

FY 2026-27 Fall Enrollment Update

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Overview

- Systemwide, fall 2025 to fall 2026 total enrollment is down approximately -926 students or -1.4% (3 of 4 campuses declining)
 - Nearly two-thirds of this decline, -582 students, is due to international students
- Fall 2026 census is lower than forecasted enrollment included in the June 2026 budget for FY 2026-27
- Campuses are taking steps to balance their budgets in the current FY 2026-27
- Revised FY 2026-27 base budgets will be the starting point for February 2027 FY 2027-28 budget development and scenario planning



CU Systemwide – Fall to Fall Enrollment Change

Estimated Headcount Enrollment	FY 2025-26* Census	FY 2026-27 Census Estimate	Enrollment Change	Percent Change
Resident Undergraduate	35,274	35,305	31	0.1%
Non-Resident Undergraduate	15,979	15,555	(424)	-2.7%
Domestic	14,763	14,456	(307)	-2.1%
International	1,216	1,099	(117)	-9.6%
Resident Graduate	11,875	11,880	5	0.0%
Non-Resident Graduate	4,567	4,029	(538)	-11.8%
Domestic	2,500	2,427	(73)	-2.9%
International	2,067	1,602	(465)	-22.5%
Total Undergraduate	51,253	50,860	(393)	-0.8%
Total Graduate	16,442	15,909	(533)	-3.2%
Total Resident	47,149	47,185	36	0.1%
Total Non-Resident	20,546	19,584	(962)	-4.7%
Total Enrollment	67,695	66,769	(926)	-1.4%

Resident Undergraduate (New First-Year)	6,718	6,700	(18)	-0.3%
Non-Resident Undergraduate (New First-Year)	3,712	3,780	68	1.8%
Total New First-Year	10,430	10,480	50	0.5%

Notes: Total new first-year student count of 10,480 is 0.7% higher than June estimate of 10,404 for FY 2026-27.

CU Boulder and UCCS enrollment is limited to degree-seeking students.

*UCCS original reporting in June included non-degree seeking students.

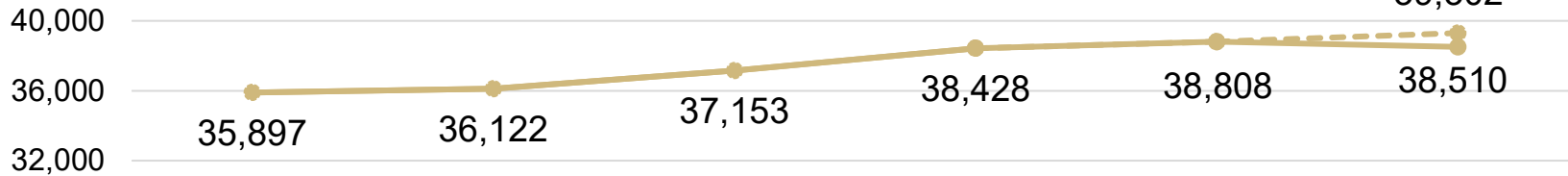


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Enrollment (Fall 2021 to Fall 2026)

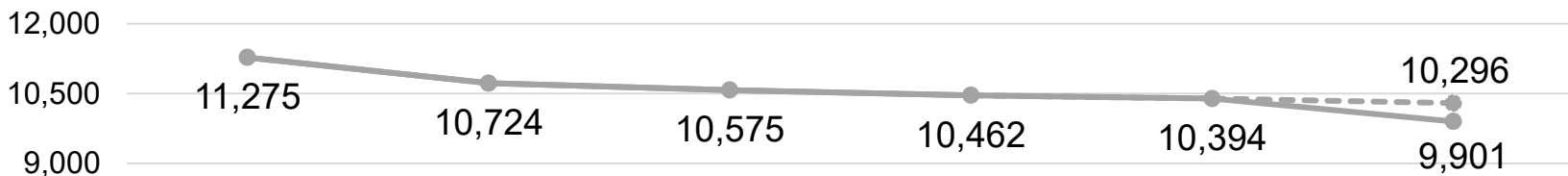
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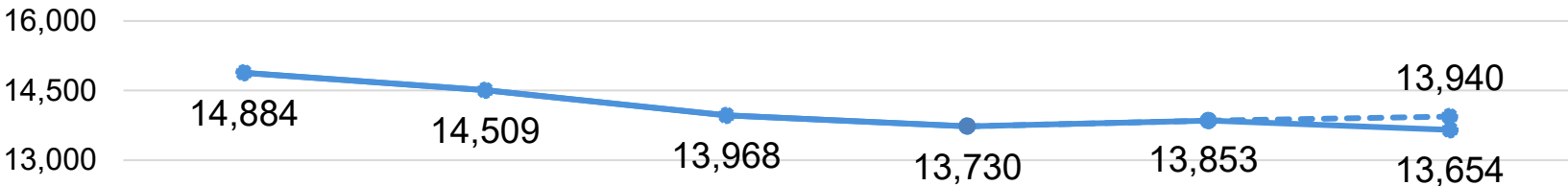
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UCCS



