

Ten Years of Enrollment Trends

Highlights of the report are:

- There has been a dramatic increase in the number of new students — both first-time freshmen and transfer students. First-time freshmen increased 80% with transfers up 55%. Total enrollment over the ten-year period increased 15%.
- SSU has experienced a significant increase in the number and percentage of full-time students from 2,471 (76%) to 3,197 (84%). Of course, there is a corresponding decrease in part-time students.
- While the total number of student majors increased in both the College of Professional Studies (CPS) and the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), the percentage of students in the respective colleges has shifted. CAS enrollment moved from 29% to 43% of the total number of students from 1995 to 2005.
- Students, regardless of academic major, enroll in courses offered by both the CAS and CPS. Enrollment in courses provided by CAS has increased from 67% of the total to 73% of the total from 1995 to 2005. Many CAS courses are “support” courses for CPS majors.
- An interesting change has also occurred in the number and type of degrees awarded over the past ten years. While the number of degrees awarded by CPS has not declined, degrees awarded by CAS increased from 30% to 36% of the total awarded. The number of Baccalaureate degrees awarded increased dramatically from 183 (39%) to 337 (61%).
- Students are coming to SSU from a much wider area. The number and percentage of students from Ohio counties other than the local counties (*Scioto, Lawrence, Adams, and Pike*) increased from 26% to 28% of the total student body. There are students attending from 81 of Ohio’s 88 counties, 10 Kentucky counties, 18 other states, and 11 countries other than the U.S.
- Student enrollment from these local counties, other than Scioto County, has increased from 4% of the total enrollment to 18% of the total. Enrollment from Scioto County has declined in both number (1,996 in 1995 to 1,716 in 2005) and percentage of the total (61% in 1995 to 45% in 2005)
- International students have increased from five (5) in 1995 to thirty-one (31) in 2005. This year, of the 31 international students, 15 come from the African nation of Kenya.
- The ethnic diversity of the student body has increased slightly with “students of color” now 4.7% of the total. In 1995 there were 4.3% of the students classified as belonging to an ethnic/racial minority.
- The student body is primarily female... 62% in 1995 and 61% currently.
- Average class size has increased from 19 to 20. While this seems insignificant, the 5% change effecting 700+ courses per quarter is an important development.
- The SSU student body is becoming younger. Over the past ten years the number of students age 21 or younger increased by 46% percent. Those 22 to 24 increased 17%. Those 25 years of age and over decreased by 17.9%. The average student is now 24 years old, down from 26 in 1995 and 25 in 2000.

- There has been a tremendous increase in the number of students living in campus housing. Almost *14%* of our students currently reside on campus. This is up from less than *4%* in *1995*.
- Enrollment in classes offered during the day has increased by *35%* while evening enrollment has grown by *3%*. This increase in daytime enrollment has strained some classroom availability at the most popular times — *10 A.M. to 2 P.M.*