

Preliminary Fall 2006 Enrollment Highlights Arkansas State University, Jonesboro

According to the reporting guidelines established by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE), at the end of the 11th class day, known as the state-defined census date, a “snapshot” of the enrollment was taken for all instructional sites associated with the Jonesboro campus of Arkansas State University (ASU).

The official Fall 2006 enrollment information for the Jonesboro campus of Arkansas State University will be submitted to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education by mid-October. As of the census date, the preliminary enrollment information is described in the following information.

This information does not include enrollment figures for the ASU campuses at Beebe, Mt. Home, Newport, Heber Springs, and Searcy.

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The Jonesboro campus of Arkansas State University is currently implementing a new university-wide software system. Students, faculty, and staff began using the new software for the first time this fall. Numerous changes to course registrations are still taking place at this time, and the following enrollment information is preliminary.

As of the census date, the unofficial Fall 2006 unduplicated headcount for all instructional sites associated with the Jonesboro campus is 10,775—the highest in the past 5 years. The enrollment headcounts for fall semesters since 2001 that were reported to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education are listed as follows (*unduplicated headcounts*): Fall 2005 – 10,414; Fall 2004 – 10,508; Fall 2003 – 10,573; Fall 2002 – 10,435; and Fall 2001 – 10,568.

The Fall 2006 enrollment also includes 1,742 ASU student-learners enrolled at more than 18 other instructional sites that include the following (*not unduplicated headcounts*):

- 723 individuals are enrolled in baccalaureate or graduate degree programs offered at ASU Degree Centers located in Beebe, Blytheville, Forrest City, Mt. Home, and West Memphis;
- 1,045 students are enrolled in coursework provided by the Jonesboro campus at 13 other sites including area high schools;
- among the students enrolled at other locations, there are 1,104 students enrolled in web-based and/or web-assisted instruction provided by the Jonesboro campus compared to 1,030 students enrolled in Spring 2006 and 694 students enrolled in web-based instruction for Fall 2005.

In addition to the 10,775 ASU-Jonesboro students, another 250 individuals are enrolled in vocational-technical programs at the ASU-Technical Center at Marked Tree.

For Fall 2006, there are 9,339 undergraduate students enrolled in associate and baccalaureate degree programs at all ASU instructional sites compared to 9,138 for Fall 2005.

- The number of new freshmen enrolled for Fall 2006 is 1,754, the largest class since 1998—the number of new freshmen enrolled at ASU has increased 27% during the past two years.
- The average ACT Composite score for the 2006 freshmen class is 21.5 compared to 21.3 for the Fall 2005 freshmen class.
- There are 777 undergraduate transfer students enrolled at Jonesboro and ASU Degree Centers.
- Preliminary information indicates approximately 71% of the Fall 2005 full-time, first-time freshmen returned to enroll at ASU for Fall 2006—the highest in the past 5 years.
- The recent 6-year graduation rate for the Fall 2000 full-time, first-time freshmen cohort was 41%—the highest in the past 5 years.

There are 1,436 graduate students enrolled at all ASU instructional sites for Fall 2006 compared to 1,276 for Fall 2005—the largest enrollment of graduate students recorded.

- Graduate student enrollment includes 1,106 students enrolled in master's degree programs, 120 enrolled in specialist degree programs, and 119 enrolled in doctoral degree programs.

There are 2,406 individuals living in ASU residence halls and apartments compared to 1,905 for Fall 2005—a record high for on-campus residential students.

The number of degrees conferred in 2005-2006 was 2,123 compared to 2,147 degrees conferred in 2004-2005.

- The number of 2005-2006 degrees conferred included: 180 associate degrees, 1,508 bachelor's degrees, 386 master's degrees, 30 specialist and 19 doctoral degrees.

Unofficial Fall 2006 full-time-equivalent-enrollment (FTE) for all ASU instructional sites is 8,660. For Fall 2005, the FTE for all instructional activities reported to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education was 8,343.