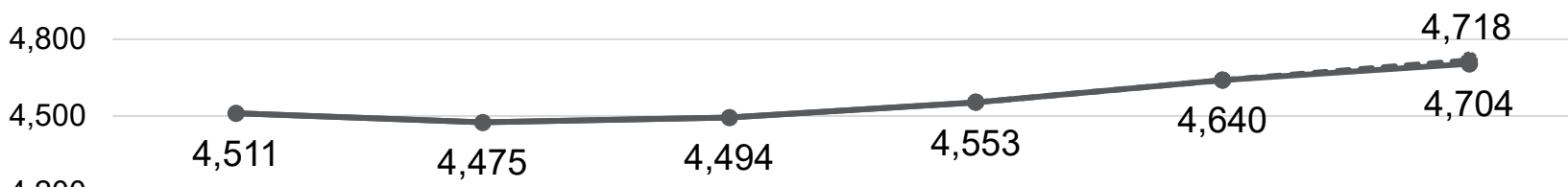
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CU Denver



-199
-1.4%

CU Anschutz



+64
+1.4%

Fall 2021 Census Fall 2022 Census Fall 2023 Census Fall 2024 Census Fall 2025 Census Fall 2026 June Budget and Census Estimate

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Note: CU Boulder and UCCS enrollment is limited to degree-seeking students

CU System Overview

Fall 2025 Census to Fall 2026 June Budget and Fall 2026 Census

June Budget

Fall to Fall Estimated Total Enrollment	Fall 2025 Census	Fall 2026 June Budget	Enrollment Change	Percent Change
CU Boulder	38,808	39,302	494	1.3%
UCCS*	10,394	10,296	(98)	-0.9%
CU Denver	13,853	13,940	87	0.6%
CU Anschutz	4,640	4,718	78	1.7%
Systemwide Total	67,695	68,256	561	0.8%

Fall 2026 Census

Fall to Fall Estimated Total Enrollment	Fall 2025 Census	Fall 2026 Census Estimate	Enrollment Change	Percent Change
CU Boulder	38,808	38,510	(298)	-0.8%
UCCS*	10,394	9,901	(493)	-4.7%
CU Denver	13,853	13,654	(199)	-1.4%
CU Anschutz	4,640	4,704	64	1.4%
Systemwide Total	67,695	66,769	(926)	-1.4%

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CU System Overview

Fall 2026 June Budget vs Fall 2026 Census Estimate

Compared to Budget Estimated Total Enrollment	Fall 2026 June Budget	Fall Census 2026 Estimate	June vs Census Enrollment Change	June vs Census Percent Change
CU Boulder	39,302	38,510	(792)	-2.0%
UCCS*	10,296	9,901	(395)	-3.8%
CU Denver	13,940	13,654	(286)	-2.1%
CU Anschutz	4,718	4,704	(14)	-0.3%
Systemwide Total	68,256	66,769	(1,487)	-2.2%

