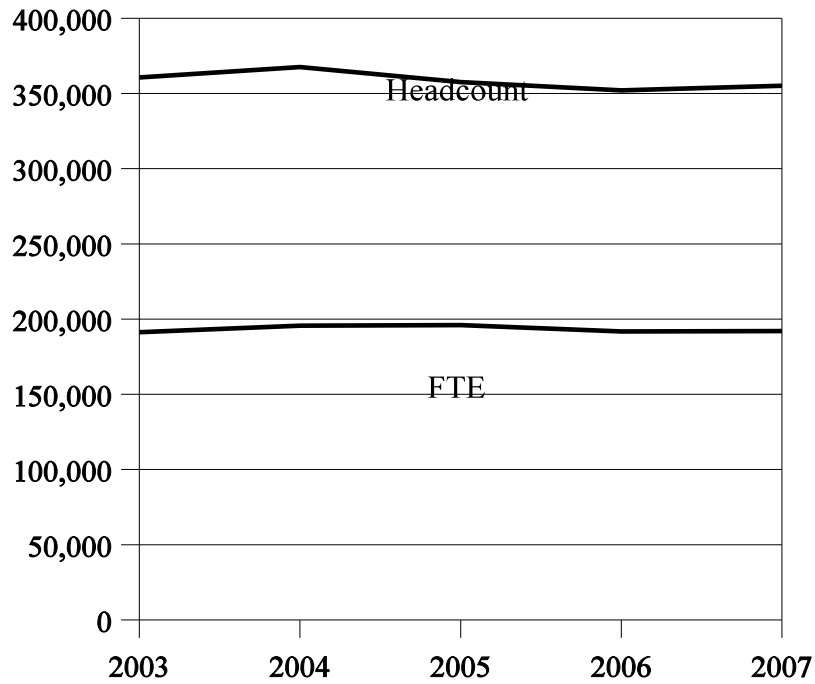


Fig. 1. Spring Term Headcount and FTE Enrollment, 2003-2007

Table 2 provides a comparison of fiscal year 2003 through fiscal year 2007 Spring headcount enrollments for each community college. Among the 48 community colleges, since last year headcount increases were reported at 23 colleges (1.0 percent or higher), while 19 colleges exhibited decreases (1.0 percent or higher) compared to last year. Six colleges reported little or no change (less than 1.0 percent) versus last year. Table 3 contains a comparison of full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollments for the same five-year period. Compared to last year, Spring 2007 FTE increases were reported by 20 colleges, decreases by 14, and 14 colleges indicated little or no change.