

UAA STUDENT PROFILE

Matanuska-Susitna College Fall 2008

Matanuska-Susitna College is located about halfway between the towns of Palmer and Wasilla in the heart of the Matanuska Valley.



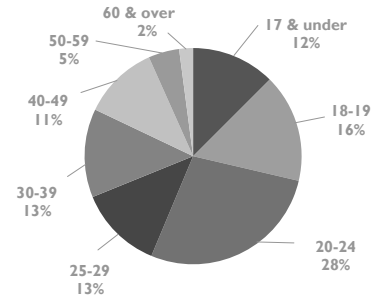
Credit Student Profile, Fall 2008

Headcount:	1,636	
Part-time	1,270	78%
White	1,257	77%
Under Age 30	1,126	69%
Non Degree-Seeking	1,118	68%
Female	1,059	65%

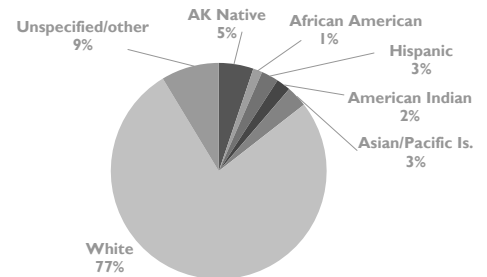
Distinguishing Characteristics

- More than three quarters (78%) of the students attend part-time; nearly half (49%) take fewer than 6 credits.
- More than two thirds are considered “non degree-seeking,” that is, they have not been admitted to one of the certificate or associate degree programs offered by Mat-Su College. Some of these students may be seeking degrees from other University of Alaska campuses.
- More than two thirds of Mat-Su students are under the age of 30, the highest percentage of all UAA campuses. Twelve percent are age 17 and under.
- Mat-Su has the highest percentages of degree-seeking (32%) and full-time (22%) students of all UAA campuses outside of Anchorage.
- Fourteen percent are ethnic minority students. The largest minority group consists of Alaska Native students, who make up 36% of the minority student population and 5% of the total student population.

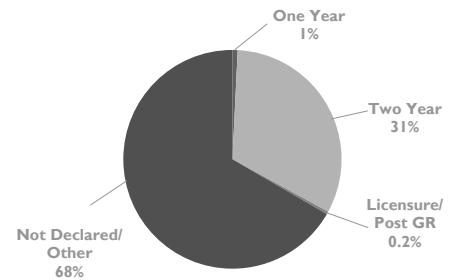
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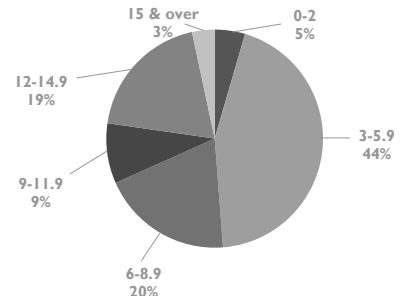
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Degree Type



Attempted Hours

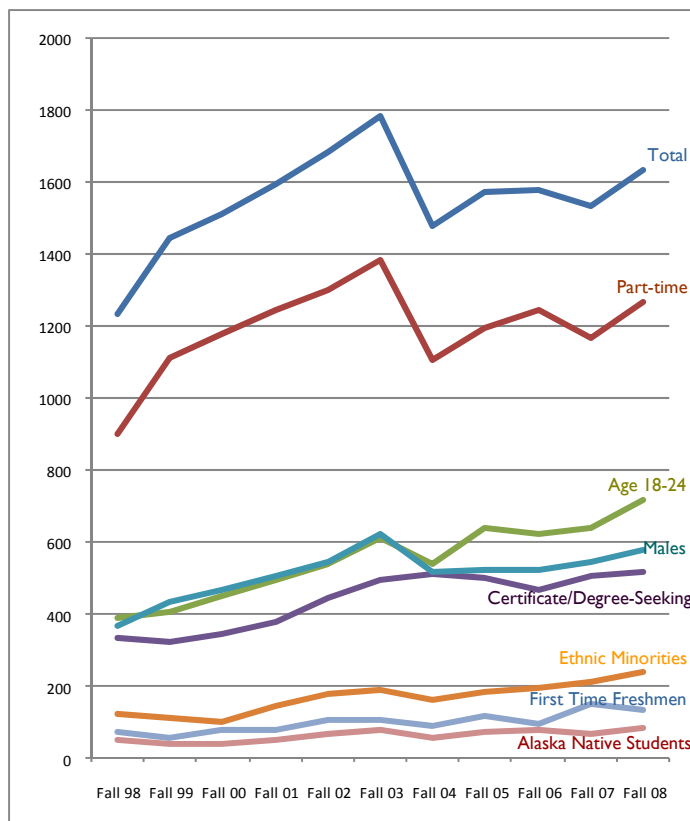


Trends, By Student Characteristic

- The Fall 2008 **headcount** of 1,636 is 32% higher than the Fall 1998 headcount, but it doesn't yet reach the peak of 1,783 the college experienced in Fall 2003.
- **Male** students have increased 57%, while female students have increased 22%.
- **Traditional-age** college students (18-24) have increased 84% since Fall 1998, with particularly large increases in the 20-24 age group which has more than doubled (109%). The 17 and under age group increased 84%, the 25-29 age group increased 74%, and the over 60 age group increased by 6. Two age groups declined: the 30-39 group by 10% and the 40-49 group by 31%. The 50-59 age group stayed the same at 75.
- **Ethnic minority** students have increased 94% since Fall 1998, with large percentage increases in all groups. Alaska Native students remain the largest ethnic minority group, with increases of 70% over the ten-year period.

	Fall 98	Fall 08	Change
Headcount	1,236	1,636	32%
Male	367 (30%)	577 (35%)	57%
Traditional age (18-24)	389 (31%)	717 (44%)	84%
Ethnic Minority	122 (10%)	237 (14%)	94%
Cert/Degree-Seeking	331 (27%)	518 (32%)	56%
Full-Time	336 (27%)	366 (22%)	9%
First-time Freshmen	75 (6%)	135 (8%)	80%

**Trends for Selected Characteristics
Fall 1998 to Fall 2007**



Source: UAA Office of Institutional Research. 1998-2002 data comes from Fall 2002 Closing Report (UAA Student Headcount Trend by Campus and Student Characteristic) and UAA Students by Age Group, Fall 1998-Fall 2001. 2003-2008 data comes from Fall Semester Closing Reports (Closing Headcount by Student Characteristic by Campus)

- **Certificate- and degree-seeking** students have increased 56% since Fall 1998. Ninety-eight percent of the students in this category are seeking associate degrees.
- **Full-time** students have increased 9% over the ten-year period, while part-time students have increased 41%.

Non-Credit Students

In addition to the credit students included in this profile, Matanuska-Susitna College had 117 students taking non-credit or continuing education coursework during Fall 2008. Non-credit students will be profiled separately in the future.

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