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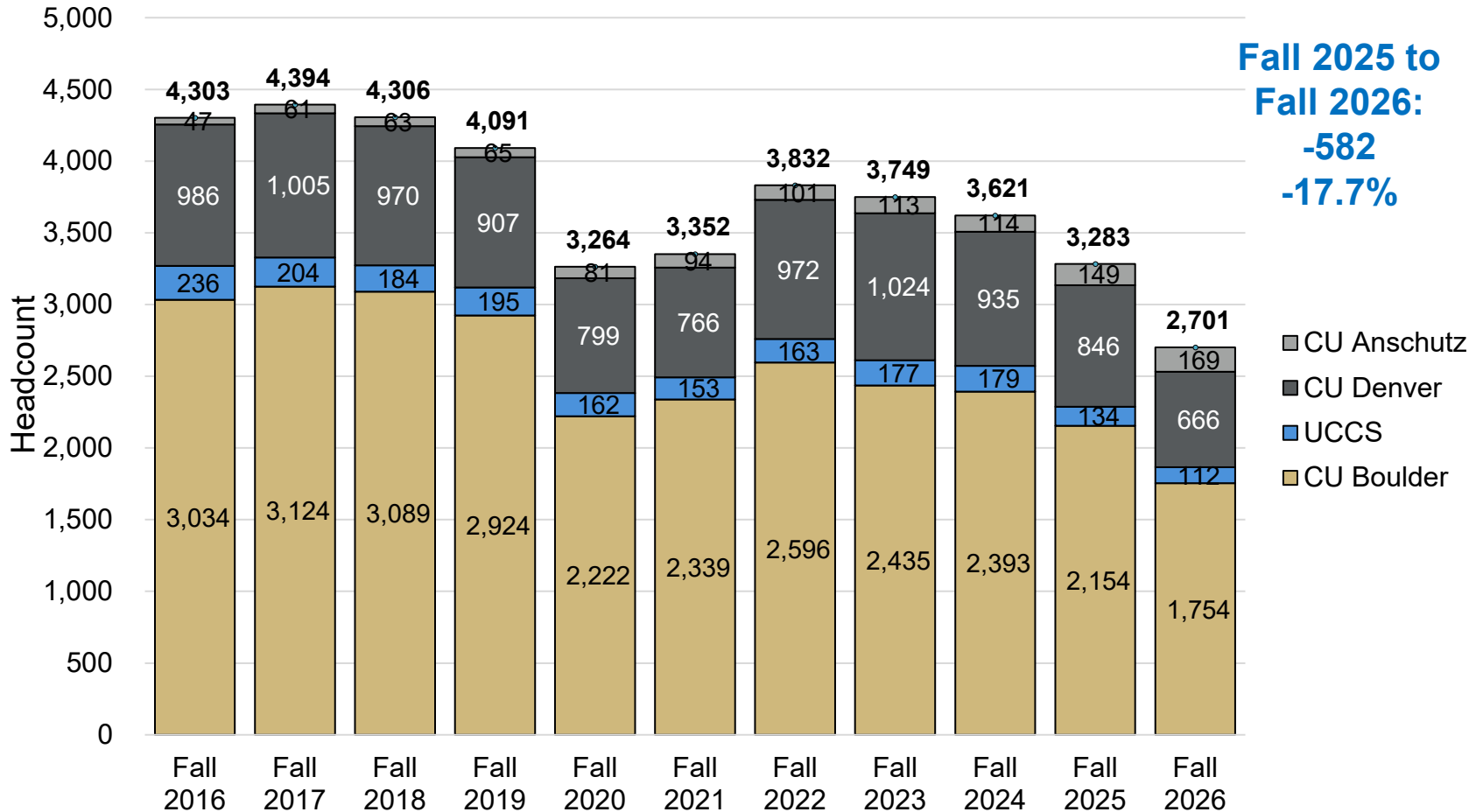
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10-Year History of International Student Enrollment



Note: CU Boulder and UCCS enrollment is limited to degree-seeking students.

CU Boulder



CU Boulder – Enrollment Overview

- Fall 2026 current enrollment is down -0.8%, -298 students below fall 2025, and -2.0% below the June budget
 - International students led the decline, -18.6%, -400 students
 - Excluding this international enrollment decline would result in a total campus enrollment increase of 0.3%, or 102 students
- Also contributing to the decline is the graduation of a larger student cohort in FY 2025-26, with 672 more students graduating than the prior year
- Fall 2025 to fall 2026 year over year changes:
 - Undergraduate enrollment 0.4% increase (117 students)
 - First-year undergraduate cohort enrollment 0.6% increase (41 students)
 - New undergraduate transfer enrollment -5.4% decrease (-82 students)
 - Continuing undergraduate enrollment 0.7% increase (158 students)
 - Graduate enrollment decrease of -6.6% (-415 students)
- Lower revenue amounts from enrollment run through campus budget model



CU Boulder – Fall to Fall Enrollment Change

Estimated Headcount Enrollment	FY 2025-26 Census	FY 2026-27 Preliminary Census	Enrollment Change	Percent Change
Resident Undergraduate	18,926	19,045	119	0.6%
Non-Resident Undergraduate	13,594	13,592	(2)	0.0%
Domestic	12,951	12,986	35	0.3%
International	643	606	(37)	-5.8%
Resident Graduate	3,724	3,712	(12)	-0.3%
Non-Resident Graduate	2,564	2,161	(403)	-15.7%
Domestic	1,053	1,013	(40)	-3.8%
International	1,511	1,148	(363)	-24.0%
Total Undergraduate	32,520	32,637	117	0.4%
Total Graduate	6,288	5,873	(415)	-6.6%
Total Resident	22,650	22,757	107	0.5%
Total Non-Resident	16,158	15,753	(405)	-2.5%
Total Enrollment	38,808	38,510	(298)	-0.8%

Resident Undergraduate (New First-Year)	4,109	3,996	(113)	-2.8%
Non-Resident Undergraduate (New First-Year)	3,288	3,442	154	4.7%
Total New First-Year	7,397	7,438	41	0.6%

Notes: Total new first-year student count of 7,438 is 0.5% higher than June estimate of 7,400 for FY 2026-27.

As of census 9/4/2026.

CU Boulder enrollment is limited to degree-seeking students.



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CU Boulder – Enrollment Change to June Estimate

	Fall 2026 June Estimate	Fall 2026 Preliminary Census	Enrollment Change	Percent Change	Estimated Budget Impact (June to Preliminary)
Resident Undergraduate	19,193	19,045	(148)	-0.8%	(\$2,125,887)
Non-Resident Undergraduate	13,871	13,592	(279)	-2.0%	(\$12,230,595)
Domestic	13,219	12,986	(233)	-1.8%	(\$10,332,363)
International	652	606	(46)	-7.1%	(\$1,898,232)
Resident Graduate	3,733	3,712	(21)	-0.6%	(\$375,732)
Non-Resident Graduate	2,505	2,161	(344)	-13.7%	(\$10,265,304)
Domestic	1,029	1,013	(16)	-1.6%	(\$477,456)
International	1,476	1,148	(328)	-22.2%	(\$9,787,848)
Total Undergraduate	33,064	32,637	(427)	-1.3%	(\$14,356,482)
Total Graduate	6,238	5,873	(365)	-5.9%	(\$10,641,036)
Total Resident	22,926	22,757	(169)	-0.7%	(\$2,501,619)
Total Non-Resident	16,376	15,753	(623)	-3.8%	(\$22,495,899)
Total Enrollment	39,302	38,510	(792)	-2.0%	(\$24,997,518)

As of census 9/4/2026.

CU Boulder enrollment is limited to degree-seeking students

-2.3% of June Tuition Revenue
-1.9% of June E&G Revenue



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CU Boulder – Enrollment

Headcount	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27 Preliminary Census	Year over year Change	Year over year Percent Change
Continuing Undergraduate Students	21,178	21,055	21,642	22,899	23,603	23,761	158	0.7%
New First-Year Undergraduate Students	6,785	7,106	7,546	7,432	7,397	7,438	41	0.6%
New Transfer Undergraduate Students	1,548	1,422	1,519	1,608	1,520	1,438	(82)	-5.4%
Total Undergraduate Enrollment	29,511	29,583	30,707	31,939	32,520	32,637	117	0.4%
Continuing Graduate Students	4,286	4,684	4,537	4,436	4,522	4,360	(162)	-3.6%
New Graduate Students	2,100	1,855	1,909	2,053	1,766	1,513	(253)	-14.3%
Total Graduate Enrollment	6,386	6,539	6,446	6,489	6,288	5,873	(415)	-6.6%
Total Enrollment	35,897	36,122	37,153	38,428	38,808	38,510	(298)	-0.8%

As of census 9/4/2026.

CU Boulder enrollment is limited to degree-seeking students.

UCCS



UCCS – Enrollment Overview

- Fall 2026 current enrollment is -4.7% (-493 students) below fall 2025, and -3.8% below the June budget
- Fall 2025 to fall 2026 year over year changes:
 - Undergraduate enrollment decrease -4.5% (-382 students)
 - Graduate enrollment decrease -5.7% (-111 students)
 - Resident enrollment decrease -2.5% (-226 students)
 - Non-resident enrollment decrease -19.5% (-267 students)
- New first-year resident undergraduate student enrollment up 6.2% from fall 2025
- New undergraduate transfers up 2.7% from fall 2025

UCCS – Fall to Fall Enrollment Change

Estimated Headcount Enrollment	FY 2025-26 Fall Census	FY 2026-27 Fall Census Estimate	Enrollment Change	Percent Change
Resident Undergraduate	7,342	7,165	(177)	-2.4%
Non-Resident Undergraduate	1,111	906	(205)	-18.5%
Domestic	1,066	854	(212)	-19.9%
International	45	52	7	15.6%
Resident Graduate	1,686	1,637	(49)	-2.9%
Non-Resident Graduate	255	193	(62)	-24.3%
Domestic	166	133	(33)	-20.0%
International	89	60	(29)	-32.6%
Total Undergraduate	8,453	8,071	(382)	-4.5%
Total Graduate	1,941	1,830	(111)	-5.7%
Total Resident	9,028	8,802	(226)	-2.5%
Total Non-Resident	1,366	1,099	(267)	-19.5%
Total Enrollment	10,394	9,901	(493)	-4.7%

Resident Undergraduate (New First-Year)	1,188	1,262	74	6.2%
Non-Resident Undergraduate (New First-Year)	252	196	(56)	-22.2%
Total New First-Year	1,440	1,458	18	1.3%

Notes: Total new first-year student count of 1,458 is 8.9% higher than June estimate of 1,341 for FY 2026-27.

Preliminary enrollment as of 9/8/2026. Campus census is 9/10/2026.

UCCS enrollment is limited to degree-seeking students.



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UCCS – Enrollment Change to June Estimate

	Fall 2026 June Estimate	Fall 2026 Fall Census Estimate	Enrollment Change	Percent Change	Estimated Budget Impact (June to Preliminary)
Resident Undergraduate	7,281	7,165	(116)	-1.6%	(\$3,112,300)
Non-Resident Undergraduate	1,010	906	(104)	-10.3%	(\$626,463)
Domestic	977	854	(123)	-12.6%	
International	33	52	19	57.6%	
Resident Graduate	1,758	1,637	(121)	-6.9%	(\$2,606,913)
Non-Resident Graduate	247	193	(54)	-21.9%	(\$1,071,197)
Domestic	155	133	(22)	-14.2%	
International	92	60	(32)	-34.8%	
Total Undergraduate	8,291	8,071	(220)	-2.7%	(\$3,738,763)
Total Graduate	2,005	1,830	(175)	-8.7%	(\$3,678,110)
Total Resident	9,039	8,802	(237)	-2.6%	(\$5,719,213)
Total Non-Resident	1,257	1,099	(158)	-12.6%	(\$1,697,660)
Total Enrollment	10,296	9,901	(395)	-3.8%	(\$7,416,873)

Preliminary enrollment as of 9/8/2026. Campus census is 9/10/2026.
UCCS enrollment is limited to degree-seeking students.

-5.6% of June Tuition Revenue
-3.8% of June E&G Revenue



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UCCS – Enrollment

Headcount	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27 Census Estimate	Year over year Change	Year over year Percent Change
Continuing Undergraduate Students	6,776	6,487	6,338	6,194	6,199	5,785	(414)	-6.7%
New First-Year Undergraduate Students	1,800	1,645	1,701	1,592	1,440	1,450	10	0.7%
New Transfer Undergraduate Students	838	847	732	816	814	836	22	2.7%
Total Undergraduate Enrollment	9,414	8,979	8,771	8,602	8,453	8,071	(382)	-4.5%
Continuing Graduate Students	1,413	1,362	1,330	1,390	1,482	1,338	(144)	-9.7%
New Graduate Students	448	383	474	470	459	492	33	7.2%
Total Graduate Enrollment	1,861	1,745	1,804	1,860	1,941	1,830	(111)	-5.7%
Total Enrollment	11,275	10,724	10,575	10,462	10,394	9,901	(493)	-4.7%

Preliminary enrollment as of 9/8/2026. Campus census is 9/10/2026.
UCCS enrollment is limited to degree-seeking students.



CU Denver



CU Denver – Enrollment Overview

- Fall 2026 current enrollment is -1.4%, -199 students, below fall 2025, and -2.1% below the June budget
 - Total international enrollment is down -21.3%, -180 students
 - Excluding this international enrollment decline would result in a total campus enrollment decrease of -0.1%, -19 students
- Total new first-year undergraduate enrollment is slightly down (-8 students) compared to prior year, with resident students up 1.6% (22 students)
- New undergraduate transfer students down -17.3% (-197 students)
- Total continuing undergraduate students up 0.6% (40 students)
- Total continuing graduate enrollment increased by 1.7% (50 students)
- Decrease in both undergraduate and graduate enrollment in large part driven by international students

CU Denver – Fall to Fall Enrollment Change

Headcount Enrollment	FY 2025-26 Fall Census	FY 2026-27 Fall 2026 Census Estimate	Enrollment Change	Percent Change
Resident Undergraduate	8,561	8,616	55	0.6%
Non-Resident Undergraduate	1,210	990	(220)	-18.2%
Domestic	685	552	(133)	-19.4%
International	525	438	(87)	-16.6%
Resident Graduate	3,378	3,444	66	2.0%
Non-Resident Graduate	704	604	(100)	-14.2%
Domestic	383	376	(7)	-1.8%
International	321	228	(93)	-29.0%
Total Undergraduate	9,771	9,606	(165)	-1.7%
Total Graduate	4,082	4,048	(34)	-0.8%
Total Resident	11,939	12,060	121	1.0%
Total Non-Resident	1,914	1,594	(320)	-16.7%
Total Enrollment	13,853	13,654	(199)	-1.4%

Resident Undergraduate (New First-Year)	1,355	1,377	22	1.6%
Non-Resident Undergraduate (New First-Year)	151	121	(30)	-19.9%
Total New First-Year	1,506	1,498	(8)	-0.5%

Note: Total new first-year student count of 1,498 is -1.5% lower than the June budget estimate of 1,521, for FY 2026-27.
As of census 9/2/2026.

CU Denver – Enrollment Change to June Estimate

	Fall 2026 June Budget Estimate	Fall 2026 Census Estimate	Enrollment Change	Percent Change	Estimated Budget Impact (June to Census)
Resident Undergraduate	8,770	8,616	(154)	-1.8%	(\$2,640,000)
Non-Resident Undergraduate	1,102	990	(112)	-10.2%	(\$4,710,000)
Domestic	585	552	(33)	-5.6%	
International	517	438	(79)	-15.3%	
Resident Graduate	3,437	3,444	7	0.2%	(\$250,000)
Non-Resident Graduate	631	604	(27)	-4.3%	(\$790,000)
Domestic	357	376	19	5.3%	
International	274	228	(46)	-16.8%	
Total Undergraduate	9,872	9,606	(266)	-2.7%	(\$7,350,000)
Total Graduate	4,068	4,048	(20)	-0.5%	(\$1,040,000)
Total Resident	12,207	12,060	(147)	-1.2%	(\$2,890,000)
Total Non-Resident	1,733	1,594	(139)	-8.0%	(\$5,500,000)
Total Enrollment	13,940	13,654	(286)	-2.1%	(\$8,390,000)

As of census 9/2/2026.

-4.8% of June Tuition Revenue
-3.4% of June E&G Revenue



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CU Denver – Enrollment

Headcount	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27 Census Estimate	Year over year Change	Year over year Percent Change
Continuing Undergraduate Students	7,415	7,118	7,061	7,055	7,126	7,166	40	0.6%
New First-Year Undergraduate Students	1,648	1,660	1,605	1,426	1,506	1,498	(8)	-0.5%
New Transfer Undergraduate Students	1,109	1,152	1,045	1,099	1,139	942	(197)	-17.3%
Total Undergraduate Enrollment	10,172	9,930	9,711	9,580	9,771	9,606	(165)	-1.7%
Continuing Graduate Students	3,499	3,440	3,220	3,010	2,969	3,019	50	1.7%
New Graduate Students	1,213	1,139	1,037	1,140	1,113	1,029	(84)	-7.5%
Total Graduate Enrollment	4,712	4,579	4,257	4,150	4,082	4,048	(34)	-0.8%
Total Enrollment	14,884	14,509	13,968	13,730	13,853	13,654	(199)	-1.4%

As of census 9/2/2026.

CU Anschutz



CU Anschutz – Enrollment Overview

- Fall 2026 current enrollment is 1.4% above fall 2025, and -0.3% below the June budget
- Year-over-year increase in enrollments in:
 - School of Medicine, DPT Hybrid Program, +38 students (+54.3%)
 - College of Nursing, BS Nursing, +37 students (+7.3%)
 - Colorado School of Public Health, PhD, +14 students (+19.2%)
- Year-over-year decrease in enrollments in:
 - College of Nursing, MS, -30 students (-5.7%)
 - Colorado School of Public Health, CSU and UNC Master of Public Health, -28 students (-28.6%)
 - Colorado School of Public Health, MS, -10 students (-25.0%)
 - School of Pharmacy, MS, -8 students (-12.5%)

CU Anschutz – Fall to Fall Enrollment Change

Headcount Enrollment	Fall 2025 Census	Fall 2026 Census Estimate	Enrollment Change	Percent Change
Resident Undergraduate	445	479	34	7.6%
Non-Resident Undergraduate	64	67	3	4.7%
Domestic	61	64	3	4.9%
International	3	3	0	0.0%
Resident Graduate	3,087	3,087	0	0%
Non-Resident Graduate	1,044	1,071	27	2.6%
Domestic	898	905	7	0.8%
International	146	166	20	13.7%
Total Undergraduate	509	546	37	7.3%
Total Graduate	4,131	4,158	27	0.7%
Total Resident	3,532	3,566	34	1.0%
Total Non-Resident	1,108	1,138	30	2.7%
Total Enrollment	4,640	4,704	64	1.4%

Resident Undergraduate (New First-Year)	66	65	(1)	-1.5%
Non-Resident Undergraduate (New First-Year)	21	21	0	0.0%
Total New First-Year*	87	86	(1)	-1.1%

Note: Total new undergraduate count of 86 is 1.2% higher than June estimate of 85, for FY 2026-27.

Preliminary enrollment as of 9/3/2026. Campus census is 9/14/2026.

*Counts represent the College of Nursing undergraduates new and transfer students enrolled starting fall 2026. Most new College of Nursing students begin in the summer semester. The count does not include the student cohort that began summer 2026.

CU Anschutz – Enrollment Change to June Estimate

	Fall 2026 June Estimate	Fall 2026 Census Estimate	Enrollment Change	Percent Change	Estimated Budget Impact (June to Census)
Resident Undergraduate	478	479	1	0.2%	\$20,013
Non-Resident Undergraduate	48	67	19	39.6%	\$780,764
Resident Graduate	3,064	3,087	23	0.8%	\$2,292,401
Non-Resident Graduate	1,128	1,071	(57)	-5.1%	(\$2,501,801)
Total Undergraduate	526	546	20	3.8%	\$800,778
Total Graduate	4,192	4,158	(34)	-0.8%	(\$218,760)
Total Resident	3,542	3,566	24	0.7%	\$2,312,055
Total Non-Resident	1,176	1,138	(38)	-3.2%	(\$1,730,037)
Total Enrollment	4,718	4,704	(14)	-0.3%	\$582,018

Preliminary enrollment as of 9/3/2026. Campus census is 9/14/2026.

0.5% of June Tuition Revenue
0.1% of June E&G Revenue



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CU Anschutz – Enrollment

Headcount	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27 Census Estimate	Year over year Change	Year over year Percent Change
Continuing Undergraduate Students	428	475	425	394	422	460	38	9.0%
New First-Year/Transfer Undergraduate Students*	15	10	82	81	87	86	(1)	-1.1%
Total Undergraduate Enrollment	443	485	507	475	509	546	37	7.3%
Continuing Graduate Students	3,051	3,004	2,960	3,067	3,096	3,164	68	2.2%
New Graduate Students	1,017	986	1,027	1,011	1,035	994	(41)	-4.0%
Total Graduate Enrollment	4,068	3,990	3,987	4,078	4,131	4,158	27	0.7%
Total Enrollment	4,511	4,475	4,494	4,553	4,640	4,704	64	1.4%

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Next Steps

- September - October
 - Provide final notification on revenue thresholds at CU Denver for FY 2026-27 compensation
- October
 - Census data due to CDHE
- November/December
 - CU system office memo published with statewide census data
- February
 - FY 2026-27 campus balancing actions incorporated into baseline for next year's FY 2027-28 budget scenario planning

Additional Resources: Statewide Fall Enrollment History

<https://www.cu.edu/co-statewide-enrollment>

Statewide Enrollment

Explore statewide student enrollment by
governing board, residency, and student level



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